

Old Berkeley Riding Club

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Newsletter

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Winter Online Dressage Series Points Championships

Congratulations to all the points winners of the intro, two prelims, novice and PYO tests. We organised three winter competitions: November, January & March with a total of 53 tests ridden, videoed and judged.

Thank you to British dressage judges: Julia Catling and Laragh Osman for judging all test videos.

Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian & Rug Wash - Kindly sponsored the amazing rosettes and a £6.00 rug washing voucher to the winner of each class. 2nd place will receive £4.00 OBRC training / online dressage voucher and 3rd places will receive £3.00 training / online dressage voucher.



Point winners

Class 1- Intro:

1st place: Gina Elliott & Buddy: 13 points
2nd place: Paula Wynn & Puzzle: 10 points
Special: Katie Penn & Hilston Cayenne 9 pts

Class 2- Prelim:

1st: Scilla Lown & Carla: 28 points
2nd place; Charlotte Bent & Tinkerbelle: 27 pts
Special: Charlotte Rollinson & Rebel: 20 pts

Class 3 – Prelim:

1st place: Andrea Napier & Simba: 23 points
2nd place: = Anne Jerney & Lilly: 17 points
= Scilla Lown & Carla: 17 points

Class 4 – Novice

1st place: Jane Bancroft & Candy Blue 20 pts
2nd place: Tamsin Morris & Khadira 9 points

Class 5: PYO tests

1st place: Jane Bancroft & Candy Blue: 29 pts
Rosettes & vouchers were presented at Thursday 2nd May dressage.

Training Clinics Past and Future

Saturday 27th April Jumping sessions with instructor Natasha Pirie Morrell.

This was an opportunity to try out a new venue at Hill Farm, between Gaddesden Row & Markyate.

Natasha started every group off over poles, then working through jump exercises and tricky lines to fences. This proved popular with nine members attending.

New date for Sunday 2nd June

The next jumping clinic is at Hill Farm Equestrian, Puddephats Lane, Markyate, AL3 8AU with Natasha Pirie Morrell.

Natasha provides a different set of jump exercises each time she teaches, but she is also happy to give any members who would prefer not to jump either a flatwork or ground poles lesson. ** See the Training page on website for organiser's details: Leah Upton for booking a place and payments details.



Club social evening at Ashley Green

Thank you to Jane Bancroft for organising the second social evening on Friday 10th May at the King Charles pub, Chesham Road, Ashley Green, HP5 3PF.

We had a brilliant evening with thirteen members attending during the evening.

Next date will be in September.

Please contact Jane Bancroft if you would like to come: 07789 801810 /

jembancroft1972@gmail.com

Summer Dressage Competitions

The first competition was on Thursday 2nd May with Julia Catling judging the tests. We had 23 entries and a mixture of club members and non-members competing.

Other dates: 6th June, 4th July, and 1st August. Classes include intro, two prelims, novice tests.



The competitions are open to non-members with a reduced entry fees for club members.

Fullers Hill Farm offers good facilities with fenced dressage arena, a separate 40m x 40 m warm up arena both on good surfaces. Hard standing parking.

We can offer a relaxed place to compete with helpers available to call tests if needed.

This year committee member Leah Upton is providing light refreshment stall in aid of her charity. May, July and August dates Charlotte Bury photography will be on site.



OBRC Members Summer Points League Championship

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

There four separate championship

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

Amazing rosettes, sashes and prizes with awarded to the champion and reserve champion with highest points at the final competition on 1st August.

Thank you to our generous sponsor Sue Sawyer of Pednor Equestrian & rug clean, Chesham for supporting the dressage championships 2024.



BRC National Novice Dressage & SJ Championships

Congratulations to all our members who made the long trip to Arena UK to compete and represent the club on Saturday 6th April.

Dressage championships:

Alison Dippenaar and Jane Bancroft had fairly early morning dressage times so had to leave very early in the morning to get to Grantham in good time to compete.

Alison and her daughter's pony Jazz competed in the prelim 7 finishing in 12th position.

Jane Bancroft competed in three tests firstly with Jazz in novice 24 & finished in 16th position.

Jane also compete Katie in prelim 7 and finished in 9th place. The pair rode a very good novice 27 test finished with 70% in 3rd place. Same afternoon our 80cm show jumping team jumped the two rounds – one outdoors and one indoors.

Team riders: Leah Upton – Fred, Elizabeth Etchells – Maurice, Anna Smallwood – Melody, Anka Taylor – Archie.

They all coped well with different arenas and finished in a brilliant 6th place out of 23 teams.

Very big thank you to Julia Coney who kindly drove up to be the club's volunteer so our members could compete.

BRC Area 6 Competition Qualifiers

Combined challenge was held at Rosehill Equestrian on Saturday 13th April.

We were able to enter to two teams this year with the 70cm team finishing in 2nd place.

70cm team: Esme McDougall, Julie Fleming, Elizabeth Etchells & Ellie Rose who finished in 3rd place individually.

80cm team won the competition and have qualified for the CC championships in October.

Team members: Leah Upton (8th position), Steph Brookfield (3rd), Anka Taylor (1st)

Thank you to Liz O'Donnell and Julia Coney for being the club's volunteer helpers on the day.

Bespoke Club Clothing & Merchandise

The club has a range of good quality clothing with the embroidered logo.

All available to order from Stork clothing of Buckingham.

We also have designed sew- on Club embroidered logo which can be sewn on your own saddle cloths. They are nice to have on your saddle cloths when representing the club at events and championships. These are £12.95 each

All the clothing & logos can be ordered through the website:

www.storkworkwear.co.uk



Diary Dates

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

Sunday 26th May – Area 6 summer SJ qualifiers at BCA.

Sunday 2nd June – Training clinic with Natasha Pirie Morrell.

Thursday 6th June – Open evening dressage competition

Sunday 9th June – Area 6 combined training qualifiers at Cherwell.

Sunday 16th June – Area 6 horse trials qualifiers at Munstead, Surrey.

Thursday 4th July – Open evening dressage competition.

Thursday 1st August – Open evening dressage competition.

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

Schedules will be emailed as available.

BRC Novice Dressage & SJ Championship

