



# Staff College & Sandhurst Hunt Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the newsletter for members of Staff College & Sandhurst Hunt Pony Club.

Please let us know whether you enjoy receiving the newsletter? We look forward to hearing from you.

Apologies to Mark and the MG team for not including the report from the New Forest Show in the last issue. Please see page 2 for the full report.

*Kelly Stevens and Alison Ward*

## Welcome to the Branch....

*Katie Eaton*

We look forward to seeing you at many of the activities the branch organises.

## DC's update

Dear Members, parents and friends,

I was delighted with the turnout at the last rally of the season at the field. WELL DONE to the members at the rally who took and passed their D+ and C tests. The weather was lovely and sunny.

So now we are heading in to dark cold evenings! I just can't wait for the spring! Christmas is of course coming at us fast; I love Christmas, that's after I have plucked a few thousand turkeys!

Please remember to reply early for all the activities in the months ahead. This is so you are not disappointed.

In the winter months we use indoor schools which limit us to numbers. Also it becomes a chore for the voluntary organizers to keep sending out reminders. Please do arrive with plenty of time to get yourselves tacked up and ready, we have to book the schools in hourly slots. If you are late this means you hold up the rest of the group, and won't get your full session in! Do always apologise to the organizer and instructor if you are late.

Brief catch up on the dog Sybil, she is finally settling down. Now I light the fire and have logs piled up by the door, she has left the wooden furniture alone and has her log to chew in her bed!

Edga 4yr old has started to sort his legs out and managing to do some nice shapes over low fences. Might, just might, do a small competition soon. Watch this space! Edga due to his tall, weak self is such a long term project. I have bought a new horse, his name is Gump. I will tell you more about him next time.

See you all at prize giving.

*Gina*

## Committee News

The Discipline Heads and Instructors met on 5<sup>th</sup> September and put together a full programme of activities right through to March 2012. We are sure there is something for every member to attend. If you aren't sure whether an event is suitable for you please contact us.

The calendar up to December is on the branch website and the next month's events are listed in each newsletter.

The Show Committee met on 7<sup>th</sup> September. It was generally felt that the show had been a huge success and had raised a fantastic amount of money towards branch funds. The dressage classes, introduced for the first time this year, were extremely popular and will definitely be included in next year's schedule. The date of next year's show will be confirmed once the Area 13 competition dates have been set.

The full committee meeting followed the show meeting and received reports from both Mini and Senior Camp, the show and the discipline heads/instructors meeting.

Following a very successful Senior Camp this year we will be holding next years at Three Maids Chasers again from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Please put these dates in your diaries. Information will be sent out very soon.

The Committee are now preparing for Prize Giving, details are further on in this issue.

MG – New Forest Show

## Mounted Games – New Forest Show

Wow!! What a week we had with our senior Mounted Games team competing at the New Forest Show for three days in a very tough competition.

They rode two sessions a day collecting points to get them into a good position for the final on Thursday which were double points. They rode every session really well and very accurate only missing two hand overs in over 40 races, we came 3rd in all five sessions leading up to the final which was very good for us as the first two teams were excellent and both had competed at Horse of the Year Show in previous years.

The pressure was really on us for the final as there were only a few points between us and Petersfield for third place, Petersfield were pushing us hard and it all came down to the very last race, we had to finish in front of Petersfield, we gave it our all and pulled off an or some five flag race just finishing ahead of Petersfield securing us a brilliant 3rd place overall, this was a fantastic end to a brilliant week of very tough competition.

One thing we really gain from these competitions is learning how to cope with reassurance and I think this week really proved that with all the events we have attended this year we have learnt to stay calm and cope with pressure when needed.

Well done to:-

Michaela Wilson riding Becky  
Annie Blair riding Sasha  
Gemma Thieme riding Amber  
Rachel Chambers riding Topsy  
Oliver May riding Danny.



Sadly for two of our members this was to be their last MG competition, Michael and Annie will be too old next year, both have performed brilliantly over the past years and will be sadly missed in the team.

Thank you to all our members and parents who came along to support us, it was lovely to see you there and the team really do appreciate your support.

Thanks, **Mark**

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Phoebe Armstrong was also awarded her Mini Road Rider Achievement badge at Mini Camp this year but didn't do her Plaiting Badge.

Georgia Sayles also competed at the Garth South ODE at Borough Court on 21<sup>st</sup> August as an individual finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class 1 on her dressage score of 40. Well done Georgia.

Apologies to these two members for the incorrect information in the last issue.

Prize Giving 2011

## Prize Giving 2011

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at Sandmartins Golf Club, Finchampstead Road, Wokingham

Presentation starting at 6pm prompt

Disco & Buffet from approx. 7.30pm

We hope to see you all attending the annual Prize Giving Presentation and staying on for the Disco and Buffet

Have you booked your tickets ?

Olympia Trip

## Olympia Trip

This years Olympia Trip is on Friday December for the Matinee performance.

We have secured excellent seats at an excellent price.

The coach leaves the PC field at 9am to ensure we get there early enough for some shopping before the performance starts.

Please contact Nicky Wilson if you would like to book your tickets.

Equine Table Top  
Sale

## Equine Table Top Sale

We are planning to organise an equine table top sale between now and Christmas.

If you are interested please start sorting out all those unwanted bits and pieces and book a table.

Or perhaps you are looking for something, then you might be lucky finding it.

If you are able to help please let us know.

An email will be sent out in the near future if we have been able to arrange this.

## Results

### Mini Champs @ Bisley

#### Eventing

Our eventing team has an excellent result at Mini Champs this year finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 17 teams in the end. It was a very close competition in that the winning team finished on 105.2, 2<sup>nd</sup> was 108.5, then our team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on 109.4. This meant that less than 5 marks separated the top three teams.

Oliver May	37.1 Dressage	Double Clear SJ + XC	Finished 4 <sup>th</sup> in his section
Lucy Coles	37.5 Dressage	Double Clear SJ + XC	Finished 4 <sup>th</sup> in her section
Rachel Chambers	30.8 Dressage	1 down SJ Clear XC	Finished 6 <sup>th</sup> in her section
Nicole Wilson	41.1 Dressage	2 down SJ E XC	Bob took a dislike to the water

So overall a fantastic result for the team and we had a great team spirit throughout the day.

#### Dressage

We had two teams taking part in the dressage, we had no team placing's but everyone tried really hard and there are lots of positives to build on for next year!

Louis Rhone	56.3%	Rode a good test, but he had a very harsh score. Charlie went lovely for him
Tamsin Stamp	62%	Rode really well, the partnership has gone from strength to strength this year
Lucas Peries	57.5%	Lucas tried very hard mainly to stay on as Cheeky Charlie lived up to name and bucked round through test!
Chloe Day	59.2%	Tried very hard another partnership which had improved throughout the year, one to watch for next year!
Lucy Donnelly	54.2%	Had a disappointing day nothing quite went right on the day which was a shame after doing so well at the Area. Just not her day.
Amy Van Oostrum	59.6%	Amy always tries hard and starting to get to grips now with riding a good test.
Grace Cowley-Ellis	65.8%	Grace rode a very good test on the day and came a well-deserved 8 <sup>th</sup>
Megan Hodgson	64.2%	Megan rode a very good test on Tiff Toff who is not the easiest of ponies and for all her efforts she came a well-deserved 8 <sup>th</sup> .

#### Show Jumping

We had two teams out this year again the best we have ever fielded, for most it was their first time so the pressure was on! Despite the deluge of rain in the afternoon the teams battled on and Team B came 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

Team A	First Round	Second Round
Lucas Peries	E	E
Louis Rhone	0	4
Chloe Day	8	12
Tamsin Stamp	0	4
Team B	First Round	Second Round
Grace Cowley Ellis	0	E
Lucy Woodward	0	8
Ross Bee	0	12
Jessie Sheffield	0	0

Overall a great day out for Staff College with a great team spirit shown by all the members throughout the day, a huge thank you must go to Karen and Gillian for ground support!

#### Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

Natalie Ward on Pye competed for the Sandhurst RMA Drag hunt team in the Silver Fox Inter team challenge at Henley as the Under 25 member. Natalie had 1 refusal due to lack of steering! Unfortunately the team didn't make the 2<sup>nd</sup> round due to one of the other team members horses refusing to go in the water. The course was huge in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and included a solid 3' brick wall and a very skinny double coming out of the water. Natalie was the only team member to compete at all 5 competitions this year and is hoping to be picked again next year for the hunt team.

Results cont....

### 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Josh O'Connor qualified for the Sunshine tour championships, which was held at Great Bookham Equestrian Centre. The class he qualified for was the 2' Showjumping on Paddy. Placings went down to 10th and he came 8th out of 33 riders.

***Well done to all our members out competing. We love to hear what you have been up to so please let us know. It doesn't have to just be Pony Club events, just whatever you have been out doing.***

October Events

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**Bold denotes competitions/visits**

**Blue denotes Committee/Instructor events**

**Green denotes social events**

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Working Rally @ PC Field with E & D testing and Plaiting testing  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dressage training @ Bearwood – up to & including Intro 2007 level  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> D+ & C test theory training @ PC Hut  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dressage training @ Brooklands – Novice level and up  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> SJ training @ Bearwood – up to & including 2'6  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> D+ & C test theory training @ PC Hut  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> SJ training @ Brooklands – aiming for 2'9 and up  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Working Rally @ PC Field with D+ & C testing  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Polocrosse @ Burley Lodge, Shinfield  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dressage training @ Brooklands – Novice level and up  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> XC training at Rogate  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> MG @ Merristwood  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Childrens Hunt with the RMA Drag Hunt  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> SJ training @ Brooklands – aiming for 2'9 and up  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Polocrosse @ Burley Lodge, Shinfield

And into November:

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Dressage training @ Brooklands – Novice Level and up  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Polocrosse day @ Hemel Hempstead – 16+ and up only  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dressage training @ Bearwood – Up to & including Intro 2007  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> SJ training @ Brooklands – aiming for 2'9 and up  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Prize Giving at Sand Martins Golf Club

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

Happy Birthday's

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A very Happy Birthday to members who celebrated in October:

Lucy Blair	Amy Curtis
Millie Day	Amelia Rhone
Amy van Oostrum	

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