

SID AND OTTER VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

Spring will soon be here and we have lots of events coming up - hopefully you will be able to join us!

NEW YEAR MEAL

This was held on the 19th January 2018 at the Thirsty Farmer, Whimble and we had a really good turnout. The food was of the usual good standard and a fun evening was had by all. The raffle managed to raise a fantastic amount of over £120 for Hospice Care.

WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES

The first of our Winter Dressage series has already taken place at Bicton College and remaining dates are shown below. Entries can be made via Equo Events – www.equoevents.co.uk. There is a fantastic trophy for both the Senior and Junior horse and rider combination who gain the most points over the three dates.

- **18th February 2018**
- **25th March 2018**

QUIZ

Our annual quiz will be held on Friday 6th April 2018 at Ottery St Mary Cricket Club at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Teams of up to 4 with at least one team member being a current Riding Club member, family and friends welcome and a nominal cost of £2.00 per person for venue hire. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. This year's questions will be set by the Uni-Corns who are Anne Hand, Joanna Lee, Heidi Rose and Claire Webber! It really is a fun evening so if you would like to come along and test your brains please email Karen Oakley on karen.saltbox@gmail.com or phone 07798 844087 so we have an idea of numbers.

ONE DAY EVENT AND AREA 12 HORSE TRIAL QUALIFIER

A reminder that our One Day Event is being held on Sunday 20th May 2018 at Bicton Arena so make a date in your diaries. Schedules will be issued shortly and you can enter via Equo Events. We will also be hosting the Area 12 Horse Trial qualifier on the 10th June 2018 which is only 3 weeks later and we will need a band of helpers at both events, which we are aware is a big ask. As you can imagine there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to run these events so it would be much appreciated if you are able to spare some time to help at either of these events.

TRAINING

Forthcoming training sessions are as follows. You can book these online via Equo Events – www.equoevents.co.uk. Please make sure you book in good time as places fill up quickly. The 2018 training dates are being heavily subsidised by the club. Dates are as follows:-

- **Sunday 4th February 2018** – Flatwork training with Ben Van Sommeren at Bicton College (indoor arena). Flatwork in pairs. Cost will be £25 per rider/horse.
- **Monday 19th February 2018** – XC training with Ben Van Sommeren at Pontispool. Groups from 10am – 1pm based on heights of 80/90, 90/100 and 100. Cost will be £30 per rider/horse.
- **Sunday 4th March 2018** – Flatwork training with Ellen Berchner-Nolan at Bicton College (indoor arena). Flatwork in pairs. Cost will be £25 per rider/horse.
- **Sunday 8th April 2018** - XC training with Ben Van Sommeren from 11am at Stockland Lovell. Groups of similar ability and we want to encourage people to bring a picnic and make a day of it and watch other groups if they would like. Cost will be £35 per rider/horse.
- **Sunday 13th May 2018** – Dressage Test Riding on grass with Rockie Massey at Springfield Farm, nr Offwell. Warmup in an arena and then ride through a test on grass with advice and feedback from Rockie. Cost will be £15 per rider. This is ideal preparation before our One Day Event the following weekend!

TEAMS

Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifier

This was held on the 13th January 2018 at Kings Sedgemoor EC. We were able to send three Senior teams who all did really well considering there were 18 teams! The Stars team consisted of Mercedes Pemberton-Finch (Hippity Hoy), Nicky Bywood (Home Brew), George Bolt (Asparagus) and Cheryl Beer (Typhoons Golden Turn). They finished in 4th place and individually Mercedes won her Novice test and Nicky was 6th in the Prelim.

The Stripes finished in 6th place and they consisted of Joanna Lee (Il Marinaio), Millie Pring (Nikita Thibergere), George Bolt (UC Cavaloon) and Debbie Summerfield (Camills Walter). Individually Jo was 3rd in the Prelim and George was 5th in the Novice. Debbie also competed in the Medium as an individual and finished 2nd.

The Swirls finished in 12th place and they consisted of Caitlin Astley-Jones (Fonnic), Charlotte Radley (Little M), Immy Carter (Ardo Z) and Cheryl Beer (Madame Butterfly). Unfortunately they were just out of the individual placings and there were some very close scores.

We had two individual Juniors riding. Scarlett John won the Elementary test and Ella Albutt was 4th in the Prelim. Congratulations to everyone who represented the club.

Winter Novice and Intermediate Showjumping Qualifier

The next Area 12 qualifier is the Novice and Intermediate Showjumping qualifier which is being held on the 10th February 2018 at Kings Sedgemoor EC. We currently have one non qualifying Senior Novice team but sadly no Juniors have come forward.

Other Area 12 Qualifiers are as follows:-

FOTH Eventers Challenge – 25th February 2018 at Pontispool

FOTH Combined Training Qualifier – 11th March 2018 at Pontispool

If you are interested in being on a team please contact the relevant team co-ordinators - Jo Lee (Seniors) on email: joannalee83@hotmail.com or 07967 789661 or Holly Mingo (Juniors) by email on mandh_mingo@talktalk.net as soon as possible to register your interest.

BBQ WITH BAND Saturday 23rd June

This year's BBQ will be a special occasion with a band, dancing if you want and we do hope as many members and their families and interested friend will come. We will also extend the invitation to trainers. It will be held at Karen's house Salt Box Cottage in Awliscombe. Bring your own meat, drink and nibbles and we will supply the cooking facilities plus some salads and desserts. Please let Karen know numbers nearer the time. Karen.saltbox@gmail.com

CAMP

Please find attached a booking form for Camp for those who have not already put their deposit down. For those who have paid their deposits there is the option to change your arrival day should you wish. All details are included in the attached letter, which will need to be returned to Jo Lee as soon as possible, either via email on joannalee83@hotmail.com or by sending to her at 12 Badger Close, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1XG. This year Camp runs from 12th – 15th July 2018 and there are a limited number of spaces left!

SUBSCRIPTIONS – FINAL REMINDER!

This is a reminder that if you haven't renewed your membership this will be your last newsletter. Following popular demand we now have a non-riding membership available at £15.00. Membership can be renewed via Equo Events www.equoevents.co.uk. You can click on the link on the website.

SOVRC MERCHANDISE LOGO

We have explored the option of having the Devon logo put on our Riding Club jackets and gilets. We are able to arrange for either the Devon flag or Devon wording to be retrospectively placed on them if people wish. If you are interested in having this done please contact Nicky Bywood on either 07968 154976 or email nicky.morrison@rocketmail.com.