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BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUBNEWSLETTER APRIL 1982

The social meetings at Poplar Farm Inn during the winter seem to have been popular and there has certainly been a good variety of subjects discussed during the evenings. On 19th January Mrs Pollack, Divisional Superintendant of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, gave a talk and demonstration on First Aid with Rod Bennett as the victim. On 16th February, Miss Lindy Heaver, MRCVS, talked on her training for, and life as a Veterinary Surgeon. On 16th March Greg Stokes, Whipper-in to the R.A. Hunt, spoke about hunting - the latter was in place of the advertised talk on acupuncture. Our thanks are due to these and all the other speakers who have helped to make these evenings so informative and enjoyable.

I am sorry the date for our visit to Toby Balding's stables had to be altered at such short notice but it could not be avoided. On the revised date of 14th February Toby took about 20 of us on a tour of his yard. As he has between 70 and 80 horses we could not see them all, but he tried to show us the different types of race horse that he trains - from 5 furlong sprinters to 3 mile chasers. It was a very interesting and enjoyable morning and I'm sure everyone was grateful to Toby and his staff for giving up part of their day off for us.

Sue Bennett reports that the course of instruction by Charlie Micklem has been very successful with about 12 members attending each session. As you will see from the programme there will be a course of show jumping instruction, also with Charlie Micklem, during the summer.

The Dressage and Prix Caprilli competition at Tidworth on 28th March also went well although very few of our own club members took part. The results were:-

Prix Caprilli Test 8

1st.	B. Moulter	The Saracen
2nd.	C. Ashley	Papajo
2rd.	Mrs. Cooke	Leam Dairmuid
4th	C. Ashley	Martha Brown
5th	R.A. McMullen	Port Meiron
6th	A. Spencer	Brough Boy

Preliminary Test 7

1st.	Mrs. Cooke	Leam Dairmuid
2nd.	S. Myall	Blue Spring Boy
3rd.	C. Ashley	Papajo
4th.	M. Hoare	Vague Story
5th.	B. Moulter	Martha Brown
6th.	J. Vallis	Diamond Sock

Please note that the correct dates for our 2 competitions at Amport, which we are running in conjunction with the Amport Riding School shows, are on MONDAY 31st May, and Sunday 20th June, and NOT as in the Winter/Spring programme.

The Committee have decided that the proposed Triathlon (which involves shooting and fishing as well as riding) and the Orienteering competitions are both rather too ambitious for us to organise at the moment but we still hope to hold a Hunter Trial (or possibly a 1 Day Event) if we can find a suitable course. It is hoped to run a Superstars event in place of the Triathlon.

The dates for the Area competitions are now agreed and we hope to send teams - at least to some of the events. Full details are in the summer programme.

AREA TEAM DATES

Team Dressage (6,12,17)) 13th June, Near Blandford, Dorset
 Prix Caprilli)
 Pairs Dressage)

Show Jumping) 11th July, Langford Farm, Near Southampton
 Equitation Jumping)

Horse Trials - 29th August, Horsham, Sussex

Each Riding Club hosting these area events is holding other similar events on these days. Schedules are available from Sue Bennett.

We have had some replies to our earlier request for people willing/eager to compete for the club. If there are any more of you who would like to have a go, please let Cathy Hart know (Alvonne, Wyndham Lane, Allington, Salisbury, Tel: Idmiston 610456) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We have to send in our teams for the 13th June by the 24th May, and the Jumping etc. on 11th July soon after. You don't have to be brilliant, having a go is the name of the game, and we always follow the policy of trying to fit everyone in at least one team.

One word of warning, the show jumping/^{course}was rather too big last year, and I hear was also big in at least one neighbouring area. So please be prepared for another big course this year, just in case.

Advertisements

1. WANTED - 12" leather saddle for a small Shetland pony. Contact Thelma Pointer - Marlborough 810492.
2. SELF-CATERING RIDING HOLIDAY in the New Forest - take your own horse. Twin-bedded caravan (with possible accommodation for a third person) £55 per week, and £21 a week for each horse. Further details from Mrs. J.S.M. Drewett, Hobbs Hole Farm, Brownhill Road, Wootton, New Milton, Hants BH25 5TT. (S.A.E. please)
3. DRESSAGE DEMONSTRATION. Cholderton House, Cholderton, Monday 26th April, at 7.30 p.m. Ferdi Eilberg (who has been in charge of the Dressage Foundation students for 2 years) and Richard Meade, have organised a really interesting evening. It will consist of 3 or 4 different parts; Ferdi will instruct horses (and riders) at various stages of training in one session, with Richard Meade commentating, they will demonstrate the difference between pure dressage and eventing dressage, and Ferdi will end the evening by riding a Grand Prix test. There will be refreshments available, and a chance to ask questions. Tickets from Cathy Hart, Alvonne, Wyndham Lane, Allington, Salisbury (S.A.E. please) £3.50 and £3.00 for BHS members. Admission is by ticket only, and is strictly limited.