

The Herts Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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HHPC

Newsletter

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Membership News

Welcome back to Joe Hunter & new member: Josie Waterman.

Birthday Wishes

Our President, Mr Howitt celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday 7th February. We are always very thankful for his generosity in letting our use his field each spring & summer.

Committee Changes

Karen Potten decided to retire from the committee at the beginning of 2010, having been very involved on the HHPC committee for many years. She organised all the PC tests exams & the winter stable management training series each year. Karen also organised the BHS riding & road safety training & exams which HHPC used to put on nearly every year, until The Pony Club put together at



R&R Safety training programme that is accepted up to AH level. Karen always came & stayed at main camp each year to be our over night First Aid person. The Committee presented Karen with a Horse statue & a family Photo session voucher for David Sewell Photography Studio in Berkhamstead.

New Committee members who have just joined are Cathy Chambers & Janeen Shepherd.

Recent Members Successes

Lucy Alderson & Paddy had a fantastic day at the Blue Chip Showjumping Championships – Hartpury College arena. With very credible 21st place out 129 riders from all over the country. The standard was very high & the jumps amazing.

Chiltern & Thames Rider Dressage Championship at Keysoe, 25th April.

Olivia Berry & Wooster just missed out of the top 10 riders, but came a very credible 11th in the Prelim class.



Vicky Smith & Eric also just missed out on a place – coming 14th in the Prelim class.

Liscombe Park Dressage Championship: Olivia & Wooster were 2nd in the Prelim & Novice classes.

Our instructors successes

Mandy Day, our Dressage Trainer competed at the NAF Five Star Winter Dressage Championship – Hartpury in April. She did very well with several placings.

Marie Keen competed at the Liscombe park Dressage Championships, winning the Prelim championship with 81 %. & winner of the Novice championship with her horse: **Alvescott Push Button.**



Members Awards Evening

This was held on Friday 26th March at Pitstone Memorial hall.

Lots of members & parent supported this evening which included a short talk on Polocrosse by Harriet Price & Abbie Ward, who later on gave a demonstration & a chance to have go with the balls & sticks in a separate room.

Thank-you gifts were given to Amanda Price for organising the polocrosse training & XC venues & Debbie Fogden for co-ordinating teams for SJ & allowing HHPC to use her field for Road Rider ridden exam & Prix Caprilli training.

Boxes of chocolates were given out to all the committee members who put in a huge amount of time & energy organising rallies, camps, etc over the past year.



Presentation of Awards

Badge stripes were given to 1st time members who competed in 2009;

Triathlon competitions:

Amerlia Fogden, Isabelle Hoar, Freya Wynne, India Wilson, Nicholas Hoar, Megan Robson, Jess Ho.

Tetrathlon competitions:

India Wilson, Amber Newbury-Barr, Megan Robson, Nicholas Hoar.

The major Interbranch team competition in July (VAH):

Lorna Chambers, Sarah-Jane Lee, Vicky Smith, Jessica Ho, Lauren Smith, Kirsty Higgins, Cecilia Price, Liberty Fogden, Nicholas Hoar.

Prix Caprilli Teams;

Georgina Day, Beth Try, Rebecca Reeves, Jessica Ho, Kirsty Higgins.

Area Novice Dressage; Anna Sewell

Area Novice SJ & Horse Trials teams

Zoe Thrusz

Triathlon / Tetrathlon Achievement Shields

Best Swim – Emma Killin (Average swim points 960.)

Best Run – Gerry O’Brien (First in run at Whaddon Chase with a score of 952)

Best Shot – India Wilson (First at Whaddon Chase with a score of 920 – max 1,000 pts)

Woodcock Trophy for most consistent competitor 2009.

Winner; Liberty Fogden

Improved rider Awards for 2009.

Lewis Janes

Mae Lindsell

Alex Julier

Izzie Fernandes

Vicky Smith – Bryan

Riding Perseverance Awards

Isabel Hoar for determination & keen to succeed.

Emma Killin determined to overcome confidence while riding her new pony Crunchie.

Pony Club – Pony Awards.

Mae’s pony – **PICKLES** who was very ill & has slowly recovered during the winter, now very much better.

Liberty’s pony - **BOB** He is second time around pony giving his all & showing Liberty the way forward.

Emma’s pony – **GENO** who has suffered from lameness on & off – now sound & improving both in SJ & XC.

Isabel’s pony – **TORI** Who has been off work for a long time with sesamoid ligament strain & at last is now recovered & jumping bravely again.

Henry & Hannah’s share pony – **GILLY** . Still going strong & giving so many children their first taste of riding.

The Pony Club National Novice Championships at Kelsall, Cheshire

Awards to celebrate our members who rode at the Championships.

Individual show jumping riders: Lucinda Alderson – Paddy Wack & Anna Sewell – Jack

Novice Horse Trial Team riders who came an very credible 11th place out of 40 teams from all over Great Britain.

Sarah Ridger-Taylor – Bachelor Boy

Anna Sewell – China Jack

Louise Hunt – Cotswold Odysean

Zoe Thursz – Captain Jack Sparrow.

The Pony Club National Championships at Draycott Manor, Derbyshire.

Intermediate rider in the Individual show jumping championship class was: Stephanie Gibbins & Apollo.

Polocrosse team members – competed over two days came 3rd overall & winning the

Maldon Trophy.

Abbie Ward

Harriet Price

Ellie Mitchell

Pheobe Ward

Annual Challenge Trophies

The O'Brien Young Rider Cup – Juniors

Sadie Lupson & Pebbles

Anthony Parry Trophy – Intermediates.

Izzie Fernandes & Billie

The Shergar Cup – Seniors

Lorna Chambers & Rolo

Webster Cup for Dressage

Vicky Smith & Eric

The Kestral Show Jumping Trophy

Tsarin Pike – Kestral & Nikita

The Greenlees Eventing Cup

Anna Sewell & China Jack

Hertfordshire PC Cup – Best Boy's Award

Shared between Jimmy Mitchell & Nicholas Hoar

Round up of recent Activities

We have been a bit more adventurous arranging some new instructors & other venues to give members a taster & different experiences. In February half term **Mia Korenika** came to Bury Farm and gave members a jumping lesson indoors. On the Thursday a group of 6 members ventured down to **Tweseldown** Race course for XC training with Janeen. Despite it snowing over night the

roads were just passable & by the time we arrived at Tweseldown the sun was out! This is an excellent venue & we hope to arrange another visit again during the summer.

Janeen had organised two **Nick Turner jumping clinics** which have proved popular. **Family Target Shooting day** with Paul Gibbins was really successful & everyone had some fun. Thank you Paul for organising this again.

Easter holidays has also been very busy with **Good Friday ride** in Ashridge for the younger riders, then 4 young riders went out on an hour's escorted solo ride with instructor **Angela Ridger** in Ashridge Park on Monday. **Mandy Day** our dressage trainer gave 5 riders individual lessons at Ashridge Farm on Monday 12th April.

Jumping instruction at Warehill & course jumping at Patchetts EQ on their large outdoor arena – great to get the horses & ponies stretching their legs over bigger arenas. 8 riders had a very successful day out on the Thursday with instruction from **Event Rider Nigel Taylor** - SJ in the morning & XC in the afternoon at his superb facilities at Washbrook Farm, Aston-Le-Walls, Nr Banbury.



Easter PC Shows at Patchetts - Results

Herts Hunt PC members were out in force at the two pony club shows at Patchetts during Easter holidays. Our members were very successful & did very well as individuals & in teams, at **OBH North on Wednesday 14th April & Hughenden show on Sunday 17th April.** Our **Mini Novice 40cm riders** jumped brilliantly & won the team section, members were : Rosie Atkins (8 yrs) , Emma Killin (9 yrs), Teagan Summers (9 yrs) , Amelia Fogden (8 yrs) .

See full Show reports by Debbie Fogden on **Member's News tab.** Website.



Event Planners

The May event planner has been emailed out & is also on the website. Please print off & fill in the rallies you want to go to Claire Alderson ASAP.

The June planner will be out on the website very soon.

Summer Events at PC Field

At last we have been able to move into the field, all thanks to Mr & Mrs Howitt allowing us to continue to have their field again this year.

Roping the Arenas

Each Arena is roped up for every rally & has to be reeled up at the end of the evening. This is for safety to the deer population that roam this field.

I will allocate parents to help with this job at each rally. Please be prepared to help out as this will speed setting up & clearing up at the end.

The posts will be colour coded to match the reels of rope. I am hoping this will make it easier to do.

There are a few rules for the field:

* Please can everyone make that the rope across the entrance is always closed up after going in or out of the field.

* Haynets are allowed to be hang out side trailers / lorries - hooray !

* Please can you make sure young non riding children are supervised at all times. That they don't wander down to the road or get near the horses & ponies.

* If you park your car near the gate, make sure that it is locked & nothing is on show.

* Also make sure the lorries & cars are locked & do not leave keys, handbags or valuables on view as non PC people do walk through the field while we have rallies going on.

Road Rider Exam Passes

11 members trained for 5 hours to take this Pony Club Road Safety Test. Most of the training was over Christmas & January. The riders braved freezing cold & wet weather to ride the test in front of Examiner: Vicky Mann. Everyone passed: Lorna & Emma Chambers, Zoe Thursz, Vicky Smith, Sophie Gibbs, Jess Ho, Sorrel Overy, Kirsty Higgins, Liberty Fogden, Nicholas Hoar & Jimmy Mitchell. A big thank you to Debbie Fogden for allowing us to leave the whole road safety course laid out in her field for a few weeks.

The Big Jump move

Thank you very much to the few members & their parents who made the effort to come on Saturday 24th April . to collect all the jump stands, fillers, poles & equipment out of winter storage to the PC field, so that the first Spring rally could take place on Friday 30th April. Several families had to do two trips in order to finish the move as we were short of helpers. Debbie, Andy, Liberty & Ted Fodgen, Tracy & Charlee Jales, Kirsty & Amber Newbury-Barr, Jane Sewell, Julia Try, Jo & Trevor Fernandes, Susanna & Colin Fraser, Marilyn & Sarah -Jane Lee, John & Diane Hunt .

These members will all receive a Rally Voucher for helping.

Diary Dates for Future Events

Summer Show is on Sunday 27th June at field.
Mini Camp 29th – 31st July PC Field.
Main Camp 9th – 13th August MKEC
Ferret Race Night - Saturday 2nd October at Northchurch Hall, Berkhamsted.