

# Old Berkeley Riding Club

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**OBRC**

**Newsletter**

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## **Recent Training Clinic with Natasha Pirie Morrell**

This was our second clinic on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the new venue – Hill Farm, near Gaddesden Row. Five members attended the jumping sessions and two worked through the pole exercises. Thank to Leah Upton for organising. More dates for training clinics will be advertised for late summer / early autumn.



## **Summer Evening Dressage Series**

We had our last of the four monthly summer open dressage competitions on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

This year's dressage have been very well supported by both members and non-members.

We are lucky to have opportunity to hire the excellent facilities at Fullers Hill Farm, Amersham, by kind permission of Deborah Sanders.

For the first time we have had equestrian photographer Charlotte Bury attend the competitions:

[www.charlotteburyphotography.co.uk](http://www.charlotteburyphotography.co.uk)

Leah Upton provided light refreshments on behalf of the Bowel Cancer charity.

The evening events has been very social too with a chance for members and friends to meet up.

Our Judges were Julia Catling, Mylene Baxter, Kathy Marsden.

Huge thank you must go to all the members and honorary members who kindly offered to help during the evenings at these competitions really makes a difference in the smooth running.



## **OBRC Members Summer Points Series Championships**

Congratulations to our club members who competed at the dressage series and gained points from their percentages in the four separate classes

Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian kindly sponsored all the five individual championships.

With amazing rosettes, sashes and Pednor Rug Wash vouchers for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places in class 1: intro, class 2: prelim, class 3: prelim, class 4: novice. Open non-members.

## Championship points winners

### Class 1: Intro

Champion: Paula Wynn and Puzzle 36 pts  
Reserve: Anne Jerney and Lilly 34 pts  
Special: Catherine Penn and Hilston Cayenne 32 pts



### Class 2: Prelim

Champion: Scilla Lown and Carla 31pts  
(highest overall %)  
Reserve: Anne Jerney and Lilly 31 pts  
Special: Paula Wynn and Puzzle 30 pts



### Class 3: Prelim

Champion: Liz Rollinson and Rebel 26 pts  
Reserve: Scilla Lown and Carla 10 pts  
Special: Carina Vials & Fairymount Boy 8 pts



### Class 4: Novice

Champion: Charlotte Rollinson & Rebel 31 pts  
Reserve: Kelly Stokes & Any News 27 pts  
Special: Julie Fleming and Arctic Clover 14 pts



### New- Open non – members overall dressage points championship

Champion: Hannah Lamey and Westpoint Fuego 44 pts  
Reserve: Lucy Simpson and Ralph with 30 pts  
Special: Jessica Scott and Charlie with 27 pts

Presentations of the awards took place at the end of each class on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

OBRC also provided Charlotte Bury digital image vouchers to the champion winner of each class.

See details of the point's leagues on NEWS page of website: [www.obrc.org.uk](http://www.obrc.org.uk)



*Winner Hannah Lamey*

### **Reports on recent Area 6 qualifiers**

The summer show Jumping took place on the outside arena at BCA.

All rounds were single phases to speed up the rounds throughout the day.

We were able to put together a 70cm and 80cm teams.

The 70cm team did very well finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place with Alison Moody, Sara Caley, Louise Bennett and Julie Fleming.

The 80cm team with only three members finished in 7<sup>th</sup> position. Tessa Holdeness, Stephanie Brookfield & Anka Taylor.

Steph also jumped in the 90cm as an individual and just had 4faults.



### **Combined Training at Cherwell on 9<sup>th</sup> June**

The combined training competition comprises of two riders competing in prelim tests & jumping 70cm SJ course and two riders riding a novice test & jumping 80cm SJ round.

Eight teams from other riding club's in area 6 competed in total with our team members doing well to finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Team: Ellie Rose, Leah Upton, Elizabeth Etchells, Anka Taylor.

Anna Smallwood borrowed a friend's horse to compete in the novice test & 70cm SJ round.

Congratulations to Anna for winning the class and qualifying for the CT championship in October.



### **Horse Trials at Munstead on 16<sup>th</sup> June**

First time for quite a few years we able to field a team and two individuals.

Julie Fleming & Clover competed in the 70cm class riding a good dressage test & jumping clear SJ & XC to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Our 80cm team won: Leah Upton & Fred (5<sup>th</sup> ind) Steph Brookfield & Maddie, Anka Taylor & Ella (4<sup>th</sup>)

Steph also competed Anka Taylor's horse Archie in the 90cm finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

All our members have been invited to compete at the BRC national horse trials championships in early August.

### **Summer Dressage Qualifiers at BCA on 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Thank you to Jane Bancroft (dressage manager) for encouraging members to compete and doing all the entries. We were able to put together three teams and some individuals the summer dressage qualifiers.

With quite a few new members joining the teams to represent the club for the first time.

Our prelim test team 6<sup>th</sup> place: Anna Collins, Louise Pusey, Anne Jerney, Paula Wynn.

Senior open team 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Charlotte Rollinson, Kelly Stokes, Elizabeth Etchells, Tamsin Morris.

Riding test team 1<sup>st</sup> place: Paula Wynn, Louise Pusey, Charlotte Rollinson, Elizabeth Etchells.

Individuals: Jillie Luff won the medium test in PYO class & Tamsin Morris – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Novice 30.

Alison Dippenaar & Jane Bancroft competed in the open mixed pair's class (this was a freestyle test without music) for the first time and won the competition.

We have five members invited to compete at dressage national championships at Lincoln at the end of August. We wish them all the very best of luck: Paula, Anne, Tamsin, Elizabeth & Jillie.



## BCA National Horse Trials Championships 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August

The championships was held at Swalcliffe , east Banbury which is BE event course with fences up to height.

Julie Fleming & Clover competed in the 70cm event, with a very early dressage time was 9.10am!

Despite a good dressage test, the show jumping arena was very slippery and Clover struggled, so sensibly Julie withdraw from the XC.

Our 80cm team: Steph Brookfield, Anka Taylor, Leah Upton, Janine Modder all competed over two days with dressage and show Jumping on the Saturday and the XC round on Sunday.

All finished with good dressage scores, 31 – 34 penalties. Leah & Anka clear SJ, Steph & Janine had some faults.

The XC was very hilly with testing fences and two waters complexes. All went clear except unfortunately Janine & Toby who a disagreement with the double of skinny brushes.

Anka and Ella finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place in their arena

There were 29 teams in the 80cm and our team finished in 12<sup>th</sup> position which was fantastic.

Thank you to Anka Taylor jumping manager for organising all the entries as well as competing.



BRC Area 6 competition qualifiers are open to every member in the club if there is a discipline members would like to compete in at a level their feel comfortable at – please talk to our team managers. We just like to encourage members to get more involved where possible.

The opportunity to compete in a team or as individual encourages a great competition spirit and members do support each other at the events.

Members interested in competing please contact Anka Taylor for the AE/ Show Jumping/ combined training, horse trials: [ankataylor@hotmail.com](mailto:ankataylor@hotmail.com)

Jane Bancroft for the dressage, introductory & dressage to music qualifiers: [jembancroft1972@gmail.com](mailto:jembancroft1972@gmail.com) .

Please check out the **TEAMS** page on the club website for lots of information on BRC area 6 competition qualifiers and championships.

The autumn / winter competitions coming up from September 2024 – March 2025 are: Arena Eventing at Wellington 28<sup>th</sup> September date (SJ & XC in an arena from 70cm – 1m) Winter Novice Q dressage tests are: intro, prelim, and novice.

Intermediate dressage Q tests include prelim, novice, elementary, medium / adv med tests.

Dressage to music Q classes are: intro, prelim, novice, elementary, med / adv med, open pairs Winter show jumping early 2025.



### Diary Dates for training clinics, open club competitions & Area 6 Q's.

#### Diary dates:

#### Winter BRC Area 6 competition qualifiers for 2024

\*Wellington Riding Centre is south of Reading.

\*Arena Eventing - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

\*Novice dressage - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Introductory dressage – venue & date TBA

Dressage to music – venue & date TBA

\*Intermediate dressage - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

All schedules will be on the competition page of website as they come available.

Full details see Area 6 planner on competition page of website.

Schedules will be emailed as available.