

MSRC Autumn Newsletter 2016

Well - it seems it must be nearly time to get the clippers out again! Quite a few of our horses seem to have 'blackberry time' coats now and are getting really sticky once they have worked! Hopefully some of these lovely autumn days will make the winter seem a bit shorter.

*2016 has been another quiet year for our teams at National Championships. In Dressage we have seen a lot of new combinations representing us which is great news but they concentrated on Area only entries. One team qualified for the inaugural South West & Wales Regional Championship which was held at Hartpury in August. That was an excellent competition and we hear it will run at Hartpury again next August. Mid Somerset ended in 14th place and had two team members placed 10th individually. One of our team sadly got stuck behind a big accident on the M5 and had no option but to abandon her journey. In Horse Trials two individuals Sophie Hodges and Lisa Sharpe went to the Championships at Swalecliffe for us. We also had a lovely day at the Dressage in Badminton Park - these are not official BRC teams but it is a lovely day out and one team finished 4th and we had individual arena placings in the Championship ride - off. Well done to everyone who has represented us. Our Team Managers work **so** hard to get teams together and once again we would stress that the onus is on **YOU** to contact the relevant Team Manager and tell them that you would like to be considered for a team. If you put yourself forward for a qualifying team, please be aware of when and where the Championship is due to take place and if your team qualify you will be expected to go to the Championship.*

*Our Team Managers are: **Carol Plested - dressage on 07973 360 968, and Sara Bartlett - show jumping on 07967 208 778. Mandie Bown has stepped down after a very successful tenure as Horse Trials and CT manager and now we welcome Lisa Sharpe who will take on the CT (07725 657 363) and we have a vacancy for a Horse Trials manager. Any offers??? Any of these team managers WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!***

The first qualifier will take place at King's Sedgemoor on November 6th 2016 for the Winter Dressage in which 2 members ride a Prelim test and two ride a Novice test. The final for this competition is next Spring. We also need helpers for this day - half a day would be great - please contact Marian or Margaret. All tests at the qualifier and championship are on a surface for this competition.

*So to the Winter competitions - we have dressage and jumping at King's Sedgemoor and dressage at Kingfisher. We need helpers for both competitions and training days and will be very glad to hear from you if you can spare a couple of hours on any of the dates. Please contact Alex Green re the dressage days as she has kindly offered to sort all the entries and we are now running the EQUO events management system for those who prefer to enter this way - so the day organisers are only that - entries and times taken care of - you run the actual competition day only! The membership fee has been held at the 2015/16 level and membership is due for renewal on November 1st. **Please renew promptly!***

We hope to see you at the AGM on November 23rd at Long Sutton Village Hall – free supper – presentation of annual awards and for entertainment we have our very own local international show jumper, Harriet Nuttall talking about her life on the circuit which should be very interesting. World Horse Welfare will be there with Christmas Cards etc. - so please do make use of this opportunity to buy cards and gifts from them. Do come along and tell us the things YOU would like to see the club putting on in future. The Supper Evening with BBC equestrian commentator Mike Tucker - Reliving Rio - is almost upon us - if you haven't yet booked - contact Margaret NOW! Tickets are going fast!

We have some training opportunities for everyone this winter - clinics with our usual instructors - Amanda Edmonds, Ed Hobbs, Gill Longhurst and Sue Petty. We will have our annual visit from Jane Holderness-Roddam in January and have a test riding day with List 2 BD judge Lynne Baldwin in February and we are really excited about a Dressage to Music day which we have managed to arrange with Gaynor Colbourn in November. This sounds expensive but for a professional studio produced CD it is in fact excellent value and the music will be YOUR choice. We hope that a lot of you will come and watch that day too. These three clinics are being held in the new indoor arena at World Horse Welfare.

We hope to see you out and about at our events this winter

*If you are not riding - **please** offer to help at one of the events or training sessions - just a couple of hours would spread the load on the regulars!!!.*

Main Club contacts:

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- Marian Draper - 01458 241 506 / 07885 301 898
- Facebook / e-mail programmes: Alex Green 01460 281 032
- Treasurer/ Membership: Julia Down - 01373 461 807

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- Dressage - Carol Plested - 07973 360 968
- Show Jumping - Sara Bartlett - 07967 208 778
- Combined Training - Lisa Sharpe - 07725 657 363
- Horse Trials - we have a vacancy for a Horse Trials manager!