
Hurstbridge District Adult Riding Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Everyone,

I do hope you have had a great start to the year. It is flying by as it tends to do and already we have our first event for the year happening – our Mid-Week Dressage Jackpot. The weather is perfect and I have been told the grounds look manicured with freshly mowed grass and the garden is looking very healthy. Although I have been incapacitated for the past 10 weeks, I managed to get to club recently to pony club rally and sat in my wheelchair right in front of the garden. The plants looked very healthy and some had grown quite big. I suspect it is still growing well thanks to Di's watering that she does when she is at club. Anyway I am sure the day is running very efficiently in the capable hands of Amanda and Andrea along with the wonderful people that are in charge of feeding the hordes, Karen Robinson and Pauline Nugent, and not forgetting you members who are there doing the many and varied jobs. As I mentioned recently in an email, this is when the club spirit is at its best.

We have seen the running of the HRCV TTT Combined Training in March where our Hursty team consisting of Simone Freeman, Lisa Utting, Jo McIlroy-Smith, and Zoe Warrell did very well to come third.

We have 2 teams going to the HRC AV TTT Horse Trials coming up on April 21st and 22nd at Wandin, so watch out for these ladies – Karen Robinson, Hayley Harrington, Kelly Rechichi, Lisa Utting, Rachell Regan, Jess Stevens and Erin Nugent. Best of luck Girls!

And then there is **MUSTAD 2018 HRC AV TTT SHOW JUMPING**, which our club is hosting coming up in September. The TTT Show Jumping organising committee is hard at work and much is being achieved. Before we know it, September will be here!

Can you please note this date in your diaries:

Saturday, 8th and Sunday, 9th September, 2018.

**Greenvale Equestrian Centre,
Section Road, Greenvale (which is about 45 minutes from
our club grounds)**

Many hands will be needed over that weekend to run such a big event. Set up for TTT SJ will take place a few days prior to the weekend, so there will be help required here as well. There will be many volunteers from the various club teams supplied, (as is customary with TTT events) but we will still need many members out there to help as well.

We are very grateful to **MUSTAD SADDLEWORLD** our naming rights sponsor, for their support of our event.

We have lots of great sponsors already and are hopeful of gaining a few more.

The committee have been meeting despite half of us being injured and incapacitated. Our February committee meeting was held in my bedroom with an able-bodied member picking up one of the injured on the way. We did have a laugh about this! Hopefully we will all be back to full capacity in the not too distant future.

Thank you to all of the riders who have helped out in my absence at Wednesday rally by opening the club house in the morning and closing up at the end of the rally. Much appreciated J

Because we will need so many of our members to be available to help at TTT SJ, we will not hold our Dressage Jackpot in October this year.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Just a reminder if you haven't had your green membership card stamped and signed, please arrange to get it to either Sharlene shardean001@bigpond.com or Jakki jakkibarton@gmail.com. You cannot compete if it is not signed.

NEWSLETTER

I would like to say a big thank you to Maxine Wileman for her work over the past 3 years in producing our club newsletter – a great effort for a busy Mum with little ones! Maxine is taking a break from this role and Rachael Walton (who did them for many years prior to Maxine) has kindly offered to once again take on responsibility for our newsletter. Thank you Rach.

SAVE THE DATE PLEASE – WORKING BEE

The date of our first working bee has been set for Saturday, 19th May starting at approximately 12.00 p.m., straight after rally. Pony Club will also join us for this working bee. BBQ and drinks provided. Please put this date into your diary. The working bee attendance is a good way to make a



start on your compulsory membership hours. There will be plenty of jobs to do – a big clean up of the clubhouse and the shed, just to name a few. Apart from the work, working bees provide a social opportunity where you meet other members. Also it is a great way for both clubs to work together. Looking forward to seeing you there.

WEDNESDAY RALLY DUTY

Just a reminder of rally duty tasks below. Rally duty starts just prior to rally starting at 10.00 am and finishes at the completion of the below “End of the Day” tasks. Usually our last lesson finishes at 12.00 pm. Occasionally we may have a 12.00 pm lesson as well.

Start of the day:

Please bring 2 litres of milk and morning tea to share

Fill and turn on urn and get coffee/tea/sugar/cups out (these are found in cupboards in kitchen).

Take mounting block out and place near arena.

Take wheelbarrow and arena rake out and place near arena for picking up manure.

During the day:

Offer a cuppa and morning tea to instructors or water if required

End of the day:

Wash and dry dishes and wipe benches.

Sweep floors, including the toilets.

Empty the kitchen bin into the wheelie bin and replace the liner.

Ensure toilets are clean and tidy (wipe basins and clean toilets if required).

Ensure the urn and lights are switched off.

Bring mounting block and wheelbarrow/rake back into club house (check that no manure is left on arena).

Put shutters down and lock the back door when you leave.

PLEASE LEAVE FRIDGE ON.

Ensure the gate to the grounds is locked if you are the last to leave.

Hope to see you soon at rally when I can drive.

Mel Dawson

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Hi everyone, I've taken on the role as newsletter editor once again. For those of you that don't know I did the newsletter prior to Maxine for ten years. A huge thanks to Maxine for taking it on for a couple of years, she did an amazing job.

The club has a busy year ahead with our first competition - mid week Dressage Day - only a couple of weeks away. It's quieter over winter but then in September we are holding TTT SJ which is a huge commitment but very exciting and to follow in October our Mid Week Show. Hopefully I can keep you up to date with everything going on.

Please email me at walton005@gmail.com with any information you wish to share, photos and results from any competitions you may have entered.

Cheers, Rachael (Walton)

Don't forget to pop what competitions you are entering on our fb page..it's always more fun with friends.

MIDWEEK DRESSAGE

Hurstbridge's first competition for the year and what a beautiful Autumn day it was for Amanda and myself to run our midweek dressage day. We closed entries a day early as we had reached our limit of 75 competitors. Dressage tests started at 8.00 and were to finish at 5.00 but with some scratching's we were able to finish a little earlier. The day ran smoothly and we had 24 of our own Hurstbridge riders supporting the event and riding.

A big thank-you to all Hurstbridge members who helped with set-up, penciling, marshalling, secretaries office, canteen helpers & gear check. The canteen was organized by Pauline Nugent, Erin Nugent and Karen Robinson and the menu was very popular with riders. Thank-you ladies for your efforts in the canteen as we had some great feedback about the healthy options available.

We had lots of positive feedback about our friendly club and our lovely grounds. Our local Hurstbridge saddlery sponsored the jackpot rugs and we are very grateful to Debbie and Laura who are always very generous with their sponsorship. I encourage you all to support them and thank them. They are now running faecal egg counts once a month so be sure to drop in a sample of your horse's manure which may save you the cost of wormers. We also had a donation of the famous pooper scooper "the dungbeetle". Thanks to Rachelle Ragan.

We had some great results from our Hurstbridge riders with Amanda Stark winning the jackpot champion in the advanced section, Simone Freeman winning both tests to win the jackpot champion in level 2 & Lianne Hensell winning the jackpot champion in level 5. We saw Rochelle Baxter and Marie Baldwin ride their first competitions with Rochelle reserve champ in level 5. Sarah Ross was level 4 reserve champion. Well done ladies !

We hoped you all enjoyed the day and looking forward to running this fun and popular event again next year. Thanks from Andrea Barton & Amanda Stark.



OUT & ABOUT

TTT DRESSAGE

Certainly awhile back but memories are strong. A wonderful weekend full of comraderie and laughs. We had a great number of riders represent our club, and some members who rode for KG As well. A few stayed for the weekend, camped out in our floats with horses safely tucked away in stables, lucky as we had some wild weather with crazy storms coming through. Fabulous results with many members placing, Jess Stevens and Lisa Utting gaining reserves and their team placing 9th overall.

The greatest things about these weekends are the fabulous friendships that are formed and cemented. I was really nervous competing as this was only my 3rd competition after more than 10 years but everyone had my back and encouraged and supported me the whole way....and as you can see I was very chuffed with my pink ribbon.. Not to mention the great food and drinks around the camp in the evening...can't wait for this year!



TTT COMBINED TRAINING

Another amazing day of competition for our club. It was a terrible windy day and goes to show the dedication of our riders to get out there and compete. Once again some fabulous results and the team ended up 3rd overall which is an amazing effort. Well done ladies and your beautiful ponies.



HOT OF THE PRESS...TTT HT

I don't have a report yet as it was only this past weekend but I saw on fb that once again our teams were successful coming 7th and 10th..once again an amazing effort. A special mention to Lisa Utting who was champion in her section on the beautiful Cleo, a horse that she has had since a baby and bought on beautifully. Well done to all the other competitors, I don't have individual results but look forward to more info in the next newsletter.



Hurstbridge Saddlery

PET & STOCKFEED

CLUB UNIFORMS

Custom Embroidery:

FOR THE RIDER **HRC&V DRESSAGE VESTS** **FOR THE HORSE**

- Soft Shell Jackets & Vests
- Polo Shirts
- Rain Jackets
- Caps
- Polar Fleece Jackets & Vests



- Cotton & Woollen Show Sets
- Gear Bags
- Name Towels
- Club Saddle Blankets
- Paddock Rugs

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WEEK STARTING	MEMBER	WEEK STARTING	MEMBER
6 NOVEMBER 2017	CINDY EDWARDS	7 MAY	DANEILLE APTED
13 NOVEMBER	JUSTYNA ECHAUST	14 MAY	MICHELLE ANDERSON
20 NOVEMBER	PHILIPPA DOGGETT	21 MAY	SHARLENE WRIGHT
27 NOVEMBER	SANDRA DE POI	28MAY	ASHA WOOD
4 DECEMBER	MELISSA DAWSON	4 JUNE	SARAH WILSON
11 DECEMBER	ERICA DAVIS	11 JUNE	HEATHER WILSON
18 DECEMBER	TINA DAVEY	18 JUNE	DI WILSON
25 DECEMBER	KIM CULLEN	25 JUNE	AMANDA WILSON
1 JANUARY 2018	JENNY CRAPPER	2 JULY	RACHEL WILLIAMS
8 JANUARY	SANDY CORNELL	9 JULY	NATALIE WILLIAMS
15 JANUARY	HELEN COCKS	16 JULY	JENIVIEVE WILLIAMS
22 JANUARY	KYLIE CHRISTIAN	23 JULY	JACLYN WILLIAMS
29 JANUARY	KAYLEEN CHATFIELD-JONES	30 JULY	MAXINE WILEMAN
5 FEBRUARY	KARYN CAMPBELL	6 AUGUST	CAROL WILKINSON
12 FEBRUARY	TRACEY CALDWELL	13 AUGUST	LEEANNE WICKHAM
19 FEBRUARY	CAROLINE BULMER	20 AUGUST	LOREN WELLINGS
26 FEBRUARY	TIA BRULLO	27 AUGUST	JENNY WEBB
5 MARCH	ANN BOLAM-MARSH	3 SEPTEMBER	ASTRID WATERDRINKER
12 MARCH	JODIE BISSICKS	10 SEPTEMBER	ZOE WARRELL
19 MARCH	ROCHELLE BAXTER	17 SEPTEMBER	RACHAEL WALTON
26 MARCH	JEANINE BATCHELOR	24 SEPTEMBER	VAL WALSH
2APRIL	JAKKI BARTON	1 OCTOBER	SARAH WALSH
9 APRIL	ANDREA BARTON	8 OCTOBER	SUSIE WALKER
16 APRIL	LOUISE BARRY	15 OCTOBER	JULIA WALKER
23 APRIL	MARIE BALDWIN	22 OCTOBER	LISA UTTING
30 APRIL	LUCY BAIN	29 OCTOBER	ROBYN UTTING