

## **Chobham and District News Brief - November 2018**

Welcome to the November CDRC news brief. This is the first monthly mailing to update you on what is coming up and any results from past events. If you do not wish to receive these emails, please contact us via [Chobamrc@gmail.com](mailto:Chobamrc@gmail.com) so you can be removed from the mailing list.

We are working on updating the web site so that you will be able to do more on line, but for the moment, please use that email to get in touch with us.

All feedback is welcome, this is your Club, so get involved in deciding what we should put on for you. Tell us what you want and we'll do our best to arrange it for you.

### **Past events**

#### ***Bowling evening - Tuesday 23rd October***

A small group of members gathered at Big Apple Bowling in Woking. The entertainment factor was high, and the ladies' team strongly challenged the men's in the first game. Then the bumpers were taken down on the ladies' lane! Their scores consequently dropped as the pinball approach to bowling no longer worked particularly well for a couple on that team.

A great deal of fun was had with everyone managing to clear all the pins at some point, and a reasonably number of strikes causing celebration. Thanks to Bob Deacon for organising.

#### ***Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 30th October***

The AGM took place at Lyne Village Hall attended by 15 members.

Bob Deacon reported that membership currently stood at 33 and a few new members had joined at the September Dressage competition at Merrist Wood, the discount offered worked well. The June Show raised £800 for the RDA and was the 11<sup>th</sup> Charity Show run by CDRC.

Sally Watson presented the accounts, which show that the Club made an operating surplus of £599.34 giving a healthy balance of £5,102.07. In view of this, and despite the BRC levy being increased by 50p per member, membership rates will not be increased this year.

Bob then presented the Team Manager's report. A team completed at Blenheim and were clear but not placed. However, the team for the Snowball Farm evening came 4<sup>th</sup>. Two riders were entered for the Sands Farm dressage but in the end neither could attend.

The committee members in situ were all due to be re-elected. Elizabeth Hillier-Sinclair offered to take on Team Manager, Sara Green to deal with Communications, Claire Valvona to manage the membership and Paul Broadest-Dixon also offered to join the committee.

There was a brief discussion about the apparent conflict of interest if Sally Watson was Treasurer and Michael Watson was approving the accounts. Nick Valvona was volunteered by Claire Valvona to take on the approval to remove the conflict.

There was then discussion about future events which are detailed further down this brief.

The club trophies were awarded at the end of the meeting, resulting in almost a clean sweep for Marci Gough who took the trophies for points earned at the Summer show and the overall points throughout the year. Liane Deacon prevented Marci's complete dominance by sharing the Dressage Trophy at the Summer show and also taking the trophy for the highest dressage score at that show.

Throughout the meeting drinks and nibbles were available, including fresh from the oven sausage rolls courtesy of Paul Broadest-Dixon which went down very well indeed.

The week after the AGM a committee meeting took place to decide roles for the future year. At that meeting, Bob and Liane Deacon and Sally Watson decided to resign from the committee. All three have given many years of service to the club, both on the committee and running events, especially the Summer Charity Show and the club owes them a big debt of gratitude for their services over the years.

The committee now comprises -

Chair – Sara Green

Secretary – Amelia James

Treasurer – Nick Valvona

Membership – Claire Valvona

Teams & Training – Liz Hillier-Sinclair

Area Liaison – Caroline Shrub

Website & Communications - Paul Broadest-Dixon

Ordinary members - Clare Healey & Malcolm Hunt

Sara Leno is the Club Safeguarding Officer.

To contact any member of the committee, please email [Chobamrc@gmail.com](mailto:Chobamrc@gmail.com). Please put the name/role of the person to whom the email is directed in the subject title so the right person can pick it up as quickly as possible and respond.

### **Membership subscriptions**

Please note that subs for 2019 are due from members who were paid up to October this year. At renewal rates of £18 for riders and £10 for non-riders, these have been maintained at the same rate as last year. Please contact Claire Valvona with "Membership" in the title to arrange for payment.

### **Future events**

#### ***Group hack – Saturday 1 December***

Marci Gough and Sarah Kruchek have come up with an idea of a series of 4 seasonal hacks in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, hopefully riding out from different locations. To start there will be a Winter Ride from Langshot Equestrian Centre in Chobham. Start times will be from 10.30 am, and hopefully we can have a drink and mince pies together afterwards.

This will be an informal ride, riders split into small groups according to how long and at what speed they wish to ride. Sarah and Marci will lead a group each, and other groups can be made up as required. Hopefully, this will provide individuals an opportunity to ride out with others. Langshot is ideally situated right on the Common, so no road work is required, though some routes do require a road crossing. There is a large lorry park providing safe unloading and the charge is £5 per horse. The ride is open to non-members, which we hope will lead to a decision to join the club.

Please let us know you are coming by emailing with "December Ride" in the title or contact Marci directly on 07966 741194, particularly if there are issues on the day.

#### ***Pre-Christmas get together – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December***

Malcolm Hunt has kindly offered to host a pre-Christmas social at his house in Lightwater. All are welcome between 12pm and 3pm. Please contact Malcolm on 07977 051692 by text if you intend to come, so he can give you directions and have the sausage rolls, mulled wine and mince pies ready.

#### ***Winter Dressage League***

This year, so as to maximise the opportunities for members to compete, the league will be based on results from Merrist Wood Unaffiliated Dressage shows taking place between 1st November 2018 to 1st April 2019. These will include both the week-end and the evening dressage shows.

Future dates published so far -

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November (eve)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (eve)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (eve)

Your best three percentage scores will count towards the league results and these can be taken from any levels of competition. Just let us know when you have entered via the club email quoting "Dressage League" and we will maintain the league table. If anyone competed at the show on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, please let us know how you got on.

### ***Flatwork training with Malcolm Hunt***

This takes place at Hill Place, Knaphill GU21 2TU by kind permission of Claire Valvona Cost is £25 for a 45 minute session for members, £30 for non-members. Future dates are Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January. To book, please email quoting "Flatwork lessons"

### ***Polework clinic with Jade Hyatt***

This will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December at Ringlestone Farm, Knaphill GU21 2TX. For this first session there will be 2 groups of 3. Group 1 from 10 – 11 walk and trot poles. Group 2 from 12 – 1pm to include canter poles. £15 members /£20 non-members. If popular, another session will be organised in January on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. Places will be limited so to book, please email quoting "Polework clinic".

### ***Unmounted lectures***

Two lectures have been organised to take place at Lyne Village Hall. Tuesday 12 February will be Equine Nutrition. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March will be on Equine Sports Therapy. More details in future news briefs but if interested in those topics, please put the dates in your diary.

### ***Shows***

Plans are underway to have two dressage shows at Merrist Wood on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. These will follow a similar format to this year's successful September dressage show with short arena tests from Intro to a PYO Novice/Elementary/Medium and a team challenge.

The Pony Club field in Bisley has been booked for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for our Charity Show. We also have secured August Bank Holiday Monday (26<sup>th</sup>) to for the traditional annual show. Hopefully we'll get enough helpers to make this viable. More details to follow but please put the dates in your diary.

### ***Adult Camp***

Liz Hillier-Sinclair is planning an Adult Camp at Boomerang near Newbury early in July. Costs are yet to be firmed up, but both stabling and lessons look to be extremely reasonably priced. If you are interested, please contact Liz via the club email so she can assess potential numbers. The last camp organised by Tiffany Manning was very popular, so do get in touch if interested.

### ***Area Events***

The Area 11 Christmas Party will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Squirrel Inn, Hurtmore. There will be a talk from the Surrey/Sussex Air Ambulance, which has been a charity supported by our Summer Show. If you would like to go, please contact Caroline via the club email.

2019 Area team events are as follows – if interested please contact Liz via the club email.

Area Dressage Team Friendly – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> February Priory Equestrian, Frensham.

Novice (80) Winter Show Jumping Qualifier – Sun 10<sup>th</sup> February Sands Farm

Intermediate (90, 100, 110) Show Jumping Qualifier – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March Berkshire College of Agriculture

Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifier – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March Sands Farm

Area Dressage Team Friendly – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April Merrist Wood.