



STUBBING COURT TRAINING LTD.

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO
ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS!!
www.stubbingcourtraining.com



SCT APPRENTICES BENEFIT FROM OLYMPIC SUCCESS!



It's been an outstanding year for British equestrian sports, returning from the Tokyo Olympics with a haul of 13 medals - eight from the Paralympics and five from the Olympics. As eventing team gold medallist Oliver Townend said: "We really hope that our success shows young people that you can be from a very normal background without lots of money and make it to the top if you want it enough. We hope that we can inspire young people to set - and reach - their own goals." SCT constantly strives to give people the best possible chances to make lasting and successful careers in equestrianism. SCT's unparalleled contacts throughout the industry make it uniquely placed to offer opportunities to learn from - and be inspired by - the very best, through exclusive Masterclasses, through exceptional Online Learning tools, and through work placements with top coaches and riders. For the second time in 2021, Olympic coach Chris Bartle gave an exclusive Masterclass to SCT apprentices and employers in November. He worked with a wide range of riders of differing experience and abilities at Vale View Equestrian, sharing the brilliant teaching and horsemanship skills that have made him into one of the world's most valued coaches.



'Having had an amazing year winning the Gold medals at the Olympics and European Championships, I looked forward to again coming to teach the SCT apprentices. They are always fun, have huge potential and interest and are very trainable at this stage of their career', said Chris. 'It is also great to have employers riding, who are then able to reinforce the training ideas with their apprentices later. I believe it is so important to train, develop and give these opportunities to enable the apprentices to develop their careers further'.

SCT understands that not everyone who wants to work with horses is a keen rider, has just released new Online Learning to help non-riding apprentices fulfill the demands of their curriculum, which requires them to organise events or activities. These feature none other than Alec Lochore, Competition Manager of the eventing at the London, Rio and Tokyo Olympic Games, organiser of major horse trials such as Burnham Market and Blair Castle, and a former top-level competitor himself. Alec generously gave up his time to give SCT apprentices exclusive insights into event organisation from Olympic level downwards - the most important factors to consider, how to problem-solve and what makes a "world-class" event.



LOUIS PERN - GROOMING AT MILLSTREET INTERNATIONAL



I started working at James Avery's eventing yard near York in 2021. I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to groom at Millstreet International in Ireland. It was an incredible opportunity, and one which will set me apart from a student studying in a college. Which is why I wanted to get involved in such a professional and supportive route of education. Without SCT, I wouldn't have access to both the textbook learning and the practical learning to such a high degree in one place without any complications at all. I really couldn't have a better scenario.



I am a big believer that to be the best you have to surround yourself by the best, and I feel that I have done that by joining James' team through the SCT Apprenticeship programme. There are so many invaluable lessons being learnt every day because of the level of professionalism and attention to detail that everyone plays a part in. I think being put into a professional environment straight from the get-go means that you naturally develop to a higher standard because everyone around is working to such a high standard.



Millstreet International was my first international event and I learnt so much, not only about the riding/competing and grooming, but also the day to day things that you wouldn't usually think about. We had 4 horses all in different classes. The horses we took were Mr Sneezy- 4*L, Sportsfield Lord Livesey- 4*S, MBF Connection- 3*L, and Dallas 13- 2*L. Firstly, we packed the lorry and ensured we had anything and everything we might need whilst we were out in Ireland, hay and water in accessible places so we could offer it to the horses whilst travelling and on the ferry.

When we arrived, we quickly sorted the stables then took them off the truck. We allowed them to have a walk and a leg stretch before going into their stables, then hand grazing later, again with the horses' comfort always at the forefront of our minds. The vet checked them over, checked microchips and took the horses' temperature. This for me was really interesting as it was the first time I had seen this as it doesn't happen at national events.

The following morning saw everyone making their horses look as smart and impressive as possible for the Trot up. James and I took them all to the Arena Familiarisation to let them have a look at the arena. Dressage day saw all horses being immaculately turned out and performing very pleasing tests.

James walked the cross country course several times and I was lucky enough to be allowed time to walk it too. This was so beneficial for me as it allowed me to assess some of the questions and think about how I would approach them myself, with some expert advice from James too. On cross country day, we tacked up, put studs in and greased legs. We packed all the equipment we were going to need: buckets, sponges and scrapers, cool box with ice bags in it, spare tack (reins, martingale attachments etc), spare studs. After the cross country, our job was to get all tack off, ice on as quickly as possible, before thoroughly washing them off whilst they walked off. It is important to get as much water on as possible, and scrape in between, this helps to reduce the amount of time it takes for the horse to return back to its resting heart rate. Once the vet was happy for the horse to leave, we thoroughly washed the horses off and bathed them at the stables. All the horses were then iced and walked/ hand grazed on rotation for the rest of the evening, to prevent any swelling or stiffness the next day.



Sunday morning brought the Trot up. The horses left their stables early to stretch their legs and have grass, before giving them a gentle jog for James to check he was happy with them before we being presented to the Ground Jury. Finally the showjumping. We packed the backpack with all the stuff we might need and made our way down to help James warm up. The horses have tack checks by the FEI stewards before being allowed into the ring. The horses jumped well, then they hand grazed whilst we packed the lorry to start the journey home.

What an amazing week! I learnt so much in such a short amount of time, and I really enjoyed being in a new environment, one that I hope one day I will be very much surrounding myself in. The knowledge and experience is crucial towards my education and I am so grateful to James for including me and trusting I would do a good job.



LEWIS ROBERTSHAW: GROOMING AT ST. LO CSI****, FRANCE



I am an apprentice with William Whitaker and have now groomed at a few international shows. On 18 October at 11pm we set off with 4 horses, three for the 4* and one for the 2*. We arrived at Dover at around 7pm, we then had to wait for all the carnets to be checked and stamped and gave them their breakfast, hay and water in this time then got the next available ferry which was at 8am. Once we arrived in Calais we then needed have the carnets checked again. We then had an appointment with the vets where they checked all the paperwork for the horses and scanned them all for their microchips, we then went to the stayover stables in Calais. We stayed there for a while and let the horses get some rest as the show was about 420km from Calais. We set off from Calais at 6:30am on 20 October and got to the show at 11am. We then got the stables set up, had something to eat then then I went to the show office, declared for the next day, and got the bridle numbers because the Trot Up started at 4pm and finished at 6pm. I trotted all the horses up, and once I had done that they all got ridden.



We had a good week, the 7 year old that we took for the 2* was double clear in both the 1.35 but then had 2 down in the 1.40 on the final day which was due to greenness at that height. The 8 year mare Miss Aragona PS had 1 down in the 1.40 the first day, jumped clear in the 1.40 speed class the second day to put her in 11th place, and on the Sunday she jumped double clear in the 1.45 where she was placed 8th. The other mare Jalellah OL is a new horse to Will, she was clear and 12th on the first day in the speed class, she then had Friday off and jumped double clear for 5th in the 1.45 World Ranking class on the Saturday. And Galtur was 3rd in the 1.50 World Ranking class on the first day which qualified him for the Grand Prix, he then jumped a World Ranking class the next day and then had a day off before the Grand Prix where unfortunately the luck wasn't on their side having 2 down, but overall the horses improved so much from it and stepped up a level and became a lot more competitive.



WELCOME TO:



Caty Mitchell, Aleesha Williamson, Georgia Spooner, Samuel Wallhead, Phoebe Bagshaw, Candice Smith, Charley Walker, Kelci Holmes-Bent, Mitchell Thomson-Wyre, Paige Timmins, Jake Keetley, Paige Raynes, Sophie Ellingham, Zoe Hall, Erin Finnegan, Jodie Morley, Tally Read, Shayla Weller

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Apprenticeship: Natalia Aspinall, Rebecca Sellers, Elle-May Briggs-Banner

Advanced Apprenticeship: Megan Hill

Distinction: Victoria Simpson

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

English Level 2: Saskia Rose, Elle-May Briggs-Banner

Mathematics Level 2: Hannah Anderson



CHARLIE KITCHIN: WORK EXPERIENCE AT SAYWELL EQUESTRIAN



In October I went for three days work experience at the Saywell Rehabilitation Centre as part of my Apprenticeship. Whilst I was there I got to work with everyone and they were all so lovely and made me feel really included as I was quite nervous when I arrived.

They taught me a lot of new information that I didn't know before. I spent a lot of my time on the Aqua Treadmill learning about the different programmes and how this affects the horses. I really enjoyed using the Aqua Treadmill and learning so much from the staff there as they talked me through everything that was happening.

Also whilst I was there I helped put horses onto the walker and I also helped with the stallions making sure there weren't any horses coming that could trigger them. I also helped with getting the horses ready for exercise, I made sure that they were all fully groomed and tacked up ready and then made sure the horses that were exercised got brushed off and feet picked out and made sure they got their rugs back on.

I really enjoyed the experience and really appreciate the opportunity and training given by Saywell Equestrian. It massively broadened my awareness of the horse industry and the world class standards needed for care of top level competition horses.



LILLY BIRD: BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE IN THE EQUINE WORLD



I am an apprentice with Ubique Equine based near Retford. We have begun a new journey in becoming a more Eco-friendly yard. This began when we started using Solway recycling. This came around as we began growing as a yard and the number of horses. We had an incredible amount of feed bags, haylage wraps, shaving bags and bailing twine. This of course was a big concern until we found this brilliant company that actually recycles the equestrian waste into dog kennels, cat houses, horse jumps, haysavers, duck houses, animal arks, rabbit hutches, equine boards and mini hen coops. Different types of waste are able to be recycled into different resources. We collect all the plastic into separate bags and make sure they are as clean as possible. They come and collect when full and take it away every so many weeks. We are also going through the change of feed. We are now transferring all our horses onto Topspec feeds. One of the reasons is they are going through a change of bags to recyclable bags going forward! This is awesome as being such a big brand many people will be helping towards being more Eco-friendly and hopefully the other brands of feed will also follow behind them. After researching different brands many are changing and are using bags that are either recyclable plastic or paper. It's also the little things that make a big difference so we get reusable bottles. This is a lot more common now for Carr & Day & Martin Canter products. This is great as being metal they last much longer. Then all we do is buy in bulk refill products for the bottles which means



less plastic has been used! We can also make use of the refill bottles for many other things around the yard. Bulk buying is another thing yards can do. We bulk buy everything, this means less trips and reduces the amount of CO2 emissions. This also means less packaging being used, which helps the carbon footprint. But keep in mind when buying bulk not to buy in too much that you can't consume or use in time before the expiry dates. This meant that we had to do a few orders before we got everything correct for us for the amount we use. As well as this being great it also means the price decreases with the amount bought too. Also switching lights off. This is something everyone can do that will make some difference. It is these little things that really add up. Firstly, turning lights off can save energy. It also can help reduce carbon emissions. These are some of the things we have been doing on our journey to becoming a more Eco-friendly yard. We are always looking and changing what we can to make the yard that bit more environmentally friendly'.