



Members Newsletter – October 2011

What a successful year for Central Region BYRDS. Thank you to all our members and parents for supporting our Region at Training and Team Competitions so far during 2011. Less than three months till Christmas!

It has been a pleasure actively working with our members and parents this year.

Back in April we held a fun camp at BCA where 26 of our members enjoyed coaching sessions, test riding, videos of tests from the judges perspective, sports psychology sessions, sports science – feeding the competition horse and a delicious pizza supper. Our 2012 camp will be held at Addington Manor EC on the 12th and 13th May, with a mixture of mounted coaching sessions, unmounted workshops and a demonstration and party on the Saturday evening. Watch out for more information towards the end of the year when the full schedule will be available.

Great success at;

- **Inter Regionals at Keysoe;**

Team 3rd – Shannon Rule, Hannah Leeson, Lydia Passantino, Natalie Farley

A Squad – Champion Shannon Rule, 4th Rachel Clarke

B Squad – 4th Hannah Leeson, 6th Lydia Passantino

- **Sheepgate**

Team 4th – Joanne Thurman-Baker, Harriet Gray, Paddy Cush, Rose Hugh Smith

- **Home International at Rowallan;**

Team 2nd - Natasha Edwards YR Elementary, Lydia Passantino Junior Medium , Camilla Hope Pony Novice and Emma Wood Pony Novice.

Team 11th – Shannon Rule YR Medium, Rose Hugh Smith Pony Elementary, Becky Morris Junior Elementary, Caitlin McConnell Junior Novice.

Individual placings;

Emma Wood – 1st Pony Novice

Camilla Hope – 2nd Pony Novice

Lydia Passantino – 3rd Junior Medium

Rose Hugh Smith – 4th Pony Elementary

Becky Morris – 7th Junior Elementary

Shannon Rule – 7th YR Medium

Natasha Edwards – 9th YR Elementary

Members out competing on behalf of Central Region;



Inter Regionals 2011 – Team 3rd
Shannon Rule, Hannah Leeson, Lydia Passantino, Natalie Farley

BYRDS Coaches

Andrew Gould, We have been lucky this year to have Andrew to help our senior members with training. In response to feedback from our members from November these sessions will now be open to our BYRDS members. His clinics seem to fill within “a minute” so please do book early to secure your place.

Carol Bennitt, Beacon Farmhouse, Ivinghoe Aston, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9DP. Carol has produced and successfully competed horses to grand prix dressage. Carol regularly trains with Carl Hester and Jennie Loriston Clarke, and during 2009 and 2010 spent time in Germany training with Hubertus Schmidt. Carol enjoys working with horses and riders from beginners to advanced, and has coached many successful combinations.

Matt Hicks, Hampshire. Matt came to Dressage from a successful eventing career and now rides and trains Dressage horses full-time. From his base in Hampshire, Matt competes a large number of horses from Novice to Grand Prix.

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What's on this Autumn

All training dates close one week prior.

Matt Hicks – dates available shortly.

22nd October – Carol Bennitt at Beacon Farmhouse, Ivinghoe Aston, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9DP. £40 private 45 mins. Apply to Maria Leeson, cheques payable to British Dressage. Further dates for 2011 and 2012 will be available shortly.

29th October, 12th November, 3rd December, 17th December - Jo Swain at Swallowfields EC, Lapworth, Warks, B94 6JD. £30 private 45 mins. Apply directly to Jo, cheques payable to British Dressage.

30th October, 27th November - James Burtwell at Winchfield EC, Winchfield, Hants RG27 8BS. £40 private 45 mins. Apply directly to James, cheques payable to British Dressage.

5th November, 10th December - Andrew Gould at Lathwells Farm, Marston Road, Granborough, Buckinghamshire, MK18 3NP, courtesy of Nicola Trinder. (Indoor arena) Cost is £50 1/2hr, £60 40 mins or £35 for two sharing for 40 mins. Apply to Maria Leeson, cheques payable to British Dressage.

5th November - Linsay Coleridge Smith at Windmill Farm, Chalfont St.Giles, Buckinghamshire HP8 4RG. Cost is £30 for private session. Apply directly to Linsay, cheques payable to British Dressage.

12th December – David Hunt, BD's very own Director of Training. The session will take place at Derick & Jenny Ward's yard in Church Brampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8BH. David will coach all levels. Private one to one sessions are available at a subsidised rate of £65. Spectators are welcome at a charge of £18 including a fabulous lunch with teas and coffees throughout the whole day. Apply to Kim Moloney cheques payable to British Dressage.

All BYRDS training applications must be signed by your parent or guardian. Please send separate cheques for each session.

Did You Know

- You may compete in a Training Section (TS) class and use your sheet towards Area Festival Qualifications. No points are gained in Training Section Classes. All venues run TS classes unless stated otherwise in the schedule. TS classes are great for those wanting to have a run at a higher level without earning points and being pushed up into the next rider group or for those with horses that are nearly out of points at a particular level. i.e., I have an elementary horse that is nearly out of points and will soon be medium. I do not want to lose my rider group 6 status at present, therefore I will elect to ride at medium level TS classes and not incur any points. This will give me the experience of riding a test at a higher level and seeing how we fair up against other combinations. It is up to the organiser if they pay prize money & give out rosettes. Horses do not need to be registered!
- Non members may attend regional training.
- Venue feedback forms should be available at every show you attend. These forms are invaluable to us as we need you to feedback on your experiences. If the form is not available at a venue, email Kim Moloney and she will send one to you. These forms must be returned to your RDO.
- Central Region have their very own regional support team for our riders:- Lee Harris our Sports Masseur, Sarah Randall our Team Vet, Grant Chanter our Equine Dentist, Billy Crothers our very own World Champion Farrier & of course our coaches & committee that are there to support you all.
- You may attend regional training with any region, regardless of which county you live in.
- If you want to ride on the teams either yourself or your horse must reside in the region which you chose to represent.
- If you want to ride on the teams you must have attended at least three coaching sessions, camp counts as two.
- Central Region covers Berks, Bucks, Hants, Northants, Oxfordshire, Warks.
- All Central Region activity & information can be found at http://www.britishdressage.co.uk/your_regions/central_region.

New BYRDS initiative for 2011 - 2012



BYRDS National High Performance Camps

British Dressage are finalising the details of a new initiative designed to help our top 'A' and 'B' squad riders develop further, by providing individualised training and development programmes through our High Performance Camps.

The Camps are designed to sit between the Regional Training and the Excel Talent Programme/Squad Training and provide a platform for development.

Janet Horswill said, "regional training has developed so much and with the changes to National Training with the new BEF Excel Talent programme which replaces the Regional Foundation Training; we felt there was the need to provide something for our top young riders who didn't necessarily have the horse power at the present moment in time to apply for that. This is our chance to do something different and provide high calibre specialised training to aid talented riders develop further. One of the problems with the BYRDS National Training was the distances involved – by having two sets of camps we hope to be more accessible to our young riders. We are hoping that all the details of this new venture will be launched in the next few weeks and we will aim to get information out to all RDO's and BYRDS Representatives. I feel that this is a really exciting opportunity for us to help young riders develop by providing a holistic training approach for both the horse and rider through excellent training and sports science support."

Although there is no National Training for Juniors and Young Riders this year, there will be National Pony Training with trainer Darryl Thickitt.

Who is Who in Central Region

- Central Region Committee Chairwoman: Andrea Hessay
RDO: Kim Moloney (KimMoloney@britishdressage.co.uk)
BYRDS Delegate: Maria Leeson (MariaLeeson@hotmail.co.uk) / 07983 456420
Para Delegate: Waveney Luke
Judges Delegate: Joyce Head
Members Delegate: Danielle Vanstone
Coaches Delegate: Jenny Ward
Training Delegate: James Burtwell
Regional Marketing: Layla Porter

Central Region BYRDS Delegate

Since Elaine chose to step down from the role of BYRDS Delegate earlier this year I have been covering the role with support from Kim and the Central Region Committee. I have actively supported our previous BYRDS Delegate(s) during the last two years - organising teams, camp and prize giving's. With a lack of keen applicants I have agreed to step into the role on a permanent basis with immediate effect and I hope that many of you will be available to provide support to our Region for the remainder of 2011 and beyond. I am keen that we continue to develop our riders our membership our activities and our club culture as we have done over the last couple of years and would welcome any ideas and thoughts from you and your parents.

I have enjoyed developing and supporting U25's from 4 years old and above over the last 10 years as a Pony Club committee member and also in the setup and development of the Central Region BSJA Academy a couple of years ago. During the last 4 years I have been more involved with the Dressage community and sport, supporting previous BYRDS Delegates and through my daughter's involvement in BYRDS teams and competing at FEI pony and junior level during 2010 and 2011. I have experienced the high's, lows and fun the combination of U25's, ponies, horses and competing gives us!

Please feel free to contact me at any time by email or phone. I would love to hear how you are all progressing with your training and competing.

Maria

Major Dates for 2012

WINTER/MUSIC REGIONALS

Patchetts EC, Herts	South	4 – 8 Feb
Rowallan, Ayrshire	Scotland	10 – 12 Feb
Kingston Maurward College, Dorset	South West	12 – 15 Feb
Addington Manor EC, Bucks	Midlands	16 – 19 Feb
Myerscough College, Lancs	North West	22 – 26 Feb
Willerby Hill, N. Yorks	North	1 – 4 Mar

WINTER/MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hartpury Arena	Glos	18 - 22 Apr
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PREMIER LEAGUES

Myerscough College	Lancs	8 – 11 Mar
Keysoe	Beds	11 – 13 Apr
Addington Manor EC	Bucks	1 - 3 May
Sheepgate EC	Lincs	14 – 15 May
Somerford Park	Cheshire	25 – 27 May
Wellington Riding	Hants	9 – 12 June
Hickstead (inc Masters Champs)	Sussex	19 – 22 July
Hartpury	Glos	4 – 8 July

SUMMER REGIONALS

Kingston Maurward, Dorset	South West	9 – 11 July
Fry's, E. Yorks	Northern	12 – 14 July
Ingliston EC	Scotland	23 – 24 July
Addington EC, Bucks	Central	26 – 27 July
Somerford Park, Cheshire	North West	10 – 11 Aug
Oldencraig EC, Surrey	Southern	12 – 13 Aug
Keysoe, Beds	Eastern	14 – 15 Aug

SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (will be confirmed after 2011 Nationals)

Stoneleigh Park	Warks	13 – 16 Sept TBC
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PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS

BD Festival of Para Dressage, Vale View	Leics	10 – 11 March
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Para Home International, Vale View	Leics	2 – 3 June tbc
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The British Para Dressage		
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Championships at Hickstead	W. Sussex	17 – 18 June
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KBIS National Championships	Warks	13 Sept tbc
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HIGH PROFILED SHOWS/EVENTS

Addington High Profile Show	Bucks	20 – 22 January
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Keysoe U21	Bucks	24 – 25 Mar
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National Judges Seminar		5 April
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CDIJYP & CDI ₃ *, Addington	Bucks	6 – 8 Apr
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Senior Inter-Regional, Keysoe	Beds	19 – 20 May
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Hickstead CDI ₅ */3*	Sussex	21 – 24 June
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BYRDS Inter-Regional, Keysoe	Beds	30 June – 1 July
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Hartpury Festival of Dressage (CPDI/CDI 3*)	Glos	4 – 8 July
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CPDIJ/YR 1* & 2*, Bishop Burton	E Yorks	10 – 12 August
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BYRDS Home International	tba	tba
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The Sheepgate Young Rider Dressage

Championship for Under 25's	Lincs	20 – 25 August
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Senior Home International,	Hants	tba
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National Judges Seminar, Hartpury College	Glos	tba
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National Convention	TBA	tba
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World Cup, Olympia	London	17 -23 Dec tbc
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Olympics 2012	London	Dressage 2 – 8 August.
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Paralympics 2012	London	31 August – 4 September
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