



## **Newsletter March 2011**

Welcome to the March Newsletter.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the very sudden and tragic death of our former chairman, Lin Harding.

### **Lin Harding : In Memory**

Solent Riding Club offers their deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Lin Harding who tragically died on Tuesday, 8th February following a road accident whilst out riding her horse Flumpy.

Lin was Chairman of the Club for over 15 years until 2001 and was instrumental in setting up the club from the Solent Bridleways action group. Many will remember her success in dressage and showing with her grey Irish draught mare Bluebelle and the invaluable help she was always willing to give to novice riders and owners alike, always setting an example with her "escort" duties decked out top to toe (including the horse!) in hi-viz clothing.

She was a bubbly, happy person with an infectious laugh who liked nothing better than to spend time with her horses and that is how most will remember her.

## **Area 17 Winter Dressage Qualifier**

After all the bad weather during the end of last year, it was a concern as to how many of the many interested people would be able to come forward for selection day for the Solent Dressage Teams. Out of the 12 juniors who showed interest originally, we had 5 available for the team and the seniors had 5 members out of the original 8 who showed willing! This meant a full team of 4 for each with a reserve on standby.

After weeks of practicing in the wind, cold and left over snow! , we finally got to the weekend of the qualifier.

The senior team consisted of Gaynor Burnell-Fraser, Sarah Bunting, Lynn Carter, Julia Carden and Kate Harris. All horses and riders were turned out immaculately and had it been a 'show class' we would have won, hands down!! The judges were obviously looking for something a little different (or maybe they were blinded by the shining coats!!) but all riders rode extremely well and have gained great experience to take forward to the Summer Qualifiers. Well done to all.

The junior team members were Sophie Harris, Freya Limburn, Alice Walker, Carly Jackson and Jessica Lacey. Again, the turnout was outstanding and the same applies to the girls riding. They all rode beautifully and this was shown in the results. Carly Jackson did exceptionally well and won her Novice test, beating the Isle of Wight team member.....our biggest rivals!! This meant a little bit of pressure now for the rest of the team to do well.....and they did. Sophie Harris was next to go and rode a rhythmical and consistent test managing a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> place in her class. This meant that we were now level pegging with I.O.W going forward to the second day.

Freya was first to go on the Sunday and making her debut for the Junior Team!! She rode extremely well on her new partner Jack, gaining a 4<sup>th</sup> place. At this point we were still level with the I.O.W

team at the top of the score board with just Alice to go. No pressure on Alice!! She had to beat the I.O.W member.....Alice rode earlier on in the test and did very well, her experience showed. The Solent Team had all gone home and it was just me watching the last few to go. The I.O.W team member rode a lovely test, with a little tension though so broke in her medium trots....was this enough??????....the scores went up and there was just under 1% between them. Alice ended a very close 3<sup>rd</sup> meaning the I.O.W took the winning slot with Solent at a VERY close 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Amazing results from all members and it couldn't have been any closer.....I think secretly that they didn't fancy the trip to Gloucester for the finals anyway!!!!

Everyone in both teams made Solent very proud and it was a shame to have the 'Team Spirit' of the competition taken away by holding it over 2 days, however the weekend went very well and was very successful and stayed dry, if a bit cold!!

Well done to both teams and thank you to the competitors and their 'back stage crew' for all your efforts....look forward to the Summer Qualifiers at Broadlands, Romsey!!!

Leanne Lacey – Chef d'Equipe J

### **Dressage Competition**

A dressage competition has been arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> April to be held at Mayhill Stud. The schedule is online or attached for members that receive the newsletter by post.

### **Show Jumping Training**

More clinics have been organised at Jaybees. Full details are online or attached for members that receive the newsletter by post.

## **Training Rally**

As the training rallies held last year proved to be successful another has been organised for the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Full details are attached.

## **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.

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>VENUE</u></b>
Sat 12th March 2011	<u>Polework/Gridwork Lessons with Heather Lewis</u>	Chilcomb Estate
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
Sat 26th March 2011	<u>Denise Hallion Flatwork &amp; DTM Clinics</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Sat 26th March 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training with Kate Welch</u>	Jaybees Farm
2nd-3rd April 2011	SJ + Dressage Championship	Hartbury
Wed 6th April 2011	<u>Robert Pickles - Dressage Clinics</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Sat 16th April 2011	<u>Polework/Gridwork Lessons with Heather Lewis</u>	Chilcomb Estate
Sat 16th April 2011	<u>Denise Hallion Flatwork &amp; DTM Clinics</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
Sun 17th April 2011	<u>SRC : Dressage</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>

Wed 20th April 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training with Marissa Hunter</u>	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Fri 22nd April 2011	<u>Show Jumping Training with Kate Welch</u>	Jaybees Farm
Sat 21st May 2011	<u>Denise Hallion Flatwork &amp; DTM Clinics</u>	<u>MayHill Stud</u>
5th-9th June 2011	<u>STOCKLAND LOVELL Trip</u>	Stockland Lovell
Sat 17th July 2011	Dressage Q	Broadlands : Chilworth
17-18th Sept 2011	BRC Championship	Lincoln
8th-9th Oct 2011	DTM Championship	Aintree

## **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.

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### **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](mailto: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!

Contact: Louise Nicholson, Mobile: 07796 172221, Email: [louise@nutriprovita.com](mailto:louise@nutriprovita.com)

## **Sharlen Bella Mia**

10 year old Bay Mare – Dartmoor x Part Bred Arab

Mia is a home bred pony who has spent time in a pony club home where she excelled in dressage and local showing. She is recently returning to work after a minor injury.

She is not marish, is good to clip, shoe, trim, catch etc.

She is looking for a new home as she is wasted with me as I have no jockey and my circumstances have recently changed. It will be a sad sale as she is the last of our homebred ponies.

Mia is offered as a ridden pony (flat work only) or as a broodmare. If she is sold as a broodmare she will be available with a free service to Firle Running Bear or Hollybush Lord of the Dance.

£1,200 ono

Please contact Sherri 07754 387254 for further information.

**Wintec 17.5inch brown – adjustable gullet and flocked**

Used but very good condition, sale due to new saddle but has done us well for general activities and showing till this point. Call for more details. £200.00.

Anna 07886122892