

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

June 2010

Stable Notes

Hello again and welcome to our new Supporting Riders!

It is definitely our busy time of year, and this month there has been so much to cover. This issue gives the results of the HAC Saddle Club's John Palmer Cup and Pyramid Trophy competition which was held in May. Full details of the winners can be found on page 2. We must extend a huge thank you to "Team Percival" (Julie, Jessica and Nick Percival, together with John, Debbie, Anna, Joy and Kate), for arranging the catering for this and three other events. So far this year, they have raised an impressive £320 towards the upkeep of the horses. We are always looking for people who would like to give a helping hand—so please consider volunteering some time. The next event is on 28th November—(carriage driving meet) so there is plenty of time to rearrange your diaries! Thank you also to Fiona, Juanita and Jan for donating cakes and cookies on the John Palmer Cup Competition day.

At the end of April, the Light Cavalry held its Annual Inspection. This year the Light Cavalry was inspected by HRH the Prince Michael of Kent. HRH the Princess Michael of Kent and her daughter, Lady Gabriella Windsor also attended the event. Maurizio Mottola took so many beautiful photographs of the day—they now form a two page bumper article (pps 3-4). The day went very smoothly and of course the horses looked magnificent.

In May, Vivor, Denzil Leo and Bob participated in the Eton College Tattoo where the Eton schoolboys put on an excellent display of tent-pegging (and the horses received many compliments for being well turned out and well behaved!).

This month we launch the 2011 Calendar competition— full details on page 5. So get out those cameras and create that winning masterpiece!

In July, the Light Cavalry HAC will hold their Annual Dinner at Armoury House. This is an excellent opportunity to visit the Headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company and meet fellow riders in an elegant and historical setting. Please do book early—the application form is included in this issue on page 7.

Finally, this month we bid a fond farewell to Vivor and Louise. Louise has decided to move Vivor from Flemish Farm to a new regime of full livery at Lakeside Farm. Louise, we hope this is only au-revoir and that we see you soon. However, I know I speak for many Supporting Riders, we feel it was a privilege to be permitted to ride the wonderful Vivor. Thank you so much for bringing him into our lives and sharing him so generously. We wish you both a happy and medal filled future!

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Forthcoming Events: 2010

June

- 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

August

- 9th-22nd Horses' Summer Holiday (no riding available during this period)

September

- 11th Henley Show : Skill at Arms display
26th Family fun day and Cadet Force qualifier for the Uniformed Services Show

October

- 16th Uniformed Services Show: Held at King's Troop RHA Barracks at St John's Wood

November

- 13th Lord Mayor's Show

John Palmer Cup and Pyramid Trophy Competition

Prelim Dressage

1. Louise Mottola, on Vivor
2. Susie Flook on Lady Cara
3. Joy Montgomery on Fritz

2'6" Jumping

1. Charles Gillow, on Bob 16.93 seconds
2. Juanita Coulson on Bob, 17.33 seconds
3. Eva Gripenstedt on Caspar, 19.57 seconds

Novice Dressage

1. Louise Mottola, on Vivor and winner of the Pyramid Trophy
2. Robin Proctor, on Vivor and winner of the OC's trophy
3. Vincent Savolainen on Larry

3' Jumping—John Palmer Cup/Shirley Trophy

1. Anna Gripenstedt, on Bob and winner of the Shirley Trophy
2. Louise Mottola, on Vivor and winner of the John Palmer Cup
3. Stephen Coulson, on Denzil

The HAC Saddle Club organised a fabulous day of competition and fun on Sunday May 9th.

Our special thanks must go to Jan Glen and Louise Mottola of the HAC Saddle Club who organised the day, to Caroline and Gary who gave of their time, to "Team Percival" who do such a sterling job providing such delicious food and of course Kelly and Lauren who keep us all calm!

Most of all, thank you to our wonderful horses who gave of their best and congratulations to everyone who competed.

Annual Inspection



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Thank you Louise Mottola and Julie Percival for sharing your photos with us. Please also visit the Photo Galleries on the website (lchac.org.uk) to view more wonderful photographs.



Calendar Competition

Competition! Competition! Competition!

Dust off your cameras now!

Calling all Photographers to get snapping ... Following the continued success of the Light Cavalry Calendar we are 'doing it again' this year and we would like your help....

We are inviting Light Cavalry members, supporting riders and their friends and family to submit photographs for inclusion into the 2011 Light Cavalry calendar (2 per person.) Photos can be of the Light Cavalry horses, people, events or even objects but should show what you consider to be the essence of the Light Cavalry throughout the year. See the diary dates for photo opportunities or just snap around the yard! 'Landscape' photos are the best shape for use in the calendar—but 'portrait' photos are also welcome.

A specially chosen group of judges will choose one photograph for each month. Each winner will receive a copy of the calendar. The winning photograph will also appear on the front cover. The calendars will be on sale from the end of September 2010.

How do I enter?

Please read the full terms and conditions below before entering.

Each photograph should include a short narrative (up to 50 words) describing the image, what it depicts and the idea behind it and send it either:

In high quality JPEG format via e-mail to charmanfma@aol.com. Please include your name, address and telephone number or send individual photographs with your name on the back, to Fiona Charman, 4 Garrick Court, 31 Theatre Street, London, SW11 5ND with your name and contact details as above. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you would like your photo returned.

When is the closing date? 31st July 2010

If you have any queries please contact Fiona Charman on 07970 176 411 or via the e-mail above.

Terms and conditions:

Each entrant (or household) may submit a maximum of 2 entries for short-listing by the closing date of 31st July 2009.

Photographs from any year will be accepted and may be black and white or colour.

Photographs MUST be the work of the entrant.

The contents of the photographs must not have been modified or enhanced by computer image processing technology. Cropping, lightening or darkening the image is acceptable.

Entry subject matter is limited to events related to the Light Cavalry only. Other images will not be considered.

Please provide a short narrative about your entry (100 characters).

Each entry must be accompanied by the entrants name and address and telephone number.

No postal photographs will be returned unless otherwise stated or an SAE accompanies your entry.

Your photographs will be copyright free for use by the Light Cavalry only.

The Light Cavalry will not pass the photographs onto any other party without consulting you for permission which you can refuse.

The Judges' decision is final.

Good luck!

Flemish Farm : Group Classes Information

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

Clare Russell 26th June/11th Sept/20th Nov

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

Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner : Thursday 22nd July

Armoury House, the Regimental Headquarters of the HAC, is located just outside the square mile that is the City of London. The Long Room is on the first floor and extends the full length of the original building of 1735. It has a magnificent view as all the windows overlook the Artillery Garden. It is a magnificent setting for a dinner. All Supporting Riders are invited to join members of the Light Cavalry at their Annual Dinner.

Dress for the evening is formal. For men and women in the armed services the dress is : Mess kit preferred but alternatives acceptable to the OC are : Blue Patrols, Full Dress Tunic less cross belt, sword and sabretache slings or Black Tie. For mere mortals (!) Black Tie for men and a long evening dress for women.

If you wish to drive to this event, parking is available, but please submit your car registration number with your application form.

It is a great opportunity to review the activities of the past year, meet other Supporting Riders and talk horses all evening! Please bring your friends and partners to what should be an excellent evening.

Application form: Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner

To be held at Armoury House, City Road, London on Thursday 22nd, 2010

I..... (please write clearly)

Wish to attend the Annual Dinner in the Long Room on Thursday 22nd July and I would like to bring the following guests:

Guests : (please include rank and decorations)

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Dietary Requirements

Tel No..... Email address.....

I enclose a cheque made out to **Light Cavalry HAC** for £.....(£38 per head)

My car registration is

Please send to : Rct J Tunesi by **Monday 12th July at the latest** (send to Rct J Tunesi, 53 Hitchin Street, Baldock, Herts SG7 6AQ T: 01462 892062 M: 07989 976394 E: liongam@supanet.com)