



# Goring & District Riding Club



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a small friendly club based in the area around Worthing/Goring, affiliated to British Riding Clubs and part of Area 13.



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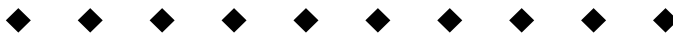
## Welcome to the New GDRC Newsletter

January 2018

2017 was a very busy year with the ever popular Dressage and Clear Round Jumping held nearly every month at Brinsbury, Working Equitation training and a competition held at Wanley House, Fontwell, Arena Eventing at Hickstead, an In Hand Horse Show and Gymkhana, Show Jumping Cross Country, and an Open Showing Show all at Castle Goring. GDRC members have competed at Area Novice and Intermediate Dressage competitions at Pycombe, Southern Region Dressage Championships at Hickstead, and the BRC National Championship at Lincoln.

2018 is looking to be even more exciting. Working Equitation continues to grow in popularity and we are very lucky to have some of the top trainers in the UK right on our doorstep at Fontwell and there will be lots more training opportunities and a competition or two to enter. The well attended Dressage and Clear Round Jumping continues its successful run at Brinsbury. There is another opportunity to take part in the in the hugely exciting Show Jumping Cross Country competition, as well as Quiz Nights and Tack Sales. Check out our website for a more detailed list at <http://www.gdrc.co.uk/events/>

The success of all these events depend on you—as competitors and, just as importantly, as helpers. We love the enthusiasm of our competitors and its very gratifying to hear the lovely feedback that many members take the time to give us. However the success of any event depends hugely on the time given by our lovely volunteer helpers, without whose help NONE of these events could take place.



The club is very proud of two of our junior members, **Lily Shears** and **Xaria Overy**, who represented GDRC at the Lincoln BRC Nationals last summer and were both placed in their respective classes. Lily's mum, Janet told us that they had a fab time at Lincoln BRC Nationals. She said,



Xaria Ovary, who was placed 6th in the Novice

"The ponies took it all in their stride and were very well behaved. Rolo had never travelled that far — a six hour journey, stables everywhere, lots of noise, horses everywhere—warming up for dressage and showjumping. There were people from all over the country—Scotland, Wales, IOW etc. Didn't expect to get placed so that was an added bonus. Yes it was a long way to go for a 7 minute test but what an amazing experience for the girls."

Xaria's mum Caryll, said "We are always so proud to represent the club. Both girls were a credit to us and took it all in their stride. A long but fun weekend with great company and a massive bonus for both girls to come back with ribbons."



Lily Shears, who was placed 7th in the Prelim

## NEWS FROM THE



We are so lucky living and riding here in the south, where there are so many venues for shows and competitions really close at hand. The Sunshine Tour is a locally organised event which attracts competitors from all over the country competing in multiple disciplines and it's held right on our doorstep at the prestigious Hickstead Showground. The qualification procedure has been updated for 2018. In the past, qualification cards were sent to the riding club to be given out to qualifying combinations. This year the competitors will need to apply for a Personal Qualification card before going to a show or competition. You will then need to bring this card with you to events and get the show secretary to sign it if you qualify.

Go to <http://sunshinetour.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/How-to-Qualify-Guide.pdf>

to get this guide to help you through the qualifying process.



## From the Judge's Box

During this year, I've spent several enjoyable mornings at Brinsbury, writing for the judge. It has been fantastic to see so many people having a go for the first time, or the first time for their horses. It's a really privileged position to be in the judges box and to hear what the judge is thinking - and the comments that she makes that do not necessarily end up on the test sheet!

I thought it might be helpful to share with you some of the points that have come up and might help you to get better marks.

First of all, **dress correctly**. One of the things I love most about entering dressage competitions is the chance to dress up. When you spend much of your time, looking after your horse, with straw in your hair, and horse hair (or worse) all over your clothes, it's fun to dress up, and for you, and your horse, to look pristine for at least the four minutes it takes to ride the test!

The BD Members Handbook, which can be downloaded from

<https://www.britishdressage.co.uk/rules> has all the information about the correct dress code for competitions. If you are dressed correctly, you have made a good start by giving a good first impression to the judge. You don't get points for how you are dressed, but you can lose points or be eliminated for incorrect or unsuitable dress.

**Riding Hats** must be worn by riders at all times when mounted including whilst warming up or exercising. Hats and hat covers must be black, navy blue or a conservative dark colour that matches the rider's jacket.

A **white shirt** with either a **stock** or **tie** should be worn.

At Preliminary level dressage to Advanced Medium level dressage a conservative coloured dark or tweed **riding jacket** should be worn. Subtle pinstripes, coloured collars and contrast piping to collar, lapels, pockets and vents is permitted

**Gloves** must be worn

**Breeches or jodhpurs** must be white, cream or beige.

Black or brown **boots** should be worn. These may be long boots or jodhpur boots with gaiters providing the gaiters are identical leather to boots with no decoration. Patent top boots are allowed.

**Body protectors** and **inflatable jackets** are not required but may be worn.

**Whips** are not required but are permitted except in Area Festivals and Championship classes,

**Spurs** may be worn up to Advanced Medium level dressage and must be worn from Advanced level dressage upwards.

So what difference does it make if you aren't wearing the correct outfit?

If your hat, jacket, breeches or shirt are of an incorrect colour the judge may deduct two points.

If you don't wear gloves it's can be a two point deduction.

If your boots are not appropriate for riding, or your gaiters don't match your boots that's another possible two points lost.

So you can see how, by just paying attention to detail and making sure your outfit is up to scratch you can make sure you maximise your points.



One of our gorgeously turned out competitors!

## 2017's



These are the people who are the backbone of the club, the helpers. Without these fantastic volunteers, none of the competitions that GDRC organises could take place. So, on behalf of all of this year's competitors, we thank—

Bente Field	Caroline Piersy
Danielle Lee	Jane Piersy
Abi Jeffrey	Leanne Lampard
Woody	Ben (Robin)
Terri Yates	Lisa Stern
Stephanie Price	Tina Cook
Jade Foster	Anna Powell
Amelia Jeffrey	Ann Hughes
Lara Squires	Jade Prior
Sarah Munro	Maia Jones
Melissa McCarthy	Heather Rowlinson
Michaela Few	Jones
Linda Kidby	Tamsin Davenport
David May	Claire Davenport
(Son) Squires	Abi Beer
Val Francis	Brooke Wells
Lissa Foster	Daisy-Mae Griffiths
Paula Newman	Ami Griffiths
Jen Norris	Anna Tuck
Jennifer Cranford	Suzanne Tuck
Sinead O'Sullivan	Barry Tuck
Kev Norris	Lily Shears
Anne-Marie Kethro	Mary Parsons
Julia Rose-Martin	Kelly Whipp
Emma Slawinski	Dave Cox
Heather Hopkins	Val Hall
Vicki Moore	Ann Gartside
Ann Voak	Carol Rose
Ruby Voak	Julie (air ambulance cake sale/ dressage)
Molly Murray	
Nikki Bolsworth	
Amber Bolsworth	

Although this looks like a lot of helpers, we always seem to struggle to get enough helpers for many of our events. Sadly the majority of club members never help. Please think about volunteering at least once a year—you don't even have to be a member - perhaps members of your family, or the friends that come to events to support you, could volunteer to do a small job while they are there.



New for 2018, the club has decided to support a local Charity— the Kent, Surry and Sussex Air Ambulance. This is a charity that seems particularly relevant to our sport as we can sometimes get into

difficulties in the most remote of areas. The organisation operates two aircraft – one from their Marden base in daylight hours, and the other from their Redhill base 24 hours a day. This means that no matter where you are in Kent, Surrey or Sussex, you are never more than 20 minutes away from the life-saving care that only they can bring directly to your side. As a charity, they rely almost entirely on donations and fundraising, and without this support, they simply could not continue their life-saving work.

