



TORFAEN RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Show Jumping Practice

*Open Day at the Club
Field Sunday 27 March*



Having Fun



Meeting Friends



Were you there?



Cross Country Course

What a start to the new season! Riders kept on coming all day to have a go. There was a course of jumps set out, gymkhana equipment set up and the cross country course manned so that all could have a go. Quite a few new people came and were clamouring for application forms to meet the deadline for joining for this season. We extend a warm welcome to all those who are now new members of the Club.

Our first show took place on the on the 17th April and was a great success with the glorious weather encouraging a good turnout. The show jumping was very popular as usual attracting a good number of competitors. Photographs can be viewed on :-
www.richardhobsonphotography.zenfolio.com/p34162517

Rally dates are now fixed so make sure you are ready to turn up all spruced up for the Best Turned Out at the start. Remember that attendance at the Wednesday Club Nights count towards Points accumulated for the Awards Evening at the end of the Season as do points gained in competition and rallies.

'Have a good season!'

Event Calendar April—October 2011

April

2nd/3rd **BRC** Novice Indoor Show Jumping
Wed 6th **TRC Club Night** 5.00-7.00pm
17th April **TRC** Open Show
Wed 13th **TRC Club Night** 5.00-7.00pm
17th **BRC** Hunter Trial/Horse Challenge
Wed 20th **TRC Club Night** 6.00-8.00pm
Wed 27th **TRC Club Night** 6.00-7.00pm

May

2nd May **TRC** Bank Holiday Open Show
2nd **BRC** Horse Trials (ODE)
Sun 8th **TRC Dressage Rally**
15 May **BRC** Summer Dressage Qualifier
30 May Bank Holiday Open Show
Wed 18th **TRC Games Rally**

JUNE

4-5 June **BRC** Festival of the Hunter Challenge
Sun 5th **TRC Show Jumping Rally**
Wed 22nd **TRC Dressage Rally**
June **BRC** Show Jumping and Style Qualifier
26 June **TRC** Open Show

July

July **BRC** One Day Event Qualifiers
Wed 6th **TRC Club Night**
Wed 13th **TRC Club Night**
17 July **TRC** Open Show
Wed 20th **TRC Club Night**
Sun 24th **BRC Games Rally**
Wed 27th **TRC Club Night**

August

4-7 Aug **BRC** Horse Trials
Sun 14th **BRC Open Show**

September

17-18 Sept **BRC** National Championships

October

9 Oct **BRC** Freestyle Dressage to Music & Quadrille Trials

Contacts

BRC Events Vicky Gillard
TRC Open Shows Julie Thorne
Lessons Catherine Price

Please check details : dates, times etc of events with the relevant committee contacts above in case of last minute changes and arrangements.



Area 15

Showjumping & Style Jumping Qualifiers

Sunday 12th June at Home Farm, Al-lensmore.

Please register your interest with Vicky Gillard, the TRC BRC Secretary as soon as possible.

For further information and to view a schedule -log on to www.hereford-riding-club.org.uk

Entries must be completed on the Area Entry Form and returned to Sue Pickering by Saturday 28th May 2011 Tel 01981 570415

Sian Warman kindly supplied this evocative report of the Senior Team at the BRC Novice Indoor Team Jumping Event at Alps Court in February. We don't have to hand a report on the experiences of the junior team but would like to have one if we have a willing witness to send us an account.

With the winter months behind us we look forward to the new season ahead. The 1st BRC Event was held in February on a very blustery day. However, spirits were not dampened and our two teams, one senior and one junior arrived at Alps Court.

The seniors were on first—Julie Kowalewski, Louise Pengelly, Katrina McCloughlin and Sara Warman, a very mixed team in terms of ages and experience. With the wind howling through the building, the course walked and the 1st competitor gone the team mounted and warmed up, if that was possible, outside. One after another our team members were on top form and all went clear. The second round was critical and Sara was instructed to go steady and take her time. Unfortunately Louise had a stop and Sara had to go for it and go for it she did but sadly had one down and we went into third place. Nevertheless, they were highly delighted to be placed and we can be proud of their achievement for the Club.

Arizona— a story with a happy ending

Deeanna Hawkins sent in this lovely story to share with us. If you would like to share a short account of something which means a lot to you about your time with your horse please send to the Newsletter secretary.



In October 2010 my horse Arizona collapsed at the riding club field. It looked like he had colic at first but it was to be something more than that. The vet came out and examined Arizona and he found he had a severe heart murmur. I felt as if my world had been crushed and that I had just lost the best partner anyone would wish for and my best friend. From that day Arizona has come on in leaps and bounds. He has piled on the weight and is more chilled and happy. I owe a big thank you to **Julie Thorne, Jane Parry, Sian Warman, Fleur McGing and Jenna Day**, club members who helped on the day and to my vet who rushed to Arizona's aid. We will always be grateful and proud to belong to a riding club that will do anything to help. I just can't wait for summer and for the fun to begin.

Olympic Equestrian Timetable

Eventing, dressage and show jumping all take place at London's Greenwich Park:

27th July	Opening Ceremony
28th July	Eventing-Dressage individual/team
29th July	Eventing-Dressage individual/team
30 July	Eventing Cross Country individual/Team
31 July	Eventing Jumping 1st round individual Qualifier/Team Final 2nd round Individual Final
02 Aug	Dressage Grand Grand prix individual/Team 1st Qualifier
03 Aug	Dressage Grand prix Individual/Team 1st Qualifier
04 Aug	Jumping 1st qualifier
05 Aug	Jumping Individual 2nd Qualifier/Team 1st round
06 Aug	Jumping Individual 3rd Qualifier/2nd Round team Qualifier
07 Aug	Dressage Grand prix Special/2nd Round Individual Qualifier/ Team Final
08 Aug	Jumping Individual Round A/ Jumping individual Round B/ Final
09 Aug	Dressage Freestyle Individual Final
12 Aug	Closing Ceremony

NEWS IN BRIEF

Robinsons' the saddlers retailer opens a store near Cardiff, two minutes from the M4 in the shopping village at Pugh's garden centre this month.

The Spanish Riding

School of Vienna will perform at Wembley Arena on 25,26 and 27 November 2011. Horses and riders of the 430 year old Classical Riding School will appear in a new show called Imperial Dream.

The Sinai Winter Dressage Championship

Series came to an exciting finish at the Usk College Equestrian Centre on the 10th April with several Club members placed in the top six places at all levels.

Details of the next winter series are available now on:-

www.sinasidressage.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome 24 new members for the new season and hope that they soon feel at home. There is a very full programme promised and we encourage them all to join in all the fun.

Wednesday club nights are a good way to get to know everyone informally and rallies will give everyone a chance for some friendly in-club competition.

The March intake has increased the membership to 159 in total and breaks down as follows:-

Sen Chair 29
Sen Int-20
Sen Open-28
Jun LR-23
Jun Chair- 30
Jun Int -12
Jun open—15
And Non Riders—2.

Horse and Pony Welfare

The following standards are printed here mainly for new members but also as a reminder to all. It is important that we are mindful of the needs of our horses and ponies at all times and committee members will monitor standards and offer kindly advice if required. Please read carefully and ensure that you comply.

Ensure that your pony/horse is fit enough to carry out work you intend to do and is in adequate condition. Horses carrying excessive weight/ are in poor condition or requiring the attention of the farrier are more likely to suffer certain health conditions and under perform.

All tack must fit your horse/pony correctly as ill fitting saddles and bridles will obviously cause discomfort and may cause lack of performance from your horse.

Do not overwork your horse after competing your classes. It is unfair to carry on jumping practice fences all day.

Riders/handlers using excessive amount of whip/spurs/over aggressive riding/abusive language will be addressed by committee members for obvious reasons of horse welfare and poor representation of Torfaen Riding Club.

Please read relevant section from the BRC Rule Book which is also included on this page of the newsletter.

After riding, attend to the needs of your horse—cool down. Sponge off, offer water *—before you sort yourself out!*

TRC Website : trc-online.org.uk FORUM

Here you can post messages, share information, advertise items for sale and generally communicate with other club members. The site administrator may also decide to put the information you post on other relevant pages on the site. The latest information about events etc are updated regularly. Members may contribute articles, news, results, pictures etc by sending copies to the contact email address found on the site.

Extract from British Riding Clubs Rule Book

G23.3: Excessive use of Whip, Spurs & Bits:-

G23.3.1: Whips

The use of the whip must be for a good reason, at an appropriate time, in the right place with the correct severity.

Good Reason: The whip must only be used either as an aid to encourage the pony/horse forward or as a reprimand. This must never be used to vent a rider's temper. Any use for such a reason is automatically excessive.

Appropriate Time: as an aid, the appropriate time is when the pony/horse is reluctant to go forward under normal aids of seat and legs. As a reprimand, the only appropriate time is immediately when the pony/horse has been disobedient e.g. napping or refusing (but not after elimination) its use, for instance, after a refusal when the pony/horse has turned way and it is several metres away from the fence is excessive. Its use after elimination is always excessive.

Right Place: as an aid to go forward the whip may be used down the shoulder or behind the leg. As a reprimand it must only be used behind the leg.

The use of a whip on a pony/horse's head or neck is always excessive.

Correct Severity: as a reprimand only, a pony/horse may be hit hard. However it should never be hit more than three times for any incident and if the pony/horse is marked by the hip (skin broken or weal) its use is excessive. (The rider is expected to know if the pony/horse has especially sensitive skin and must use the whip accordingly.)

Misuse of the Whip: if in the opinion of the judge a whip is misused the rider will be disqualified and reported to the Disciplinary Steward.

G23.3.2: Spurs

Spurs must not be used to reprimand a pony/horse. Such use is always excessive as is any use that results in a pony/horse being marked by the spur. Misuse of spurs will render the rider liable to disqualification and further disciplinary action.

G23.3: Bits

The bit must never be used to reprimand a pony/horse. Such use is always excessive and will render the rider disqualified and liable to further disciplinary action.

For Sale

14.1hh, 4yr old red and white gelding with plenty of feather and bone. Broken 6 weeks ago and riding away well, bombproof in traffic and will go 1st or last. Passport, jabs, and worming all up to date.

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prices etc.