



Club and Associated Dates

Sun 14 th Feb -	Area 6 Indoor SJ (Teams)
Sun 21 st Feb -	Area 6 Winter Indoor Dressage (Teams)
Wed 24 th Feb -	OBH RC Teams Meeting – Chesham High School
Sat 6 th March -	OBHRC Supper Quiz
Sun 7 th March -	Indoor SJ Training at Milesfield
Sun 7 th March -	XC Training at Boomerang
Fri 2 nd April -	OBH RC Open Showing Show
Sat 17 th April -	OBH RC Open Show Jumping Show

Full calendar at back of newsletter – Club Yearbook to follow shortly

NEWSLETTER February 2010

Dear Members,

It hasn't been the best start to a season, even for us hardy riders, but I hope most of you have managed to get some riding in - between the frosts and snow. Milo was particularly incensed last week as two mornings on the trot I yanked him from his warm stable at 6am to ride in the cold and dark on the basis that we have off road hacking and he eats enough carrots! This week he took affirmative action to ensure it didn't happen again and ripped a shoe off on Monday, so I am back to non-riding status again.

It was great to see a few of the club members at Milesfield on Sunday however, especially a few new faces, so a warm welcome to our new members Anita Clark, Dave and Lisa Kiely, Sarah McCairns, Chris Parrott, Fiona Smith, Liz Hough & Julie Gettings.

I hope to see more of you this Sunday at BCA for the first qualifier of the season, indoor show jumping and the following Sunday doing dressage at Bury Farm. It really does feel as if the new season is beginning to get underway with the start of the competitions. If you are interested in competing for the club - and all levels are catered for, so don't be backward in coming forward - the teams meeting is on the 24th Feb at Chesham High School at 7.30pm. Please come along as it is a good social evening and no pressure to do anything. We also have the quiz on 6th March, so I hope to see as many members of the club there as possible having a good time.

Liz O'Donnell

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please note that it is time to renew your membership if you have not already done so. A form is enclosed. You will continue to receive newsletters for a month or two but these will stop if you do not renew. If you are not certain whether you have renewed, contact Ricky Dutton on 01494 785279. If you have had to go to the website to read this newsletter, we may have an incorrect email address for you. Please let us know via membership@obhrc.org.uk. (Please remember that if you want to be in an Area 6 team for the club, we have to notify the BHS at least 21 days before the competition of your renewed membership.)

TRAINING

Firstly, thank you to Anna Streeter for stepping in to teach at Milesfield when our usual instructor was double booked and welcome to new members Anita Clarke, Julie Gettings & Liz Hough who came to the training for the first time, and Janet Hammond who came to the teams practice.

Cross Country

Sunday 7th March - Cross country training with Jonathan Chapman at Boomerang XC course near Hungerford. The cost is £25 each and is suitable for those who are confident at 3' and above. Louise Atkins has kindly agreed to organise this so please phone her direct on 01494 758269.

Sunday 28th March - Cross country training at Rosehill, Henley. This is the venue for the Festival of the Hunter Eventer Challenge on 25th April, open to teams & individuals so we thought it would be beneficial to have a training session here. We will be mainly using the 2'9 course, but as there are fences there from 2'3 - 3'3 we will run other sessions if there is enough demand. Cost will be around £25.

Sunday 18th April - The cross country course at Snowball Farm is open for schooling, with jumps from 2'3 - 3'3. As this is the venue for the Area Horse Trials on May 22nd we thought members might like a practice, potentially we could arrange to turn up at around the same time so that there is help available if required. The course hire is £20 payable directly to Snowball Farm.

May - When ground is suitable; Cross country training at Milesfield Farm. This is a really lovely 2'3 – 2'6 course; great for novice horses / riders, or anyone wanting to get back into XC riding.

Show Jumping

Sunday 7th March – Indoor training at Milesfield Farm

Although some of these dates will be of particular interest to those wanting to compete in teams; I would like to stress that ALL members are welcome, and that these days are great fun. If interested in any of the above please phone Lindsay on 01494 837545, or email: lindsay@packpost.co.uk

TEAMS MEETING, Chesham High School, Wednesday 24th February, 7.30pm

This meeting is for anyone interested in competing in riding club teams this season to get together, meet other team members and discuss what events are coming up on the calendar. The club enters teams in competitions across the disciplines and ability levels so if you would be interested in taking part please come along to find out more. If possible please could you bring your vaccination certificate to be checked by the team manager, as many of the competitions that we enter need these to be up-to-date and correctly filled in – they can be very strict! There will be light refreshments provided.

OBH RC SUPPER QUIZ, Saturday 6th March, 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Our very successful quiz is in less than a month. This is a great event so please let Scilla Lown know as soon as possible if you want to come. Please put forward a whole team if you can (8 to 10 people) but, if you can't, Scilla will happily put you together with others to make up a team. Teams are tested on general knowledge rather than "horsey" material to make all feel welcome. This year for the first time, we are being hosted by Chesham High School who are providing a meat or vegetarian lasagne and gateau or cheesecake for pudding. Please bring your own drinks/ glasses.

Venue: Chesham High School, Whitehill, Chesham, HP5 1BA
Time: 7.30 for 8.00
Price: £12.00 per head
Raffle: Proceeds to Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

BOOKINGS: Scilla Lown, Tel: 01494 862866
CLOSING DATE: 22nd February for catering purposes

TEAM NEWS

Due to the snow, the January competitions have been pushed back to February and we have our first team competition on Sunday, 14th February which is the Area 6 Indoor Novice Show Jumping competition at BCA which we have two teams entered for. The following weekend is the Area 6 Winter Dressage Qualifier at Bury Farm, Slapton where we have 3 teams entered. Results for these competitions will follow in the next newsletter.

Our teams evening is on Wednesday, 24th February where we hope everyone interested in teams will be able to come. We will set out all the forthcoming team events which include:

25 th April	Area 6 Eventer Trials (Festival of Hunter) Novice, Intermediate & Open, Rosehill
22 nd May	Area 6 Novice, Intermediate & Open Horse Trials, Snowball Farm
6 th June	Area 6 Dressage, Hambledon
25 th July	Area 6 Outdoor Show Jumping Novice, Intermediate & Open, Wellington Riding, Hook
29 th August	London & SE Horse Trials Qualifier, Shire Lane

For team enquiries please contact Ros Morris on 07958 282357 or email her on rosmorris@onetel.com

OBH RC AGM, CHESHAM HIGH SCHOOL – 11th November 2009

The AGM was again extremely well attended. Tara Castaldini and Kate Ballingall stood down from the committee after several years of valuable contribution. Thank you very much to them for their hard work. Christine Cheadle bravely came forward to try and help fill some of the gaps, so welcome to Christine.

Constitution: Changes to the constitution were approved by the membership, these being to raise the minimum age of the club to 18 in line with BRC policy for a senior riding club and also a clause was added regarding dissemination of club funds in the event of the club having to close.

Finance: Malcolm Angell reported that the club's accounts remain healthy. OBHRC has roughly 2 years of reserves if the club runs into bad times. It will be necessary to buy equipment such as jumps in the coming financial year but this will still leave healthy reserves. A change in the financial year to end-September was approved by the membership.

Teams: Ros Morris reported that twenty-five teams have competed at 9 different levels this year. This involved 34 members, nearly a quarter of whom had not represented OBH before. OBH won two events, these being the cross country phase at the Liaison Trophy, held at BCA, and the London & SE hunter trials at Shire Lane. Indeed two Horse Trials teams and two dressage teams qualified for the L&SE Championships held at Munstead with one of the dressage teams coming 6th.

Training: Lindsay Rose reported on another good year for training with over half the club attending sessions at some point in the year. She gave particular thanks to all club members who attended particularly those who helped with setting up and clearing away. OBH had subsidised some of the show jumping training prior to team events to great effect with the teams performing well.

Awards and Trophies

	Recipient	Highly Commended
Rosslare SJ Trophy	Nicky Waters	Lynne Priest
Hunter Trials	Nicky Waters	Malcolm Angell
Maurice Essex Dressage	Ros Morris	Alison Moody
Winter's Tale ODE	Tamsin Morris	
Open ODE	Lorraine Patterson	
Addams Catering Showing	Kristina Johnson	Hannah Priest
Danesbrook Dragonfly Most Improved	Angela Miles	
Coney Spurs	Ellie Rose	
Phipps Trophy	Nicky Waters	
Portwin Trophy – Helpers	Jo Milligan	
Heather Edwards Trophy - Contribution to Teams	Ellie & Lindsay Rose	
Outstanding team	Marion Wallbridge Mia Cutting Bethan Priest Alison Angell	Ros Morris Ruth Browning Ellie Rose Lorraine Patterson
Chairman's Trophy	Lynne Priest	

OBHRC CALENDAR 2010



TRAINING (actual dates advised by newsletter/website)

November – March	SJ: Indoor at Milesfield	(Lindsay Rose: 01494 837545)
Wednesdays, from May	SJ: Outdoor at Nine Acres	(Lindsay Rose: 01494 837545)
By individual arrangement	Dressage (OBHRC discount)	(Louise Spate: 01494 875986)

EVENTS

Sun 14 th Feb	Area 6 INDOOR SHOW JUMPING (TEAMS)
Sun 21 st Feb	Area 6 WINTER INDOOR DRESSAGE (TEAMS)
Wed 24 th Feb	TEAMS MEETING
Sat 6 th March	SUPPER QUIZ
Fri 2 nd April	OPEN SHOWING Chiltern & Thames Qualifier
Sat 17 th April	OPEN SHOW JUMPING Chiltern & Thames Qualifier
Sun 25 th April	Area 6 NOV/INTERMED/OPEN EVENTERS' CHALLENGE (Fest of the Hunter Qualifier, postponed from October 2009)
24 TH /25 th April	C & D BRIDLEWAYS XC FUN JUMP WEEKEND
Sun 2 nd May	OPEN HUNTER TRIALS BHS Qualifier
14-16 th May	NAPHILL/OBHRC RC CAMP at Milton Keynes
Sat 15 th May	MEMBERS' DRESSAGE
Sat 22 nd May	Area 6 NOV/INTERMED/OPEN HORSE TRIALS (TEAMS)
Sun 6 th June	Area 6 DRESSAGE, VARIOUS INCL. R. RIDERS (TEAMS)
Sat 19 th June	MEMBERS' SHOW JUMPING
Sun 27 th June	Area 6 DRESSAGE TO MUSIC (TEAMS)
Sat 3 rd July	MEMBERS' COMBINED TRAINING
Sun 25 th July	Area 6 OUTDOOR SHOW JUMPING (TEAMS)
Sun 25 th July	HICKSTEAD SHOW JUMPING (TEAMS, INVITATION)
Sun 29 th August	OPEN ONE DAY EVENT Area 6 L&SE teams qualifier
Thu 9 th Sept	BLenheim EVENTERS CHALLENGE (TEAMS)
Sat 18 th Sept	MEMBERS' TRECETTE
TBC	Area 6 NOV/OPEN EVENTERS' CHALLENGE (FEST. of the HUNTER)
Wed 10 th Nov	AGM

See club booklet and website for schedules.

Membership secretary (18 years and above, only): RICKY DUTTON 01494 785279