

HORSE TRIALS SUPPORT GROUP

Backing Britain's Three-Day Event Teams



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Dear Support Group Member

Now that Badminton is over – a particularly happy and successful one with a thoroughly deserved first victory for Oliver Townend, an exciting young member of the British squad – I am writing to you with details of Horse Trials Support Group activities for the remainder of the summer. You may have read the news in the *Horse & Hound* (June 11) about the high cost of sending teams to next year's World Equestrian Games in Kentucky – clearly your support of our international eventing teams is very much needed and appreciated.

200 CLUB

We have now sold more than 100 numbers in this new initiative to support the under-21 teams and give HTSG members the chance to win money – up to £750! The first draw will be at Barbury Castle Horse Trials on **July 12**. There are units still available: please send a cheque for £50 per unit to Margie Gibb, c/o Fox House, 26 Temple End, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 5DR. You can specify a preferred number in case it is still available.

SUMMER FUN

I hope as many of you as possible will come to the summer party at Waldridge Manor on **July 19**, (flyer enclosed) kindly hosted by Mr and Mrs Mark Barlow, and organised by parents and Performance Director Yogi Breisner.

TRAINING DAYS

HTSG members are invited to watch the Equine Pathway training days, for up-and-coming riders, at Charlton Down House, Westonbirt, Gloucestershire, on **July 7, 14 and 28** and on **August 17** at Weston Lawns Equitation Centre, Warwickshire. Please notify Yogi Breisner of your choice of date, either by email at breisner@talk21.com or phone 01844 339551.

BURGHLEY

You will all have received a ticket application form from The Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials (**September 3-6**). HTSG members are entitled to a pair of members' season tickets and one car pass (grandstand seats not included). You can book via the form, online at www.burghley-horse.co.uk or by telephoning 01933 304744. The Box Office closes on **August 21**.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

As we hoped, Rosemary Barlow has managed to establish an International Supporters Pavilion (flyer enclosed) at the HSBC-FEI European Eventing Championship (**September 23-27**) at Fontainebleau, for which an application form is enclosed. Four-day tickets cost €230 and, while this may sound expensive, remember that it may be the only "refuge" available if it rains!

Juliet Worsley is the lucky winner of the trip with Ultimate Travel (Tel: 020 7386 4646; website www.theultimatetravelcompany.co.uk).

Our senior British team will be trying their best to win an eighth successive team gold medal in Fontainebleau. This is a remarkable record and one which deserves all our support.

BE YOUNG HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The HTSG plan to have a small hospitality facility at Tweseldown (**October 13**), where members and their guests will be able to meet and enjoy some light refreshments – do come and join us at this very important occasion in the eventing calendar.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in France.

TIM HOLDERNESS-RODDAM
Chairman