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SCT MASTERCLASS WITH JOE WHITAKER



Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT)'s popular and highly acclaimed Masterclass series, now in its 15th year, with top international riders and trainers has always been exclusive to its apprentices and employers. But we widened the scope of the most recent Masterclass with showjumper Joe Whitaker on 18 April, inviting schools from Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire to watch the Masterclass and learn more about what apprenticeships offer. Joe, a former SCT apprentice himself and a member of the most famous showjumping family in the world, has just been selected for Britain's Nations Cup team for Drammen. He taught 10 groups of apprentices and employers at Speetley EC, Chesterfield, and all attendees felt they benefited greatly from his inspiring and encouraging coaching. Joe said: "The day was very productive and well organised. All the horses were turned out to a very high standard, and everyone was keen to learn



and improve. I am delighted to be supporting SCT's apprenticeship programme. It plays an essential role in developing a quality workforce for the horse industry."

Belinda Turner MBE, SCT's Chief Executive, said: "Joe was fantastic. We are privileged to have the support of such an excellent coach and competitor, through the Masterclasses he has delivered and also his work on our Online Learning programme. We were also delighted to welcome around 20 pupils, teachers and careers advisers from local schools to the Masterclass. The benefits of being an apprentice are many - young people receive excellent, hands-on training and are helped to study for well-recognised qualifications, and they earn a wage while they do so."



'THE SKILLS I LEARNT AS AN APPRENTICE HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE'



An Apprenticeship can be the first step to something great. That's how dressage rider Rob Waine got his foothold in the equestrian industry - and he now runs his own successful competition yard. The 28-year-old, who is based at Hammer & Harp Farm in Hedgerley, Buckinghamshire, has just returned from being well-placed at the NAF Five Star Winter Dressage Championships at Hartpury. He didn't start riding until he was 16, but hard work and determination has seen his career blossom after a late start. "My Mum got back into riding after a long break, and I would help her muck out and tack up in return for a sit on her 17.3hh Irish Draught. She's definitely the one to blame for me catching the riding bug," explains Rob. He began to have lessons from dressage rider and trainer Sonia Webster, and would work for her at weekends in exchange for

tuition. In time, he started working for her full-time, and began his Apprenticeship through SCT. After an extremely thorough grounding for three years, Sonia helped him get a job with Olympic dressage rider Nicola McGivern. "This was a great experience, as not only did I groom internationally for Nicola, I also got to ride some very nice horses," says Rob. "After 2 years I moved to Anna Ross Davies who, along with Sonia was instrumental in my future career. With Anna I really learnt how to make a business from what I loved to do. I dealt with owners, sponsors and clients. I groomed internationally and was given a string of horses to compete." In 2012 Rob decided to go it alone, and spent a year building a freelance teaching and riding business before taking on his base at Hammer & Harp Farm. "We have 18 horses in for training along with running a successful unaffiliated dressage competition series throughout the summer months," he says. "I am extremely lucky to be sponsored by Equine Essentials Direct, Equilibrium Products and Stuart Equine." Rob now trains with Olympic gold medallist Carl Hester. Rob says: "My Apprenticeship helped me massively. It allowed me to gain real, hands-on experience, allowing me to see what it really takes to be successful in the equine industry. The skills I learnt have been invaluable." He continues: "If someone came to me asking about how to make a career in the equine industry I would always recommend basing themselves with a rider on an Apprenticeship rather than going to college. The Apprenticeship gives you a real insight in what happens in a top yard, what it takes to make it and whether working with horses is for them - and you gain a recognised qualification as well. As I am now an employer, I would always be looking for those that had hands-on experience. But you must have that willingness to push yourself. You must be hard-working, and humble as well."



WELCOME TO...



Harmen Lilly Lindsey, Emily Saunders, Kerry Ings, India Farrow, Katie Wilkes, Kelly Bowden, Hannah West, Ailisha Smith, Billie-Jo Hodgkinson, Emily Broadbent, Hazel Surgey, Ellie Hickson

FIRST AID

4 July - Middleton Park EC, Leeds,
11 July - Speetley EC, Chesterfield
18 July - Scropton R.D.A, Burton-on-Trent

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!

Apprenticeship: Roberta Clay, Emma Warriner, Callum Simpson, Georgina Bird, Rhianne Holroyd

Advanced Apprenticeship: Mikki Bailey, Megan Colton, Rebecca Patchell, Tara Wilkinson

Advanced Technical Certificate: Elliot Betts, Megan Colebrook, Emily Howarth, Lorna Marshall, Sarah Warner, James York

Intermediate Technical Certificate: Amber Aston, Emily Barker, Amy-Elizabeth Bicknall, Keera Clarke, Heather Johnson, Alisha Lingard, Robyn Matthews, Ellie McCormack, Tierney Priestley, Emily Ross, Callum Watt

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 2: Mikki Bailey, Donna Craven, Lorna Marshall, Anne-Marie Smith, Heather Johnson, Alisha Orwin, Jade Hudson, Tamara Miles, Madeleine Emmerson

English Level 1: Ryan Hatt

English Level 2: Rebecca Patchell



CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 2016 ★★



SCT played a key role in the organisation of this year's Dodson & Horrell Chatsworth International Horse Trials held in the impressive grounds at Chatsworth on 13 - 15 May. The Horse Trials attracted some of the world's best competitors, with riders and horses from 19 different countries competing, and 700 entries. The prestigious event welcomed in excess of 40,000 equestrian enthusiasts to see a host of horses and riders competing in the FEI CIC***, Advanced, Novice, CIC*, BYEH and Arena Eventing classes. Amongst the all-star line-up were the world's leading riders and SCT apprentices and employers, including William Fox-Pitt, Oliver Townend, Mark Kyle, Zara Tindall, Bert Bolton, Lauren Shannon, Emma Hyslop-Webb, Izzy Taylor, Noah Brook, Samantha Hobbs, Jessica Baugh and Pippa Funnell. SCT's Chief Executive Belinda Turner became involved as Committee member of the event in 2003, through SCT's Masterclass trainer and four times Olympic silver medallist Ian Stark OBE, cross-country CIC*** course-designer. Many SCT staff, apprentices, ex-apprentices and employers volunteered to ensure the smooth running of the dressage phase, as writers, stewards, scorers and general helpers. Special thanks to Megan Peacock, Lucy Taylor, Claire McCann, Emily Howarth, Daniella Thorpe, Isabelle Astill, Tierney Priestley, Laura Butterfield, Katie and Justin Renn, Megan Colebrook, Lauren Gaunt, Jill Turner, Debbi Kay, Frankie Godber, Ros Hatton, Vikki Hayton, Merrigan Burton, Libbie Wain, Marie Graham, Jo Newton and Sophie Camp. One owner commented: 'the Chatsworth experience was right up there at the very top of the organising league. It was a total pleasure to have been there with a horse in the 3* as every last tiny detail had been thought of and the ground crew everywhere were an amazing "event army" of efficiency, competence, helpfulness and politeness. It really stood out that the support crew all had a super helpful attitude which definitely guaranteed it was a wonderful atmosphere and experience. I have never been to an event like it for such outstanding people. Massive thank you to them all'.



SUMMARY OF MASTERCLASS FEEDBACK - JOE WHITAKER ★★

Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day?

- Seeing the different exercises Joe used to improve every horse and rider
- Being able to listen to all the advice for all the different problems encountered
- The use of grids and different exercises
- Grid work and how it improved the jump
- Advice from Joe
- Fabulous
- Excellent
- To watch the riders and the progress they made
- Getting more confident whilst jumping
- Using grids to slow her down and also getting her used to jumping around other horses as she is very green.
- Gain confidence - seeing my daughter achieve her goals
- Grid work exercises
- Grid work was very helpful!
- Watching the apprentices tack up for jumping, load and unload and ride a nice big open course of jumps and fillers
- Watching Joe work with completely different horses and riders and seeing the improvements in all
- Canter to a jump under control for the first time
- Helped me become much straighter and I became more confident
- Happy apprentice!
- The exercises help to improve my young horse
- Finding out what the students will study
- Advice regarding course content for training
- Use of trotting poles and suitable distances for the quicker horses who were rushing
- Positive feedback from learners after their lesson from Joe
- Learning about the apprenticeships
- Speaking to the lady about apprenticeships
- Seeing an apprentice's portfolio
- Joe knew how to help me and my horse
- Joe's instructing
- Using the grid work and stopping after fences to develop rhythm over fences
- Making the horse stop after fences, to make sure they are listening
- Control over grids and fences
- Staying in the same rhythm over the grid
- Learning about walking distances and keeping the horse straight and collected to the fence
- Learning how to set the horse up for the jumps correctly
- Joe explaining about keeping the same rhythm and speed when approaching a jump
- I asked Joe to help me with my 4yr old who leans on his left rein - Joe helped me to correct this
- Well organised
- Listening to what helps, getting tips which can help at home
- Knowing what to do once my son has left school

Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day?

- Seeing the improvements in every horse and rider in such a short time
- Watching all the riders and seeing how they dealt with their horses
- The improvement in the horse's jump after the grids
- Realising the influence of grid work when jumping a round of jumps
- Getting to have instruction from a knowledgeable person
- Jumping round a course with instruction from a top rider
- Seeing my apprentice grow in confidence from the start of the lesson to the end
- Seeing the riders progress and the rapport that Joe had with them. They responded well
- Observing the other learners as a standard setting
- Being able to have a lesson with Joe and riding in a different arena
- I enjoyed everything about the lesson and I have learnt a lot. Lots of home work for me and my horse
- Jumping through more challenging grids and fences
- Jumping a course at the end
- Watching all the apprentices enjoy the lessons and seeing both the riders and horses improve. It was also nice to hear lovely feedback from owners, assessors, apprentices and employers
- Watching the horses and rider I brought get a huge buzz out of a huge improvement in less than an hour
- The change in myself and horse after 45 mins - such an improvement!
- Improving my riding and the improvement of my horse
- Observing the masterclass
- The end outcome of my horse's improvement
- Seeing many of the combinations improve as the sessions went on
- Good feedback from Joe
- Watching the horses jump
- Joe's feedback and getting to jump
- Making good progress throughout the lesson
- Getting better after jumping each fence
- Being taught by Joe Whitaker
- Watching my apprentices and seeing improvement
- The masterclass and learning new tactics
- Watching my daughter ride
- Meeting people and gaining more knowledge

Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress?

- Encourage future attendance at masterclasses
- Practice the grid work at home
- More canter at the fence and prepare earlier
- I will use the exercises at home
- Keep her more steady
- Do more grid work
- Promote the masterclasses to others
- Try and trust my horse more to gain confidence
- Joe said I need to work on my canter and getting her off my leg
- Relax my hands into the approach for a fence and maintain rhythm through grids
- Jumping a course at the end
- Encourage future involvement in SCT Masterclasses
- More grid work and lighter hands
- Work on my trot and canter work
- Speak to staff about work experience
- Practice higher jumps
- Work on my rhythm into fences
- Get lessons with Joe!
- Continue using the exercises done today to continue to improve my rhythm into fences
- Continue doing what advice I have been given
- Work on strides and work over grids
- Work on relaxing and collecting, to get my horse collected without holding her
- Work on the tasks Joe has given me to work on
- More lessons with Joe Whitaker

Aspect 4: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass?

- Excellent organisation, brilliant trainer and superb facilities. Joe had an extremely constructive and encouraging way of coaching.
- Excellent facilities, very knowledgeable trainer and participation by the learners
- Really good advice and comments from Joe
- Good!
- High quality instruction
- My first masterclass and I found it really impressive
- Very enjoyable with excellent trainer - Joe!
- The arena was well organised and the groups were good sizes
- Very well organised and gives you a great opportunity to have lessons with such a good trainer - Thank you Joe!
- Really enjoyable experience
- Really enjoyed it and Joe has a lovely manner when training you
- Really knowledgeable trainer, really engaging and interactive exercises. Nice to hear Joe's feedback over the microphone
- Thoroughly enjoyed watching Joe and the pupils at a fantastic venue
- Excellent!
- It was good how Joe adapted his exercises to suit different horses and riders in his group
- Really thought the microphone was a great help as you could hear all the feedback given
- Always a pleasure watching Joe teach
- Very good place, highly recommend
- Very enjoyable - Thank you!
- Fantastic
- Really good lesson!
- It was really good and I enjoyed it and have learnt new skills
- A great 'perk' for the apprentices
- Joe was very friendly, knowledgeable and made everyone feel comfortable
- Brilliant and very welcoming