

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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Newsletter

2022

December & Christmas Newsletter

The committee would like to wish all our members, honorary members and friends a very Happy Christmas and a successful new year.

We would like to thank everyone for joining in and supporting the training clinics, activities and competitions we have organised this year and are looking forward to the special 75th anniversary year in 2023 for the Old Berkeley Riding Club which is one of the oldest BHS / BRC affiliated riding clubs in the UK.

OBRC Membership offer for 2023

The club would like to offer current 2022 members a special discount price of £30 to re-join for 2023, this is a saving of £5 and the offer is valid until 16th January.

New members are very welcome to join at £35 for 12 months membership.

Joining is very easy – Just go to the Membership page on www.obrc.org.uk

You can join via My Riding Life (Click on link)

There is a word document form, which can be saved, filled in and emailed to Liz Rollinson:

liz.rollinson@btinternet.com Payment via the OBRC bank account.

Old Berkeley Riding Club



Welcome riders 18 years & over

We are a friendly & supportive club
Offering training clinics: Dr, poles, SJ, XC
Talks and demonstrations

Details on how to join us

Visit our website: www.obrc.org.uk



Happy New Year

OBRC AGM, Awards, Presentations & Social Evening

We are going to have a live in - person AGM, awards presentation and social evening on Wednesday evening 8th February at Bellingdon & Asheridge Community Hall, Chesham Road, Bellingdon, HP5 2XU.

Full details will be published after Christmas. All members and honorary members are invited to come and celebrate the club's successes in 2022 and plans for 2023.

Winter Training Clinics

Jumping clinic was on 13th November at Cotton Spring Farm, Markyate with Georgie Dalton. With eight members improving their jumping skills and some bringing their young horses to introduce them to poles and low jumps.



Pole exercises clinic was on Sunday 20th November at Flamstead Yard arena, Ashley Green. Instructor was Michaela Burke. We have eleven members and friends enjoying the challenges of the different exercises.



Upcoming Training Dates for New Year & Spring

Sunday 8th January – XC style jumping clinic with Georgie Dalton at Markyate.

Sunday 22nd January – Mechanical horse session with Victoria Phillips at Cholesbury. *(Full)*



Saturday 25th March – XC training clinic with instructor: Jane Hussell at Milton Keynes equestrian centre, Hanslope, MK19 7HQ. See training page on website www.obrc.org for details and costs.



Horse Knowledge Club Virtual Talks

November talk with Guest speaker Scilla Lown “How to improve dressage test riding & gain better marks”

This was an excellent and interesting evening talk with lots of tips and useful ideas on dressage test riding from Scilla who was a list 4 BD judge for many years and has ridden to advanced medium level. Scilla has represented our RC many times at Area dressage competitions.

Wednesday evening 25th January will be a talk on bridleways with guest speaker: Laura Frey who is a BHS access and bridleways officer for Herts & Bucks area.

All our virtual talks are free and cover interesting subjects related to horses, equine and competition help.

Winter Online Dressage Series

These competitions are open to OB club members only and are a perfect opportunity to keep motivated to school and compete during the winter months, without travelling horses away from home or the yard.

With a chance to ride or practice different tests and maybe move up a level.

All the tests are judged by BD dressage judges and the judges will give valuable feedback on the sheets to help riders improve on their test riding and marks.

Tests include: intro, prelim, and novice, PYO: elementary, medium & advanced medium.

Entry fees are £12 per test and include postage for score sheets and place rosettes.

Schedules are available on the Competition page of website.



October – November Online Dressage Competition

We had 16 entries over the six tests with good scores throughout.

Thank you to BD Judge Mylene Baxter for judging all the videos and giving all the helpful comments.

December – January is the next online dressage competition starts on 1st December with entries closing on 14th January and last videos in by 23rd January. Tests are: intro A, prelim 2, prelim 14, novice 28, novice 30 and PYO: elementary 42, medium 63, adv med 90.

Full schedule on Competition page of the website.

February – March competition – more details soon.

Online Winter Dressage Series Points League Championship

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Area 6 Qualifiers Reports

Introductory championships

The BRC introduced the new grassroots dressage qualifiers with just intro & prelim tests for teams and individuals this year for the more novice riders and their horses & ponies.

The BRC Area 6 qualifier took place in August at Berkshire College.

Two of our members who were placed at the qualifiers were invited to compete at the National introductory championships at Bury Farm on 1st October.

Andrea Napier and Simba rode in the intro B championship class and finished in 6th place.

Julie Fleming and Artic Clover competed in the Prelim 1 championship test and finished in 7th place. Super results for both our members at their very first BRC national championships.



Winter intermediate dressage qualifiers

This was on Sunday 16th October at Wellington Riding near Reading.

We had one senior open team comprising of Elaine Browne & Jay riding prelim 18, Jane Bancroft & Candy in novice 28, Tamsin Morris & Khadira in novice 30 & Diane Hunt & Barry in elementary 42. Everyone rode really good tests with our team finishing in 3rd place against 21 other riding club teams!

There were individual placings for Jane Bancroft with 1st place in N28 and 6th in novice 30. Tamsin was 5th in novice 30.

The PYO class has grown over the years with 8 entries.

Jillie Luff and Corby competed and won the medium 63 test.



Winter novice dressage qualifiers - report by Jane Bancroft.

Seven members braved sub zero temperatures to compete on Sunday 11th December at Wellington Riding Centre.

It was brilliant to have 2 teams and 4 individuals representing the club.

Everyone rode very well and produced some impressive tests and results.

The Gold team finished in 12th place – riders were: Elaine Browne – prelim 7, Alison Dippenaar – prelim 12 (Jazz), Anna Smallwood – Novice 24, Anka Taylor – novice 27.

The Blue team of 3 riders were Alison Dippenaar (Katie) – prelim 12, Jane Bancroft – novice 24, Elizabeth Etchells – novice 27. The team finished in 4th place.

We also entered members to compete individually & represent the club. Elaine Browne was 8th in prelim 12. Elizabeth Etchells was 4th in novice 24, Janine Modder finished in 10th place in novice 27 and Jane Bancroft came 2nd in novice 27.

A special thanks to Diane for being the volunteer helper on the day as arena steward.



Thank You

Thank you to all the club members who have competed and represented the Old Berkeley RC at club open competitions, area 6 competitions and championships this year.

We really hope you have enjoyed the competition experiences throughout the year in the various disciplines.

A big thank you goes out to all our members and honorary members who have volunteered their time to be helpers at the summer evening dressage competitions and area qualifiers. Doing various roles such as refreshments, stewarding, scoring, dressage writers, XC fence judges, pole picking and tack checking.

We look forward to more area qualifiers and club competitions in 2023.

Dates for Area 6 Competitions

Winter Show Jumping on 4th March at Berkshire Agriculture College.

Combined Challenge on 18th March at Snowball Farm, Slough.

Combined Training – date & venue TBA

Horse Trials on 29th April - Snowball Farm, Slough.

Summer Show Jumping - 14th May at Berkshire Agriculture College.

Summer Dressage – date & venue TBA

Introductory & DTM on 19th August at BCA

Arena Eventing on 23rd September - Wellington Eq.

Intermediate Dressage October date & venue TBA

Novice dressage date & venue TBA.