

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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OBRC

Newsletter

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Online Dressage February - March

Our third winter online dressage finished on 20th March with 20 entries and videos judged by BD list 4 judge Julia Catling.

There were amazing scores with some very close marks and personal best scores reach.

Thank you to all the members who have taken part over one or more of the three competitions this winter.

Winter Online Points League Dressage Championship

Congratulations to our point winners in the intro, prelim, novice & PYO tests.

We started the online dressage competitions in October and finished in March.

With three competitions over the winter months 47 dressage tests practiced, ridden, videoed & judged.

Thank you to BD dressage judges Mylene Baxter and Julia Catling for spending time watching and judging the videos.

Points winners

Intro: Charlotte Rollinson & Ringo 33 points

2nd place: Liz Rollinson & Ringo 28 points

Special: Jackie Hall & Neverlands Tinkerbelle 15 points

Prelim: Winner: Andrea Napier & Simba 44 points.

2nd place: Sam Pringle & Tinkerbelle 39 points

Special: Sam Pringle & Elwin 25 points

Novice: Gina Elliott & Little Lost Soul 48 points

2nd place: Anne Jerney & Lilly 26 points

Special: Tamsin Morris & Khadira 25 points.

PYO: Jane Bancroft & Candy Blue 37 points

2nd place: Diane Hunt & Cotswold Odysean 11 points.



Thank you to Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian for sponsoring the lovely rosettes for the test championships.

Report on Training Clinics

Nine members attended the pole exercises clinic on Sunday 26th March.

We are lucky to be able to use the excellent arena facilities at the RDA centre, Ashley Green, by kind permission of our honorary member Anne Coney.

Everyone brave the rain and had good training sessions with instructor Michaela Burke who designed and laid out an interesting pattern of poles to work through.



Jumping clinic 2nd April

Four members enjoyed excellent instruction from Georgie Dalton with course jumping practice to help at their competitions coming up in April and May.

Horse Knowledge Club Virtual talks in the Winter

We organised three different talks with invited guests on a variety of equine related subjects.

October: Scilla Lown gave us all lots of advice on "How to improve dressage test riding and gain better marks".

January: Laura Frey explained the important of riding, recording and saving the bridleways in our area, before they are lost in 2024 with the new law coming into force from the government.

March: Mylene Baxter gave an interesting and inspiring talk / workshop on how to conquer competition nerves before and during competitions.

Open Summer Dressage Series

Thursday evening open dressage competitions
Fullers Hill Farm, Amersham, HP6 5RQ
Dates: 11th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August.
Classes include intro, prelim, and novice tests.

The competitions are open to OBRC members and non members with reduced entry fees to club members.

The tests are ridden in a fenced arena with a separate warm up arena both on surfaces.

Schedules and entries via my riding life can be found on Competition page of www.obrc.org.uk



OBRC Members Summer Points League Championships

Points are awarded to horse / pony and rider combinations on percentages gained in the four separate classes over May, June, July, August.

* Class 1: Intro, * Class 2: Prelim, * Class 3: Prelim, * Class 4: Novice.

Sashes, rosettes and prizes will be awarded at the August competition.

Sponsors: Pednor Equestrian, T.C. Feeds and Tack Haven, Empire Coachbuilders.

Report on recent Area 6 Qualifiers

Combined Training

Brilliant outing for all our members who competed at Cherwell competition centre, Oxford on Saturday 25th February.

Elizabeth Etchells finished 4th as an individual in prelim 2 and 75cm jumping.

The team came 1st overall in the team competition:
Julia Coney (7th individual prelim 2 +75cm) Leah Upton (2nd individual prelim 12 +75cm) Anna Smallwood (1st individual Nov 27 +85cm) Janine Modder (2nd Nov 28 +85cm)



Congratulations to our team who have qualified for the combined training championships at Aston Le Walls on Saturday 20th May.

Winter show Jumping at BCA on 4th March.

Julia Coney jumped a double clear round in 70cm and finished 4th

80cm team: Leah Upton, Elizabeth Etchells and Janine Modder jumped well finishing in 4th place.

Combined Challenge at Snowball Farm on 18th March.

Four members rode the show jumping and XC course well in very wet conditions at the combined challenge competition.

70cm class: Julie Fleming just had one stop on the XC but finished in 10th position. Julia Coney jumped a double clear and came 3rd. Unfortunately Elizabeth Etchells horse - Maurice has only just started doing XC courses this year didn't want to get wet in canter through water complex.

Leah Upton competed in 80cm class finished in 4th place with a double clear.



BRC Novice dressage championships at Arena UK

Jane Bancroft and Candy Blue competed in novice 27 championship test representing OBRC on Saturday 1st April at Arena UK, Grantham.

Candy coped very well with big atmosphere and the pair rode a nice relaxed test just missing out on place by a few marks, but what a great experience riding against other combinations from all a round the UK.



Stork Workware Clothing

New club competition and casual clothes with the club logo will be available to order soon. With a selection of useful and comfortable equestrian wear.

Including XC navy base layer tops, matching XC hat silks, soft shell gilets, jackets, waterproof blouson, fleeces, polo shirts and hoodies.



Keep in Touch

Website: www.obrc.org.uk

Members are welcome to join the Old Berkeley Riding Club members' only group facebook
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The committee members are always happy to help, answer questions or advice on training or events organised.

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Dates for your Diary



Upcoming open dressage competitions and Area 6 qualifiers.

22nd -23rd April - intermediate winter championships at Onley Grounds.

Thursday 11th May - summer evening dressage at Amersham

Sunday 14th May - Area 6 show jumping Q at BCA

20th -21st May- combined training championships.

Thursday 1st June - Summer evening dressage at Amersham

Saturday 17th June - Area 6 dressage Q at BCA

Thursday 6th July - summer evening dressage at Amersham

Thursday 3rd August - summer evening dressage at Amersham.

Sunday 20th August - Area 6 introductory dressage Q's at BCA

Area 6 dressage to music Q's at BCA

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

