

Newsletter January 2010

Royal Navy Show Jumping And Eventing Team

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We hope you all had a happy Christmas & have a healthy, prosperous and successful year in 2010.

Welcome to the first edition of the Royal Navy show Jumping and Eventing Team newsletter. This will be issued on a bi-monthly basis to inform all those involved of parish notices and up and coming events. This newsletter is written by you for you so any articles you wish to submit for issue will be considered and should be forwarded to Veryan Burcham, our PR rep at THEBURCHAMS@BTINTERNET.COM

Committee

As many of you already know, Vicki Sollitt is pregnant and will be handing over Team captaincy to Beth Oldfield in February for a few months until after the baby is born in Apr. The Royal Navy Show Jumping and Eventing Committee for 2010:-

Captain	Vicki Sollitt	07540 229941
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Organisation. The RN SJ&E Team will be organised in a squad system consisting of 5 riders at each of the 3 levels of senior, intermediate and novice. The initial sift training session is open to all, with the 2nd training session being invite only and used to select the Squad for the coming competition season, at least 1 of these training sessions must be attended to allow consideration for the Squad.

The team trainer will be responsible for selecting the Squad for the competition year; each level will have riders in ranked order to be determined by the team trainer. The Squad will be picked for specific combinations of horse and rider, so one rider may have more than one place with different horses.



Riders on RN SJ&E Squad. Riders picked for the Squad will be given assistance with entries and travel to RN SJ&E Team competitions. These riders will have training targeted at them and need to show continuous improvement throughout the season in order for the funding and support to continue.

The riders on the Squad will be given RN SJ&E Team badges to wear, these will have different colours of border depending on the Squad level at which the rider is competing.

The team fund will pay for affiliation fees for the rider only for BD, BE and BSJA to assist with personal development at a suitable level. This is on a refund basis and the individual must prove that they have competed in at 5 competitions before a refund will be given to ensure that it will be a reasonable investment for the RN SJ&E Team fund.



Riders not selected for the Squad. Those not in the Squad can still enter RN competitions but will be required to pay their own entries fees and stabling costs.



Team kit. Riders on the Squad will be issued with team kit; others can sign out kit if available at events on a loan basis for specific events only. Kit may also be purchased from the kit rep.



Unmounted members. Riders without access to privately owned horses can hire horses from Quob Equestrian Centre for RN SJ&E Team events subject to their approval. This will involve a personal contribution to the cost of hire and transport of the horse to events. Unmounted riders are responsible for ensuring that they have adequate personal insurance cover for the equestrian event in which they plan to participate.

Membership

All personnel wishing to participate in military equestrian activities must be a member of the RNRMEA which for 2010 is a cost of £5, application forms can be found at the website or attached to this newsletter. There is now an additional opportunity to also join the British Riding Club element of the RNRMEA which is at an additional cost of £10 for the year, this is optional and must be annotated on your RNRMEA application form.

What can the Riding Club offer? - British Riding Clubs (BRC) was created at the request of independent Riding Clubs (RC) who wished to affiliate themselves to the British Horse Society (BHS): the main equestrian organisation in the UK. BRC offer a whole range of support and encouragement for riders, including national competitions, qualifications and social events. (BHS website: <http://www.bhs.org.uk>, 2009)

BRC offers a wide range of area qualifiers and championships, further competitions, training and inter-(club) competitions, these are in addition to the military competitions held throughout the season. BRC clubs are split into areas in order that those clubs may hold 'inter-area' competitions. In these competitions teams and individuals can take part and gain points for qualification in their area championships and if successful, qualify for national championships.

The RNRMEA is classified as a BRC and as such can enter 'area competitions'. The areas in which RNRMEA can enter are 12 (South West) & 17 (South East). If you join BRC as a member of RNRMEA you may take part in competitions either as an individual or as part of a team, depending on the competition rules and organisation.

The RNRMEA will undertake rider sifts and teams at 'grass roots', novice and senior level will be selected to take part in area competitions on behalf of the RNRMEA BRC. Individuals are encouraged to join the RNRMEA BRC if they wish to compete and represent their Service at competitions other than pure military.

An additional benefit of being a BRC member is the provision of third party insurance cover whilst competing at BRC-affiliated events. This is particularly beneficial for those riders who do not own a horse, but are able to use a hireling or a friend's horse. The use of a hireling will normally include insurance cover, with the exception of the third party element. Incidentally, the use of a friend's horse will normally require you to take out insurance of your own for personal accident.

Those seriously considering competing regularly may wish to consider joining the BHS as a 'gold member'. The membership includes comprehensive personal accident and personal liability insurance, as well as a number of other very good benefits. The cost is around £60 per annum; about £5 per month; this cost is well worth the benefits associated with the insurance elements alone.

Subscriptions were due for renewal on 1st January 2010, however it is accepted that this information is not widely available. Therefore all personnel wishing to compete either just in the military element or the British Riding Club element must submit the application form before the end of January 2010 and ensure the correct elements are annotated. You must in every instance join the RNRMEA. Those who do not tick that they wish to be a riding club member in addition to joining the RNRMEA will not receive a riding club membership card for 2010 and will be unable to compete in any of the riding club teams. Application forms can either be downloaded from the website or are included at the end of the newsletter.

As with the RNRMEA membership, the riding club element is also open to dependants, however for team selection, preference will be given to military personnel. It should also be noted that not all military competitions are open to dependants and eligibility should be checked before entering.

Further newsletters & schedules will only be sent to members who have paid for 2010. Please send your application forms to the RNRMEA membership secretary and a copy to Vicki Sollitt.

TEAMS



BRC Area 17 Winter Dressage Team Qualifier at Hampstead Growers, Sunday 31st January 2010

A new Winter Dressage Championship was introduced in 2008 and the Area 17 2010 qualifier will be held in January at Hampstead Growers. The Championship at Hartpury will be over the same weekend as the Novice Indoor Show Jumping (3rd & 4th April). Hampstead Growers will be a new venue for many. It is situated about 2 miles from the A34 / A343 junction, just south of Newbury. For more information www.hampsteadgrowersequestrian.co.uk

The competition will be for teams of 4 riders, with the best 3 scores to count towards the team total. One team will qualify from each area but there will not be any individual qualifiers.

Two riders from each team ride the same test either BRC HI2 (2006) or Novice 25 (2005). Horses must have zero BD points to be eligible for the BRC HI2 test, but may have up to 74 BD points for the Novice test. Downgrading of horses is allowed.

For anyone wanting a practice, Berkshire County Riding Club are running a dressage competition at Hampstead Growers on Sunday 24th January. See www.berkscountyrc.co.uk

PLEASE CONTACT VICKI SOLLITT IMMEDIATELY if you would like to be considered for a team place. Tel: 01264 382361 or email: thesollitts@yahoo.co.uk

Then, please send a copy of the horse's Flu Vacc Certificate / Passport **by 15th January**. (see below for full details).

Team Information

Please remember that your horse needs to have a fully up to date flu certificate/passport, and you will need to have paid your subscriptions, for both the RNRMEA (if just wanting to participate in pure military events) and BRC if you want to be considered for both teams.

(note for military only competitions you will only need to be a member of the RNRMEA)

Please Note: riders may only compete for one Riding club in any competition year.

There are some restrictions in the eligibility of horses and riders for the various competitions. If you wish to be considered for a place in any of the competitions, please contact Vicki Sollitt, and send two photocopies of the horse's Passport / Flu vacc certificate (one copy for each competition for which you would like to be considered + one extra for Vicki). **Please make sure you copy every section (front, back & middle) of the certificate – including the name & address of the owner, the horse's name, silhouette, markings & every single vaccinations entry.**

IF YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED AND BEEN SELECTED FOR A TEAM PLACE, YOU MUST LET VICKI KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE NO LONGER

AVAILABLE. The team competitions cost the club a lot of money, which we do not want to waste.

The team selection policy is as follows:

On the basis of the response to the team notices, a decision is made about how many teams to enter. Details of how many teams and individuals we want to enter are sent, **with an entry fee**, to British Riding Clubs (3-4 weeks before the competition).

Anyone applying for team places will be notified if their application has been successful.

Entries detailing who is in which team is sent to the Area Competition Organiser (**with another entry fee**) about 7-10 days before the competition is held.

FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL PULLING OUT LAST YEAR, WE WILL BE ASKING TEAM MEMBERS TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ENTRY FEES TO AREA QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS AFTER JANUARY. WE ARE REQUESTING £10 FOR EACH TEAM / INDIVIDUAL PLACE. THE MONEY IS TO BE ENCLOSED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM. A REFUND WILL ONLY BE MADE IN THE EVENT OF INJURY / ILLNESS TO HORSE OR RIDER WHICH PREVENTS THEM FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION.

The RNSJ&E Team will pay all entry fees to Championships.

Selection for team places is based on performance at club competitions or other known events. It is the individuals responsibility to keep Vicki Sollitt up to date with recent performances inside and outside of military and riding club events so that a record can be kept and used when making the decision for teams. For selected Squad members this is particularly important as this record will be used to monitor progression and justify the continuance of training and funding.

The area competitions are great events giving us the opportunity to meet and compete against other clubs in the area and participate in a team environment. We want to encourage any one interested to have a go, but in the event of teams or individuals qualifying for National Championships, we need to know in advance if you are prepared to go the Championships, these dates are outlined in the events section on the website.

There may be many reasons why you can't or don't want to attend the Championships. It will not stop us asking you to represent the club, but it may just affect who goes in which team.

If you think you would like to have a go but are not sure then ring Vicki (01264 382361) for a chat.

PLEASE READ THE FLU VACC RULES SHOWN BELOW AND MAKE SURE YOUR HORSE'S Certificate COMPLIES WITH THE RULES IN EVERY RESPECT.

BRC equine influenza rules are based on the British Horseracing Authority Rules (BHA formerly The Jockey Club Rules).

Vicki will check all certificates submitted to her but please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure your horse has a valid certificate that fully complies with the BHA Rules in all respects.

The certificate will have to be presented at all BRC Official Competitions.

Equine Influenza - Valid Certificates – Vaccination procedures

*Each horse must have a valid vaccination certificate, which undeniably relates to that horse, completed, **signed and stamped** on each relevant line by a veterinary surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal.*

It must state that the horse has received the appropriate course of injections against Equine Influenza as follows:

Primary Vaccination: Two injections, the 2nd between 21 days and 92 days after the 1st.

First Booster: An injection between 150 days and 215 days after 2nd primary injection.

Annual Booster An injection not more than 1 year after the preceding injection.

Only the first two injections need to have been given for the horse to compete.

*None of the vaccinations may be given within the **preceding 7 days**, including the day of the competition or entry into competition stables.*

Annual Boosters may be given on the same date each year, but this is not recommended.

Horses foaled before 1st January 1980 need not have had the first booster injection (no less 150 days and no more than 215 days) after the second injection of the primary vaccination – but must have had an annual booster (given within 12 months) thereafter.

Note: Where Passports are used as the flu' vaccination record, the horse description must be verified by a vet or authorised member of a breed society.

If the passport does not contain the full vaccination history then, to comply with rule above, the flu vaccination certificate must also accompany the pony/horse to all BRC Qualifiers and Championships.

Checking of certificates at BRC competitions is very stringent and the BRC Rulebook says the following:

Full vaccination histories and drawings will be checked at all Area Qualifiers and at all Championships before the pony or horse is allowed to compete, and anyone with an invalid certificate will not be permitted to compete. Any pony/horse that is in a team competition that is disqualified at an Area Qualifier cannot be replaced, the team will have to continue as a team of three, or if already a team of three, will have to compete as individuals only, if there is an individual competition.

Any pony/horse disqualified at an Area Qualifier under this rule will be reported to the BRC Office. If that team qualifies for a Championship then the disqualified pony/horse cannot be replaced with a reserve for that Championship and the team must remain a team of three.

It is worth remembering

There is now a legal requirement for a valid passport to accompany the horse when travelling to any competition.

Forthcoming Events



Team Training – Initial Sift – Mon 22nd and Tue 23rd February 2010.

This is the initial Team training sift being held at Quob Equestrian Centre and is open to all standard of rider. If you wish to attend, please contact Vicki Sollitt at the earliest opportunity and notify her of your height, weight and riding ability. Horses are available for hire at a charge of £15 per session. Numbers dependant, there will be 2 sessions per day for each rider. Personnel are to ensure that they have adequate personal injury insurance when they attend and are members of the RNRMEA.



BRC Area 17 Unaffiliated Dressage on Sunday 31st January 2010 (schedules from Vicki, Peter Buist or www.area17-brc.fsnet.co.uk)

Some additional dressage classes are being run in conjunction with the Area 17 Winter Dressage qualifier at Hampstead Growers. Entries secretary: Mr P Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey, Hants SO51 0NL (01794 368061).



Instruction/Area Training Sessions

Instruction and area training sessions will on completion of both team selections. Details will be published in the next Newsletter (mid March)



Hunting

Following the hunting ban in February 2005, the RA Hunt has been operating as a drag pack. The season runs from the end October to April, a RN hosted hunt will be taking place early March 2010 so volunteers will be sought closer to the time to help dish out port and sausage rolls. However for more details contact Alison Wilson for details of meets, times, parking , dress and protocol etc etc.

Secretary: Ali Wilson 01264 773191 or alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk

Contact Ali if you would like to receive regular details of events run by the RA Hunt & RA Hunt Supporters Club.

alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk

Diary Dates 2010



Combined and Inter Services



Inter Command & Area Competition



Royal Navy Championships



Courses & Training

<u>JANUARY</u>	Association	Fixutre	Venue	Remarks
31	RNRMEA RC	South East Winter Dressage Qualifier	Hampstead Growers EC, Newbury	Open to RNRMEA RC registered members
<u>FEBRUARY</u>				
6	RNRMEA RC	South East Novice Indoor Show jumping and RWHS Top score qualifier	Crofton EC	Open to RNRMEA RC registered members
22 - 23	RNSJ&E Team	Initial Sift	Quob Equestrian Centre	Open to all military and dependants where no.s allow
<u>MARCH</u>				
6	RN	Drag Hunt	Larkhill	Open to all
15 - 17	RNSJ&E Team	Senior Sift	Quob Equestrian Centre	By Invitation
tbc	DAC	Competitors Course	Defence Animal Centre, Melton	Open to all military personnel

Noticeboard

Need Transport?

Karen is based in Pewsey and has many years experience travelling horses, describing her business as 'a paying hobby'. Having low overheads, she can give you a very competitive quote - just tell her what you're planning and she'll give you a fixed price (no unexpected time/mileage charges at the end of the day) for horse moves/vets/shows/lessons etc.

Her 3.5t horsebox is fitted out to a very high standard with CCTV and a groom's area, with secure tack locker, at the back for changing or sheltering from the weather.

She is more than happy to assist you at events, if needed, otherwise she waits patiently for your return!

Karen Buchan email: karen.buchan@mail.com

Chilworth Riding Club Jumping Clinic with Richard Waygood Sunday 14 February 2010 (Jumping in groups of 4)

Chilworth Riding Club has managed to secure Richard Waygood for a jumping clinic on 14 February. They have arranged it on behalf of Chilworth RC, but as Richard is available for the whole day so is able to open it up to other clubs. Further details attached, please apply direct.

Horsebox for Sale

7.5T VW MANN, J Reg horsebox for sale. MoT until Oct 2010, passed with no work required. Would fit 2 small horses up to 16hh or 1 large horse up to 16.3h. A little tired looking, but very reliable and a good runner. 2008 had new brakes and new clutch, for sale due pregnancy so no longer required. Based on Andover. Quick sale required hence £2500 ono. Contact Vicki Sollitt on 01264 338085 or thesollitts@yahoo.co.uk

Chilworth Riding Club

Jumping Clinic with Richard Waygood

Sunday 14 February 2010 (Jumping in groups of 4)

To be held in the Indoor Arena at Braishfield Manor Estate, Braishfield, Nr. Romsey, SO51 0QS.

Richard is one of this countries leading trainers, as well as being Chef d'Equipe for Team GBR competing in the CIC** European Eventing Championships. He provided some very successful clinics in dressage and jumping at Braishfield for Area 17 Riding Club members last October. In this clinic the focus will be on exercises to improve your cross country jumping.

If you wish to attend, please complete and return the reply slip below to Elaine Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Hants, SO51 0NL. A ballot may be necessary if the clinics are oversubscribed. Elaine can be contacted on 01794 368061 or at elainebuist@aol.com . Emergency contact on the day 07852 524275.

The cost of a jumping session will be £32 for 1 hour. If anyone would like to come along and watch they may do so free of charge (bring a chair).

Times will be emailed or can be obtained by phoning Elaine after Monday 8 February.

Jumping Clinic with Richard Waygood

I would like a place on the Jumping Clinic (14 February.)

Please give details of the level that your horse and you are working at:

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I have enclosed a cheque for £..... made payable to "Chilworth Riding Club".

Name..... Riding Club Membership No

Telephone Number Email address

ROYAL NAVAL & ROYAL MARINES EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please complete this form in BLOCK LETTERS and forward with your remittance to:-
RN & RMEA, Membership Administrator, The Stables, Bickleigh Barracks,
Bickleigh, Plymouth, Devon, PL6 7AJ

For payment, please use Standing Orders, cheque or cash. Cheques should be made out to RN&RMEA

Members of the RN & RMEA are covered by our insurance only when riding Bickleigh owned horses at Bickleigh.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS:

Rank/Rate /Title		
Name		
Service Address	Post Code:	
Home Address		
Tel Contact	Land Line:	Mobile:
	E mail	

MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

(FEE)

(Please encircle payment

method)

Full (service personnel only)	£5.00 p.a.	cash / cheque / standing order
Associate (Depemdants & approved MOD civil servants)	£7.50 p.a.	cash / cheque / standing order
Junior (Dependants under 16)	£5.00 p.a.	cash / cheque / standing order
British Riding Club Membership	£10.00 p.a.	cash / cheque / standing order

Applicant's Signature:	Date of application:
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STANDING ORDER TO BANK

To The Manager,.....Bank.

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Account Holder's Name:.....

Account Number:.....

Sort Code:.....

Please pay the sum of(£ :) **NOW** and on the **1st of January** each year until further notice to the account of:-

The Royal Naval and Royal Marines Equestrian Association

Lloyds TSB Bank
Cox & Kings Branch
PO Box 1190
7 Pall Mall,
London
SW1 5NA

Account Number: **0793258**

Sort Code: **30 – 11 – 75**

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Date:.....