

Spring / Summer Review 2015

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(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)



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I know that the news of Spring and Summer events has been a long time coming. I hope you will see from the number and variety of reports that we haven't been idle. Weekends not involving BVRC activities have been few and far between.

I hope you will enjoy reading about the successes, exploits, trials and tribulations enjoyed over this period.

LKH.

BVRC Website

A big thank you is due to Katie Mortimore who, in consultation with Susie Pool, has revamped BVRC website. Not only does it look more modern, it will also contain much more up to date information for members.

Peter Hills deserves a big thank you, too. He designed and maintained the old site. The purpose of the website was to reach out to non-members with a BVRC CV and access to schedules/times/results. Initially, we were ahead of the game, but times move on.

BVRC Show Jumping 22nd March at Tidworth Equestrian Centre

The day dawned dry but pretty chilly & a bit cloudy, without a huge number of pre-entries we thought we might be packing up early. However, as the morning progressed, with more riders appearing & the sun coming out from behind the clouds we found we had a competition on our hands! Some baby horses & a good amount of nervous riders went into the ring & amazed themselves by doing really well. It was lovely to see the worried faces turning to smiles, exactly what our club is all about! As the day wore on & now a scorcher we continued through to the last couple of classes, with less entries these flew by & we were soon packing away. As ever our thanks to all those that volunteered to help set up beforehand, on the day & packing up afterwards, we couldn't run our events without you.

Helen Mulingani

Class 1	2'3" jumping		BV
1	Rosie Dixon	Ted	y
2	Beth Hethershaw	Bertie	n
3	Emma Chambers	Inky	
4	Zandra Letts	Connor	
5	Karen Nicholson	Whiplash	
6	Jemma Hamilton	Humphrey	y
7	Katie Mortimore	Bea	y
8	Suzanne Clark	Killy	

Class 2		2'6" jumping	
1	Larissa Andrews	Livios	
2	Louise Curtis	Jazz	y
3	Debbie Gutierrez	Blue	
4	Hazel Jackson	J	y
5	Jennie Allen	Corporal	n
6	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	y
7	Emma Spillsbury	Bugsy	

Class 3		2'9" jumping	
1	Annabel Mead	Wishiwoo	y
2	Billie Stevenson	Millyford Malarkey	y
3	Ros Stockdale	The Composer	
4	Tessa Redshaw	Bay Wing	
5	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	y
6	Jo Williamson	Jac Splat	y

Class 4		3' jumping	
1	Hope Playdell-Bouverie	Copas	n
2	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	y
3	Annabel Mead	Wishiwoo	y
4	Kay Pogson	Lady Guinevere	

Class 5		3'3" jumping	
1	Hope Playdell-Bouverie	Copas	n
2	Annabel Mead	Wishiwoo	y

BVRC Talk – on Thursday 9th April -FARRIERY - PAST, PRESENT & AFRICA

On Thurs 9th April local Master Farrier Cliff Barnes gave a very interesting and informative talk on 'Farriery - Past, Present & Africa'. Cliff is the current President of the British Farriers & Blacksmiths Association and he has a wealth of knowledge and experience. His presentation covered the history of farriery from pre-Roman times, through to today's structured training for apprentices, as well as ongoing CPD training and advancement to Master Farrier and Fellow of the Worshipful Company of Farriers. As well as training British apprentices he talked about how he got into training eager apprentices in Africa, where he has run courses at an exclusive safari lodge in Tanzania for the last 9 years. After the presentation Cliff covered several topics requested by the audience - laminitis, navicular, seedy toe - illustrating aspects of each with his 'preserved legs'. These enabled us to see the structures inside the hoof, and the tiny target area which farriers aim to fix nails into (approximately 3 mm). Discussions on barefoot versus shod, Natives versus Thoroughbreds and the challenges North Hampshire & Wiltshire's geology present - gravel and flint - wrapped up a very enjoyable evening. As Cliff gave his time to the club for free, BVRC has made a donation to the H&IOW Air Ambulance in recognition of this.

BVRC Talk by Jonathan Nelson from Protexin on Wednesday 15th April 2015

A week later we were back at The Lion for another informative talk, by Jonathan Nelson from Protexin, who produce a range of pre & probiotics to help balance the microflora within the gut of horses, humans and pets. Jonathan described the horse as basically a “Big Rabbit” eating, fermenting & expelling grass. He took us on a journey through the 100 feet of the horse’s digestive tract and the challenges we place upon it because of how we keep & use our horses. The horse only produces saliva when it eats. Grazing horses produce up to 50 litres of saliva a day; stabled horses only produce half this. Any time a horse does not have any food going through his stomach the acid builds up and can attack the lining, causing gastric ulcers - this can start within only 6-8 hours. Signs of gastric ulcers are - reduced appetite, poor physical condition, dullness, colic/diarrhoea, “girthy”, reluctance to work. Horses may experience the equivalent of heartburn before the ulcer develops. Smaller, more frequent feeds, more forage and increased turnout all help to minimise the risk of ulcers. It was noted that even horses & ponies living out 24*7 can get gastric ulcers. When a horse is exercised, the stomach acid can splash onto the unprotected top section of the stomach, this is where 80% of ulcers are found. It is recommended that a small fibre-only feed or hay is given prior to exercise - this helps create a “mat” which floats on top of the liquid to protect the higher stomach lining. Jonathan explained the development and research trials behind the Protexin products and where they support the horse’s digestion. Several members of the audience already use them and were able to give endorsements based on their experiences.

BVRC Spring Dressage on Sunday 12th April, 2015 at Amport Riding Centre

The dressage went ahead again this year at Amport Riding School and as usual had a very good response from members and non members alike. The April showers held off and we were able to run a very enjoyable day and some fabulous scores being had. A huge thank you to judges, Gail Perren, Linda Clow and Janet Surr, everyone who passed comment were very pleased with their marks and a huge thank you to helpers without whom these competitions cannot run.

Victoria Smith

			BV	%
	CLASS 1	BD Intro A		
1 st	Sara Williams	Lissycasey Price	N	63.9
2 nd	Fiona Webb	World Horse Welfare Teddy	Y	63.7
3 rd	Sarah Wigmore	Lady Lightening	Y	52.4

	CLASS 3	BD Prelim 12		
1 st	Antionette McKeowen	Rubi	N	77.0
2 nd	Miranda Jones	Leggy	N	68.8
3 rd	Richard Hale	Bonnie	Y	68.0
3 rd	Sandra Groves	Timmy	Y	68.0
5 th	Richard Hale	Shadow	Y	66.6
6 th	Katie Mortimore	Bea	Y	65.8
7 th	Laura Saxon	Carrot	Y	65.2
8 th	Ruth Allen	Flo	N	63.2
8 th	Richard Hale	Icky	Y	63.2
10 th	Sophie Cambell	Bronnie	N	61.2

	CLASS 5	BD Novice 30		
1 st	Sue McLean	Czarka	Y	66.3
2 nd	Michelle Storer	Jordan Hill	N	63.1
3 rd	Clare Sutton	Madam Butterfly	Y	62.1
4 th	Suzie Pool	Folds Acacia	Y	61.9
5 th	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	Y	61.5
6 th	Abigail Lamb	Rupert Grey	Y	60.6
7 th	June Verity	Flame	Y	60.2

	CLASS 2	BD Prelim 4		
1 st	Lorraine Storer	Pasadoble	Y	69.1
2 nd	Antoinette McKeowen	Rubi	N	67.3
3 rd	Sally Shepherd	Pablo	Y	64.8
4 th	Fiona Gregory	Shadow	Y	64.5
5 th	Katie Mortimore	Bea	Y	62.0
6 th	Laura Saxon	Carrot	Y	61.8
7 th	Fiona Webb	World Horse Welfare Teddy	Y	61.1
8 th	Fleur Hudson	Opening Meet	N	60.7
9 th	Karen Nicholson	Whiplash	N	60.0
10 th	Sarah Wigmore	Lady Lightening	Y	46.4

	CLASS 4	BD Prelim 17		
1 st	Miranda Jones	Leggy	N	67.5
2 nd	Sophie Campbell	Bronnie	N	65.2
3 rd	Laura Priestley-Cooper	Last Dream	Y	64.4
4 th	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	Y	63.3
5 th	Sandra Groves	Timmy	Y	62.9
6 th	Michelle Storer	Jordan Hill	N	61.3

	CLASS 6	BD Novice 22/Elementary 45/Medium 61		
			TEST	
1 st	Louise Glover	Badger	N22	Y 68.1
2 nd	Suzie Pool	Folds Acacia	N22	Y 64.0
3 rd	Sue McLean	Czarka	N22	Y 62.9
4 th	Abigail Lamb	Rupert Grey	N22	Y 62.8
5 th	Clare Sutton	Madam Butterfly	N22	Y 60.5
6 th	Jane Rudge	Sparky	M61	N 52.6

BVRC Novice Show Saturday 18th April, 2015 at Amport Riding Centre

This year's novice show was yet again well attended and proved to be as popular as ever for those riders with young/inexperienced horses or for the riders who wished to gain experience or attempt their first dressage or show jumping round in a relaxed, quite, friendly atmosphere.

All classes had good entries with some riders competing in both dressage and jumping.

The jumping was excellently compared by Susie Pool, and judged by Kim Redgrave, our thanks go to them both for keeping it all on track. Thank you to Victoria Smith for her ring party duties, keeping everyone moving into the arena on time for the round of jumps, so as to keep it flowing. Sandra Groves was our tack checker and steward for the dressage as well as stepping in to read the odd dressage test for those that just needed someone in the background to remind them where they were going. Not forgetting our two scorers, Alison Coleman and Sue Mclean, both doing an admirable job as this being their first time scoring, and of course our two writers for the day, transcribing dressage judges comments, Jane Winson and Jemma Manders.

The winner of the Novice Trophy for this year was Andrea Meikle riding Magic.

And of course a thank you to many of our members who just gave a hand because they were there.

Look forward to seeing you all competing again at our next novice show on September 13th at Amport.

Ros Kershaw

DRESSAGE

Class 1 - Introductory A - Novice Rider				
			BV	%
1 st	Andrea Meikle	Magic	Yes	60.0
2 nd	Linda Clarke	Holkham	Yes	50.7

Class 2 - Introductory A - Novice Horse				
1 st	Andrea Meikle	Magic	Yes	65.4
2 nd	Karen Fieldsend	Dave	Yes	63.7
3 rd	Vicky Wilson	The Cream Puff	Yes	63.4
4 th	Laura Sweetman	Graham	No	60.4
5 th	Deborah Goldsworthy	Dudley	No	59.3
6 th	Fiona Webb	WHW Teddy	Yes	58.4
7 th	Natasha Scott	Cannon	No	44.3

Class 3 - Introductory A - Novice Combination				
1 st	Charlotte McIntosh	Purewell Peanut	No	64.2

SHOW JUMPING

Class 7 - 2' - 2'3" Novice Rider			
			BV
1 st	Maddie Shalbrook	Icky	No
2 nd	Maddie Shalbrook	Bramble	No

Class 9 - 2' - 2'3" Novice Combination			
1 st	Martine Kemmish	Tilly	No
2 nd	Kyra Lenn	Owen	No

Class 11 - 2'3" - 2'6" Novice Horse			
1 st	Annie Rae	Mrs Pickle	Yes
2 nd	Caroline Thompson	Millersford	Yes

DRESSAGE

Class 4 - Prelim 4 - Novice Rider				
			BV	%
1 st	Sara Bennett	Merlins Magic	No	74.1
2 nd	Montina Munday	Nil Bleu	No	59.1

Class 5 - Prelim 4 - Novice Horse				
1 st	Katey Cuthbertson	The Underground	Yes	75.7
2 nd	Katey Cuthbertson	Cintia	Yes	74.1
3 rd	Fiona Scott	Luna	Yes	66.4
4 th	Louise Crampton	Carribs Leap	No	61.8
5 th	Fiona Webb	WHW Teddy	Yes	60.5
6 th	Katey Cuthbertson	Incognito	Yes	60.2
7 th	Caroline Thompson	Millersford Dillon	Yes	58.9

Class 6 - Prelim 4 - Novice Combination				
1 st	Sarah Hayes	Battleship	No	72.3
2 nd	Charlotte McIntosh	Purewell Peanut	No	70.5
3 rd	Katie Mortimore	Bea	Yes	67.0
4 th	Fiona Gregory	Shadow	Yes	58.6
5 th	Sarah Wigmore	Lady Lightning	Yes	56.4

SHOW JUMPING

Class 8 - 2' - 2'3" Novice Horse			
1 st	Annie Rae	Mrs Pickle	Yes
2 nd	Katie Mortimore	Bea	Yes
3 rd	Charlene Warburton	George	No
4 th	Katey Cuthbertson	The Underground	Yes
5 th	Louise Crampton	Carribs Leap	No
6 th	Katey Cuthbertson	Incognito	Yes

Class 12 - 2'3" - 2'6" Novice Combination			
1 st	Maddie Shalbrook	Icky	No
2 nd	Sarah Hayes	Battleship	No
3 rd	Kyra Lenn	Owen	No
4 th	Sara Bennett	Merlin's Magic	No

BVRC Camp – Stockland Lovell, 27th – 30th April 2015

Numbers for camp were down this year but seventeen people with eighteen horses made the journey to Stockland Lovell. We had a few newcomers – namely Fiona Scott with her new horse Luna, Georgie Kemp, Claire Arnold (who used to ride my horse Timmy) and Sue Birch (Ella Birch's Mum who travelled down from Herefordshire). I guess we could say that we had 17 ½ people as Georgie was pregnant! Sue is a member of her local riding club but has mainly hunted with her horse.

This year our flatwork instructor was Jo Roberts and I think everyone now knows the 'mile an hour' game – you think of walk as 20 miles and hour, trot 30 miles and hour and canter 40 miles an hour. This enables you to think more about the speed and rhythm of your pace and you can vary it up or down by thinking about a 25 mile an hour trot for example. Jo's teaching was excellent and clearly explained. She was a hit!! As usual Nic Norman took our show jumping and gridwork sessions and Diana Burgess came for a day to do cross country.

Although we had a few unscheduled dismounts no one had any major mishaps thankfully. The food was up to its usual high standards and there was plenty of it. There were lots of giggles on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when we played games and had our annual quiz – which included a treasure hunt trying to find a buttercup in the dark! Thanks to Celia Scott and Gill Young for being games and quiz masters.

It was all over far too quickly and we were packing up to come home but again it was smiles all round from happy campers, some of whom had gained in confidence from the experience. And it was lovely to hear from Ella a week or so later to say her Mum had phoned in excitement from a show saying she'd just come second in a show jumping class. She would have won it but she didn't look at the jump off course because she didn't think she'd go clear! It seems camp may have given her the push she needed to go out to a show – her first for years.

Thank you to Lindsay Hills for sorting and booking the instruction for us. We've booked again for next year.

Sandra Groves

BVRC Unaffiliated Horse Trials at Larkhill on Sunday 17th May 2015

I should know by now to expect the unexpected.

Things were going swimmingly. The course had been booked in September 2014 and the date was confirmed in early February. The vet, first aid, caterer and loos were booked, 800 schedules had been distributed and entries were starting to flood in. I was anticipating 160-180 competitors on the day.

With five weeks to go, by chance, I discovered the RA Hunt Supporters advertising their Terrier and Fun Dog Show, to be run in front of Queen's Building on the same day as BVRC Horse Trials. Alarm bells rang. Queen's Building had to be passed on route from the dressage, show jumping and lorry parking area to the cross country course. Nervous competitors on pent up horses, about to go across country, riding passed a dog show, could be an accident waiting to happen. The concerns I raised were swept aside. An alternate route to the cross country was suggested, but it would take competitors out on to open plain before entering the centre of the point to point course. Passage to and from the cross country was unsupervised, unobserved, and outside the normal areas of control. The risk assessment was flashing brilliant red.

All my concerns were met with a 'pat on the head' and a 'there, there dear it will be fine – stop fussing' response.

It was unreasonable of me to expect that if I hired site A (Knighton Down) and site B (the cross country course) to run an event involving both areas, there would be safe, unfettered access between the two.

As an organiser, it is a huge responsibility, ensuring, as far as is humanly possible, that the competitors ride in a safe environment. There are enough hazards in our sport without additional unnecessary perils. Ultimately, the buck stops with me.

After several more rounds of communication, I was told to get on with it. Then, to my utmost relief, I heard that the Hunt Supporters had taken the decision to cancel their show. The flack didn't stop with accusations from the RA Hunt Supporters that I had deliberately scuppered their show and threats from Point to Point controller to charge £4500 to get from Knighton Down to the cross country course.

From there on in it was all relatively plain sailing. A lovely group of people arrived to help erect four dressage arenas, a show jumping course and two gazebos. It was a slight worry that the cross country course wasn't ready at the prescribed time for walking, but I don't think this caused any later problems.

The day itself ran without a hitch, although I have to confess that, very unusually, we made a scoring error. Our systems of cross checking everything fell down early in the day, leading to a time faults mistake for one competitor. Unfortunately, when she rode a second horse she adjusted her pace accruing time penalties. Although we quickly corrected the initial mistake we could not appease the owner of her second horse.

I would like to say a big thank you to section heads and their very able assistants: Rosie Mathias (dressage), Helen Muligani (show jumping), Ella Birch & Fiona Gregory (fence judges), Susie Pool (secretary), Peter Hills (cross country control & start team), Sandra Groves (scoring) and everyone who helped out on the day.

Horse Trials is a huge event to undertake with large numbers of helpers needed to make it viable. It is a major revenue earner for the club, enabling BVRC to sustain its activities, participate in BRC inter club team events and championships, and subscribe to the RA Hunt.

The event was a huge success, so thank you everyone who made a contribution.

LKH.

INTERMEDIATE - Class 1 Section A

* denotes Best BV member

- XC time denotes penalties for going too fast.

			BV	Dr	SJ	XC	XC Time	Total
1	Clio Georgiadis	Chester		23.5	0	0	-2.0	25.5
2	Sarah Pinfield	Rolo		24.5	4	0	0	28.5
3	Abi Bendinger	Boss		29.5	0	0	3.2	32.7
4*	Sophie Jeffery	Mickey	*	28	2	0	3.6	33.6
5	Cass Riggs	Jam Roll		30.5	3	0	-4.0	37.5
6	Clio Georgiadis	Charlie		32.5	0	0	-6.8	39.3
7	Katie Edwards	Blakeney Vision		41.5	0	0	0	41.5
8	Tracey Kirk	Freda		34.5	0	0	-8.8	43.3
9	Natalie Baird	Beachball Bouncer		38	0	0	7.2	45.2
10	Katey Cuthbertson	Dunlewey Red Kite	*	35.5	0	0	-10.4	45.9

INTERMEDIATE - Class 1 Section B

- XC time denotes penalties for going too fast.

			Dr	SJ	XC	XC Time	Total
1	Danielle Dunn	Roxy	33	0	0	0	33.0
2	Charlotte Martin	Ruthstown Ricky	30	0	0	-6	36.0
3	Natalie Phillips	Annaghmore Cavaboom	28	0	0	-8	36
4	Kate Jupp	Dood (corrected score)	36	0	0	0.8	36.8
4	Harriet Rawson-Smith	Louis Girl	28.5	4	0	-4.8	37.3
5	Felicity Ruffe	Condie Phantom	35	0	0	-3.6	38.6
6	Kate Jupp	Top Ticket	28.5	4	0	6.4	38.9
7	Becky Ormond	Steady Command	36	4	0	-0.4	40.4
8	Nellie Pike	Dilly	39.5	2	0	1.2	42.7
9	Rebecca Ffooks	Calusa Storm	39	4	0	-1.2	44.2
10	Kerrie Fleming	Hocus Pocus	35.5	0	0	-10	45.5

INTERMEDIATE - Class 1 Section C

- XC time denotes penalties for going too fast.

			Dr	SJ	XC	XC Time	Total
1	Justine Scott	Bradleystoke	23.5	0	0	0	23.5
2	Becky Smith	Starlight Legacy	27.2	0	0	0	27.2
3	Becky Smith	Sycamore Star	26.5	0	0	-1.2	27.7
4	Kathy Emery	CC	19	4	0	-4.8	27.8
5	Kacey Leathers	Sir David	24	0	0	4.8	28.8
6	Jo Rimmer	Albert	25.5	4	0	0	29.5
7	Ali Welsh	Tia Maria	25	4	0	-2.4	31.4
8	Jo Rimmer	Mo	23.2	0	0	-9.2	32.4
9	Savannah Blower	Hillhead Cruise	28.5	4	0	0	32.5
10	Emma Collyer	Hot Rocks	32.5	0	0	2.4	34.9

NOVICE - Class 2 Section A

- XC time denotes penalties for going too fast.

			BV	Dr	SJ	XC	XC Time	Total
1	Claire Lang	Nomadic Warrior		32.5	0	0	1.6	34.1
2*	Julie Newman	Rinky	*	34.5	0	0	-2.8	37.3
3	Annie Rae	Mrs Pickle	*	29	4	0	-5.2	38.2
4	Lorraine Storer	Pasodoble	*	29.5	10	0	0	39.5
5	Fiona Scott	Luna	*	40.5	0	0	-1.6	42.1
6	Billie Stevenson	Millyford Malarky	*	37.5	0	0	6.8	44.3
7	Janet Burnett	Flashlight	*	39.5	4	0	-6.4	49.9
8	Roy Southey	Cherry Pie	*	48	4	0	-0.4	52.4
9	Jenny Allan	Corporal	*	37	4	20	0	61.0
10	Jem Manders	Classic Oki Charm	*	45.5	5	0	11.2	61.7

NOVICE - Class 2 Section B

- XC time denotes penalties for going too fast.

			Dr	SJ	XC	XC Time	Total
1	Joanna Ricketts	Cutton Lightning	28	0	0	0	28.0
2	Julie Murphy	Sapphire Storm	30	0	0	0	30.0
3	Jo Jarvis	Rock Star	32.5	0	0	0	32.5
4	Amy Harris	Fernella Fudge	32.5	0	0	2.8	35.3
5	Kayleigh Jeremy	Frankie	32.7	4	0	-0.4	37.1
6	Josephine West	King Pin	28.2	6	0	4	38.2
7	Sarah Wilson	Harry	29.5	4	0	6	39.5
8	Hayley Singleton	Billie	17.7	4	0	18	39.7
9	Annabel Hurlow	Elliotts Star	35.7	2	0	3.2	40.9
10	Louise Stratton	Joey	30.2	8	0	3.6	41.8

NOVICE - Class 2 Section C

- XC time denotes penalties for going too fast

			Dr	SJ	XC	XC Time	Total
1	Sara Bennett	Merlin's Magic	26.5	2	0	0	28.5
2	Zandra Letts	Conna	25.5	2	0	1.6	29.1
3	Laura Vine	Shappen Wedding Belle	30	0	0	0	30.0
4	Antoinette McKeowen	Ruby	40.7	0	0	0	40.7
5	Katie Harper	Gossamer	35.7	7	0	0	42.7
6	Amanda Taylor	Rynn Rocket	41.5	7	0	0	48.5
7	Emma Hammerton	Peggy	42.7	0	0	-13.2	55.9
8	Louise Crampton	Carribs Leap	41.7	10	0	-4.4	56.1
9	Beth Meaden	Guacomole	31.7	9	0	-28.8	69.5
10	Aloysia Daros	Mister Roo	32.2	13	40	0	85.2

OPEN - Class 3

- XC time denotes penalties for going too fast

			BV	Dr	SJ	XC	XC Time	Total
1	Victoria Leabeater	Vincent		30.5	0	0	0	30.5
2	Diana Burgess	Right of Way	*	27.6	0	0	-3.2	30.8
3	Jo Vincent	Mr Wonkus		32.4	0	0	0	32.4
4	Holly Horton	Cookie		34.7	0	0	0	34.7
5	Joanna Murphy	Woodlands United		37.4	0	0	0	37.4
6	Jo Rimmer	Annie		33.7	0	0	4	37.7
7	Katey Cuthbertson	Ernie	*	36.3	0	0	-2	38.3
8	Emily Penn	Samuel Whiskers VIII		34.7	0	0	-3.6	38.3
9	Ruth Dresman	Back the Bid		33.7	4	0	-0.8	38.5
10	Karen Shearing	Topcat		32.9	0	0	-8.8	41.7

BVRC Combined Training, Larkhill, 21st June 2015

I stepped back into the organising role for this year's event, standing in for Lindsay Devine who was out of action to due a broken arm. A skiing related incident rather than an equestrian one! We had another successful event although entries were down slightly on last year meaning we dropped a couple of the dressage classes. Thank you to the small army of helpers assisting with setting up and helping on the day. My apologies go to Judy Polak who was dropped in at the deep end and asked to oversee the scoreboards and do results – it was a baptism of fire with all of the different classes we had! Well done to BVRC Cup winners Annie Rae, Alison Coleman and Louise Parr. It's so lovely to see delighted faces when they realise they've won some silverware too!

Sandra Groves

* denotes Best BV member

DRESSAGE

Class 5 - Prelim 7 - Judge: Linda Clow			BV	Mark	%
1*	Laura Saxon	Carrot	Y	150	75.0
2=	Michelle Griffiths	Lord Ego	Y	148	74.0
2=	Annie Rae	Mrs Pickle	Y	148	74.0
4	Zandra Letts	Conna	N	144	72.0
5	Sally Shepherd	Pablo	Y	141	70.5
6	Lizzie Salmon	Last Chance	N	140	70.0
7	Amy Rossiter	Gulliver	N	134	67.0
8	Michelle Raymond	Millyford Malarky	N	133	66.5
9	Helen Johnson	Tulana	N	131	65.5
10	Sam Shepherd	Sam	Y	124	62.0

Class 6 - Prelim 13 - Judge: Gail Perren			BV	Mark	%
1*	Alison Coleman	Wilba	Y	189.0	78.8
2	Kirsty Cox	Cherry	N	174.5	72.7
3	Alex Dixon	Hell of a Buck	Y	173.0	72.1
4	Louise Stratton	Joey	N	172.5	71.9
5	April Palmer	Tickety Boo	N	170.5	71.0
6	Zandra Letts	Conna	N	167.5	69.8
7=	Cath Wheeler	Percy	N	165.0	68.8
7=	Sarah Hayes	Battle Ship	Y	165.0	68.8
9	Claire Arnold	Jeebs	Y	163.5	68.1
10	Annie Rae	Mrs Pickle	Y	163.0	67.9

Class 3 & 7 - Novice 24 - Judge: Sue Bacon					
1	Becky Smith	Eastern Jacanda	N	179.5	69.0
2	Krisia Reid	Grand Gesture	N	173.0	66.5
3	Cara McKinnan	Red House Romeo	N	172.0	66.2
4	Becky Smith	Starlight Legacy	N	167.0	64.2
5*	Louise Parr	Badger	Y	163.0	62.7
6	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Y	160.5	61.7
7	Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	Y	159.5	61.3
8	Miranda Jones	Leggy	N	159.5	61.3
9	April Palmer	Tickety Boo	N	159.0	61.2
10	Liz Ampairee	Kings Troop	N	97.0	37.3

Class 4 & 8 - Novice 30 - Judge: Sue Bacon					
1	Becky Smith	Eastern Jacanda	N	179.0	68.8
2	Becky Smith	Starlight Legacy	N	177.5	68.3
3	Holly Budge	Hamberlins Boy	N	161.0	61.9
4	Cara McKinnan	Red House Romeo	N	160.5	61.7
5	Miranda Jones	Leggy	N	156.5	60.2

Combined Training

Class 5 - Prelim 7 & SJ 2'3"-2'6"			BV	Dr	SJ	Total
1	Zandra Letts	Conna	N	72.0	0	72.0
2*	Annie Rae	Mrs Pickle	Y	74.0	4	70.0
3	Lizzie Salmon	Last Chance	N	70.0	0	70.0
4	Amy Rossiter	Gulliver	N	67.0	0	67.0
5	Michelle Raymond	Millyford Malarky	N	66.5	0	66.5
6	Sally Shepherd	Pablo	Y	70.5	8	62.5
7	Roy Southey	Hope	Y	60.5	0	60.5
8	Michelle Griffiths	Lord Ego	Y	74.0	16	58.0
9	Helen Johnson	Tulana	N	65.5	8	57.5
10	Alison Whipp-Long	Saddlewood	N	57.5	0	57.5

Class 6 - Prelim 13 & SJ 2'9"			BV	Dr	SJ	Total
1*	Alison Coleman	Wilba	Y	78.8	4	74.8
2	Kirsty Cox	Cherry	N	72.7	0	72.7
3	April Palmer	Tickety Boo	N	71.0	0	71.0
4	Zandra Letts	Conna	N	69.8	0	69.8
5	Claire Arnold	Jeebs	Y	68.1	0	68.1
6	Cath Wheeler	It Takes 2 to Tango	N	67.7	0	67.7
7=	Cath Wheeler	Percy	N	68.8	4	64.8
7=	Sarah Hayes	Battle Ship	Y	68.8	4	64.8
9	Louise Stratton	Joey	N	71.9	8	63.9
10	Jo Williamson	Jac Splat	Y	63.3	0	63.3

Class 7 - Novice 24 & SJ 3'0"						
1	Becky Smith	Starlight Legacy	N	64.2	0	64.2
2*	Louise Parr	Badger	Y	62.7	0	62.7
3	Krisia Reid	Grand Gesture	N	66.5	4	62.5
4	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Y	61.7	4	57.7
5	April Palmer	Tickety Boo	N	61.2	8	53.2

Class 8 - Novice 30 & SJ 3'3"						
1	Becky Smith	Starlight Legacy	N	68.3	0	68.3
2	Holly Budge	Hamberlins Boy	N	61.9	0	61.9

SHOW JUMPING

Class 9 - 2'3" - 2'6"			BV	
1	Faye Blundel	Mediflor	N	0
2*	Roy Southey	Hope	Y	0
3	Michelle Raymond	Millyford Malarky	N	0
4	Roy Southey	Cherry Pie	Y	0
5	Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	Y	0
6	Emma Parker-Chambers	Inky	N	0
7	Alison Whipp-Long	Saddlewood	N	0
8	Lizzie Salmon	Last Chance	N	0
9	Zandra Letts	Conna	N	0
10	Amy Rossiter	Gulliver	N	0

Class 10 - 2'9"			BV	
1	Chloe Veal	Gleann Garach	N	0
2	Kirsty Cox	Cherry	Y	0
3	Cath Wheeler	It Takes 2 to Tango	N	0
4	April Palmer	Tickety Boo	N	0
5*	Claire Arnold	Jeebs	Y	0
6	Zandra Letts	Conna	N	0
7	Jo Williamson	Jac Splat	Y	0,4
8	Kieran Purkis	Ginger	N	0,12
9	Danielle Storer	Folly	N	4
10	Emma Hewlett	On The Bounce	Y	4

Class 11 - 3'0"				
1*	Louise Parr	Badger	Y	0
2	Becky Smith	Starlight Legacy	N	0
3	Krisia Reid	Grand Gesture	N	4
4	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Y	4
5	Chloe Veal	Gleann Garach	N	8
6	April Palmer	Tickety Boo	N	8

Class 12 - 3'3"				
1	Becky Smith	Starlight Legacy	N	
2	Holly Budge	Hamberlins Boy	N	
3*	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Y	

BVRC Open Dressage & Showing Show at Redenham Park on 19th July 2015

The 2nd annual show and dressage at Redenham Park went ahead on the 19th July with another good weather forecast for the day ahead. This year the show was affiliated to the Royal London Show with three wonderful judges heading the show rings and dressage arenas alike. A wonderful day went ahead with fabulous comments passed by all competitors regarding organisation, praise for all the judges and a good number of entries taken on the day.

A great day was had by all and was lovely to hear excited comments from people who have never shown and have qualified for Royal London Show. The show at Coventry went ahead on the 20-23rd August and qualifying competitions posting their success on Facebook.

An unfortunate incident in the afternoon was the only downside to the whole day but a full recovery to the horse involved is expected and well wishes sent from BVRC.

Planning to begin soon for next year's show, comments and suggestions welcome.

Victoria Smith

DRESSAGE

Class 1 - Intro A		Judge: Gail Perren	BV	Mark	%
1	Beth Hethershaw	Harry	n	150	65.2
2 *	Alison Wilson	Mississippi	y	146	63.5
3	Johanna Still	Flynn	y	142.5	62
4	Katey Cuthbertson	Ptolomy	y	142	61.7
5	Andrea Meikle	Magic	y	139.5	60.7
6	Katey Cuthbertson	Posidon	y	138	60
7	Kathryn Hewitt	Mac	n	136	59.1
8	Sandra Wheeler	Hazy Lad	n	133	57.8
9	Gemma Spanswick	Dash	n	131.5	57.2
10	Caroline Scott	Bertie	y	129.5	56.3
sp	Dee Hodson	Reggie Rosiedale	y	123	53.5
sp	Graham Marshall	Oliver	y	124	53.9

Class 2 - Prelim 4		Judge: Stuart Banks	BV	Mark	%
1*	Katey Cuthbertson	The Underground	y	144	65.5
2	Sally-Ann Hammill	Sunglow Black Princess	n	143	65
3	Olivia Curtis	Freefolk Galliard	y	136.5	62
4	Karen Nicholson	Whiplash	n	135	61.4
5	Beth Hethershaw	Harry	n	134.5	61.1
6	Katey Cuthbertson	Cintia	y	132	60
7	Elle Ravenscroft	Elmhurst Golden Jubilee	n	130	59.1
8	Montina Munday	Nil Bleu	n	129	58.6

Class 3 - Prelim 14		Judge: Stuart Banks	BV	Mark	%
1	Katey Cuthbertson	Incognito	y	174.5	72.7
2*	Sandra Groves	Timmy	y	169	70.4
3	Sally-Ann Hammill	Sunglow Black Princess	n	168	70
4	Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	y	166.5	69.4
5	Nicki Strong	Pha Mai Blue	y	157.5	65.6
6	Jem Manders	Classic Oki Charm	y	156.5	65.2
7	Katey Cuthbertson	Bartramia	y	146.5	61

Class 4 - Novice 27		Judge: Terri Cross	BV	Mark	%
1	Lucie Wells	Sea Sprite	n	203.5	72.7
2	Karen Nicholson	Whiplash	n	197.5	70.5
3*	Nicki Strong	Pha Mai Blue	y	191.5	67.7
4	Fen Hargreaves	Brit Pop	y	188.0	67.1
5	Sue McLean	Czarka	y	185.5	66.3
6	Gemma Merrit	Bob On	n	175.5	62.7

Class 5 - Pick your own - N23 / E42 / M63		- Judge: Terri Cross			
1	Lucie Wells	Sea Sprite	N34	n	168
2*	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	E42	y	223.5
3	Katey Cuthbertson	Ernie	N34	y	165.5
4	Louise Parr	Badger	N34	y	137
5	Gemma Merritt	Schokolade	N34	y	135.5
6	Jane Rudge	Sparky	M63	n	135

*denotes best BV member and a trophy recipient

Class 21 Riding Club horse/pony - Prelim 12		- Judge: Gail Perren			
1	Sandra Groves	Timmy	y	175	70
2	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	y	173.5	69.4
3	Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	n	170.5	68.2
4	Helen Nash-Steer	Blue Gray Marquis	n	170	68
5	Melissandre Avallone	Tia	y	166.5	66.2
6	Margaret Hird	Thacka Princess	y	144	57.6

RING 1 - In Hand Classes - Judge - Denise Monckton

Class 6 - Mountain & Moorland		BV
1	Lorraine Whale	Kilrickle Dusk
2	Julia Luce	Euros Snow Queen
3	Kyra Lunn	Llanidan Survivor
4	Jade Muggeridge	Ballynoonagh Brandys Boy

Class 7 - Riding Horse / Hunter		BV
1	Sophie Merrit	Ptolomy
2	Georgi Haviland	Wenierante
3	Caroline Scott	Bertie

Class 8 - Novice Show Horse / Pony		BV
1	Lorraine Whale	Kilrickle Dusk

Class 11 - Arabs, Anglos & Part Breeds		BV
1	Sophie Merrit	Palladio
2	Sarah Wigmore	Lady Lightning

Class 9 - Cob		BV
1	Sally Mermod	Rupert
2	Sarah Wigmore	Golden Archer
3	Debbie Cooper	Maggie
4	Clifford James	Rownan
5	Kate Fallon	George
6	Dee Hodson	Reggie Rosiedale
7	Andrea Meikle	Magic

Class 10 - Veteran		BV
1	Steph Tooze	Just Jester
2	Miranda James	Blue Grey Enchantment
3	Juinta Coulson	The Pudding
4	Samantha Clark	Banjo Hill
5	Penelope Egan	Abbey Theatre
6	Madeleine Stickels	Roman

In Hand Championship		BV
Champion	Sally Mermod	Rupert
Reserve	Sophie Merritt	Palladio
	Lorraine Whale	Kilrickle Dusk
	Julia Luce	Euros Snow Queen
	Sophie Merritt	Ptolomy

		BV
	Georgi Haviland	Wenierante
	Sarah Wigmore	Golden Archer
	Steph Tooze	Just Jester
	Miranda James	Blue Grey Enchantment
	Sarah Wigmore	Lady Lightning

RING 2 - Ridden Classes (except class 12) - Judge - Kirstie Harris Caister

Class 12 - Best Turned Out

BV

1	Claire Shearmon	Captain Jack	n
2	Brook Peters	Silver	n

Class 13 - Coloured horse or Pony

1	Beverley Moulter	Half Magic	y
2	Georgia Buckland	Sprinkle	n
3	Sally Mermod	Rupert	n
4	Claire Shearmon	Captain Jack	n
5	Dee Hodson	Reggie Rosiedale	y

Class 14 - Veteran

1	George Howard	Lark	n
2	Helen Nash-Steer	Blue Gray Marquis	y
3	Laura Cavill	Waundaiyoo Glyndwr	n
4	Steph Tooze	Just jester	n
5	Olivia Curtis	Freefolk Galliard	y
6	Linda Clarke	Holkham	y
7	Penelope Eighan	Abbey Theatre	n

Class 18 - Riding Horse

1	Lise Wood	Emmas Secret	n
2	Laura Southgate	Dancing Ellie	n

Ridden Championship

Champion	Connie Burrell	The Brigadier	n
Reserve	Lise Wood	Emmas Secret	n
	Claire Shearmon	Captain Jack	n
	Brook Peters	Silver	n
	Beverley Moulter	Half Magic	y
	Georgia Buckland	Sprinkle	n
	George Howard	Lark	n

Class 15 - Novice show horse / pony

BV

1	Melissandre Avallone	Tia	n
2	Megan Fox	Blackwoodland Pegasus	n
3	Sarah Hayes	Battleship	n
4	Montina Munday	Nil Bleu	n
5	Brook Peters	Silver	n
6	Samantha Clark	Banjo Hill	n
7	Vicky de Candole	Daiquiri	y
8	Anna Crossland	Wispa Gold	n
9	Johanna Still	Flynn	y

Class 16 - Mountain & Moorland

1	Kyra Lunn	Llanidan Survivor	n
2	Margaret Hird	Thacka Princess	n
3	Laura Cavill	Waundaiyoo Glyndwr	n
4	TJ Slark	Thistledown Angus	y
5	Sandra Wheeler	Hazy Lad	n
6	Beverley Moulter	Rowhill Buster	y

Class 17 - Ridden Hunter / cob

1	Connie Burrell	The Brigadier	n
2	Laura Southgate	Dancing Ellie	n
3	Harriet Hunt	Bailey	n
4	Elle Ravenscroft	Elmhurst Golden Jubilee	n
5	Ella Clayton	Ned	y

	Helen Nash-Steer	Blue Gray Marquis	y
	Melissandre Avallone	Tia	n
	Megan Fox	Blackwoodland Pegasus	n
	Kyra Lunn	Llanidan Survivor	n
	Margaret Hird	Thacka Princess	n
	Laura Southgate	Dancing Ellie	n

RING 3 - Working Hunter - Judge - Georgina Andrews

Class 19 - Novice Working Hunter

BV

1	Frances Elms	Russian Lad	n
2	Caroline Thompson	Millersford Dillon	y
3	Charlie haslam	Patch	n
4	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	y
5	Georgia Buckland	Sprinkle	n
6	Olivia Curtis	Freefolk Galliard	y
7	Karen Duggleby	Ruby Rocket	y
8	Megan Fox	Blackwoodland Pegasus	n
E	Vicky de Candole	Daiquiri	y
E	Olivia Tobutt	Lenox	n
E	TJ Slark	Thistledown Angus	y

Class 20 - Working Mountain & Moorland

1	Kyra Lunn	Llanidan Survivor	n
2	Caroline Thompson	Millersford Dillon	y
3	Harriet Middleton	Canbower Finn	n
4	Margaret Hird	Thacka Princess	n
5	Olivia Tobutt	Lenox	n
6	Beverley Moulter	Rowhill Buster	y
7	Laura Cavill	Waundaiyoo Glyndwr	n

Class 22 - Intermediate Working Hunter

BV

1	Connie Burrell	The Brigadier	n
2	Helen Nash-Steer	Blue Gray Marquis	y
3	Charlie Haslam	Patch	n
4	Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man	y
5	Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	y
E	Elle Ravenscroft	Elmhurst Golden Jubilee	n
E	Jem Manders	Classic Oki Charm	y
E	Sarah Hayes	Battleship	n
E	TJ Slark	Hurricane Gold	y
E	Steph Tooze	Just Jester	n

Class 23 - Open Working Hunter

1	Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man	y
2	TJ Slark	Hurricane Gold	y
3	Gemma Merrit	Bob On	n

Class 21 - Riding Club horse / pony

			BV
1	Helen Nash-Steer	Blue Gray Marquis	y
2	Margaret Hird	Thacka Princess	n
3	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	y
4	Sandra Groves	Timmy	y
5	Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	y
6	Melissandre Avallone	Tia	n

Class 21 Riding Club horse / pony - Overall Placing

			BV	Dressage	Showing
1*	Helen Nash-Steer	Blue Gray Marquis	y	4	1
2	Sandra Groves	Timmy	y	1	4
3	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	y	2	3
4	Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	y	3	5
5	Margaret Hird	Thacka Princess	n	6	2
6	Melissandre Avallone	Tia	n	5	6

Working Hunter Championship

Champion	Connie Burrell	The Brigadier	n
Reserve	Kyra Lunn	Llanidan Survivor	n
	Frances Elms	Russian Lad	n
	Caroline Thompson	Millersford Dillon	y
	Helen Nash-Steer	Blue Grey Marquis	y
	Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man	y
	TJ Slark	Hurricane Gold	y

REPORTS

TEAM NEWS

by Susie Pool, Chef d'Equipe and Lynn Mead, Deputy Chef d'Equipe

Area 17 2015 Winter Intermediate Dressage Qualifier, Woodington TC – Saturday 28-Sunday 29 March

The Intermediate Dressage Qualifier at Woodington over 2 days proved to be popular and we were able to fill 3 teams. The teams of 4 consisted of one riding a Prelim test, 2 riding different Novice tests and the 4th an Elementary. Having sorted everything out some time before the event, we had the inevitable last minute drop-outs due to lameness or other good reason. Victoria Delville-Cutts was supposed to ride a Novice test in one team and the elementary in another. Sadly she was one of those who had to pull out but was kind enough to lend her horse to Alex Gambling whose horse had a problem that morning. Well done Alex for jumping onto a strange horse to keep the teams full and special thanks to Victoria for finding a bit of time to drop Alex and Lisa at the event. I was very pleased with Humphrey who was turning his hand (or hoof really) to only his 2nd ever Elementary test. He tried very hard and achieved a similar percentage to that which he usually gets in a Novice test. The White team did very well, helped by Fay and "Doris" winning the Elementary, and their 2nd place ensured team qualification for the new Winter Intermediate Championships at Bury Farm.

Team	Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place	Total & Team Place
Blue	Lindsay Devine	Mistletoe	P13	152.0	63.33	14	43 20th
	Lisa Pritchard	Eros Van De Brouwershoeve	N28	145.0	60.42	21	
	Kate Bennett	Calypso II	N34	131.5	54.79	24	
	Marion Watt	The Minstrel III	E42	211.5	66.09	8	
White	Ros Kershaw	Catnap	P13	162.5	67.71	5	13 2nd
	Philippa Thatcher	Master Stanley	N28	163.0	67.92	7	
	Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man	N34	138.0	57.50	22	
	Fay Chivers	Wolf Whistle	E42	226.5	70.78	1	
Yellow	Sandra Groves	Timmy	P13	158.0	65.83	8	30 11th
	Alex Gambling	Mr Chips	N28	157.5	65.63	10	
	Elizabeth Peerless	Josephine 52	N34	153.5	63.96	12	
	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	E42	205.0	64.06	14	

Marks were very close and 1 or 2 marks made the difference of more places.

BRC Winter Novice Championships 2015, Hartpury College – Saturday 4 April 2015

		Test	%	Arena Place	Team Place
Sandra Groves	Timmy	P18		16th	8th
Fay Chivers	Wolf Whistle	N24	76.9	1st	
Ros Kershaw	Catnap	P18	68.3	10th	
Elizabeth Peerless	Josefine 52	N24		18th	

Way back in October one of our Winter Novice Dressage teams qualified for the Championships. In this team of 4, 2 members rode the same Prelim test and 2 a Novice test with one of each riding in the morning and the other 2 in the afternoon. There is always a drawn order to decide the riding order of all the Clubs and fate would have it that our first 2 were done by soon after 1030 but we then had nearly 6 hours to wait before our next 2 riders! The early riders, Sandra and Fay, had gone up the evening before with their horses and stayed overnight at Hartpury. A representative of the sponsor, KBIS, erected a series of flags close to the side of the arena, within a few metres of those riding the Novice test. Thankfully, Fay's Wolf Whistle was not disturbed by them and by the time Elizabeth rode her test, the wind had dropped considerably. Other Clubs were not so fortunate. One poor rider could not even ride into her arena and didn't start her test at all. Others had their tests totally disrupted by the scary flags cracking in the wind and those in the afternoon who unintentionally set foot in the arena before the judge rang her bell were eliminated. They were later reinstated with 2 penalties, in line with the morning riders.

Sandra and Timmy set us up with a good start, performing a very tidy test. Fay and "Doris" then produced a very professional performance despite the noisy flags. Afterwards we discovered that Fay was not feeling well, with a splitting headache and hardly able to see out of one eye. You would never have guessed from their wonderful performance. Ros and Catnap were next, several hours later, but worth the wait. "Cat" produced her usual rhythmic and relaxed performance, which earned her an individual 10th place. Last but by no means least, was Elizabeth Peerless and a rather tense "Pixie". Elizabeth nursed her round without any incident to produce another good test. At the prizegiving, it was announced that Fay had also been "crowned" overall Winter Novice Dressage Champion, taking home the trophy that Philippa Thatcher and Master Stanley won last year!! Well done!

BRC Area 17 2015 FOTH Challenge Qualifier, Rockbourne – Monday 6 April 2015

This was not one of our more notable competitions. We had entered a 90 Team and a 100 Individual. Unfortunately we didn't manage to fill the 4th team place so when one person dropped out, we ended up with just 2 individuals. It was a bit of a relief for me as it meant that the team was not relying on me and Humphrey to produce a decent team score; I was just doing it for me. Just as well because Humphrey had not put his brave pants on and at one point I thought that we might not even start the SJ phase, let alone complete it! Thankfully someone suggested that Humphrey might have got his tongue over the bit and they were right. Having rectified this, we did find forward gear again and managed to complete the SJ with 2 stops and one (?) down. Unfortunately Humphrey remained wary and careful, insistent that he had to check the jumps were safe before going over them. With very straightforward fences at 3 and 4, this meant we got to fence 6 (which again we jumped at 2nd attempt) before being eliminated. Annabel Mead and her young Wujiwoo, flew round the cross country making it all look easy. Sadly, the scoreboard later revealed that she had missed a jump out, having taken the wrong route after the water. Nicki Strong and her Pha Mai Blue raised the spirits of the Club by flying round the 100 courses.

Susie Pool

BRC Area 17 2015 FOTH Combined Training Qualifier, Crofton Manor EC - Sunday 19 April 2015

Well it was with some trepidation that I accepted the mantle of acting Chef d'Equipe for the day as our trusted Chef of some 14 years had two horses competing and it would have been a tall order to compete with two as well as organise the teams! So there I was... I shadowed Susie, and got organised for the day (printing all the rules!) including putting together a helper rota of those competing (plus Tabitha's mum Judy) to ensure we could fulfil our obligation of two slots for car parking steward 8-11 and showjumping steward 11-2.

The day dawned crisp and cold but dry most importantly. I arrived at 7.45am to check in with the Secretary and start car parking steward from 8am. Susie was competing later in the day but stoically arrived to take over from 9am, with Judy bringing up the rear for the last hour. Everyone was very jolly and friendly which helped make the day fun.

The competition proved to be quite stiff in all the dressage arenas and in the showjumping the blue wavy planks were to blame for a lot of suspicion - they were sited in a difficult location jumping immediately away from the entrance gates to the indoor arena. Faerie Role felt this was much more scary than the larger version normally jumped, Timmy had a big aversion to them but did not stop and was very genuine jumping them in an intriguing new style and Folds Acacia (Humphrey) had to have a re-inspection before jumping them!

Marvin proved to be the expert in ignoring the planks for a good clear. Tabitha and Marvin produced the best test result for 69.75%, which translated in to 30.3 penalties and had a fault free showjumping round to finish in their Arena in second place. Also clear and with great Arena placings (even with interesting jumps over the planks) were Sandra and Timmy, and Marion with Faerie Role who were both 5th in their respective arenas, and Janet and Flashlight were 7th. We had good placings all round. Whilst Dubai became a little tense in the dressage Susie had her looking fabulous in the warm up so there is lots to look forward to with this new partnership – they have only been together for two months and this was their second test together.

Bourne Valley Blue						
		P7/ 75cm	P7/ 75cm	N27/ 85cm	N27 85cm	Place
-	-	-				-
Janet Burnett	Flashlight		7			7
Susie Pool	Dubai			14		14
Marion Watt	Faerie Role				5	5
Total						26
Team						11th

Bourne Valley White						
		P7/ 75cm	P7/ 75cm	N27/ 85cm	N27/ 85cm	Place
Tabitha Rothwell	Marvin O'Brien	2				2
Sandra Groves	Timmy		5			5
Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man			11		11
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia				13	13
Total						18
Team						8th

Three teams finished on a score of eight and so these were separated on the basis of firstly the highest scoring fourth rider, and then the highest combined dressage score as the first two teams' fourth riders both were placed 9th in their Arenas. The winners were South Wilts A, second place went to Chilworth Gold and third was Hampshire Rural Red. The top two teams qualify.

The Bourne Valley team spirit was high with riders re-living their rounds and supporting each other in the inevitable highs and lows of competition day! I wished I had had a pedometer on me at the end of the day as I am sure I walked/jogged/ran around for miles between the competitors, secretaries, lorries and arenas. It was a fun day, and I had lots of positive feedback (thank you) and it looks like I'll be doing some more as a trial deputy for Susie... the Horse Trials and Show & Style Jumping Area Teams beckon!!

The day was efficiently organised and run by Solent Riding Club and everyone had a smile on their face – thank you everyone for making the day special.

Lynn Mead

BRC Winter Intermediate Championships 2015, Bury Farm – Saturday 2 May

We've been good at short straws this year! When the times were published, we found that Ros and Catnap had been drawn first to go in their Arena at 8.30am!! We'd booked stables but due to problems collecting the hire transport they had a very, very early start to get to Leighton Buzzard but at least they had a stable to make use of on arrival and for the rest of the day. The early start and ride in a strange lorry perhaps wasn't ideal for "Cat" as she didn't produce her usual fluid test but she still achieved a creditable result. Fay and "Doris" were next to go and produced another lovely test. This earned them a win in the Elementary Class. Jenny Cox and Biscuit Man produced a much better test than at the Qualifier and achieved a Top 10 place (9th). Sadly Philippa Thatcher was unable to go having been selected for to ride in a BD team! Elizabeth Peerless accepted the challenge of replacing her, and "Pixie" was much more relaxed than at Hartpur.

		Test	%	Arena Place	Team Place
Ros Kershaw	Catnap	P13		13th	7 th (23)
Fay Chivers	Wolf Whistle	E42	75.3	1st	
Elizabeth Peerless	Josefine 52	N28		16th	
Jenny Cox	Biscuit Man	N34	63.3	9th	

Susie Pool

BRC Area 17 2015 Horse Trials Qualifier, Bovington – Sunday 7th June

The Area Horse Trials Qualifier day dawned bright and sunny with a hot day forecast which was fabulous. Bovington were hosting the event alongside one of their own unaffiliated horse trials to capitalise on the set up and running arrangements. The event was co-ordinated by the RAC Saddle Club at Bovington with South Dorset Hunt.

We had entered a HT80 team, at HT90 one team and one individual, also a 100+ Team. Sadly on veterinary advice Janet Burnet had to withdraw Flashlight from the 80 Team late on, so Jem Manders accepted the challenge to fill her place with Classic Oki Charm at short notice for their first one day event. Unfortunately we also had a late withdrawal due to lameness so Susie moved from an individual to the 90 team. Throughout all our teams there were some real highlights although unfortunately there were some challenges on the day that meant overall our teams did not fare as well as they would have preferred.

Minette Batters with Bereford Magic won the 80 section qualifying as an individual for the Horse Trials Championships at Swadcliffe in August. They had three great phases with Magic rather amazed to be doing all three on the same day in what was her first ever one day event! Jane Winson, with Widlake Magic Whirl also had a great day with less than one time fault added to their dressage for 7th place. All four riders in the 80 team posted great dressage scores. Jenny and the big jumping Corporal had a good round with one pole and some time faults. Jem had a great learning experience with Oki growing in confidence round the show jumping and cross country with much to look forward to next year.

The 90 team were so close to having a great team score, but unfortunately, three of our four riders had one phase they would prefer to redo...always the challenge with eventing and getting three good phases on the same day!! Louise Parr finished just outside the placings with just time penalties added to her dressage and they were very pleased.

In the 100+ team Michelle Bowe, riding Hestia, and Nicky Strong, on Pha Mai Blue, both had good jumping phases, and finished just outside the placings. Both had huge grins after fab cross country rounds! Unfortunately it wasn't Marion or Victoria's day. Marion had an uncharacteristically problematic cross country on the normally reliable Old Speckled Hen II. Filling the 4th place in the 100+ Team had been proving impossible so Marion lent Victoria Deville-Cutts Faerie Role. They had a good dressage, but jumping a horse you have never sat on before round a big showjumping track was a big ask, so they sadly had to retire. We were very grateful as we needed to field a team of four in case of qualification for the Championships – so that a full team would be eligible.

So, a day of ups and downs for team BVRC. I always find the challenge of eventing to be the ultimate equestrian competition – when it all goes to plan it is fantastic, and when it doesn't there is much analysis and always something we could have done differently! Fantastic congratulations to Minette and Bereford Magic and best of luck at the Championships which will be her horse's second ever one day event!

Huge thanks to our four helpers required for the day – Judy Rothwell and Janet Burnet for the morning and Sandra Groves and Ella Birch for the afternoon. They all covered fence 5 on the cross country course, fence judging across the day. This was particularly appreciated given that fence judges were, unusually, not fed or watered for the day. I'd like to personally thank all who took part and helped – everyone made my first one day event as Chef d'Equipe a pleasure. I took a course walk round the 80 course the day before and whilst the day itself was very long, it was really enjoyable. Thank you all.

Senior 80 Team	
Jenny Allan	Corporal
Jem Manders	Oki Classic Charm
Jane Winson	Widlake Magic Whirl
Minette Batters	Bereford Magic

Senior 90 Team	
Emma Hewlett	Bounce
Annabel Mead	Wujiwoo
Louise Parr	Zary
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia

Senior 100 + Team	
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II
Michelle Bowe	Hestia
Nicki Strong	Pha Mai Blue
Victoria Deville-Cutts	Faerie Role

BRC Area 17 2015 Show and Style Jumping Qualifier, Hurn EC – Sunday 14th June

Well, no sooner had we packed up for the Area Horse Trials Qualifier we were on to the Area Show and Style Jumping Qualifier the following weekend at Hurn Equestrian Centre, with Hurn Airport in the background. This had the look and feel of an old fashioned show – in a huge field. The recent rain meant the going was perfect for a great day of competition. We had four riders who all took part in the Style Jumping as well as the Novice Show Jumping. Three of the four riders had also completed the area horse trials qualifier the previous weekend.

The Style Jumping team consists of two riders jumping a 75cm course, and two riders an 85cm course. The competition is a one round competition, judged on the way the round is ridden and jumped. This includes saluting to the judge at the start of the round, riding in trot and canter on both reins on the flat, and then how the horse is presented to the fence, ridden round the corners, over the fences and their overall rhythm, balance and pace. Sandra Groves with Timmy and Jenny Allan with Corporal jumped the 75cm course. Corporal is a big jumping horse and both Jenny and he grew in confidence the more they jumped. Timmy jumped a lovely round for 5th individually. Jane Winson with Widlake Magic Whirl and Susie Pool with Folds Acacia jumped the 85cm course. There were problems with the scoring, which took a while to resolve, but when they were posted (after correction) the team finished fourth of six teams. They were only 1 point behind the third placed team so very close as were the individual scores where Jane finished 3rd. This proved to be a qualifying individual score as first and second places were in the qualifying team, so Jane and Murphy are off to the National Championships for the 85cm Style competition! Great news and much smiling!!

It turned out to be a day of 5s for Sandra and Timmy. After finishing 5th in the 75cm Style they finished with a fabulous triple clear round in the Novice Show Jumping and 5th overall of 24 riders. The course seemed to cause problems for some, but this established combination showed their cool and jumped beautifully throughout. Sandra said she was scared witless going in, and elated coming out! Go Timmy!! Jane also had two good showjumping rounds just rolling one pole in the second round. Folds Acacia had a change of saddle after the first round and a much happier Susie and Humphrey produced a lovely clear round in the second round. Jenny and Corporal jumped better and better each round they did, finishing with just one rolled pole in the second round having taken an aversion to the pigs on fence 3 in the first round! The Novice Show Jumping team also finished 5th on a score of 15. New Forest (those ponies really picked their toes up!) finished on a clean sheet of zero to qualify for the Championships.

Overall it was a very relaxed and well organised day jointly organised by New Forest Pony Enthusiasts and New Forest Riding Club. There was a lot of positive feedback on the venue, so likely it will be used again for this competition. Thank you to all our competitors for sharing our volunteering duties across the day – arena party and tack checking. There were lots of rosettes for the BVRC team and a great team spirit with lots of camaraderie.



Style Jumping Results (Best 3 places)

Rider	Horse	Height	Score	Ind Place	Team Place
Jenny Allan	Corporal	75cm	48.0	11	4th / 6
Sandra Groves	Timmy	75cm	76.0	5	
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	85cm	77.0	8	
Jane Winson	Widlake Magic Whirl	85cm	79.5	3	

Novice Show Jumping Results (Best 3 scores)

Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Total	Ind Place	Team Place
Jenny Allan	Corporal	11	4	15		5 th / 6
Sandra Groves	Timmy	0	0	0 (0)	5	
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	12	0	12		
Jane Winson	Widlake Magic Whirl	0	4	4		

Lynn Mead

BRC Area 17 2015 Summer Dressage and Riding Test Qualifier, Pinkmead – Sunday 11th July 2015

Wow! What a day for BVRC at the Area 17 Summer Dressage Qualifier efficiently run by Chilworth Riding Club at Pinkmead. We had a team of 3 in the Prelim Class with Sandra Groves, Sarah Simmons (on her own horse), and Gemma Merritt (on a borrowed horse); an Open team of Susie Pool, Philippa Thatcher, Sarah Simmons (on Marion's Jazz) and Marion Watt; a Riding Test team of Sandra Groves, Gemma Merritt, Susie Pool and Sarah Simmons (own horse); a Pair of Marion and Sarah (Jazz); and finally, Marion also did the individual Medium.

The Prelim Team did exceptionally well with Gemma riding a horse she had barely ridden previously and Sarah with her young horse at his first competition - they came 2nd! Sandra and Timmy did even better, winning their Arena and qualifying for the BRC National Championships. Philippa's Lyric had her first ever dressage win in the N30 Arena, Marion also won in the E45 Arena and Sarah, having only started riding Jazz a few weeks ago, came 4th in N34. These scores meant that the Open Team won and also qualified for Championships. Marion and Mavis had a perfect day also winning the Pairs with Sarah and Jazz, and the individual Medium 61, only Mavis' 2nd competition at this level. So many red rosettes!!

Well done everyone and thanks to all our supporters. We looked forward to joining Jane Winson (already qualified for the 85cm Style Jumping) as a BVRC team of 6 at the Championships at Lincoln Showground on Saturday 5th September.

Prelim Dressage Team Results (Best 3 scores)

Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place
Sarah Simmons	Leaguer Mos Royal	BRC D3	167.5	67.00	5 th
Sandra Groves	Timmy		172.0	68.80	1 st
Gemma Merritt	Fergus		159.0	63.60	10 th
Team					2 nd

Riding Test Team Results (Best 3 scores)

Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place
Sandra Groves	Timmy	RT(Prelim)	84.0	76.36	7 th
Gemma Merritt	Fergus	RT(Prelim)	65.0	59.09	
Sarah Simmons	Leaguer Mos Royal	RT (Nov)	71.5	65.00	
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	RT (Nov)	86.3	73.18	9 th

Open Dressage Team Results (Best 3 scores)

Team Place	Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place
1 st / 12	Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Nov 24	163.5	62.88	8 th
	Philippa Thatcher	Miss Moss II	Nov 30	180.5	69.42	1 st
	Sarah Simmons	Jazz	Nov 34	165.0	68.75	4 th
	Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	Elem 45	201.5	9.48	1 st

Pairs Result

Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	BRC Pairs 5	106.5	76.07	1 st / 5
Sarah Simmons	Jazz				

Medium Individual Result

Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	Medium 61	207.5	71.55	1 st / 6

Susie Pool



BRC Horse Trials Championships 2015, Swalcliffe – Friday 7th August



Minette Batters and Bereford Magic qualified as an individual for the 80cm BRC National Horse Trials Championships at Swalcliffe Park by winning the Area Qualifier on their dressage score of 28. This was quite a feat as this was Magic's first one day event. So, Minette and Magic travelled up to Swalcliffe with her family support team for Magic's second ever one day event. The 80 class was in the afternoon which allowed for a civilised start, although a rather later return! Minette's 'snippets' from the day are "This is a wonderful if slightly unusual venue. The dressage warm-up area was very crowded but nice level arenas. Magic did a reasonably good test, which felt like it could have bubbled over at any time - both the XC and SJ were within sight! The SJ led to a few problems with Magic deciding now was the time to get her tongue over the bit - despite Susie lashing up the noseband. Trying a change of bit, she was still very unsettled in the ring, and sadly we had three down. XC was great fun and she gave me a lovely ride. It was a very undulating course that really made the most of all the many natural features. A wonderful day and I would like to say a huge thank you to Lindsay, Susie and Lynn for their help and wonderful support."

A great day - well done Minette and Magic!

Minette Batters & Lynn Mead

BRC Area 17 2015 Dressage to Music Qualifier, Sparsholt – Sunday 23rd August

I had another attempt at the Dressage to Music with Humphrey (Folds Acacia). I put a lot of effort into choosing the music so that the tempo fitted his paces and editing it myself so that the phrases fitted the movements. However next time I need to choose music which the judge might like too and this one just doesn't "get" the native American Indian music, which I love. I used the same album 3 years ago and the same judge didn't like it then either although then I didn't choose tracks which fitted his paces, just the mood. I thought that Humphrey did a pretty decent job - better than in any of our practices. When the music started I felt him positively relax, as if he felt he was in familiar territory and knew what he was doing. I was very pleased with the way he went but he just doesn't have the natural conformation and ease of movement to be well placed. I did hope to get a reasonable mark for the artistic score as he was in step with the music nearly 75% of the time but that wasn't great either so that was very demoralizing.

Sam Amos and her striking 17hh skewbald fared much better, though she is vastly more experienced at this form of dressage. Although they were unplaced in the Elementary, they were 3rd in the Novice With Points, and not far behind the winner in both classes. Well done Sam and Vinnie.

Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place	Mark	%
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Nov + Points	116	64.72			
Sam Amos	Vinnocent Till Proven Guilty	Nov + Points	136	75.55	3rd	Winner	138.5 76.94
Sam Amos	Vinnocent Till Proven Guilty	Elementary	170	65.38		Winner	179.5 69.03

BRC National Championships 2015, Lincoln Showground – Saturday 5th September 2015 by Susie Pool

Open Dressage Team Results (Best 3 scores)

Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Nov 24	169.0	65.00	15 th
Philippa Thatcher	Master Stanley	Nov 30	E	-	-
Sarah Simmons	Jazz	Nov 34	160.0	66.67	9 th
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	Elem 45	196.0	67.59	6 th
Team					15 th

Pairs Result

Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	BRC Pairs 5	105.0	67.5	2 nd / 21
Sarah Simmons	Jazz				

Individual Dressage Test Results

Rider	Horse	Test	Mark	%	Place
Sandra Groves	Timmy	D3 (Prelim)			15 th
Sarah Simmons	Leaguer Mos Royal	D3 (Prelim)			15 th
Marion Watt	Old Speckled Hen II	Med 61	196.5	67.76	8 th / 17

Everyone returned safely from the BRC National Championships at Lincoln after an enjoyable weekend. The good news: everyone earned a rosette, some more than one! The bad news: there were a few "what if's". Very well done to Marion and Sarah on Old Speckled Hen II and Jazz respectively for their 2nd place in the Pairs dressage out of 21 who qualified from all round the country – a great result! Marion and "Mavis" also achieved an individual Arena 6th in the Team Elementary test plus an 8th in the Individual Medium test. Sarah and Jazz also did well with an individual Arena 9th in the Nov 34 Team test. Other than that, the 2015 Championships was rather a year of 15s for BVRC: Susie & "Humphrey" - Arena 15th Nov 24, Sandra & Timmy - same in D3 (Prelim test), also Sarah & "Reuben" - D3 (different Arena), and the Open Team - 15th.

Unfortunately, Philippa and Stanley had to be the discard score due to a mental aberration. Had their score counted instead of Humphrey's, the team might well have been well placed but that's the challenge of riding at the Championships. Philippa wasn't alone though as Jane had a similar problem in the 85cm Style Jumping after a good start, such was her excitement after learning a few hours earlier that she had been awarded a 1st Class Honours Degree after months of hard work. Well done Jane; a much more important result! The reason the rest of us (other than Marion and Sarah) also came home with a rosette was that we decided to have a go at the Team of 4 Dressage as we all only had one test/jumping round to do. We had managed to cram in a few practices under the watchful eye of Elizabeth Peerless (thank you!), though too often with only 3 of us, but it paid off. We achieved a 9th place from 26 teams entered! Hurrah!

One of the best things about the weekend was that we were all able to park together so great camaraderie and team spirit developed, with everyone helping someone, as and when they could and were needed, particularly Chantal, who travelled up with Marion and Sarah to help them with 3 horses.

Special thanks must go to BVRC's dedicated Chairman, Lindsay Hills, who rose before the sun, to drive up for the day to support everyone.