

Old Berkeley Hunt Riding Club

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OBHRC

Newsletter

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Membership

The membership is growing steadily which is very good news with 59 members. Looking forward to meeting you all at the various training clinics & competitions during this year. Please contact one of the committee members if you want to ask a question or need more information. See list of contact details on website under Contact Us.

Horse Knowledge Club

The first evening was supposed to be on Wednesday 28th February, with a talk on Horse's Health & First Aid. Sadly due to the snow & freezing weather, we cancelled this talk, which was a shame as 11 people were booked to attend.

The next Talk is on Wednesday 28th March at St Leonards Church Room, Jenkins lane, St Leonards, HP23 6NW. Cost is £5 per person, payable at the door.

To book your place email Veronica on veronica@optionsearch.co.uk or Tel: 01494 758050.

Subject is **Bits & Bridles** given by Anna Smallwood. This should be a very interesting evening, with a selection of bits on display. Anna will talk through the different bit "families" and how bits work in the horse's mouth, the action they give through rein contact. There are different types mouth pieces: cold & warm, metal, rubber, vulcanite, Nathe, sweet iron, etc. You are welcome to bring a bit to be identified.



There are different types & styles of bridles, some that help relieve poll & facial nerve pressure.

The evening is about learning more, asking questions, sharing experiences on the bits & bridles tried and tested.

These evenings are open to members and non members, so come along, bring a friend or two or more.

There will be time to chat over drinks & nibbles after the talk.

Make it a social evening.

Open Showing & Working Hunter Show

Schedules are printed, on the OBHRC website, facebook, posted to livery yards around the area, out in Saddlery shops. We are hoping that the weather will improve so that we can hold a successful show to start the season off.

The Working Hunter pony & horse classes have returned this year, with Minimus WH horse restricted class where fences will only be 2' - 2'3" & a similar WH pony class. Plus a Novice Ridden Horse and Pony class to encourage new combinations to have a chance to compete in the ring where there is only Walk & Trot for ride round & show for the Judge. (should be less exciting for the horses & ponies.)

OBHRC gives out lovely rosettes & don't forget there is the Addams Catering Showing trophy to compete for. This Trophy goes to the member who gains the most points during the day.



Fun Trec Competition Sunday 8th April

Schedule is now on the home page of website.

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Last year this was a popular event, so I hope members will enter again & join in the fun.

What is nicer than a Sunday morning hack out on the country lanes & a canter down the local bridleway & back to the field to test your skills on the obstacles, slow cantering & fast walking, which every horse and pony can do when they want !!

I have heard that there is one obstacle that involves a chocolate egg, a spoon & bending. Sounds like real fun & hopefully plenty of laughing.

The entry fee is £10 per rider. If you would like to invite a friend that's fine.

Entries in advance please as there are start times for the mini- orienteering section.

Please can you email your full name & your Horse / pony's name.

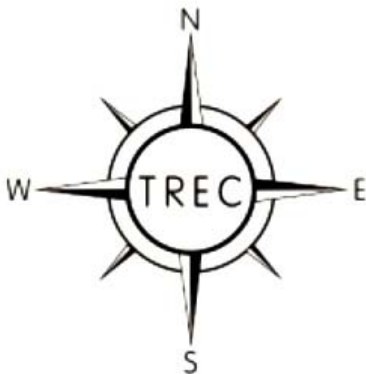
You can pay either by internet banking or by cheque.

All details are on the schedule. Secretary Diane Hunt : dianehunt@ymail.com

This year as it is the Club's 70th Anniversary so there will be lovely 3 tier rosettes from 1st – 8th place & special rosettes to all who enter.

Please make sure you all have a Hi-Viz waistcoat or Jacket & reflectors for your horses / ponies as some of the road work is through a wooded area.

** For those members wanting to do the Handy Pony class at the Liaison Competition 22nd April and/or would like to have a practice you are welcome to enter the Fun Trec, just do the Control of Paces & the Obstacles. (without the ride) If you are interested in this please make a note on the email **No orienteering**.



Members Points League Championships

NEW for 2018 - All the information is on the Home Page of our website.

Dressage & Training Championships with different sections from the

Genuine Novice rider and horse / pony combination - Walk & trot tests / intro tests.

Restricted Prelim Combinations & Open Novice Class. There is also two Open Championships for Walk & trot tests & Prelim tests.

I hope this offers everyone the chance to gain points by attending the training that will be on offer this Spring & Summer as well as entering the competitions and gain points towards the Championships.

Points will be awarded for being placed at the OBHRC Open & Members dressage competitions. 2 points will be awarded for each class entered.

Points will also be awarded for each training session attended & ride –a –test with the judge sessions.

Show jumping & Training Championship

As for the Dressage - points are gained for the jumping competitions and for attending training dates for pole exercises, gymnastic grid work, jumping training. Plus other training clinics involving all aspects of jumping courses.

Levels: Genuine Novice rider & horse / pony combinations, Novice Combinations. Intermediate Combinations & Open Combinations.

Again I hope this offers members options which matches the same scales of training and competitions that is required for BRC.

Championship & Reserve Championship Rosettes & Sashes.

At the moment I have sponsors for a few of Sections / Levels. It would be really nice to have all the sections / levels sponsored by local businesses or companies.

They can have the Champion & Reserve Champion rosette tails & sashes printed with their Company Name. The cost per Section / Level for sponsoring Championship R's with tail printing is £25.

Contact Diane by email:

dianehunt@ymail.com or Mob: **07836**

608921 if you know of a company or you would like to sponsor in our 70th year.

New Online Clothing Club

Sew Equestrian.com are the company we are using for the selection of Club Clothing.

The choice of clothing should be live on their website by April. You can order your clothes direct from them, please remember there is postage to be added

Area 6 Competitions

Intermediate Dressage 24th February

This year the Area 6 Winter qualifiers have really struggled with the Snow & so far each one has been cancelled & rescheduled.

The intermediate dressage December competition was changed to Sunday 24th February at Cherwell Equestrian Centre, Oxford.

It was a crisp frosty, sunny day. We had a team & individuals entered, the competition was very strong with some riders getting 70% and above scores. Which isn't easy if your fields & arenas has been frozen for days. Schooling horses for an Area dressage competition is a nightmare.

Whitney Russell, Sally Mawer, Tamsin Morris & Antonia Thoday all rode good tests, but were sadly not placed.

Tamsin Morris and Louise Hunt competed in the Elementary test as individuals. Jillie Luff and Louise rode the Medium test.

Thank you to you all for competing at the dressage & most of all for representing our Club.

The next Area 6 competition was the **Winter Novice and Intermediate Show Jumping** at BCA on 3rd March. Snowed again, so the competition was cancelled & changed to Sunday 24th March at BCA. For the 3rd March we had a team of four riders: Georgina Davis, Liz Rollinson, Katie Meichtry & Nikki Allen (Nikki is unable to jump on 25th March) So we have a team of 3 riders. We wish them the best of luck for this weekend.

The Combined Training Competition

Rosehill EQ

Sunday 11th March – Cancelled due to snow !!
Sally Mawer & Janine Modder were entered.

The Liaison Trophy

Rosehill Equestrian Centre, Henley on Thames.

Sunday 22nd April.

Schedule is now available on our website.

If you would like to be a team member or ride as an individual please contact our Team Manager for this event who is: **Tillie Stokes** **07817 530603** or email;

tillie_stokes@hotmail.co.uk

Instruction Dates April and May

New dates will be on the website very soon for Gail Allum at Hill Green Farm, Wiggington.

Amy Kearney & Philippa Dimmock will be arranging training dates for the Club Field.

For those members who prefer Jump training on a surface – Amy can arrange some dates for pole & gymnastic exercises at an arena. We do need four or more members to attend though.

Contact Amy if you are interested by text: 07927 807094

