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Hi everyone!

So, is everyone getting into the swing of the show season? It seems that you can 'forget' so much when you haven't been out showing very weekend – how do we manage to find all the time we need !

Firstly the area's committee would like to welcome the new members to the area *WELCOME!* This is also a reminder for all those who have not renewed their membership, to renew it as soon as possible.

The teach in with Julia Ryde-Rogers was a huge success, many thanks to Julia and to Sally Martin for her fabulous hospitality and venue. There is another flat teach planned for April 15th 2009 with Matthew Lawrence instructing. Please see your recent mailing or the website for further details.

Plans for a working hunter teach in are also in the pipeline; if there is anyone interested in taking part, please would you call Karen Brar on 07810 876245. Once there is some interest shown, we will set the date.

A HUGE thank you goes to Claire Lockyer and her team for running a fantastic Spring Show at Sparsholt College. Many area members were there, thoroughly enjoying catching up with friends in a little sunshine! The supreme champion was Miss H Knight's Lecarrow King, ridden and produced by Sam Roberts.

A reminder for those junior members who are interested in judging and would like to attend judging training sessions, in preparation for being considered for the Young Judges Team, or just to learn more, please contact Mary Gray on 01722 331221 or 07761 002557.

The Summer Show is being held on 31st May 2009, at New Park, Brockenhurst, home of the New Forest Show. There will be RIHS qualifiers for many classes, along with other new classes. New for this year are the ever popular VETERAN HORSE SOCIETY classes along with a FUN DOG SHOW – open to everyone! Schedules are now available on the website. If there are any members or their friends who would be willing to help in any way – even the day before, please contact Lyn David.

Now to a little bit of news

Firstly, some news from a NEW member!

Hi Sarah

Hope you are well. Just thought I would drop you a little news As new members of the BSPS we had our first little day out at Sparsholt on 28th Feb and Amelia was very excited to win The Heritage Lead Rein on her new pony Waitwith Briar Rose (Rosie) and the go Reserve Champion on her with great help from Camilla Brogaard leading. As you know I am new at this horse showing thing but looking forward to the summer ahead.

Lisa x

Thank you so much for your news Lisa most impressed when you emailed me unprompted!!

I have managed to get some results from a very busy Sam Roberts, I will apologise now for any results, which are incorrect as she wrote them on a restaurant serviette whilst we were enjoying a Chinese buffet! Here goes...

HOME COUNTIES WPCS

Bunbury Sultan, owned by S Branfield, 2nd Novice Ridden, 1st and Champion Open Ridden and Reserve Supreme of show.

Stoatley Two Distinction, owned by Sam Roberts, 1st and Champion Novice Ridden.

BSPS AREA 14

Friars Osbec, owned by D Barr, 1st Novice and 1st Open (Restricted) Ridden.

D'Aberon Cockney Rebel, owned by B Hobden, 1st Novice and 1st Open (Restricted) Ridden and Champion.

NPS AREA 20

Friars Osbec, owned by D Barr, 1st NPS Novice, 1st NPS Firle Novice and Reserve Champion.

D'Aberon Cockney Rebel, owned by B Hobden, 2nd NPS Firle Novice.

BSPS AREA 11

Wilby Advocate, owned by J Newbery, 1st NPS Novice, 1st Firle Novice and Reserve Champion.

Lecarrow King, owned by Miss H Knight, 1st NPS Novice, 1st Firle Novice and Champion plus Supreme of Show,

BSPS AREA 9B

Royal Doulton, owned by Mrs J Lang, 2nd RIHS qualifier ISRT, 1st RIHS qualifier Part Bred Arab, Champion and Reserve Supreme of Show.

Mowcastle Mickey, owned by L Bates, 2nd RIHS qualifier Welsh B&C.

Synod Rufus, owned by Mrs S Sulch, 1st RIHS qualifier Welsh D and Reserve Champion.

WOW! I know you said you had been busy Sam!! Thank you for the results!

Whilst rushing around, Caroline Nokes quickly emailed...

Hmmmmm

During half term Tabitha enjoyed the Area 11 teach in with Julia Ryde-Rogers.

After a long to clip / not to clip debate poor Russ had to endure the horror of being clipped out for the first time ever and was sent with Tabsy and Auntie Nicky to the Area Show at Sparsholt. He behaved himself perfectly and is now growing a summer coat ready for the winter champs.

Thanks for the email and the picture from the teach in Caroline!

Rebecca Hamilton-Fletcher has also emailed me:

Hi Sarah!

Here's some 'news' for you.

Firstly, many thanks to Claire and the rest of the committee for all their hard work in organising and running such a successful 'spring' show last weekend. Flossie jumped a lovely clear in the workers, coming 2nd, which thrilled Bethany. Rhian, apparently still in semi winter hibernation, managed a somewhat 'sleepy' 2nd in both her first ridden classes, so also qualified. Unfortunately, Bethany's 'other life' as a budding thespian means that they will have to miss the winter champs (she will be appearing in the touring West End production of Evita over Easter). It has struck me several times that there is actually not a lot of difference between appearing on stage, and in the ring - on both occasions one is 'performing' in front of an 'audience' - and, with this in mind, I am sure it is only a matter of time before a judge's request for 'a show' results in Bethany and her pony launching themselves into some sort of toe-tapping song-and-dance routine from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Is this against BSPS rules?!?!

Bethany and Floss have been having wonderful fun indoor show jumping over the last few weeks - she tells me they have jumped a total of 16 rounds without fault so far. We went to the Wilton PC Mini SJ yesterday - and Area 11 members' acquitted themselves well. Aimee (Stunt) and Daisy won one class (Daisy making up for what I gathered

was an 'exciting' round at Area 11 the previous week!), and Bethany and Floss won the other two.

Rebecca

Many thanks for your email Rebecca; dare I ask how the big 'moult' is going???

Other news....

Karinder Brar and Roseberry Spanish Conquest were 1st 143cm SHP and Champion at BSPS Area 6, qualifying for the RIHS! Well done Kinder!

Don't forget the area's website, it is there for your use, keep an eye on it for up dates about forth coming events, ponies/items for sale, etc:

www.bspsarea11.com

Good luck at the Winter Champs, Sarah x