

Kings Leaze Riding Club

Newsletter

January 2014

Coming soon:

Treasure Hunt
Good Friday
18th April 2014

Residential Camp
18 – 20th July @
Pontispool

All the usual
rallies & training

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From your Chairman

I trust that you all enjoyed the festive season and that Santa brought lots of lovely things for your horses. Funny how our horses seem to get more presents than us! Let's face it, they are worth it!

Well it has proved a bit trying to keep our horses going in such wet conditions, but try we must because it will soon be time to be out competing again and having fun with them.

We have teams qualified for Riding Club Championships in the spring so we need to kick on with the training. The team managers will give you updates on the details of these events. The managers have worked very hard with their teams, which have proved successful by their results. Thank you and well done to them all. It is no mean feat managing to get teams together for the big day as something invariably happens, like a lame horse or somebody being ill, so well done managers for all of your hard work. Thank you team members for representing the Club.

We have had some new events this year which I hope that you have all enjoyed.

We ran clear round jumping in the summer evenings, which was most enjoyable and sociable.

The Collett family ran the Hobby Horse Race Night which was a fantastic night out, and really hilarious. Thank you to them all. Ian Adsetts was our Auctioneer and Commentator and what a grand job he made of that. Thank you Ian for making it such a laugh, you will get the job again!

We also had two evenings at Hunters Equestrian, where Danni Olding a sports coach of great note, gave a talk to us. It was very enjoyable and informative and we are honoured to have a coach of her calibre to give up her time for us. We were invited to this event by British Dressage and Tessa Thorne, so our thanks go to them.

We are planning to have another afternoon and evening at Whatley Manor in the summer, which has been very popular in the past, so watch this space for details when they are to hand.

If there is any event which you would like us to put on for you, please let a member of the committee know, and we will aim to please.

Once again I would like to thank all of the people whose venues we use for training and events, without your generosity we would find it difficult to stage so many things for our members.

Here's hoping to an enjoyable and successful 2014 for you all.

Daphne Smith

DANNI OLDING EVENINGS

On the evenings of the 19th and 26th November the club joined forces with British Dressage to host enjoyable and informative coaching session at Hunters Equestrian Centre with Danni Olding, Sports psychologist.

Danni is a highly rated sports psychologist and coach who works with many top equestrians all over the country so we were very privileged to have this opportunity. Danni helps people in all disciplines whether they are top class competitors or happy hackers.

Throughout the sessions Danni focused on the the way our brains handle data, what our fears are and techniques to use to overcome them. The link to British Dressage meant the theme was dressage test focused but the techniques could be applied to all manner of sports and I found them especially useful to apply to my jumping!

We are very fortunate to have a coach of this calibre willing to come and help us all and our thanks go to Danni and Tessa Thorne for organising the event as well as Hunters for hosting the event.

Nickie Coombs

Kings Leaze Junior's Report

Winter Novice Team Dressage

We sent a team to Summerhouse Equestrian Centre nr Gloucester on 10th November 2013.

Our team was William Collett riding Prelim 7, Fran Dark and Abbey Read rode the Novice 30 tests.

We did very well with William coming first in his arena. We then came equal second as a team but then came third as only having three members the scores went to the fourth person.

Novice Winter Show Jumping

We sent two teams to West Wilts Equestrian Centre at Melksham on 8th December 2013

Kingsleaze Gold Stars team were

Abbey Read, Emma Comley, Alice McGrory and Fran Dark who finished on Zero in the first round and 4 faults in the second round and won and have qualified for the winter Championships at Hartpury. Well done girls.



Kings Leaze Christmas Bubbles were:

Hannah Broughton, Libby Poole, April Joynson and Poppy Richardson who all did really well and came 4th.

Thank you all for taking part in the competitions.

Next competition is on 2nd March at Larkhill. Festival of the Horse Challenge.

This is Open team and Individuals sj at 95cm and xc 100cm or Novice team and individuals sj 85cm and xc 90cm.

I need to know if you are interested by 25th January and the cost is £35 each so please send me your cheques before this date.

Please email me starfarm@btconnect.com or text 07748845528 to let me know of any interest.

Many Thanks

Margaret Read

Senior Area 9 Showjumping Report

On the 8th December the Area 9 Novice Show jumping qualifying competition took place at West Wilts Equestrian Centre for the Winter Championships at Hartpury College This was my first event as team manager so I started out by sending out emails asking for volunteers for the teams and got a really good response.

We then had a training session the week before the competition with Ben Greenwood at Leyland Court Farm which seemed to go really well and thank you to everyone who supported it.

Sadly a couple of people were unable to compete on the teams as they didn't have flu jabs etc and then we were down to two teams. But I'm looking forward to seeing all those people on our summer teams.



We had lovely times at 12:30 and both teams jumped one after the other which was nice as it created a great atmosphere as we all watched with baited breath and then cheered as each rider finished.

First team to go was the Diamonds team which consisted off Kay Webb, Dawn Richardson, Jane Humphreys and Lizzie Poole.

Kay went first and got us off to a brilliant start with a super clear round, Dawn was next and also jumped a lovely clear round, Jane flew round with another clear round and Lizzie was anchor man and jumped another super clear so they finished on a zero score.

Then it was team Pearls go and Lynn Barrett got us off to a flying start followed by Janet Donaldson who jumped a fabulous clear but was unlucky to pick up 2 time faults, Catherine Macbeth went next and jumped a clear followed by Kay on her second ride Comet who came out for a party and finished with a lovely clear.

So at half time Diamonds were on a score of zero and Pearls were on a score of 2 it was at this point we put the horses away and tucked into our picnic which consisted of lovely homemade mince pies, turkey sandwiches and lots of other goodies in my lorry which was a bit of a squeeze especially as that included two dogs but we managed to demolish the food.

Our second round again started brilliantly with Kay and Jane going clear and Lizzie and Dawn just touched a pole each so the Diamonds team ended up on a total score of 4 from both rounds

The Pearls then took to the arena and Lynn just had one pole, Janet jumped a second clear and inside the time, Catherine and Kay jumped clear so they ended up with a total score of 2 from both rounds, both our teams jumped quite late in the drawn order and we were very excited to realise that a score of 2 was good enough to win.



Meanwhile Diamonds had made it to the jump off against 3 other teams on a score of 4, we were last to jump. Adrian had a chat with the team as he had stayed in to watch the other teams and knew we had to have clear rounds but not to hang around. Dawn went in and put her foot to the floor and flew round but had 4 faults, Jane did another lovely clear making it a double and was the fastest clear in the jump off, Lizzie went in and flew round like a rocket and we all thought she had gone clear when the last fence fell late. Kay was last to go and jumped a super clear it was quite nail biting and in the end they came 3rd but only one pole in it!!



I would like to thank everyone for helping especially Adrian who was chief pole adjuster, coat carrier, team photographer and most importantly top polo handing outer and thank you to everyone who was on the teams for coming to training and being so enthusiastic and for making my first effort as team manager so enjoyable and of course for winning!!

Sarah Palmer

KLRC Treasure Hunt 2014

Back by popular demand we will be holding this year's Treasure hunt

on **Good Friday, 18th April 2014**

Details and venue are still being finalised so save the date and watch out for further information on Facebook, the KLRC website or on email.

All enquiries and to book in please contact Lizzie Poole.

**Stop the
press!**

BADMINTON DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS

SATURDAY 8th MARCH 2014

at Elmleaze Stud, Didmarton See website for schedule

Senior Team Dressage Report

This summer our senior dressage teams have done exceptionally well. Firstly two teams went to Lincoln for the Championships.

One team consisting of Sue Bromyard, Claire Jackson, Kay Webb and Jade Woodward were placed 3rd with Claire being placed 2nd individually in her arena.



The other team with Liz Harding, Victoria Bailey, Adrian Palmer and Elaine Chamberlain were placed 6th. This was a brilliant result from both teams and we are very proud of them for all of their hard work and training, and also for travelling all the way to Lincoln, it showed great commitment and dedication, thank you to you all.

I would also like to praise Nikki Hand for coming to Lincoln with us all, and helping to warm up our teams, and for all of the training which she helped them with in the run up to the Championships. I think that the amazing results say it all! Thank you Nikki.

The Winter qualifier was held at Summerhouse in November, and we again entered two teams and qualified for the Championships.

The preliminary team were Nuala Dunne, Staci Cox, Lesley Liddle and Sam Kellett.

The novice team were Claire Jackson, Elaine Chamberlain, Liz Harding and Jade Woodward. Claire Jackson, Liz Harding and Nuala Dunne were all placed 1st in their arenas. So Nuala, Claire, Jade and Staci are now bound for Hartpury in March. And congratulations to the other team who were also placed.

I would like to wish all the dressage riders Good Luck for 2014 and lets bring home Gold from Hartpury!

A huge thank you to Nikki for training the teams, and thank you all for all of the support which you have given me.

Hayley Godwin

KLRC Residential Camp

July 18th - 20th 2014

@ Pontispool

Dark nights and bad weather are upon us...so to cheer ourselves up we thought we would start thinking of KLRC 2014 residential camp, this year we have decided to change venue and return to Pontispool! Of which has excellent equestrian facilities including XC courses for all levels and 2 very large outdoor arenas.

Camp will start on Friday 18th July, arrival for lunchtime (in time for lunch) and an afternoon of horsey activities and settling in. Saturday is a full day of horsey fun, with final departure on Sunday 20th July after an enjoyable morning with your horse/pony.

At this year's camp there will be up to 6 hours of tuition, a combination of dressage, show jumping, grids and XC with levels to suit the most nervous to the most competitive rider. Plus your full board accommodation and horses' accommodation. You get all this for the same price as last few years £180!

There will also be evening's entertainment Fri & Sat night so a chance to get to know more of your fellow Kings Leaze RC members. Please complete the application form enclosed (or see link on website) & return it with your £50 non-refundable deposit to secure your place.

Many Thanks from the KLRC Camp Team

Bex Casewell, Lizzie Donaldson, Elizabeth Webster & Jules Wiggins

Winter Dressage Series Report

Here we are, half way through the Winter Dressage Series. Christmas has gone and hopefully we can look forward to an exciting New Year.

The first half of the series has been successful and great fun also. We always have a lovely relaxed atmosphere at our competitions and I do hope that you have all enjoyed yourselves. There are still a few more chances to qualify for the Championships in April so hurry along to the rest of the series, sharpen up your spurs and kick on!

As requested, we separated the children from the adults in the walk and trot test, and they both had their own sections. Unfortunately only two children have taken advantage of this, so come along all you young ones, you have your own special class.

If you would like to improve your dressage performance don't forget that we have some very good trainers who help our members, and they will happily teach all levels.

Come along to some of our rallies and see for yourself.

I would like to thank Ian Adsetts for kindly allowing us to use Elmleaze for the winter dressage, and a big thank you to all of our helpers. It is much appreciated as I know we are all so busy.

Good luck with your horses in the coming months, and a successful time also.

Daphne Smith

British Eventing Grassroots Championships 2014, Badminton

KLRC has the honour again of providing the mounted stewards for the Grassroots Championships Cross Country day to be held at Badminton Horse Trials for 2014. We are looking for members to volunteer for this. Pre-requisites are you must have a sane and sensible horse, ideally which has had experience in this environment before (experienced hunt horses cope very well!) and are free for the whole day on Wednesday 7th May 2014 for the event and the evening of Tuesday 6th May for the briefing. If you fulfil this criteria and would like to put your name forward then please email Nickie Coombs by 1st Feb 2014 (robandnickie@btinternet.com). Please note that in the event we have more volunteers than spaces then we will draw the names out of a hat. Any questions please contact Nickie.

LICI HAWKER

I joined Kings Leaze when I was 8 years old as a junior member on my pony 'Henry'. I am now 19 and on my second gap year to Event full time. I am lucky enough to have a lovely talented team of horses to event and train. I started eventing in pony club, moving onto British Eventing competition when I was 12. I completed through FEI pony trials, on to Junior's and I am currently about to start my second season as a 'Young Rider'.



A fantastic pony called Seren Goch, who was found by Jo Lees, took me to the National Pony Eventing championships when I was 14. My first horse, Nankin des Ruettes (Nonky), really kick started serious eventing. We were longlisted for the Junior European Team in 2011 and First Reserve in 2012. He has helped me gain many top 10 placings at National level, including; Reserve National U18 championships at Weston Park, two consecutive top 8 placings at the National Junior Championships and 7th at the National Novice championships at Gatcombe Festival of British Eventing when I was 16. We completed our first 2* with a double clear in 2012 and was invited to become part of the Young Rider winter A squad in 2012/13. Unfortunately this season we missed the National trail due to a minor injury therefore could not be considered for the team selection. Next year Nonky will be aimed for the Young Rider Nationals at Houghton, and 2015 at the CIC** European squad. I have a lovely 8 year old mare called Anthe, who has proved to be an exceptional talented, moving from BE90-Intermediate in less than 2 years very successfully, recently coming 10th in her first CCI* at Hartpury International followed by 11th in her first CIC** at South of England. She was being aimed at Advanced 8/9yo classes and Blenheim CIC***8/9yo in 2014, however she sustained an injury while on holiday and will miss next season which is a massive disappointment. Highs and very low lows that go with horses!

My grandfather used to breed and train racehorses, and was desperate for me to have a point to point horse. I persuaded him an Event horse would be a much better idea! 6 year old Charles RR (Charlie) belongs to him. Next year he'll be aimed at Intermediate, 2* and the 7 year old championships. I have high hopes for him as he really is exceptionally talented.

Last year I bought a 5 year old project horse in April. Lawa (Torres) I intended to sell at the end of the season to fund the others, however he surpassed all my expectations and coupled with Anthe's injury I have decided to keep him for the winter. He finished the season with a win at BE90.

Peter Coote's and Vicky Cole's Magical Spirit (Merlin) joined us in September. We did a few runs at the tail end of the season and will be aiming for 1* in May next season. Mum and I were really sad to see Poppy and Belinda Ralph's Vanir Jensen Busted leave us. Jensen competed successfully at Novice throughout the season, he finished with 11th in his first CIC* and gave me one of the best xc rides I've had all season. Also Caroline Payne's McGuigans Lad was sold to a lovely new home. I started riding Jamie in 2010 and we soon realised he was very special. At only 15.1hh he was so quick and agile he whizzed round, rarely finishing outside the top 10.

Over the past few years I have been/am part of Sports Aid, TASS, Excel Talent, AASE, Equilibrium's Rising star programme, and Junior/Young rider A squads. Joining the Regional BE100U18/ONU18 and Pony/Junior programmes is a fantastic way to be seen and gain invaluable experience and training.

All the horses are very much part of the family, and are treated as individuals.

The support I received from Kings Leaze at an early age and being given the experience to ride in teams gave me an amazing start. The riding club gave me the opportunity to ride at the Nationals in Lincoln when I was 10, something I won't forget. I also did a huge amount of dressage tests at Elmleaze on ponies and took part in showjumping and hunter trials. Everyone has always been so friendly and encouraging, Riding Club is a fantastic way to make friends, train and start competing.



Hobby Horse Race Night

What a fun and entertaining evening! Well worth having a go! If you have never done this before watch this space for the next one and get out there and try it.

You don't have to be horsey to enjoy it.

My neighbours, Debs and Dave and their friends, Liz and Dave all agreed to go, we had no idea what it entailed! So we arrived with our bottles of squash (well, beer and wine) found a table, Ian and Mark joined us, and set up camp, as the hall started to fill up (around 30ish people...) where were the rest of you?



A long table at the top of the hall for the "Bookies" manned by the Collett family and friends, where punters could place their bets and collect their winnings. Placed on a chair to the side of the Bookies....our one and only commentator and auctioneer, Mr Ian Addsetts! What a grand job he made of it too.

The rules were explained to us all, and then off we went. First race horses up for auction, this must have been the quietist auction because believe me, it got quite noisy as everyone got into the spirit of it all! If you were the proud owner of a horse, you could be jockey if you wished or appoint someone else to ride for you. Then the line up at the start, punters to place bets before the start, under starters order by.....Mr Dice AKA Russell Collett. The dice determined who went first, and so on, by the coloured dots on the dice to match the colours of the horses. The water jump caused quite a few setbacks! Winner takes all!!

I spent all of my money, and most of my tables money! We had loads of fun! I think everyone at some point during the evening, bought, rode, and placed bets!

Half time came, and we had a lovely Ploughmans, excellent cheeses too, and tea and coffee if you wanted.

Back to the racing.....bidding for a horse was now getting pretty tough! You had to be quick and flash your cash! Prices were rising high also!!

Thank you to everyone involved for putting on such a brilliant evening.

Lesley Liddle

