

AGM

Monday 24 October 2011 at Lyndhurst Community Centre, Pine Hall

What a great evening we had for our AGM. The new venue Lyndhurst Community Centre was a great success as central for most people.

The presentation of the prizes is always good to see our members' success. This year we introduced a Veteran Shield which was donated by Ellen O'Brien. This will be a perpetual Shield for Horses/Ponies 17 years plus and this year it went to Kelly Jenson and Hector (now 20 years of age).

We had a display of bits which Tray Taylor has been collecting for a number of years and these were on display during the AGM; very interesting to see what horses had to put up with in their mouths.

Our speaker Natalie McGoldrick was very inspiring. Natalie has been riding horses from a very early age and eventually with a lot of hard work represented the GB team in eventing.

Unfortunately, for Natalie and her horse Harry who she has trained for 7 years injured his leg and has now had to be retired. It was hard for Natalie to talk about this and show all his wonderful photos but like a true star she explained all that had happened. A great big thank you to Natalie for giving up her time as I know she is a busy Vet as well as schooling lots of horses.



Thank you also to Anne for those lovely quiches and to Abi's mum for the shortbread and cake.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Julie Marsden and Gina Christopher for all their hard work and commitment to the Riding Club. We would like to welcome Abi Schoenmakers to the committee who will now be taking over the newsletter, so please be patient as Abi learns all about producing the newsletter.

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