

Public Riding Schools

Tuen Mun, Lei Yue Mun, Pokfulam



Foreword

Dear riders and friends of the HKJC Public Riding Schools,

I do hope that you have all had a very happy and relaxing summer holiday and that you have arrived back with batteries recharged, ready to 'take up the reins' whether in the office, the classroom or the paddock! Meanwhile, we have been busy working on the next newsletter and we are pleased to present the October edition.

Do enjoy the following pages which are packed with interesting items and photographs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you officially that Christina and I will leave Hong Kong at the end of October. Time has raced by very quickly and my 3-year contract is almost at an end. We have really enjoyed our time here; we have met many warm and friendly people and have made new friends.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of you and especially to my staff, who have worked very hard to achieve the improvements made over the last 3 years; I am very proud of them. Please keep up the good work!



1. Bernd Knorr competing at the Conghua Test Event

However, this is not 'good bye' forever! We'd like to come back from time to time to visit friends, see the horses and catch up over a good dinner and drinks.

I'd like to end with the words of a famous German television journalist who always concluded his reports as follows: "Dear ladies and gentlemen, don't forget the horses!"

Christina and I wish you and your families all the best for the future.

Best regards

Bernd Knorr
Equestrian Manager PRS / Chief Riding
Instructor



CONGRATULATIONS !!

Asian Games

We would like to congratulate Tuen Mun riding instructor, Bee Chan on qualifying for the Asian Games which will take place in November.

Bee has been competing in Europe over the last few months in order to gain the necessary points to qualify.

The qualification events are displayed below:

Eventing Results

<u>Period</u>	<u>Show</u>
31/7-1/8	Veclta - National Novice (Germany)
13-15/8	Bad HarzBurg - CIC* (Germany)
20-22/8	Helvoirt - CIC* (Holland)



Well done Bee! We would all like to wish you the very best of luck for the Games!

New Arrivals

We would like to congratulate our Farrier Chung Sik Chiu and his wife Chiu Sin on the birth of their new baby daughter Chung Ho Yiu who was born on 29th June.



We would also like to congratulate our Riding Instructor Boris Yue Man Ho and his wife Selwin Lee on the birth of their new baby boy who was born on Tuesday 7th September.



A Warm Welcome To Our New Instructors & New Additions to the Junior Team !

**Jennifer Lee Peters
(BHS AI)**



Jennifer completed her National Diploma in Equine Studies at Myerscough College in UK and began her teaching career in 1999, after being awarded the certificate of British Horse Society

Assistant Instructor (BHS AI).

Jennifer continued to pursue her studies and graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Equine Science at the beginning of 2001. She moved to the Lake District in the north of England and began running a livery yard in 2003. Jennifer competed with her own young horse nationally at county level in working and ridden hunter classes.

Jennifer enjoys teaching all standards of riders and looks forward to seeing all you at Pokfulam

**Martina Trommershausen
(Horse Manager and Riding Teacher Master)**



Martina was born in Germany and joined our group of riding schools, as Riding Instructor in July 2010.

She started her professional horsemanship in 1992 training for many years in

different well known dressage yards.

She completed her Horse Manager and Riding Teacher Master Exams in 1997.

Martina is very experienced in schooling horses and teaching riders from basic up to advanced level.

She competed in Germany up to Dressage Level S and is looking forward to sharing her knowledge in lessons taught in both German and English.

The Hong Kong Junior Team

On 30th May, Lennard Chiang and Oi Man Leung participated in an assessment for selection of members for the third Hong Kong Jockey Club Equestrian Team. Both Lennard and Oi Man qualified successfully for the team for the season which commenced on July 1st. We would like to offer them our heartfelt congratulations and wish them every success for the future.



Inter-Pacific Exchange Programme July 23rd – August 7th

This summer, the Hong Kong Pony Club hosted the Inter-Pacific Exchange Programme (IPE) 2010 at the Camelot Riding Club and Resort. After the difficulties and disappointments of 2009 when an outbreak of swine flu meant that the event had to be cancelled, DC Mildred Gannon and her team were delighted to have a second opportunity to host the event. Much hard work ensued and Mildred pays tribute to Philip Sum of Camelot, Bernd Knorr from TMPRS for overseeing the show jumping and Caroline Holm, also of TMPRS, for taking charge of the dressage. Special thanks must also go to Peta Duncalf, Chef d'Equipe of the Hong Kong team, Kate Budge for her amazing organizational skills, Mandy Farrar who manned the Pony Club office and Nick Rodgers who was part of the organizing committee. Riders from 5 countries participated and Team Australia went home with the winners' trophy. Many congratulations!

History of the IPE

In 1960 Pebble Beach Pony Club, California, USA invited Pony Club members from New South Wales and Victoria to visit them in the USA and share in their common interest of horses and riding. Such was the success of the 'exchange' that in return, the Pony Club Association of Victoria, invited the USA, Canada, New Zealand, and all seven Australian States to participate in a similar exchange programme the following year, 1961. During that visit, the Inter Pacific Exchange Committee was formed. It was agreed that these 'exchange programmes would take place every two years and be 'hosted' by the participating countries on a rotational bases and so began IPE.

BHS Exam Result for the three Public Riding Schools - May 2010

Congratulations to all candidates, who have successfully passed the BHS Exams this year :

Stage 1 Care:

TM - Pang Kai Fai, Lai Chi Pui
PFL - Ng Wai Keung, Tse Ka Sing

Stage 1 Complete:

TM - Ai Mohammed E Paul
LYM - Choi Chung Man

Stage 3 Care:

TM – Ho Yiu Chung Simon, Kwok Wai
Kwan Marco
LYM - Lam Ka Yi Kerry

Stage 4 Riding:

TM - Yuen Yuen Yin Arther



2-Dr Garfield

Mildred Gannon Pony Club District Commissioner 2006 – 2010

After 4 hectic years as Pony Club DC, Mildred Gannon has reluctantly decided to hand over the reins. Mildred officially took up office in December 2006 having spent the previous year supporting the work of the then DC Vanessa Day and she has been ably and loyally assisted in her duties by Heather Ballard who joined the Committee in March 2007.

Inevitably, the work of a DC is time-consuming and demanding and the 4 years of Mildred's office have passed in a whirlwind of activities. Mildred and her team have found themselves organising up to 10 rallies and 3 camps each year not to mention a wide range of activities from mounted games to Easter Egg hunts.

However, Mildred has taken pleasure and satisfaction from watching membership increase and having many more parents become involved in Pony Club events. She says that her reward is watching youngsters interact with their horses and ponies and getting, in Mildred's own words, 'happily dirty' in the process!

Though life as DC has involved a great deal of hard work, it has also given Mildred enormous pleasure and has not been without some light-hearted moment such as the afternoon at one Pony Club Camp when Mildred passed a very young rider who was eagerly leading his pony into the paddock for his first riding lesson - minus the bridle!



Mildred (centre) pictured with friends and committee members

Mildred is extremely grateful for all the help and support she has received over the years from professionals like Nick Rodgers, all the committee members and the many friends of the Pony Club. She says that it has been a privilege to work with the Jockey Club staff and to have been able to use the riding school facilities.

Now Mildred will spend her time between Hong Kong and the UK where two of her children are at school. However, her ties with the equestrian world will not be severed as her two younger children still take lessons at Tuen Mun Riding School. She hopes that someone will soon step forward to take on the role of DC as Mildred believes that there is a very real need for the Pony Club in Hong Kong.

We wish Mildred a very happy 'retirement' and offer our gratitude, on behalf of all members and friends, for her tireless efforts and commitment to the Hong Kong Pony Club.

Competition Results

The “Energetic Guangzhou” Equestrian Invitation Competition - Conghua 2010



3- Symone Brown competing in the “Energetic Guangzhou”

Date: 20/9/10

A first competition has been staged at Guangzhou Asian Games equestrian venue, which was built by the Club, from 16 to 18th September. The “Energetic Guangzhou” – Equestrian Invitation Competition is designed to 2010 to prepare the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games Equestrian Events. 10 Hong Kong riders and 4 Mainland riders were competing in eventing competition.

All riders competed in the team competition, which was held between the China, Hong Kong, and Guangdong teams. Each team had 4 riders. Kendall Kruger, Bee Chan, Bernd Knorr and Jennifer Lee were in the Hong Kong team. The Hong Kong team took second place with the Guangzhou team in the first place and the China team in the third place.

Well done and congratulations to all!

Eventing Individual Competition

Rider	Horse	Team	Award
Kendall Kruger	Mountain Treasure	HKG	1st
Jennifer Lee	Noble Boss	HKG	2nd
Ruiji Liang	Pheonix Fortune	GD	3rd



4 – Individual Prize Winners

Eventing Team Competition

Team	Award
Guagdong	1st
Hong Kong	2nd
China	3rd



5 – Prize Giving Team Competition

Hartpury College Training

As you may remember, this year's Interschool Equestrian Challenge took place from March to May 2010. Our school, German Swiss International School, sent three teams to compete for the trophy and the grand prize: one week at Hartpury College in Gloucester, England.

The more experienced Team A, consisting of Kimberly Held, Julia Raber, Oi Man Leung and myself, made it into the finals following a good score in the first round. After the dressage we were ranked first overall and very determined to keep it so. And thus, four girls (along with the accompanying teacher) set off to the marvellous land of nice people, blue skies and green grass.

Upon arriving at Heathrow Airport, we were greeted by our very own driver and Hartpury coach. The drive out to the college took about four hours, inclusive of the stop we made at a service station, where we were able to purchase some delightfully delicious (and fattening) doughnuts.

At first glance, Hartpury College just left us in awe. The campus is enormous, consisting of eight rugby and football pitches, dorms, equine yards, several riding arenas, a stud and a cross-country course which went right round the outside of everything.

During the first three days we enjoyed two riding lessons a day, checked out the equine therapy centres, walked parts of the ***Cross-Country course and were introduced to the mares and stallions at the stud.

The horse riding was something to get used to, as most of our horses in Hong Kong are ex-racehorses and need to be ridden differently, nevertheless it was very interesting to try different horses and to work with an excellent, very experienced, riding instructor.

On the fourth day we had the privilege to visit Carl Hester, who is one of the top Dressage rider in England



He took the time to explain everything to us. It was a great experience to watch how young Grand Prix horses are trained and what exercises are used to achieve the required effect.

We also had the opportunity to ride with Tim Downes, whom we know from clinics he gives in Hong Kong. We had a dressage lesson as well as an introductory cross-country lesson in his self-designed XC-garden, which we enjoyed tremendously.

On the last day we did some shopping in Cheltenham and visited Gloucester Cathedral where parts of the Harry Potter series were filmed. It was rather captivating to actually walk the hallways you can see in the films- to all the Harry Potter nerds out there, I can only recommend you visit this enchanting place.

We were fairly disappointed that our time at Hartpury flew by in a rush; we would have loved to stay for longer! The friendly staff and students made our stay very pleasant and the fact that there were many students from all over the globe, including Hong Kong made the experience a very international one too.

To anyone eager to study animal care and veterinary medicine or if you want to take your horse, I warmly recommend Hartpury College- not only because of the excellent facilities, but also because of its friendly staff and the homely experience we had there!

Fabienne Chiang

From the Camera

Joi Gin !

WE bid a sad farewell to Bernd and Christina Knorr and extend our heartfelt thanks for all that they have done for the HKJC horses and riders. We wish them every success and happiness in the future.



6 – Bee Chan in Europe

Credits

We would like to give a big thank you to the riders and staff who contributed to this edition.

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