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- **SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JUNE**
- **Spring show –**

Oh my goodness, what a day! I knew it was going to be popular as I had £200 in pre entries and my husband had refused to answer the phone any more as every time it rang it was a competitor enquiring about the show (8.15 am in one case!)

As I was also competing, I took all the necessary paraphernalia over the day before and set it all out, good job too. As I arrived at 7.45 am with Gem in tow I discovered a queue waiting to enter. I shoved Gem in her stable for the day with her breakfast and started to take entries.

Luckily, my team (forever after to be known as The Fabulous Five) came to my rescue and sorted money, entries, numbers, rosettes and qualification cards. They picked up poos, answered the same two questions hundreds of times (1. how many are in class... & 2. what time will class....start?) and kept the judges, stewards and the photographer watered! They were fantastic and a heartfelt BHRC thank you to **Laura Moon, Victoria Pitcher, Pat Etherington, Deana Rowland and Jane Palfrey.**

And still the entries kept coming in. We managed to fill the parking field **and** the overflow field. We had to split the first 3 classes and we moved the Child Handler class to the outdoor arena with the afternoon judge to save some time. The standard of horses was exceptional and all SWPA qualifiers were well deserved. It was lovely to see all our members, either competing or supporting each other (I apologise if I missed talking to you; you all look different with hats on – sorry.) By 3.00 pm Annabel in the café had run out of food and drink (and the food and drink she had bought for the following Wednesday's pony club jumping.) By 5.00 pm the ridden champions and been crowned, (well done to Jill Acheson and Holly for coming Reserve) and Laura and I picked up the last of the poos.

Thanks to Kenny from **KGB Equestrian Photography** for donating a free image to every class winner, Vicky from **Quantock Everything Equestrian** for donating a grooming kit to each of the champions and Vicky Goody of **Clippersharp** for the truly beautiful sashes and rosettes awarded to the champions and reserve champions.

After everyone had gone, there was just Gem and I waiting for our lift home, she munching on the grass by the side of the drive, and me reflecting on how fantastically lucky I am to have such a lovely horse and belong to such a happy friendly club. A perfect day, thank you one and all!

The full results will appear in the next enews.

- **Training –**

BHRC ARE LUCKY TO HAVE FIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ORGANISE TRAINING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Laura Pring organises **flatwork training**, usually at Paddocks with Karen Cameron, she holds these sessions twice a month usually on a Sunday. 01823 270663 supralau@hotmail.co.uk

Kathryn Smith organises **show jumping training**. Usually at Southwoods Farm in the summer and Heazle in the winter. 01823 674350 ktscanalside@yahoo.co.uk

Jane Palfrey organises **cross country training** during the summer months. 07525100290 ramseyfarm@tiscali.co.uk

Liz Williams organises **training for the juniors**, usually during the school holidays. 01884 849159 lizandpip@hotmail.co.uk

Tricia Budd (me) organises **Dressage-to-music training**, usually at Conquest on a Monday evening, and **showing clinics** – the next will be in August in time for the Open Show. I can also do **side saddle taster sessions** on Gem. 01823 442597 triciabudd24@gmail.com

If you would like to know specific dates/venues/times, or you would like particular training, contact the organiser directly. BHRC runs its training to **just cover costs** therefore, if you contact an organiser (either by phone or email) and say you would like to do training, you **WILL** be allocated into a ride. Consequently if you don't show up, **you will be charged the full amount**, less the cost of the hire of the school.

- **Horse Trials –**

AREA 12 HORSE TRIALS SUNDAY 30TH JUNE AT BICTON

All help gratefully received! In particular, we are looking for a couple of stewards, a jump judge and a tack inspector! I shall be in the marquee most of the day (although allowed out for an hour for good behaviour) so if you come down to Bicton, come and find me and I will find you a job.

- **Dressage to music – FREE SESSION**

Monday 17th June; 6.00 PM – 7.00 PM at Conquest. Open to all members. Either bring your own music, or ride to samples of my music that you could adapt for your own use. (I already have 6 coming to this rally; I shall limit it to 10)

- **X FACTOR DRESSAGE-2-MUSIC 2013**

As you are aware, the 15th September is not very far away and we need to get practising!

I have booked the following dates at Conquest.

- July 8th & 22nd
- August 5th & 19th
- September 9th

They are all Mondays and from 6.00pm – 7.00 pm

Quadrille members are already decided and have a theme, outfits and music (just the routine then girls.....!) They are expected to attend ALL these sessions at £5 per session. Pairs and individuals may attend any or all of the above, and we can also arrange training at Paddocks at £8 per horse.

BHRC met the costs of the quadrille entry last year; this year I would like BHRC to contribute to the entries of **all** those members who have done their training with us.

PAIRS AND INDIVIDUALS

The BHRC “ground crew” will happily give tips and advice on how best to make up a routine when you have decided which class you would like to enter. I am happy to do music for pairs and individuals, but please don't leave it to the last minute. You should start practising to your performance CD one month before your test **AT THE VERY LATEST**.

Don't forget also that your costume needs to compliment your music, and you need to practise with it all on long before the 15th September. You do not want to try the whole thing out the day before to find that your horse goes ballistic at the sight of you with a sword!

Throughout the summer we will recreate the atmosphere of the night to the best of our ability, so if you would like to bring potted plants, noisy children or parents to sit in chairs, please feel free!

- **Camp** –

BHRC SUMMER CAMP AT PADDOCKS EQUESTRIAN

3rd & 4th August 2013 - 12 horses, 3 groups, 4 in a group (Blackdowns, Quantocks, Mendips)

Saturday 3rd

11.00 am – arrive and get horses settled in their stable

12.00 – lunch

1.00 pm – tack up

1.30 – 3.00 – Blackdowns flatwork lesson (Quantocks and Mendips, hack, SJ or XC)

3.00 – 3.30 - drink and break

4.00 – 5.30 – Quantocks flatwork lesson (Blackdowns and Mendips hack, SJ or XC)

6.00 – put horses away

7.00 –barbeque dinner

Evening hack to the local pub (Farmers Arms) for those who wish

Sunday 4th

7.00 am – feed and muck out horses

8.00 am breakfast

9.30 – tack up

10.00 – 11.30 – Mendips flatwork lesson (Blackdowns and Quantocks hack, SJ or XC)

12.00 – put horses away

12.45 – lunch

2.00 – 4.00 - **competitions** - dressage (Prelim. 4) and clear round jumping - open to **ALL members**

4.30 - presentation of prizes and afternoon tea

5.30 – muck out stables and box up to go home

£100 per horse. £50 non-refundable deposit.

The balance to be paid to Tricia BEFORE 15th July to secure your place

Riders will need to supply-

- their own horses feed and hay,
- sleeping accommodation for one night,

Juniors will **have** to have a parent stay overnight with them. Tricia will do all the catering (current food hygiene certificate will be on display!)

The riders not having a lesson may choose to either school in the show jumping field, school over the mini XC course at Paddocks, hire Bickenhall cross country course (at their own expense) or go for a hack (maps provided)

- The camp will be limited to the **first 12 paid up members** to send their non-refundable deposit to Tricia; all others will be put on a waiting list.
- **All members** are welcome to come to Paddocks on either day to go for a hack (Kate charges £5 per box /trailer to park)
- **All members** are eligible to enter the Sunday afternoon dressage competition, but will need to send their entries to Joy in the usual way to reach her before the 29th July.

BHRC have had many requests for a camp but the “main” camp providers are extremely expensive and they always give us the dates that no one wants because they all hold their own camps.

We want our camp to be like the ones we remember from the “old days” when the sun always shone and it was just us with our friends, both equine and human and for a little while we didn’t have a care in the world.

We hope this camp works, but it is going to be a learning curve for us all. We think we have thought of everything, but inevitably there will be something that could be improved, please let us know – gently – and hopefully we will be able to hold a camp for many years into the future.

If anyone is able to help out, even for just a few hours, or provide something to eat we would be very grateful.

And lastly, please pray for fine weather! 28/5/13 – spaces still available!

BOOKING FORM

Your name (and parent or guardians name if under 18).....

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Your horses name.....

Emergency phone number

What bedding would you **prefer** for your horse?

Do **you** have any dietary requirements?

Do you want to enter the dressage competition on the Sunday?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

- **Open Show –**

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER AT PADDOCKS

More details to follow as the schedule is being re-written as we speak. Just put the date in your diary and come along either to help, compete or have a natter on either the Saturday or Sunday (or both!)

2/5/13 - DRESSAGE LEAGUE - Wow what a fantastic climax to our Winter Dressage League – forty three entries – the car park (yippee a field as it was dry at long last) was full, the atmosphere calm and full of excitement the whole place was buzzing. Behind the scenes there was a little more tension as the organisers ran about trying to ensure the day ran smoothly – juggling between car parking checking late entries and withdrawals making sure the judge and writers were happy and that the stewards were in place and then the cry went up

I can't find a socket!!!

A very important piece of equipment - for how were the judge and writer going to survive without a cup of tea? Judge and writer had to wait until the first class was over before such delights arrived.

Quote of the day – I was greeted by the dressage judge – “Hello dear have you wintered well”? Loved it, kept me chuckling all day.

The day passed without a hitch we had competitors from Frome and Bridgwater as well as locals and the dressage to music proved to be a big hit with 5 entries and many more promised for next year after watching them compete.

So the winners were – Adults Champion Tricia Budd – Just Gem
Reserve Champion – Jill King – Shula’s Arista

Juniors ...We had joint winners so the Championship went to Pip Williams on Jack and Megan Edwards on Dandy

For full results and photos please go to our website.

The committee would like to thank Joy Brown for organizing the whole league and Kate Baker for allowing us to use her wonderful arena. Many thanks to everyone that took part and to all the helpers that helped with scoring and stewarding. See you all next year.

We will be putting on mini evening dressage events later in the year so keep an eye out on the website.

HELPERS PLEASE

We have had some offers of help for the Open Showing Show at The Conquest Centre on May 26th. But we can always do with a few more. If you can offer a little of your time to help out please email Tricia Budd. triciabudd24@gmail.com. Thank you.

BADMINTON HORSE TRIALS X COUNTRY DAY - HAVE A FABULOUS DAY EVERYONE.

If there is anyone who would like to write a short report on their experiences at Badminton, please email it to me and I will include it in the next e-news. saraloosmenagerie@talktalk.net

AREA 12 TEAMS YOUR RIDING CLUB NEEDS YOU.....

We are hoping to put together some teams for the up and coming area 12 summer competitions. The show jumping will be held at Heazle on August 11th. most probably on grass.

The area 12 horse trials will be held at Bicton on June 30th and our club (along with two others) will be organizing the whole event. We would love to have a team entered, so please, please, please consider putting yourself forward. If you can manage to pluck up the courage (not that you need it) contact Laura Pring – supralau@hotmail.co.uk
you will get lots of support and encouragement.

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TRAINING AT CLIPPERSHARP, CULMSTOCK

By kind permission of Vicky and Richard Goody

The same as last year. Evening show jumping rallies organized by Kathryn. The first is next week so contact her ASAP to book your place on these ever popular rallies