

Finn Valley Riding Club

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Welcome to the Autumn/Winter 2018 newsletter, with reports from our members representing Finn Valley Riding Club at local and regional events

Area Dressage – Geldeston - 10 June

We had lots of riders out at the area dressage; one Novice team and two Open teams. Joe Mace and Solly won the prelim 13 and the riding test. Sue Leggett coming 2nd in the prelim 13 and Natalie 5th meant the team finished 2nd just missing out on top spot.

The open team of Lisa Kenyon, Natalie Flewitt, Joe Mace and Isabella Stagg finished 3rd in a tough field. Isabella was 2nd in

the Elementary 45, Joe and Natalie finishing 5th in the Novice.

We also had several individuals in the Novice tests; Isabella winning the Novice 30, Lisa Kenyon 4th and Charlotte Long 5th in the Novice 27. Isabella was continuing her winning streak taking the honours in the Novice 30 and 27.

Our lone Junior rider Shannon Curtis had a great day winning both her tests! Well done Shannon!



Isabella Stagg wins at Lincoln:
Full report on pages 5 & 6

Dates for your Diary

November 25th - Novice Winter SJ, Wix
November 29th - AGM and awards evening
December 2nd - Intermediate Winter Dressage, Easton College
December 8th - Christmas meal, Ufford Crown
December 22nd - Trip to Olympia - tickets all sold out now

2019:
February 24th - Intermediate SJ, Tophorn
March 16th - FOTH combined training, Anvil Stud
June 23rd - Area ODE, Poplar Park
July 7th - SJ and style jumping, Geldeston

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Joe Mace enjoys
the weather



Bella Stagg, Emma Sayer and Joe Mace - Second in the 90cm SJ

Area SJ , Geldeston - 1 July

Despite the never ending hot weather we had lots of riders out competing at the area SJ. Beccles had done a great job making the ground as good as possible and the day ran smoothly with lots going on.

First to go was the senior 80 cm team of Joe Mace and Willow, Sue Leggett and Asjemenou, Shirley Stagg and Timatia and Julia Sheppard and Hot Prospect. The team were all foot perfect and were the only team to finish on a zero score and qualified for the championships. We had two individuals Charlotte Long and Dark Bay Lad and Joe Mace on Carillon who both just rolled a pole in the second round.

We had two style teams entered and we swept the board with 1st and 2nd place. The winning team was Joe Mace and Ash Hill Blossom (1st) and Julia Sheppard on Hot Prospect (6th) in the 75cm and Shirley Stagg and Timatia (2nd) and Charlotte Long on Dark Bay Lad (6th) in the 85cm.

Team Purple came second and this was Joe Mace and Carillon (5th) and Julia Sheppard and Willow (3rd) in the 75cm and Charlotte Long on Aventurine (9th) and Sue Leggett on Asjemenou (sadly jumped the wrong jump!) in the 85cm.

The senior 100cm team comprised of Pip Davis and Cathedral Rock, Charna Barrable and Judas Van Het Weyenshof, Charlotte Long and Aventurine and Jade Brinkley and Redwolfe Boy. Sadly Jade had a fall in

"We swept the board with 1st and 2nd place"

the first round so the team were down to three. Charna jumping a fantastic double clear to finish 2nd and qualify for the Nationals. Pip had 4f in the first round and Charlotte also having 4f and opting to not ride in the second round the team were unable to complete on a score. Wendy Lewis and Bank on Max were riding as an individual jumped well rolling a couple of poles.

The 90cm team of Emma Sayer and Heatherview Indie, Joe Mace and Ash Hill Blossom, Isabella Stagg and Possibilities and Pip Davis and Bownmore Boy were fighting to the end and jumped some fantastic rounds sadly to be piped to the win by Carleton in the jump off. Well done

to them for a deserved second place. Chloe Fulcher and Heritage Attica were riding as an individual and despite no placings they jumped some nice rounds.

Riding originally as an area 14 team in the 110cm was Rosie Stevens and Alwyn. Sadly after a few WD Rosie was an individual and took the win after a tense jump off. Well done to Rosie and Alwyn!

We only had one junior Shannon Curtis and Martini who were in the 90cm. She did brilliantly finish 4th sadly just missing a championship qualification but never the less a great result.



Shannon Curtis

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Rendlesham Forest Ride 14 October

Report by Barbara Smith

It was a bright morning for our Long Distance Ride in Rendlesham Forest, much better than the forecast had predicted. Lorries and trailers started to arrive and the first riders set off about 10am. In total we had 30 riders 4 being Finn Valley members. Everyone came back and said they had a lovely ride and look forward to the next one in March. Thanks must go to James and his little helper Thomas for marking out the 12 mile course on their bikes also to Cress, Jacque and Colin for manning the check points and to Lucy for helping me get the rolls and soup ready for the riders return. Also thank you Anne Corke for providing some lovely homemade soup.



Above: Julia and Bella

Left: Anne Corke and friend

Members BBQ & Social Event - 18 August

There was a good turnout for the Summer Club BBQ which was kindly held at James & Laura's house in Newbourne on Saturday evening. It was so lovely to see everyone catching up without the worry of

the horses around and enjoying the food cooked by our chef James, with various salads and bread rolls, finishing off with strawberries, black forest gateaux or cheesecake. Thank you to all who helped set up

Saturday morning and clear away on Sunday, to Lucy for getting the meat and rolls and of course a big thank you to James for doing the cooking and the Smith family for letting us hold it at their home.



Chairman's Trophy winners!

Finn Valley Riding Club won the Area 14 Chairman's Trophy for 2018. Well done to everyone who competed for the club this season a great result for such a small club.

Horse Trials Championships, Swalcliffe Park - 3-5 August

We had two members at the Horse trials championships. Milly Butters went as part of an Area 14 100+ team. She had a fantastic time and was the only one on the team to complete. A great clear round XC saw her in 12th place over night. Sadly a few fences down in the SJ cost her top ten finish but still an amazing result so well done Milly and Eric.

Jenny James and Dom were in the 100cm section and had a great start finishing in 2nd place after dressage. Sadly it wasn't meant to be XC for them but the both live to fight another day.

Well done to both girls for flying the flag for the club!

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Area One Day Event, Poplar Park 24 June

We had lots of riders entered for the ODE but sadly due to the persistent sunshine lots had been unable to get horses fit and were not keen to run on the hard ground. Despite this we managed to move riders around to make the teams so this did not impact on others.

First to go was the senior 80cm riders. We originally had three teams entered but two were down to three riders. Team blue with Charlotte Long on Dark Bay Lad who jumped very well to complete on 37, Emma Sayer on Coosheen Sea Breeze had a couple of stops XC and Joe Mace on Carillon having a green moment at the water. Team red completed in 6th place; Joe Mace on Willow finishing in 5th place individually, Julia Sheppard on Hot Prospect, Anne Corke on Hearnbrook Mystic Shadow and Sue Leggett on Asjemenou all jumping clear but picking up some XC time penalties. Team white unfortunately did not complete but Jackie Street on Licaros Pride jumping clear XC but picking up several time penalties, Madie Girlington Sartors Stralizia didn't fancy the SJ and Miranda Cooper on Madison sadly WD on the XC.

Charlotte Long on Aventurine, Emma Sayer on Heatherview Indie and Chloe Fulcher on Heritage Attica were in the 90cm team. Charlotte doing a fantastic dressage test but sadly a few down SJ meant they finished just out of the placings. Chloe picked up few XC penalties but did complete and Emma jumping a lovely clear XC with just a few time penalties.



Double clear: Milly Butters
Below: Jenny James

Pip Davis on Cathedral Rock, Shirley Stagg on Timatia, Joe Mace on Ash Hill Blossom and Jenny James on Billy Rocket were also in the 90cm and all jumped brilliantly to finish 3rd as a team and Jenny was 4th as an individual.

Jasmine Slater and Imogen Hughes were our only two juniors left in the 90cm team and did very well sadly both just picking up 20 penalties in the XC. Well done to both of them.

The senior 100cm team were also down to three riders and sadly Isabella Stagg WD after the SJ so it was just



Francesca Aitchison and Jenny James left in the team. Jenny finished on a great score of 28.7 to take the win and Francesca just picked up a few SJ penalties to finish just out of the placings.

Last to go was Milly Butters and Eric in the Area 14 team. Milly had a great day jumping a lovely double clear to finish 2nd and qualifying for the championships. Well done to them!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

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Left:
Julia Sheppard

Below:
Charna Barrable



National Championships, Lincoln - 1-2 September

It was a very busy weekend for the club at the National Championships. First to go early on Saturday morning was the 80cm SJ team. Charlotte was first to go and jumped a lovely round just rolling a pole. Shirley and Julia were next up jumping two clear rounds and with Joe Mace just touching the first part of the double the team finished the first round on a creditable 4f. The same four riders then had to head over to the style SJ rings and all pulled up some stylish rounds. Joe was very busy and then had to have a quick change of horse before he headed over to the dressage ring. Solly not feeling like dressage on the day sadly putting in a few additional unwanted movements!

Whilst this was all going on Isabella was busy over at the dressage arena riding her three tests. Despite not thinking the first one went well she then produced some amazing scores to finish 1st in two arenas and 2nd in the Elementary! This meant she was crowned overall dressage champion! Holly and Bella taking all of this in their stride at the presentation whilst collecting a mountain of rosettes and sashes!

Our two individuals Rosie and Charna were busy over at the SJ rings. Rosie doing brilliantly with the classy Alwyn coming 5th in the 110cm. Charna had a couple of fences down in the 100cm first round and opted to have an ice cream and sit out the second round!

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Julia & Shirley



80cm and style SJ team

Holly and Bella taking all of this in their stride at the presentation whilst collecting a mountain of rosettes and sashes!



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Left: Charlotte Long.
Below left: Shirley Stagg.
Below: Aaron and Shirley.

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The afternoon was time for the second rounds in the senior 80cm. Charlotte as first up again and picked up 8f. Shirley and Joe 4f and Julia went clear. This meant the team finished on 12f. After a long wait for the jump off; Julia and Abby jumped again in a fast a furious jump off but sadly picked up a few penalties but finished in 13th place out of 90 riders. The team results were read out and we finished a creditable 4th out of 20 teams just missing out on 3rd spot on time. We also heard at the same time that the style team had come 3rd (out of 20 teams); Joe 10th individually and Charlotte 6th.

It was great for the team to get dressed up for the presentation which is always a highlight at any BRC champs!

Thanks to all the support from everyone and also to the cooks for the great BBQs. It was another fun and successful weekend for the club.



Joe Mace

"We finished a creditable 4th out of 20 teams... and the style team had come 3rd."

**Anything you would like
to add to the newsletter?**

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