

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

September 2006 Newsletter

Ramblings from the Chair

By Karen Froud

Congratulations to the Hickstead SJ Team!!!!

I am delighted to open this newsletter with the great news that our showjumping team of Sarah Simmons, Niki Shaw and Lauren Sapsed won the Teams of Three competition at the Royal International Horse Show. What a fantastic result! A full report is inside.

It has been a busy two months of interclub competition. Read on for reports on the dressage, eventing, and equitation jumping, as well as the show jumping. The club again hosted the dressage qualifiers, giving two busy days of contest. Entries at Cottenham were high, so many thanks to all the people who helped both on the day and behind the scenes. Not only was it a good competition, but has also raised lots of money for the club. In conjunction with the success of the winter Novice SJ qualifier and the Cottenham Open Show, the club funds are looking healthy. We plan to support our team members who attend championships in the name of the club. We already subsidise all area qualifier entries as a levy for each competitor is paid direct to RC HQ at Stoneleigh. We feel that supporting the teams is important as it keeps the name of Cambridge Riding Club heard at all these competitions and is therefore good publicity. Next year it is hoped that entry fees to the organising club may be subsidised as well.

We are also planning to fund the social evening after the AGM this year. There will be cheese and wine (plus other nibbles) and a quiz, so do come along. The formal part of the evening should be quite short, but your comments and ideas as to how we should spend any profits would be welcome.

Hope to see you there....

Karen

Membership Renewals

Membership for 2006-2007 becomes due on 1st October. Please bring your cheque to the AGM or send the enclosed renewal to Nettie.

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I hope you have had chance to visit the website, which is steadily evolving. Being able to post the dressage times for the area qualifier has made life much easier for organisers and competitors alike. There is now a link to contact committee members by email. Do send your info or pictures for inclusion, to Nettie or Karen.

CDRC AGM

Friday 6th October 2006, 7.30pm at Rampton Village Hall.

AGM, Quiz and Cheese & Wine Social Evening.

Free Entry and Food & Drink.

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Rampton is a village midway between Cottenham (B1049) and Willingham (B1050) north of Cambridge, the village hall is on the left in the middle of the village going C-W. Has a noticeboard outside and its own car park.

New committee members welcomed, specifically a Treasurer, Minutes secretary and Newsletter Editor. If you would like to see CDRC offering a certain activity then join the committee and make it happen! Meetings are held approximately 6 times per year.

Nominations are requested for the White Horse Cup. This is presented to the top horse/rider combination based on results in the previous 12 months, in any form of competition. Send details to Nettie for consideration.

Attention: All Cross Country Riders!

Competitors wanted to ride for Cambridge at the Hunter Trials qualifier at Home Farm, Alconbury on October 8th. Open classes also take place.

Senior Novice class at max. of 85cm (horse to have 0 BE points and not to have competed at BE PN or above this year), junior class at max. 85cm (horse to have no more than 20 BE points) and senior open class at max. 1.0m (horse to have no more than 20 points).

Juniors contact Sue Speller.

Seniors contact Judi Shaw, Sarah Simmons or Wendy Beal.

(Telephone numbers on contacts page).

... Before September 8th ...

Competition Reports

Area Dressage Qualifier- Dressage to Music

By Karen Froud

This was held at Fenning Farm, Soham on June 18th, in association with some open unaffiliated classes. A select Cambridge contingent of Joanne Harrison, Sandra Joyes and myself attempted to dance to the music with our horses in an entertaining and aesthetically pleasing manner. Competitors from Aspley Guise, Holly Hill and North Mymms came to challenge. The spectators all seemed to enjoy the competition, and I was delighted to win the Novice class on Texas Rose, ahead of Rachel Harris from Aspley Guise on Llangarth Sebastian. The new Elementary qualifier had only 2 entries, so I had to settle for second place behind Alison Kenward, Aspley Guise, on Roughway Jack.

Addington here we come!

Many thanks to all at Fenning Farm for their hospitality.

Area Dressage and Riding Test Qualifiers - July 16th at Cottenham Racecourse.

By Karen Froud

It was a boiling hot day, and the racecourse looked unusually brown and bare.

Cambridge fielded 4 teams for our own qualifier, plus some individual entries. However not all went according to plan...

..one had a horse go lame...

..one had a horsebox crisis, and got jumped on by her horse when loading and ended up at Addenbrookes...

..one forgot to put on her gloves when allowed not to wear her jacket and was eliminated...

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..one had a vaccination crisis...

But despite that, several rode great tests and the Senior Novice Team came 2nd, and has hopefully qualified for Lincoln; we await confirmation. We also managed to field a Riding Test team this year. Well done to Ann Fenwick, Michelle Palmer, Frances Woods (and Sandra Joyes) for having a go. Their team finished 7th.

Full results are available on the website.

Our thanks to Michael Gingell for use of the racecourse.

Festival of the Hunter, May 2006

By Rebecca Seymour

The Senior Novice Hunter Trial Team of Niki Shaw, Polly Taylor, Debbie Roberts and Michelle Palmer went to Grange Farm, Wittering for the Championships. All gave commendable clear rounds, but due to hot competition were not placed. However Rebecca Hiscocks competed in the working hunter class and won.

Area Horse Trials Qualifier, Milton Keynes

By Rebecca Seymour

On 4th June a contingent of Cambridge Juniors and Seniors competed at Milton Keynes Equestrian Centre. Despite the rain beforehand the ground was very hard, but the courses were good. For the seniors the Novice team came 5th with Harriet Sharpe 5th as an individual. In the Intermediate class Harriet was 3rd individually and Claire Neal 5th.

For the juniors, one team finished 6th and Jo Harris qualified as an individual.

Area Show Jumping Qualifier - Juniors

By Sarah Sapsed

On Sunday 23rd July, 4 junior teams travelled to Earls Barton to take part in the area show jumping and equitation qualifiers. The Equitation team of Harvey Roberts, Madelaine Dyke, Charlotte Horne and Lucy Tinkler all jumped well but only Charlotte was placed, 5th individually.

The 2 novice showjumping teams were unplaced as several of the ponies were having an off day and were reluctant to jump, particularly fence 3!. Sadly some determined riding did not pay off.

The open faired better with Lauren Sapsed and Georgie Morris going double clear (after some confusion with the starting bell and a discussion with the judges). Lauren qualified for the final as an individual.

Hopefully we can improve for next years competition, but well done to all those who took part.

Equitation Jumping Qualifier

By Judi Shaw

The Equitation Jumping qualifier took place on the 23rd July at Earls

Barton. It was a lovely venue and the going was very good. C&DRC entered one senior team which consisted of Alison Leonard riding Ruth Davies' Don Pedro, Siobhan Pryke on Asterisk, Polly Taylor on Charlie and Michelle Palmer on Quality Gold.

There was an excellent team spirit with the whole team watching each member complete their round and offering encouragement and congratulations. The team were on form and did very well individually which then added together made for a brilliant overall performance,

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this resulted in a team win which means a qualifying place for the championships at Lincoln in September.

Area Show Jumping Qualifier - Seniors

By Judi Shaw

23rd July. Earls Barton

Open Individual

Clare Neale	The Last Catch
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Intermediate Team

Michelle Palmer	Quality Gold
Siobhan Pryke	Asterix
Polly Taylor	Charlie
Emma Lloyd	Gaelic Charmer

Novice Team - St Johns

Harriet Morris	Nobody's Fool
Doris Brenke	Glucksritter
Janice Robinson	Ladys Pride

Novice Teams - Trinity

Alison Leonard	Don Pedro
Wendy Beal	Mobile Phone
Debbie Roberts	Hunger Munger
Nicola Shaw	Earl Grey

Well what a super day I had. Up at the crack of dawn and really looking forward to the day ahead.

After Nicola and I arrived at the showground, which I must say was very pleasant, and declaring the teams I was then able to meet and welcome the new team members. Great bunch you are too!

Clare Neale, a fairly new member was our only Open competitor and although they didn't qualify both her and her lovely horse went very well.

The Intermediate team also went very well and came a creditable 5th place.

For the Novice class we had two teams entered. Both horse and riders went well, some with mixed fortunes as they were on borrowed horses or had never competed in a

team before, so were very nervous, but all members supportive toward each other and all seemed to enjoy themselves. As the St Johns team only had 3 members all the scores had to count, so unfortunately as faults were incurred they were not placed in the top six.

The Trinity team came a creditable 3rd place finishing on 12 faults. Nicola Shaw riding her little grey was the sole member to go forward to the jump-off for an individual qualification. Nicola was 6th to go from 7 so had the advantage to watch the others. Although not going as fast made a superb turn back to an upright (which no other rider attempted) and this was what gave her overall victory, so well done Nicola!

I would like to thank all riders, some of whom came in at the last minute, also our supporters. It was very much a party atmosphere, especially when Claire M produced some bubbly!! (Keep coming Claire). Hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did and come back for the next qualifiers in 2007.

N.B. The teams were all girls, where are you fellas! Come on there must be a few out there willing to have a go!!!!

Hickstead Teams of Three

By Judi Shaw

St. Johns

Siobhan Pryke	Asterix
Sarah Simmons	Mobile Phone
Amber Cardoza	Georgies Jackpot

Trinity

Sarah Simmons	Twentyfourve
Nicola Shaw	Earl Grey
Lauren Sapsed	Little Tiggywinkle

WOW! WE WON!

After years of trying the Trinity team became the champions.

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We had to wait right to the last of the 78 teams to see if we had managed it, and we did it, winning by some 11 secs.

All the riders did a super job, as did the grooms (mums, dad and friends). The horses went very well with the St. Johns team coming a very creditable 14th place having made just one mistake at the first fence.

My commiserations go to Emma Lloyd, Sonia Hansen and Clare Neale who unfortunately could not participate due to their lorry breaking down en route and an extra long wait for the recovery people to attend to them. Thankfully their horses are OK, despite having stood on the lorry for approx 11 hours.

My thanks go to the riders and to Rachel Dyke, Sarah Sapsed, Craig, Lucy Tinkler, Angela Simon, Lily Cardoza, Alison, Steph and Richard Pryke all of whom made it a truly special weekend.

...Roll on Hickstead 2007...

July Beach Holiday at Courtyard Farm near Ringstead.

By Rebecca Seymour

New faces as well as some regulars (and lots of dogs) attended courtyard farm near Ringstead for the first of 2006's beach holidays. Glorious sunshine dominated the week with only a couple of heavy downpours dampening the proceedings. (Unlike Cambridgeshire where flash floods caused some areas to have water in homes).

Everyone got a least one chance to ride on the beach, even if it was only for a very short time. Caroline's young horse was a bit over whelmed by the whole experience so didn't venture far onto the beach. Instead she decided for the rest of the week to spend time enjoying the many tracks and grass margins around the farmers fields.

Yes you are allowed to ride around the farmer's fields, so not much roadwork is needed which is ideal for the younger or traffic shy horses and great for cantering too!

Polly on Barbara's pony Polly had her first beach ride, paddling in the sea, trotting through the surf and cantering along the sand, finished off by an ice cream at old Hunstanton. Unfortunately for Polly on the ride home through the Country Park Polly the pony decided she was still in cross-country mode from the previous day and instead of walking through a gap in the hedge launched herself and subsequently Polly. They parted company and Polly landed awkwardly on her wrist so spent the rest of the afternoon in Kings Lynn A & E. She made it back for the trip to the pub in the evening!

The cross-country training with Emily Lachore at Burnham Market again was a great success with seven riders having a go. Emily tailored the sessions to suit the riders and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Lynsday and Barbara have since hired Ely Event Centre to have another go.

The kitchen facilities have greatly improved at the bunkhouse with a fridge freezer, toaster and a proper cooker (not plugged in yet). This year we did not have the usual BBQ as many people ate out at the local pubs (a great many to choose from with good food) but on the last evening we hit The Gin Trap on mass for dinner.

Everyone enjoyed the holiday meeting new people from the club, with many wanting to come again next year. There may even be some spaces left on the September holiday this year. If you would like to attend the holiday contact Mary Owen. Telephone number on contacts page.