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SCT MASTERCLASS WITH SPENCER ROE



The strength of Stubbing Court Training (SCT)'s connections with its former apprentices - and the reach of its contacts in the equestrian world - was demonstrated recently when top international showjumper Spencer Roe, himself a former apprentice, gave a Masterclass for SCT's current apprentices and their employers. SCT's Masterclasses are exclusively available to SCT apprentices and employers, and those who have imparted their skills and knowledge over the years include legendary showjumper Michael Whitaker, Olympic event riders Ian Stark, Jeanette Brakewell and Mark Kyle, and British eventing team performance manager Yogi Breisner. Spencer, 22, made his senior team debut for Britain at the World Equestrian Games in Normandy last year, and was part of the winning Nations Cup team in St Gallen, Switzerland and recently La Baulle. Only a few years earlier, he had been an apprentice with SCT himself, while based with former British team showjumper and respected trainer Andrew Saywell.



Spencer took time out of his busy international competition schedule to teach nine groups of SCT apprentices and employers on 20 April at Speetley Equestrian, Chesterfield. "They were great to teach - I was delighted with the improvement they showed," said Spencer. "The apprenticeship programme means that young people get to learn in a practical, hands-on way, but gain a qualification at the same time. I would encourage anyone wanting to work with horses to do an SCT apprenticeship." "Seeing a former SCT apprentice who has reached the top of his sport pass his knowledge on was wonderful - really inspiring," said one attendee. Another commented: "Spencer is a great role model, and having a top showjumper interact with the apprentices was terrific - some had never jumped more than a single fence before, yet by the end of the session they were confidently tackling whole courses of jumps." SCT are extremely grateful for the support and superb facilities at Speetley Equestrian, and the employers and apprentices who attended.



APPRENTICESHIPS HELP TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS



Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) apprenticeships help ambitious young people climb the heights of the equestrian world - and Noah Brook is a prime example. The 19-year-old from Huddersfield, who achieved his first international eventing win at Aske Hall Horse Trials in September 2014, says: "I knew I wanted to work with horses, and my school told me about Stubbing Court Training Ltd. Through them, I started an apprenticeship with dressage rider and trainer Andrew Day, and I completed my Level Two apprenticeship and started the Advanced Apprenticeship with him. I then completed this with Judy Bradwell." Noah admits that he "hated" school, but says that the fact that he could undertake the theoretical elements of his apprenticeship in his own time without pressure suited him. "I had lots of support and inspiration from SCT. I loved the fact that it was a practical, on-the-job way of learning, and that the broad nature of the syllabus helped me increase my all-round knowledge of all sorts of aspects of caring for horses." Noah was speaking at a Masterclass with British eventing team performance

manager Yogi Breisner, offered exclusively to SCT apprentices and employers. "The opportunities SCT gives you to learn from the best people are fantastic," he said. Noah continued to work for top-rated coach and horse producer Judy Bradwell, and it was with her that he started his eventing career. While based with her, he went to showjumper Andrew Saywell for training at his Southwell yard, and now rides for Andrew. Andrew Saywell reached the top of the ladder in his showjumping career and is a very respected trainer. His son Jake has ridden on Britain's under-21 teams at the European Championships and is a member of the World Class Development Programme. The Saywell family have been involved in the SCT apprenticeship scheme for more than 20 years. "As an employer, the advantages of employing an SCT apprentice are huge," says Andrew. "They come to us wanting to learn, and develop into rounded employees who are well-trained - we've had some good young people who have gone on to do very well. They learn to be well mannered and to have life-skills - the structure of the apprenticeship teaches them that." Andrew has taken part in SCT's new online learning units in Coaching, English and Maths, launched in April 2015. Noah, who is now passing on the knowledge he acquired through his apprenticeship and work experience, says: "I would advise anyone to do an SCT apprenticeship. It has been an important building block in my career; I have got qualifications and experience which can help me work anywhere in the horse industry. Noah also just finished 3rd in the CIC 1* at Chatsworth, a great result."



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!

Apprenticeship: Danielle Marriott, Cassidy Scattergood, Gemma Barlow, Kelly Wyatt, Sophie Miller, Ashton Walker, Lorna Marshall, Konnar Bedworth, Bethany Severn

Advanced Apprenticeship: Kimberley Norwell-Hall, Lauren Peel, Lauren Hayton, Loran Wilson, Emma Jewell



Advanced Technical Certificate: Helen Bates



Intermediate Technical Certificate: Sophie Gardner & Claudia Harrison-Guess

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Caitlin Coulter, Emily Harrison, Emma Warriner, Sam Antcliff

Mathematics Level 2: Loran Wilson, Sophie Kendrick, Lauren Peel, Roberta Clay, Dominique Hunt

English Level 1: Sam Antcliff, Emily Howarth, Alexandra Clarridge, Emily Harrison

English Level 2: Roberta Clay, Lucy Taylor, Emily Howarth, Serena Parker, Dominique Hunt, Amie Jubbs, Hannah Phelps

CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS 2015



Stubbing Court Training Ltd. 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 the 15, 16 and 17 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 20,000 equestrian enthusiasts to see a host of horses and riders competing in the FEI CIC***, Advanced, Novice and CIC* 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 and Tanya Kyle, Zara Phillips, Alex Postolowsky, Lauren Shannon, Becky Mullan-Feroze, Tina Canton, Helen Bates, Sophie Gardner, Noah Brook 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, who plays a major role in the event as cross-country CIC*** course-designer. A number of SCT's staff, apprentices, ex-apprentices and employers volunteered to lend a hand 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, Megan Smith, Daniella Thorpe, Katie Renn, Cassady Scattergood, Megan Colebrook, Lauren Gaunt, William Prior, Jill Turner, Debbi Kay, Sarah Tweedley, Frankie Godber, Ros Hatton, Vikki Hayton, Jo Newton and Jessica Green. SCT also gave a £100 Groom's Prize to the groom of the Dodson & Horrell Challenge CIC*** winning horse Sandman 7, ridden by Pippa Funnell. Some comments on the event included: 'Thank you for a lovely weekend.. Thank you, a wonderful experience and such an excellent well-oiled team... Dates in the diary and looking forward to next year already.. I really enjoyed it and as always you had everything superbly organised! Well done! I will definitely keep the dates free and look forward to next year.. I loved it, thanks for having me.. Was good!.. Loved it, thank you.. It was a wonderful 2 days and a real honour.. Really enjoyed it!.. I enjoyed writing. Thank you for the experience.. Thank you for such an amazing opportunity, I really enjoyed it... had a lovely day and very much appreciated how well I was looked after and the wonderful evening reception in the House.. Well done to all the organisers!



WELCOME TO...

Jessica Rivers, Rebecca Marshall-Potter, Abbey McMahon, Jade Priest, Georgina Davies, Shelby Lee-Smith, Harriet Raymond, Courtney Pressley, Callum Watt, Sophie Tulloch



SUMMARY OF MASTERCLASS FEEDBACK - SPENCER ROE ★★

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

- Listening to all the positive feedback from the riders, parents and those who came to watch the masterclass
- Getting advice from a young international rider
- Spencer told me things that my employer had also commented on, so it encourages me to work harder on my riding
- Being able to have more of a 1 to 1 session, as there were only 3 in the group!
- It was the first masterclass I have watched and I will definitely be attending again
- Knowing what to do when my horse is unsure coming up to a fence
- Great to see others and how they approached fences
- Having a top, international show jumper interact with the apprentices. Some of which had never jumped more than one fence before and were doing a whole course
- The fact you could hear Spencer's comments with the microphone
- Giving me more confidence to ride to bigger fences
- Travelling to the masterclass and learning the safety routines for the lorry and horse
- Getting to ride at a competition centre
- Watching my apprentices ride
- Jumping a course appropriate to the level of horse
- Getting riding tips from Spencer and picking up tips from other sessions in the day
- Jumping a course of fences
- He picked up on my riding, and gave me good advice
- Jumping bigger and away from home
- Learning more about what the SCT apprenticeship involves
- The whole masterclass and learning about what I could be doing
- It was nice to be pushed to jump a bigger course
- Seeing the massive improvement in riding a full course

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

- Seeing all the apprentices get to ride at such a lovely venue and very privileged to be able to get advice from an international rider
- Well organised by SCT staff. Nice arena and venue
- Seeing the different levels of riders
- Seeing my daughter jump
- First masterclass for me - was really enjoyable!
- Watching the riders
- Taking my horse around a course of jumps for the first time and over different sizes and types of jumps
- Able to see the improvement from start of the class to the end
- Seeing the riders improve within minutes
- Watching how different horses and riders were adapting to the challenge of jumping a course
- Watching the riders improve and progress throughout the sessions
- Learning new things and trying new things
- Watching other riders jump a course
- The lesson and the feedback at the end
- Help from Spencer
- Jumping the course and improving every time with Spencer's knowledge
- Seeing all the different types of schooling
- Being able to ride my pony, one to one with Spencer
- Working on my approach to the fences
- All of the day
- Spencer was easy to talk to and I enjoyed it all
- Jumping some more interesting jumps away from home - fillers, spreads, doubles and oxers
- Seeing my apprentices riding and doing something different
- Watching the trainer teach the masterclass
- Getting to know the new horse that I rode
- Seeing an ex - SCT apprentice achieve a British team place at the World Championships, then passing on his knowledge to other apprentices

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

- Encourage all apprentices to meet targets so that they can ride in up and coming masterclasses
- Encourage the uptake of the new online coaching units
- Sit up more when jumping, change from a hunting position to a more flexible show jumping position
- Carry on liaising with assessor and reviewing progress
- I will have more lessons on the lunge to improve my balance
- Complete my work and continue practicing what I've been taught
- Keep training at home and doing what Spencer said to do
- I will work on my rhythm and control coming up to a jump
- Keep working on the general points for improvements as instructed by Spencer
- To do more work on the flat with my horse
- Complete worksheets online, and use what I have seen today
- Sit up more after the fence
- Hold my hands higher and more canter
- Keep my body upright, slow the horse before a jump
- Sitting back more to the jump, keeping my knees off the saddle, toes out and heels down
- Push my horse forward more when jumping
- Practice what I've been taught
- Maintain jumping height at a collected canter, instead of going faster when the jumps get bigger
- Keep up with teaching the apprentices, I was pleased at how they handled themselves
- Encourage the riders to be competitive and to compete more regularly
- Jump more courses
- Encourage future attendance at Masterclasses

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

- Really well organised by all staff and Spencer too!
- Really lucky to have a lesson in a really great arena - good tips from Spencer
- Good practice to have Spencer as a role model, being an ex-apprentice and now on GB teams
- First class facilities and a top class coach and the sun came out to top it all off!
- Really enjoyed it, very interesting and good experience for my young, green horse
- It was helpful to take forward with my own riding at home
- Excellent venue and organisation, very well run
- Excellent facilities and a knowledgeable tutor
- Spencer was very friendly, knowledgeable and easy to follow
- Good venue - quality arena and jumps, easy access
- Good to see only 3-4 people in a class
- Well organised, friendly people, very enjoyable day
- I had a very good lesson and enjoyed learning
- Extremely well organised, superb facilities, excellent advice given to all

★★ HEALTH & SAFETY ★★

30 June at North Notts College, Worksop
 16 June, 9 July, 28 July at Derby College
 22 June, 21 August at Bradford College
 Please contact SCT for more information on 01246 566193

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6 July at Middleton Park EC, Leeds
 6 July at Scropton RDA, Scropton
 13 July at Speetley EC, nr Chesterfield
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