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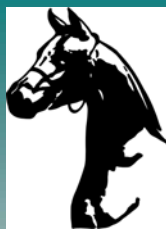
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FACTOIDS

- A full grown horse weighing 1000 pounds (455kg) contains approximately 13.2 gallons of blood.
- More foals are born between April 15th and May 15th than at any other time.

Editorial

**Welcome to the Club Newsletter**

2010 certainly arrived with a vengeance, the snow and ice proving a challenge for all of us.

Included in this issue are the dates for up and coming events and training and the names of our new members. Don't forget that memberships were due from the 1st November, all those who joined after 1st July 2009 need not renew.

If anyone is unsure please contact Claire Shanks. Please note that members representing the club at area competitions must renew if they haven't already done so as they will not be allowed to compete. Priority for clinics will be given to fully paid up members.

- Sarah Bunting

Forms

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

Dressage Clinics with Robert Pickles FBHS—Mayhill Stud



We are pleased to offer Dressage Training with Robert Pickles (Fellow of the British Horse Society).

10th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 7th May

Robert is one of only a handful of people in the World to hold this highest accolade. He is an International Trainer in the disciplines of Dressage, Showjumping and Eventing and is highly respected. Robert has many attributes as an equestrian trainer, but perhaps most remarkable is his ability to emphasise and offer enthusiasm to every person who trains with him, irrelevant of their riding ability. Each session will last 45 mins and will have two people per session. Places are going to be limited, so it is important to book early. Cost will be £21 per person – cheques made payable to Solent Riding Club (post dated cheques are acceptable). Please indicate on your form if you are interested in a private clinic (Cost £40) if space allows you will be asked to pay the balance on the day. Please complete the form, stating your current level of schooling and any other relevant details, please also state your preferred time which will be accommodated as much as possible. As these sessions will be start in the afternoon at around 1.30pm. Times are available by phoning Jane on 01489 790103 four days before between 7pm and 9pm, alternatively please include your email address with your booking and I will email your times to you. **Please complete the form attached with this newsletter.**



Stockland Lovell Holiday

STOCKLAND LOVELL

23rd-27th June 2010

This will be the fourth year that the Club has booked a training holiday at Stockland Lovell in Somerset (www.stocklandlovell.com) 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 23rd and depart after lunch on the 27th (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 – 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 £250 plus a £10 refundable deposit returned to you when your cabin and stable have been checked to our satisfaction (this deposit will be required at the time of your final payment) – 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. We will be offering FIVE training sessions during your stay to consist of one or a mixture of flatwork, show jumping and cross country and we are pleased to announce that ROBERT PICKLES will be our flat work trainer on the Saturday!

The cost of anyone wishing to attend the holiday without their horse is £125 and the cost of taking an extra horse will be £75 plus £10 per training session.



Trailer Training

Thinking of buying a trailer? Just bought one? Or just want to brush up on your reversing?

The club has run trailer training classes over the last year and another class will be organised as long as we have 6 people to make it viable. The cost is £25 per person and the training lasts for 3 hours – usually held on a Saturday morning at Marwell Zoo.

The training covers maintenance issues and what to check on your trailer before making a journey, how to hitch up safely and manoeuvrability skills as well as anything else you'd like the instructor to cover.

Those of you who need to take a Trailer Test as part of your driving licence in order to tow a trailer can also discuss a training package with the instructor in order to ensure you pass – discounts on training are given to SRC members.

Your Club Needs You!!!!

As Solent Riding Club continues to grow its membership and the events and training we put on are increasing, the same cannot be said of the Committee! We are desperately looking for more members to become involved in the running of the Club. If you feel you can help in the following areas please contact one of the committee to discuss further:

- Committee – if you would like to be considered to join the Committee and become actively involved in the running of the Club and the decisions that it makes on behalf of its members please contact us. Your term can be for just one year or indefinitely – the choice is yours!
- Event Organisers – if you feel you could or would like to organise an event – social or otherwise, or even be happy to get together with other members to organise something – give us a ring!
- Volunteers – we can't run some of our larger events without the help of volunteers. We are extremely grateful to those of you who do turn up to help at events and give up some of your time. However it does seem to be the same people volunteering and it would be great to see more of our membership getting involved. It doesn't have to be onerous – there's lots to learn, writing for judges, stewarding etc and can be a lot of fun too, if your horse is off work then make use of the time you would have spent riding or competing to give a helping hand to your club.

Thank you in advance for your support and for helping us to keep Solent Riding Club one of the best in the South.



Monthly Competition

Due to the significant lack of entries, we will not be running a competition this month

Member News.....



New Members:

Gemma Rouse	Sue Wilkes	Tony Gordon
Luciana Rosell	Diana Fry	Isabel Williams
Lindsay Bidwell	Jessica Easton-Plummer	Nick Humphrey(J)
Gaynor Burnell-Fraser	Debra Fielder	Jan Lyon
Charlotte Aley	Georgina Hall Raine	



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Training Dates:

Date	Event	Venue
Wed 10 Feb	Show Jumping Training	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Wed 10 Feb	Robert Pickles	Mayhill Stud
Sat 13 Feb	Flatwork with Lynne Britton	Mayhill Stud
Sun 14 Feb	Jumping Clinic—Richard Waygood	Braishfield Manor Estate
Sat 20 Feb	Dressage Squad Training	Ganderdown Stud
Wed 24 Feb	Show Jumping Training	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Wed 3 Mar	Robert Pickles	Mayhill Stud
Wed 10 Mar	Show Jumping Training	Crofton Equestrian Centre
Sat 13 Mar	Flatwork with Lynne Britton	Mayhill Stud

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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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. Please make cheques payable to Solent Riding Club.**

I would like to attend the Solent Riding Club Training Holiday 23rd-27th June 2010

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

Address.....

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