

MSRC Spring Newsletter 2015

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Dear Member,

We couldn't really complain about this winter - I have only had the water buckets in the stable frozen twice which is amazing. We have been so lucky. The days are getting much longer now and we hope we can all look forward to a good summer with lots of equestrian activity and sound horses.

We didn't lose one competition day this winter - and one jumping day was amazingly sunny and really brought out the crowds and we had a fantastic day! Thank you to all those of you who ran winter competitions for us - we are very grateful.

Winter training has gone well and has attracted a considerable number of non-members too which is interesting. There were regular clinics with Nikki Stephens, Gaye Farquharson and Amanda Edmonds. There were full day clinics with Steve Hague, Sue Petty and Jane Holderness-Roddam. Despite Area 12 springing the Intermediate qualifiers on two of these days and another qualifier on Jane's day, we still managed to fill them and these were all greatly appreciated and enjoyed. We also ran an evening with Sam Griffiths in combination with a talk from the Community Relations Officer from RNAS Yeovilton on low flying and the horse rider. This was very much enjoyed and there was an excellent supper provided too!

*Our teams have all been in action and there are reports below from each Team Manager. **We would remind you that Team Managers do not have the time to ring everyone on the membership list and the onus is on YOU to contact them and offer yourself for team selection. Their contact details are given with their reports - SO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!***

Sara Bartlett (07967 208 778) SHOW JUMPING

The Show Jumping teams got off to a good start with the Intermediate Team qualifying for the Championships. The team consisted of Mandie Bown, Vicky Heal, Shiona Case and Carol Pledsted. The Novice Team were not so lucky and finished a creditable 5th with some hot competition. It was great to see a couple of new faces in the Novice Team and it would be lovely to see some more for the Summer Qualifiers - so do get in contact!

Mandie Bown (07968 146 209) HORSE TRIALS AND COMBINED TRAINING

Late winter brings in the Festival of the Horse qualifiers - on 25 January two teams headed to Pontispool for the Combined Training. It was a fun sociable day with some new team members. Sophie Savage had a successful day coming second in her section.

The Eventer's Challenge was a great day - with Michelle Phillips winning the 90cm class. Also the team of Michelle, Kathy Emery, Mandie Bown and Carol Pledsted coming 2nd and qualifying for the Championship at the end of May.

The Horse trials qualifier is on June 28th with heights of 80cm - 100 cm plus - so please get in contact if you would like to be on a team.

Carol Plested (07973 360 968) DRESSAGE AND RIDING TEST

We managed to field two teams and two individuals for the Intermediate Dressage winter qualifier at Stockland Lovell on March 1st 2015. The Maroon Team of Sophie Savage, Lisa Sharpe, Marie Clements & Mandie Bown came 4th with Lisa winning her Novice test. The Gold Team of Camilla Hankinson, Julia Down, Jo Pitman & Nikki Forbes came 5th with Nikki winning her Elementary test. As a non-riding Team Manager I was able to watch all the team tests and chat to everyone; several of the riders commented on it being a good and enjoyable team experience.

*The Dressage to Music is at Kingston Maurward on May 25th. Mid Somerset are running this music qualifier again and Marian will be delighted to hear from you if you could help on this day, **please**. Some people have already volunteered but we do need **more** to lighten the load please – it is a very long day! If you could just spare three hours it would be an enormous help. There are open non music classes too so perhaps some of you will come and swell the numbers. If you want to have a go at the music – please contact **Carol** as soon as possible. There is also a non BRC qualifier PYO test freestyle class - a really good place to start!*

For the Annual Show we are asking for members to donate a prize as sponsorship from companies is becoming ever more difficult (a haynet, bucket, nylon headcollar etc) - we are also looking for Easter Eggs for the Mini Combined Training on April 4th. Please contact Margaret or Marian.

Our summer training will once again include Gill Longhurst at WHW, Kingsdon; Gaye Farquharson and Ed Hobbs at South Barrow and Amanda Edmonds at Kingfisher. Sue Petty will be making a return visit in May 16th - Sue is very popular and can only take 12 riders - grouped in pairs according to standard - so if you want a place - do get in touch quickly to avoid disappointment.

We hope you find something to interest you in the Summer Programme ~ we look forward to seeing you out and about soon. Please help us by getting your entries in early. See if you can spare time to help at one competition! Just a few hours will be appreciated. Safe Riding!

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