

Cambridge and District Riding Club

April 2007

Spring Newsletter

Ramblings from the Chair - March 2007

Do I dare believe that Spring has finally come? Typically it arrived just after the announcement that my horse's first even was cancelled due to waterlogged ground... Given that she has been balloted out of her second entered event, my campaign in that direction is not going well! So instead I shall concentrate on Chieffie's mission to compete in the Riding Club Horse Trials Qualifier at Milton Keynes in June (more about that inside). Hopefully we can at last find good enough ground to canter on now, and so head for our first hunter trials. Who needs brakes anyway....!

I trust that you are also plotting your programme for 2007; Where to go and the route to get there. I hope you have been inspired by the Riding club offerings of riding holidays and qualifiers. Tasters were on show at the party at Rampton on March 9th, so I hope appetites have been whetted!

It was great to see a good turnout for a jolly social evening, where the hardworking other-halves and behind the scenes crews could enjoy a function as much as the riders. The junior members were on fine form and made the most of the disco. If there is ever a contest for the most noise to be made from balloon popping, then CDRC are sure-fire winners!

The next major event for the club is the Open Show at Cottenham on May the 6th. A schedule is including in this mailing. I look forward to seeing lots of you there, and as always any volunteers to set up, help on the day, and clear away will be very gratefully received.

By Karen Froud

Trip to Badminton Horse Trials

Huntingdon Riding Club are organising a coach to Badminton on Cross Country day, May 5th and have opened up some spare places to other clubs. The coach will leave Huntingdon racecourse at 6am and costs £30 pr head (£12 for under 12s) for travel and entry. Full details on their website www.hdrc.info or call Kate Elsey on 01780 782588

Coming Soon to Area 7.....

Fun Freestyle Challenge 2007

Ever wanted to try Dressage to Music. Now is your chance, this competition is aimed at Novices and will be organised by CDRC for Area 7. We are hoping to have some training clinic beforehand to inspire you from a Freestyle to Music Guru! More information coming soon.

Indoor Show Jumping – 18th February; Seniors

This first event of the season was held at Keysoe EC. In the warm up class CDRC did very well with 6 riders in the line up of 8, putting us in an optimistic mood for the qualifying class.

Unfortunately only 2 teams out of our 3 that were entered were able to compete. Morale dropped just a little during the day but we managed to finish 2nd and 3rd places. Well done to everybody who took part and roll on the Summer.

By Judi Shaw

A Grand Day Out! Milton Keynes, 10th June 2007

Once again the Area Horse Trials Qualifiers will be held at Milton Keynes. As it's a long way to go, I propose we make a real day of it. Let's take family, friends, and supporters with us, nominate a CDRC HQ (whoever has the earliest start and/or the biggest lorry!). Take a good picnic, and party (regardless of the final result). In my book this is what team competition should be about. We do need to provide a number of fence judges for the XC phase to steward for half a day, but could still party with the teams for the other half. Are you game? Contact myself or Wendy Beal.

By Karen Froud

WANTED....

Volunteers to XC fence judge or steward at Milton Keynes on June 10th. Please contact Kerry Simson on 01487 824258 Mobile: 07833 690812 Email: kerrysimson@btinternet.com

Camino Riders Proposed Ride Dates 2007

5-7th May 2007 (tbc)

Two or Three day ride from south of Norwich to Sotterley Park area of North Suffolk. 20 to 25 miles

1 July 2007

The Hundred Lane network and countryside stewardship schemes in Mid Suffolk, west of the A140. 10 or 20 miles.

2 September 2007

Suffolk Coast either Dunwich or Woodbridge, East of the A12. 10 or 20 miles

7 October 2007

Harling Drove, Thetford Forest. 10 or 20 miles.

4 November 2007

Thetford Forest, North of A11. 11 or 22 miles.

2 December 2007

Kings Forest, North of Bury St Edmunds South of A11. 9 or 18 miles.

6 January 2008

Bidham Forest, between Thetford and Diss. 1 mile from A1066. 8 or 18 miles

Contact Camino Riders (formerly East Anglian Trials) Pip's Peace, Kenton,
Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 6JS Tel: 01728 860429

Meet the.... Vice Chairman

(Please note that due to technical difficulties we have been unable to provide a photograph of our Vice.)

Full Name: Alison Leonard

Age: 31

Pets Owned: Charles – 1 year old Jack Russell
His agility teacher calls him the turbo charged brat dog!!

Horses Owned/Loaned: Orion; 16.3hh Dark Bay TB Gelding – 7 Years
Talamaska (Princess) 16.2hh Grey ID x TB Mare – 12
years

Casey Jones 16.1hh Bay Gelding Irish Sports Horse – 14
years

Ralph and Scooby 10.2hh Bay Dartmoor Geldings Aged
15 and 30+

Favourite Horsey Discipline: Eventing closely followed by dressage!

Fav colour (as if we didn't know) PINK!!

Most 'pink' thing you possess: Horses have matching Fal Silver interactive
turnout rugs in PINK! And I

have an awful lots of pink clothes!!!

QUICK FIRE QUESTIONS ROUND:

Question: HACKING or HUNTING Answer: Hunting

Question: PIAFFE or PIROUTTE Answer: Piaffe

Question: BRIDGET JONES PANTS or G-STRING Answer: Definitely Bridget
Jones for riding in!

Question: DROP FENCES or DITCH Answer: Drop Fences

Question: BRAD PITT or TONY BLACKBURN Answer: Tony Blackburn (I'll
have Brad then – Ed!)

Question: GREYS or BAYS
choice

Answer: Couldn't make a

Question: BAKED BEANS or MUSHY PEAS

Answer: Mushy Peas

Question: MARES or GELDINGS

Answer: Couldn't make a choice

Question: KYLIE OR AMY WINEHOUSE

Answer: Kylie

Question: PIKEUR or KYRA K

Answer: Pikeur

Question: SAUSAGE & MASH or STEAK & CHIPS

Answer: Sausage & Mash

Question: JODHPURS or BREECHES

Answer: Breeches

Outdoor Show Jumping – 22nd July

The outdoor qualifiers are being held once again at Earls Barton, near Kettering. Those members who would like to represent the club and ride as part of a team please contact me before 28th June.

The classes are:

Novice 2'6" and 2'9" nil BSJA winnings,

Intermediate 3' and 3'3" BSJA £175

Open 3'6" and 3'9" BSJA £600

Horses that have not been affiliated recently may have their winnings reduced by £50 per year, but please contact me for more details.

Due to ever increasing problems of flu vacs I am now asking all team members to send me a photocopy of their horses' vac certificates. This will avoid disappointment on the day for both rider and their team members.

By Judi Shaw

RIHS Hickstead 29th July

Members wishing to participate in this exciting event please contact me before 7th June. This class is for teams of three riders, each rider does one round against the clock, the first rider jumps over a course of 85cm, the second riders jumps 95cm and the last riders jumps 105cm.

By Judi Shaw

If you are a senior member and interested in competing for the Riding Club in any dressage or riding test competition then please contact Rebecca Seymour on 07961 938893 (please leave message and I shall get back to you) or email at rebecca131@btinternet.com

There are team and individual competitions to include:

Team Novice to consist of 4 riders each riding Prelim 13

Team Open to consist of 4 riders; 1 x Novice 21, 1 x Novice 26, 1 x Novice 30 and 1 x Elementary 43

Individually you can complete in the classes listed below:

Individual Medium Test 64

Senior Novice Freestyle to Music (2004)

Senior Elementary Freestyle to Music (2006) (20m X 40m)

Senior Pairs to Music BRC Pairs DTM 2003

Senior Pairs Dressage BRC Pairs 4

Riding Test 6 or Riding test 8 to be ridden as part of a team or as an individual.

For the Junior tests below please contact the Junior Teams Co-ordinator

Junior Dressage	Prelim 13, Novice 20 (2007)
Junior Pairs	BRC Pairs 4
Riding Test	BRC RT6
Junior Dressage to Music	BRC Novice Freestyle to Music (2004).

POPLAR PARK Saturday 26th -Tuesday 29th May 2007

The annual club excursion has been arranged over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend to Poplar Park Equestrian centre nr Hollesley in the Rendlesham Forest nr Woodbridge, Suffolk.

The village is in walking distance with a pub & shop & there is plenty to do in the area for non-riding family members who want to come along including walking the coastal path, cycling, catching the ferry across the Bawdsey river to Felixstowe & the towns of Woodbridge & Ipswich are a short drive away.

It's an informal weekend where everybody does their own thing ie: hacking out on your own or in groups along sandy forest tracks or using the training facilities at the equestrian centre including the XC course (2ft-3'6) & the show jumps and arena's (when not in use for lessons). Stabling for horses is in one of the 3 stable yards mostly on straw which is included. You will need to bring your own hay, feed mucking out equipment tack etc

There is a show at the centre on the Monday (schedules will be on horse dates website) with SJ Dressage, Showing & Gymkhana classes for all abilities which we can enter on the day (dressage entries in advance)

B&B can be arranged in the main house & we have use of the bathroom & kitchen in the self-contained flat. There are WC/ Showers in the stable yard for those camping or sleeping in lorries (don't expect The Ritz!)

The cost is £20 per night per horse (including camping & use of the cross country course, show jumps etc) Accommodation in the house will be approx £20 per person per night (in addition to horse).

A few of us may stay on and go to the Suffolk County show which is held nearby on Wednesday and Thursday so you can book any amount of extra nights if you wish to extend your stay.

Please complete the booking slip below and send a cheque for £60 per horse for the weekend to:- Kerry Simson 21 Mill Green Warboys Huntingdon Cambs PE28 2SA by 30th April to secure a place or ring 01487 824258 if you have any queries .

BOOKING FORM FOR POPLAR PARK 2007

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO	No HORSES	CAMPING/B&B

Nigel Taylor Cross Country Clinic
29th April 2007
Aston Le Walls
9AM. START
(Open to all Area 7 Riding Clubs)

£30 per horse. Groups of 4 (Approx)

Grouped according to height of fences
i.e. 2'9" (RC Novice)
3'0" (RC Intermediate)
3'6" (RC Open)

Please complete booking form below and send with your cheque for £30 (Payable to RFRC) to:
Mrs R A Batten
8 Howard's Court
Wollaston
Wellingborough
Northants
NN29 7AE

RoseBatten@aol.com

NO MONEY NO PLACE.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and a waiting list will be kept

NO refunds unless your place is filled from the waiting list.

Hats to current standard and body protectors must be worn.

CLOSING DATE 22ND APRIL LATEST PLEASE

Nigel Taylor Clinic 29th April 2007	
Name:	
Address:	
Post Code	
Home Tel / Mobile/ E-mail	
Cheque enclosed for £30.	
Signature:	

Height of fence	2'9"	3'0	3'6"
Please tick			

Please use Capital letters.

I am getting old and my eyes are not what they used to be!

RINGSTEAD NR HUNSTANTON SUMMER HOLIDAYS

16th – 21st JULY & 10th –15th SEPTEMBER 2007

This year we will again be holding two seaside holidays at Courtyard Farm, Ringstead, which is about three miles from Holme beach by the shortest route. The farm has numerous tracks and nearly all the field margins can be ridden on which gives tremendous scope for really good hacking, without road work, and also joins up with the Peddars Way.

There are eight stables and three fields available to us and a bunk barn with two dormitories that holds twelve people, as well as having a kitchen communal room, showers and loos. We hire the whole place which means people can use all the facilities yet sleep in a tent, caravan or horsebox if they prefer, but the barn is available for bad weather, washing up etc.

The cost is likely to be a maximum of £75 which includes a stable and /or field for a horse and barn or camping facilities. We have to divide the paddocks with electric fencing for safety. It will be £25.00 cheaper for husbands, friends without horses. Straw is included in the cost, but it is necessary to bring hay and hard feed.

Dogs are welcome on the farm, but have to be kept on a lead/under control because of the game. They are allowed to run freely in the camping field but are not allowed in the barn. There are two kennels with runs for hire near the barn or they can sleep in your tents, lorries etc.

Hopefully, it will also be possible to organise cross country training with Emily Lochore over Burnham Market cross country course if people are interested. Last year it cost £20 per session.

If you would like to come please send a deposit of £45.00 along with the booking form to Mary Owen. The places normally fill up fast so book early if you really want to come.

Name: _____

	I enclose my deposit for £45.00 for : 16 th to 21 st July 2007
	I require a stable for my horse:
	I require a field for my horse:
	I would like to sleep in the barn:
	I will be sleeping in my horse box:
	I will be sleeping in a tent:
	I would like to go to Burnham Market cross country schooling:
I will	I have non-riding friends attending
	I enclose my deposit for £45.00 for : 10 th to 15 th September 2007
	I require a stable for my horse:
	I require a field for my horse:
	I would like to sleep in the barn:
	I will be sleeping in my horse box:
	I will be sleeping in a tent:
	I would like to go to Burnham Market cross country schooling:
	I will have non-riding friends attending:

Design A New Club Logo Competition

Ever thought you could do better than the naf designs you see on some club sweatshirts? Well here's your chance to shine!

We would like to invite club members to design a new logo for CDRC which can be embroidered on poloshirts, sweatshirts, jackets/fleeces, baseball caps and saddlecloths which members can then order from Design-A-Stitch of Warboys.

Dawn Warwick of Design-A-Stitch, suggest it is 9-11cm wide if on the left breast or can be larger if on the front or back of the sweatshirt and can involve a variety of colours but two coordinating or contrasting colours works particularly well.

The winner will receive a prize of a personalised sweatshirt or poloshirt with the members name and the new logo embroidered on it.

Designs should be submitted by the 1st of May to:

Kerry Simson
21 Mill Green
Warboys
Huntingdon
Cambs, PE28 2SA

The winner will be announced at the clubs annual show on Sunday 6th May 2007 and the design published in the next newsletter.

We will be including a price list and order form in the next newsletter for members to order a range of merchandise with the new club logo embroidered on it. There will be various options with logo's on the front or back which can also be personalised with members names, horses names etc on saddlecloths, jackets etc.

Design-A Stitch supply various cubs and business' locally with clothing and saddlecloths hats etc. and can design a logo for your company or use your existing one. Contact Dawn Warwick on 01487 823934 or 07712 759704 to discuss your personal requirements.