



Newsletter January 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

We hope you've all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and despite the atrocious weather have managed somehow to keep riding!

We finished off last year with our AGM at the Kings Head in Wickham and 55 members and guests attended the meeting and the meal and skittles that followed.

Last year saw some highs and lows for the club. The lowest point was the tragic news of the death of one of our Junior Members, Jamie Bray, following an accident at home. The Club have, with Jamie's family's blessing, organised a trophy in his memory to be awarded annually to the best Junior Member in the Club.

It was a busy year yet again for the club with two Dressage Competitions, our Annual Show, Stockland Lovell holiday and more clinics than ever with an ever increasing choice of venue and instructors. We have continued to look after the finances of the club and despite a slightly disappointing Annual Show with numbers being lower than usual, we have seen our bank balance remaining healthy and continue to look at areas where we can utilise our funds to best serve the club.

We have sent teams to all our Area Competitions, our Senior Show Jumping team came 5th at the Qualifiers last February and Ellen McGibbon, one of our Juniors qualified in the summer but was unable to go to the Nationals. Our Juniors also won the Area 17 regional competition and qualified for the BRC National Dressage Competition at which they all rode brilliantly but were not unfortunately successful at bringing home the ultimate accolade! Alice Walker, another Junior member, travelled all the way to

Aintree to compete in the BRC National Dressage to Music Competition and came second with only half point separating her from the first place and gaining a fabulous score in excess of 75% and an interview with Horse and Hound!

The Club have also sent four members on an Equine Specific First Aid Course and we are pleased to announce that they all passed with flying colours and are now qualified "First Aiders" - they are Lesley Marley, Jane Porter, Leanne Lacey and Hazel Craik. So at future events you know you'll be in safe hands!

There were some changes on the Committee this year with Claire Stockton stepping down and Nancy Harris being formally "voted" on. In addition there have been some changes in roles that individual committee members are responsible for. The Committee and their roles going forward are as follows:

Kate Bartlett	Chairman and organiser of some flatwork clinics
Jane Porter	Treasurer and organiser of some flatwork clinics and Stockland Lovell
Claire Shanks	Club Secretary and Membership Secretary
Sarah Bunting	Newsletters and Annual Show Secretary
Leanne Lacey	Senior Dressage Squad Co-ordinator, Web Site, and organiser of some clinics
Hazel Craik	Show Jumping & Cross Country Co-ordinator and organiser of clinics for these disciplines
Lesley Marley	Health and Safety Officer and organiser of some flatwork clinics and Dressage Competitions
Nancy Harris	Junior Co-ordinator and organiser of Junior Events

Membership fees were discussed and the Club proposed keeping the cost of membership at the current rates for 2011/12 but increasing membership by £5 for those members wishing to receive their newsletter by post rather than read it on line via the web site, this

is due to the increased cost in postage and printing. The members present agreed and voted on this increase and from November 2011 this new rate will be introduced.

Awards were presented to Sarah Bray for her valuable assistance to the Junior Section and for organising clinics with Denise Hallion and to Anna Rudgley for starting up and organising the "Happy Hackers" group. In addition awards were given to those members who represented the club during the year, they were:

Seniors: Jane Porter, Tina Mew, Julia Carden, Sarah Atfield, Leanne Lacey, Karina Bell, Claire Stockton, Michell Brett, Rachel Chubb, Sharon Lovesey, Kimberley McDougal, Isobel Williams, Mandy Tommy, Nikki Glover and Erin Behegan.

Juniors: Alice Walker, Carly Jackson, Katarina Rosell, Justine Gwynne, Millie Brice, Isobel Brice, Yasmin Davies, Ellen McGibbon, Oonagh McGibbon and Sophie Harris.

The Jamie Bray Memorial Trophy was awarded to Carly Jackson for best all round Junior Member.

We have another busy year planned with our Annual Show booked for 31st July on the Hampshire Show Ground (opposite Pinkmead Farm) and our Stockland Lovell holiday from 5th to 9th June as well as Dressage competitions and numerous clinics and other events – keep your eyes on the web site and in future editions of the newsletter.

We would like to wish you all the very best for 2011 and hope to see you out and about at our events.

SRC Committee

New Members

The club would like to welcome the following new members:-

Alison Read, Sandra James, Jeanette Harding, Jo Hyson, Molly Saxby, Rebecca Smith, Kim Cundliffe, Alana & Jackie Lindsay, Freya Limburn, Janet Bellhouse, Liz Harrison, Alice Maxey, Jeana Hollands, Emily Goodwin.

Events and Training

Please see below the diary of events. Booking forms and further details can either be found on line or attached with this newsletter.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Sat 22nd Jan 2011	<u>Lynne Britton : Flatwork Sessions</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Wed 26th Jan 2011	<u>Robert Pickles - Dressage Clinics</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Sat 29th Jan 2011	<u>Denise Hallion Flatwork Clinic</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Sat 29th Jan 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training : Kate Welch</u>	Jaybees Farm
Wed 2nd Feb 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training with Marissa Hunter</u>	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Sat 12nd Feb 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training : Kate Welch</u>	Jaybees Farm
Wed 16th Feb 2011	<u>Robert Pickles - Dressage Clinics</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Sat 19th Feb 2011	<u>Lynne Britton : Flatwork Sessions</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Sat 26th Feb 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training : Kate Welch</u>	Jaybees Farm
Wed 2nd March 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training with Marissa Hunter</u>	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Wed 16th March 2011	<u>Robert Pickles - Dressage Clinics</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Sat 19th March 2011	<u>Lynne Britton : Flatwork Sessions</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Wed 23rd March 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training with Marissa Hunter</u>	Crofton Equestrian Centre

Wed 6th April 2011	<u>Robert Pickles - Dressage Clinics</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Wed 20th April 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training with Marissa Hunter</u>	Crofton Equestrian Centre
5th-9th June 2011	<u>STOCKLAND LOVELL Trip</u>	Stockland Lovell

Important Reminders

CLINICS - DROPPINGS AND LITTER

Please can we remind you all that when you attend any of our clinics, you must clear up any droppings, excess hay and litter etc from around your lorry/trailer before you leave.

Thank you.

POLOCROSSE

Feel like trying something new with your horse this year? Polocrosse is an increasingly popular sport and is really taking off.

As the name implies, Polocrosse is a combination of Polo and Lacrosse on horseback. Each rider uses a stick which is attached to a racquet head with a loose thread net in which the ball is carried. The ball is made from sponge rubber and is approximately 4 inches in diameter. The objective is to score goals by throwing the ball between your opponent's goal posts.

The game is played with a team of six having three playing chukkas each lasting a maximum of 8 minutes. Six to eight chukkas comprise a full match. A team of three can play but a rest is needed in between each chukka, unlike Polo where riders have spare horses to change wherever needed.

The good thing about Polocrosse is that you only need one horse, general riding gear and a racquet. Clubs will lend new members racquets while they decided if this is the sport for them. Any type of horse can take part, although the more agile the horse, the

easier it will be for you to steer with one hand and have your stick in the other! It is also advisable to kit your horse out in boots to avoid any injury caused by your stick.

Our local Solent Polocrosse Club are putting on a taster and demo evening at Quob Stables, Durley on Saturday 5th February starting at 6pm and lasting for approximately 2 hours. There is no charge to attend the demonstration, but if you would like to book yourself and your horse in for the taster session on the evening then you need to call Kathy on 07787 780514 and register, the cost will be approximately £10. Please mention that you are a member of Solent Riding Club.

If there is sufficient interest within our Club, it is possible to put on a private taster and training session with Solent Polocrosse, so please let Jane Porter know if you are interested or would like to take this further on 07775 595969/01489 790103 or email janeporter@aol.com.

If you are unable to attend the evening on 5th, then the Solent Polocrosse Club train at Quob most Saturday evenings from 6pm starting in February. Please check their web site or Quob beforehand.

Useful web sites: www.solentpolocrosseclub.com

www.polocrosse.org.uk

Fit To Ride: Rider Welfare and Performance - Interactive Lecture Demonstration at Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre.

For further information please see attachment.

Advertisements

Brand new Bulldog QD13 Wheel Clamp for trailer or caravan. This is brand new and still in the box. Retails new at £110. Fits 195/50 R13 tyres (even with wheel trims). £80 O.N.O. Contact: Louise Nicholson, Mobile: 07796 172221

Email: louise@nutriprovita.com

Sharer wanted

I am looking for an experienced and sympathetic rider/sharer:

I have a 17.2hh Dutch Warmblood so a gentleman rider or taller lady would suit best (that said I am only 5ft 1" and manage fine riding him!).

He is a stunning horse with beautiful paces and a complete gentleman to ride and handle.

This would involve sharing the riding, stable care and costs.

For the right person, I am happy for someone who is keen to progress with lessons, competing and hunting.

This is a great opportunity so don't miss out!

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