**Training Survey – Results**

* **A total of 32 people responded**
  + 29 members
  + 3 non-members
    - 2 of these non-members are thinking of joining, the other was previously a member but is not thinking of re-joining
* **24/32 had previously taken part in training**
  + 7 in dressage (only 1 person in dressage alone, no jumping)
  + 22 in jumping (15 in just jumping, no dressage)
  + 2 in cross country
* **Why have you not taken part in training?**
  + Options not selected include
    - Level (only offered higher than my standard)
    - Own arrangements for training are sufficient
  + Was difficult to book in
* **What sort of training do you want?**
  + (Also suggested; Trec and ‘Something fun/different/non-competitive’)
* **What group size would do you like?**
* 5 people said only pairs
* No-one wanted only 1-1 sessions
* **And when would you like it?**

We asked what time of year people preferred and only 6 people stated a preference. These 6 were equally split between autumn/winter and spring/summer.

* **What is a reasonable cost?**
* **Who would you like lessons to be with?**
* **What level of training would you like?**

**Comments**

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| Am pleased with all training offered at the moment and its nice that you have varied the days of week |
| Anyone interested in BHS TREC? I would LOVE to have a go at that..it looks really fun for all levels. Please consider it :) |
| Enjoyed the Corinne Collins show jumping last year and Micheal Owen cross country sessions. Would be interested in a Parelli workshop/clinic if there was enough interest. (Have been recommended Ruth Carlyle from shrops). |
| I think that the club does a fantastic job of providing training. I can't manage evening sessions as I start work too early but have really appreciated the opportunity to go XC training at places other than Somerford (Smallwood and Arclid) at weekends when I am not able to use my usual trainer. |
| It would be nice to have a more regular series of lessons over the winter, say every two weeks or so, which were held on a weekday evening. They could alternate between dressage and jumping and focus upon coming out of the winter well and ready to compete.  With weekday evening lessons they are often held at 6 / 7pm a number of people work until 5.30 in Manchester so it would be nice to have some later times like 8pm for lessons so that they we are able to join in. |
| Like the idea of some continuity - perhaps in batches of 2 fortnightly - need to have plenty of notice then can block off the 2 dates well in advance |
| Not necessarily training but an opportunity to try different things e.g the Parcours de Chasse (?) that was run a few years back, or Le Trec obstacle training (not the map reading), or horseback archery (nearest training I can find is Sheffield - but it looks fun!) something different and not necessarily competitive.. (Have you seen horseboarding ?!) |
| Please can you use trainers like Ruth Edge, Adrian Marsh, Susie Gibson, Tracy Newman. Accredited trainers that you can't get access to without travelling long distances |
| Re costs- £15-20 reasonable for a group of 3-4, I would be happy to pay a more for a lesson in pairs or individually. |
| Really great to be able to ride a dressage test in front of a judge then speak to the judge about how it can be improved then ride it again. Very useful. |
| The lower height jumping training sessions are usually the first session in an evening when it is more difficult with timing for those who work full-time. Could sessions rotate timings? |
| Could do with some team training perhaps early in season |
| Any chance of a week end /long week end ridden course with instruction in early spring |
| Re numbers in sessions- the fewer the number |
| Re trainers- do not use Joe Wittaker again- waste of time and money. Excellent local trainers/ professionals will be easier to get hold of for consistency if doing a series of training sessions. One off big names need to be proven as able to teach. They can be costly and in my experience group sizes can seriously limit the usefulness of a session (eg A Mary King xc clinic I attended had 6 per group which was ridiculous, lots of standing about, little gain for me although Mary was very nice!). I dont have experience of many trainers at all but have had lessons or been to clinics with the following whom I would recommend- Andrew Downes, Lee Pearson, Michael Owen, Lee Pearson. I have also eaves-dropped on a session Alan Fazackerly took at somerford and it sounded really good. I am told Jeanette Brakewell also good in a clinic situation. |
| Think a good job is done in current climate. |