

Newsletter Summer 2010



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Chairmans Report

Hello everyone,

The Silver Gambler series started our season off with some super well attended rides in the New Forest, The first Tilford ride went off fairly well, but it was decided not to run the August 8th ride at Tilford as entries and helpers were well down. As a lot of our riders were entering the groups team ride.

The biggest disappointment of the season was having to cancel the New Park ride in the New Forest it would have been the first official Mid South ride, the entries were just not there and Cathy and Marion decided that it was just not financially viable, so after much thought had to cancel, this also meant that the Silver Gambler Championship could not go ahead, again entries were low and a new venue would have been difficult to find at this late stage.

Sadly Jo Wallis Baga lost her lovely mare Zaha in tragic circumstances, so I think we as a committee will put a line through this year's rides. Jo has assured us that plans are afoot for next year both for the series and an exciting finale in September! Details hopefully at our AGM. in November. I look forward to seeing you all there, and at the Crewing and, Map Reading talk / demo on the 9th October.

Two of our committee have decided to step down due to other commitments so very sadly and a big thank you to Cathy Drummond and Marion Ashby, We will be looking for new committee members at the AGM. so do think about standing.

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AGM Supper and Annual prize giving

All Welcome



Friday 22th November 7.30pm – 9.30pm

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Food and a bar provided

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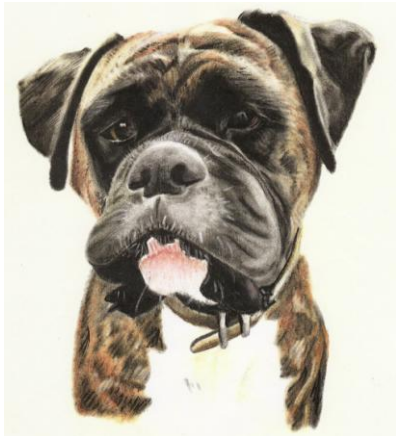
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Helping at Rides

We all enjoy a wonderful sport which gives us endless pleasure, so it is good to be able to put something back into the sport that gives us so much.

We hope that Mid South members will be prepared to give up some time to help Ride Organisers to put on the events that we all enjoy so much.

Help is needed in many ways, from car parking to vet writing, time-keeping to gate opening, working in the ride office, being a Technical Steward or stewarding a checkpoint.

All riders should make every effort to volunteer to help at a ride at least once in a season. It will also be of great help to a Ride Organiser if you volunteer well in advance.

Give a Ride Organiser a call straight away and book yourself a place as a helper - It will be greatly appreciated

List of Events /Rides for 2009

September

October

9th Map Reading and Crewing day

17th Arab Marathon (Apply to the AHS)

November

22nd Annual General Meeting and prize giving
@ The Guildhall, Winchester. 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Crewing and Map Reading Day

On Saturday October 9th 2010

To be held at “Greenfields” Hulfords Lane,
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DON'T DESPAIR LIGAMENTS REALLY DO REPAIR by Gillian Mann

Last year I set off to Firlie Park with my horse WFA Zaleem it was near the end of a good season where he had won his first endurance ride after several years and was in good form. We were accompanying Pauline Higgs and her horse Crystal Gleame on her last qualifying ride for Advance level.

We set off in good spirits but towards the end of the first half Zaleem was pulling a little and riding like a crab, a hangover from a nearly blind right eye and he slipped off a chalky ridge but did not feel lame. At the half way vetting his right hind leg was very swollen and the vet said that looks bad, such a good way of cheering one up. Pauline set off and finished the ride and qualified so that was a good part of the day.

We set off home only to have a puncture on the trailer on the M25 which was followed by a flat battery in the car as the hazard lights had drained it and it needed a specialist battery unit to jump start it. (BMW have not got that part of the car right) So it meant that the horses were standing in the trailer for around 7 hours but had food and water, more than the driver did.

The next day my vet came took one look and said he had just put two horses down with injuries like Zaleem's not sure what it is with vets but they do not have a way of cheering you up. So I said that was not going to happen to Zaleem we would get him better. So he said then it is box rest to which I replied I don't think so as Zaleem does not do box rest he would do more damage trying to get out, so we compromised on the box plus a piece of yard the same size where Zaleem could see and talk to the other horses. There followed shock wave treatment, injections and blood being removed and the platelets injected back in to the ligament. After the 3/4 months the golf ball size hole on the scan had filled up so we were allowed short walks out.

Don't get your hopes up too soon though, come April back in work doing very nicely and the vet comes to do a routine flu injection and that was the start of another month off work. I had taken the bandages off his legs in the hope that after 7 months he could do without them and the vet looked at the other hind medial ligament and said that does not look too good. The scan showed only slight damage so it was a case of rest in the field with the other horses.

After a summer of watching the camber on the tracks when out riding and a short pleasure ride, I entered the Inter-Regional Team event and had a great ride with Zaleem wishing to go faster on the lovely fast going than I did.

So don't get down hearted, horses with a great hole in their ligaments can mend and compete again.

Roll on 2011

See the next article for the results.

The Inter Regional's at Barbury Castle

On Saturday and Sunday August 7th and 8th we joined the South East Group as one of the Inter Regional Teams.

Saturday saw the ER's with Sarah Ewart (SE) in the 100k race and Mark Weir and Beverley Edwards (MS) in the 80k race. All 3 completed their rides with Sarah coming 5th in the 100k and Beverley 2nd with Mark 12th in the 80k ride.

Sunday morning dawned and the CR's. We had a strong team covering every class. In the 65k class we had 5 team members 2 from the Mid South and 3 from the South East. This class saw the happy return to competition of WFA Zaleem owned and ridden by our secretary Gillian Mann. Zaleem sustained a very bad hind suspensory ligament injury at the Firlie ride last year. He completed the ride to gain a G2. Pauline Higgs riding GFA Mydass also gained a G2. Of the three South East riders Susan and David Hawes gained G1's but unfortunately Caroline Hawes horse trotted up lame.

The 40k class saw Victoria Butcher on her big TB Lord of the River gain a G2, along with Janet Kirkham (SE) who gained a G3

The 32k class saw South East members Rebecca Northover and Su Middleton both complete and gain a G4 and G1 respectively.

Unfortunately mid south member Maddie Davies' mare became very upset so Maddie retired her on Course.

The team performed well and we came 6th

So come on next year and help us move up and win. Being part of the team is great fun.

I would like to thank all those team members, we all pulled together and had fun

Pauline (Mid South Team Captain)

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