

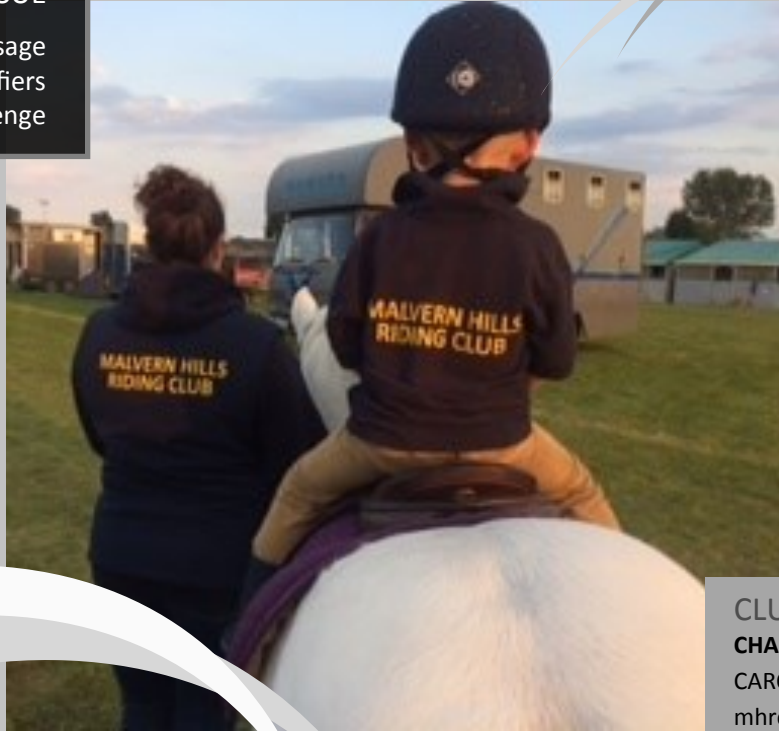


MHRC NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

THIS ISSUE

Online Dressage
Winter Dressage Qualifiers
Lockdown Challenge



EDITOR'S BIT

Wow! Hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through 2021! But absolutely fabulous that, finally, we have some proper competition news to report on ☺. It was absolutely amazing to see so many MHRC members competing in the two Online Area 18 Dressage qualifiers, especially with everything having to be organized so quickly to fit in to the tight deadlines that we were sent by BRC. And to have so many people qualify - fantastic - turn the page to read more.

I do feel for all our non-Dressage riders at the moment. With everything moving online, it does seem a long time since the club did any jumping at all! Maybe technology will come up with a way to run a virtual jumping class in the future, but in the meantime, we can only count off the days until we can back out and about over the coloured poles and rustic obstacles.

Until next time, Caroline

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AREA 18 DRESSAGE QUALIFIERS

It was with heavy hearts that we all heard the news, that BRC was cancelling yet another year of Winter Championships in light of the pandemic. But they quickly sent the good news our way, that the Dressage Championships would move online instead.

The Novice Senior Teams got the chance to qualify 'live' in October 2020 at Hartpury, so it was just the Novice Junior Teams and the Senior Intro qualifiers that needed to be held. MHRC stepped up to organise these for the Area - a huge THANK YOU to Chris and Camilla for taking this on, and our judge, Nicky Mundy.

We had three riders for the Senior Intro qualifier and all were placed. New member, Sadie Facchino on Eileens Buachill was 5th, with Sue Peckham on her new horse, Solis, 3rd. But it was a surprised win for Caroline Bates on Smokey Joe, and our first qualification for the Online Championships!

Gabriella Thomas was our sole representative in the Junior Intro qualifier, and she came 2nd on Rafiki and 3rd on Larkhill Mickey, after gaining exactly the same score on both rides. Only the Collectives separated them. She also has been granted two wildcards for the Championships, one for each ride.

We couldn't quite get together a Junior Team, but had three individuals competing. Lottie Gilderson on her youngster, Fortside Capri, won the Prelim 2 class and has joined the winning riders from Cheltenham and West Oxon clubs to form an Area 18 team for the Championship. In the Prelim 7 class, Isabella Thomas on Paddy was 2nd and new member Tiggy Manning on Double Dash was 3rd. Isabella wins a place at the Championship as the highest placed individual not on a team, while Tiggy wins a Wildcard.

The Intermediate Winter Qualifier was run by Evenlode RC and the judges commented on how high the standard was. We had three teams competing, two in the Senior section and one in the Junior section.

Sadly there were no Team placings, but with 25 teams taking place, our teams of three all did brilliantly. The Malvern Hills Sapphires of Camilla Esling on Black Magick, Faye Weinand on Eylander D'Argouges and Cindie Bunce on Master Maltstriker were 17th. And the Malvern Hills Diamonds of Sarah Harker on Rosebud III, Laura Bennett on Lematon Sunshine Sadie and Luan Crawford on Merkur Fra Ellevad were 10th. But there was an individual win for Laura in the Novice 28, which qualifies her for the Online Championships.

We also had a few Senior individuals competing for the club. Sue Peckham on Solis and Laura Bennett on It's All About Me, weren't placed, but Julie Jeffes on Barrybeg Cruise was 6th in the Prelim 18 and Faye Weinand on Eylander D'Argouges was 2nd in Novice 34.

Our Junior Team of Isabella Thomas on Paddy, Gabriella Thomas on Rafiki and Tiggy Manning on Killongford Benny were overall winners, with Gabriella and Isabella both placing 2nd, and Tiggy winning her class. A fantastic result.

Our only Junior Individual rider was Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman, who competed in the Elementary 42 and won the class.

So overall, a fantastic start to our BRC competition year, with 8 individuals and one team qualifying for the Online Championships in April. Good luck everyone!

MEET THE TEAM FAYE WEINARD



How long have you been a member of MHRC? 3 years

What's your day job? Customer Success Manager at SmartSurvey

Least Favourite Horsey Activity? S**t Shovelling

Have you competed for MHRC before? Yes

Your Horse? Eylander D'Argouges, but no one knows how on Earth to pronounce that, so Elmo is much better.

Age, Height, breeding? 6 year old, 17.2hh biig boy!, Selle Francais jumping lines.

How long have you owned your horse? 18 months

Likes? Elmo loves his field, running around like a mad thing and harassing his brother Oscar.

Dislikes? He hates it when he's not the center of attention! But is generally a pretty happy, laid back kind of boy.

What did you think of the venue? I love how close the venue is - such a short commute! Beautiful views too!

How early did you get up on Show Day? 11am - it was Sunday!

What was the best bit about the day? Riding my special boy for sure, but it was also a bonus to get the arena harrowed at last.

Who did you have on your support crew? My fantastic boyfriend, Michael, was head letter putter upper and cameraman. Thank you, Moo, for always helping when I ask.

MHRC CRAZY LOCKDOWN CHALLENGE

It was the last three weeks of the Crazy lockdown challenge throughout March, and everyone had good fun watching the wacky videos and photos appearing on Facebook.

In week 5, members had to trot or canter over raised poles without touching them, take a pic of your favourite view through your horse's ears, open and shut a gate as quickly as possible while leading a horse, and get creative when plaiting a tail. The winner was Emma Cooper's amazing heart-shaped tail plait.



For week 6, it was one-handed bending in the school, show some riding up and down hills, lead a horse while dragging something scary and make a piece of art from moulted horse hair. The winner was Suzanne Lidbetter's fast forward trotting up and down banks on the hills.

For the final week and a bit, members had to show off their jumping position and stand in the stirrups, take photos of four objects starting with MHRC, leave their horse standing and not letting it move, and show off how much they could lift, plus they had a wildcard to do two challenges from previous weeks that they missed. The winner was Linda Kemp giving her daughter a piggy back!

OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Catherine Holland ** Esther Bowness
Felix-Westgate-Wilton ** Florence Bradbury
Jodie Powell ** Kat Jones ** Elinor Lloyd

BRONZE AWARD

Alison Burton
Caroline Bates
Chris Esling
Ellie Burton
Linda Medcalf

SILVER AWARD

Di Symonds
Emma Cooper
Kelly Hudson
Sue Lidbetter

GOLD AWARD

Camilla Esling
Linda Kemp
Luan Crawford

** Your prizes will be sent out shortly **

E-RIDERS ONLINE DRESSAGE MARCH 2021

We had a record number of entries to March's E-Riders Online Dressage - a fantastic start to the new Summer RC League.

Congratulations to everyone ...

INTRO

6th Emma Cooper and All About Alfie
Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey
9th Grace Jenkins and The Lion Queen
10th Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki
11th Emily Dixon and Desert Pearl

PRELIM

1st Luan Crawford and Catano
Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn
5th Sarah Harker and Rosebud
8th Laura Bennett and It's All About Me
11th Elinor Lloyd and Cila

NOVICE

1st Isabella Thomas and Paddy
5th Laura Bennett and Sadie

ELEMENTARY

3rd Luan Crawford and Merkur

E-RIDERS RC LEAGUE MARCH TO AUGUST 2021

Solent RC = 76
MHRC = 66
Bicester RC = 46
Dyffryn = 29
Royal Navy = 14
West Surrey = 12
Kentisbeare = 10
New Forest = 7
Rearsby Lodge = 7
Durham = 6
South Oxon = 5
Wey = 5
East Mendip = 3
Torfean = 2

If you would like to enter the League, check out our website for a copy of the schedule, or go to E-Riders.com to find out more.

PEPPER POT LEAGUE TABLES 2021

Here are the top riders in each of the 2021 Leagues - for the full league tables, check out our website.

SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Luan Crawford and Catana	100
2nd	Luan Crawford and Merkur	75
3rd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	60
	Laura Bennett and Lematon Sunshine Sadie	60
5th	Kelly Hudson and Fronwen Gwyn	45
6th	Faye Weinard and Eylander D'Argouges	40
7th	Sue Peckham and Solis	35
8th	Suzanne Lidbetter and Rosie	30

JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Isabella Thomas and Paddy	260
2nd	Gabriella Thomas and Rafiki	190
3rd	Gabriella Thomas and Larkhall Mickey	100
4th	Tiggy Manning and Killongford Benny	75
5th	Florence Bradbury and Sunnystone the Highwayman	40
	Lottie Gilderson and Fortside Capri	40
7th	Tiggy Manning and Double Dash	30
8th	Elinor Lloyd and Cila	20

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WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

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

3rd April 2021

- MHRC Dressage Show, Hillview Arena

6th April 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

8th April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

10th April 2021

- Flatwork Clinic with Steph Woolley @ Hillview Arena

13th April 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

15th April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

17th - 18th April 2021

- Area 18 SJ Training with Geoff Billington, Lincomb Arena

20th April 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

22nd April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

25th April 2021

- Mercian Dressage @ Stourport Equestrian Centre

23rd - 25th April 2021

- BRC Online Dressage Championships

27th April 2021

- Novice Jumping Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

28th April 2021

- E-Riders Online Riding Club Dressage League (closing date)

29th April 2021

- Polework Clinic with Karen Eadcock @ Hillview

4th May 2021

- Show Jumping Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country

8th May 2021

- Working Hunter Clinic with Sophie Hooper @ Hillview

9th May 2021

- TSR Showing Clinic @ Hillview

11th May 2021

- Show Jumping Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country

22nd - 23rd May 2021

- BRC Arena Eventing Championships @ Aston-le-Wells

16th May 2021

- MHRC Mercian and Open Showing Show @ Hillview Arena

18th May 2021

- Cross-Country Clinic with Stella Bunn @ Ace Cross-Country