

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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Welcome to the May Newsletter
Members have been out competing in Area 6 competitions and had lots of successful outings including the most recent British Riding Club championships.

Open Summer Dressage Series

Four Thursday evening competitions
Fullers Hill Farm, Amersham, HP6 5RQ
Dates are: 1st June, 6th July, and 3rd August.
Classes include intro, two prelims and a novice.
The competitions are open to non members with a reduced entry for fees for club members.
Good facilities at Fullers Hill Farm with fenced dressage arena, 40m x 40m warm up arena, both on good surfaces, separated by a hedge is large hard standing parking area.

We do offer a nice relaxing place to compete, with helpers available to call tests if needed and excellent experienced BD judges.



Thursday 11th May was the first competition for 2023 and we had 26 riders competing over the four classes. This competition was an early outdoor dressage for some of our members and they all rode good tests.

Thank you Julia Catling for judging, Scilla for dressage writing, Liz O'Donnell for adding the scores, Gina for stewarding.
Schedules for all the evening dressage competition can be found on the competition page of www.obrc.org.uk
Entries are made via MRL which very easy to use and sends confirmation of the entries.

OBRC Club Members Summer Points League Championships

Points are awarded to horse / pony and rider combination on percentages gained in the tests ridden.

There four separate championships
*class 1: Intro, *class 2: prelim *class 3: prelim, *class 4: novice.

Amazing rosettes, sashes and prizes will be awarded to the champion and reserve champion with the highest points at the final competition on Thursday 3rd August.

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Competing in the BRC Area 6 Inter-Club Competitions

Every member is welcome to compete in the Area 6 qualifiers in any of the disciplines.

The Jumping courses start at 70 cm up to 1.05 cm. Dressage starts at intro and goes through levels to PYO medium / advanced medium.

There is also dressage to music, pairs, novice in fancy dress classes.

There is a new qualifier – introductory which is aimed at the more novice riders in dressage with intro and prelim tests and intro pairs class.

We really like entering teams of 4 riders as well as individuals at the competitions as it's more interesting and supportive to the members to be part of a team.

We do our best to support on the day and make the whole experience enjoyable.

So if you would like to compete in any of the BRC area 6 competitions please contact Jane Bancroft for the dressage and Anka Taylor for the jumping.

Report on recent Area 6 Qualifiers

Horse trials were at Snowball Farm on Saturday 29th April.

Brilliant outing for our three members who competed as individuals.

Janine Modder and Toby had a good dressage score few faults SJ & clear XC finishing in 9th position in the 80 cm. Leah Upton and Fred had a fair dressage score, double clear in SJ & XC finished in 10th position in the 80 cm.

Anka Taylor and Ella rode in the 90 cm finishing in 3rd with a good dressage test, double clear SJ & XC.



Summer Show Jumping Competition on Sunday 14th May at BCA

This year the format was changed to a single phase rounds on the outside arena.

This proved popular with riders as only one slightly longer round.

We had two teams competing.

80cm team: Leah, Elizabeth, Julia – all jumped well with a team 6th place.

90cm team: Leah, Anna, Elizabeth – Leah and Elizabeth had a few faults as the jump off was quite big. Anna jumped a double clear finishing in 3rd. With the team in 2nd place.



BRC Intermediate Championships 22nd and 23rd April

Our senior open team were invited to compete at the dressage championships at Onley Grounds, Rugby on Saturday 22nd April.

Elaine Browne & Legacy Jay finished 15th place in prelim 18. Jane Bancroft and Candy Blue finished in 18th place.

Tamsin Morris and Khadira rode an excellent test and won the Novice 30 championship test as an individual.

Unfortunately Elizabeth Etchells & Maurice were unable to compete on the day.

The team finished in 13th position out of a staggering 34 teams.



Jillie Luff and Corby rode the medium 63 and finished in 6th place.

Our members all rode brilliant tests against riders from all around England.

BRC Combined Training & Combined Challenge Championships

Aston Le Walls on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May

Our team won the combined training at Cherwell back in February and qualified to compete in the CT championships in May. Elizabeth was 3rd at the qualifier.

Members all had a successful outing at the CT championships.

Elizabeth gained a wild card to compete finished in 3rd place in the prelim + 75cm individual class.



The team: Julia Coney, Leah Upton, Anka Taylor & Anna Smallwood finished in 10th place. Leah came 8th individually and Anna finished in 2nd place individually.

Combined Challenge Championships

This is a round of show jumps, straight out onto a shortened XC course.

This year in the CC qualifiers at Snowball farm in March there were no teams in the 70cm or 80cm.

Area 6 made up a team of 4 riders from different clubs who were placed 1st – 4th in the area CC qualifier.

Julia Coney rode in 70cm team and Leah Upton rode in the 80cm.

The SJ and XC courses were challenging, but a great experience to take part.

Dates for your Diary



Upcoming training and competitions

Thursday 1st June- summer evening dressage competition

Saturday 1st July – Track Endurance training sessions at Tring gallops

Saturday 17th June - Area 6 dressage Q at BCA

Thursday 6th July – summer evening dressage competition

Wednesday 12th July – evening HKC talk on saving our bridleways, with time to look at bridleway maps of the area.

Thursday 3rd August – summer evening dressage competition.

Sunday 20th August – Area 6 introductory dressage and dressage to music qualifiers.

Saturday 23rd September- Area 6 arena eventing Q's at Wellington

Sunday 15th October - Area 6 intermediate dressage Q's at Wellington

Sunday 10th December - Area 6 novice dressage Q's at Wellington

Keep in Touch

The committee members are always happy to help, answer questions or advice on training or events organised.

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