



January/February 2012

2011 once again was a year of highs and lows for the club. It is almost a year ago that our former chairman, Lin Harding, was killed in a tragic riding accident. The club wanted her to be remembered and has bought a trophy to be awarded annually to the most deserving senior member. The Solent Riding Club "Lin Harding Memorial Trophy" was awarded this year to Lynn Carter for her contribution to the club. She is a very loyal member and participates in many training sessions has been on the Stockton Lovell holiday every year, she also comes to the Showground at Pinkmead to help set up the showground for the Annual Show and is quite often co-opted into various roles on show days and always does them with a smile.

The club sent teams to the area dressage competitions in January and July, there was lots of training organised and of course the annual holiday. The AGM was held in November but for some reason was quite poorly attended, the minutes which give a more detailed breakdown of the events of 2011 are included with this newsletter.

Membership Reminder

Membership renewals were due from 1st November 2011, those that have joined on or after the 1st September do not need to renew.

Membership Cards 2012

Members should be receiving their new membership cards over the next couple of weeks, please keep your card in a safe place as the card will also double as a NAF privilege card, which gives BRC members 10% discount on all NAF products purchased online at the NAF website. NAF have used the new BRC membership card to launch a new online NAF shop.

New "Committee Members"

We are pleased to announce that three members have come forward and expressed their interest in joining the Club Committee. They are Heather Lewis, Sharon Riley and Becky Smith. They cannot be officially voted in until the AGM in November this year, but in the meantime will be attending the Committee Meetings and getting themselves involved in club activities.

If anyone else is interested in joining the Committee or helping out at events then please contact one of the Committee (contact details below).

Show Jumping Teams

Calling all you Show Jumpers out there!

Would you be interested in being part of a team to compete at this year's Novice Indoor Show Jumping qualifier at Crofton on Sunday 4th March. The championships are being held at Hartpury College on 7/8th April 2012.

The competition requires teams of 4, competing at 80 cm in the first round and 85 cm in the second round.

This is a novice competition, so your horse/pony can't have any BSJA points/money. However some winnings in BS intro classes are allowed (please see schedule for further details).

The riding club will pay the preliminary entry fees but will require members to pay the entry fee of £20 each.

Team training clinics are advertised on our website, you will need to come to at least one of these to be considered for the team.

If you are interested, please contact Hazel Craik (hcraik06@aol.com). Preliminary entries need to be sent in by 8th February, so I will need all your details including your payment and flu vac by this date.

This is a great SJ qualifier and I know that there are lots of capable riders and horses within the club, I hope to hear from you soon!

Cross Country Training

Here are the details of our next cross country training day.

Each session is for both juniors and seniors of all standards, but you need to feel confident jumping at least 2ft.

Wednesday 15th February 2012

At:

Compton Cross Country
100 Acres Farm
Compton

West Sussex
PO18 9NN

www.comptoncrosscountry.co.uk

The instructor is Kate Welch, Kate currently teaches our very successful show jumping clinics and is a successful and experienced B.E. event rider as well.

Training: This will be in groups of four according to ability and will last for an hour and a half.

Cost: £27.50 per person.

An approved hat and back protector is a must.

For more information or to book a space please email Nancy Harris on: richardharris388@btinternet.com or phone 01489 892356

First Aid Course for Horse Riders

This course is running on Saturday February 11th at Bishops Waltham. There are a few places available for members who would like to attend. Day course starting at 10.am so will you have have time to do your horses before you come. Please contact Kate if you would like to book a place. There is no charge for Members of Solent Riding Club. kate.bartlett1@ntlworld.com Places are limited so are being allocated on first come first served basis.

HAPPY HACKERS!

Would you like to meet new friends in the club and find new places to ride? Then why not join the "Happy Hackers" group. We aim to meet on a regular basis and explore new areas of Hampshire to ride and enjoy a catch up at the end over a drink or two (the non alcoholic type!).

The first ride of 2012 has been scheduled for Saturday February 18th at Chilcomb (nr Winchester) starting at 10.00am. Parking will be at The Grange in Chilcomb courtesy of Adrian Seale and Leanne Lacey, and we will be exploring part of the South Downs Way.

Maps will be provided and the ride will be split into two categories - one ride taking approximately an hour for those horses and riders who are less fit and the other taking approximately two hours - time will be dependent on how fast or slow you wish to ride. We will put you with other riders if you wish or you can come along and ride with your own friends, group sizes will be flexible so that everyone can enjoy the ride in safety and comfort. Please ensure you wear a hi-viz even though most of the ride will be off road and that you carry a mobile phone with you in case we need to contact you or you get lost!!

If you would like to join the ride then please contact Jane on 01489 790103/07775 595969 or janeporter@aol.com who will give you further instructions and arrange the groups.

LE TREC

This year we are planning to organise some introductions and training on Le Trec - many people have heard of it but are uncertain about what is involved and how to get started. One of the disciplines is a timed ride which involves following a route by reading an ordnance survey map. Many of us haven't done any map reading since leaving school or the girl guides - if at all! So the first training session will involve an evening on how to read a map and identify different trails and terrains. This will also be useful training for identify new rides in our area for general hacking out. If you are interested please contact Jane on 01489 790103/07775 595969 or janeporter@aol.com there may be a small charge for attending this event to cover refreshments.

Quiz Night

We are planning a Quiz Night and Ploughmans Supper at the Curdridge Reading Rooms on Saturday 25th February starting at 7pm.

Tickets will be £5 each for members and guests and will include a ploughmans supper and pudding. All you have to do is bring your own beer/wine/soft drinks – glasses are available (tea and coffee will be provided).

So why not get together a team from your yard, or if you're coming on your own then we'll join you in with others.

STOCKLAND LOVELL

This will be the sixth year that the Club has booked a training holiday at Stockland Lovell in Somerset (www.stocklandlovell.com) for members of the club and their horses. Junior members are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

It is planned to arrive late afternoon on the 13th and depart after lunch on the 17th (Wednesday to Sunday). During this period we will have plenty of time to hack around the farm's estate and local bridleways as well as take part in numerous training sessions on their cross country course, show jumping and dressage arena's.

Our horses are stabled individually in a large open barn – straw bedding is included as well as hay and haylage – those of you wishing to bed your horses on shavings must either take them with you or you can purchase them separately at the current market rate direct from Stockland Lovell, but YOU MUST remove them on departure.

Our accommodation is pretty basic in small portacabins sleeping from 3 to 6 people. Having said that the beds are comfortable and the shower block has recently been replaced with a modern log cabin style facility. There is also a comfy tv and sitting room as well as games room, drying room and dining area and past attendees will vouch for the fact that you spend only your sleeping time in your cabin there's so much to do! The cost this year will be £315. This includes accommodation for yourself and your horse, straw bedding and hay or haylage, all training costs and full board (breakfast,

lunch, afternoon tea and cake plus a two course dinner). Tea, coffee and soft drinks and biscuits are available 24 hours a day, but any other supplies, i.e. wine and snacks must be taken with you. We will be offering four training sessions during your stay to consist of one or a mixture of flatwork, show jumping and cross country.

The cost of anyone wishing to attend the holiday without training is £270, to attend without a horse is £170 and those wishing to take an extra horse £100. Extra training may be available during your stay and will be charged separately – please indicate on your booking form if you would like any additional training other than the 4 sessions included in your holiday.

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DO YOU NEED TRANSPORT?

We have one member going on our annual holiday who has space in her lorry for another horse. If you're wanting to go but have been unable to due to lack of transport then here is your chance for a share of the diesel.

Also if anyone does wish to go on the holiday but is worried about travelling alone or doesn't fancy the drive then please let me know and hopefully I can put some of you in touch with one another and you could share transport or hire a lorry and driver between you, alternatively join my "annual convoy" which meet up and travel together to the annoyance of motorists on the A303!!!

Give me a call if any of the above interests you.

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Events and Training

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
28th Jan	<u>TEAM Show Jumping Training</u>	Curdridge
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11th Feb	<u>TEAM Show Jumping Training</u>	Jaybees Farm
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18th Feb	<u>TEAM Show Jumping Training</u>	Jaybees Farm

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22nd Feb	<u>Robert Pickles</u>	Curdrige
25th Feb	<u>TEAM Show Jumping Training</u>	Curdrige
25th Feb	<u>Show Jumping Training</u>	Curdrige
25th Feb	<u>Physiotherapy For Your Horse Event</u>	Braishfield Manor
3rd March	<u>TEAM Show Jumping Training</u>	Curdrige
3rd March	<u>Show Jumping Training</u>	Curdrige
21st March	<u>Robert Pickles</u>	Curdrige
25th April	<u>Robert Pickles</u>	Curdrige
13th-17th June	<u>Stockland Lovell</u>	Stockland Lovell

Important Reminders

CLINICS/EVENTS - DROPPINGS AND LITTER

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

Thank you.