



# NEWSLETTER

**THIS MONTH:**

**\*\* Interdressage \*\* Area Dressage \*\* First Aid Training \*\* Area Combined Training \*\*  
 \*\* Intermediate Winter Championships \*\* Open Dressage \*\*  
 PLUS ALL YOUR LEAGUE UPDATES AND DIARY DATES**



*Julie and Ash at the BRC  
 Intermediate Winter Championships*

## EDITOR'S BIT

Ok, hands up ... how many people have watched that car rental advert and thought, 'I'd rather have the Piaffe-ing horse?' It makes me smile every time I see it (as does the one of He-man and Skeletor doing the Dirty Dancing routine - but that's a whole different story!). I guess we'd all like to be able to ask our horses to do something cool on cue - a little bit of Piaffe while waiting for slow stewards, the controlled rear in a prize giving or the perfect, instantaneous square halt when someone cuts you up in the warm-up (so you can theatrically shake your head at them of course!). Of course, what is much more normal is the perfect Piaffe during your dressage salute, the controlled rear while cutting some-one up in the warm-up arena and the perfect, instantaneous square halt in front of the first jump. Ah, the joys of horsemanship!

It's been another great month for the club with brilliant results at local and national level, plus we ran a very successful Area Combined Training for the first time. A few lessons to learn for next time, but I was hugely proud and pleased at how well everyone came together to run the day. This is never a popular event to run, but somehow we pulled it off, getting some excellent comments and actually making a little profit to the club. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who helped out.

It's also been great to see our Juniors out and about as well. Now that the Mercian events allow Juniors to join in, we hope to see more stepping forward to have a go at the team events. And that goes for you seniors who have yet to take the plunge - *until next time, Caroline*  
 come and join in, you'll be glad you did ☺



# HEARTSTART TRAINING



A change of pace for the club and a training session with a difference.

Heartstart Malvern is a charity that gives free training in life saving skills and what to do in emergency situa-

tions when you find an unconscious patient. They also raise money to place defibrillators around the Malvern area, where the public has access to them and so can use them if needed. They run a number of public courses, but will also come into work, school or groups to pass on these important skills. To find out more about them, please check out their website.

Our evening started with a general discussion on when and how you might come across an unconscious person, before running through the early stages of assessment and how

to go about calling for help.

Then it was on to the floor with some practical, hands on practice with some very patient dummies! Once everyone had got the idea, it was then time to break out the defibrillators. Despite what is portrayed on TV, these don't produce a massive, back arching shock, but quietly talk you through what needs to be done.

Once everyone was happy with working with these, we then had a discussion of more horse-related injuries, before everyone was invited to ask questions. Everyone who attended passed the course and were awarded certificates to prove their new skills.



## MEET THE TEAM

Liz Wise was our highest placed Senior at the Area Combined Training.

**How long have you been a member of MHRC?** 7 years I think!

**What's your day job?** I'm an accounts manager for an Insurance Broker.

**What's your Favourite Horse activity?** Sweeping and tidying the Yard - I have a problem!

**And your least Favourite?** Filling haynets and unpacking the lorry.

**Tell us about your horse?** George, aka Lord G, is an 8 year old, 15hh coloured Cob.

**What are his likes and dislikes?** Likes his food and hunting. Hates waiting for his food and sharing his food - except with my other horse, Pumba.

**Is this the first time you have competed for MHRC?** Oh no, I have many amazing memories competing for the club.

**What did you think of the venue, Ace XC?** It was really nice and easy to get to. The arena's were beautifully presented and it was a lovely course.

**What was the best bit about the day?** Just being out and enjoying competing again for the club after

having my little girl.

**And what was the worst?** Getting a piebald sparkly clean.

**Did you have good weather?** A bit nippy, but it stayed dry.

**What was your warm-up routine?** Mainly to try and relax and enjoy it!

I brought George two weeks before I found out I was pregnant, so this will be my first proper show season with him! I brought him to simply have fun and get out with the riding club again, and he is definitely doing just that! I can't wait for more outings now.

## LIZ WISE



# AREA DRESSAGE



Amber and Santa Fe



Lilly and Tom

There was a bit of shuffling around of dates for the Intermediate Dressage qualifier, with the Juniors being moved to the 7th April. For the first time in the club's history, we were actually able to field a Junior team, with Sophie Bowness on Bruno Mars riding the Prelim 13, Amber Knott of Santa Fe riding Novice 34 and Lilly Collop riding Elementary 42.

All three did amazing well and were placed individually. Sophie was 5th and both Amber and Lilly came 2nd. It was a close run thing, but at the end of the competition, the team were in 1st place, narrowly beating West Oxon, and gaining a place at the Intermediate Championships at the end of the month.



Sophie and Bruno

# INTERDRESSAGE

Well done to everyone who represented the club in the April Competition, which was the last one of the 2018/2019 Interdressage season. We had a lovely time in the sunshine, filming the tests on Easter Sunday. Everyone got some impressive marks and everyone was placed in the overall competitions - a fantastic result.

Although not official, it looks like we have retained our impressive lead in the BRC League. Check out May's

BRC LEAGUE FINAL UNCONFIRMED RESULTS		
1st	Malvern Hills Riding Club	582 points
2nd	Crown Riding Club	284 points
3rd	Cherwell Valley Riding Club	176 points
4th	Solent Riding Club	33 points

newsletter for final confirmation, but in the meantime, lets enjoy our victory!

### Starter Test 4

- 1st = Ann Brennan & Cosmic Flight
- 3rd = Niki Padbury & Jacob
- 5th = Caroline Bates & Smokey Joe

### Starter Test Plus B

- 1st = Camilla Esling & Sonas Oliver
- 3rd = Carrie Coombs & Billy

### Jumping

- 2nd = Chris Esling & HalfnHalf
- 3rd = Caroline Bates & Smokey Joe
- 7th = Niki Padbury & Jacob



# AREA COMBINED TRAINING & OPEN DRESSAGE

It was a new venture for the club, running the Area Combined Training qualifier at Ace Cross-Country, Tewkesbury, with an open Dressage show running alongside the qualifier classes. And, even if we do say so ourselves, it was a great success.

There were 14 teams from across Area 18 who came along to contend the titles. In each team, two riders rode a Prelim test followed by a 75cm course, and two riders rode a Novice test followed by a 85cm course.

In the Senior section, it was very close at the top, with both Cheltenham and Bewdley ending up the day with a team total of 10, but it was Cheltenham who got the win once their 4th rider score was added. The Malvern Emeralds narrowly missed out on a 6th place, gaining the same score as the Worcester Blues but beaten on the 4th rider score. In the individual stakes, our highest placed rider was Liz Wise and her coloured cob, Go-Go, who were 3rd in their arena and 4th overall in the 75cm section. Sue Peckham and Gangster, and Sara Stephenson and Liedi Susan, were both 6th in their arenas.

In the Junior section, it was the Crophorne that took the team title. But our two individuals were the best on the day, with Esme Ruff on her new ride, Finnians Rebel, narrowly beating Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle for the top spot. But the great news is that they have both been offered a qualification spot at the Festival of the Horse Championship next month.

In the Open Dressage, MHRC dominated the placings. Junior rider Florence Bradbury on Ruddleside Indiana won the Intro C class (her first test ridden on grass!), with Rosanne Pernadin on Konrad coming 4th. Tracy Haines and Little Blue Paint Works took the win in both Prelim classes, with Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe coming 4th in the Prelim 1. And to round off the day, Katherine Jones and Redback Cappuchino won the Novice 24.

A huge thank you must go to all our amazing volunteers who helped run the event - it wasn't the most pleasant of days to be outside, so giving up your time to help the club was doubly appreciated. A special thank you to Lynsey Kitchener at Ace, who made the day such an easy one to run, but also a big shout out to Camilla, who managed to help organise, competed on the day and sort out the rather complicated scoring system too.

We have had lots of positive feedback from the venue, competitors, officials and Area 18 ... a credit to everyone. It was also a great fundraiser for the club, turning a profit of over £400, which will go towards subsidising training, prelim entries and other club expenses. So this may well become a fixture of the MHRC calendar.

## RUNNERS & RIDERS Combined Training

**Malvern Emeralds:** P/75 = Caroline Bates & Smokey Joe and Liz Wise & Go-Go N/85 = Jodie Powell & Bleanagloos Black Diamond and Sue Peckham & Mr Gangster

**Malvern Diamonds:** P/75 = Jodie Powell & Callimore Diamond and Sue Peckham & Trehais Leonardo N/85 = Camilla Esling & Sonas Oliver and Esther Bowness & Blackwater Grey Lady

**Individuals:** P/75 = Jackie Richards Special Silver Lining / Kay Chambers-Farrell & Tigger / Sara Stephenson & Liedi Susan N/85 = Lottie Gilderson & Western Miracle / Esme Ruff & Finnians Rebel

## Dressage

**Intro C** = Florence Bradbury and Ruddleside Indiana / Rosanne Pernadin and Konrad **Prelim 1** = Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe / Tracey Haines and Little Blue Paint Works **Prelim 18** = Tracey Haines and Little Blue Paint Works **Novice 24** = Katherine Jones and Redback Cappuchino

## Volunteers

Rita Woolley / Jane Osborne / Sarah and Sophie Bowness / Linda Kemp / Nicola Wood / Sue Lidbetter / Wendy Robinson / Janet Philpotts / Ann Brennan / Karen Hibbeard / Sue Moger / Cindie Bunce / Chris Jones / Katie Baker / Esther and Anthony Bowness / Kelly Hudson / Sophie Hooper / Chris Esling / Alex Riches / Stefania Bennett / Di Symonds / Alice Lowe / Pam Render / Jo Jeynes / Linda Medcalf / Niki Padbury



# INTERMEDIATE WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP



Cindie and Thomas

Another National Championship and MHRC were once again represented in both the Junior and Senior sections. It was off to Bury Farm for the Intermediate Winters and two days of brilliant competition.

Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash were up first, contending the individual Elementary Dressage title. A beautiful test produced a massive score of just over 76%. It was an exciting time, as she went straight to the top of the leader board and stayed there for most of the afternoon. Unfortunately, two of the last riders of the day were

awarded higher scores and they dropped to 3rd, but still a fantastic result on the national stage. Prize-giving ceremonies

are so special when you know someone being awarded their rosettes and sash, and it was wonderful to see them strutting their stuff in the ring (for a video of the lap of honour, check out FaceBook).

Next up it was Cindie and Thomas competing in the 110 Jumping. The course looked huge in the indoor arena at Bury Farm, with some tight turns and the infamous BRC triple combination. There was a lot to look at too, with the viewing gallery along one side and the restaurant at the other. Thomas flew



Julie and Ash

the first few fences, but got on a bit of a long stride coming into one fence and put in an unusual stop. Sadly, although almost recovering, Cindie was unseated. Although landing on her feet and with both of them fine, under the new BRC rules this means elimination. Not exactly the result everyone wanted, but that's the horsey game for you.

Sunday's junior competition also didn't go to plan, with one of the team members unable to attend. As this was a team of three, this effectively disqualified the team, but the remaining members were kindly offered individual places by BRC. Sophie Bowness and her pony, Bruno, went along and brilliantly represented the club in the Prelim Dressage. As the youngest rider on the showground, she coped with the huge atmosphere and produced a lovely test. Well done Sophie.



Sophie and Bruno

## HAVE YOU GOT YOUR MHRC KIT FOR 2019?

\*\* POLO SHIRTS £20 \*\* HOODIES/SWEATSHIRTS £25 \*\* SOFT SHELL JACKET £30 \*\* GILET £28 \*\* CAP £9.50\*\*

All Navy with Yellow Logo

\*\* NUMNAHS £25 \*\* Navy with Yellow Logo or White with Navy Logo \*\*

Order them through our website or by contacting Linda Kemp.





# NEEDED THINGS

## WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

For schedules, times and future events, please go to [www.malvernhillsriddingclub.com](http://www.malvernhillsriddingclub.com)

### May 2019

- 5th** - Mercian Show Jumping, Cleeve Prior  
**18th - 19th** - BRC Festival of the Horse Championship, Aston-le-Wells, Northants  
**31st** - MHRC Car Boot, Hillview Arena, Malvern

### June 2019

- 9th** - Mercian Dressage & Style Jumping, Dodderhill Equestrian, Droitwich  
**30th** - Area Dressage to Music Qualifier, Stourport Equestrian  
**30th** - Area Show Jumping Qualifier, Cleeve Prior (TBC)

### July 2019

- 7th** - Area Horse Trials Qualifier, Sapey XC, nr Bromyard (TBC)  
**14th** - Area Dressage Qualifier, Lower House Farm, nr Craven Arms.  
**21st** - MHRC Open Eventer Challenge & Area Style Jumping Qualifier, club field, next to Three Counties, Malvern.  
**21st** - Mercian Combined Training, Gracelands Equestrian Centre, Droitwich

### August 2019

- 2nd to 4th** - BRC Horse Trials Qualifier, Swalcliffe, Oxon  
**11th** - MHRC Mercian & Open Showing Show, Hillview Arena, Malvern  
**31st** - BRC National Championships, Lincoln Showground

## PEPPER POT 2019 LEAGUES

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

### SENIOR OVERALL

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	260
2nd	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	150
3rd	Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash	100
	Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster	100
5th	Niki Padbury and Jacob	95
6th	Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino	80
	Tina Price and Big Ted	80
	Tracy Haines and Little Blue Paint Works	80

### JUNIOR OVERALL

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	225
2nd	Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone	100
3rd	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	90
4th	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	80
5th	Amber Knott and Santa Fe	70

### SENIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	170
2nd	Julie Jeffes and Hederfeld Ash	100
3rd	Niki Padbury and Jacob	85
4th	Caroline Bates and Smokey Joe	80
	Katherine Jones and Redbackcappuchino	80
	Tracy Haines and Little Blue Paint Works	80

### JUNIOR DRESSAGE

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	110
2nd	Lily Collop and Kiltown Two Tone	100
3rd	Florence Bradbury and Blaze	80
4th	Amber Knott and Santa Fe	70
5th	Sophie Bowness and Bruno Mars	60

### SENIOR JUMPING

1st	Camilla Esling and Sonas Oliver	85
2nd	Alex Harris and Ten Hour Lunch	35
	Alice Lowe and Bean	35
	Chris Esling and HalfnHalf	35
	Cindie Bunce and Dreambreaker	35
	Cindie Bunce and Mr Maltstriker	35
	Esther Bowness and Blackwater Grey Lady	35
	Jodie Powell and Callimore Diamond	35
	Katy Baker and RTS Jayne	35
	Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster	35
	Sue Peckham and Trehais Leonardo	35

### JUNIOR JUMPING

1st	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	80
2nd	William Hooper and Defiance	40
3rd	Esme Ruff and Blue Suede Shoes	35

### SENIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Sue Peckham and Mr Gangster	60
2nd	Cindie Bunce and Mr Maltstriker	30
	Holly Chivers and Dripshill Dreammaker	30
	Liz Wise and Gogo	30
	Nikki Collins and Jumbos Rose II	30

### JUNIOR COMBINED EVENTS

1st	Esme Ruff and Finnians Rebel	40
2nd	Lottie Gilderson and Western Miracle	35

SEE THE COMPLETE UPDATED LEAGUE TABLES AT  
[www.malvernhillsriddingclub.com](http://www.malvernhillsriddingclub.com)

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