

BVRC Team News

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Winter Novice & Intermediate Show Jumping Qualifiers, Crofton Manor EC – Sunday 18th February



90 Competitors & supporters

Woodlands United, pipping Katie Mortimore and Kerslake Moor, who also put in a fast round with great angles! Michelle Bowe rode a jolly Fruitful Cruise ☺ and the team came a good 6th. ☺

Two riders were riding at a new level. Jenny Allan and Redhill Corporal did brilliantly with a double clear and riding in the jump off - first 90, first 95 and first 100 rounds all in one day! I was also riding my spotty one in the 100, in our first 100 team appearance together. He was a superstar as well but we tapped a pole in the first round and two in the second - my presentation!

We had one 11th hour hoof-in for the 90 by Helen Nash-Steer riding Douglas, who learnt a lot ... and even tried to throw a sickie by losing a shoe at 4pm the day before, but a determined Helen and farrier put paid to that.

A celebration with a sad twist.

One 90 team, one 90 individual, one 100 team and two 100 individuals, a lot of chess with rider and horse changes and we finally made it to the competition day.

So Joanna Murphy, a new BVRC member, won the 90 qualifier with a double clear and a blitzying jump off, riding



90 Jump Off: Top Jo Murphy, Bottom Katie Mortimore



In the 100, the team came 2nd and Sophie Clotworthy on the ever game Bailey's Spirit came 5th individually having had a double clear to jump off. Helen Vernon just made it, having had flu and hyperthermia, and rode a fun round. Hani Milstein rode a class round on Eros, Lisa Pritchard's ride. Lisa had a bad back so Hani tried him out the day before then moved him up from the 90 to the 100 and Eros loved it. Hani is our super sub having done a similar thing last year!! Bring on those 100s Lisa!! Finally, Nicki rode a tactful round on the flying machine Pha Mai Blue who enjoyed his jumping rather a lot, proving that he used to be a racehorse. ☺

The day was marred by a tragic turn of events. Laura Newnham, a Meon RC member, was warming her horse up for the 110 class when he staggered and fell. So devastating for her as she lost him to a suspected heart attack. Our trusty team member and equine vet Hani Milstein was able to be on

the scene to provide expert moral support and advice. Such a sad end to the day. Our thoughts have been with Laura.

I thought you might like a few pictures of the team riders so have produced a picture collage using the super lovely photos that Sandra took on the day. Thank you Sandra - so very kind to take photos of us all. So much appreciated! ☺

Lynn Mead

Winter Intermediate Dressage Qualifier, Crofton Manor EC –Saturday 24th March

Fantastic result at the Winter Intermediate Dressage Qualifier at Crofton.

BVRC had two teams entered and one of them qualified for the Championships, coming 2nd of 24 teams. This means they too were off to the Winter Intermediate Riding Club Championships at Bury Farm on Saturday 28 April and able to keep Joanna Murphy company after her qualification as the 90 SJ winner. 🐾

Blue Team

		Test	%	Place
Alison Coleman	Graigue Hero	Prelim 14	67.69	7
Helen Vernon	That's Illogical	Novice 24	68.26	3
Sarah Garton-Jones	Lola Cahoojie	Novice 30	67.31	2
Susie Pool	Folds Acacia	Elementary 50	63.93	12

White Team

Rider	Horse	Test	%	Place
Lisa Pritchard	Eros van de Brouwershoeve	Prelim 14	59.71	21
Jane Winson	Widlake Magic Whirl	Novice 24	63.26	17
Briony Tarlton	Orions Jaffa	Novice 30	61.73	19
Philippa Thatcher	Miss Moss II	Elementary 50	60.5	22

Well done all team members 🍷

Lynn Mead

FOTH Combined Training Qualifier, Crofton Manor EC – Friday 30th March

Less than a week after the previous Area Qualifier, we returned to Crofton Manor for the next one! Having done Winter Show Jumping on 11th March and Intermediate Dressage on 24th March, it was time to put those disciplines together for the Combined Training Qualifier. Guess what – it rained!

I received 4 applicants for this event and fortuitously, 2 wanted to do the HT90 test with 75cm jumping and 2 wanted to do the HT100 test with 85cm jumping. How easy was that for me!!

HT90Q/75cm	Helen Vernon	Quarry Bank
HT90Q/75cm	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum
HT100Q/85cm	Lisa Pritchard	Eros Van de Brouwershoeve
HT100Q/85cm	Alison Coleman	Graigue Hero

On occasions like this, both phases need to come together on the same day for at least 3 of the riders but it just wasn't to be our day. We had a couple of nice tests, one lovely, smooth clear SJ round and a few lessons were learnt:

Just because your horse has hunted all winter doesn't mean he won't want to avoid getting his feet wet in a big puddle across the dressage arena!

Horses jump better without the handbrake left on ☺.

Show Jumping time penalties are VERY expensive with 1/second over the optimum time.

Nuff said ☺

Susie Pool

Winter Intermediate Championships, Bury Farm EC – Saturday 28th April



A successful BVRC trip to the BRC Winter Intermediate Championships at Bury Farm!!

Team dressage: 4th of 25 teams with Alison Coleman 2nd in Prelim 14 with 73.85% and a sash; 4th in Novice 24 was Helen Vernon with That's Illogical (don't ask Helen about her elongated trip home!); 12th in Novice 30 was Sarah Garton-Jones and Lola Cahoojie and 17th in Elementary 50 was Susie Pool and Folds Acacia.

Joanna Murphy was our 90 SJ individual who rode Woodlands United to 2 great rounds just tapping a pole in the second round to finish in 10th with the fastest 4 fault round. Fantastic results everyone. Sorry Sarah isn't in the photo but she was told to move her lorry and then was not allowed back onto the showground for the prize-giving as they were trying to fit in all the new arrivals for the following day!

Thank you to Lindsay for her support and Sandra for all the lovely photos.

Lynn Mead

FOTH Challenge Qualifier, Larkhill – Sunday 22nd April

Not far to travel for this Qualifier as Lindsay Hills had nobly offered to organise it this year with BVRC. On home territory, we had sufficient applications for an 80 team plus individual, a 90 team and a 100 team plus individual. However, the best laid plans

The BRC Challenge competition really is a challenge. Not only do you have to leave all the show jumps up but you then have to go straight onto the cross country course and be able to judge your speed exceedingly well. Time penalties become very expensive when EVERY second too fast or too slow, is penalised. Only those finishing exactly on the optimum time will be faultless and stopwatches are not permitted.

It was a very mixed day, with some very good results but a few having a bad time. Frances Hall as ever, showed a good judgement of pace and double clear in the 80 for an individual 5th and Melinda Veal was very close behind, only missing out on 6th place by 0.6 XC time penalties. Jenny Allan did an outstanding XC round, only 2 seconds off the optimum time. Unfortunately, this was marred by 3 down in the show jumping – after her epic Winter 90 SJ Qualifier, they were obviously just too small! Poor Amanda, in her debut team run, after a lovely clear SJ round, but the cross country proved too much of a challenge. However, 3 scores were good enough to put the team in 2nd place, less than 7 penalties behind the winners. Helen Vernon with her very inexperienced, fairly new acquisition, Quarry Bank, had a cautious round giving her 7 penalties in the SJ but went clear XC in the same time as Frances – an excellent effort for a first timer (horse, that is!).

The 90 team had a similar mixed bag. Everyone expensively faulted in the show jumping. Despite the excellent XC performances, near the optimum time, it wasn't enough & the team could only manage 5th place.

Despite having a spare individual, we only just managed to field a team. Marion Watt on Springalong offered to come fairly last minute, after eventing the day before. Juanita Coulson had hoped to ride as an individual at her first Qualifier but when Sophie had to pull Bailey's Spirit out, she was pulled into the team. I then got a call from Nicki to say that Blue was a doubtful as he had a small foot abscess. It cleared quickly and with a pad on he seemed to be doing well, but on the day she had to withdraw as he still wasn't quite right. Poor Juanita had a nightmare time in the SJ and when the next horse, which was sent in before the end of her round, supposedly out of the way, stopped, napped and reared on the landing side of her final fence, she took a 2nd tumble which eliminated her and our 3-man team. Helen Vernon on her experienced "Splodge" had already completed with one down SJ and clear XC. Marion Watt decided to have the run as an individual too, and achieved the same show jumping penalties but their faster XC time gained them an individual 6th.

		SJ Faults	XC	XC Time	Total	Place	Team Place
SENIOR 80							
Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	0	0	8.8	8.8	5 th	2nd (31.2)
Melinda Veal	Gleann Garach	0	0	9.6	9.6		
Jenny Allan	Redhill Corporal	12	0	0.8	12.8		
Amanda Fitzgerald	Maximus Meridius	0	E		E		
Individual							
Helen Vernon	Quarry Bank	7	0	8.8	15.8		
SENIOR 90							
Michelle Bowe	Fruitful Cruise	E			E		5 th
Danielle Storer	Pasodoble	12	0	-0.8	12.8		
Michelle Storer	H (Smartie)	4	0	2.0	6.0		
Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	4	0	-1.6	5.6		
SENIOR 100							
Helen Vernon	That's Illogical	4	0	-11.6	15.6		E
Juanita Coulson	Powerkin	E			E		
Nicky Strong	Pha Mai Blue	WD			-	-	
Marion Watt	Springaway	4	0	-4.4	8.4	6 th	
Individual							
Sophy Clotworthy	Bailey's Spirit	WD					

My thanks go to Lynn Mead for stepping into the Chef shoes for the day while I went to London to support my stepson running the Marathon in memory of his father.

Also, thanks and well done to Lindsay for taking this on and producing another excellent event with her team and getting the results out within 15 minutes of the class ending.

Susie Pool

Horse Trials Qualifier, Moreton EC – Sunday 17th June

The Summer Qualifiers kicked off with the Horse Trials at Moreton EC and my thanks go to Hani Milstein for taking on the role of Chef d'Equipe for the day, allowing me to focus on actually competing!

Susie

A lovely event, super Club turnout and an absolute pleasure to witness many personal achievements for the BVRC contingent. A catalogue of pre-competition tragi-comic complications saw a number of eleventh hour substitutions to successfully turnout an 80, 90 and 100 team and an exciting return to One Day Eventing after a couple of years, for our vice chairman Susie Pool and member Annabel Mead. We were sad to lose our sole 100+ competitor, Nicki Strong on *Pha Mai Blue* after a bout of food poisoning put paid to her competition.



Our three BVRC 80 Team riders; Susie Pool with *Dubai*, Jenny Allen with *Redhill Corporal* and Joanna Murphy with *Woodlands United*, all posted good Dressage scores in the 30s, a Show Jumping hat trick of three clear rounds and big 'I love my pony' smiles all round following XC.

Top score 8th individual place for Joanna Murphy and *Woodlands United*, who's holiday ended abruptly the night before, when they answered a call to arms following more sickness in the camp!

A team 5th and great camaraderie for our four BVRC 90 Team riders who posted three very impressive Dressage scores in the low 20's for Louise Wright on *Wych Willow*, Fiona Scott on *Freddie* and Alison Coleman on *Graigie Hero*. Michelle Storer riding *Smart Gamble* posted a good dressage 33.3 and clear round SJ but unfortunately a ditch, which was causing its share of problems, curtailed their XC fun for the day. There were only two SJ rails down between our team and three fantastic XC clear rounds. XC optimum time was characteristically tight for Moreton and given how firm the going was, our riders quite sensibly, elected to save their horses' limbs and accept some time faults.



The 100 Team took 2nd place (details, details, ok out of two, but they were fabulous) and Sophie Clotworthy took individual 3rd place with her own Emerald Spiritus posting a super dressage 22.1, double clear and 3.6 XC time. Helen Vernon only made it up the centre line when the somewhat aptly named *That's Illogical*, slipped and fell in front of the judge's car, much to everyone's surprise! Just goes to show, eventing can result in high drama at absolutely ANY stage, not just in the XC field. Katie Mortimer with *Kerslake Moor* just had a rail SJ and Annabel Mead on Wujiwoo were going so well at their first ODE in a while, until a 'monster ditch and hedge' took them by surprise and they retired.

Sadly, no BVRC tickets to the Champs this year, but there were some big milestones, some great riding, some fabulous photos and a lot of smiles!

80 Team		D	SJ	XC	Total	Arena Place
Susie Pool	Dubai	34.0	4(T)	60.4	98.4	25th
Jenny Allan	Redhill Corporal	36.5	0	119.2	155.7	17th
Joanna Murphy	Woodlands United	36.8	0	2.0	38.8	8th
90 Team / Individuals – 5th		D	SJ	XC	Total	Arena Place
Michelle Storer	Smart Gamble	33.3	0			
Fiona Scott	Freddie	23.8	4	23.6	51.4	23rd
Louise Wright	Wych Willow	23.5	4	8.0	35.5	15th
Alison Coleman	Graigue Hero	24.0	0	19.6	43.6	19th
100 Team		D	SJ	XC	Total	Arena Place
Helen Vernon	That's Illogical	R				
Katie Mortimore	Kerslake Moor	30.5	4	10.4	44.9	11th
Sophie Clotworthy	Emerald Spiritus	22.1	0	3.6	25.7	3rd
Annabel Mead	Wujiwoo			R		

Acting Chef D'Equipe for the day; Hani Milstein

Dressage to Music Qualifier, Crofton EC – Saturday 23rd June

We were represented on this occasion by Rachel Lambert riding Dream Maker E.S (Luther) and Sorcha Moneley riding Pencarder Flutter-By (Delilah).

Lynn Mead and Tiptoe Eldorado Sunset (Sunny) were due to compete but decided to withdraw following physio for Sunny (thank you Sorcha). He left a leg at a cross country fence at Rackham on Sunday and Lynn decided to inspect the ground! Sunny was fine but not quite right so just needed some recuperation time.

Both Rachel and Sorcha were making their debut at an Area Qualifier and at this level of competition. Rachel and Luther are seasoned and successful side saddle competitors, but were embarking on a new challenge. Sorcha had only previously ridden one BD Novice test.

Rachel took advantage of a PYO warm up class to hone her Elementary skills, finishing in 6th place with a score of 65%.

Dressage to Music is a freestyle test with dressage movements and music designed by the rider (or helpers). Sometimes it is difficult to ascertain the judging criteria set by the judges on the day.

Each riding their lovely grey horses to stirring music, they performed beautifully.

Rachel riding at Elementary level scored 63%, whilst Sorcha competing at Novice level for horses with BD points, was delighted with her 65% which put her in 5th place.

It was a great learning process for both combinations. They were competing against well practiced partnerships who compete year on year at this event.

Our thanks go to Debbie Goldsworthy who was BVRC volunteer and wrote for the Dressage Judge – an enlightening experience. We are eternally grateful, as it is always very difficult to find volunteers for these qualifiers!

Summer Dressage Qualifier, Hurn EC – Sunday 15th July

Prelim 13 Team – 5th

		%	Place
Joanna Murphy	Crème Anglais	70.38	4 th
Ros Kershaw	Greenhall Polly	63.07	
Val Goode	Roxanne de la Geres	61.54	

Individuals

		Test	%	Place
Joanna Murphy	Crème Anglais	P RT	68.18	4 th
Susie Pool	Dubai	N RT	70.00	3 rd
Susie Pool	Dubai	Nov 27	69.46	1 st

Well done Team BVRC! Rosettes for everyone at the Area 17 Summer Dressage Qualifier. I was sad to receive a phone call at 0630 from new team member Delia Brown to say that she had had to call the vet after finding her horse with a swollen, poorly eye. She was due to ride in the Prelim 13 Team and individually in the Prelim Riding Test, so we were down to a team of 3; Ros Kershaw on her daughter's horse, Joanna Murphy on a home-bred, and debutante Val Goode, who had missed out on her team debut in March through lameness. With

all 3 scores having to count, the team secured 5th place, with Jo achieving 4th in her Arena.



Ros Kershaw. Greenhall Polly



Val Goode. Roxanne

After a phone call to Jo while she was driving to the competition, she agreed to have a go at the Prelim Riding Test so that Delia's individual place wasn't wasted. Crème Anglais was certainly consistent, as they managed a 4th place in that too. There were 2 other individual tests; Susie Pool & Dubai in the Novice Riding Test and Novice 27. She was very much hoping to repeat last year's performance and qualify for the Championships so that Jo Murphy wouldn't be competing there alone (she'd already

qualified for the 90/95 show jumping). However ever the realist, she felt that given the bad news at the start, it was not going to be BVRC's day. Despite a big spook at a small grey pony in the next field during the NRT, they managed to secure a 3rd, missing the qualifying spot by 0.5 marks. If only!! Two hours later they were attempting N27 having struggled to get round the outside of the



Jo Murphy. Crème Anglais. Prelim 13



Spot the little grey pony!!

arena before the judge beeped. Why? That little grey pony again! Dubai actually held it together, Susie was very pleased with the test and Lindsay Hills watching said it was the most consistent she had ever seen Dubai.

Very pleasing. Amazingly, we won!!!! Yeee haaa - off to the Champs with Jo 😊😊😊

Many thanks go to Lindsay Hills and Sandra Groves for coming and supporting us all, and Sandra for taking lovely photos, and also to Grace Wilkinson for carrying out our helper duty and cheering us all on. 🐾



Susie Pool. Dubai. N RT



Susie Pool. Dubai. N27

Susie Pool