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FACTOIDS

- The HEAVIEST and TALLEST recorded horse was a 19.2 hh pure-bred Belgian stallion named Brooklyn Supreme foaled in 1928. He was 3,200 pounds (1.44 tonnes).
- The SMALLEST breed of a horse is Falabella. Mature Falabellas range from 38-76 cm and weigh 18-45 kg.

Editorial



Welcome to the new Club Newsletter

Well Christmas is nearly upon us again, "where has this year gone" we hear you all say. Hopefully it has passed so quickly for you because of all the exciting things you've been doing with the riding club over the last 12 months and there is certainly more to follow in 2009. Due to unforeseen circumstances the AGM that was scheduled for the 26th November had to be postponed at the eleventh hour but has now been rescheduled for 14th January 2009.

- Sarah Bunting

Membership Fees are Now Due for Renewal

Forms

For those of you who do not have Internet or Email access, booking forms and additional information are attached at the end of this Newsletter.

Solent Riding Club AGM

NEW DATE : Wednesday 14th January at **8pm**
LOCATION: Sarisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Sarisbury Green, Southampton, Hampshire SO31 7AA



Photo and Story Competition

Help us to raise money for Cancer Research

SOLENT RIDING CLUB

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Together we will beat cancer

RAISE MONEY
BY ENTERING OUR
"PHOTO AND STORY" COMPETITION

Prizes total £3,000
Just send a photo with a story (no more than 100 words) and you could win, a great prize, donated by one of our many sponsors. 26 classes **ENTRY FEE £5 each**
Classes for:- "Best Mum/Dad" "Best Family Pet" "Best cat/dog" and a "Virtual Horse Show" for Horses and Ponies of all types.

A big thank you to all our sponsors
FARNAM PRODUCTS (Producer of REDCELL) who kindly sponsored every class, Shedfield Nursery (who also gained suppliers sponsorship), Next Retail, KP Equestrian, Marriott Meon Valley Hotel & Country Club, Horse and Hound, Your Dog Magazine, Burns, Pets at Home, The Dog House, BSJA, Equimins, Sign Tec Graphics, SCATS, Charles Owen, Island Marquees, TDS Saddlery, Westgate EFI, Sarah Bray, Hampshire Saddlery, Hursley Hambledon Hunt, CW Fellowes, Equus Health, Baileys Horse Feeds, Rivermain, Wheel Associates, Polypads, Mud Sports Event Photography, Jenny Hadland, Aly Burgess, Sign Tec Clothing, Maxavita, Karina Bell, Marksway Horsehage, Michael Langdon, Horse and Rider Magazine, Equi-adverts, Joules Clothing

For details, schedules and postal/online entry form go to:
www.solentridingclub.co.uk

ALL proceeds to Cancer Research. There will be no administration charges whatsoever.

The event is managed and supported by Solent Riding Club Junior Section. The decision of the judges is final.

www.cancerresearchuk.org
Registered Charity No. 220946

Please help Solent Riding Club Juniors to raise money for Cancer Research.

100% of entry money received will be donated to this fund. Solent Riding Club will also be making a donation from club funds.

Separate classes for adults and children's horses/ponies. Also, cats, dogs and mum or dad.

Entry fee £5 per class. Very generous prizes in every class.

Closing Date
10/01/2009

Please help us to raise as much money as possible by:

1. Entering the competition yourself, as many classes as you can afford
2. Email details of the competition to all your friends/family and work colleagues, stressing that **its not just for HORSEY FOLK**
3. Print off copies of the poster and pass on to your farrier/vet etc and put up in tackrooms and local shops.
4. Send children to school with a copy, to show to their teachers and school friends



Indoor Cross-Country Training, 22nd November 2008

Participant's tales.....

Fred and myself had a really good training session on Saturday. We have never done simulated indoor cross country before and we both really enjoyed it. It made a nice change and I will use some of the training methods at home. Hoplands Equestrian Centre is an excellent venue and the indoor school was lovely. Fred loved it too. Thanks to everyone who arranged the training session and Thanks to Heather Lewis for the lesson. Thoroughly enjoyed it.

The simulated cross country session was brilliant. Heather is a great instructor, Really positive. It was such good fun, Shady enjoyed himself. It was very interesting practicing the different styles of jumps & working out the best line to take. The course was well set up, challenging & made us think, but was not daunting! I would definitely go again & take both my horses next time.

If you have seen this training advertised and fancy having a go next time.... it really is great fun and the good thing is, the jumps are not solid! It's Saturday and I can hear the Trailer coming down the track- we must be off somewhere? Hoplands I hear them say.... Indoor XC Jumping? We arrive in time to watch the first group jump the whole course 1 at a time, we stood and watched carefully, only from where we stood I couldn't see the whole course - I was thinking more about the height they were jumping and with such ease!, both of them enjoying themselves. They finished and we went into the school to the welcome words of Heather our Instructor " don't worry Dexter, you wont be jumping that height!" and I thought to myself 'or that amount of jumps?' What a lovely bouncy surface we had to ride on, a huge school, with 7 jumps!, some with odd shapes, at odd angles and 1 were they had forgotten to put a decent stride in between? All became clear after our warm up...First jump - A Tiger Trap - needed to be jumped on an angle as instructed, otherwise you met the next 2 jumps-cross poles also on angles -incorrectly- always pays for my rider to listen to Heather! After that combination came the Brush, then a right turn to the Arrowhead-a narrow jump which had poles coming from it to stop you running out! Then across the school and onto The Bounce- not quite sure who was supposed to bounce? So I stopped in between the 2 jumps just to check- then found out it was supposed to be me - jump the 1st jump then bounce straight out over the 2nd! (Got the hang of it). After that confusing jump a sharp left turn to The Corner- not to stand though sadly - but a jump- we could jump slightly to the right which meant we had more of a spread to jump or to the left and jump the narrow end. Then back over The Brush again. Once we had the idea, off we went to jump the whole course, not once but twice! It really wasn't as straight forward as it seemed, if you got the angles wrong or not enough impulsion!! I'm more suited to pulling a milk float but, once I got the hang of it, it was great fun - next time I shall have a word with my stable mate and get her to knock some jumps down when she goes round first, that way I shall get more of a breather in between rounds!! Great fun!!



Dexter



Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier



This competition is to be held at
Crofton Manor Equestrian Centre on
15 February 2009.

It is open to both Seniors and Juniors with a first round height of 80cm and a second round height of 85cm.

To be eligible to jump at this competition, the combination of horse and rider must not have any BSJA winnings and the horse's flu vaccinations must be completely up to date.

If you are interested, please contact Hazel Craik on
07718 902775 before 05 January 2009.

We would love to be able to put forward teams
for this qualifier.



Spot The Difference

Enter our **SPOT THE DIFFERENCE** Competition
and win a training voucher for £15.00.

There are 8 differences to find on this Barnyard Picture
(source National Trust)

Send your entry by post to **14a Mapleton Road, Hedge End
SO30 0GL** Winner will be the first correct answer drawn from
the entries received.

Closing date for entries: Jan 31st 09

Only one entry permitted per person.





Member News

New Members:

Chelsey Marshall-Arnold
 Sophie Harris
 Veronica, Sarah & Kate Wilson
 Angela Warne
 Karen Childs
 Stefanie Brunke
 Brenda Wren
 Kelly Donoghue
 Jenny Cooper
 Nicola & Charlotte Power
 Celia Rogers
 Holly Cristofoli
 Karen & Grace Diamond
 S. Palmer
 Carrie & Rob Goodbourn
 Gemma Glover

Training Dates:

Date	Event	Venue
Sat 10th Jan 09	Dressage Team Training	Ganderdown Stud, Cheriton
Sat 10th Jan 09	Dressage Clinic	MayHill Stud
Sat 17th Jan 09	Flatwork with Lynne Britton	MayHill Stud
Wed 21st Jan 09	Show Jumping Training	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Thur 22nd Jan 09	Dressage Clinics : Robert Pickles	MayHill Stud
Sat 14th Feb 09	Flatwork with Lynne Britton	MayHill Stud
Wed 18th Feb 09	Show Jumping Training	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Fri 20th Feb 09	Dressage Clinics : Robert Pickles	MayHill Stud
Wed 18th Mar 09	Show Jumping Training	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Thur 26th Mar 09	Dressage Clinics : Robert Pickles	MayHill Stud

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And Finally

**Wishing all of our
 members a very
 Merry Christmas
 and
 Happy New Year**



Did you know?

The amount of BLOOD in a horse's body is equivalent to one eighteenth of its total weight? It's distributed approximately one quarter in the heart and larger blood vessels, one quarter in the liver and intestines, one quarter in the muscles and the rest divided amongst other parts of the body. The blood is carried around by arteries from the heart, which acts as a pump, to all parts and is returned to the heart through a system of veins.

We want to hear from you!

Send us your comments about our Club Newsletter—ideas for future issues by e-mailing Sarah Bunting on sarah@bunting.me.uk

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Show Jumping Training



Instructor: Marissa Hunter

Where: Crofton Equestrian Centre

When: 21 January Polework – 1'6 max
18 February 2' – 2'3
18 March 2'3 – 2'6

Time: 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Cost: £18.50 per clinic (price has increased due to Crofton's school hire increasing)

These sessions will take a maximum of 4 horses, so please return your slip early to avoid disappointment.

All riders attending, must wear Hats BSI kite marked PAS 015 or BS EN 1384 with the strap fastened. Body Protectors are strongly recommended.

Cost is £18.50 per session. Due to the low cost of sessions, no money will be refunded due to viability of running the sessions.

Please complete and return the slip below to book a place, all payments must be sent prior to the lesson.

Show Jumping Training

Name Membership Number

Telephone Number Email

Date(s) I wish to attend

Total cost enclosed

To book a place, please send this completed slip together with your payment to:
Hazel Craik, 137 Paxton Road, Fareham, Hampshire PO14 1AE – Mob: 07718 902775

Cheques to be made payable to: Solent Riding Club.





STOCKLAND LOVELL 1ST - 5TH JULY 2009

This will be the third year that the Club has booked a training holiday at Stockland Lovell in Somerset (www.stocklandlovell.com) and we have reserved 27 places for members of the club and their horses. Junior members are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

It is planned to arrive late afternoon on the 1st and depart after lunch on the 5th (Wednesday to Sunday). During this period we will have plenty of time to hack around the farm's estate and local bridleways as well as take part in numerous training sessions on their cross country course, show jumping and dressage arena's.

Our horses are stabled individually in a large open barn – straw bedding is included as well as hay and haylage – this year those of you wishing to bed your horses on shavings must either take them with you or you can purchase them separately at the current market rate direct from Stockland Lovell, but YOU MUST remove them on departure.

Our accommodation is pretty basic in small portacabins sleeping from 3 to 6 people. Having said that the beds are comfortable and the shower block has recently been replaced with a modern log cabin style facility. There is also a comfy tv and sitting room as well as games room, drying room and dining area and past attendees will vouch for the fact that you spend only your sleeping time in your cabin there's so much to do!

The cost this year will be £225 plus a £10 refundable deposit returned to you when your cabin and stable have been checked to our satisfaction – we must leave the facility as we found it! This includes accommodation for yourself and your horse, straw bedding and hay or haylage for your horse, all training costs and full board (breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and cake plus a two course dinner). Tea, coffee and soft drinks and biscuits are available 24 hours a day, but any other supplies, i.e. wine and snacks must be taken with you.

If you would like to go on our training holiday this year then please complete the form below and send with a non refundable deposit of £30 to Jane Porter, Coledown House, Vicarage Lane, Curdridge, Southampton SO32 2DP, Email janeporter@aol.com, tel: 01489 790103, 07775 595969 by the end of January 2009 – your place will be confirmed shortly after this date - once the first places have been taken then we will be operating a "waiting list" and your deposit will be returned. Please make cheques payable to Solent Riding Club.

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I would like to attend the Solent Riding Club Training Holiday 1st-5th July 2009

Name:.....Membership Number.....

Address.....

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Email.....Home Tel and Mobile.....

SOLENT RIDING CLUB.
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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2009.

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(All names and ages of Family membership)

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