

Carleton Riding Club Member newsletter

July 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.

Area 14 Qualifiers – 6/7 July

On the weekend 6/7 July, Carleton held not one, but two BRC Qualifiers for Area 14 at The Norfolk Showground. No mean feat! And testament to the Committee and volunteers within our wonderful club, who went above and beyond to make it the success it was.

First up, on Saturday 6 July, it was the Summer Dressage Qualifiers. Sadly, Mother Nature wasn't kind and all of the competitors faced torrential rain! Undeterred (and with a change of clothes), our Carleton competitors shone between the boards, picking up rosettes and qualifications for the BRC Summer Championships at the Lincoln Showground (31 August). Here's a round-up of the results.

Prelim Team: 3rd place for Carleton Tigers.

Open Team: 1st place for Carleton Lions.

P7: 1st – Emma Broughton

N24: 2nd – Joanne Watts

P13: 4th – Carol Johnson

N30: 3rd – Casey Norman

P14: 8th – Vicky Harris

N23: 2nd – Hannah Sutton

P18: 3rd – Rachael Key

E43: 4th – Jane Salmon

Prelim Individual: 2nd place for Claire Iaccarino (P7)

Riding Test Team: 1st place for Carleton Blue.

Riding Test Team: 2nd place for Carleton Red.

P12: 1st – Emma Broughton

P12: 3rd – Ellis Bull

P12: 2nd – Casey Norman

P12: Claire Iaccarino

N27: 1st – Joanna Watts

N27: 3rd – Katie Balderstone

N27: 2nd – Rachael Key

N27: 4th – Vicky Harris

On Sunday 7 July, it was time for the Combined Training qualifier. It's been a few years since we ran this, so it was great to join forces with Norfolk Show Jumping Club to put this on. They kindly ran the show jumping element of the qualifier as part of their Summer Specular show.

Thankfully, Mother Nature was kinder and the forecasted thunderstorms stayed away. Again, Carleton were out in force, picked up more rosettes and more qualifications for the BRC Combined Championships at Aston-le-Walls (5 October).

CT Team: 1st place for Carleton Lillies

There were also individual placings for:

P2 / 70cm: 1st – Vicky Harris

P12 / 70cm: 1st – Caroline Green

P12 / 70cm: 3rd – Rachael Key

N28 / 80cm: 4th – Rachael Key

N27 / 80cm: 1st – Casey Norman

N28 / 80cm: 1st – Joanne Watts

Well done everyone, you all deserve a medal for sticking it out in such challenging conditions! Massive thanks to all the helpers that: stood out in the rain all day, stayed up all night staring at computer screens, worried about the weather, lifted carried and sat all day writing. Without you ALL these events wouldn't and couldn't happen.

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Upcoming training - August

We've got two exciting training opportunities for you in August.

XC Training

On Saturday 10 August, we will be holding a XC Clinic at Ickworth Park, Bury St Edmunds. It's a fantastic venue to train at. This time we welcome former 5* event rider Justine Ward for the training. Justine has a wealth of knowledge to pass on to all level of riders.

Clear Round Arena Eventing

On Sunday 25 August, we will be holding clear round Arena Eventing at World Horse Welfare, Snetterton. Club member and Stage 3 BHS instructor, Carol Johnson will take riders through a guided course walk before each height. Each rider will then have 5 mins per round, with Carol giving instruction as required.

There will be a water tray available – this is optional for anyone who wants to give it a go.

All clear rounds will get a rosette to mark the occasion.

As a club we are very lucky to have such great venues and instructors. All details can be found on My Riding Life



Upcoming Area 14 qualifiers

As a club, we have a number of opportunities to represent us. And who knows, you may get to go to a Championships.

Monday 26 August - Combined Challenge (70cm to 100cm) at Horseheath Racecourse. NB this is the Bank Holiday.

Sunday 29 September - Open SJ (80cm, 90cm and 100cm) at Tophorn.

Sunday 27 October - Arena Eventing (70cm to 100cm) at Suffolk Equestrian Centre.

Sunday 10 November - Area Novice SJ (60cm and 70cm) at Tophorn.

Saturday 23 November - Novice Dressage (Intro to Elementary) at Easton College.

Sunday 24 November - Intermediate Dressage (Prelim to Advanced Medium) at Easton College.

Each Team Manager will post details on our Facebook Group. So look out for them there.



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Our next show – 22 September

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to our July show on Sunday 21 July at Easton College. We appreciate the feedback on the outdoor dressage arena and warm up, so as a Committee we are looking at what we can do before our next show.

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!

Don't forget

Unfortunately we are still having to clear up poos and hay from the car park after our shows. There are wheelbarrows and poo skips at Easton, so there's really is no excuse not to pick up your horse's mess.

It's also everyone's responsibility to abide by Easton's rules. It's a great venue so please can you take note and if you see anything amiss, let one of the Committee members know on the day.

The following rules are part of the agreement that we have with them:

- Do not tie horses or ponies outside a lorry or trailer.
- Keep the arena entrance clear in case of emergency.
- Keep the lorry park gates closed.
- Park in the car park rather than the lorry park if you are arriving by car.

Rules for competing

We run all of our shows under the relevant governing bodies. Our dressage competition is run under British Dressage rules and our show jumping competitions under British Show Jumping rules.

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

- **Tack** martingales, draw reins or any other rein aid are not permitted. The only exception this is the Walk & Trot -CRC W & T class where martingales are permitted.
- **Bits** all horses must be ridden in a snaffle bit (full details of BD legal bits can be found on their website). Bitless bridles are not permitted. Double bridles are permitted at levels from elementary upwards. Bit guards are not permitted.
- **Boots and bandages** horses may be ridden in wearing any form of leg protection, but they must be removed before the test starts. This includes over-reach boots.
- **Competition attire** competitors should be appropriately dressed and gloves must be worn.

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

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 you up-to-date with all things Carleton. Scan the QR code to join.

