



# Cambridge and District Riding Club

Newsletter January 2019

**A very happy new year to all our members  
and helpers!**

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 7th January 2019** - Dan Delsart Showjumping Demo, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

**Saturday 26th January 2019** - Area 7 Winter Showjumping Qualifier, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

**Saturday 2nd February 2019** - Rescheduled Arena Eventing 100 Qualifier and Open 80 and 90 classes, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

**Friday 8th February 2019** - **Club AGM, Rampton Village Hall**

**Saturday 16th February 2019** - Area 7 Winter Dressage Qualifier, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

**23rd-24th February 2019** - Pre-season training camp with Owen Moore, Sedgeway EC, Witchford and Ely Eventing Centre

**9th-10th March 2019** - HorseQuest Arena Eventing Championships, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls

**15th March 2019** - CDRC Race Night, Bluntisham Village Hall, Bluntisham

**30th-31st March 2019** - SEIB Insurance Brokers Novice Winter Championships, Arena UK

**26th-28th April 2019** - Equi-Theme Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm, Bucks

**Sunday 5th May 2019** - CDRC Annual Club Show, Cottenham Racecourse

**18th-19th May 2019** - Fibre-Beet Festival of the Horse Championships, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls

**2nd-4th August 2019** - NAF Five Star National Horse Trials Championships, Swalcliffe Park Equestrian

**31st Aug-1st September 2019** - NAF Five Star National Championships, Lincolnshire Showground

**28th-30th September 2019** - TopSpec Dressage to Music and SEIB Insurance Brokers Quadrille, Bury Farm

**18th-20th October 2019** - Fun Weekend at Courtyard Farm, Ringstead

# Saturday 10th November, HorseQuest Arena Eventing Qualifier, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

On a cold, damp chilly morning, we trekked off to exceedingly early to Keysoe to organise & run the Area 7 BRC Arena Eventing Qualifiers. A new event to BRC this year, and the first to be held in Area 7 so we had a standard to set, and in true Cambridge style, we set the bar high for future events.

We had 183 entries to get through, with courses at 70cm, 80cm, 90cm and 100cm. First combination was on course at 8am with the last horse scheduled to go at 16.17! We knew we'd be tight for daylight, so with Sharron Hughes in Secretaries, Sharon Macleod on the collecting ring, and Rachel Casbon scoring, we had a strict plan of 'get them in & out as quickly as possible'!

All courses caused issues at some point throughout the day. Show jumps fell, riders fell, horses ground to a halt, others flew round, but overall a testing course at all heights that challenged horse & rider.

At the start of the 90 class, the decision was made by the Area 7 reps, with agreement of all team managers, to postpone the 100 class to another day due to running 30 mins behind schedule and the worry of running out of daylight. With this in mind, we still rattled through the 90 class and made up the 30 minutes that we'd got behind. Even when the heavens opened, our faithful stewards and helpers donned their rain coats (or not in the case of Sharon M) and we ploughed on to get the class completed.

All in all a good, challenging, tiring day, but successful qualifier.

Cambridge results were:

## **70cm Mixed**

Rachel Keaveney & Gentle Aherow Dawn Individual 6<sup>th</sup>

## **80cm Junior**

CAMBRIDGE ST CATHARINE'S 2<sup>nd</sup> : Zoe Roach & Chico, Fionn Braybrooke & Calaherine Girl, Paige Dodman & Nothing But Trouble – Individual 4<sup>th</sup>, Ruby Leonard Threehoo Gennie – Individual 1<sup>st</sup>

Lille May & Rosemount Prince Danny Individual 6<sup>th</sup>

## **80cm Senior**

CAMBRIDGE QUEENS 6<sup>th</sup> : Spider Desmond & Small Black & Furry, Lydia Wilson & Gromit, Sue Clover & Westoak Magic, Serena Allery & Pocket Of Silver

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Verena Waddington & Tasheena's Foxy Lady Individual 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **90cm Senior**

CAMBRIDGE KINGS 2<sup>nd</sup> : Steven Plumb & Poacher Tom, Charlotte Freeman & Cloncroi Last Flame, Nuala Hemington & By Jingo II, Polly Taylor & Secret Passion

CAMBRIDGE DARWIN 3<sup>rd</sup> : Sarah Norman & L-Jewel's Dream Girl Individual 2<sup>nd</sup> , Nuala Hemington & Oscar Individual 3<sup>rd</sup> , Polly Taylor & Cassiopeia.

So we have some members off to the Championships!! Well done all who competed, and special thanks to all our helpers & organisers whom without this event would not have run! And we now get to do it all again on 2 February 2019 for the re-scheduled 100 qualifier 😊



### **A word from our Junior team manager, Michelle:**

Some brilliant results for the juniors again individually, with Ruby finishing 1st, Paige 4th, Lillie 6th and Zoe finishing 9th in the 80cm. Zoe, in her first competition for CDRC, Fionn, Paige and Ruby achieved team 2nd - well done!

I'm super proud of both teams - even though we did experience some testing times with some falls I'm so glad that nobody was seriously hurt.

In the 90cm individual Phoebe finished 6th which was brilliant as her round was when the heavens opened! The 100cm which Erin was due to take part in was sadly postponed and is planning to rescheduled.

What a brilliant year for our juniors - I'd like to thank everyone involved, and wish you all a happy Christmas! Looking forward to the successes of 2019.

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## CDRC Ceilidh

We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came along to our Ceilidh fundraiser at the end of November. It was lovely to see so many of our members and friends having a fabulous time!

The raffle for Prince Fluffy Kareem raised a fantastic final total of £450 - £400 of which was doubled using PayPal's Giving Tuesday! Thank you so much to everyone who donated prizes and to everyone who bought tickets. PFK is a great charity providing much needed medical treatment for working equines and other animals at the Giza pyramids in Egypt and we are proud to have supported them. Thank you!

## Changed your details? Please let Nettie know!

A small plea from our Club Secretary - please, if any of your personal details change, do let Nettie ([lsmith@cambridge.org](mailto:lsmith@cambridge.org)) know so she can update British Riding Clubs. We can't send along your copy of Rider or your membership card to the right place if we don't have the correct details!

## Showjumping training dates

**John Adams - Fodders Farm, near Ely. Groups of up to 5 at 100+, 80 and a baby group**

Feb 23rd

April 6th

May 4th

June 8th

**Claire Dodson - Gridwork Training - Moatsway Equestrian Centre. Groups of up to 3, evening training 6pm and 7pm**

Jan 30th

Feb 27th

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# Merchandise

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## Pre-season training camp with Owen Moore - 22-23rd February

We have hired Sedgeway EC on Saturday & Owen will teach flatwork in the Indoor arena in the morning and run through your test if you are heading to Isleham the following weekend or a flatwork lesson.

We will then show jump in pairs in the outdoor arena in the afternoon.

Sunday we will head over to Ely Eventing Centre @ Lt Downham for XC lessons in pairs or groups 9-4pm.

Cost will be approx £120 for 3 lessons over the weekend plus XC course hire.

Places limited so a deposit of £50 per person/horse required ASAP to reserve your space & to be paid via BACS: sort code 09-01-51, account number 98398301.

Please contact Kerry Simson to confirm your space and discuss any special requirements by pm or [ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk](mailto:ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk)



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*Aiming for the Area Showjumping Qualifier on 26th January? Be inspired at our*

# Showjumping Demo with Daniel Delsart



Monday 7th January, 2019

The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

6.30pm-9pm

Tickets £5

Learn about Daniel's methods from the warm up to working up the levels: beginning by warming up one of his own horses, he will then teach four riders jumping from 80 to 100.

Keep out the cold with soup, sausage rolls and hot mince pies provided by Woodhurst RDA.

Tickets available from the CDRC website: <https://cambridgeridingclub.weebly.com/store>

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## Team etiquette - a note from Kerry

I have been organising CDRC horse trials teams for many years now and was asked by the committee to write something about team etiquette for the newsletter. We have had a few incidents this year of members putting their names down and dropping out or failing to turn up at the competition or going home without telling anyone etc so we would like to clear up any confusion.

We want to encourage all of our members whatever level, to have a go at the wonderful range of team competitions open to our club members.

For each area competition all riding clubs have to pay a Prelim entry fee (for each team and individual) to British Riding Clubs (BRC) head office to fund the cost of rosettes and organising the National Championships etc.

CDRC still very generously pay the Prelim entry to BRC on behalf of its members and the team manager pays this before they send in the details of the team entries to the Area organisers.

Many local clubs in the area now expect their members to pay the Prelim entry and the Area entry fee. CDRC raise funds at our Social events to help fund these prelim entries (and maybe you would like to buy a ticket for the Race Night on 15th March to help raise these funds!).

Once the Prelim entry has been paid we are committed to paying the entry fee to the Area organisers for this amount of teams. If you have to withdraw its up to you to contact the team manager asap to let them know. If your space can be filled by another member we may be able to give you a refund. However, if we have paid the Area entry fee and cannot find a replacement you will not get a refund. You are required to pay your entry fee by paypal on the website when you put your name down. You will not be included on the team if you have not paid as the team manager cross checks with the paypal account.

Be realistic about you and your horse's capabilities and don't over face yourself. Although at BRC events the jumps tend to be slightly less wide than BE events (for example) it's better to err on the side of caution and enter the level you are competent at unless you are ready to step up a level. You could always ask the team manager to put you in the B team.

It is your responsibility to check the BRC rule book on the BRC (BHS) website to make sure you are eligible (not the team managers). You are also in charge of making sure your horses Flu vaccinations comply with the rules (not the team manager). If you are "spun" at the Area competition because your Flu vacs are wrong you will be letting your teammates down and will have to run HC and still pay the entry fee.

Please read the newsletter for information about forthcoming team competitions and contact the team organisers for each discipline to put your name down. We are not telepathic, if you do not contact us, we will not know!

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The committee spend a lot of time putting together the newsletter and it's frustrating when we get comments like: "I didn't know about the SJ teams - I never read the newsletter!"

At the competition we try to introduce team members to each other so you know who you are riding with. Please let the team manager know that you have arrived or if there are any problems and you cannot attend. We will need to inform the entries secretary.

We have pale blue team saddle cloths and hat silks etc if you would like to wear team colours and you can purchase your own from the CDRC website in advance. If you borrow any team kit please return it to the team manager on the day - we don't mind washing it! Please check whether you need to plait as you are representing your club. If you have a terrible first round and don't want to continue please let the team manager know. Don't just go home as we will need to inform the entries secretary you have withdrawn.

**We hope to see lots of you putting your names down for the Dressage teams on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Keysoe.**