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Welcome

Welcome to the 6th edition of the revamped and reintroduced newsletter for members of Staff College & Sandhurst Hunt Pony Club.

We have yet another amazing array of results in this issue. Keep sending your news and pictures too.

Kelly Stevens and Alison Ward

Committee News

The Area DC meeting at Liphook, held on Tuesday 21st June, was attended by Alison and Carol-Anne. It is always good to catch up with what is happening in our Area.

The Instructors and Discipline Heads met on Monday 27th June to discuss the forth coming Area 13 competitions, training and events within the branch for the Autumn and Winter, the format for this year's Prize Giving and to catch up on other issues which have arisen.

The Committee met for their monthly meeting on 28th June. The first hour was dedicated to the organisation of the Pre-Area Dressage Competition on Sunday 10th July. The Committee was extremely disappointed that not enough entries were received to be able to hold this event especially after all the hard work that had been put in to it.

The Committees time is now being taken up fully by the organisation of the Annual Show and both Mini and Senior Camps which are all just around the corner.

A huge thank you goes to all the sponsors who, in total, have contributed over £1400 to the costs of running our Annual Show. All are named in the schedule.

DC's update

Dear members, parents and friends,

I will make this brief because there is not much room for anything more! As you can see the newsletter is filled with success, and please let it continue. WELL DONE to you all.

Just a quick update on my horses, Edga [4yr old] has got to go to Liphook veterinary hospital next Tuesday for a bone scan. He was going according to plan, but became very panic stricken at odd times in his training. He became quite dangerous to ride. His nature is so keen to please, so we knew there must be a problem. So Bruce my vet was called, he x-rayed Eds back and found a strange growing vertebrae. This is very similar to a kissing spine. Bruce thinks he was born with this, and doesn't think it will be a problem, so fingers crossed. I will let you know what they find and the treatment going forward.

Oolite the horse who was receiving the irap treatment is not responding very well. So second opinion being sort as I write this. Oak my yearling is growing every day. He is good to trim in the field, and his manners are delightful, that's all I am asking of him at this stage.

Very disappointed we had to cancel the pre area dressage event, let's make our annual show a huge success to make up for it.

Monday sees the turkeys arrive at the farm, so that means Christmas is coming!

On that rather depressing note, I wish you all "GOOD LUCK" in whatever you are doing in July with your ponies. Please don't forget if it's not going your way keep smiling. "It's not the winning it's the taking part"

Gina

Mounted Games – Zones Competition at Taunton Racecourse

For Seniors this is the qualifying round for Horse of the Year Show held in October at the NEC. It is also the qualifying round for the Pony Club Championships, with two competitions being held there, the runners up and the intermediate, the winner of the runners up competition also qualifies for HOYS.

For the Junior team, the Zones is the qualifier for the Junior National Final held at the Pony Club Championships, the first three places going through.

Our Senior team consisting of **Michaela Wilson, Annie Blair, Gemma Theime, Rachel Chambers and Oliver May** unfortunately had never ridden together as a team of five before, this was due to some having other commitments and I think this had a big impact on their performance, also with some really tough heat selections things did not go so well for them. They all gave it their best shot and reached several finals with some really strong performances, but it was not to be their day, although at the end they did finish in 11th place qualifying them for the Intermediate competition at the PC championships on August 15th.

It was a great achievement for them to reach the Zones and to come 11th to qualify for the championships, so well done to all of them.

Our Junior team consisting of **Chloe Day, Elysia Geeves, Sam Redding, Phoebe Armstrong and Ella Hopwood** had been practicing for many weeks since qualifying for the zones and had formed a nice team, the first two races did not go to plan but from there on they all rode brilliantly reaching every final.

After many heart stopping moments for myself and Nicky Day, who has been helping me train the juniors, they finished in a brilliant 3rd place qualifying for the Junior Final Championships on 14th August. This was a fantastic result for them, well done to you all, you really deserved it.

I'm not sure all members and parents appreciate the amount of commitment it takes to get to the Zones so I thought I would try and explain.

We start training the first week in January every Monday evening, this continues right through to the end of July with competitions in between. Many of those competitions are for weekends and mean travelling hundreds of miles and then camping over night with your pony. Our first qualifier is the Area in mid May, the first two places qualifying for the Zones in June, then the PC championships in August.

We also get asked to ride at County shows for demonstration competitions, our Seniors will be ride at the New forest Show for three days in July this year and have been asked to ride at the Bath & West Show next year. Our Juniors have been asked to ride at Hurtwood Polo charity day on 31st July which is in aid of Surrey Air Ambulance.

So as you can see our members and parents have to be dedicated to mounted games, so well done to all our mg team members for getting this far and a big thank you to your parents for their time and help.

Looking forward now to the Pony Club Championships and of course more training on Mondays, if anyone is interested in seeing what it's all about, you are more than welcome to come and watch out teams train on Monday evenings 5-30pm to 8pm at the PC field.

Mark

Committee Profile

Kirsten Coles, Junior Organiser

Hi, my name is Kirsten Coles and I have been brought onto the Committee to help with our junior members. My daughter Lucy joined the Pony Club 2 years ago, she is 12 years old and has a wonderful pony called 'Maddie' who she rides at the rallies and competes for the club.

I am married to Keith who is a tattooist and has his own studio so between us we have unusual businesses, in comparison to other couples. We have a 17 year old son called Jack who can't go anywhere near horses due to hay-fever.

I am the owner of Bearwood Riding Centre and have been here for 26 years. I first came to Bearwood as Yard Manager, then Manager, then in 1995 I was lucky enough to take the lease on myself and have not looked back since.

In 2009 I had to have a total right hip replacement due to acute arthritis and due to a complication during surgery I now have a semi-paralised right lower leg due to sciatica nerve damage, so if you see me limping you now know why.

Previous to that, working as a groom, I was again lucky and ran a yard in Surrey of American Quarter horses who were ridden Western style. I would be sent to America to ride and travel back to England with new horses bought by the owner. I have worked with most types of horses: Polo, Hunting etc. and also filming horses, going on location with them for television such as 'Duchess of Duke Street' and Adam Ants video 'Stand and Deliver' and also as a footman on carriages for weddings. I have met and worked with some lovely (and not so lovely) people in my time and feel very fortunate for this.

Working with horses as a full time profession is a VERY demanding but rewarding job, but it is not for everyone. It is totally different to just looking after one or two ponies and because of this and because it is such extremely hard work with long hours not a lot of people stick at it as a long term job. Next step – running your own yard as a business, then comes all the stresses at paying the bills and trying to keep everyone happy. If this is your dream then follow it, look at me, I have no educational exams, you need these now so work HARD at school. I do hold my BHSAI though, I have no money!! But even though I moan, I am a very happy and an extremely lucky person to be where I am today. If it is within my powers to help anyone I always will. I hope I haven't bored anyone with this and look forward to meeting you at rallies and competitions. Please come and talk if there is anything I can help you with or just for a chat.

Our Annual Show – Sunday 24th July

There are classes for everyone so please make sure you support your branch by entering and by offering your help on the day.

We appreciate it is difficult to help if your own children enter but we are sure there is a time during the day when they won't be competing and you are able to help. If everyone does just a couple of hours or helps with a specific class or 2 the work load can be shared out so everyone gets to see their child compete.

A condition of entry is that help will be provided.

A helpers timetable will be emailed out in the next couple of days, please reply quickly with your offer of help.

Please remember every member benefits from the funds raised from our Annual Show.

Results

2nd June – Cowdray Hunt Team Show Jumping

The Club had an excellent turn out with a total of 15 members competing in both individual events and team classes.

Mini Teams:

Yellow Perils – Sam Redding, Chloe Day, Tamsin Stamp

Red Devils - Nicole Wilson, Louis Rhone, Grace Cowley-Ellis, Oliver May – The team came 5th

Novice Teams:

Greens – Gemma Theime, Rachel Chambers, Lucy Coles

Blues – Claudia Carey-Yard, Camilla Cox, Declan Kavanagh, Michaela Wilson – The team came 2nd

5th June – Bisley

Sophia Shaw entered her first ever competition. In the 2ft class she came 5th.

12th June ODE at Rogate – A very, very wet and windy day!!

Mini Mini Team: Maddison Peries, Lucas Peries 8th as an individual, Megan Hodgson

Mini Class: Rachel Chambers 2nd, Nicole Wilson 4th

Novice Class: Camilla Cox 1st, Claudia Carey-Yard 4th

12th June – Wokingham Open Show

Clare Kavanagh in the Pony Club Pony class on Canon came 3rd. Clare also qualified for the Thames & Chiltern Riding Club Horse qualifier on William by coming 1st.

Declan Kavanagh was 6th in the 2'6-2'9.

19th June - Petersfield ODE at Coombelands

Level 3: Michaela Wilson 3rd, Declan Kavanagh 8th.

Level 4: Camilla Cox. Unfortunately not placed but did really well in her 1st Level 4 Competition

26th June - Woodland PC ODE at Rosehill

Mini Team: Lucas Peries, Maddison Peries, Tamsin Stamp, Megan Hodgson - 2nd
Lucas came 6th as an individual. See page 6 for a superb photo of the team.

26th June – Wellington Show Jumping

Natalie Ward –4th in 3'. Ashley Harrison – 5th in 3' and 2nd in 3'3.

Good Luck

Good luck

To all our members who out and about competing either for the branch or at individual events in July.

Especially to our Novice Eventing team who have been selected by the Branch to compete at the Area 13 Eventing Competition to be held at BCA on Sunday 17th July: Claudia Carey-Yard, Camilla Cox, Declan Kavanagh and Michaela Wilson and to Ashley Harrison who is competing at Intermediate level.

And to those members who will be representing the Branch at the Area 13 Show Jumping competition on Saturday 30th July at Herriard Park near Basingstoke

If you are out and about let us know and we will tell everyone.

July Events

Bold denotes competitions/visits

Blue denotes Committee/Instructor events

Green denotes social events

Sat 2 nd	Working Rally @ PC Field	2pm
Sat 2nd	Cowdray – Dressage competition	
Sun 3rd	Bisley Eventers Challenge	
Mon 4 th	MG team training @ PC Field	
Tues 5 th	C & C+ Mock theory exam	
Wed 6 th	SJ & Dressage team training @ PC Field	
Thurs 7 th	Working Rally @ PC Field – Polocrosse & Mounted Games	6.30pm
Sat 9 th	C test exam	
Sun 10th	SC&SH Pre-Area Dressage @ Farley Hall Equestrian – Cancelled	
Mon 11 th	MG team training @ PC Field	
Wed 13th	Annual Show Committee meeting @ PC Hut	
Wed 13 th	SJ & Dressage team training @ PC Field	
Thurs 14 th	Working Rally @ PC Field – Bare back riding	6.30pm
Sun 17th	Area 13 Eventing at BCA	
Mon 18 th	MG team training @ PC Field	
Wed 20 th	SJ & Dressage team training @ PC Field	
Thurs 21 st	Working Rally @ PC Field to include SJ, Ringcraft and show prep	
Sat 23rd	Set up for Annual Show	
Sun 24th	SC&SH Annual Show in Eversley	
Tues-Thurs 25,26,27th	MG at New Forest Show – Demo riding for Senior A team	
Sat 30th	Area 13 Show Jumping at Herriard Park, Basingstoke	

And into August:

Wed-Sun 3,4,5,6th Mini Camp at Greenacres

Sun 7th Area 13 Dressage @ Hackwood Park, Basingstoke

Please look out for the emails for all of the above.

New Jumps

Have you seen the fantastic new jumps that have been purchased with funds raised within the branch?

Paying for Branch events online

Please remember, when paying for branch events on line that you include a reference number i.e. members first 3 letters of their Christian name, 1st letter of their surname followed by whatever event it is or the date of the event. i.e. NATW/JULY RALLIES for Natalie Wards payment for the July Rallies.

This makes it so much easier for Wendy to work out who has paid for what especially as each month's bank statement generally runs into about 5 pages.

Thank you.

Happy Birthday's



The following members are celebrating their birthdays during July:

Ethan Bee	Ellie Francis
Sophia Shaw	Molly Smith
Gemma Theime	Michaela Wilson

Quick Branch Quiz

So, who's been reading the newsletter? All the answers to the following questions are in previous newsletters.

1. What is the name of Gina's English Bull Mastiff x French Mastiff dog?
2. Name the 4 members who compete in the Senior MG team who qualified for the Zone?
3. Which Committee member has 4 dogs and about 20 chickens?
4. Name the 3 members whose Birthdays are in March?
5. What is the Post Code of the address you should send medical forms to?
6. Who had a loan pony called Honey when she was 11 years old?
7. Who wrote the poem 'The Horse' in 1954?
8. What are the only 4 items of jewellery permitted to be worn at Pony Club?
9. Name the member and instructor who competed on 16th April at Checkendon?
10. Who had the fastest time in the competition at the trailer training evening?

Answers next time

Answers from June issue: 1 – Under 8's – Pale Yellow. 2 – Kelly Stevens. 3 – Pre-Area Dressage Competition. 4 – Saturday 30th July. 5 – Cream/beige/white. 6 – Saturday 9th July. 7 – Nicky Wilson. 8 – Hayley Wilson. 9 – When doing XC, MG and Polocrosse. 10 – Thursday 16th June.

How many did you get right? We hope you all did well.

Mini Team at
Woodland Hunt ODE



The mini team who came an excellent 2nd at Woodland Hunt ODE on 26th June.
L-R – Lucas Peries, Maddison Peries, Tamsin Stamp, Megan Hodgson
And instructor, Lisa, hiding in the background !