





FDRC NEWSLETTER ISSUE 4 – DECEMBER 2019

Wishing all our Members a Very Merry Christmas

NEW MEMBERS:

A big warm FDRC Welcome to our newest Members: Catherine Wallen (Hawkinge) & Rachel Wright (Dover) we look forward to meeting you soon at an FDRC Event.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

I am afraid it is THAT time of the year again when we are after your money. The BRC in its wisdom have put up the amount that we have to pay per member and but we have decided to keep our Membership Fees at the same rate as this year.

RIDING MEMBER – Junior or Senior - £32.50

NON RIDING or FAMILY MEMBER Junior or Senior - £20.00

This does not apply to those new Members who have taken up the Extended Membership offer — their membership for 2019 will automatically be renewed in January at no extra charge.

There are three ways of sending in your membership details:

- 1. Fill in the enclosed Membership Renewal Form & post it with a cheque
- 2. Online via http://clubentries.com/favershamrc/ where you can pay by card or PayPal
- 3. Using the club website https://www.favershamridingclub.com/membership online form where you can pay by posting a cheque or transferring the money by BACS.

Details for all the above can be found on our website at the address above.

IMPORTANT Because of the GDPR Regulations that came in last year **EVERY MEMBER MUST SEND A FORM** either by post or electronically or we can not renew your membership even if you are an honorary member or club officer. We have to have received a form filled in & signed either by hand or electronically or we can't renew your Membership for 2019.

So, sorry, we cannot accept any emails or text messages, saying things like "details the same will send money" as it will not have a printable document with your signature or digital consent.

GET WELL WISHES

We know all our Members will join us in sending our love & very best wishes to Anne Adams who is still recovering from a nasty fall from her horse. Anne is home now having spent about 7 weeks in Kings Hospital, London





We are all thinking of you & hoping you are feeling better every day

2019 TEAM & HELPERS CHARTER UPDATED FOR 2020

At the beginning of 2019 we introduced a Helpers Charter which meant that anyone in a FDRC Team had to pay a £10.00 sub towards helpers expenses. This has proved a valuable help and easy to administer. We said that at the end of the year we would review & if necessary tweak it.

Financially the Club is not as stable as it has been due to low attendances at shows and other events along with lower membership numbers than in previous years. As teams are expensive to enter into competitions, we have decided to continue the £10.00 subs but with some slight changes.

Possibly riders are unaware that not only is there a team entry fee (usually published in the schedule) but also a pre-entry fee which is paid to BRC 21 days before the competition. The pre entry fees are £30.00 per team & £9.50 per individual which is non-refundable and late entries, if accepted by the host club, are charged an extra £20 per team or £10 per individual!

We encourage every Member, who wants to, to take part in Area 10 qualifiers or Friendly Team Competitions, either as a member of a team or as an individual; however the cost of entry fees is becoming one of the major expenses for the club.

So we have tweaked our last year proposal and this is what we have decided upon:

Helpers will still be able to claim their travelling expenses if they wish to do so, up to a cap of £25.00 which is enough to cover a 55 mile round trip at .45ppm. .

Team Members & Individual Riders will be required to pay a £10.00 sub per each entry/class for BRC qualifiers and Team Friendly competitions. This will go towards entry fees and helpers expenses. If a rider provides a helper then they will not have to pay for 1 class (eg £10.00). Once you have agreed to take part in the competition and the pre entry to BRC has been paid, you will be committed to pay the £10 even if you have to withdraw, however, we will make every effort to find another member to take your place, in which case your £10 will either be returned or ideally held in credit.

If there is a Warm Up class or Open Class on the schedule riders must enter & pay for that themselves using the entry form from the schedule which can be found on our website or BRC Area 10 website.

We hope that is all clear – if you have any queries please contact Liz Roberts or Sally King.

VACCINATIONS For HORSES IN TEAMS – NEW RULES

BRC Flu Vaccination Statement - 8 November 2019.

We're aware of questions that have been raised by some members over the incoming rule which mandates six monthly boosters against Equine Influenza (EI) (see rule changes below) and would like to provide further information about the rationale behind this decision.

For much of 2019, the UK has been affected by outbreaks of EI with the number of cases peaking in July. As a department of the BHS, which is a member body of the BEF, BRC has the welfare of equines competing under our rules at the forefront of our minds at all times— and it's our responsibility, along with every horse owner, to help negate the spread of this virus.

Throughout the year, we've been listening to advice and evidence from our veterinary and industry colleagues on the BEF High Health Steering Group, the Equine Infectious Disease Advisory Group and the Animal Health Trust (AHT). Unlike some other organisations, we took the decision not to make a mid-season rule change during the initial outbreak, instead strongly recommending that a six month booster be given, while continually monitoring the situation.

As a result of the outbreak this year, a number of competition venues have taken the decision to mandate six monthly boosters. This has led to some confusion among members as to the different vaccination require-

ments from venue to venue, which has necessitated additional checks before competing. Indeed some areas have had to run qualifiers stipulating a six monthly booster is mandatory in order to satisfy their venue owners.

We want to be as consistent as possible across all our qualifiers and championships, with a clear policy that all members can follow. It should also be noted that we are now in line with British Dressage, British Eventing and the FEI. However, we appreciate that this is a significant move, so we wanted to ensure that we considered the advice provided by veterinary experts before amending our competition rules. All of the evidence points to the efficacy of vaccinations reducing after six months, hence this decision taken by the BRC Advisory Committee.

In the most recent DEFRA AHT BEVA Equine Quarterly Disease Surveillance Report it was concluded:

That horse owners, especially those attending gatherings and events attended by other horses, undertake routine influenza vaccination and ideally adopt 6 monthly booster vaccination as this is currently considered 'gold standard' for controlling this infection.

Dr Jane Nixon MA VETMB BSC MRCVS, Chair of the BEF High Health Steering Group said "We're in the middle of an equine flu epidemic, with over 220 reported outbreaks alone so far in 2019 – an outbreak case includes a number of horses so there are thousands affected; marking a staggering increase on last year, when only two outbreaks were confirmed in the UK.

"We all need to help control the spread of the virus and vaccination unequivocally does just that. There have been several peer-reviewed scientific papers which support vaccination, including six monthly boosters, which should not leave any responsible horse owner in doubt that this is the right way forward."

The BRC qualifiers and championships are very large events. We regularly see in excess of 500 horses gathering together from the length and breadth of the UK. It is our responsibility to protect these events for our members, their horses and indeed the future of our sport.

We have noted that some members have commented that their horses have had an adverse reaction to a recent vaccination, and BRC would like to encourage any instances to be reported on the UK Government report portal here: https://www.gov.uk/report-veterinary-medicine-problem. This should be in addition to reporting the reaction to your veterinary surgeon.

2020 BRC Rule Change: From 1 January 2020, it will be strongly advised when competing at BRC events to have a flu vaccination within 6months and 21days of the competition. From 1 March 2020, this will then become mandatory.

IMPORTANT: This does not mean vaccinations need to be done every 6 months; it means that the vaccination needs to be within 6 months and 21 days of the competition. For example, if your competition was the 22 September, you would need to have a vaccination after the 1 March (1 March - 1 September = 6months + 21 days = 22 September). This rule applies to Qualifiers and Championships only. Whilst we recommend that Clubs also follow this advice for Club activities, they remain autonomous and can therefore decide what they will require for their own training and events.

COMING UP

RIDING CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER on Friday 6th December at The Alma, , ME13 0DU

You should have received the menu & booking sheet by email, post of seen it on FaceBook. Don't forget to book your place. It is a lovely night with good food, good company and a chance to chat & catch up with other Club Members. If you have not received a menu please contact Sally at Faversham.rc@gmail.com or Anne on 07979432818

A GROUP DOG WALK at Rhodes Minnis, on Saturday 28th December

Walk off the Christmas Pudding and welcome in 2020 with a Riding Club Group Walk – All dogs welcome. Meet at 10.30 at **The West Wood Forest Car Park** at CT4 6DN for a 90 minute walk through West Wood & Park Gate Woods. Hot Drinks & Nibbles on return. Shorter route for less energetic.

For more information or to register your intention to join us please contact Liz on 07813880373 or at Elizabeth.roberts@leescourtestate.com.

It was great fun last year – let's make it even bigger & better this year with a prize for the most tinsel worn by a dog and one for the best Christmas outfit for either dog or walker! Walkers without dogs welcome too.

AREA 10 Combined Training Team & Individual QUALIFIER at Felbridge EC, East Grinstead RH19 2NU on Easter Saturday April 11th 2020. by Lindsey Bootes

For the sixth year running the Faversham and District Riding Club is going to Organise and run the Area 10 Combined Training Qualifier. We realise this is not a very local venue but it is an ideal venue for the event as we need five all weather surfaced arenas to run the event efficiently and Felbridge is really the only centre that can accommodate this.

Across all the BRC Area's there has been a decline in entries for the Qualifiers and we are seeing more and more that area's are running join events. With the cancellation of Area 11 & 13's Combined Training Qualifier at Munstead this October due to the weather we have been asked to include Area 11 and 13 within our event in April. I have no doubt this is going to make for a busy event, but with so many members coming together to help out, it will certainly be something for us all to be proud of and also boost our club funds for 2020.

There are both Junior and Senior teams and individual classes and the schedule will be out soon **So whether** you are looking to be in one of our Club teams or you are able to give up your time and help on the day, we really do need you! This event takes an army of Riders, supporters, family members and helpers to really make it happen!

There is a change to the format of the event this season and each team consists of two riders in each section for the jumping phase 75 and 85cm, though each of the four ridders will ride a different dressage test. There are also two additional individual classes where a rider can ride a Prelim level test and jump 85cm or ride a Novice level test and jump 75cm.

So there are lots of options for members to compete.

All Qualifiers for the BRC Fibre-Beet Festival of the Horse Championship which will be held on the 23rd and 24th May 2020 at Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 6RT

Please get in touch if I haven't contacted you already and you would like to help or if you would like to compete. The Prelim entries will need to be in by the 21st March 2019.

Contact details - Lindsey on on 07729 763470 or email If.bootes@btinternet.com for teams or helpers



This is our winning team from a previous year including Linda Sumner, Anne Adams, Julia Izzard and Sarah Marshall and heads up our facebook page. It brings back memories and also leads me to wish Anne Adams are the best in her recovery, we are all sending our love and best wishes and hope to see you soon! xx

MORE IDEAS IN THE PIPELINE FOR 2020... Social Ride, Prix Caprilli/Dressage Sandwich, XC training – Grassroots Training – our diary is always evolving - please keep a look out for extra events & dates which will appear on our website & facebook page plus being emailed round – posted to those who do not give us email addresses. Please contact us if you have a suggestion of something we could run or if you would like to help organise or run and event – please step forward!!

LOOKING BACK:





'SYMMETRY IN THE SADDLE' By Lindsey Bootes on 9th October 2019

We would all like to thank David and Maggie of WOW Saddles for providing everyone with an evening of lectures, demonstrations and discussion on Wednesday 9th October. The subject of the evening was 'Symmetry in the Saddle'.

Everyone who attended the evening had the chance to check out their own symmetry by sitting on a pressure pad linked to a monitor to highlight their weight distribution in the saddle. Being aware of your own body position is so important as it has such an influence on your horse.

Our club member Julia Izzard kindly brought along two of her horses to the evening to enable us to discuss confirmation, muscle tone and symmetry of the horse. The horses were very well behaved with it being a very hands on session, they were certainly a credit to Julia's Training.

David went on to discuss the saddle fit and demonstrated the balance of the saddle on the horse and then introduced air to balance the asymmetric aspects. Julia gave us a ridden demonstration using various floor patterns that David recommended to illustrate the horses balance, rhythm and suppleness. This highlighted how the air balance had a great effect on the horse's way of going. Taking the rider out of balance at times so that she could really feel when the correct line up was achieved.

There was an opportunity for participants to sit on various designs of WOW Saddle on a saddle horse and experience the air balancing for themselves.

We had a talk from Alison of 'Equilibrium Products' discussing the benefits of their various products from nose nets and treats to massage pads and magnetic therapy.

The evening also included a focus session regarding a new product WOW are soon to release onto the market. A big thank you to everyone who attended the evening and contributed to a really good session.

We are always made to feel so welcome at the WOW HQ, great hospitality with a warmth and desire to share their knowledge and ideas to promote a better balance between horse and rider and predominantly improve the welfare of the horse.





I don't think Maggie and David could have fitted more into the evening, we can't thank them enough! WOW Saddles support the British Horse Society and all the entry fees from the evening went to the charity.

REPORT on DOG SHOW at Kemsley Village Hall on 16th November

40 dogs and their owners made their way to Kensley Village Hall on Saturday 16th November but sadly we don't think that one FRDC Member turned up to compete!

This show holds a place in the dog showing calendar now and there were some quality entrants. The day made a good profit for the club and everyone enjoyed their day competing, watching and tucking into the wonderful homemade cakes on offer. The two champions both took away beautiful challenge trophies. We will be making a donation to the Air Ambulance from the takings.

<u>FUN TREC TRAINING DAY at Cold Blow Livery Yard Detling on November 2nd</u>, by kind permission of Mrs Clara Hubbard & Mrs Dora Pilkington - **Report by organiser Sue Saunders**

When FDRC organised a tester GB Trec day at my yard recently, I thought OK that works on Saturday I will book in , with absolutely no idea what Trec entails. My horse is pretty versatile and we do most things so why not try something new?

When I arrived on the yard on Saturday morning ,as the rain was throwing it down ,I felt very pleased with the decision to be joining. Trec in the indoor school , whatever we were going to be doing?

As we walked into the school both my horse and I took a double take at all the obstacles laid out, it was going to be schoolwork with a difference.

Our organisers <u>Sue S</u> and <u>Sue Q</u> did a great job of setting out a course, explaining what our aims were and sharing some "hot tips". The obstacles ranged from control of paces, rein back to jumping obstacles and opening /closing a rope gate

Upon reflection I decided to check what I probably should have done before I booked into the session and found the definition of GB Trec "Trec is designed to test the partnership between horse and rider and their

ability to cope with riding across a varied terrain and over natural obstacles. It involves the skills and challenges any rider might encounter when out hacking."

You will certainly learn and test useful skills whatever your chosen discipline and I recommend giving it a try. That was a report from Sarah Howarth

Our numbers were low due to weather other competitions and the rugby final but a good day had by all

This was not a competition instead we offered our Gold Silver and Bronze rosettes awarded depending on the overall scores after putting their newly learnt skills to the test

Pictured:

Sarah Howarth on Morie Gold, Laura Pritchard on Jazz Silver & Sharon Barns on Smokey Bronze Sue Saunders & Sue Quarendon organisers



Sue has already had good feedback from this and has at least 8 people on a waiting list who want to come along to another session. So we hope to organise a second session early in the New Year.

TEAM NEWS

BRC AREA 10 DRESSAGE QUALIFIER By Lindsey Bootes Sunday 4th August 2019

Well it's been some time since Emma Fayers and I have competed at an Area 10 Qualifier and with everyone always remarking of how a like our horses are, we thought we would enter the Pairs Dressage this year. We had to put together our own floor pattern meeting the criteria set in the BRC Pairs Test Sheet. This included moves up to Novice level with 80% of the test being ridden as a pair, side by side. We had great fun putting the routine together and had some help from Peter Maddison Greenwell who we train with. Peter provided us with some great ideas to include in our routine and an opportunity to practise and get lots of feedback.

We headed off to Sevenoaks on August the 4th and we really did enjoy the day. The horses soon settled at the show ground with an abundance of rich grass in the car park field. There were only three pairs entered in our class and having seen Sevenoaks entry warm up we actually thought they would quite frankly wipe the floor with us. Well we got that wrong!! We did come second to Sevenoaks on a score of 62.4% only 3% behind

them. This is something we want to work on and hope to have the opportunity to compete in this competition again next year.

We went to the event on our own so we didn't manage to get any photo's, so the one's shown below are just to show how alike Bea and Perry are. We must say a big thank you to Veronica Crouch who rode for Maidstone RC at the event and then stayed on to groom for us and provide refreshments while warming up. It really was appreciated. Xx







ARENA EVENTING QUALIFIER - at Petley Wood - Saturday Oct. 26th

Our only competitor at the Arena Eventing was Faye Smith who did very well to come 5th.

This is her account:

On Saturday afternoon we took a trip to Petley Wood for BRC 90 Area Eventing qualifier with Jigsaw Jack!

As we entered the Area the weather decided to take a turn for the worse & the jumps were blowing down quicker then stewards could put them up so after hanging around for a few minutes, I was finally allowed to go!

We did a fantastic round unfortunately I didn't set him up quick enough for the first cross Country jump & so had the pole down but thank god we cleared the biggest "Joker" fence right after the drop!

I didn't think I would be placed but we only went & bagged a 5th placing! Drawing with 4th place on penalties, only I was 1 second faster & further away from the optimum time! And only 1 clear round out of the entire class! Absolutely so so happy & pleased!



<u>L&SE Championships at Sands Farm on Oct 27th – Report by Liz Roberts</u>

Congratulations to Julia Izzard who represented FDRC along with myself at the London and South East Championship at Sands Farm today.

Julia came 3rd on the Prelim Freestyle to Music on her young horse Vardon and Rocky and I managed a presentable advance medium to take 2nd place.

Debbie Harris qualified for this Championship but unfortunately her horse was lame and she had to withdraw.



AREA 10 Winter Novice Dressage at Blue Barn on November 24th.

We had one team & two individuals competing at Blue Barn at this event.

Team:

Faye-Marie Smith on Lavemill PL7
Debbie Harris on Achnacarry Machair Mist – PL12
Diane Gower on Pamela – N28
Julia Izzard on Liberal Lady II - PL2

Individuals:

Abi Martin on El Capitan – PL 7
Julia Izzard on Carillions Vardon – PL12

Unfortunately both Debbie and Diane had to withdraw and so we only had two members of the team left which deemed the team as withdrawn. But everyone who rode got good %s and Julia came 2nd as an individual in her arena on Vardon and won her warm up class with Libby and came 5th in her warm up with Vardon.

Abi Martin, our Junior representative came 7th as an individual in her arena. Many thanks to Ali Ruck & Mr Gower who were our helpers for the day.

TEAM COMPETITIONS COMING UP:

WINTER INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE QUALIFIER & TEAM FRIENDLY - Petley Wood - Sunday Dec 1st

Qualifier – 1 Team & 7 Individuals and Team Friendly – 1 Team & 4 Individuals entered – report in next newsletter.

WINTER NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE SJ QUALIFIER at Hadliow College on Sunday Dec 15th

Teams & Helpers Needed – contact Angy Spoor (details on back cover)

FOTH CHALLENGE QUALIFIER at Munsted EC (with Areas 11 & 13) on Sunday 29th March 2020

This was postponed from 13th October due to wet ground. Team Members, Individuals & Helpers required.

BRC WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS (SJ & DRESSAGE) at Arena UK, Grantham on March 28th & 29th 2020

FOTH COMBINED TRAINING QUALIFIER at Felbridge EC, East Grinstead on Saturday April 11th

As you will have read earlier in this newsletter, we are organising this event again. Helpers and Team Members needed. For teams contact Angy Spoor and for helpers contact Lindsey Bootes (details on back cover)

HORSE TRIALS QUALIFIER at Comphurst – date TBC

DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIER at Stilebridge – date TBC

SUMMER SHOW & STYLE JUMPING at Hadlow College on Sunday 19th July

SUMMER DRESSAGE & RIDING TEST QUALIFIER Date & Venue TBC

Details will be posted on our Facebook page & Emailed/ posted round

LEAGUES

Redhorse Dressage 2019 FDRC Members Points League - Willow Farm EC

We have arranged with Redhorse Dressage to run a points system for FDRC members, which will run during from February 2019 – January 2020. When entering a competition at Redhorse Dressage, write on your entry form that you are a FDRC member or tell Sue Barradell on the day. Please contact Liz Roberts if you have any further questions - Check Redhorse Dressage Website for show dates.

Results will be announced at the end of Jan 19 and League Rosettes will be awarded at the 2020 AGM

BRC Grassroots Points League 2019

The Grassroots Points League is a new opportunity for all BRC Members

All dressage (Walk and Trot and Prelim Level) and show jumping (60cms and 70cms) competitors can gain points at BRC Club organised competitions. Area Qualifiers and National level competitions will not count. Points can be gained when competing at BRC Club organised competitions only.

There will be two separate leagues; show jumping and dressage. Monthly score updates will be provided; therefore competitors must return their score card to the BRC head office no later than the 7th of the following month. Results on cards received after this time will not count. The competition will run for ten months from **January – October 2019**, there will be rosettes down to 10th place, sashes down to 3rd and there will be an overall supreme champion prize for the competitor who has accumulated the most points in the two leagues. **It's so simple, just follow these easy steps:**

- 1. Download and print your blank points card from the BRC website.
- 2. Compete at any dressage (Walk & Trot and Prelim Level) or show jumping (60cms & 70cms) BRC Club organised competition.
- 3. Ask the Secretary at the event to confirm your placing with their signature.
- 4. Post your completed points card back to BRC HQ by the 7th of the following month.
- 5. Finally, wait for the results.

TRAINING & TRAINERS - Please see What's On page training dates at www.favershamridingclub.com if you are not on the internet and want a diary posted to you contact Sally on 01622 851807

We have no Show Jumping arranged at the moment – if it is something you would like to do please get in touch with Lindsey at If.bootes@btinternet.com . Are there any trainers out there that you would like us to try and set up regular clinics with.

Polework & Novice Show Jumping Clinics with Ali Ferry BHSII (SM)'

New dates out – check the Website Whats On page

For novice horses, those riders that want to build up their confidence or just improve their horse's way of going, then these dates are aimed to help you. They are a chance for you to work over poles and small fences progressing to a course.

To be held at Chilham Park in the Soft Track Arena. These will be 1 Hr sessions at 12.00 mid day and 1.15pm Cost is:- £14 per rider (4 to 5 riders per group) To find out more or to book a place on the above training.

For SJ & Pole Work please contact Lindsey Bootes on 07729 763470 or email If.bootes@btinternet.com

Flexi Time Flatwork Clinics with Liz Roberts at Mockbeggar Farm, Rhodes Minnis

Liz Roberts (Listed BD Trainers Database and BD Trainee Judge, Fully Insured) who competes regularly in dressage will be taking these clinics in a 20×60 arena. Its Flexitime as **YOU** are in charge of when you have your lesson. **YOU** book direct with Liz at a time which suits **YOU** and this can be evenings as well as daytime as the arena is fully floodlit, weekdays as well as weekends These sessions are to suit all levels & abilities .

Cost: Individual Lesson of 45 mins to 1 hour - £30.00

To book your time or for more info contact Liz on 07813880373 or equinelaser@gmail.com Payment will be made via www.clubentries.com ahead of the clinic.

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FAVERSHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB REGALIA

Sweatshirts - £22.50 Baseball Caps - £9.50
Polo Shirts - 19.50 Fleece - £26.50
Half Zip Fleece - £25.60

All the prices above include for the item of clothing and the embroidery work of the club logo on the front, with your name underneath the club detail on the back.

Members usually purchase their own blue saddlecloths and these can be embroidered with the club name and your own name for £10.00 $\,$ -

For all orders contact Lindsey Bootes (details above)