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a Very Merry Christmas!!
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SCT MASTERCLASS WITH ANDREW SAYWELL



The strength of Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT)'s exceptional network of contacts within the equine world was proved recently when top showjumper and coach Andrew Saywell stepped in at the 11th hour to give the latest in the acclaimed Masterclass series. International event rider Mark Kyle had been due to take the Masterclass at Parklands Equestrian Centre near Sheffield on 21 November. But the Irish Olympian was injured the day before, and Andrew Saywell gallantly stepped in to provide an extremely interesting and informative day for SCT's apprentices and employers. Andrew has had a long involvement with SCT. The youngest member of Britain's showjumping team at the World Equestrian Games in Normandy this summer, 21-year-old Spencer Roe, completed his apprenticeship through SCT while working for Andrew at his Newark yard. "I really enjoyed the day, it was well organised and the facilities were great. Every rider was well mannered and appreciated the help, I would happily employ all of them." said Andrew. And that wasn't Andrew's only involvement with this year's World Equestrian Games - he also produced the individual double gold medal-winning horse, Zenith, who was ridden to the world title by Dutchman Jeroen Dubbeldam.



One attendee at the Masterclass said: "It was wonderful to see a top-class coach at work and for training of such a high level to be made available to SCT participants. It's inspiring." Andrew taught SCT apprentices and employers, and SCT is very grateful that he was able to step in and provide such world-class training. The next SCT Masterclass takes place at Vale View Equestrian Centre in Leicestershire on 5 January with Yogi Breisner, who has been the brilliantly successful Performance Manager of the British eventing team since 2000. 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. SCT are extremely appreciative for the support of the Sampson family, and all the team at Parklands for providing great horses and facilities, and all the employers and apprentices who attended.

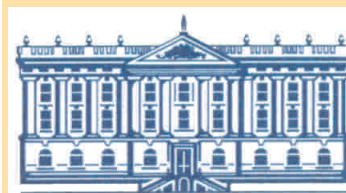


COMING SOON SCT MASTERCLASS WITH YOGI BREISNER



Following on from the massive success of the SCT Masterclasses with leading international showjumpers Matthew Sampson, Andrew Saywell, and Olympic event rider Mark Kyle, Stubbing Court Training Ltd. are delighted to be organising the first Masterclass in the 2015 Series with British eventing chef d'equipe Yogi Breisner - probably the most celebrated trainer in Europe. The Olympic, World and European Championship medal winning British Team Manager will be the trainer for the Masterclass which will take place on Monday 5 January 2015, at Vale View Equestrian, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 15, 16, 17 MAY 2015



This is a fantastic opportunity for any apprentices or employers wanting to get involved in eventing and competition organising and we would welcome you to join the team of helpers during the event. Jobs may include writing for judges, stewarding, scoring and general assistance. Anyone interested please ring Belinda on 01246 566193 as soon as possible. Thank you.

HEALTH & SAFETY

FIRST AID

14 January, 20 February at Derby College
 24 February at North Notts College, Worksop
LIMITED PLACES for all SCT employers, apprentices and their employees.
 Please contact SCT for more information on 01246 566193

8 January, 16 February at Derby College
 13 January, 3 February at North Notts College, Worksop
LIMITED PLACES for all SCT employers, apprentices and their employees.
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WELCOME TO:

Yasmin Davies, Emily Howarth, Alyssa Lister, Katie Liversidge, Alexandra Clarridge, Megan Plummer, Eleesha Murray, Victoria Avison, Victoria Whitehurst, Millie Chamberlain, Helen Bates, Bethany Slinger, Holly Terrington, Sophie Gardiner, Ryan Hatt, Hannah Goodrum

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!

Intermediate Technical Certificate:

Kelly Wyatt, Keeley Atkins, Alexander Bown, Megan Colebrook, Nikki Ewington, Sophie Jesty, Sarah Naylor, Cassady Scattergood, Bethany Spencer-Seare, Catriona Sutcliffe, Lauren Ward

Advanced Technical Certificate: Loran Wilson, Kayliegh Brook, Sophie Kendrick, Josephine Tanser, Paige Bathgate

Apprenticeship: Michaela Smithen, Briony Bradley, Sophie Chandler, Mary Hall-Maclachlainn, Victoria Webster, Kimberley Musson, Rebecca Patchell, Abby White, Amy Marfleet, Kathryn Massey (Traineeship)

Advanced Apprenticeship: Lauren Peel, Sarah Tweedley, Francesca Marriott, Johanna Skinner, Lauren Booker

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Serena Parker, Paisley Woodward, Sarah Naylor

Mathematics Level 2: Danielle Soden

English Level 1: Codie Goddard, Sophie Jesty, Sarah Naylor, Lauren Smith, Emma Warriner, Paisley Woodward

English Level 2: Alyssa Jones, Josephine Tanser, Daniella Thorpe, Jane Hemingway, Lauren Crabtree



TARA WILKINSON - JUNIOR EUROPEAN DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS, POLAND



We set off to compete at the Junior FEI European Championships in Poland. After approximately 18 hours of travelling and taking regular breaks to give the ponies a rest, water and to check their condition, we arrived in Ksiaz, Poland. The ponies were checked over by the vets as soon as we arrived at the competition on 18 August. On the Tuesday we let the horses settle into their new surroundings, as we looked around the venue which once held the war horses and is now a stud yard. In the afternoon we had the opening ceremony where all the national anthems were played and the competitions had officially started. The Wednesday morning was the Trot Up, everything was polished and scrubbed the night before ready for the early morning. All the horses there trotted up in front of the vets and inspected, Team GB got through with no problems. The night was Nations night, where all the different countries supplied food and drink from

their country. It was a great social event and everyone made friends with their opponents. Thursday was dressage day. I was on at 5.00pm the last of Team GB to go, my dressage went surprisingly well considering in the warm up it wasn't looking too good, we got placed 11th. Saturday was fast and furious Marathon day, mine and Joe's best phase! Everything went to plan and we had the fastest times of the day, moving us up to 4th place overall. Cones day was the last day and the most nerve racking phase of the competition. This phase is the easiest to drop down or move up places. I had one cone down, which was just enough to move me up to bronze medal position! Everyone had an unforgettable time and loved every minute!



SOPHIE HEMMINGS, BARLEYFIELDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



I am currently working towards my Advanced Apprenticeship after recently completing my Level 2 Apprenticeship and I have also passed my BHS Stage 1 and hope to do my BHS Stage 2 soon. Barleyfields is a large riding school which offers lessons for adults and children of all abilities with a range of school horses and ponies to suit everybody. We are open Tuesday to Saturday but open for shows on a Sunday. We also hold the BHS Stages exams at the yard and on the exam days all the horses look their best - clean and plaited as if they were going to a show! We are often complimented on the condition and turnout of our school horses - we have won Team quest dressage competitions and the judges hardly believed that all of

the horses were riding school horses. Working as an apprentice at Barleyfields has enabled me to develop my knowledge and confidence as I learn new skills everyday and get to experience a variety of different jobs around the yard. The Barleyfields staff are a great support, are really easy to get on with and very encouraging and have helped my development throughout the year with my riding skills and portfolio work. Barleyfields EC offers great opportunities to support my learning outside of work and has summer shows which I have competed in with some of the school horses. I have done a range of events such as show jumping, working hunter, dressage and showing classes. I will also have the opportunity to take part in the winter shows which I will compete on with my loan pony Lexie.



COMING SOON... COACHING SEMINAR - 5 MARCH 2015



As part of SCT's development of the new online Coaching units we are organising a cutting-edge Seminar for all apprentices and employers on Thursday 5 March 2015. The Seminar will include top class speakers on key coaching issues: Anna Goodley, Lycetts: insurance requirements for Coaching • Kate Goodger: Team GB Sports Psychologist • Michael Peacock: Team GB Strength and Conditioning Coach • Julia Scott-Douglas: Team GB Nutritionist. Please complete and return the booking slip by 5.2.2015. Limited places available. Thank you.

SUMMARY OF MASTERCLASS FEEDBACK



Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day? Gaining a deeper seat • I learnt a lot about my position on the flat and how to improve it • Learning how to jump a course • To work your horse on the inside of the arena so the horse does not use the wall for support before jumping a course • Riding an unfamiliar horse • I learnt a lot from the Masterclass instructor • Learning that I have to look straight when riding • I learnt that I need to practice using my leg on my horse during the flat work, so that when it comes to the jumping, my horse will go forward more • Being assessed by a high level rider • Preparation for the day is useful • The parts where the trainer had a one to one chat with us • For my trainee - she has learnt a lot about taking her horse to an event and preparing for this • Watching and seeing how other people jump. Having the focus to use the wall to keep straight • Taking part in the Masterclass • Being taught in a different way how to ride my horse • Correcting my position over the fences • Listening to what other people do and how to correct it • Taking tips from Andrew and seeing how another trainer teaches. Working with a different trainer • Andrew explained things very well • Catching up with all my trainees and seeing them ride • Andrew advised me to lift my hands which made a huge difference to my riding • Taking advice from Andrew - I need to get a longer martingale • Seeing my horse go well and jumping the bigger fences • Learning new riding skills • Getting feedback from Andrew • Interacting with SCT and all the other employers • That such an event was put on for students is excellent - great opportunity!

• My pony grew during the lessons and it was only my third time riding and also my first event away from home • Hearing the feedback from all the employers, trainees, colleagues and family members about the day • The reinforcement of the need for correct basics - lines to fences, rhythm, quiet and tactful riding • Seeing the techniques used by a top class trainer • Seeing a top class coach at work and training of such a high level, being made available to SCT trainees

Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day? Learning new skills from a new tutor • Riding a new horse and learning how to ride a range of horses • Jumping and being taught by Andrew Saywell • I got to ride a new horse • All of the day • Watching my daughter jump • Jumping an unfamiliar horse • I enjoyed watching the instructor teach • Riding in the Masterclass and listening to the instructor • Seeing the improvement in my horse from the start of the session to the end • The horses were well behaved and responsive • I was able to focus on my own shortcomings • It was nice to see the riders listen and improve • Everyone was very friendly and helpful • The riding • Bringing my trainee and seeing her on her first outing with her horse, both enjoying themselves • Watching the class and other riders • Jumping the course • Watching my trainee riding and doing well • Actually getting around a full course of jumps! Jumping the bigger fences • Improving my riding as the lesson progressed • Seeing my daughter be confident on the Parklands horse and enjoying it • Helping with jumps and listening to the advice Andrew gave the riders during the day • Seeing my trainee improve throughout his lesson • Seeing the great improvements in horses and riders • To watch how people can improve in a short time on a well organised day by SCT

Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress? Take away my stirrups to create balance and a deeper seat • Do more work without stirrups and more with my seat • Continue to practice using the advice I got from Andrew • I will try to build my confidence when riding different horses • Carry on practicing jumping courses at home • Do more jumping at home and at work • Practice what I was taught in the lesson • Practice using my lower leg on the flat • Practice using my leg correctly, particularly around turns • Encourage the students to use the information they were given, to further their training Use the tips provided by Andrew, at home and try to put more weight into my stirrups • Keep my hands still and use my leg more • Continue to work on my position • Have more flatwork and jumping lessons to help me improve further • Keep remembering to lift my hands when I'm riding • Take Andrew's advice and take dressage lessons • Encourage all trainees to take part in up and coming Masterclasses • Encourage taking further Masterclass opportunities • Organise further opportunities • Take home the well constructed lesson programme that Andrew put together, adapted to each level of rider, take time to explain, reflect and emphasise what to work.

Aspect 4: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass? Good Masterclass, overall very good • Very enjoyable and I gained experience and knowledge when riding It has given me more confidence • Really good, I got good advice and positive feedback from Andrew • Very interesting to watch! • Very well organised and enjoyable • Well organised, clear and informative • Excellent lesson • Well organised with friendly people! • The course was good, I need to practice jumping bigger at home and at events • Very enjoyable day • Andrew was very personable and made the trainees feel comfortable during the lessons • Excellent organisation and brilliant trainer • Very professional, tactful, and insistence on correct basics • Excellent catering, very well organised •