



APRIL/MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Past Events

Dressage Clinics with Dominique Parsons

These have been very well attended and we are looking to add more dates to the diary.

Trailer Training – Marwell

An excellent and very interesting day, our trainers were very patient with us, especially those who could not reverse!. We all picked up very good tips on safety and gadgets to buy to make life easier. We will certainly hold this again in the future, contact Jane Porter if you would like to put your name down for more training sessions.

Dressage – Mayhill Stud

We were lucky to have a glorious day for our Dressage Event, with well over 90 entries. It was nice to see some of our regular members and meet some new ones too! Results will be posted on Website soon. Many thanks to Lesley Marley who did very well in organising her first event and thanks to Diane McHale who sourced the Judges. Also a big thank you to the rest of the committee, to Adrian (Leanne's partner) and Anita Smith (a new member) who all gave up their time to run the day successfully.

As mentioned before, SRC welcomes members along to all of our events, even if you are horseless at the moment, you can pick up no end of tips from just watching, and you never know, if might make you feel like having a go next time. We do not wish anyone to be put off by some of the events we organise, you can do anything at your own pace. We sometimes have a bit of a struggle to fill our Cross- Country training. This is held at Warnford and at Rogate they have lovely facilities and the Instructor, Alec Miles is very patient, when I last went, I wimped out and ended up jumping the Pony Club fences! but I still had brilliant fun. Please do ring the person involved with organising the events just to have a chat

about what will be involved, we want to organise things for you, the members, to enjoy!

DATES FOR DIARY

Indoor Show Jumping Training

Monday 28 April 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Wednesday 14 May 7.00 - 8.00

Monday 26 May 6.00 - 7.00 pm

2'3 progressing to 2'6

Crofton Manor - Marissa Hunter

Indoor Show Jumping Training

Monday 19 May 6.00 – 7.00 pm

2' Jumping

Crofton Equestrian Centre - Marissa Hunter

For all contact Hazel Craik

2nd May – Dressage lesson/training with Robert Pickles at Mayhill Stud – contact Jane Porter

3rd May - Dressage Clinics with Dominique Parsons – Highbrook Stables, Lyss Place, Hawley Road, West Liss - Contact Lesley Marley

10th May - Cross Country Training with Alec Miles at Lower Peake, Warnford – Contact Emily Payne

16th May – Dressage Squad Training – Oakpark with Nikki Cross – Contact Kate Bartlett

5th June - Dressage lesson/training with Robert Pickles at Mayhill Stud – contact Jane Porter

21st June – Cross Country Training with Alec Miles at Fair-Oak, Rogate – Contact Emily Payne

22nd June – Area 17 Show Jumping at Pinkmead to be run by Solent Riding Club. Any members willing to lend a hand and help us with this event would be greatly appreciated. Contact any Committee member.

6th or 13th July – Area 17 Horse Trails run by Bourne Valley RC at Lark Hill. Contact Emily for information.

2nd – 6th July – Stockland Lovell Riding Holiday. Although fully booked, there is a waiting list. Contact Kate Bartlett.

27th July – Area 17 Dressage run by Shillingstone RC at Shillingstone in Dorset. Emily for information.

3rd August – Solent RC Annual Show held at the Hampshire Show Ground Botley. Any members not competing, again, your help would be gratefully accepted. Contact any committee Member.

7th September – Dressage at Mayhill Stud (schedule as for 20th April)

Our Teams for the Dressage to Music qualifier to be held on Monday (Bank Holiday) 26th May at Sparsholt Collage are doing very well, we have teams for Seniors and Juniors and they are all putting in a lot of hard work. Please come along to show your support for our members and club, it should be a very good event.

The members' points' collation are showing clear leaders at the moment for Seniors and Juniors. We hope to have an updated chart at our annual show in or near the secretary's tent. Remember you earn points for helping at events too, not just for attending with your horse.

Events planned for future.

Lessons/training with Lynn Britton

Trailer/horse box training

SRC Open Day (possibly 29th June) watch for more details soon!

Committee Member Contacts

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Any of the committee members can be contacted via the SRC website if you do not have their individual email addresses.

For any of you who are puzzled by our Committee member Lesley Marley's title of Health, Safety & Welfare, below is a brief description of her welfare role for the club.

It is important that clubs appoint a welfare officer, even if they do not have a junior section. Juniors may enter events organised by a club and they deserve the same protection as if they were club members

Description of role

To help safeguard young people.

To be first point of contact in a club for the reporting of child welfare issues.

To be the source of advice and information at club level on child protection.
To liaise with the statutory agencies on any issues of concern on child protection.
To hold contact details of the statutory agencies.
To sit on the Club's Management Committee.
To ensure confidentiality.
To promote anti-discriminatory practice

SRC would like to welcome our new members:-

Sharon Riley
Trish Harris
Helen Warburton

We hope to meet you all soon at our events.

Other events in the Area

You may remember SRC sponsored a friend of our Committee Member Sarah Bunting in the London Marathon, here is her report of the day.

Thank you very much for your kind donation to SIA and sponsoring my Marathon.

After a sleepless night and terrible nerves, I set off from my hotel on Sunday morning along the Thames by boat (for those of you who know me, I get seasick just standing on a pontoon) so this wasn't the best of beginnings to help me feel perky and full of race enthusiasm!

With a brisk spring wind and crowds of runners, I set off from the rear of the Red Start at Greenwich and crossed the start line around 10am. In the midst of all the fun runners I found myself staring at Borat's string, the Flowerpot Man's plastic knees and the Rhino's tail for most of the way round the course. Unable to speed up and go past, I found after about 10 miles I had had no choice but to slow down to accommodate the fun runners (and by now, walkers) which meant I couldn't reach my target time.

After two soakings in cold English rain and hitting my "wall" earlier than expected at only 15 miles I had a gruelling battle to complete each subsequent mile to the finish. Determination and lots of pain got me across the line some 5h 19 after I started, every part of me feeling at that point like it had died a small and rather untimely death. This was unfortunately well behind my target time but an acceptable return for a first timer. As I crossed the line I vowed "never again" but I suppose I should never say "never".

My mother has already told me in no uncertain terms that I am not to do another marathon because her "nerves and right thumbnail cannot cope with the stress" of being glued to the tv & computer waiting for a news flash to announce what she is expecting (ie that her daughter is so clumsy and accident prone that she must have tripped over her shoelaces, fallen over and taken a big gash out of one or both knees!)

I can confirm that no tripping, stumbling or falling took place. All limbs are present, correct and aching after completing such an amazing event. I've raised so much money for SIA Spinal Injuries Association £1837 (so far) which would not have been possible without your generosity, support, training assistance, morale boosting and constant texts throughout the day. I really couldn't have done it without you all.

Cat x

We welcome any 'news' from members who feel they would like this to be included in the newsletter, as you can appreciate it is not always possible for the committee members to be at every event held . These below are from Kate Harris who recently attended Dressage and from new member Kye Squire.

Many thanks.

Kate.

Kimberly McDougall riding Roos Leap and Kate Harris riding Marlow took part in the last Area 17 competition of the winter league. The winter league consists of 2 dressage competitions and 2 show jumping competitions, from November through to April, with teams and individuals taking part. So far the Solent members who had competed had earned a very respectable 44 points, but even so the club was languishing in 8th place in the league. So this dressage competition at Sparsholt was the last chance to earn some points for Solent and show the other clubs in the league that we are one to be reckoned with. Kimberly rode the two Novice tests and Kate rode the two Prelims and they managed to get placed and win points in all their classes. Despite fierce competition from the other clubs Kimberly's amazing score of 72% proved to be unbeatable in the Novice 37 and she won the class, which she followed with a 6th place in the Novice 25. Kate came second in the Prelim 14 and 7th in the Prelim 17. In all they scored 24 points for Solent so that at the end of the winter league Solent had jumped from 8th to 4th place. Next year we can do even better and we need more members interested in taking part in show jumping and dressage to come forward. It is great fun and you don't even have to be the best - just taking part is often enough to win points for the club, so look out for information and entry forms in the newsletters in the autumn."

Hi

I would just like to thank you for organising the Mayhill Dressage on Sunday ... as a 'new member' of SRC it was my first event , and once I had sorted out my nerves about competing ! ... I enjoyed the event, it was well run, with a very 'calm' atmosphere. I hope to participate in future dressage events with you. Please pass my comments on to all who helped run the day.
Kye Squire