

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

May 2006 Newsletter

Ramblings from the Chair

By Karen Froud

I am delighted to report that the CDRC Open Show at Cottenham was a huge success on April 30th. The weather was kind, the entry was large, and the atmosphere was friendly. What more could we wish for? Many thanks to Sharron Dyke and all the Team of Organisers. What also made it such a good weekend was the wonderful turnout of helpers and volunteers, both setting up on Saturday and on the day itself. I have never seen the showjumping ring cleared so fast as on Sunday evening, and it makes such a difference! Thank you all.

The show jumps will shortly be out in the field at Mepal. Anyone wishing to practice over them please contact me. They belong to the Club so do make use of them.

The next great announcement is the reactivation of the website. Although an initial version that needs more work and material (it still has some test data in it in places) the website is now live at www.CandDRC.org.uk. The show results will be posted there, as are dressage show schedules, newsletters, the diary and more. Do have a look, and do send me copy or pictures to add to it. Our thanks to Eddie Pounce who has performed the technical wizardry and will be improving it over time.

May I urge you to book up promptly for places in teams, training sessions and the riding holidays.

And finally Good Luck to our Novice Hunter Trials Team as they take on the Championships course at the Festival of the Hunter on May 14th.

Karen

Thank You!!

From Sylvia Sullivan and Nettie Smith.

A big thank you to all those members who helped at the Winter Dressage League, by writing, stewarding or providing other assistance, sometimes at very short notice! It was much appreciated.

Novice Indoor Show Jumping Championships

By Judi Shaw

These took place at Hartpury on 22nd April.

The Cambridge Team was:

Sarah Simmons	Twentyfourve
Teresa Knapp	Ellie Gray
Harriet Morris	Nobody's Fool
Nicola Shaw	Earl Grey

Our Senior Team who had qualified at Lordsbridge in February travelled to Gloucestershire on the Friday. All arrived safely and without too many hold-ups (we all know what Motorways can be like on a Friday).

We were all in high spirits, (some more than others by bedtime!) and were looking forward to the competition on the following day.

There were 25 teams competing from as far afield as Newquay to Scotland. After the first round Cambridge were on a zero score, but with the second round not so good we finished with 12 faults, ending the competition in a creditable 9th place.

My thanks go to Sarah, Harriet, Teresa, Nicola, Claire, Georgie, Craig, Wendy, Adrian and Susan, our riders and supporters.

Area 7 Show Jumping Qualifiers

By Judi Shaw

This year Rockingham Forest RC are hosting the outdoor qualifiers at Earl's Barton, near Kettering on the 23rd July.

Anybody who would like to compete in a team please contact me before June 25th. The heights are 2'6" and 2'9" for the Novice (horses not to have won any money BSJA); 3' and 3'3" for the Intermediate (BSJA up to £150); and 3'6" and 3'9" for the Open (BSJA up to £500).

Everybody is welcome, if you are able to jump a course at these heights come and have a go, it really is fun (we won't be cross if you have a fence down); you haven't got to be "good" to ride in a team.

Call Judi on 01223 263606.

Equitation Jumping and Junior Show Jumping

These qualifiers also take place at Earl's Barton on July 23rd.

Equitation jumping is a round of fences at 85cm (2'9") judged on style, for both juniors and seniors. Seniors contact Michelle Palmer; juniors Sarah Sapsed.

Sarah is also co-ordinating the junior show-jumping teams, which jump over courses of 2'6"/2'9" for the Novice, and 3'0"/3'3" for the Open.

Hickstead 'Teams of Three' Show Jumping

To be held on 30th July at the Royal International Horse Show.

This team competition is great fun, it involves each team member to ride one round against the clock. The novice horse from each club goes first over a course of 85cm, then the intermediate over the same course but now raised to 95cm, then followed by the open horses jumping 1.05m.

Those wishing to compete at this event need to contact Judi before 10th June.

Trip to Birmingham NEC to see the Spanish Riding School of Vienna

After 5 years the Spanish Riding School is returning to the UK and will be performing at Birmingham NEC from 23rd to 26th November. For the first time groups can experience an exclusive free pre-performance clinic on the Thursday and Friday. This will be led by a chief rider, who will personally explain how the world famous Lipizzaners are trained, with demonstrations from 3 riders. This rare opportunity is available to groups of 10 or more, and start at 6pm on 23rd and 24th November. For more info visit www.spanishridingschool.com

CDRC would be keen to send a group on Thursday 23rd. Tickets cost £19, £32, £45, £59. Main performance starts at 8pm.

Transport can be arranged if numbers warrant. Contact Barbara Snowball.

Riding Test and Equitation Jumping Training

Sadly the clinics with Kay Graves and Jane Baker have had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

Dressage Teams

Cambridge is again hosting the Area Dressage Qualifiers this year.

On June 18th the Music Qualifiers take place at Fenning Farm , Soham Fen, on their nice arenas. There is a novice test for both seniors and juniors (movements as the BD Novice Music Freestyle, but in a 20x40 arena, and lasting 4-4.5 minutes). There is also a Pairs and an Elementary (as BD Elementary Freestyle to Music 2006 in 20x40).

There are also a selection of unaffiliated warm up classes on the day open to all, including those competing in the qualifiers. The schedule is enclosed. Do come and have a go!

Preliminary entries for the qualifiers need to be in by the end of May, so contact Ali Leonard ASAP.

The main Dressage Qualifiers at Prelim, Novice, Elementary and Medium level, as well as the Pairs and the Riding Tests, for Seniors and Juniors takes place on grass at Cottenham Racecourse on July 16th. This year we plan to run junior classes in the morning and seniors in the afternoon. Warm up or alternate individual entry classes can also be entered if you want to ride in more than 1 class. Seniors contact Ali Leonard and juniors Sarah Sapsed before June 19th.

The Riding Test classes for juniors and seniors also take place on July 16th, so why not do an extra test whilst you are there? Let Ali or Sarah know. Copies of the tests are available from Karen.

CDRC Open Show Results

Dressage Classes, 30.04.06

(Short form results - the full results will be on the club web site (www.CandDRC.org.uk) once they are typed into the spreadsheets.)

Class D1, Pony Club D1

- 1st Emily Procter on Alfie
- 2nd Rachel Dyke on Banner
- 3rd Emma Seaton on Bione.

Class D2, Prelim 1

- 1st Rebecca Edgoose on Floss II
- 2nd Rebecca Jarvis on Gordon
- 3rd Polly Taylor on Charlie

Class D3, Prelim 18

- 1st Lucy Hofton on Fly
- 2nd Sarah Wright on Jez
- 3rd Ed Cross on Marquiee de Gres

Class D4, Novice 21

- 1st Samantha Baker on Just Morse
- 2nd Sam Morgan on Tarpja
- 3rd Shelley Poolman on Floss II

Class D5, Novice 32

- 1st Samantha Baker on Just Morse
- 2nd Nicole Hunter on KantarasTreasure
- 3rd Pretoria Lee on Kiltilane Jack.

Special Rosettes to the highest percentage achieved by a CDRC member went to:
Rachel Dyke for the juniors with 70%, and
Sarah Wright for the seniors with 74.2%.