



CDRC

CHOBHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

Our February 2023 newsletter includes: an update from the AGM, The winner of the trophies, Winner of The Foss trophy and a welcome to new committee members

February has sprung upon us and it has been a pleasant turn in the weather, however don't be fooled, we often see cold snaps in late February into March, however the grass will start to grow once again when soil temperatures exceed 8°C.

With the first signs of spring there are plenty of things to start to think about including, paddock repairs, heavy rug clean and repairs, clipper repairs as clipping should have now been completed for the final time and a tidy up of the tack room giving everything a good clean before the busy competition time ahead.

AGM - 13 February 2023

Chair's report

2022 has been an active year with over 30 training sessions, 3 shows and 4 other events run. We ended the year with 126 members, a very healthy total.

The training sessions have included the ever-popular Flatwork sessions with Suzanne Holt, Polework and Jumping with Tracey Cooper, Showing and Working Hunter/Jumping with Aime Fitzsimons.

Many thanks to those who organised these sessions, Liz, Paul, Amelia and Aime. Also thanks to Celia Macalister who has allowed us to use Larkenshaw as a base for the flatwork sessions, Tracey for use of her facilities and Aime for making Poplar Grove available.

There were also some one-off sessions including the Formation Riding that took place at 12 Oaks, Cross Country at Tweseldown and Groundwork with Ella Louise Mayhead. The unmounted Pilates series taken by Ali Williamson was popular and it is continuing, supplemented by a Fitness "Boot Camp" introduced for this year.

Our Charity Show in June was well attended and we were able to make donations of £1,650 to Quest RDA and £500 to Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. That show needs a lot of helpers, so thank you to everyone who came along, whether for a few hours or all day, your help is much appreciated. Special mention must go to Paul, who masterminded the show organisation, and Amelia, the Show Secretary.

The May dressage show made a small loss, but we were back in profit again for the October dressage. It was good to see members competing in all classes at the latter show, and we had the most number of teams since we've been running these shows, with 11 coming forward for this friendly competition. Thank you to Malcolm who was responsible for getting judges and helpers and keeping us fed during the day.

Due to Claire & Nick's departure to the New Forest, and Langshot no longer being available for parking, we were unable to run formal Orienteering. We did coordinate 2 sessions around Woolgars Farm before it closed last September, which were enjoyed by those who attended. I'm pleased to say that we have two volunteers who will set courses at different locations this year, so Orienteering will be back.

Club colours

These were awarded to our committee members who were standing down, Claire, Nick and Elizabeth for all their hard work supporting the club

Welcome New Members

Don't forget to join our members only Facebook group to keep up to date on the latest news.

Thanks to all returning members!



Finally, one of our flagship events in the last few years has been the Summer Camp. This year it moved to Rosehill, near Henley on Thames, and I have it on good authority that attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Liz, Caroline and Amelia who spent many hours putting this together. With Liz stepping down from the Committee we were thinking of giving Camp a break this year, but enthusiasm from the membership has led to volunteers coming forward to put in the work.

None of this would be possible without the continuing hard work of your Committee – Amelia, Caroline, Claire, Liz, Malcolm, Nick, Paul and Sophie. I'd like to give all of them formal thanks on your behalf.

CDRC Trophy Winners 2023

Summer Show

Joint winners – Charlotte Knight and Emily Owen - 17 points

Runner up – Marci Gough, 10 points

Dressage Trophy

Joint Winners – Frances Milnes and Marci Gough – 10 points

Runner up Alice Scott – 9 points

Dressage Highest %

Winner – Marci Gough 71.54%

Runners up – Jane Shepherd 71.3 and Lola Rega 71.14

Floyd Trophy for overall points

Winner – Marci Gough 20 points

Runners up – Charlotte Knight and Emily Owen – 17 points

Flatwork Progression - Vicki Smout

Jumping Progression - Stacey Bishop

Foss Trophy - Nominations

Marci Gough

Marci took over as team manager last year and has encouraged all to participate, with huge successes at regional and national competitions. Marci has often stayed on at events to support other members as well as sorting out all the entries and paperwork.

Liz Hillier-Sinclair

For her dedication and commitment to the club organising training, supporting team and most importantly organising and running the camp. This is sometimes a thankless task and often results in personally missing out to help others.

Not only does she organise some great training, she is also a brilliant team player, most notably at Priory in November last year when she left the yard in the dark, in a storm, and competed in the most horrendous weather to help the dressage team come 2nd

Claire & Nick Valvona

Claire and Nick were fundamental in ensuring the club was able to return its current status after a period of decline. Despite moving to the New Forest, Claire and Nick have continued their role on the committee supporting from afar and attending the competitions.

Voting results

Winner – Liz Hillier-Sinclair - 58.3%

Claire & Nick Valvona – 22.2%

Marci Gough – 19.5%

2nd February Social

Thanks to all who joined us for hopefully the first of many socials at The Four Horseshoes in Chobham. This was organised by Emma Bishopp who is planning to make this a monthly occasion.



New committee Members

We have four new committee members who were voted for at the AGM to join the committee. We will confirm roles at our first committee meeting which is planned for early March. In the meantime, we would like to welcome (in alphabetical order) Emma Bishopp, Samantha Dean, Aime FitzSimons and Clare Webber.

We look forward to the exciting things these new members can help to organise in the year ahead.

Show Season

We have now been able to confirm all the dates of our shows in 2023.

GET THEM IN THE DIARY!

14th May – Indoor Dressage at Merrist Wood

11th June – Charity Show at Dunstall Green

03rd September – Indoor dressage at Merrist Wood

We are looking for sponsors for the classes at all of these shows.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in sponsoring, please get in touch. Through sponsorship we are able to donate more of the profits to our charities and minimise our running costs.

I am in the final phases of completing the Dressage schedule and I am pleased to say we have relaxed some of the entry requirements for one of the prelim and one novice test, based on members feedback from last year. Hopefully allowing for more members to enter.

I will also be looking to create the June charity show schedule soon, so if you have any classes you would like to see added, please get in touch. Finally don't forget, we always need help at these events so if you are free and can help please get in touch.









UPCOMING EVENTS

To enter any activity, please email us –

Please be payment should be made in advance to secure your space.

Date	Activity	Location	Cost
26th February 2023	XC training Tracey Cooper	Munstead	£ TBA
05th March 2023	Dressage Training with Suzanne Holt	Larkenshaw Farm	£35 (45min private lesson)
11 th March 2023	Polework with Tracey Cooper	Bisley	£15 per person for a group lesson
25 th March 2023	Jumping with Tracey Cooper	Bisley	£15 per person for a group lesson
09 th April 2023	Polework with Tracey Cooper	Bisley	£15 per person for a group lesson
16 th April 2023	Dressage Training with Suzanne Holt	Larkenshaw Farm	£35 (45min private lesson)
22 nd April 2023	Dressage Training with Suzanne Holt	Larkenshaw Farm	£35 (45min private lesson)
23 rd April 2023	Jumping with Tracey Cooper	Bisley	£15 per person for a group lesson
14th May 2023	Indoor Dressage competition	Merrist Wood	
11 June 2023	Charity Show	Dunstall Green	
03rd September 2023	Indoor Dressage competition	Merrist Wood	



Area competitions

Schedules and entry forms for the following events are now on the area 11 website:

<http://www.brcarea11.org.uk/Area11/whats-on/>

National Intermediate Ri-Dry Clothing Winter Show Jumping (90/100/110) qualifiers
Saturday 4 March 2023 [Intermediate 90/100/110 winter SJ schedule 2023](#)
Berkshire College (organiser: Area 6)

Challenge (SJ/XC) qualifier for Combined Championships – CHANGE OF DATE – NOW ON:
Sunday 5 March 2023 [Combined Challenge 2023 schedule](#)
Tweseldown

National Intermediate Ri-Dry Clothing Winter Dressage qualifiers
Saturday 18 March 2023 [Intermediate Dressage Qualifier schedule 18.03.2022 v2](#)

Area 11 Dressage team friendly
Good Friday 7 April 2023 [Dressage schedule April 2023](#)
Merrist Wood (organiser: West Surrey RC)

Combined Training (Dressage & SJ) qualifier for Combined Championships

Easter Sunday 9 April [Combined Training Schedule April 2023](#)
Felbridge (organiser: Area 13)

National Horse Trials qualifiers
Sunday 23 April 2023
Heath Farm, Munstead (organiser: Munstead Horse Trials)

A word from Team Manager - Marci

Get ready for this year's competitions by checking all the new regulations.

BRC Hat Tagging Guide for Competitors

Hat Standards – in order to ensure riders are wearing the most up to date riding hats, from 1st January 2023, PAS O15 1998 and SNELL 2002 will no longer be accepted. A new colour of hat tag will be required for all BE, PC and BRC activities from 1st January 2023.

BRC Body Protector Guidelines

Body protectors must be BETA Level 3 2009 or after purple label, or a blue 2018 label or after

<http://www.brcarea11.org.uk/Area11/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2018-BRC-BP-STANDARDS.pdf>

Flu vaccination rules:

As part of the BHS, welfare of the horse is obviously paramount, however in the current climate the risk of a flu outbreak is at this time minimal. BRC are therefore comfortable to remove the requirement of a vaccination within '6 months and 21 days' of a qualifier or championship. This will be with immediate effect, however we will continue to strongly recommend a 6 month vaccination when attending BRC qualifiers and championships along with maintaining good bio-security protocols. In order to compete in a BRC qualifier and/or championships the annual vaccinations (12 month) and initial course must be correct as per G7 of the Handbook. BRC reserve the right to amend these vaccination rules should another outbreak occur. All horses must have a microchip – this will be checked at qualifiers and championships (any horse not microchipped will be eliminated).

HELPERS REQUIREMENT

For many events it is a requirement of entry that we provide a helper to the organisers for the day of the show. No special skills are required (although welcomed), and generally the help is required for a couple of hours. We have to provide the names of helpers at the time of entry, and so if anyone is willing to provide help in the future please let me know. This is a great way to see what goes on at these competitions, help in a discipline that you don't normally compete at, or for someone who enjoys the training and other facilities offered by the club, to help out.



CDRC Committee

Chair – Sara Green

Secretary – Amelia James

Treasurer – Nick Valvona

Membership – Claire Valvona

Camp & Training – Liz Hillier-Sinclair

Team Manager – Marci Gough

Area Liaison – Caroline Shrubbs

Website & Communications - Paul Broadest-Dixon

H&S – Sophie Robertson

Committee Member - Malcolm Hunt