



BROMYARD AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



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MERCIAN UPDATE :

Since last newsletter Mercian Teams have been very busy! We had a lovely day at Gracelands on 6th of June for Dressage to music and Style Jumping. After some confusion over scores for the DTM the placings for our teams were as follows:

2ND KESTRELS (Jo Gouldingay & Sabrina de Lisle), 3RD BLACKBIRDS

(Viv Bell & Viki Watkins),

4TH BUZZARDS (Hollie Clarke & Sara Blackshaw),

6TH FALCONS (Penny Haywood & Jill Cartlidge)

Jo was 2nd & Jill 6th

individually in the Prelim section and Viki 1st & Sara 3rd in the Novice section.

In the style jumping our teams finished:

2'3 : 1st - Hawks (Viv Bell, Sabrina de Lisle, Jo Gouldingay, Wendy Robinson) Jo was 1st individually.

2'9 : 1st - Eagles (Sabrina de Lisle, Sara Blackshaw, Wendy Robinson, Di Ralph) Sabrina was 1st individually and Wendy joint 4th. So this confirms what a very stylish bunch the Bromyard are!!

Well done to everyone who competed for BDRC on this day.

The next Mercian competition is Dressage at Sinton Green on 18th July.

We have 4 teams entered for this, so should be a busy one. There are still vacancies for team members for the Combined training on the 25th July at Cleeve Prior. SJ heights will be 2'3 and 2'9 please contact Viv if you would like to compete, also if you would like to represent the club at the Mercian Showing at Bisselwood on 15th August. Classes are : RC Horse or Pony (snaffle bridle), Ridden Cob, Working Hunter and Ridden Veteran. Contact Viv Bell on 07988 813908 or email

v.bell@worc.ac.uk. We are currently leading the Mercian points table with 117 points, but the Worcs are snapping at our heels on 103, so if you would like to come and have some fun Viv would love to hear from you!!

AREA UPDATE :

The area teams have also been very busy : We sent 6 competitors to the Area Qualifier for Dressage to Music at Home Farm, Cheltenham on 12th June. For the Novice they were Jenny Pudge, Viv Bell, Viki Watkins, Hollie Clarke, Sara Blackshaw, Sarah Sneyd and Rachael Hanson. For the Elementary there was Sarah Sneyd and Viki Watkins and we had one pair competing, the sisters Sarah Sneyd and Rachael Hanson.

Sarah and Rachael won the Pairs Music and so qualify for the Championships at Aintree in October. Well done to them! They are going to be in Aintree anyway with the Quadrille so it is convenient for them. Individually, Sarah Sneyd did an amusing routine with some Benny Hill music and was placed 3rd out of 24 so she also qualifies individually for the Championships. The Area bandwagon then moved to Broadway the day after for the Area Horse Trials Qualifier. Rachael Hanson became a professional competitor for the weekend and moved Domino from his success in the DTM to a livery yard next to the Horse Trials venue to save the long journey home and back again the next day.

Before the team news I want to mention 2 people without whom it would not have been possible for us all to enjoy ourselves and compete. Ali James and her mum Margaret fence judged all day, leaving home at 7.30 am and not getting home till 7.30pm at night. They were Bromyard's designated helpers and enabled our teams to compete so we owe them a huge thank you. Ali said she couldn't even tell which competitors were Bromyard, so we need to get on with getting some recognisable XC colours for our teams!! We had 2 Novice teams, Red team – Sue Holloway, Margaret Davies, Steph Vincent & Megan

Pountney and Blue team – Wendy Robinson, Di Ralph, Karen Brighton & Rachael Hanson. The Red team came 5th with Margaret coming 5th individually, Wendy coming 4th and Megan, who was brilliant and was kicking herself for getting time faults XC on a racehorse, came 2nd in hers and who has qualified individually for the Championships at Aston le Walls!! Both Novice teams had 3 double clear rounds so we did really well. The Intermediate team was Anna Millington, Greta Sparey, Steph Vincent and Lucy Tolley. They came 6th and Anna and Steph just missed out on the rosettes coming 7th and 8th. It started to rain towards the end and the results took forever to come out, final presentation of Intermediate rosettes was at 7.15pm!! Thanks to the Int girls who stayed and kept spirits up. Also thanks to my assistant Jan Rogers who collected the money and helped generally. There was a great team spirit helped along by Margaret's fantastic chocolate brownies. I am beginning to think this club runs on cake!

We then moved on to Area Dressage on 27th June at Longney, Glos, we sent 2 Novice teams, 1 Riding Test team & 1 Pair. The event was beautifully organised by Cotswold Edge RC and ran like clockwork. It was a hot day but a welcome breeze made it v pleasant for riders and horses. No flies!

Our Novice team of Sabrina, Ali James, Emma H and Becky Felton came 6th out of 22 teams with Becky Felton coming 4th in her arena and Sabrina and Ali 9th and 10th respectively. Our other team of Rachael Hanson, Karen Brighton, Wendy Robinson and Di Ralph were only one point behind and came 7th. Rachael Hanson

The first of our Combined training show at Sue's on the 19th June was very successful, thank you to everyone who supports these shows, the next one is Dressage with Clear Round Showjumping at Guinness Park Farm, Leigh Sinton on 31st July – Please see schedule enclosed or on the website .

The results from the Combined Training are as follows :

Class One – BD Intro Test B 2009 :

1st Sabrina de Lisle and Tanya
 2nd Anne Lamb and Mrs Grim
 3rd Pip Jones and Tierenan
 4th Lis Rowe and Bentley
 5th Toni Woolley and Chess
 6th Jennie Johnson and Cisco + BTO

Class 1B – Combined Training

1st Pip Jones and Zac of All Trades
 2nd Kirstin James and Molly
 3rd Sabrina de Lisle and Blue Moon
 4th Louise Wild and Molly
 5th Nicola Wood and Spooky
 6th Rebecca Wild and Storm
 BTO – Hannah Owen and Max

Class 2 – Prelim 4

1st Ali James and Molly
 2nd Sarah Roberts & Starsky + BTO
 3rd Hannah Owen and Max

Class 2B – Combined Training

1st Wendy Robinson & Oliver
 2nd Sabrina de Lisle & Glenvara
 3rd Pippa Baulch & Sinton Rheeny
 4th Viv Bell and Sweep
 5th Carol Roberts and Wattis
 6th Camille Hiley & Another Goodun + BTO

Class 3 – Prelim 7

1st Ali James and Molly
 2nd Sarah Roberts and Starsky
 3rd Wallis Wheeler and Oliver
 4th Viv Bell and Sweep + BTO
 5th Diane Merrick & Lady Grey

Class 3B – Combined Training

1st Wendy Robinson & Oliver
 2nd Pip Jones & Zac of All Trades
 3rd Steph Vincent & Amber Nectar
 4th Hannah Womersley & In My Own Time
 BTO – Sophie Goodall & Peter

and Domino came 3rd in their arena with Karen putting in a very calm test on Milly and coming 7th. Well done to all of them.

We will draw a veil over the Riding Test, suffice it to say we did not achieve a placing but thanks to everyone who made up the team. In the Pairs Dressage our pair Sabrina and Di on their nearly matching greys looked very smart with matching browbands and an interesting floorplan. They came 3rd and as they have never competed together before it was a very good effort against stiff competition particularly from South Shropshire who won.

We had a lovely day with a picnic lunch and plenty of supporters and came home with some rosettes so a good end to the Area Season for this year.

I want to thank everyone who turns up to compete for their club at Area level and who are all in such good spirits and practicing hard and really trying to do their best performance for their club. It is a pleasure to work with you all – Alli.

The first area competition of next 'year' will be Senior Area Indoor SJ and BDRC are hosting it!! It will be held at Kings Equestrian, on Sunday 7th November. We shall be needing helpers from our club members to enable this event to run smoothly and make sure that Bromyard do a good job of running it. We shall be expecting teams from all over the Area and are looking forward to putting on a good event for them. So please put this date in your diary and if you can spare some time on this day please get in touch with Alli. Thank you.

Hopefully as many as possible of you will be coming along to our Horse and Garden Evening at Stonehouse, Linley Green on Friday 16th July. By very kind permission of Jill & Bill Cartlidge. This is in aid of club funds and the Firefighters Charity. It should be good fun, with entertainment by "Horizon Lights" (starring our very own Viv Bell!), a cold buffet including desserts, soft drinks (please bring your own alcohol), plant sale, quiz & second hand tack sale. Not to mention catching up with RC friends for a summer's evening chat. Don't worry if the weather has changed, there are indoor facilities - so this event WILL go ahead in any weathers - not often we can say that!! For further info please see the flyer on our website.

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Clinics : Apply to appropriate person using the forms attached – please enclose payment with your forms, clinics MUST still be paid for even if you do not turn up once you have secured a place if a replacement isn't found as many instructors/venues will still require payment. Cheques to be made payable to BDRC

Showjumping:

- Friday 9th July 6.30pm onwards on grass with Sue Holloway at Candleford, Broadwas. £10.00 per shared session (up to 4 people sharing) Please book your place with Sue Holloway.
- Friday 23rd July at Kings Equestrian Centre with Alan Nolan. £15.00 each based on four sharing.
5.00 pm - 6.00 pm – Fence Height 2'3" – 2'6"
6.00 pm - 7.00 pm - Fence Height 2'9" - 3'0"
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm - Fence Height 2'9" - 3'0"
Please book your place with Sara Blackshaw - Tel: 01886 833592 – evenings only - and leave your details on answer machine including telephone number. You will be asked if you are a member of BDRC as non-members have been booking in for clinics and they are not covered by Riding Club insurance.
- Blenheim Eventer's Challenge Training: With Mandy Kent at her yard in Broadwas. £15.00 per group session
Tuesday 10th August from 5pm
Tuesday 31st August from 5pm
Please book your place with Sue Holloway.

Flatwork/Dressage:

- Tuesday 13th July 4.30pm onwards with Sue Holloway at Candleford. £15.00 per person based on two sharing. Book your place with Sue Holloway.
- Tuesday 20th July 2pm onwards (this can be flexible if riders want to start later) with Sarah Warrington at Guinness Park Farm, Leigh Sinton. £25.00 per hour for an individual session, £15.00 for 30 mins individual session.
Sarah Warrington is an ex-International Three Day Event Rider and has represented Great Britain. When she was competing in Three Day Events she was trained by Trish Gardner and Eddie Goldman. Since then she has continued training riders up to Four Star Level. She enjoying teaching at all levels, so if you are just starting off at dressage or need to improve, etc, she will be most willing to help and instruct.
Book your place with Margaret Davies 01886 830193 OR Email: margaretdavis1@btinternet.com . **Money will be collected on the day.**
- Kate Attlee Sessions – will be returning – Sue is organising some more dates, if you are interested in coming to these, please phone Sue.

Dressage to Music Training:

- Sunday 8th August and Sunday 22nd August Afternoons (times TBC) with Lorna George at Candleford. £30.00 per person for an individual hour session. Book your place with Hollie Clarke. In the first instance reserve place via 07967 202472 or email hollie2uk@yahoo.co.uk and then send form below with payment.
This will be a series of 3 sessions – 3rd date TBA, starting with riding to all types of music that Lorna has to see what suits you and your horse. Second Session to go through your individual floorplan that Lorna will help you devise that will play to your horse's strengths and the third session Lorna will bring your edited CD and you can run through the finished thing and make any tweaks necessary!! Therefore it is important that you can come to both of these initial sessions.
- Lorna is also a great Dressage instructor without music, so she is happy to also do 'straight' dressage sessions on these days – please mark on your form if you just wish to do dressage without music.

