

From the Horse's Mouth



A Newsletter for the Supporting Riders of the Light Cavalry HAC

June/July 2009

Stable Notes

Hello again and welcome to our new Supporting Riders!

On 1st July, the Light Cavalry will see a change in Command. After 5 years as Officer Commanding, Reg Howe will be standing down as OC and re-joining the ranks as a trooper. I am sure all Supporting Riders will wish to pass on their warmest regards to Reg and their congratulations on such a successful period as CO of the Light Cavalry HAC. On 1st July, we will welcome Rennie Simon to his post as the new Officer Commanding. I would encourage all Supporting Riders to attend the LC HAC Annual Dinner on 23rd July (application form on the back page) so that we can "dine out" Reg in style.

Other news of importance our lovely Louise Brown has decided to leave Flemish Farm and seek employment in pastures new. Her leaving date is 27th July and we wish her well in her future career. We will of course, miss her dreadfully!

Please also note that Caroline will be on holiday between 7th and 19th July (inclusive). Gary Hoults, dressage teacher extraordinaire, is moving to live at Flemish Farm. This is good news for those who wish to arrange dressage lessons at Flemish Farm. At this stage, if you wish to arrange a lesson with Gary please contact me (Kate Robinson) by email : mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk.

We would like to make a plea for volunteers for the fabulous Uniformed Services Show at the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery Barracks, St John's Wood, London, organised by the Light Cavalry on Saturday 17th October. If you are willing to help for a half an hour or so on the Refreshment and Light Cavalry merchandise stall please contact Fiona Charman on charmanfma@aol.com. You will still have plenty of time to see the thrills and spills of the Show. No riding skills required!

Finally apologies from your editor. I usually like to get the Horse's Mouth out at the beginning of each month. However, this month I was on holiday and so this issue will cover both June and July. The next issue will be published at the beginning of August.

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Forthcoming Events: 2009

June

21st Royal Windsor Cup, Smiths Lawn : Light Cavalry HAC on Parade

July

23rd Light Cavalry Annual Dinner

26th Cartier Polo, Smiths Lawn : Light Cavalry HAC on Parade

August

10th-23rd Horses' Summer Holiday

September

6th Rehearsal for General's Inspection

12th General's Inspection at Flemish Farm

October

17th Uniformed Services Show : King's Troop RHA Barracks, St John's Wood

November

14th Lord Mayor's Show, London

Light Cavalry HAC Photo Competition

Calling all Photographers..... Following the success of the 2008 and 2009 Light Cavalry Calendar we are 'doing it again' this year and we would like your help....We are inviting Light Cavalry members, supporting riders and their friends and family to submit photographs for inclusion into the 2010 Light Cavalry calendar (2 per person this year as we were inundated last year!) It can be a picture of the Light Cavalry horses, people, events or even objects but should show what you consider to be the essence of the Light Cavalry. See the diary dates for photo opportunities or just snap around the yard!

A specially chosen group of judges will choose one photograph for each month. Each winner will receive a copy of the calendar. The winning photograph will also appear on the front cover. All the entries will be displayed at the Light Cavalry inspection in September and the calendars will be on sale from then onwards until the New Year.

How do I enter? Please read the full terms and conditions below before entering.

Each photograph should include a short narrative (up to 50 words) describing the image, what it depicts and the idea behind it and send it either: in high quality JPEG format via e-mail to charmanfma@aol.com. Please include your name, address and telephone number or send individual photographs with your name on the back, to Fiona Charman, 4 Garrick Court, 31 Theatre Street, London, SW11 5ND with your name and contact details as above. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you would like your photo returned. The closing date is **31st July 2009**

If you have any queries please contact Fiona Charman on 07970 176 411 or via the e-mail above.

Terms and conditions:

Each entrant (or household) may submit a maximum of 2 entries for short-listing by the closing date of 31st July 2009.

Photographs from any year will be accepted and may be black and white or colour.

Photographs **MUST** be the work of the entrant.

The contents of the photographs must not have been modified or enhanced by computer image processing technology. Cropping, lightening or darkening the image is acceptable.

Entry subject matter is limited to events related to the Light Cavalry only. Other images will not be considered.

Please provide a short narrative about your entry (100 characters).

Each entry must be accompanied by the entrants name and address and telephone number.

No postal photographs will be returned unless otherwise stated or an SAE accompanies your entry.

Your photographs will be copyright free for use by the Light Cavalry only.

The Light Cavalry will not pass the photographs onto any other party without consulting you for permission which you can refuse.

The Judges decision is final.

HAC Saddle Club Competition : 10th May 2009

RESULTS : Preliminary 12 Dressage

- 1st Julie on Shirley
- 2nd Vincent on Larry
- 3rd Kate on Ebony

RESULTS : Andrew Fellowes Cup

- 1st Jan on Amos
- 2nd Alex on Huntsman IV
- 3rd Debbie on Shirley

RESULTS : Novice 32 Dressage

- 1st Kate on Ebony
- 2nd Jan on Amos
- 3rd Melissa on Richard

RESULTS : John Palmer Cup : Jumping

- 1st Christopher on Amos
- 2nd Louise on Vivor
- 3rd Susie on Bob

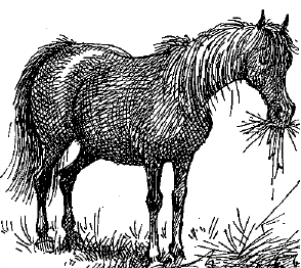
Amos with his hard-won rosettes!



A wonderful day was had by all on the 10th May for the HAC Saddle Club Competition. All the horses performed well and all the human riders gave of their best! I'm sure all Supporting Riders will join me in thanking Fiona Charman who organised the day, our lovely judge Sarah Jane who was so kind to us in the dressage. Thanks must also go to "Team Percival" who produced such delicious food and helped to raise over £112 for Help the Heroes. All credit to Julie Percival who also managed to gain first place in the Prelim dressage. Well done Julie!!! Finally thank you to Caroline, who set up and scored the jumping competitions and also to Louise and Kerri who helped everyone get organised and made the day such a wonderful success.

It was wonderful that John Palmer's sister, Mrs Margaret Garrett, attended the event to award the trophy. It was a wonderful way to remember the memory of such a well loved member of the Saddle Club

On the next page are a sample of photographs taken by Maurizio Mottola. A dvd of which can be bought from the office at Flemish Farm for a very reasonable £5 (all proceeds going towards our horses).



**If you get thrown from a horse, you have to get up and get back on,
unless you land on a cactus; then you have to roll around and scream in pain.
(Cowboy wisdom)**

John Palmer Cup and Pyramid Trophy : Photographs



Queen's Cup Polo : Sunday 13th June, 2009

Julie Percival kindly took these photographs on Sunday 13th June of the first polo guard of the year, The Queen's Cup Polo at Smith's Lawn.

The guard was led by Malcolm Johnston, the Adjutant, on Guinness. It was a lovely sunny day and I believe quite warm if you were wearing a 19th century cavalry uniform! As usual our horses were immaculately turned out by Supporting Rider volunteers and the team at Flemish Farm.

If you would like copies of these photographs please contact me on mrsrw1h@yahoo.co.uk.



Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner : Thursday 23rd July

Armoury House, the Regimental Headquarters of the HAC, is located just outside the square mile that is the City of London. The Long Room is on the first floor and extends the full length of the original building of 1735. It has a magnificent view as all the windows overlook the Artillery Garden. It is a magnificent setting for a dinner. All Supporting Riders are invited to join members of the Light Cavalry at their Annual Dinner. This year's dinner will be particularly poignant as Reg Howe, Officer Commanding LC HAC will be "dined out" by his fellow cavalrymen and women.

Dress for the evening is formal. For men and women in the armed services the dress is : Mess kit preferred but alternatives acceptable to the OC are : Blue Patrols, Full Dress Tunic less cross belt, sword and sabretache slings or Black Tie. For mere mortals (!) Black Tie for men and a long evening dress for women.

If you wish to drive to this event, parking is available, but please submit your car registration number with your application form.

It is a great opportunity to review the activities of the past year, meet other Supporting Riders and talk horses all evening! Please bring your friends and partners to what should be an excellent evening.

Application form: Light Cavalry HAC Annual Dinner

To be held at Armoury House, City Road, London on Thursday 23rd July, 2009

I.....

Wish to attend the Annual Dinner in the Long Room on Thursday 23rd July and I would like to bring the following guests:

Guests : (please include rank and decorations)

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Dietary Requirements

Tel No..... Email address.....

I enclose a cheque made out to **Light Cavalry HAC** for £..... (£38 per head including an allowance of wine)

My car registration is

NB your application must reach Lt Simon by Monday 13th July at the latest

Please send to : Lt Simon Coleman's Cottage, West Langdon, Kent CT15 5HQ or

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