



# Welcome to Cambridge & District Riding Club Newsletter

## Ramblings from the Chair

Is it too late to say Happy New Year? Probably, but never mind! I hope you all had a fantastic festive time and are already sorting out your plans and goals for the season ahead. May February not be frozen, March march through quickly and Spring be sprung with warm days ☺.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the AGM and quiz, we hope you enjoyed your evening – it was great to see everyone. Yet again Sharon and Mary put on a fantastic quiz and meal! As well as the achievement winners, it's a fantastic time to say a huge thank you to those that have supported the club throughout the year. Our appreciation awards are very close to my heart as without our fantastic supporters we wouldn't be able to do a lot of what we do. Here are the 2016 Appreciation Award Winners:

- Nicola Shaw – Nicola attends almost every qualifier and event going to support our teams and help. A hugely long day at the winter show jumping last year, followed by another long day at the horse trials we just two of the highlights of Nic's support last year.
- Karen Tyrell – Karen is a massively active riding club member, whether riding or helping, again Karen is always supporting the club. Karen's support at the winter show jumping, the club show and in organizing the John Adams clinic is very much appreciated.
- Mark Samson – Mark, not a riding club member, provided two full days of dressage scoring for the horse trails and Summer dressage last year. They were both very long days but Mark's efficient and accurate scoring throughout made the days run very smoothly – we are very grateful!
- Bethany Callus – Beth very generously gives up many of her days to help at Riding Club events on behalf of C&DRC. Last year this included the winter indoor show jumping, the club show, the national championships, the horse trials, and the summer dressage – Beth's support is very much appreciated.
- Judi Shaw – Many of you will have met Judi through the show jumping teams. Judi has decided to step away from the team manager role but it is highly appropriate to show our appreciation for the decades (sorry Judi) of service Judi has provided. As a Team Manager, Judi has been the best! Always welcoming, always supportive, always there to cheer everybody on and always smiling. Whether it be at the qualifiers or at the champs. Thank you!

Those of you that were at the AGM will know that I am stepping down as Chair. I've enjoyed being the Chair and wish the club every success in the future.



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## **A brief routine note to start**

Just a quick note the 2017 subs are due. No Subs means no taking part in club activities. Pay by PayPal on the website, pay by BACS Sort code 090151 and a/c number 98398301 if you pay this way please email both Shirley ([Shirley.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:Shirley.swanson@gmail.com)) and Nettie ([LSmith@canddrc.org.uk](mailto:LSmith@canddrc.org.uk) or [secretary@canddrc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@canddrc.org.uk)) to say you have done so. Alternatively, you can pay by cheque payable to CDRC and send to the address on the form which you download from the website to accompany it and update any details as necessary. The forms are useful although not strictly necessary (except for new members) but ensuring your contact details are kept up to date is essential. You can write on the back of the cheque if you want, but it MUST be clear whose sub(s) are being paid.

## **Flu Jabs - Updates on the rules and regs for your horses**

Your horse must have up to date **Flu vaccinations**. You can check this as follows: (Copied from rulebook on BRC website 06/01/2017)

The horse or pony must have received a primary injection followed by:

- a second primary injection which is given not less than 21 days and not more than 92 days after the first
- a first booster injection which is given not less than 150 days and not more than 215 days after the second primary injection
- further annual booster injections at intervals of not more than a year apart.

If the current vaccination programme started AFTER 1 January 2012:

- the first two primary injections must be correct i.e. the second given between 21 and 92 days after the first
- the first booster must be given between 150 and 215 days after the second primary injection
- all annual boosters must be correct. However, any errors with first booster (which should be given 150 - 215 days after the second primary injection) or annual booster given BEFORE 1 January 2012 may be ignored provided that:
- the first two primary injections are correct i.e. the second given between 21 and 92 days after the first
- all annual boosters given AFTER 1 January 2012 are correct

Leap years will be ignored for an annual booster, but for the two primary injections and first booster injection, the days must be counted and therefore a leap year would interfere with the correct number of days between injections.

Horses may compete at BRC Competitions providing they have had the first two primary injections. No injection should have been given on any of the 6 days before a competition or entry to championship stables.

In the event of failure to comply with any of the requirements of this rule, the horse or pony will be disqualified and not permitted to take part in any competition to which these rules apply.



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## **Calling all Dressage enthusiasts – Area Qualifiers are coming and everyone's welcome**

The Area Dressage competition is on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of February at Keysoe EC.**

**EVERYONE** is welcome to join the teams and have a go.

Please contact Serena for the seniors at [serenaallery@gmail.com](mailto:serenaallery@gmail.com) or 07736 665615 and Juniors to contact James Fenton at [james\\_e\\_fenton@hotmail.com](mailto:james_e_fenton@hotmail.com).

**You must be a paid up member to compete**, so please re-join Cambridge Riding club now if you haven't joined for this year. You can re-join on the CDRC website.

**There are Prelim, Novice, Elementary and Medium classes.** BD Prelim points do not count, but Novice points and above do.

For **Prelim** Riding club you and your horse cannot have any points at Novice and above. The Horse also cannot have competed in Elementary level and above competitions at BD or BRC in the same competition year. Rider restrictions – not allowed to have FBHS, BHSI, BHSII (within last 10yrs), BRC Eq 4, BD groups 1-6 (within last 5 yrs), PC A Test (within last 10 years).

For **Novice** Riding Club the maximum BD points is 124 (excluding Prelim ones). Rider restrictions – not allowed to have FBHS, BHSI.

For **Elementary** Riding Club the maximum BD points is 199 (excluding Prelim ones).

For **Medium** Riding Club the maximum BD points is 299 (excluding Prelim ones).

There are two competitions running on the same day. You can ride a test in each team. You can also ride as an individual.

The Novice Winter Dressage teams have two people riding Prelim 2 (2016) and two people riding Novice 27 (2007).

The Intermediate Spring Dressage teams has one person riding Prelim 7 (2002), one riding Novice 30 (2006), one riding Novice 34 (2009), one riding Elementary 49 (2009).

The Medium is for individuals only; you can ride Medium 71 (2002) or Advanced Medium 90 (2012).

**Please let Serena know which test(s) you would like to do.** [serenaallery@gmail.com](mailto:serenaallery@gmail.com)

### **The entry cost per class is £18.**

You can pay:

Bacs to CDRC's account – Cambridge Riding Club. Sort Code 09-01-51. Account 98398301. Please put reference Snr Winter Dressage.

Online on the CDRC website – Go to the online store, click competitions, click qualifier, select dressage and pay there. (Will be up shortly).

Via cheque – please contact me for details.

Your **Riding Hat** must be of a current standard, this changed at the beginning of 2016. If your hat is only marked with EN1384 or BSEN1384 it is not allowed. It must be either:

PAS015 1998 or 2011 & a BSI Kitemark.

ASTM F1163 2004a or 04a & BSI Kitemark.

SNELL E2001 & label & number.

AS/NZS 3838 (2006) & SAI Global Kitemark.



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## Dressage Championships – Lincoln 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Serena Allery

The seniors travelled to Lincoln on Friday to arrive with the sun shining, sadly it didn't stay for the weekend. To say Saturday was wet would be a bit of an understatement! It was heavy and persistent all day, but a little wet and mud does not deter us.

I was very pleased with my Secret Affaer, who put in three excellent tests, although tiring a little by the third. When I first got him he was very much a fine-weather riding horse, but plenty of riding in the rain means he has learnt to 'get on with it'. He was placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Novice, 6<sup>th</sup> in the Prelim and 5<sup>th</sup> in the pairs with Emma De Silva & Moreno Utopia. The rosettes are very pretty, as you can see in the photo. It was so soggy by then that riding close together in the pairs caused a 'white with brown splodges' effect on the dressage squares... Sarah Walpole's mare Bloomfield Brunei probably thought she was back in Ireland and about to go hunting given the weather, but performed beautifully for 7<sup>th</sup> in the Novice. Being grey she turned somewhat brown by the end of the day, and Sarah's white breeches looked similar (see photo). The other two Open team members, Emma De Silva (Moreno Utopia) and Leanne Ehren (Dragon's Cloverbud) had Bay horses to start with, so they looked a little cleaner at the end of the day. Both were very pleased with their Elementary and Novice tests respectively.



The riding test team was unfortunately also unplaced but pleased with their tests, Sarah Walpole, Leanne Ehren & Sandra Morgan being the team members. Sandra's original ride on her friend's horse If And When went lame so her own eventer Stald Mejses Cordel stepped up. He also completed an individual Novice test, placing 9<sup>th</sup>. Well done everyone for qualifying and the great results on the day.



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## **Showjumping National Championships - Lincoln 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - Judi Shaw**

Travelling up to Lincoln on the Friday was rather a pleasant journey, lots of sunshine and not too much traffic!! Nicola and myself arrived around lunchtime so that I could go and cover my helper slot and also help save spaces for the rest of the Cambridge team riders. Little did we know what the weather was going to throw at us for competition day on the Saturday. During the night, we heard the start of heavy rain on the lorry roof, I think it woke us all. It didn't stop all day, therefore making the arenas very slippery. Nevertheless, our riders were all aware of the terrible conditions and rode their horses sensibly to finish the first round on clear. Only three teams finished the two rounds with a top score of eight faults, Cambridge were the fastest team on twelve faults so were placed a very creditable fourth.

Barry Meningen. My Name is Earl  
Leanne Ehren. Dragon's Cloverbud.  
Sarah Walpole. Bloomfield Brunei  
Rachel Dyke. Last of the Blues.

Emma Butler riding her English Bay had qualified for the Intermediate class as an individual but alas slipped badly on a turn and both came down. Thankfully both were ok.

We also had an individual in the 75cms style jumping with Sarah Walpole, unfortunately I missed her round but Sarah told me that her horse jumped ok but that the judge just didn't like them today! We all know the feeling!!!

Barry Meningen riding News For You was asked to step in to make up an Area 7 team, the course was very demanding and the team was unplaced.

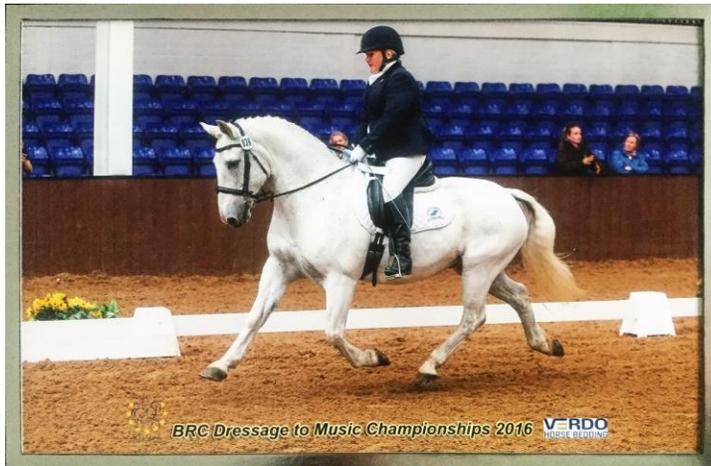
Thank you to all riders, family and friends for making my weekend so enjoyable. The party we had with HHRC on the Friday night, I'm sure will always be remembered by us all, such fun and games, food and drink. Thank you all.



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## Dressage to Music Championships – Sue Peck

After Humphrey and I qualified at the Dressage to Music qualifiers at Houghton Hall in the summer we set out for the Championships at Bury Farm on 2nd October. We had been here once before for the 2013 champs and Humphrey had found the imposing indoor arena very scary, so on that occasion it was pretty tense!



When someone mentioned that these occasions usually had an arena walk time slot I figured that if I was going all that way for one five-minute dressage test then it was worth attempting to get there for the arena walk between 8-8.30 am. It was a bit of a last day decision to get up extra early to attempt this and a few pre-night messages to David Clark, who is pretty much always helping at these RC finals. When David said, it was ok to get there, unload Humphrey and dash to the passport check area and arena walk 'in hand' as long as I had a bridle number and hat on, that was my goal and

involved a 5.30 am start! Thankfully David (thanks again David) was on hand to quickly check our passport for flu vacs and tag my new hat and we got in the arena at about 8.15/20am with a good ten minutes of walking around with all the others. Having others in there also made it less scary for Humphrey, and he was able to soak up the atmosphere and take in the many troughs of brightly coloured fake flowers and walls of glass and tiered seating.

All that helped so much when we did go in for the actual test, it was still a little tense at times, especially near the scary areas like the side door and judges table at E but thankfully our test was pretty ok. There was a long wait for everyone to finish and to watch the scores go up. The mounted

prize giving was 1st-10th and I was thinking it was unlikely we would get placed but as the next few hours went by we were still 'in it'.

When the final few scores were up we were in 10th place, I was so thrilled and relieved I had left Humphrey's plaits in and hadn't left for the journey home.

The presentation felt like a fairly big occasion with para Olympic dressage multi gold medal winner, Natasha Baker, presenting the rosettes, which was such an honour and it was amazing to chat to her.





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Humphrey wasn't quite so keen on standing still for photos with her 'scary' medal winners mascot but thankfully he did in the end.

He decided on the lap of honour that he would really show off to her and flick his toes on a 'BIG' trot whilst then deciding actually the humans were a bit spooky as we went past with a "there goes Humphrey" exclamation from Natasha. Humphrey is a diva at times!



For anyone wondering whether to try DTM I would say definitely give it a go, just find a walk, trot and canter best piece of music that suits your horse and play about with a test plan. If you need help, there are various places who run sessions to help you with music and a plan. As long as you ride to the music and have a few areas where you can plan a few 'ad libs' so if you are ahead or behind your music the judges will never know what is planned or 'ahem' bodged slightly, you can get away with it. It is lots of fun.

## The Wayland Show – Polly Taylor

The Wayland show is a real agricultural show held annually in August in deepest Norfolk. Among classes for cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens and a whole lot more there are classes for horses: showing, working hunter, Retraining of Racehorses and the wonderful team-of-three relay. The relay involves walking, waiting, opening and closing a gate, exchanging the baton (a whip) and going like the clappers around a course of show and XC-style jumps. CDRC had a team in 2015 – and they won! More important, they had a lot of fun and vowed to return in 2016. This year the CDRC team was Karin Newell on Nabs, Eleanor Taylor on Pi and Polly Taylor on Lyric. The only team with all three members to go clear, but was just pipped into second place on time by a local team. The relay lived up to its reputation for enjoyment, with wonderful commentary by Ian Scott. This year the winning team was required to attend the championship parade in the main ring – along with pigs, sheep, high speed 4 wheel drives, flowers, speakers and a lot of noise. All were grateful to be 2<sup>nd</sup> and not require Lyric's presence in such company. The gauntlet is down – more teams for 2017 please - fun guaranteed!



A taster from the relay – Lyric in action



The Wayland show – Champions' parade



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## **The Retraining of Racehorses (ROR) Riding Club Challenge – Polly Taylor**

The ROR is a charity funded largely by the Racing Industry which supports retraining and rehoming of former racehorses. ROR runs a wide range of competitions at all levels in many disciplines for registered ROR horses. Registration is free – the horse simply must be a registered TB racehorse who has raced (however little or badly!) in the UK. See [www.ror.org.uk](http://www.ror.org.uk) for more information.

The ROR Riding Club Challenge is a relatively recent addition to the armory of competitions supported by ROR. This awards participation and performance of former racehorses at Riding Club competitions. CDRC has signed up to this and awards RoR rosettes to the highest point- scoring ROR horse competing at each CDRC-organised competition. A trophy is awarded to the combination that score the most points during the year.

Points are awarded as follows for each class: 1<sup>st</sup> = 7 points scaling down to 7<sup>th</sup>= 1 point. One point is awarded for entering the class even if not placed.

CDRC ran two shows in 2016 that qualified for this. The anticipated Grass Roots competitions didn't happen – but here's to 2017!

### **The May Show**

Back for Tea ridden by Lee Ann Bower (4 points), Historical Giant ridden by Georgie Shepherd (7 points) and Secret Passion ridden by Polly Taylor (27 points) all took part. Secret Passion received the ROR rosette. Sadly Comanche Finale ridden by Carey Mussett was entered but withdrew before the show.

### **The Area RC Dressage Qualifier in July**

Back for Tea ridden by Lee Ann Bower (2 points), Burj Hatta ridden by Rachel Casbon (3 points), Great Charm ridden by Fiona Iszchak (6 points), Harty's Quay ridden by Kerrie Aschettino (4 points), If and When ridden by Sandra Morgan (7 points), Joshua's Boy ridden by Rachel Casbon (3 points) and Secret Passion ridden by Polly Taylor (7 points) all took part. If and When received the ROR rosette (he won a class and had the highest percentage).

Secret Passion wins the trophy. If and When is Reserve Champion. Rosettes and trophy will be awarded at the AGM. Time to dispute the arithmetic in the meantime!

Since, however you do the maths, Lyric (aka Secret Passion) wins the 2016 trophy, here is an unashamed plug for the retrained racehorse: they have learned about routine, loading, traffic, going to parties, travelling ... you name it they have done it. They are relatively young so have a whole new life ahead of them, and the rehoming groups make sure they are sound and suitable for you. Looking for a horse? Consider the ROR.

Lyric is now 19. She is a horse of a lifetime, has represented CDRC in most disciplines (not endurance....) and continues to be wonderful to ride – even if she is a weirdo and fierce in the stable. A weekend in October says it all: competed in the British Dressage Veterans Championship (yes horse & rider are that old) gaining over 60% at elementary. Then immediately hot-footed



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down the M1 in pouring rain to take part in the Novice Pytchley Team Chase. One of the Eastern ROR team - all clear, much enjoyed (not placed, went too fast!). Not bad for versatility! Well done Lyric.





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## **Training Opportunities**

There are several opportunities for members to train together they are open to everyone and should be accessed and used. For any more information this can be found on the club's website: <http://cambridgeridingclub.weebly.com/whats-on.html>. There are also updates on the club's Facebook page so keep checking there too.

## **2017 Dates for the Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	<b>Area Winter Show Jumping Qualifier</b>	Houghton Hall Equestrian Centre
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	<b>Area Winter Dressage Qualifier</b>	Keysoe EC
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	John Adams Show jumping Clinic	Little Downham (Fodder farm) nr Ely
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	<b>Area Combined Training Qualifier</b>	Wittering
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Polework	CWA, Milton
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	John Adams Show jumping Clinic	Little Downham (Fodder farm) nr Ely
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	John Adams Show jumping Clinic	Little Downham (Fodder farm) nr Ely
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	John Adams Show jumping Clinic	Little Downham (Fodder farm) nr Ely

## **2017 BRC Championship Dates:**

1/2 April 2017 - KBIS BRC Novice Winter Champs (SJ & Dressage) - Keysoe EC  
28/30 April 2017 - Equi Theme Intermediate Winter Champs (SJ & Dressage) - Bury Farm  
20/21 May 2017 - Horslyx FOH Champs - Aston-le-Walls  
4/6 August 2017 - BRC NAF 5Star H/T Champs - Swalcliffe Park Equestrian  
2/3 September 2017 - BRC NAF 5Star Natinal Champs - Lincoln Showground  
29 Sept/1 Oct 2017 - BRC DTM Champs & Quadrille Selection - Bury Farm