

LWSC Newsletter May 2017

Summer Camps

As expected, spaces on our summer camps are starting to fill up very quickly! If you are still interested and would like to attend any of the camps, please get in touch with the office at LWSC as soon as possible.



LWSC Vs CEEC

On Friday 26th May, we had a friendly inter-club competition between ourselves and Clear Water Bay Equestrian Centre. Each club had to provide 2 instructors and 2 students to compete. This time, it was a Dressage competition and was hosted by ourselves, at LWSC. We are very happy to say that we won! Well done to the team that consisted of Becky Parkes, Annabel Dyson, Luci Friend & Christian Allderidge. We are very much looking forward to the next competition that will be held at CEEC.

Derby

On Sunday 21st May, BREC held the Derby competition. This competition is held once a year and has a combination of Show Jumps, Cross Country jumps and the bank! The idea of the competition is to clear all of the obstacles on the course in the quickest time. There were 2 classes in which we competed; the 50cm and the 80cm. Below are LWSC's results from each class:

50cm Class:

Luci Friend & Sirocco Too – 6th

80cm Class:

Luci Friend & Macaroon – 3rd

Gabby Thomas & Fun Faster – 4th

Christina Dyson & Koenigsberg – 5th

Nicolas Yu & Bentley – 6th



Lo Wu Riders Riding Experiences

From time to time, our riders travel to different countries and participate in different equine activities. Whether it's hacking, training or competing, we are always very interested to hear about your experiences! Here are a few stories from riders whom have been away recently.

Trip to Powell River, British Columbia, Canada in March 2017

We first met our friend, Phoebe Kingscote, over 10 years ago. Since then, we've been waiting for a chance to visit her and her lovely horses but have been waiting for our children, Thomas (9) and Christopher (7) to be good enough riders for us all to go out on a ride together in the Canadian forest. After lessons at Lo Wu every Sunday at 1030AM, we thought that that time had finally come.

We visited the rest of the herd in the field. Christopher, on Hisola, surrounded by large friendly faces



Thomas on Rainbow, not wanting to get his feet wet!

We had an amazing few days of rides. Phoebe has 10 horses, all of which are home-bred and which she looks after herself; they are very much her "herd" and she knows each one of them and their relationship to others, very well. She let us ride the horses we "bonded" with best. Simon rode his old friend Brawnwen, a 16.2hh 24 year old Anglo Arab. Brawnwen is a lovely, educated horse and riding him has always been like riding a dressage horse on the trail. Thomas rode Rainbow, a fun grey Arab mare and Christopher had Hisola, the "grandma" horse, a broad, gentle 15.2hh Canadian mare. She was huge for him but very trustworthy and, despite some initial trepidation, he grew to love and feel comfortable on her. I rode both Spotty Guy, an Appaloosa/Arab and the fabulous Tor (Tornado), a 16hh Canadian. Tor was very much the highlight of the trip for me as riding him was like an Eventer out on the trail. He was happy to pop little logs, jump over puddles and has a fabulous canter.

Spotty Guy tied up while the humans had a picnic lunch (and the horses had huckleberry bushes)



Thomas and Rainbow just after their little jump over a log

We had some lovely rides through the Canadian forest. The first day was a two hour ride to let the boys get used to their horses. We also led them initially (from our horses) but gradually first one, then the other, were happy to be off the lead rope in both walk and trot. Highlights were splashing through a huge never-ending long puddle which came up to the horses' tummies and, of course, the sheer pleasure of riding on trails through ferny tall trees and a quiet, pleasant, green forest (very much like "Lord of the Rings"). Thomas got to jump a little log on Rainbow and Christopher got to see what Hisola's pacing felt like. We also got to help with a community-sponsored lead rein ride for some home schooled children who would not otherwise have access to horses. On our final day, we had a good long four hour ride and came home in the cool Canadian twilight. We were very sad to say goodbye to our horse (and human) friends!

Simon and I-Ping



Going through the water (the ground slopes off on either side so it's best to stick in the middle!)



I-Ping and Tor on the property: a fabulous fun ride

Velvet Lung competing on her own pony, Derw Tigers Eye, over in the UK.

This is the first season Velvet has competed on her pony, Derw Tigers Eye, and they were placed in the Novice 148cm Show Pony and mixed height part-Bred Arab classes. It was a fantastic, if rather daunting, experience and she learnt a lot about ring craft. She was also given the Black Country Saddles Best Rider finalist card for the Summer Championships in another BSPS show the week after.



In-House Competition

We are going to be running an in-house Dressage competition on Friday 9th June. The competition is open to all and there will be classes to suit everybody. The classes we plan to run are; Introductory A, EA Preliminary 1.1 & EA Preliminary 1.3. If you are interested in entering the competition, please talk to your instructor about which class might be suitable for you and then write your name on the sheet on the notice board. Entries close Tuesday 6th June.



3 Day Eventing Clinic

Eventing clinic with Deborah Coulson which will run over 3 days and will focus on Show Jumping & Cross Country. The clinic will include Grid work, simulated XC training and also a session at Beas River, putting all your skills in to practice on the XC course. This clinic is aimed at riders who are hoping to compete either in Eventing or XC. There will also be some theory sessions that will include; the care of the horses both before and after competition, fitting of the horse, how to walk a XC course etc. It is open to riders in competition groups A&B, any riders at purple level and above, including any adult riders at this level who are interested in Eventing. Limited spaces will be available, if you are interested in joining this clinic, please give your availability during July. Dates will be confirmed once we have confirmation of availability for Beas River XC course and transport.



Event Training Clinic

We are also going to be running 2 event training clinics with Deborah Coulson which will be run over one day and will include; Show Jumping, Simulated XC training and also some theory sessions on how to walk courses and distances, ride curved line etc. This clinic is aimed at riders who are in competition groups B&C and also any riders at blue level and above. Riders must be confident jumping a course of up to 60cm. The dates for these clinics will be Monday 17th July and Monday 21st August. The clinics will run from 7am – 1pm and spaces will be limited to 8 riders, so please book early in order to secure a place.

Sad Farewell

We are deeply saddened to have to inform you that two of our old, long term residents of Lo Wu; Mark Of Excellence & Tosca have moved on to greener pastures in the sky. They have both been terrific school horses and taught many people how to ride, especially Tosco who has taught many generations of children. They will both be dearly missed!



Thank You

Now that the competition season has come to an end, we'd like to say a huge thank you all the parents that have committed themselves to coming to the competitions with their children, rain or shine to help out. These are just a few photos of the many parents who come and help, without them and all of their support, none of this would be possible!



Dressage

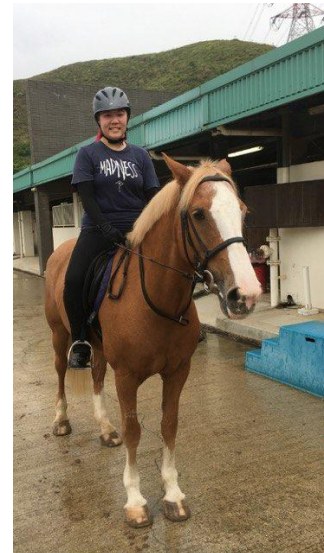
On 28th May, a few members of the competition groups went to BREC to compete in their riding school show. They all rode fantastically producing some very good results! Charli Haddican & Aneka came 1st in both classes, Seth Thomas & Blondie came 2nd in both classes and Saaga Niemi & Aneka came 3rd in both classes. We are very proud of them all and of course our fantastic horses!



New Members Of The Team

- ❖ On 1st May we welcomed Gina to the team. Gina will be working alongside Jackie & Aihua in the office. We're sure the majority of you will have already met her by now, but for those of you that haven't, please give her a warm welcome.
- ❖ We also have 6 new four-legged friends who will be joining the team in the very near future! We have 6 horses/ponies that landed safely in Hong Kong at the beginning of June. Following their two weeks in quarantine, they will come and start their new lives with us, here at LWSC. We are very excited for you all to meet them, as we're sure you will be too!

Gina
riding
Aneka.



Three of our very cute
new arrivals!

