

Blackdown Hills RIDING CLUB

January / February Newsletter 2009

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Hello everyone,

Are you cold???

Warm yourselves up - renew your membership today and ensure that you get your heart warming newsletter and the chance to belong to a friendly happy riding club. We will help you through the credit crunch with friendly banter and entertainment at our events.

We will miss you desperately if you don't rejoin. So hurry up Sheila is waiting!

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‘FROM THE HORSES MOUTH’

I have been given a delightful little book called:-

‘One Hundred ways to live with a horse addict ’

I could not help but share a few hints with you, they really made me titter and are so true.

‘Horse addicts anonymous ’

HORSES are herd animals and it is every addict ’s dream to have her own herd. Some crave the patter of tiny feet and are just not fulfilled unless they have produced their own little one. In which case there will be great agonizing over the right father - hair , colour, bone structure, intelligence, temperament. Choosing an appropriate stallion is akin to vetting boyfriends.

Growing the herd by acquisition rather than reproduction may be the preferred method of your addict. Be aware that unless you are also an addict you have no say in this matter. You may have an opinion, but only if it agrees with hers.

If your addict is of the charitable nature, horse sales are best avoided. She won ’t be able to choose just one and will probably try to save them all, for fear that they will end up with the meat man. On the upside, keeping a hundred head herd in the garden will ensure you have prize winning roses in the village flower show.

Even the strongest of addicts may succumb to a dubious acquisition if the horse in question is about to be written off. Beware of phone calls from your addict ’s friends on a mercy mission. Exactly how many companion horses does she need?

Acquisition of a performance horse is a different matter. You will be grilled for your opinion, though it may be ignored. When the final decision is made and the vetting passed, you will get out your chequebook and (smiling) pay for it because she has of course spent all her money on keeping the other horses she has already acquired.



THE ICE AGE COMETH

Have you loved it, or hated it???????

I would much rather have cold frosty sunny days anytime than wet and windy ones, however....

THE CONS : - Boiling kettles of water to take to the stables to defrost the feed and everything else;

forgetting the kettle and then when you want a cup of tea you can't find it.

PROS: - starting last years New Years Resolution - drinking a more healthy alternative (water)

decaffeinating oneself because you can't be bothered to fetch the kettle from the stables.

THE CONS: - Carting barrels of water over frozen rutted ground to fill up horses water and spilling half of it over yourself as you trip over a rut.

PROS: - boosting ones after Christmas weight loss and get fit regime , plus saving money - no need to go to the gym; amazing how ones muscles ache after carrying water. (no pain no gain)

THE CONS: - Using a wheelbarrow over rutted ground to carry hard feed and hay , hitting a rut catapulting the contents everywhere and having to start all over again.

PROS: - the horses are oh so pleased to see you when they have limited access to food and water and for a change come to you, nickering as they run (Cupboard love)

THE CONS: - Discovering that the outlet pipe to the washing machine has frozen as you paddle through the flood on the kitchen floor ,then having few clothes to wear as the pile of washing expands and the outlet pipe is impossible to defrost.

PROS: - decisions as to what to wear in the mornings is simple (you have no choice)

THE CONS: - Realising how expensive wild birds are to feed if you buy nuts.

PROS: - watching at close hand , birds at the feeders that you never knew existed (the word twitching takes on a whole new meaning!)

THE CONS:- Spinning around and around in the middle of a country lane and ending up on the verge having hit a patch of black ice!!!!

PROS: - Reminding myself that I hate fairground rides and not to be conned into going to Alton Towers as a special trip this year.

THE CONS: - Having to get out of bed extra early to de-frost the car each morning.

PROS: - I get to walk across the fields in the dark , viewing the stunning moons we have been having and the crisp white eerie feel to the start of the day. (believe me its been beautiful).

THE CONS: - Not being able to ride as everywhere here is iced up and rock hard!

PROS: - I get to do inside stuff - like writing, curling up in a chair in front of a roaring fire with a good book or crying over an old romantic film, without feeling guilty.

Saraloo

Let me know how you have coped.

I can put your experiences in the newsletter - email me

DRAFT EVENTS DIARY FOR 2008 / 2009

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| JANUARY 25th. | DRESSAGE LEAGUE - 9.00 - 3.00 |
| FEBRUARY 22nd. | DRESSAGE LEAGUE - 9.00 - 3.00 |
| EASTER SAT | EASTER EGG RIDE |
| MARCH 29th. | DRESSAGE LEAGUE - 9.00 - 3.00 |
| APRIL 19th. | OPEN SPRING SHOWING SHOW AT NEWHALL |
| MAY | MINI DRESSAGE (evening) |
| JUNE | ANNUAL OPEN SHOW |
| JULY 12th. | EXPRESS EVENTING (new event) |

Mobile Equine Massage Therapy & Jumping Coach

Using the unique Equissage system, I can help aid recovery from injury or exertion, increase suppleness and improve performance and general well being.

Equissage therapy helps

- * Local blood circulation
- * Releases tension
- * Acids lymphatic drainage and swelling reduction
- * Increases joint mobility
- * Respiratory conditions
- * Pulled ligaments, sore shins, swollen knees
- * Foot, joint & tendon problems
- * Lactic acid build up
- * Sore & cold backs

As well as massage therapy I also offer jumping tuition, having successfully coached riders at all levels in show jumping cross country and working hunters. Nervous, novice riders and juniors especially catered for.

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BLACKDOWN HILLS RIDING CLUB OPEN WINTER DRESSAGE LEAGUE RESULTS

First Event November 30th.

Class 1 Walk Trot P.C.D

| Name of Rider | Name of Horse | Score | Position |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Deana Rowlands | Woodbine Peter Pan | 86 | 1 st . (hmp) |
| Karen Jones | Dancing Ruzala | 82 | 2 nd . |
| Elizabeth Taylor | Millie | 80 | 3 rd . |
| Debbie Hutchings | Tikia | 78 | 4 th . |

Class 2 Prelim 4

| Name of Rider | Name of Horse | Score | Position |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Rebecca Turner | Kocoona | 143 | 1 st . (hmp) |
| Leisha Clyst | Lago Nam | 141 | 2 nd . |
| Jenny Webber | Ruben | 135 | 3 rd . |
| Alex Hood | George | 134 | 4 th . |
| Kathy Golding | Rocky | 134 | 4 th . |
| Deana Rowlands | Woodbine Peter Pan | 130 | 6 th . |
| Alex Hood | River | 130 | 6 th . |

Class 3 Prelim 14

| Name of Rider | Name of Horse | Score | Position |
|----------------|---------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Rebecca Turner | Kocoona | 161 | 1 st . (hmp) |
| Abi Lewis | Crespo | 160 | 2 nd . |
| Jenny Webber | Ruben | 151 | 3 rd . |
| Xanthe Smith | Miss Ellie | 150 | 4 th . |
| Alex Hood | George | 146 | 5 th . |
| Kathy Golding | Rocky | 145 | 6 th . |

Class 4 Novice 20

| Name of Rider | Name of Horse | Score | Position |
|---------------|---------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Abi Lewis | Crespo | 176 | 1 st . |
| Xanthe Smith | Miss Ellie | 154 | 2 nd . (hmp) |

To say that it was a cold day would be an understatement (it was when I wrote this—since then we have experienced sub zero temperatures) . I don't think I have ever seen so many blue people, well that was when I could recognise who they were as most were snuggled under several layers of clothes, hats and scarves.

Jane's soup went down a treat - homemade pumpkin and sweet potato. Oh we were very grateful for that - thanks Jane.

We had a great turn out and dry conditions. The day passed without any hitches and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I think the stewards suffered the most as they were outside all day, however we did find that cuddling up in a horse blanket whilst each competitor did their bit was a great help. I was quite happy to hold coats and horse blankets and went home covered in every colour horse hair you can get.

This was only the start of the league - there are a few more events to this competition to go - so if you haven't entered yet then come along to any of the next ones. It is not too late to enter - the schedule and entry form is on the back of this newsletter. If you wish you can enter any of the classes without entering the actual league and you will be in with a chance of a rosette.

See you there.



FOR SALE

6'6 Rambo Fly Protector £50

6'3 Rambo Fly Protector £50

6'3 Rhino Wug Heavyweight (never used) £90

6'3 Rambo Wug Plus (Brick Red) Heavy (used twice) £170

6'3 Rambo Wug Plus (Purple) used three times Heavy £170

6'3 Rambo Newmarket fleece (never used) £50

6'6 Kool Coat Combo (used twice) £20

Air o Wear Body Protector Size 2 worn twice £60

F/S fully lined dressage numnah black (Griffin Numed) £45

Equi Chaps close contact - ideal for mud fever -set of 4

54" Black leathers - non stretch £55

Appaloosa leather boots Black (set of 4) £180 new in good condition
£90

Black ww double locking boots set of 4 M/L 16-16.2hh
worn three times as new £45

Sprenger Irons 4.3/4 £70

'L' Black full chaps suede £40

F/S Plain Cavesson Bridle - good English leather £60

F/S head collars some never used £6 each

C/S Hunting B/Plate Black never used £70

F/S Black sheepskin 1/2 pad £35

F/S Equilibrium Tri Zone White Tendon and fetlock boots £40

Lister Meteor trimmers as new comes with case and all attachments
£50

Black leather F/S prestige Appalossa open fronted tendon boots and hind boots. Neoprene lined for easy cleaning - do not slip, ideal for schooling, SJ and hacking. Little wear, still in excellent condition - original elastic. Set of 4 was £180 new will accept £90 ono.

Black 17" international event saddle - very good condition, about 3yrs old but only used for 2yrs. Due to injury - new width does not fit the horse - only reason for sale £650 (£995 new)

If you are interested in any of the items please ring

Jannine - 01823 680833 / 07730586591

NO time wasters please.

OPEN UNAFFILIATED DRESSAGE LEAGUE COMPETITION 2008 / 09

To be held by kind permission of Gary & Jacqui Sparks
at
'The Gallops', West Buckland Nr Taunton.

Sunday 30th. November 2008
Sunday 25th. January 2009
Sunday 22nd. February 2009
Sunday 5th. April 2009

Light refreshments will be available.

Each competition will be held in an outdoor arena.

Please ensure that you ring the appropriate show secretary the evening before to check event is going ahead ONLY if the weather is very bad. In the event of a cancellation the event will be carried over to the next convenient date and all entries will stand.

You do not have to enter only the league - you may enter an individual event if you wish with the possibility of being placed. So come along and have a go.

Classes:

Sunday November 30th. 2008

The Gallops, West Buckland, Nr Taunton

Class 1 Walk and Trot - Pony club D test (open to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 4

Class 3 Prelim 14

Class 4 Novice 20

Please include a stamped addressed envelope with your entry form if you would like a copy of the test.

Entries to: Mrs. Joy Brown, Hidon Mead Cottage, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon. EX15 3TJ.

Tel: 01823 680012 Closing date November 23rd.

Please ring for times between 7pm. - 9pm on November 28th.

Sunday January 25th. 2009

The Gallops, West Buckland, Nr Taunton

Class 1 Walk and Trot - Pony club D test (open to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 1

Class 3 Prelim 10

Class 4 Novice 25

Entries to Mrs Theresa Butcher, The Priory, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3LT

Tel: 01884 841503 closing date January 19th.

Please ring for times between 7pm. - 9pm on January 23rd.

Sunday February 22nd. 2009

The Gallops, West Buckland, Nr Taunton

Class 1 Walk and Trot - Pony Club D test (open to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 7

Class 3 Prelim 12

Class 4 Novice 26

Please include a stamped addressed envelope with your entry form if you would like a copy of the test.

Entries to Mrs. Joy Brown, Hidon Mead Cottage, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon. EX15 3TJ.

Tel: 01823 680012 Closing date February 15th.

Please ring for times between 7pm. - 9pm on February 20th.

Sunday April 5th. 2009

The Gallops, West Buckland, Nr Taunton

Class 1 Class 1 Walk and Trot - Pony Club D test (open to combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st in any dressage event)

Class 2 Prelim 13

Class 3 Prelim 18

Class 4 Dressage to music - freestyle open to individuals or pairs (performance to last between 4 mins and 5 mins timed from first halt to second halt)

Please include a stamped addressed envelope with your entry form if you would like a copy of the test.

Entries to Mrs. Joy Brown, Hidon Mead Cottage, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon. EX15 3TJ.

Tel: 01823 680012 Closing date March 29th.

Please ring for times between 7pm. - 9pm on April 3rd.

RULES

COMPETITION RUN UNDER BRC RULES FOR DRESSAGE

- All classes are open to adults and juniors.
- Entry forms should be sent to the relevant Secretary together with the correct fees £6 BHRC members / £7 non members per class. Cheques made payable to The Blackdown Hills Riding Club.
- Late entries for classes will incur a £1 surcharge per class and are at the discretion of the Secretary.

Points system - 1st = 6 points 2nd. = 5 points 3rd. = 4 points 4th. = 3 points
5th. = 2 points 6th = 1 point.

- Rosettes will be awarded to 6th. Place with a special rosette to the highest placed BHRC member. The 'CASSY CUPS' will be awarded to the riders (one senior and one junior) with the most points accumulated over all classes in the four Dressage events, not including the walk and trot test.
- No responsibility can be taken by the organisers for any accident to competitors, horses, spectators or property. Competitors will be expected to abide by any Health & Safety rules in place on the day.
- The judges decision is final.

Please remove all droppings and leave the car park tidy.

BHRC WINTER LEAGUE DRESSAGE

ENTRY FORM

Name:

Address:.....

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Tel. No:

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I hereby agree to abide by the show rules and conditions

SIGNATURE**DATE**.....

MAJOR EQUINE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

2009

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| March | 28th.- 29th. | BRC Novice Indoor Show Jumping |
| April | 16th.- 19th. | British Open Show Jumping Champion- ships |
| | 20th.- 24th. | BHS Ragwort Awareness Week |
| May | 7th. - 10th. | Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials |
| | 13th.- 17th. | Royal Windsor Horse Show |
| | 15th. 25th. | Access Week |
| | 16th. - 17th. | Chatsworth CCI Horse Trials |
| | 15th. - 26th. | BHS Borders Festival of the Horse |
| | 27th. - 30th | Royal Bath and West Show |
| | 30th. - 31st. | Festival of the Hunter |
| June | 4th - 6th. | Royal Cornwall Show |
| | 11th. - 13th. | South of England Show |
| | 11th. - 14th. | Bramham CCI..... Horse Trials |
| | 19th—21st. | East of England Country Show |
| | 19th. - 21st. | Three Counties Show |
| | 25th. - 26th. | The British Jumping Derby Meeting |
| | 5th - 28th. | Royal Highland Show |
| JULY | 7th. - 10th. | The Royal Show |
| | 14th. - 16th. | Great Yorkshire Show |
| | 20th. - 23rd. | Royal Welsh Show |
| | 22nd. -26th | Longines Royal International HorseShow |
| | 29th. - 30th. | New Forest and Hampshire Country Show |

25th. -2nd Aug Trailblazers, Stonleigh Park Warwickshire

AUGUST 3rd. -7th. Ragwort Awareness Week

5th. The Hurstpierpoint College National
Schools and Pony Clubs Showjumping
Championships

7th. -9th. The Festival for British Eventing Gatcombe

7th. -9th. BRC National Horse Trials Championships,
Offchurch

21st. -23rd. BHS TREC Championships of GB West Linton
Scotland

27th. -30th. Blair Castle International Horse Trials and
Country Fair

SEPTEMBER 3rd. -6th. The Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials

10th. -13th. Blenheim Castle CCI..... Horse Trials

12th. -13th. BRC National Championships, Lincoln

17th. -20th. Blue Waters National Dressage
Championships

27th. SEIB BHS Cross Country Championships

OCTOBER TBC BRC Dressage to Music and Quadrille
Selection Trials, Addington Manor

7th. -11th. Horse of the Year Show

NOVEMBER 19th. BHS November Awards

DECEMBER TBC Quadrille Final
Olympia

THIS WILL BE YOUR
LAST NEWSLETTER
UNLESS YOU
RE—JOIN

CONTACT SHEILA
TODAY