



SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

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Hello lovely members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and getting into the winter spirit with your horsey friends!

It's been an up and down end to the summer season for SDRC.

New member, Emily Hamilton had an amazing time at the BRC national horse trial championships at the beginning of August. She came a brilliant 2nd in the 90 and was overall champion in the 100 riding her 2 home bred horses Sycamore Lilly and Musical Legend respectively. A fantastic result especially as weather conditions that weekend were far from kind.



We've had some others great results listed below but as we all know, horses give us fantastic highs but also some horrible lows. Whether they are with us a lifetime, a long time, or for only a short time our 4-legged friends take a lot of our time, money, and space in our hearts. We know our animals won't last forever but that doesn't make it any easier when the day comes to say goodbye.

Two of our committee have had their hearts broken over the last few months as the time came for their best friends to cross over the rainbow bridge. It has made me reflect and treasure the fun times I have with my horse and try not to stress when things don't quite go how I want them to. Also, to really think about why I have him? What makes me (and him) happy?

We hope that SDRC is a club that caters for all. The non-riders just wanting to be part of something and support others, the happy hackers, the novice riders wanting to gain confidence and learn the basics correctly, perhaps having a go at a low-key competition, right up to those striving to get to the championships and move up the levels. We all have one thing in common.....the love of horses.

With that in mind anyone with any ideas they would like us to try and organise (ridden or social) please do let any of us committee members know. Or use our FB page as a network to find like minded members. Eg. Going on a beach ride but no one to go with?? Ask our members. Fancy going to a competition at Irton but it's your first time? Ask our members if someone else is going who can help you. Or any general tips or advice. Riding club is all about riding together, having fun together and sharing our experiences with each other.

We, as a committee, strive to have things on to interest all our members and, hopefully from this newsletter, we'll keep you informed of what we've been up to and what's coming up.

As always, we welcome any feedback or ideas so I have put a list of our committee members who you can contact privately. Alternatively message us through Facebook.

What we've been up to:

Tuesday 22nd August - Dressage and Show Jumping at Gristhorpe. We ran this event as an evening format this year and, after having to cancel our previous date, we were happy to see some of you out enjoying yourselves having a go at dressage or a round of show jumping. Big Thankyou as always to everyone who helped us to set up for this event and also those who helped on the evening itself.

Any ideas of what competitions or events you would like us to put on for next year please let any one of us committee members know.

Thursday 28th September - Vet talk and pizza night at Killerby. A lovely evening was had at this fabulous venue. The pizzas were delicious and the talk ("When to call the vet") by Amelia McArthur of Station House vets near Malton, was informative and relaxed allowing us all to share experiences and ask questions. It was nice to have a social time with fellow members and hopefully more of these social evenings will be organised for next year. Again, any ideas please let us know.

2nd September – BRC national championships at Lincoln show ground. We only had 2 members qualify for this championship so very well done to them for getting there. Sallie Warters did one better and came home with some frillies! 🏆🏆 Sallie, and new ride for this season, Langaller Get Set, came 4th in the senior individual novice section and then won the individual senior elementary section! Well done Sallie! Jane Williams represented SDRC in the 90 show jumping. Jane and her old campaigner Full Sail did 2 fabulous clears in the first 2 rounds to get through to the jump off! Unfortunately, a little sat nav error meant Jane had to circle. This resulted in 4 faults plus a few time faults, dropping them to 17th. Still no disgrace. We are all only human and mistakes happen but so long as we come home safe, we've had fun and love our 4-legged best friends a little bit more, it's what it's all about.

15th October – Area 4 winter dressage at Northallerton. A little thin on the ground for entries to this event but those who did go definitely held their own against some good combinations. We just had one team of 3, so all 3 scores to count. The team finished 6th! All receiving some great individual scores. Our chairman, Amy Osborne, riding her novice horse, D'lux Fireball, gained 3rd in both the prelim and novice sections she contested. Beth Barnes, riding Deelside Red Adair, came 8th in her prelim section and Wendy Pears, on Beckhouse Viersokken, gained 10th to complete our trio of dressage divas.

21st October – Area 4 winter showjumping at Northallerton. A change of date for this competition which has historically been held in February. A good turnout from SDRC and some great results. Starting with a win for the 70 team!! Fantastic! The dream team consisted of individual winner Amy Osborne riding Dereen Bobby, Sophie McNiven riding Pebbly Splash (individual 4th), Nicolle Prince riding Storm (individual 6th) and Katie Pinckney riding Firwhickey Felix. Some more great results in the 100 for Lucy Vincent on Muchacho 3rd, Amy Osborne on D'lux Fireball 8th and Simon Shepardson on Rusty Fox Reg 9th resulting

in the team finishing 3rd. The 105 brought some good individual results for Amy and Lucy again with D'lux Fireball gaining 3rd and Muchacho 6th. Lucy's other ride Rehy Sunshine finished 7th.

What's coming up:

Socials:

Sunday 19th November: Annual celebration/early Christmas dinner and awards ceremony at Downe Arms.

Everyone who won trophies last year; Very well done but please can you get them back to a committee member as soon as possible please so we can get them engraved ready for this years presentation or if any of you are unfortunate enough to have to go in to Rainbow Equine Hospital you can leave the trophy's there for me to collect. Thankyou.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the latest updates and details of how to buy tickets.

Rallies:

These will continue to run throughout the winter at appropriate venues. All listed and available to book on the SDRC website. Please make sure you support these as if not we have to cancel which is expensive for our instructors and frustrating for us. Again, any suggestions of what you would like and when is best time, please get in touch.

Winter is a good time to learn something new or iron out any problems you've been having, so take advantage of our rallies. They are all with excellent instructors and subsidised by the club giving you more affordable access to lessons.

Keep yourselves and your 4-legged friends safe warm as we head in to the hardest season for us horse owners.

That's all for now.

Love, Lucy x

Committee members

Amy Osborne – Chairman, Teams/ chef d'equipe

Carly Webb – Vice Chair & Rallies Secretary

Sue Evans – Treasurer & membership

Lucy Woodhead – BRC rep & Newsletter

Gemma Colling – Health and Safety officer

Sallie Waters – Area 4 rep and Teams

Becky Boothby – Social secretary

Sarah Beal – Area 4 rep

Nick Colbeck – Helper

Ruth Wilkinson – Helper