

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

April 2010

Stable Notes

Hello again and welcome to our new Supporting Riders!

The HAC Saddle Club, Combined Training Day on Sunday 11th April was a great success. Gary Hoult, our dressage trainer extraordinaire, kindly agreed to be judge for the dressage and Caroline designed the show-jumping course and keep the score. The results and photographs of the day can be found on page 4. The John Palmer Cup and Pyramid Trophy competition, also organised by the HAC Saddle Club, will be held on May 9th. To enter this competition please speak to Caroline or add your name to the form in the office.

For all fans of Guinness, we regret to say that he has left Flemish Farm to rest and relax ahead of an operation to his forelegs. Recovery and rehabilitation may well take a year. May we wish Guinness and Kim, his owner, the very best of luck for the operation.

The Supporting Riders' Drinks Party held at Armoury House on Wednesday 7th April was an extremely jovial affair. It was a chance for us to meet with the mixed, mounted and dismounted troops as they practiced their drill at Armoury House.

We are delighted to report that Lenore Russell, Supporting Rider, Member of the HAC Active Unit and the Light Cavalry HAC is safely returned from Afghanistan. We look forward to seeing you at the stables soon!

The next big event on the Light Cavalry Calendar is the Annual Inspection which takes place at Flemish Farm on the polo ground on Sunday April 25th. This year the inspection will be taken by HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO. If you wish to take your car down to the polo ground you will need a car pass. This can be collected from Caroline from the Flemish Farm office. Please allow plenty of time to collect the car pass and get down to the polo ground. No cars will be allowed onto the polo ground after 12.30pm. This event is free, and is a great chance to see the Light Cavalry on parade. Do pack a picnic and bring the family.

We are also happy to report that last year's calendar sales netted £260 profit, all of which goes directly to the benefit of our horses. The new calendar competition will be announced next month!

Finally, for those London-based Supporting Riders, do not miss the HAC Open Evening on 18th May. This event is free, and is open to all. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the activities of the Honourable Artillery Company.

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Forthcoming Events: 2010

April

25th Annual Inspection

May

9th HAC Saddle Club John Palmer Cup and Pyramid Trophy competition

13th-17th Windsor Horse Show

18th HAC Open Evening, Armoury House

June

5th-6th Hurlingham Polo, skill at arms display

10th-12th South of England Show, skill at arms display

13th Queen's Cup, Polo Guard, Smith's Lawn

20th Royal Windsor, Polo Guard, Smith's Lawn

July

4th Alton Show, skill at arms display

10th Help for Heroes, sponsored ride in Windsor Great Park

22nd Light Cavalry Annual Dinner at Armoury House

25th Cartier International, Polo Guard, Smith's Lawn

31st Chiltern Open Air Museum, Skill at Arms display

You know you are a horseperson when:

- You cluck to your car when you go up a hill.
- Your horse's hair is in better condition than your own.
- You refer to your car as "my portable tack room".
- You are excited when your friend tells you that there is a huge sale at the bridle shop, then you are disappointed when you realize they mean the bridal shop.
- Your nice clothes are the ones without horse hair all over them.
- You have to go to your friend's wedding in riding clothes because you took too long at the barn.

Part Loan Available



Photo of Lauren on Rosie

PART LOAN

16HH 11 year old grey mare ("Rosie"). Competed SJ and XC. Not novice ride, must have experienced confident rider. Hacks alone and in company. Very kind natured, lovely temperament. Need someone who can do at least 3 days a week, including one weekend day. Must be kept at current yard in Windsor Great Park.

Ring for more info:

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Supporting Riders' Drinks Party: Wednesday 7th April

The Officer Commanding Light Cavalry HAC, Rennie Simon organised a supper for the Supporting Riders at Armoury House to meet the members of the Light Cavalry on Troop Night. The Light Cavalry is formed of three troops, the Mixed, the Mounted and the Dismounted. A Troop Sergeant is in charge of each troop and all are kept in order by Tony Gray, Squadron Sergeant Major. Rennie wished to thank all the Supporting Riders for their support, riding regularly at Flemish Farm and for volunteering their time during parades to act as grooms.



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Sandy Rogers and Kate Robinson

HAC Saddle Club Combined Training Day : Sunday 11th April

Prelim Dressage

1. Juanita
2. Louise
3. Joy

Prelim Combined

1. Juanita
2. Kate
3. Vic

Our thanks must go to Jan Glen and Louise Mottola of the HAC Saddle Club who organised the event , to Caroline and Gary who gave of their time to act as judges and of course Kelly and Lauren who put up with 10,000 questions! Well done to everyone who competed on Sunday and congratulations to all the winners.

Novice Dressage

1. Beverley
2. Robin
3. Vincent

Novice Combined

1. Beverly
2. Louise
3. Fiona

The next HAC Saddle Club sponsored event at Flemish Farm is the John Palmer Cup and the Pyramid Trophy competition on Sunday May 9th .

If you wish to book a few "pre-competition" training sessions, please book early to avoid disappointment.



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Flemish Farm : Group Classes Information

NEW EXCITING GROUP LESSONS AVAILABLE WITH THE LIGHT CAVALRY AT FLEMISH FARM

We have organised a number of guest teachers for Supporting Riders. Lessons take place on Saturdays. Below a brief resume of each teacher and the dates when they will be teaching.

Jan Glen – Jan has a lot of experience with three day eventing horses. The lessons will be based on jumping and bringing in cross country elements too. There will be a 9.00am novice group (you must be able to walk, trot and canter) 10.00am intermediate group and 11.00am advance group available. Cost £30 per rider

Lesley Wilson – Lesley is a physiotherapist by day and will be bringing elements of this into the lessons. This is perfect for those of you that have issues with your positions that are based around old injuries. Lesley is also very good with nervous riders. There will be a 9.00am private lesson, 10.00am novice group and 11.00am intermediate group available. Cost £30 per rider and £42 for private.

Graham Innes – Graham is the chief instructor at Kings Troop and will be doing show jumping clinics. We have already held one and it was fully booked within 2 days! There will be 10.00am novice group lesson, 11.00am Intermediate group lesson, 1.00pm Advance group lesson and 2.00pm Advance Group lesson available. Cost will be £35 per rider.

Gary Hoult – Gary is an established dressage rider and has been teaching a few of our riders already. These lessons are ideal for those of you that want to learn more about what is going on underneath you and improve your flat work skills. The lessons will only have two riders in so places will be very limited. There will be a 1.00pm Introduction to dressage lesson. 2.00pm Introduction to lateral work lesson and 3.00pm intermediate dressage lesson. Cost £45 per rider

I will still be teaching on the weekends that we do not have these guest instructors. We have our regular instructors Clare Russell on a Monday night and Rebecca Friend on a Tuesday night and if any of you fancy giving military riding a go then we also have Danny Kendal on Thursday nights.

Dates for 2010

Jan Glen – 1st May/5th June/3rd July/7th August/ 4th Sept/2nd Oct/6th Nov/4th Dec

Lesley Wilson – 18th July/5th Sept/12th Sept/21st Nov

Gary Hoult – 15th May/19th June/ 17th July/28th August/ 18th Sept/16th Oct/20th Nov/11th Dec

Clare Russell – 15th May/26th June/11th Sept/20th Nov

Contact Caroline On 01753 622291 or haclc@aol.com to book in