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THIS ISSUE

Winter Show Jumping Qualifier
Interdressage



EDITOR'S BIT

So, anyone noticed webbed feet growing? Any unscheduled visits to Oz on the back of a whirlwind? Any one still stuck in the mud and need help?

What a wet and windy start to the year? It would be nice to think that this is finally the end of a horrible winter, but who knows? With each successive storm managing to blow in just in time for the weekend, it's almost feeling that someone up there has it in for us horse riders. But, I suppose we should look on the bright side - none of our neddies should have an issue with water jumps in the coming season!

It came to my attention at a recent RC competition, that the art of communication isn't as top-rate in other clubs than ours. I don't want to brag, but it amazed me that so many riders were falling foul of rule changes and a constant complaint you hear is 'oh, I wasn't told that!'. So I know that it can sometimes feel that we're always bombarding you with information and asking to check things out, but I wanted to say THANK YOU for reading everything that we send - it makes everyone lives so much easier.

As I write this, preparation for the beginning of the BRC Championship season is already underway. It's so exciting that MHRC will be represented at the first two of the year in March - the Arena Eventing and the Novice Winter Championships. So GOOD LUCK to everyone taking part and THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered to help out so the teams can do. Fingers crossed the wind and rain stay away.

Until next time, Caroline

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AREA SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER 22nd to 23rd February

It was the first team competition for the 2020 season, with all clubs in the area sending teams to Lincomb Equestrian to contest the Show Jumping Qualifiers. The challenging weather leading up to the competition meant that there were a lot of fresh and excited horses but it was great to see everyone turning out to have a go.

The competition was over two rounds - the first a simple jumping round. The second was bigger and split into two, with the final fences acting as a timed jump-off.

It wasn't quite our day team wise, with no places. Our 90 team did the best, with an 8th in some stiff competition. But that didn't mean there weren't some frillies coming back to the club. Sara Stephenson, on Suzy, were clear throughout the day to win a 5th place in the individual Senior 70, and Sacha Willis on Jemima were 6th in the Junior 90 individual. New member Georgie Spurling,, on Sox, was the overall winner of

the Junior 70, with Sophie Bowness on Bruno 5th.

"I think that I speak on behalf of our Junior 70cm team", said Tessa, Georgie's Mum, "although it didn't all quite go to plan the girls really enjoyed themselves and showed fab team spirit supporting each other. It may not have looked great on paper, but they all rode well. Even if one of them did so in front of the saddle for a little bit of her round 😊

Lincomb as ever is a fab venue and with a bacon buttie what else would there be to do on a cold windy Sunday in Feb?"

"What a fantastic venue," said Emma, "It doesn't get much better than Lincomb for facilities and hosts Becky & Tony who truly are committed to making it such a great place.



RUNNERS & RIDERS

Senior 70 Individuals

- ⇒ Sara Stephenson & Liedi Susan
- ⇒ Jo Jeynes & Duke of Spain

Junior 70 Team

- ⇒ Sophie Bowness & Bruno Mars
- ⇒ Sophie Chichester & Poppy
- ⇒ Georgie Spurling & Romany River Bobby Sox

Senior 80 Team

- ⇒ Emma Monahan & Laraghmor Clover
- ⇒ Jo Jeynes & Emily Jane
- ⇒ Julie Jeffes on Hederfeld Ash

Senior 90 Individual

- ⇒ Julie Jeffes on Barrybeg Cruise
- ⇒ Anna Robson and I Believe I Can Fly

Junior 90 Individual

- ⇒ Sacha Willis & Warmington Jemima

Senior 90 Team

- ⇒ Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos Black Diamond
- ⇒ Anna Robson & I Believe I Can Fly
- ⇒ Esther Bowness & Blackwater Grey Lady
- ⇒ Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel

Senior 100 Individuals

- ⇒ Cindie Bunce & Master Malt-striker
- ⇒ Anna Robson & Academy Award



INNOVATIONS IN RIDER SAFETY

With Charlie from Treehouse Sporting Colours

DATE: Wednesday 4th March 2020

TIME: 8:00 prompt start

VENUE: Castlemorton Village Hall, Castlemorton, Malvern, Worcestershire WR13 6BE

COST: £5 per person - pay on the day.

Refreshments Provided.

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

*** Discounted products for sale - upgrade your kit for 2020 ***

A fun, entertaining and informative talk about the latest changes and safety standards on hats, body protectors, air jackets, stirrups, whips and other riding equipment. A chance to ask Charlie questions about new rules and to check out the latest kit.



A massive well done to WDRC for hosting this event - it ran like clock-work. Plenty of volunteers that were cheerful and helpful. The show jumping course was fabulous - tricky in the right places, designed to make riders think, it rode beautifully. What a great course builder for making it such a good competition."

The overall winners of the day, and qualifying for the champs were Broms-



grove (70 Senior), Worcester (70 Junior & 100+ Senior), Bewdley (80 Senior) and Cropthorne & Evesham Vale (90 & 100 Senior).

PHOTOS: Previous page: Top left: Sophie and Bruno / Top right: Sara and Suzy / Bottom:

Cindie and Billy. This page: Top left: Esther & Polly. Top right: Anna & Nellie. Bottom: Emma & Clover.

NEW WHIP RULES FOR 2020

BRC will be adopting the new British Show Jumping rules for 2020. This means that for any Area qualifier or BRC championship, you will have to use a whip that conforms to the

below guidelines. Tack checking at Mercian competitions is less stringent, but are still run under BRC rules so worth investing in some new kit.

British Showjumping **STEWARDS AIDE-MÉMOIRE - VISUAL GUIDE TO WHIP RULING - 102.9**

LENGTH OF WHIP CMS	MIN LENGTH OF PAD CMS	LENGTH OF WHIP CMS	MIN LENGTH OF PAD CMS
45	18	58	23.2
46	18.4	59	23.6
47	18.8	60	24
48	19.2	61	24.4
49	19.6	62	24.8
50	20	63	25.2
51	20.4	64	25.6
52	20.8	65	26
53	21.2	66	26.4
54	21.6	67	26.8
55	22	68	27.2
56	22.4	69	27.6
57	22.8	70	28

- The Contact area must be covered with a Pad and be a minimum two fifths (40%) of the overall length of the whip
- The Pad must be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface
 - No wording or personalisation on the Pad
 - No binding within 17 centimetres of the end of the Pad
- The weight of the whip must not exceed 160 grams and should be evenly distributed throughout the full length of the whip

Stella Bunn Eventing
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INTERDRESSAGE

It's been a tough couple of months, with our club filming days having to be cancelled because of the rubbish weather. Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to film their own entries and enter.

JANUARY

BRC D3

2nd Sara Stephenson and Liedi Susan

FEBRUARY

Walk and Trot D

2nd = Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie

Walk, Trot and Canter E

2nd = Ashleigh Earle and Big Ben

6th = Di Symonds and Jeeves

BRC D2

1st = Ashleigh Earle and Gleanmhor Pavanne

BRC LEAGUE AFTER FEB COMPETITION

1st	Crown RC	242
2nd	MHRC	177
3rd	Cherwell Valley	61
4th	Solent RC	23

We are attempting to organise the next club filming day on 29th March - please keep an eye on your e-mails for more details.



Ashleigh on winning form

PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2020

Here are the top riders in each of the 2020 Leagues - for the full league tables, check out our website.

SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	205
2nd	Jennifer Young and Tresleas Blue	185
3rd	Ashleigh Earle and Gleanmhor Pavanne	150
4th	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	135
5th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	120
6th	Pip Webster and Flashmans Lad	90

JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	165
2nd	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	150
3rd	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	135
4th	Felix Westgate-Wilton and Tronto	105
5th	Sophie Bowness and Bruno Mars	90
6th	Sophie Chichester and Poppy	45

SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Ashleigh Earle and Gleanmhor Pavanne	150
2nd	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	125
3rd	Tracey Cameron and Flueradina	85
4th	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	80
	Jennifer Young and Tresleas Blue	80
6th	Diane Symonds and Jeeves	75

JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	150
3rd	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	135
2nd	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	110
4th	Lilly Collop and Scribble	15

SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Jennifer Young and Tresleas Blue	105
2nd	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	80
	Sara Stephenson and Lliedi Susan	80
4th	Hannah Chisman and Clondaw Sam	75
5th	Anna Robson and Academy Award	70
6th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	65

JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Felix Westgate-Wilton and Tronto	105
2nd	Sophie Bowness and Bruno Mars	90
3rd	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	55
4th	Sophie Chichester and Poppy	45
5th	Felix Westgate-Wilton and Chwibanu Chiff-Chaff	35
6th	Sacha Willis and Warmington Jemima	40

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

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

March 2020

4th	Horseless Clinic with Treehouse Sporting Colours, Castlemorton Village Hall
14th - 15th	BRC Arena Eventing Championship, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells,
22nd	CHANGE OF DATE Area Intermediate DR Qualifier, Abbey Dressage, Fiddington
28th-29th	BRC Novice Winter Championship, Arena UK, Grantham, Lincs

April 2020

9th	Cross-Country Clinic with Jo Winfield, venue tbc
19th	Area Combined Training Qualifier & MHRC Open DR, Ace Cross-Country, Tewkesbury
24th-26th	BRC Intermediate Winter Championships, Bury Farm, Slapton, Bucks

May 2020

10th	Mercian Show Jumping, Cleeve Prior
17th	Area DTM Qualifier, Stourport Equestrian Centre, Stourport
23rd	Mercian Two Phase, Gracelands, Droitwich
30th-31st	BRC Festival of the Horse Championship, Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Wells, Northants

June 2020

7th	Mercian Dressage, Abbey Dressage, Fiddington
7th	Area Show & Style Jumping Qualifier, Cleeve Prior

COVER PHOTO:

Georgie and Sox, overall winners of the Junior 70 Show Jumping Qualifier