

To those of you not interested in the various Riding Club Competitions we enter teams for during the year this newsletter will be rather boring. But to the rest of you it's Red Letter month - as some of you will know our Show Jumping team won the area competition on July 9th and goes forward to the final to be held near Stoneleigh on September 30th, and now our One Day Event team has won their Area team competition at Wimborne St. Giles on July 29th and so also goes through to the Championships on October 1st. It's the first time we've had even one team through and so we are all thrilled to have two teams competing at the Championships.

Our club ran the Area Show Jumping this year and were very lucky to obtain permission to use Tidworth Tattoo Ground, which gave everyone plenty of space and a lovely setting in which to jump. We were blessed with a sunny afternoon after a day of rain and on the whole the course rode well, much to the course builders' relief. Thanks to the many helpers, who willingly lent or collected jumps and ferried people in and out of the ring etc., the whole event ran smoothly, with the exception of the pair class, about which more later.

Our team had a total of 3 faults, second were Hampshire Rural 'A' with 8 and third Ringwood and District 'B' with 9, fourth were Meon Riding Club with 11. Our team details:-

Mary Brook (Starlight)	3	
Roy Southey (Queen's Counsel)	0	
Richard Hale (Romany Johny)	3	
Lt.Col. Huskisson (George)	0	(Best three scores to count)

The One Day Event was held at St. Giles Park, Wimborne St. Giles, the home of Lord and Lady Shaftesbury and run very efficiently by the Ringwood and District people. The Show Jumping course was very well designed, and meant that due to some awkward placings one had to ride a good course. The Cross Country course was largely plain sailing, mostly through a wood, with the exception of the coffin, the cause of much grief during the day.

Our team had a final total (best 3 scores to count) of 187 penalties, as opposed to Hampshire Rural 'A' with 281, and Ringwood & District with 360 - rather a wide margin. Team details:-

	Dressage	Show Jumping	S. Jumping	Cross Country	
				Jumping Time	
Cathy Birnie (Fyfield Fluffy)	41	0	0	9	50
Lindsay Hart (Touch of the Blarney)	59	15	E		E
Lt.Col. Huskisson (George)	69	0	0	0	69
Roy Southey (Queen's Counsel)	70	0	0	0	70

Mrs. Smith, the only competitor from the Meon Riding Club was the individual winner with a total of 42: Fyfield Fluffy was 2nd, (and would have won without all those ghastly time faults). However, it's believed Roy had the fastest time across country - 4 mins 9 secs.

The club show jumping run by Sam Hart at the end of June behind Tidworth Indoor School was a great success this year, bringing in a total of £11.50. There were more people this year and a good time was had by all.

The Pair jumping run after the Team event in July was rather a washout I thought. Originally it was planned to make the pairs go together, so a simple course was organised with no combinations. However certain competitors thought this a dangerous sport (obviously they don't hunt) and chose to have a pair relay instead, by which time the

combinations had been dismantled and a very easy course put up. I hope people enjoyed themselves all the same. This class brought in £3.25.

I would like to remind you about the Grand Olympic Ball being run by Andover Amateur Athletic Club in aid of the Olympic Fund in Andover on August 25th. Tickets (including buffet) are £1.50 each and obtainable from C. Goater, 9 Bury Hill Close, Anna Valley, Andover. David Packman has a few to sell. Attractions include a Steel Band, a Group and Cabaret acts.

We have at last fixed a date for our Club Hunter Trials to be held at Lock's Drove, Upton, Sunday 29th October. Schedules will be going out shortly. Open to anyone 16 years old and above, with special rosettes for Hunt Members in each class. A sub-committee has been formed for this event, headed by Mrs. Penny Portman, consisting of Mrs. Jacki Dibden and Miss Cathy Birnie. David Packman is determined to organise telephones along the lines of the system used at Rushall One Day Event this year, so that results can be nearly instantaneous. Even so we shall be very glad of volunteers for jump judges, collecting ring stewards, etc. Please give your names to Penny if you think you can help.

Mrs. Appleton has bought 12 tickets for the Horse of the Year Show, on Friday October 6th, evening performance. 10 tickets remain - first come, first served.

Would you please note that the Club Prix Caprilli and Dressage Competition at Tidworth Tattoo Ground on Sunday 20th August starts at 4.00.p.m.

You will be glad to hear that Mary Triffit is at last out of hospital and recovering well at home.

Finally, please will you add to your list of Club Rules (if you have one) the following amendment:-

Rule 5 - third paragraph:

A subscription paid by any member joining the Club on or after 1st January shall be deemed to cover the ensuing financial year.

Cathy Birnie