

Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

September 2024



Welcome to our monthly Member newsletter.

We've got lots to update on, so grab a brew and take a read. If you've got any feedback or an idea for an article, be sure to let us know.

NAF Five Star British Riding Clubs Championships – 31 August / 1 September

Last weekend, Carleton were out in force as 17 of our members headed to the NAF Five Star British Riding Clubs Championships, held at Lincoln Showground. We were represented in Senior Dressage and Show Jumping and Junior Show Jumping. We had two teams in both Dressage and Show Jumping, along with a number of individuals. It also saw a number of first timers at Champs.

Split over two days, with Seniors on Saturday and Juniors on Sunday, it is a full on competition with hundreds of combinations competing. It sees Riding Clubs from across the country come together.

On Saturday, it was an early start for many of our competitors, as our Seniors took to the boards and the rings – many before 9am! There's a lot to cover and lots of fantastic results, so here goes:

Let's start with the jumpers. First up were our Senior 70 team - Kimberley Fulcher, Cath Cardwell, Joanna Maclean and Ann Walker. They got us off to a great start with Team 10th and individual 9th place for Ann. Kim was also competing as an individual in the Senior Style 75.

We also had a Mixed 100 team – Steve Small, Hannah Crane, Kat Mason and Nat Matthews-Graves. Hannah was also competing as an individual in the Senior 90. Big thanks to Kat and Natalie for stepping in at the last minute so we could field a team.

Switching to dressage, our Senior Riding Test Team – Joanne Watts, Rachael Key, Casey Norman and Emma Broughton entered the boards. They took Team 2nd, individual 1st for Casey, 4th for Emma. 6th for Joanne and 8th for Rachael.

Next up were our Senior Open Team – Jane Salmon, Hannah Sutton, Joanne Watts and Casey Norman. They took Team 4th, individual 5th for Joanne, 7th for Hannah and Jane.

We had a number of individuals competing too – Claire Iaccarino, Rachael Key and Emma Broughton. Claire took 3rd place in the Coloured Horse class and Emma took 1st place in her Senior Prelim class. What a day!!

Sunday was the turn of our Juniors – Caitlin Wilson and Daisy Sawyer. They were both competing as individuals. Caitlin took 3rd place in the Junior 70 and 7th place in Junior Style 75. Daisy was competing in the Junior 80. So out of 25 competitors, we brought home 15 placings!! Well done everyone! Getting to Champs is a massive achievement. We are proud of you all for representing our club on such a national level!





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Clear round Arena Eventing – 25 August

On Sunday 25 August, we held our first Arena Eventing Clear Round clinic at World Horse Welfare. This was a bit different from our usual clinics or competitions. A bit of a hybrid you could say, with a guided course walk before each class and an instructor in the arena to give support during people's rounds.

Massive thanks to Carol Johnson for making it such a positive learning experience for so many horse and rider combinations. I'm pretty sure everyone would have come away with pearls of wisdom from you. Judging by the smiles on completion anyway.

We'd like to thank everyone who came along and took part. By the end of the day, we'd had 56 rounds completed. It was a fantastic turn out. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, so we're already planning our next one.



Upcoming training - November

On Saturday 2 November, we have not one, but two top class eventers and instructors for you!

Nicola Wilson and Simon Grieve are coming to teach at Easton College. This day is reserved for Area 14 riding club members, so spaces are at a premium! We're going to draw names from a hat for this one.

But fear not, we've got them for our members too. On Sunday 3 November, Nicola will be teaching at Wakefield Stud, Foulsham and Simon will be teaching at Hill Farm, Hardingham.

All details can be found on My Riding Life. Spaces are filling up fast!



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Our next show – 22 September

Our next show will be on Sunday 22 September. Entries are open on My Riding Life. Don't forget to confirm that you are a member when entering. This way you can get points in our show leagues and also get your entries at a discounted rate. Look forward to seeing you there!

Rules for competing

We run all of our shows under the relevant governing bodies

If you are unsure of a rule or requirement, we're happy to help. Here are some of the basics for show jumping:

- Tack all saddlery and equipment must be correctly fitted. Saddles and bridles must be worn.
- Whip only padded baton-style whips as pictured are to be used. It must adhere to the new BSJA standard. Schooling whips are not allowed, even in the warm up.
- Competition attire competitors should be appropriately dressed and gloves do not need to be worn.
- Faults
- Pole knockdown: 4 faults.
- First refusal (horse stops), run out, resistance or circle at a fence: 4 faults.
- Second refusal, run out, resistance or circle: 8 faults
- Third refusal, run out, resistance or circle: Elimination
- Fall of horse or rider: Elimination
- Elimination if you are sadly eliminated, you are allowed to jump one jump before leaving the arena. This must be a jump you have already jumped and in the correct direction.

Please note that if you are eliminated fall of horse or rider. You are not permitted to remount in the arena. Or jump again until you have been seen by the onsite medical staff.

If you want to find out more, you can look it up on in the British Showjumping Rulebook 2024.

Fancy representing us?

We are hosting two Area 14 qualifiers in November. Both will be held at Easton College.

On Saturday 23 November, it's the Area 14 Novice Winter Dressage Qualifiers. And on Sunday 24 November, it's the Area 14 Intermediate Winter Dressage Qualifiers.

Both are qualifiers for the Winter Championships to be held at Arena UK on 25 – 27 April 2025.

You can find the schedules on our FB group. Along with how to register interest to the Team Manager.

As we are hosting these, we will need lots of volunteers. Don't forget that as a club member, we ask that you volunteer at one event, show or clinic throughout the year. Without our volunteers, things won't run as smoothly as they do.

Wanna keep in touch?

We've set up a WhatsApp community chat so that we can keep everyone up to date on Club activities. We've set it up so you can't reply to messages. This is another way to try and keep

