

Keysoe Riding Club Newsletter September 2007



Training Sessions and KRC Events for September, October and November 2007

The following dates will be available for training sessions:

Mon 17th Sept, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD (SJ Course)

Weds 19th Sept, 6.30-7.30pm, Flatwork DJ

Fri 21st Sept, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Mon 24th Sept, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD (SJ Course)

Weds 26th Sept, 6.30-7.30pm, jumping DJ

Fri 28th Sept, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD (SJ Course)

Mon 1st Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD

Wed 3rd Oct, 6.30-7.30pm, Flatwork, DJ

Fri 5th Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Fri 5th Oct, KRC Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

Mon 8th Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD (SJ Course)

Wed 10th Oct, Coached Clear Round Jumping Evening, JHD

Fri 12th Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Mon 15th Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD

Wed 17th Oct, 6.30-7.30pm, Flatwork, DJ

Fri 19th Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Mon 22nd Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD (SJ Course)

Wed 24th Oct, 6.30-7.30pm, Jumping, DJ (SJ Course?)

Thur 25-27th Oct, Trip to Bremen Germany

Fri 26th Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Mon 29th Oct, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD

Weds 31st Oct, KRC Evening Dressage League

Fri 2nd Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Mon 5th Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD (SJ Course)

Weds 7th Nov, 6.30-7.30pm, Flatwork, DJ

Fri 9th Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Mon 12th Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD

Wed 14th Nov, Jumping Clinic with Nat Dixon TBC

Fri 16th Nov, KRC AGM with Points League Presentation & Chilli Supper Evening

Fri 16th Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Mon 19th Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD

Wed 21st Nov, KRC Evening Dressage League

Fri 23rd Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Mon 26th Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Jumping, JHD (SJ Course)

Weds 28th Nov, 6.30-7.30pm, Flatwork, DJ

Fri 30th Nov, 10.30-12.30am, Flatwork, JHD

Advanced Date for your Diary

Friday 7th December, Xmas Fun Night. (open to members and non-members, come along for a great fun evening)

Training Session Booking Procedure PLEASE READ THIS !!!!!!!!

Members wishing to come to any of the training sessions **MUST** book in advance. If you can't come to your arranged session, and you didn't cancel 24 hours before, then you will have to pay for that session the next time you come. If your horse is lame/ill or transport problems, please phone as soon as possible to cancel your session then we may be able to fill your slot. Due to the overheads of the training sessions (arena hire and trainer's fees), the Club are finding it cannot afford for people to book in then not turn up as we strive to keep the groups small for your riding benefit. Booking this way will hopefully encourage members to keep their bookings. Also in another vein, you **MUST BOOK IN** before you come. Some people have just turned up without pre-booking which leads to sessions being too busy and riders not getting enough 'trainer time'. Please phone or text Jodi on the KRC booking number, it is now in the College EC office and manned during office hours.

PLEASE DO NOT go through your trainer!! **NB** It would greatly help our administration if we could have cheques for training sessions rather than cash; this way we can easily see who has paid and match it to our lists. You can pay for more than one session if you wish. Thanks.

PLEASE phone or text Jodi on 07895 068919 Voicemail on.

Monday Jumping Sessions with Jane Hurford-Dawson

These sessions are open to all club members to come and enjoy. We try not to have more than 5 riders in each session. The 10.30 session is for more novice horse/rider, the jumps are from poles on the floor to approx 2'. The 11.30 session is for riders who want to jump a little higher, being a bit more confident.

From 23rd July these sessions have been moved to the evenings to accommodate the events booked at The College.

Wednesday Flatwork and Jumping Sessions with Douglas Jones

We are having to change the format and shorten this evening due to low numbers. Thus Flatwork and Jumping sessions will be alternate Wednesdays. (One wed will be Flat, the next will be Jumping)

The 6.30-7.30 session with Douglas, open to all KRC members for horse/riders of all abilities, working on forwardness, balance and correct way of going for flatwork and Control and Rider position and balance for jumping. These sessions are for all abilities, Douglas can accommodate all levels of rider/horse.

Friday Flatwork Sessions with Jane Hurford-Dawson

These sessions are also open to all KRC members 10.30-11.30 and 11.30-12.30am.

Both sessions are for horse/riders of all abilities, working on the flat towards a calm, soft and attentive horse.

Committee

We have lots of interesting events etc in the pipeline for our members but we need more help to make it work, thus we are looking for new members for the KRC committee.

If you or a family member is interested in helping, please feel free to contact any existing committee member.

If you would like to help/organize an event but prefer not to be on the committee we are happy to accommodate that too. Please don't be shy, we really do need more help with club activities.

Member Contacts and Information

It would help us enormously if we could send you the Newsletter and any important news electronically.

Please can you make sure we have your correct email address and contact details. Several members have not completed email details on their membership forms. If you have received your Newsletter by post and you do have an email address please let our Secretary, Rosemary Lloyd, (details below) have it as soon as possible so that we can add you to the email group list. This will save the Club money and will be to the ultimate benefit of all.

We will be sending out in next year's membership a form for you to fill in giving our training staff important health and safety information. i.e. if you have any allergies or health issues we should know about and who to call if an accident occurs. With this in mind, we do ask if you have any relevant information you think we should already have, please email or send this information to Rosemary Lloyd, our secretary on

rosemary.lloyd1@btinternet.com

Or post to KRC Secretary, c/o The College EC, Church Rd, Keysoe. Beds.

Cross Country Course

The cross country course is open for hire at The College.

If there is enough interest, we will be having a regular training session on the mini course for RC members.

Please phone Caroline to register your interest in these sessions. 07895 068919

Latest News

Keysoe Riding Club Camp 2007 Report

Having about recovered from aching leg muscles and Clyde having a welcome rest in the field, it is my pleasure to write a short report on the recent Club Camp which was organised, run and catered for by Jane and Helen Dawson.

Camp ran for 4 days from Tuesday 28th August to Friday the 31st with a great variety of events, challenges and lessons for each day and evening. Two training sessions were scheduled everyday and we had a choice of which we wanted to do either different aspects of flatwork or jumping skills. Everyday, there was a training session for all interests and often classes were further divided into ability which gave the more novice riders and horses confidence, but still stretched those more ambitious and experienced.

As well as the training sessions (and some days we were riding for 4 hours per day!!) there was a trip to the Newmarket Racing Museum and fun evening entertainment of a harness and driving demonstration given by Sue Squirrel and Rosemary Neale and co-starring the pretty and elegant Sebastian and of course...Dan who we all know and love.

Other evening entertainment consisted of a trailer / lorry driving competition which was won by Sue Squirrel and with Jo Driver being the most proficient with a horsebox trailer.

The week ended with a small one day event style competition, where everyone performed dressage test prelim 7, followed by a challenging show jumping course (fence number 5 was a shocker!) and this was followed up by a timed distance challenge where we had to ride 1 km in 4 minutes. Anytime over 4 minutes incurred penalties.

Lastly a course of cross country fences where each one successfully jumped reduced total penalties by 5 points. (This sounded complicated ...but was actually a lot of fun!)

The dressage diva of the event was Sue McGregor who did a beautiful test and only incurred 63 penalty points, with Sally Grimes and Sue Squirrel coming 2nd and 3rd. Shamefully Clyde and I was last at this point with a penalty score of 93! Many thanks to Jan Nagel who stood and called the test for every single rider.

The show jumping and cross country saw most of the horses jumping really well and the overall results were very close and well deserved as follows:

Sally Grimes - 1st Diane Thomas - 2nd Jo Wordsall - 3rd Jo driver - 4th (joint) Sue McGregor - 4th (joint)
Heather Mcleod - 5th Veronica Zwetsloot - 6th Kate Folbigg - 7th Sue Squirrel - 8th

Additional awards were given for special achievements:

Most improved Rider - Kate Folbigg

Most improved Horse - Dan

Biggest Victory - Captain

Most helpful member not in Camp - Jan Nagel

I would like to finish by highlighting some of the memorable moments...of which there were many, but here are some of the best....

- 1) Captain happily cantering through the water after a lot of effortbut not until Jane had got her feet wet .
- 2) Kate, jumping round a challenging show jumping course with her new found confidence oozing out of every pore!
- 3) Dan's celebratory buck after defeating everybody hands down in the timed water challenge.
- 4) Sally's new pony Leo going from strength to strength everyday...what a star!
- 5) Heather tucking into a healthy breakfast of yummy homemade cake every morning

- 6) Jo Wordsall, jumping off into the distance clearing every fence in her path giving her young horse so much confidence..and with such style!
- 7) Diane flying round the cross country almost beating the land speed record!
- 8) Sue McGregor dancing through her dressage test a real sight for sore eyes.
- 9) Lastly ... the fantastic fruit and rum cake...certainly a taste experience not to be forgotten

A huge thank you has to be extended to Jane and Helen who worked extremely hard and provided us with delicious home made meals and put so much time and effort in to organising everything.

Also, a big thank you our trainers who helped, advised and encouraged us. Jane, Dougie, Natalie and Pam. I think we all learnt so much and have got a lot to take away to work on at home.

To Jan, Rosemary and Sue, who helped with the demonstrations and entertainment and lastly to Patsy and all at The College for their hospitality and use of facilities.

It was so good to be with a group which supported and encouraged you in more challenging moments, but celebrated your achievements when all went well.

Thank you for a very enjoyable camp, for all who helped and all who attended.

By Veronica Zwetsloot & Clyde

Junior Accomplishments

One of our Club Junior members, Amy Nash had an excellent victory in the Area Dressage Festival held at Sissons Farm on 18th of August 2007.

She won the Prelim Qualifier with an excellent 68.9%. Riding the lovely Paddy McGinty. She was also the youngest competitor and had the highest score in the competition.

Not only that!! Amy and Paddy also came 2nd Reserve Champion and highest points accumulated for the whole of the COUNTRY!! At the CHAPS Championships.

So Many Many Congratulations to her.

Coming Up

Trip to Bremen Germany 25-27th October

Patsy is happy to arrange for any KRC members to accompany her, Kathryn, Douglas Jones and Natalie Bushel to Bremen in Germany to visit the Stallion Selection and Grading then the Sales. The flight will cost approximately £20-50 and hotel costs are around £35 per night.

If you are interested in going, please phone Patsy direct ASAP to arrange. 01234 708400

Jumping Training with Nat Dixon

We are lucky enough to be able to offer Jumping Training with Nat Dixon for the more advanced jumpers in the club. Nat is happy to teach those of you who can jump AT LEAST 2'6". Training sessions will be for max of 6 people at £20 per person. The dates (TBC) 14th November, 13th February and 26th March.

Dressage to music Evening with Roy Tipping

We are holding another Dressage to Music Evening with Roy Tipping

The format for this is: each rider/horse combo will have their tempo speed timed by Roy and he will find some music to fit, then he will give some advice on what movements to try in their Freestyle Dressage Test.

These sessions will be approx 30-40mins long so places are limited!! The cost will be £35 each for riders.

We are also offering seats for spectators to watch and hear Roy commentate on the process. These seats are £5 per person, This will include a hot beverage.

Quiz Night with Fish'n'Chip Supper

Due to its success last time we are again holding a quiz night, along with a fish and chip supper on Friday 5th October at The College EC. Both members and non-members are invited, (not all horsy questions!). Tickets are £5 per person, (fish'n'chips included in the ticket price) maximum of 4 people to a team. Please let Luisa Mattei know if you would like to come, if you don't have a full team, we can probably find extras when you

arrive. Come along for a really fun evening!! Bring your own alcohol/drinks. There's a prize for the winning/losing teams!!

Also as the Committee's new Social Secretary, Luisa Mattei would welcome any ideas for future social events. Her contact details are below.

Wednesday Clear Round Jumping Evenings

We are holding a Coached Clear Round Evening on Wednesday 10th October and 12th December from 6.00pm. This evening is open to all, members and non-members so tell your friends. Please come along and have a go. The format will be, from 6.00pm the course will be starting from about 1ft high and will be raised during the evening. Each round will be £10 with instruction and of course a rosette to all clear rounds.

Winter Dressage League

We are holding another Winter Evening Dressage League

The Three Dates will be Wednesday 31st October, 21st November and 11th December 2007.

We will be holding 4 classes. The Schedule is enclosed and available to download on The College website.

Please enter quickly as there are limited entry spaces for each class. There will be prizes for each class.

Also, look out for information about our Summer Dressage League in the next Newsletter.

AGM, Points League Presentation & Social Evening

All club members and their family/friends are invited to our AGM at The College EC, on Thur 15th November.

This evening will include the AGM meeting followed by the Points League presentation and a Chilli supper social evening. (there will be a Vegetarian option). Soft drinks will be available but you are welcome to bring wine etc.

So come along to see if you are in the placings for the League. Please be kind enough to let us know how many people you are bringing so that we can prepare enough food.

Club Clothing

Don't forget!! We currently have a selection of Keysoe Riding Club clothing for sale, Polo shirts and Sweatshirts. They are bottle green with the KRC logo. All sizes available. Please contact The College EC office. Polo shirts with KRC Logo £15.00 Sweatshirts with KRC Logo £20.00 (Extra embroidery available for names etc at extra cost).

Contact Us

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KEYSOE RIDING CLUB EVENING DRESSAGE LEAGUE

Dates: 31st October, 21st November, 11th December 2007

- Class 1 Prelim 10 - Open and Restricted Sections
Class 2 Novice 20 - Open and Restricted Sections
Class 3 Elementary 41 or Medium 63 - No Restrictions

Rosettes to 6th place in each section. Prize in kind to overall winner of each class.

Please send: Name, Address, Rider, Horse, Class/es, Restrictions, RC Membership Number,
Entry Fees: £8.00 members. £9.00 Other Area 7 RC members. £10.00 non-members.
£2.00 late entry levy. £1.00 per rider for 1st Aid cover.
(Please make Cheques payable to Keysoe Riding Club)

To:
Jan Nagel,
KRC c/o The College Equestrian Centre, Church Road, Keysoe, Beds. MK44 2JP.

Entry Closing dates: 29th October, 19th November, 8th December 2007
Phone for Times: 30th Oct, 20th Nov, 10th Dec between 6 & 8pm please. 07885 535419.

Limited entries for each class so enter quickly!!