

## 13-11-13 Secretary's Update for November

v **Rising Stars** – after a shaky start we sent a show jumping team to the RS at Conquest on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October (just before the storm) Due to me feeling a little fragile as a horrid child at work had given me it's cold – Mandy Ryan took over the “reins” and organised everything and everyone! The team came 3<sup>rd</sup> on **very** novice horses, well done girls and a big “thank you” to Mandy Ryan

v **AGM and Christmas Party** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is invited, you do not have to be a member, come along and help us celebrate the wonderful year we have enjoyed.

v **Trophies to be returned please** – I know who you are; you are on my list! Returned to a committee member before the AGM please, clean and shiny would be an added bonus!

v **Show Jumps** –we are selling all our wooden show jumps and replacing them with plastic ones. An attachment should have been sent to you with the lots and reserve prices; they will be auctioned at the AGM. I am happy to answer any questions beforehand.

v **Area 12 dates - junior winter dressage** – January 12<sup>th</sup> at Bicton College (TBC), **winter SJ** – 18<sup>th</sup> January at Badgeworth (junior and senior) **winter dressage** 26<sup>th</sup> January at Pontispool (seniors only) **Festival of the Horse** 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February at Pontispool, **Combined Training** – 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Pontispool. **Dressage-to-Music** – 26<sup>th</sup> May at Kingston M'wood. **Horse Trials** 29<sup>th</sup> June Horse Trials at Bicton Arena. Some of the schedules are already on the Area 12 web site. After the AGM we will be in a position to collate teams should you wish to represent the club. Gem and I will be doing the Area Dressage if we can find some team mates, so please feel free to contact me – Tricia - for that one.

v **Rising Stars dates** – *Dressage* 2<sup>nd</sup> February, *Show Jumping* 21<sup>st</sup> April. All at Conquest. Schedules will be out soon. Again, after the AGM we should have a team coordinator.

v **Merchandise** – we have completely re-vamped our clothing, we now have green hoodies £20, gold, white as well as green polo shirts £10, jackets £42, rugs £40 and saddle cloths £25. We also have mugs at £5, car stickers for £1.50 and new lapel pins which are free to new members or £2 to buy. Everything will be for sale at the AGM and when I can get my daughter still for 5 minutes I will photograph them and put them on the web site.

v **Dressage League** – it is that time of year again! The full schedule will be on the web site, dates are below. Any help at any of these events would be greatly appreciated, don't forget our voucher system!

## 7/10/13 - Secretary' update for October

**BHF dressage results**- a truly wonderful day. Devised by junior member Pip Williams and organised by a myriad of fantastic BHRC friends and family, it made lots of money for the British Heart Foundation. Almost everyone dressed in red; Jill Acheson looked the part in a red parachute outfit complete with goggles and back pack. Holly had been threatened that if she put a foot wrong, Jill would pull her emergency cord – Holly was foot perfect and they won class 2!

Vicky Goody of Clippersharp donated all the rosettes – red of course, Kate Baker allowed us to use her fantastic facilities at Paddocks free of charge and her dad Graham, won a grooming kit and a bottle of wine on the tombola (he doesn't have a horse and doesn't drink) and auctioned them off for a £12 profit!

Clare Sharland and Toddy won the W & T with a score of 60% (to her amazement and delight!) Deb Hutchings and Tikkaroo won prelim 18 and have qualified for the WS&DD Championships, they also won the “best red” as Deb wore a red coat and looked like a master of ceremonies and Tikk wore a top hat! Gem took one look at me in a red wig and did the test of her life to win the Novice! We have also qualified for the WS&DD Championships; I am checking the rules to see if red wigs are allowed!

#### **CLASS 1 BD WALK TROT INTRO B**

1. CLARE SHARLAND	HOT TODDY	M (red outfit runner up)
2. MEG EMERY	NELLIE	
3. LAUREN CASEWELL	BAKUBA	M
4. MEGAN EDWARDS	DANDY	
5. VJ BABA	HARRY	
6. GEORGINA PALFREY	MAIDA DOUBLE	M (best red outfit)

#### **CLASS 2 PRELIM 13**

1. JILL ACHESON	HOLLY	M (red outfit runner up)
2. KATE HOPPER	SAUBER	M
3. DEANA ROWLANDS	HECTOR	M (best red outfit)
4. PIP WILLIAMS	JACK VIII	M
5. DEBBIE HUTCHINGS	TIKAROO	M
6. CLAIRE SHARLAND	HOT TODDY	M

#### **CLASS 3 PRELIM 18 W S & D CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

1. DEBBIE HUTCHINGS	TIKAROO	M (best red outfit)
2. JANE PHILLIPS	RACKENFORD MAY LADY	
3. JULIA SEVERN	MASTER FLYNN	
4. DEANA ROWLANDS	HECTOR	M
5. PIP WILLIAMS	JACK VIII	M
6. SHONA REED	BECOMBES JUST JULES	

#### **CLASS 4 NOVICE 24 W S & D CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

1. TRICIA BUDD	JUST GEM	M (best red outfit)
2. SHONA REED	BECOMBES JUST JULES	

**WS&DD Championships** – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at King Sedgemoor EC, Greylake. A wonderful venue. Come and support all the BHRC members who have qualified before we all hibernate for the winter!

**Rising stars show jumping** - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. I have to put entries in by 20<sup>th</sup> October, if you would like to represent the club please contact me, Tricia, with details of which class/es you would like to enter

**Tynka Urbanowska**– Hello Tricia,

I thought I'd give you another update on what I've been up to on the horses. On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> all 7 of my BOT Equine rescue horses were moved over to Pontispool where they stayed overnight ready, bathed and looking beautiful for the Polden Hills hunter trial the next day.

All 7 horses competed from 12,2hh Lottie the pony to 17hh Greg the old boy ex racer, even my baby 4 year old cob got involved :-)

We defiantly left our mark on the day, getting placed and clear rounds! I'm ever so proud, chuffed, overwhelmed with it all..... Also 2 stone lighter after being nominated to lead on foot 5 times around the mini XC course! All worth it, we got a 1st and clears :-)

Mozaiq came 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2'3 pairs with a friend of mine. Mimika came 8<sup>th</sup> in the 2'6, Floyd 11<sup>th</sup> in the 2'3 open. My biggest achievement of the day was doing the 3ft class on the champion Mimika with all the big competitors. The course looked petrifying, but we did it and did it fantastically.... I'm now booking us in for the 1metre course on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October ..... Eeeek ..... Watch this space!

I struggle to get Gem ready for a single dressage test, how on earth does anyone manage 7?!!!

**Sally Ravenor** – Hi Tricia,

Having viewed the results of the Open Show, I am having trouble getting to terms with Franks 17 points, I know he has them and I am very pleased. It seems, hopefully, the tables have turned around for Frank and I.

The last show I attended was the Blackdown Hills Riding club show in 2012, I then did a couple of flatwork sessions at the paddocks with Karen Cameron and then Frank was laid off, AGAIN! Finally with the help of Simon Joiner at Western Counties and Celia Cohen, Physio, it was found he had a trapped nerve in the lower neck between C6 and C7 vertebrae, poor soul had to have many tests and a milogram (not nice) under aesthetic, he was then in intensive care for a couple of days.

I truly believed I would not be able to ride him again and was considering other options for him with me on foot, I did many miles leading him to get him strong again and started to ride him with a gradual build up from May this year, mainly short walks and stretching exercises. I am so pleased he made it to the show, the fact that he did well was an added bonus, and he is such a genuine gentleman. It seems now that I can carry on with all activities, so this is good news.

A lovely story Sally, Frank looked the star he is at the show and his 17 points were well earned!

**Training** – is on-going at Southwoods Farm (5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Oct & 2nd Nov) and Paddocks Equestrian (20th October).

More details are on the “training” page

**AGM and Christmas party** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. EVERYONE is welcome. A chance to celebrate everything we have done this year, and plan what we would like to do next year. Presentation of prizes, a chance for members to join the committee as we always have a space for one or two more!

**Events page** – has been tweaked, hopefully it is easier to read and understand and should make my life easier to update it.

**Merchandise** – our new range of merchandise will be on show at the AGM

Introduction to Hunting - By Wayne Gregory. Huntsman for the Taunton Vale Harriers

All your questions answered Special Introductory offers for days out with the Harriers - Fork Supper, pudding, glass of wine, coffee and tea £8 at Horwood Farm, Hemyock EX15 3RR

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7 pm

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