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SCT MASTERCLASS SERIES WITH YOGI BRIESNER ★★☆☆



Yogi Briesner, probably the most famous and sought-after coach in Europe and best known as the long-term performance manager of the highly successful British eventing team, gave an exclusive Masterclass for SCT apprentices and employers at Vale View Equestrian Centre, on 4 January 2016. He taught nine groups of riders of varying abilities and experience - from those without much experience of competitive riding through to top young showjumper Emily Ward and promising eventer Noah Brook - throughout the day, and all felt they had benefited greatly from their coaching session. One attendee commented: "This was invaluable training from an international coach of the highest calibre - these Masterclasses are an incredible benefit to being involved with SCT." Chesterfield-based SCT works throughout the horse industry to provide world-class training for young people through the apprenticeship programme. Equestrian apprenticeships enable young people to gain real, practical skills by "learning while they work", which are much-desired in the equine industry. They also earn a wage and gain widely respected qualifications at the same time. Yogi, a former member of the Swedish eventing team who is also in great demand as a coach of National Hunt jockeys and racehorses, said: "It is evident that Stubbing Court Training Ltd is a great asset to the horse world. These Masterclasses are a wonderful way to reward apprentices and their employers, and encourage them to keep raising their standards of care and horsemanship." SCT are extremely grateful for the support of the Vale View Equestrian team for providing superb facilities, and all the employers and apprentices who attended. This was the first in SCT's acclaimed Masterclass series for 2016. They are exclusive to SCT apprentices and employers. The next Masterclass will be on Monday 18 April with Joe Whitaker at Speetley Equestrian near Chesterfield.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW??



The proof that Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT)'s Apprenticeships are an outstanding way of starting a career in the equine world is in the success of SCT graduates. SCT is very proud of all the young people who have used its equine Apprenticeships as a launch-pad into fulfilling jobs, and here are a few of its recent success stories. Noah Brook has had an outstanding year in his chosen career of eventing. He became the inaugural winner of the Corinthian Cup at the Festival of British Eventing at Gatcombe in 2015 on Deo Volente III, and the pair finished the season by competing at the World Young Horse Championships at Le Lion d'Angers in France. Noah, who started riding at his local riding school, completed his Levels 2 and 3 Apprenticeships at first Andrew Day's dressage yard and then Judy Bradwell's eventing yard. He is now self-employed, riding and producing horses for owners and teaching.



"SCT gave me great opportunities to learn from the best people, and gave me support and inspiration - as well as valuable qualifications," says Noah. "You need passion and dedication to have a successful career with horses." Another SCT Apprentice who experienced great success in 2015 is showman Jordan Cook, who won his second title at the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) in October. He also won at the Royal International Horse Show with the small hack Fleetwater Xecutive, and at the Hickstead Derby meeting. Jordan started riding at Birchwood Equestrian Centre in Derbyshire, and started working there upon leaving school. He achieved his Level 2 Apprenticeship at Birchwood, and did his Advanced Apprenticeship with Debbie and Kirk Godber, where he learned about showing as well as working with young horses, hunters and show jumpers. "Determination, hard work and attention to detail are essential to a successful career with horses," he says. "And the desire to learn from professionals." Rachel Brightmore has driven the great Michael Whitaker's horses all over Europe, and has also run her own business importing horses from Ireland with her farrier husband, Henry. She did an SCT Apprenticeship back in 2002 with Debbie Cox. "An Apprenticeship gives you hand-on experience, you earn while you learn - and it's real. It's a qualification that means something because it proves you have experience in a proper, working environment," she says. "To work with top riders, you've got to be so willing to work and so willing to learn - you never stop learning." But SCT Apprentices don't just go on to work in the competition world. Ashlene Bagshaw is a yard manager providing pony and carriage rides for Center Parcs. "I finished my A levels but decided university wasn't for me," she explains. "I searched for a job with horses, and found an SCT Apprenticeship at a livery yard and riding school working for the late Margaret Willet. I spent just over two years gaining priceless experience and knowledge. "My responsibilities progressed as I worked through the levels from the basics such as mucking out, sweeping, haying and watering to feeding, teaching and helping back home-bred youngsters. "After qualifying I felt the need to progress in a different direction. A local



businessman was looking for a new yard manager to run and develop his existing Center Parcs enterprise. We started out with six horses and ponies and now have 15. The business at Center Parcs providing pony rides and horse-drawn carriage rides for guests is booming." She adds: "Starting out in a career with horses is tough," she says. "Some give up before they have a chance to reap the rewards these animals can give. You need perseverance, compassion and patience."



RIDING & ROAD SAFETY 2016



For all Level 2 Apprentices who have not already achieved this and are doing the Diploma Riding Optional units. Please attend one of the following:
 Monday 9 May 2016 - Middleton Park EC, Middleton Grove, Leeds LS11 5TZ
 Monday 16 May 2016 - Birchwood EC, 140 Birchwood Lane, Somercotes DE55 4NE
 Monday 23 May 2016 - Barleyfields EC, Ash Lane, Etwell DE65 6HT
 Monday 6 June 2016 - Trent Valley EC, Occupation Lane, Fiskerton, Newark NG25 0TR.

CHELSEA FLETCHER - A DAY HUNTING

I am doing my Advanced Apprenticeship at Knowles Farm, Holmesfield. This is a livery and hunting yard as well as dog kennels. My employers are Chris and Sam White, Chris is a joint Master of the Barlow Hunt. The night before a meet I have to wash and clean the horses' tails, socks and give them a good groom. All the tack has to be cleaned - saddles, bridles, breastplates and martingales. The day of the meet starts early, all the horses have to be mucked out. The Trail Layer sets off about 5am to lay a scent for the hounds to follow. The horses we are using have to have a good groom then we have to plait their manes, put oil on their hooves and fit tack then load them into the lorry. We have to get dressed in cream jodphurs, boots, white shirts with a pin, waistcoats, gloves, hats and a black jacket. A Huntsman is the person who blows the horn that controls the hounds, each sound is a command to the hounds. A Whipper in is a person that helps the Huntsman with the hounds. The Field Master is in charge of the riders - these all wear red coats. All riders, hounds and foot followers arrive at the meet, everyone is laughing and joking, it is a very friendly, welcoming atmosphere. The Huntsman sounds the horn and we are off! The hounds follow the Huntsman and Whipper in. All riders are behind the Field Master - we follow him across fields, roads, jumping hedges and fences, it really is a brilliant days riding. Eventually at the end of the day the horses and the hounds are loaded back in the lorry and then it's back to the yard. The horses are then washed off, sweat scraped, fed, watered, bedded down for a well earned good night's rest. They are not the only ones tired!



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!

Apprenticeship: Hannah Goodrum, Eleesha Murray

Advanced Apprenticeship: Chelsea Fletcher, Samantha Godman, Dominique Hunt, Serena Parker, Bethany Fearn



Intermediate Technical Certificate: Harriet Raymond, James Topham, Abby Daughtrey, Rebecca Marshall-Potter, Georgina Bird, Ashleigh Walters, Jessica Ridley, Abbey McMahon, Leah Grundy, Jade Priest, Rhianne Holroyd, Donna Craven, Elise Berriman, Georgia Jowitt, Ryan Hatt, Connie Johnson, Sophie Tulloch, Tamara Miles, Emily Webster, Ryan Jones, Jade Hudson, Jessica Charlton

Advanced Technical Certificate: Rebecca Patchell, Anne-Marie Smith

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Ellie McCormack, Clare Ackroyd, Donna Craven

Mathematics Level 2: Marie Graham, Lucie Johnson, Shelby-Lee Smith

English Level 2: Lucie Johnson, Emma Warriner

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Scropton RDA, Scropton, Derbyshire, DE65 5PN on Wednesday 27 April, 2016

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15 March, 20 April, 26 May, 21 June, 12 July
at Derby College

30 June at North Nottinghamshire College

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Carolanne Byers, Harriet Lechki,
Jade Edwards, Elizabeth Mellor,
Eleanor Stevenson, Jessica Rivers,
Georgia Reaney, Simon Clatworthy,
Candi Christou, Joanne Bell,
Isabelle Astill, Georgia Egan,
Rebecca Wordsworth,
Ellie Calvert, Amy Iles,
Jonathan Walker, Stacey Bryce

SUMMARY OF MASTERCLASS FEEDBACK WITH YOGI BREISNER

Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day? • Using grids, this helped with my position and made me think about my speed and having shorter reins! • Seeing Yogi set up different pole work and grid work exercises • The warm up was useful as it helped to relax my horse and prepared him for work • The bounce fences after the line to gain more control after the fences • Learning how to build up on the flexion of the horse • Listening to Yogi explaining why he was doing the exercises • Watching all the different jump set ups and finding out why • Really enjoyed the exercises that Yogi used • Staying all day and watching all the other lessons • The exercises are perfect for my horse and has left me inspired and ready to work on them at home • Doing the first exercise, making my horse use her hind legs • Working on flexion and bending • Tips about leg position and jumping • Learning new skills with grid work and canter poles on the corner • The use of simple exercises that can be applied to lots of people • Watching how different riders ride • Watching how Yogi approached the riders according to their different riding styles and personalities and how he advised them • The feedback at the start of the lesson which helped me improve throughout the masterclass • Given help straight away helped me improve throughout the session • Such a good lesson and improvements were instant • Watching an international coach teaching a variety of abilities and adapting different exercises to suit • Invaluable training from an international coach • Numerous different exercises which were set up in the arena and led on well from one another • Doing the bounces on the turn made me think about controlling myself and the horse after the jump, to set her up for the next part of the jump • Learning simple yet very effective techniques will help all horses at any age or ability • How to control the horse and avoid blocking the horse's natural ability

Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day? • Jumping and gaining great knowledge • Having a lesson from Yogi • Seeing the improvement in riders and horses during the sessions • Jumping exercises • Getting an opinion of my horse and riding from Yogi, knowing what I can improve on • Watching the masterclass and seeing others jumping • Good positive coaching • Riding - the lesson was very educational • Jumping down the grid with a looser pelvis • Having a lesson with Yogi and having advice from him • Getting to know Yogi and his tips for training in the grid work • Learning new skills when jumping • All of the session • Something to take away and work with • Watching how Yogi taught the other riders • Noticing the improvements in the horse's movement and attitude to work • Being part of the team • All staff and trainers were very friendly, made us feel welcome as visitors • Getting feedback and riding • Learnt a lot and enjoyed the different exercises • Seeing how encouraging Yogi was and willing to pass his enthusiasm and knowledge on • There was a huge amount of praise when earned. Yogi was informative and there was a lot learnt • Riding in the masterclass and getting lots of tips • Learning ways to improve schooling and rider ability • Watching learners gaining confidence • Listening to Yogi's calm but firm way of educating both horse and rider • Seeing the improvements in every horse and rider. Seeing the hugely talented riding of Emily Ward and lovely horse, a pleasure to see.

Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress? • Jumping regularly, use grid work • Work hard and ensure my learners progress • Go home and practice what we have done in the lesson • Encourage other apprentices, employers and future apprentices to take part in the masterclasses • Work on straightness over a fence and improve my warm up techniques • Poles and grid work • Encourage other students to attend • Keep using the exercises done that will help improve my horse • Do more grid work • I will work on the exercises at home and take the ideas Yogi gave and use them on my other horses • Practice on helping my pelvis forward to keep my body position more upright • Work on the horse I rode today and get her owner to get her out jumping more • Work on bending and going around corners • Work on my body position and make sure I am carrying myself • Not being too strong in the hand when jumping and to practice more grid work • Keep control of the shoulders, so she doesn't drift • Work on suppleness exercises • Practice schooling at home and balance e.g. standing up in stirrups • Complete units on time and use aspects of the exercises I witnessed in my work • Use different training techniques to give the horses an all-round and balanced education • Set myself a little aim for achievement each time I ride and work on it

Aspect 4: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass? • Very well organised. Pushed me out of my comfort zone. Really enjoyed it! • Good standard of horses and riders, excellent and productive instructions of the highest calibre • Well organised and good food! • Really lovely trainer and a fantastic opportunity! • Fantastic • Everyone was very friendly • Very well run and an amazing opportunity • Easy to understand and use at home • Great lesson - Thank you • Fun and learnt a lot • Enjoyed it and came away with things to think about and improve on • The hospitality was good • Excellent opportunity for apprentices to spend time with Yogi • Yogi was brilliant and gave good feedback and improvements were already seen • I really enjoyed it - was well organised and really enjoyed getting taught by Yogi Breisner! • Excellent facilities at Vale View • Really enjoyable and informative • Favourite one so far!! • Well worth the trip • It's a really good well-run masterclass, it gives the student a great opportunity to improve their riding • Fantastic trainer - truly world class. Brilliant to see all levels of horse and rider hugely improve through the lesson