



NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH:

**** Interdressage ** AGM ****

PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES



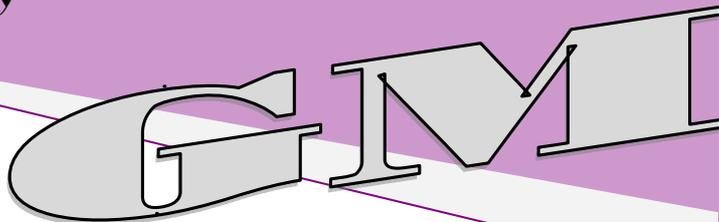
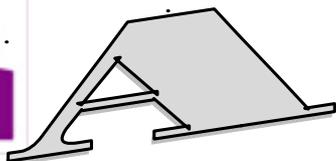
*Lottie and Oliver
Junior Pepper Pot Winners 2018*

EDITOR'S BIT

Ah, the January blues! Christmas over, back to work or school, no money in the bank account and show schedules starting to appear but still months away! It did make me wonder whether horses feel the same (obviously not so much the cash flow issues—they have personal slaves to worry about that!). There were a few days this month when Smokey was just...well...odd... and I mean odder than is normal for him. You all know those moments - it's not colic as no temperature and he's eating - it's not muscular as sound and rolling fine - has he reacted to his wormer, eaten too much haylage, not eaten enough haylage, not drunk enough - it's not anything else, as, well nothing else is obvious - but somethings not quite right. I don't feel that ringing the vet and asking him to come out because my horse is being quiet and really well behaved, would go down that well (plus, refer to previous comment re bank balance!). It's these moments that I really hate about being a horse-owner. I've never wanted to really know what is going through Smokey's mind, but maybe on the odd occasion it would be handy to share a common language. But maybe, after all, he's feeling just a bit blue too and is dreaming of the Summer to come.

PS. Whatever it was didn't last long - a couple of hacks unintentionally practising our piaffe to passage transitions, and a couple of evenings of him doing an impression of a horse-shaped kite at the end of the lead rope, convinced me that everything's back to normal!

until next time, Caroline



Thank you everyone who made the effort to attend the AGM and Awards evening, especially with the weather taking a turn for the worst so that everyone arrived in a snow storm. It was a fun evening and a great start to the RC year. For those who couldn't attend, the following is a summary of what went on and the decisions made for 2019.



Area Team Managers Report

Chris Esling

Chris thanked everyone who has taken part in the Area qualifiers over 2018 and congratulated everyone who made it to the Championships. Also a special thanks to everyone who has volunteered, as without their continued support we would not be able to send the amount of teams we do. The Lincoln Championships have special memories as always, with MHRC partying as hard as they rode in the ring.

Mercian Team Managers Report

Jodie Powell

Another great year in the grassroots competition, with MHRC winning three of the four Mercian Leagues. Although sometimes hard to get teams together, we have done wonderfully with the teams that have attended. The highlight was the Dressage and Style Jumping, where we won everything that was on offer that day!



Achiever's Cup Winners

Treasurer's Report

Ann Bates

It's been a challenging year for the club, with some months where the bank balance was running very close to the wire. Much of this is due to our success at

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019

AWARD WINNERS

Committee Cup	Esme Ruff
Achiever's Cup	Riding Test National Champions = Steph Woolley, Rachel Sargeant, Jodie Powell and Tina Price
Club Support	Rachel Hay
Progression Shield	Alli Haynes
Progression Cup	Sue Lidbetter
Outstanding Achievement at Area Level	Jodie Powell
Outstanding Achievement at Mercian Level	Chris Esling
Chairman's Cup	Alison Burton
Lofty Cup	Chris Esling
Midas Cup	Tina Price's Buzz-B

Championships and also to the large amount of entries we put in at Area level. Although we have ended the year in profit, much of this was due to the fund raising done in the last couple of months.



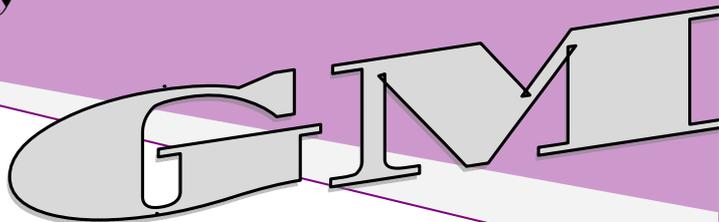
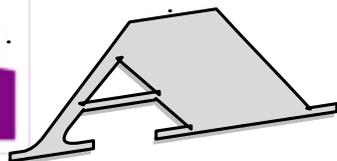
Alison Burton

A breakdown of the accounts is available for anyone who didn't attend on the night and can be requested through mhrcnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk.

Historically, the club has always paid the Preliminary entries for every Area qualifier (this is the fee that goes to headquarters and is paid on top of the normal entry fees) and have also paid for everyone that has qualified for the Championships. It was proposed that this needed to change as the club could no longer support this.

Two options were presented to the members. A = that the club continued to pay for Championship Entries, but that the members who have qualified are responsible for organising and running the associated fundraiser (with the

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help of the committee)

B = that the club pays half the Championship entry fee with the qualifying member paying the other half.

It was then proposed by the floor that many members would be willing to pay all the Championship fees. After discussion it was decided that not everyone was in a financial position to do this. Therefore the constitution will be changed to say that qualifying members will pay a MINIMUM of half the entry fee, but that anyone who feels that they can pay the whole amount can.

This was voted on and carried by the attending members.

Training Manager's Report

Sarah Bowness

2018 has seen us use a lot of new instructor's and on the whole these have gone down well. We have also tried a few different formats and will continue this in 2019 in an attempt to suit all member's budgets and free time. Both Sarah and Julie are open to new ideas or suggestions, so please feel free to contact them if there is something specific you'd like some training in.

2018 has also seen some changes, namely that we made the decision not to allow non-members to attend our clinics due to the problems surrounded in checking insurance, etc. This meant that it was harder to fill places last minute if someone dropped out. Clinics are not run at a profit as BRC stipulate we should subsidise where possible. Therefore, clinics are priced to break even IF ALL SLOTS ARE FILLED. Where people drop out last minute, the club suffers a loss. Therefore, we will be asking in 2019 that members pay up for clinics at least 48 hours beforehand. If something happens and you have to pull out, then we will then attempt to fill the space and refund the money.



Jodie Powell



Sue Lidbetter

Pepper Pot Points League

Senior Dressage

Steph Woolley & Freckleton Matador

Junior Dressage

Lily Collop & Kiltown Two Tone

Senior Jumping

Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond

Junior Jumping

Oliver Hooper & Pinto

Senior Combined Events

Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond

Junior Combined Events

Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle

SENIOR OVERALL

Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond

JUNIOR OVERALL (joint)

Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle

Oliver Hooper & Pinto

Rosettes were also awarded down to 15th place in both the Junior and Senior Leagues.

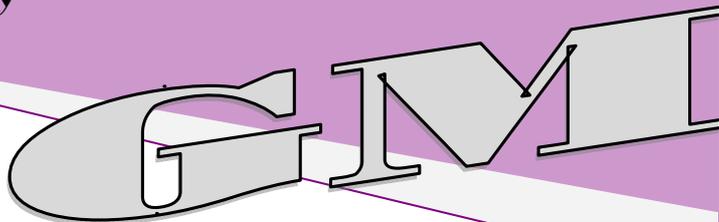
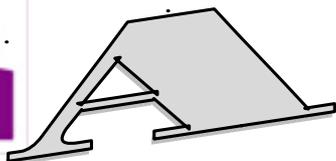
GO TO THE WEBSITE TO SEE THE COMPLETE FINAL LEAGUE

If you want to pay cash or cheque on the day, then you need to contact the organiser to arrange this, but please be aware that you will still be asked to pay if you don't turn up. In the event of serious injury, etc, then this will be reviewed depending on individual circumstances. Members who have not paid within 48 hours and who have not contacted the organiser to confirm payment on the day, may have their place given to someone on the waiting list.



Lydia and Chris

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Social / Fundraising Report

Karen Withers

We've run a number of fundraisers this year, the most successful being the Comedy Evening, which we will probably be repeating at some point with a more horsey theme. The Table Top sales are also popular and an easy way for the club to raise money. This will also be repeated.

There are some plans for some Horseless Clinics in the next few months, but if any members has a topic that they'd like us to cover, feel free to drop Karen a line.

There then followed a buffet style supper, with an amazing selection of sandwiches, snacks, salads, crisps and cake.

MHRC 2019 Caroline Bates
Unfortunately, we will not be able to have the land next to the Three Counties Showground on our usual Bank Holiday Weekend. We are still planning to host the Area Show Jumping Qualifier, as well as the Area

Combined Training Qualifier, but are currently looking at alternative dates and venues.

The Dressage series went very well and we will be looking to repeat that over next winter month.

Voting in of 2019 Committee

Caroline Bates

Ann Bates has to step down from the Treasurer post as it's against BRC rules to have family members in the key committee roles. Ann was thanked for her service over the last two years and was presented with a beautiful



Tina and Sue

bouquet of flowers by Camilla. Linda Medcalf has agreed to step into the Treasurer role.

The remaining committee have agreed to stay on for another year in their current roles.

This was put to the members and agreed on.

Q&A Session

Katherine Jones has asked that ROR awards are given in conjunction with club events. She will find out the details and will come up with a way to co-ordinate this within the club.

This was followed by a presentation of all our awards and trophies, from medals to everyone who participated in the 2017/2018 Interdressage League, to Pepper Pot Rosettes for the top 15 Junior and Senior riders.

The evening was rounded off by a fun quiz, which was won by the team of Katherine Jones, Linda Medcalf, Krissy Bradley, Sophie Bowness and Di Symonds. And then the raffle, with loads of fantastic prizes donated by the members.



Steph Woolley



Rachel Hay

BRC VOLUNTEER LEAGUE 2018

Congratulations to our members who've won awards in the National Volunteer League.

Linda Kemp, Anna Robson, Jenny Barnes, Alison Burton, Ann Bates and Chris Esling were all joint 5th after helping to run both the Area Show Jumping and the Area Horse Trials.

To see where you've come, or if you would like to compete in the 2019 League, check out the BRC website or the new Volunteer Page on our website.



Oliver and Jodie



INTERDRESSAGE

It was lovely to welcome some new faces to our Interdressage filming day on 12th February. A lovely relaxed, fun day (in between the show-ers!) meant that every-one had plenty of time to get their tests vide-od to perfection!



Holly and Jester

Class: Walk and Trot

16th = (restricted) Diane Symonds and Jeeves
6th = (intermediate) Niki Padbury and Jacob

Class: Walk, Trot and Canter

1st = Niki Padbury and Jacob

Class: Starter (Senior)

1st = Holly Chivers and Jester
2nd = Camilla Esling and Oliver
4th = Alex Riches and Mr Darcy
5th = Esme Ruff and Elvis
8th = Carrie Coombs and Billy

Class: Starter (Junior)

1st = Lottie Gilderson and Western
Miracle

A huge well done to our class win-ners. Niki, Holly and Lottie.

The next filming day is **17th Febru-ary** - and this months schedule has lots of interesting tests and classes to have a go at, including jumping and ROR showing. Contact Caroline

if you'd like to come along and represent the club.



BRC LEAGUE AFTER JANUARY RESULTS		
1st	Malvern Hills Riding Club	407 points
2nd	Crown Riding Club	202 points
3rd	Cherwell Valley Riding Club	176 points
4th	Solent Riding Club	10 points

WINTER TRAINING

GYMNASTIC JUMPING CLINICS

WITH VICTORIA GREGG

DATE(S): Saturday 9th February / Thursday 14th February / Sunday 24th February
TIMES: Thursday: 5 to 8pm / Weekends 10am to 1pm
GROUP SIZE: maximum of 4 per group
VENUE: Marlbrook Equestrian, Welland
OPEN TO: All Junior and Senior Members
LEVELS: Junior / 60-70 / up to 80 / up to 90
COST: £20

If you would like to attend this clinic, please contact:

Sarah Bowness mhrcclinics@outlook.com

SHOW JUMPING COURSE RIDING CLINIC

WITH KAREN NICHOLAS

DATE(S): Saturday 2nd February
TIMES: 1 hour slots, running all day
GROUP SIZE: maximum of 4 per group
VENUE: Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern
OPEN TO: All Junior and Senior Members
LEVELS: 70, 80, 90, 100 or 110cm
COST: £16

If you would like to attend this clinic, please contact:

Caroline Bates mhrcnewsletter@hotmail.co.uk

FLATWORK CLINICS WITH JESS SMITH

DATE(S): Sunday 10th February / Thursday 21st February / Saturday 9th March
TIMES: Thursday: 6pm to 8:30pm
Weekends: 10am to 2pm
GROUP SIZE: half hour individual session
VENUE: Hillview Arena, Blackmore Park Road, Malvern
OPEN TO: All Junior and Senior Members
LEVELS: All levels
COST: £25

If you would like to attend this clinic, please contact:

Julie Jeffes Julie.jeffes@gmail.com



NEEDED FUL THINGS

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

For schedules, times and future events, please go to www.malvernhillsideclub.com

February 2019

2nd - Course Jumping Clinic with Karen Nicholas, Hillview Arena

9th - Gymnastic Jumping Clinic with Victoria Gregg, Marlbrook Equestrian

10th - Flatwork Clinic with Jess Smith, Hillview Arena

14th - Gymnastic Jumping Clinic with Victoria Gregg, Marlbrook Equestrian

17th - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern

21st - Flatwork Clinic with Jess Smith, Hillview Arena

23rd - Area Winter Show Jumping Qualifier, Lincomb Equestrian, Worcs

24th - Gymnastic Jumping Clinic with Victoria Gregg, Marlbrook Equestrian

March 2019

9th - Flatwork Clinic with Jess Smith, Hillview Arena

9th-10th - BRC Arena Eventing Championship, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Northants

17th - Interdressage Filming Day, Hillview Arena, Malvern

24th - Intermediate Dressage Qualifier, Abbey Dressage, nr. Tewkesbury

30th - 31st - BRC Novice Winter Championship, Arena UK, Grantham, Lincolnshire

PEPPER POT 2019 LEAGUES

Here are the top riders in each of the 2019 leagues as of 1st February 2019

SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	140
2nd	Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador	75
3rd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	65
	Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream	65
5th	Laura Bennet and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	60
6th	Emma Tart and Eric	50
	Krissy Bradley and Toby	50
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Mai	50
	Tina Price and Big Ted	50
10th	Alison Burton and Golly Miss Polly	40
	Becky Skates and Darcy	40
	Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn	40
	Linda Kemp and Tanzanite Mist	40
14th	Alex Riches and Mr Darcy	35
	Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash	35
	Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino	35
	Linda Medcalf and Midnight	35
	Luan Crawford and Merkur	35
	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	35
20th	Jane Osborne and Rose	30
	Jenny Tart and Roxy	30
22nd	Natalie Smith and Shadow	25
23rd	Kirsty Knott and Pennal Zedan	20
24th	Diane Symonds and Jeeves	10
	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	10
	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	10
	Sarah Bowness and Our Bawn Lodger	10

JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	140
2nd	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	40
4th	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	20
3rd	Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone	15

SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	100
2nd	Steph Woolley and Freckleton Matador	75
3rd	Karen Kilby and Cosmic Dream	65
4th	Laura Bennet and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	60
5th	Emma Tart and Eric	50
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SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	40
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JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	40
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SENIOR / JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

No entries yet

SEE THE COMPLETE UPDATED LEAGUE TABLES AT
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