



Blackdown Mendip Riding Club

Newsletter



October 2016

Hello all! Hope you have all had a good summer competing and having lots of fun on your horses. It is that time of year again for our Annual General Meeting, please join us Monday 28th November at 7.30pm to hear about the club over the last year and have your say about suggestions for next year.

Message to all members from our treasurer!

Please can members when paying BACs payments say what the payment is for – your name already appears on the bank statement you just need to state what you are paying for! With the riding club running so many different events it is very time consuming to guess what each payment is. Thank you!

BLAST FROM THE PAST!!

Veronica has found some wonderful photos of Blackdown Mendip Riding Club competing at Area and National Championships 1992 – 1994!! Does anyone recognise these members?!

Dates for your diaries...

23rd October - TREC Clinic,

4th November – Winter Dressage Series,

6th November – Area 12 Dressage Competition,

20th November - Team Show Jumping Competition,

28th November – AGM.





World TREC Championships in Segovia, Spain

I recently had the privilege of representing Great Britain at the World TREC Championships in Segovia, Spain. This was the culmination of quite a lot of hard work over the last couple of years and fulfilling quite a tough selection criteria for TREC GB. For various reasons I chose to use a rented horse, and so found myself riding a grey mare, about 16hh, called Nidorina.

TREC is a 3 phase competition, comprising orienteering (POR), MA – a walk and canter test, and PTV – an obstacle course, a bit of a cross between Pony Club games and cross country.

Having had our kit checked and horses vetted on Thursday, two GB representatives rode into Segovia for the Opening Ceremony which was held at the base of the massive Roman aqueduct which dominates the city. Friday morning saw me feeding my mare by 0530, as I had to be in the map room to draw my route by 0700. It was just getting light as I started my ride. There followed about 35kms of brain ache – route checking, trying to ride at the designated speed and be accurate in following my route. I had moderate success and found myself in 6th place overnight.

Another early start on Saturday as all the horses have to pass the vetting before they can take part on the second day, and I wanted to check Nido was warmed up before presenting for the Vet. Big sigh of relief when she passed. Now for the MA; a slow canter one way in a marked 150m corridor, before turning to walk back as fast as you can. I had had problems with this previously either with breaks of pace (no points), or leaving the corridor (no points), so I was very pleased that she managed to keep both paces and scored a few points.

Next phase, PTV. This started by leading Nido over a log, then I could mount up to drop down a 1m10 step followed immediately by low branches (these are set at 20cms above your horse's wither height – which is not much space when wearing a body protector!) – we mashed these. After a good gallop we jumped a double of logs before coming back to walk across the footbridge. Then a huge ditch, followed by slalom, S bend, re-mount. Another gallop before stopping to open the gate which was followed by ridden immobility. The next obstacle was a huge log pile on the brow of a hill, with an off-set corridor at the bottom of the hill (8m long and 50cms wide – max marks if you canter through without touching). Next up was figure of 8 to be ridden one-handed followed by rein back, then another gallop to the final double of logs. This phase was not Nido's greatest strength; she coped well until about half way round when she lost concentration and thereafter our marks fell away.

It was a lovely competition, held in non-stop sunshine, and a real honour and privilege to be able to represent GB. TREC is a lovely friendly sport, with four different levels. Any type of equine will relish the challenge and the routes you ride are always lovely – oh, and no obstacle on the PTV is ever compulsory. If you want to learn more, BMRC is holding a TREC Clinic at Regil on 23 October, and the winter (indoor) series is just about to start. See www.trecgb.co.uk for more information.



TREC Clinic 23rd October at Regil Livery with our very own GB champion Hilary Barnard who will introduce you to TREC (including how much fun you can have) and explain the three competition phases, with a chance to have a go at each with your horse.

Coaching will be in a small group using ridden and led PTV obstacles in the arena. Receive unmounted map reading tuition with the chance to practice drawing a route before setting out on a short ride.

To book onto this TREC Clinic please use this link: [TREC Clinic Application Form](#)

Members Day

Well done to those who participated in our Members Day's throughout the summer. We have the final results!

Thank you to the helpers and big thank you to Alaina who has been our dressage judge for the series and a thank you to James at Urchinwood for his assistance with the club.

Senior Results:

1st Christine Edwards – 37 points

2nd Sarah Barnes – 35 points

3rd Bryony Close – 34 points

Congratulations everyone!

Junior Results:

1st Charlotte Withers – 20 points

2nd Anya Waugh – 18 points

3rd Matteo Guccione – 16 points

Point's trophies will be given at the AGM.



Lucy is working with Bridget, assisting and advertising all Area 12 and Riding Club Competitions. Take full advantage of these opportunities! Riding Club competitions vary from Walk and Trot Dressage to 1m Hunter Trials and therefore are aimed at all disciplines and riders of varying ability. Contact Lucy area12blackdownmendip@yahoo.com to register your interest.

Why not treat yourself to some Blackdown Mendip Riding Club Merchandise?

Kim has been working hard to find quality clothing at reasonable prices with our logo embroidered on each item. Clothing includes baseball caps, t-shirts, jumpers, fleeces, gilets, jodhpurs and much much more! Please contact Merchandise@blackdownmendiprc.co.uk and keep your eyes peeled for pictures and information on our website.



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