



Cambridge and District Riding Club

Newsletter June 2019

Ramblings from the Chair

Apologies for the short ramblings, but due to some health issues and living in what feels like a building site, I have not been able to dedicate as much time as I would like to give to the Riding Club.

As a club, we have been extremely busy since our last newsletter went out. In May we held one of our most successful Cottenham Shows (Report and full results later in the newsletter). We also sent senior and junior teams to the British Riding Clubs Festival of the Horse Championships at Aston-le-Walls. This was a fantastic weekend for our club, with wins and placings for all involved. A huge thank you to Michelle Dodman for taking such good care of the junior members and an even bigger thank you to all those who volunteered to help at the event. This was very much appreciated.

On the same weekend, we also sent two teams of show jumpers to represent our club at the prestigious Rockingham International Horse Trials. There were forty teams competing in this event, which is really gaining in popularity. The venue has some stunning scenery, the weather was great and everyone had an enjoyable day. Our Cambridge Queens Team, consisting of: Karen Howse - Bob's The Lad, Michelle Seward - Secret Passion, Eliza Saunders - Barney Rubble and Rachel Dyke - Wizard took joint 3rd place out of 40 teams, with Michelle Seward - Secret Passion taking individual 5th in the 80cms Section and Rachel Dyke - Wizard taking individual 4th place in the 100cms Section. Our Cambridge Kings Team, consisting of Lillie May - Rosemount Prince Danny, Kate Sullivan - Colour Miss Ireland and Polly Taylor - Cassieopia all rode well but on this occasion were unplaced.

We recently held our annual CDRC club camp at Milton Keynes Eventing Centre. Unfortunately, this event clashed with several other local events, including the BRC Area 7 Dressage Qualifier. This was a pity, as several of the members at camp would have competed in the Area Dressage.

As I write this article, we are preparing to send eight teams of junior and senior members to the Area 7 Show Jumping Qualifier, which is being held on Sunday 21st July at Glebe Farm, Wellingborough. Kindly hosted by Bozeat Riding Club. May I take this opportunity to wish all our members the best of luck at this event.

At the end of July we are sending two teams of show jumpers to the Hickstead Royal International Horse Show, where they will compete and represent our club in the British Riding Clubs Teams of Three Show Jumping Championships. On behalf of the club, I would like to wish Sally, Steve and Phoebe Plumb, Rachel, Kerry and Alice Ellison good luck and happy shopping!

Best wishes, Sharron

Dates for your Diary

Find all the contacts you'll need to get involved here:

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Contact for all Junior Qualifiers is Michelle Dodman

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

11th August 2019 - BRC Area 7 Dressage to Music Qualifier, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe - *Contact Serena Allery*

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

15th September 2019 - Festival of the Horse Eventer Challenge, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe - *Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information*

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

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

20th October 2019 - BRC Arena Eventing Qualifier, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe - *Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information*

18th January 2020 - BRC Winter Showjumping Qualifier, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe - *Contact Sharron Hughes*

2nd February 2020 - BRC Winter Dressage Qualifier, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe - *Contact Serena Allery*

5th July 2020 - BRC Summer Dressage Qualifier, Alconbury - *Contact Serena Allery*

30-31st March, 2019 - SEIB Novice Winter Championships - Arena UK

CDRC were well represented by our junior members at the SEIB Novice Winter Championships at Arena UK, with Fionn Braybrooke coming 8th individually in the 80cm showjumping, and Alana Bailey taking the win for the championship in Prelim 13! Well done girls!

20th April 2019 - Area 7 Horse Trials 2019, The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe

The Area qualifier was held early this year at Keysoe on 20th April.

We fielded Senior teams in all sections 80 90 100 & 100+ which was fantastic. The day was well organised by the Area 7 committee and thanks to all who helped on the day.

Great results and congratulations to Coco Chambers who won the 80cm for her section and Philli Williams 1st in the 100+ and to the 100+ team who won and have qualified for the Horse Trials championships along with Polly Taylor who came 2nd in the 100. Congratulations also to Ella Crook 5th and Julie Horse 7th in the 80cm and Nuala Hemington 5th and Claire Elbrow 6th in the 90.

And as for our juniors, both teams in the 80 and 90 won the qualifier on April 20th at Keysoe and have qualified for the Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe in August: Fionn, Paige, Lille and Anna in the 80 and Erin, Eliza and Ruby in the 90. Jessica Cahn also took part as an individual in the 80HT.

It was nice to see members wearing the new Cambridge XC tops. We have lots of sizes in stock for members to buy £15 each. Contact Karen Tyrell if you wish to purchase one to wear at other CDRC events this year.

24th-26th April 2019 - Equitheme Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm

Dressage

The senior team from Cambridge RC were very excited to be one of 25 teams from across the UK to have qualified for the dressage championships at Bury Farm in Buckinghamshire. Unfortunately Storm Hannah was also excited to arrive on the same day! Vicky travelled up the day before to stay overnight so that her horse would be well rested. Sadly neither Vicky or Rubin got any sleep that night with the high winds, and he was totally unable to settle in the arena in the morning.



My own horse Silver is not best keen on wind, however with the addition of an ear bonnet to keep the wind and rain out of his ears, which he hates, he was able to keep a lid on his enthusiasm to score 71.15% for 4th place, just missing out on the mounted presentation. I was very impressed with him when he didn't join in with another horse in the warmup which did buck its rider off. I could certainly sense that he was tempted!

With the afternoon's arrival the wind began to die down and the rain ceased. Philli Williams and Tango performed a polished test to score 72.38% for another 4th place, missing out on the mounted presentation just on lower collective marks. Last to go Rachel Casbon had carefully made her way to the venue towing Squirt in her trailer, not an easy journey when towing. Squirt,

being the pro he is, seemed completely unconcerned by the wind, and performed a neat test. I'm sure if he could talk he would tell Silver & Rubin "seriously mate, it's just wind!"

Final results: Cambridge and District Riding Club - 12th

Serena Allery & Pocket of Silver - Prelim 13 - **4th**

Rachel Casbon & Burj Hatta - Novice 24 - **24th**

Philippa Williams & Simply Tango - Novice 34 - **4th**

Vicky Smith & C. Rubertha R63 - Elementary 42 - **24th**

Our Junior members were also represented by Alana Bailey who unfortunately was just out of the placings in Prelim 13.

Showjumping

Our Junior team placed 5th in the 90, consisting of Evie Anderson, Paige Dodman, Ruby Leonard and Eliza Saunders.



Well done everyone!

Training dates

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Polework with Fran Berry, Sedgeway Equestrian Centre. Groups of 3 at 5.45, 6.30, and 7.15pm.

Contact Rachel Casbon

18th July

8th, 14th, 22nd August

18th, 26th September

Gridwork with Claire Dodson, Moatsway Equestrian Centre. Contact Spider Desmond.

16th July

5th May 2019 - CDRC Annual Cottenham Show

This years' Cottenham Show was one of the best, if not the best, annual show we have ever held. We had a fantastic turnout, with a hundred and twenty six horses and ponies in attendance.

Our overheads for this year had significantly increased from previous years, but thanks to the extremely generous support of our sponsors, we were still able to offer our competitors some lovely prizes to go with the beautiful rosettes provided by our club.

We could not continue to make this show such a success without the hard work of our committee members/club members or family and friends. We are enormously grateful to all those who turned out on the Saturday to help set up and to those who stayed behind on the Sunday to help clear everything away again.

We received some excellent feedback from judges and competitors on Social Media after the show, and it would appear that everybody enjoyed themselves. Full results are posted on our Facebook page.

Once again, thank you to all helpers and competitors for making our 2019 show such a success.

Sharron

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

Our members had a fabulous weekend at the BRC Festival of the Horse Championships, achieving the following results:

Combined Training - Juniors

Team - 12th

100Q Anna Braybrooke Ind 15th

90Q Poppy Daly Ind 12th

90Q Alana Bailey Ind 4th

100Q Erin Braybrooke Ind 12th

100Q Fionn Braybrooke Ind 8th

Eventer Challenge - Juniors

100 - Erin Braybrooke Ind 9th

In the 80 class, our Junior team placed 2nd with All Scores to Count!

Anna Braybrooke Ind 17th

Paige Ind 48th

Fionn Braybrooke Ind 7th

Ruby Leonard Ind 25th

Eventer Challenge - Seniors

90 - Team 4th

Stephen Plumb

Rachel Dyke

Claire Elbrow

Nuala Hemington

The cross country course was well up to height with a lot of very tricky combinations and a very influential bounce fence of planks in the show jumping. They all rode extremely well.

19th May, 2019 - Rockingham International BRC Team Showjumping

Our Cambridge Queens Team, consisting of Karen Howse, Michelle Seward, Eliza Saunders and Rachel Dyke finished joint 3rd place out of 40 teams in the hotly contested Rockingham International Team Show Jumping Competition today. Our Cambridge Kings Team, consisting of Lillie May, Kate Sullivan and Polly Taylor all had an enjoyable day but on this occasion were outside of the placings. Well done all of you. It was a tricky course and clear rounds were very few.

26th May 2019 - Houghton International Unaffiliated Teams of 4 Dressage Challenge



Left to right: Josephine Pool & Blue Twist (Prelim 13), Sarah Walpole & Bloomfield Brunei (Elementary 40), Anna Torbati & Alfie Moon II (Novice 30), Rebecca Thompson & Jacques Colore (Novice 23)

This fabulous fun team event lived up to all our expectations and proved to be a super fun day of firsts or at least firsts for some time for us all. Jo brought her feisty little Ferret out for her first experience of dressage in a big atmosphere. It was Anna's first ever Novice test on Alfie. Rebecca's first show back after a long break following a broken wrist, knee surgery and a foot injury. It was Panda and my first time back in an event atmosphere since our fall at Badminton last year so lots of super achievements for us all and that was before we even entered the white boards.

The weather was kind to us in the most part only raining as we finished our tests. We all managed to work in in a sane and sensible way and headed off to the arenas at about the same time which meant we didn't get to see much of each other's tests. Jo and Ferret produced a polished performance for 2nd place in her arena on 67.5%. Rebecca was 8th in her arena on 61.04% and showed that despite their break neither her nor Baby Jack have forgotten what it's all about! Anna and Alfie produced an A grade test for 58.08% in a very competitive arena and Panda and I were delighted to score 62.74% in our second ever Elementary with just a few cheeky moments creeping in amongst all the atmosphere. She was definitely thinking about the cross country running the other side of the hedge but held it together admirably overall. I think she can't wait to get back out eventing.

The rain didn't dampen our spirits and we enjoyed all that Houghton International has to offer with its trade stands, fairground, not to mention the culmination of the international classes while we waited for the results. The day was rounded off with a few bubbles in the form of a little "Nosecco" to celebrate the team coming 6th and bringing home lots of purple frillies in honour of Karen Tyrell's favourite colour who had so kindly volunteered as our helper and given up her holiday time while camping at Houghton. We are so grateful Karen!

Well done team – A great fun day and it was a pleasure to organise the team's participation for you and I'm already looking forward to next year!

Report by Sarah Walpole

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) 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!

CDRC Autumn Seaside Weekend 2019

We have booked the Bunkhouse Barn at Courtyard Farm Ringstead for the weekend of 25-27 October 2019 if anyone would like to join us. See www.courtyardfarm.com

Lots of safe off road hacking available around the farm or longer routes to the beach at Holme or Ringstead Downs and Peddars Way. We normally arrive by lunchtime on Friday and ride in the afternoon with a longer day ride on Saturday then a shorter ride Sunday morning before we depart early afternoon. You can ride with us in groups or go off on your own.

There are bunk beds available in the bunkhouse barn (12 spaces) or you can sleep in lorries/caravans etc in the field. The horses can have a stable or grazing and you may need to bring electric fencing to section off the larger paddocks.

The last few years we have all brought some food to contribute to a 'bring and share' meal in the bunkhouse each night or you can go out to eat or get fish and chips from Hunstanton. There is a small kitchen and a dining area in the bunkhouse.



The cost of the weekend will be £50 per person and 1 horse.

(£15 per night per person and £10 per night per horse) Non riders welcome.

Contact Kerry Simson ksimson@cambsfarrier.co.uk 07833690812.

Merchandise

Our new merchandise is now on sale! Get yours here:

https://cambridgeridingclub.weebly.com/store/c9/Club_Merchandise_Direct_from_Beewear.html

Did you see our juniors in the news?