



Berkeley & District

RIDING CLUB



News Bulletin

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From the Chair.....

With the clocks going forward, the sun shining and the ground no longer like a bog. It can only mean one thing Isolation.

This isn't the chairs piece I had planned. I was hoping to fill everyone in about how well camp had gone and all the fab rallies, events and dress down dressage we had planned for the year on the horizon. I would like to apologise to all the camp members who were looking forward to camp and the short notice of it having to be cancelled. Unfortunately we were really hoping it could run but BRC issued a statement late in the evening before you were due to go cancelling all events we had



planned. As we are insured by BRC we have to follow their advice.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Shanice for all her hard work with organising camp, it's by no means an easy task and a lot of time and effort goes into this. We are hoping to still fit two camps in later in the year, but until we are provided with further guidance from BRC we are unable to plan anything. I would like to also say a massive thank you to Sally for arranging a lot of refunds, from camp to Area SJ which also had to be cancelled, this isn't an easy

task.

Also I would like to thank YOU the members for supporting the club at such a hard and unknown time, we are hopeful things will return to normal in the near future.

We as a committee are hoping to run some fun online quizzes for you all to take part in with the chance to win a free rally voucher, please keep a look out for these. Finally, in these uncertain times, please all remember to TALK and SHARE, don't keep things bottle up. If you would like someone to talk to please feel free to email me 😊

Stay Safe. Lucy xx

Area Competitions

Area Combined Training- Hartpury. January 2020



This year's qualifier which was held on the first Saturday of January saw 2 teams head to Hartpury. Good scores all round in the dressage, but sadly wasn't everybody's day showjumping. It was the first competition to see the new whip rule enforced! Where you can only use a baton, there is no other style of whip allowed for jumping competitions which we weren't quite prepared for. Luckily Hartpury has a tack shop and I managed to buy the last one! But we weren't alone in not being prepared for the baton rule so the Berkeley baton was passed around a few teams that day. We did have some placings with Sarah Raymond picking up a 2nd individually. Naomi Watkins 4th and 5th. Kathleen Griffiths 7th, Noolie Gregory 8th Shanice Walton and Sian Barke 12th.

Thanks to everyone for taking part it is very soon after Xmas and we appreciate everyone's efforts to get horses prepped for this. Also to Shanice and Sally for stepping in with Misty at short notice to make up a team and compete having only sat on her for first time that week!!

Laura Nelmes, Team Manager

Area Show Jumping West Wilts. January 2020

The show jumping area qualifier saw 2 x bold & brave teams putting themselves out there to represent us...Well done teams!!

The 70cms team were an intrepid bunch with some ideas of their own! Renee Watkins youngster thought the jumps were barriers and Kathleen Griffiths decided on a shorter course - jumping a lovely clear. Well, rules are rules apparently so despite a couple of straightforward rounds with average faults for the course from Dee Hargreaves & Bud & Sue Meredith and Boo, we were eliminated on this occasion.

The 80 team started the second round in joint 2nd place after a couple of tidy clears from Kathleen Griffiths & Sarah Meredith & 4 faults each for Naomi Watkins & Hannah Crump. Unfortunately Kathleen had to withdraw her pony (lameness) so with the elimination of Naomi after 3 refusals, our team were also out from the 80.

Sooooo, to sum up...the only way is UP!

It's not always our time to shine - though our 70 & 80 team are heroes in my eyes for getting out there. Thank-you for your sterling efforts on a long, cold day

Susie Glatt, Team Manager

Pontispool Camp

Unfortunately as we all know it never happened. Coronavirus just beat us to it and at the 11th hour we had to pull it. Gutting for everyone involved but no one more so than Shanice who had put a huge amount of effort into the planning.

We are all SO looking forward to the next camp so in the meanwhile here are a few pics of past camps to remind us what it's all about.





Alice- a tribute by Helen Studzinski

As 2020 starts, I wanted to share my story and pay tribute to my lovely mare Alice who was my special horsey friend for over 20 years. We had to say goodbye unexpectedly in September and I miss her so much. I also wanted to thank amazing friends and riding club friends who jumped to be there at what is, just the worst time.

I have been a member of BDRC for ten years and when I joined Alice and I were just getting started. The club was as welcoming, supportive and competitive then, as it is now! We rallied, we teamed, went to camp and even qualified for the festival of the horse to represent the Area for the eventers challenge!

Alice's story.

As a cheeky 6-month-old foal she captured mine and my mum's hearts when she bounced across the field to greet us. At four she was the dream for getting started but sadly this same year I lost my mum and best friend very suddenly....What to do with Alice?? My husband in his wisdom asked "Why don't you have her?"

We evented, we show jumped, we dressaged!! She was awesome across country, always clear. As we started BE eventing at 17 we didn't go beyond BE90 competing as she was so precious. We were also lucky enough to be on a few Riding Club teams,

with some success. Our highlight came in 2012 going to the Festival of the Horse, at Aston Le Walls!



We attended two camps one in 2013 when we arrived Alice had a mishap on the first morning in her stable (accident prone pony) and stayed on box rest till Saturday instead! Alice made her presence known though escaping twice (I still know not how!?) having a little canter round in the front field just so she could join in a bit! 2015 was a happier experience enjoying the arena cross country fences as part of the activities.

2019 That day...

We were on holiday for a few days in Cornwall, then came the call. 😞 Toni and my best friend Linda rang to say the vet was on the way and Alice was not looking well. (she was very prone to little colic episodes throughout her life) Anna the vet, knew the plan should a more serious one ever happen. Alice was not to suffer, and my wish was for her to go to sleep in my arms....

I was not there and couldn't be. Linda promised to be with Alice for me so she had people who loved and cared for her with her. I said my goodbyes to Alice on a mobile phone. My heart broke.

When we arrived home at midnight, again these amazing friends had rallied round to work out the sticky problem of Jazz being alone. She had been sedated and awoke to discover the lovely Ginge (Toni Youngs pony) had been magicked to her side in the night to be a temporary stable friend! So valuable to help her through those first few weeks.



Though luck and fate, we found the sweetest, most gentle mare 'Millie' who has come to be Jazz's new best friend in the field!

I am also lucky to have some wonderful professional pictures. Just a few days before losing Alice we had arranged a shoot with Jo Hansford to capture my girls together for the future.

I know a few members lost horsey friends last year. I hope you are doing ok. Nothing makes it easier, but perhaps in time, the memories, pictures and the love we have for our beasties is what we need to keep them close to our hearts and help the smiles

come back. Wishing everyone a fantastic 2020 and again thank you to all the kind people who offered comfort, a hug, practical help and advice and most of all to special friends, who are always there when we need them most. Hugs Helen

New whip rules

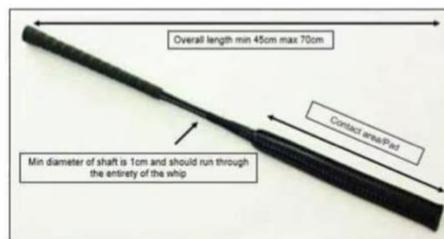


BRC in line with BS have introduced new rules regarding whips in show jumping and eventing. The new whip has specific restrictions on style, weight, length etc. There is even restrictions on any wording on the pad- so they are very particular. Please see the link below for more details. Only the new style whips can be used anywhere on or near the showground including warm up, lorry park etc.

https://www.britishshowjumping.co.uk/_files/whip%20&%20Spurs%20Ruling%20and%20Visual%20Guide,%20Jan%202020.pdf



STEWARDS AIDE-MEMOIRE - VISUAL GUIDE TO WHIP RULING - 102.9



- The Contact area must be covered with a Pad and be a minimum two fifths (40%) of the overall length of the whip
- The Pad must be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface
 - No wording or personalisation on the Pad
 - No binding within 17 centimetres of the end of the Pad
- The weight of the whip must not exceed 160 grams and should be evenly distributed throughout the full length of the whip

LENGTH OF WHIP CMS	MIN LENGTH OF PAD CMS	LENGTH OF WHIP CMS	MIN LENGTH OF PAD CMS
45	18	58	23.2
46	18.4	59	23.6
47	18.8	60	24
48	19.2	61	24.4
49	19.6	62	24.8
50	20	63	25.2
51	20.4	64	25.6
52	20.8	65	26
53	21.2	66	26.4
54	21.6	67	26.8
55	22	68	27.2
56	22.4	69	27.6
57	22.8	70	28

Instructor Profile- Amanda Heimens

A few of you may know me from the dressage rallies and clinics. For those that don't, here's an introduction.

My name is Amanda Heimens and I am a dressage trainer. Here's a few facts you may not know about me....

- I am from a non horsey family
- I have been riding since I was 10 years old
- After school, I worked at event, point to point and dressage yards whilst training for BHS exams
- I had a brief (and relatively unsuccessful!) foray into eventing before specialising in dressage (much safer apparently!)
- I began judging in the early 1990's (I know... hard to believe I'm that old!)
- I studied and worked as an equine dentist for 15 years
- I have bred 2 of my own horses - both quirky mares...which I love!
- I have competed in dressage at Area Festival Finals, Regional and National Chamionships at all levels up to Intermediare 1



fit, read and walk my Jack Russell (although not all at the same time!) And eat cake....a lot!

- I believe that everyone can do dressage, regardless of ability or type of horse

In these strange and uncertain times, I hope everyone stays safe and looks after themselves and one another and I look forward to seeing you when we return to some form of normality, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Any other news

Bacs . Paying for rallies, camps etc is our preferred method as it saves us being charged. Our bacs details are : Sort code 09-01-51 Acc. No.84275504

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Make every effort to complete your hours (friends and family can do these on your behalf) And let Shanice Walton know what you have done. Shanice37@hotmail.com

Please don't forget you are welcome to send in your horsey news and photos for us to share with members via the E Bulletin. Just drop an email with attachments to Jill McFarland jill.geoff@btinternet.com

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