

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB.

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July and August have seen what the Committee imagine to be the high spots of the summer. On 8th July the Club Prix Caprilli and Dressage was held. As the competition was slightly limited there are no results. On 12th August the club show jumping was held. Sandra Olliver won the Open jumping on Fifi, receiving an impressive cup for the win. A new face Judy Mackie won the Novice jumping on her horse Mr. X. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended. The pity is that these events are intended to chart the progress of the club's riding members over the year yet not enough people came for much benefit to be gained.

The Area Prix Caprilli and Dressage was held on 21st July at Twesledown. The Ringwood & District R.C. won with 286 points. The Bourne Valley Team was fourth with 255 points being narrowly beaten by the Meon 'A' team on 259 points and the Isle of Wight team on 258 points. Our teams scores were:-

Mrs. S. Hart - Highland Fling	78
Mrs. R. Steele - Summertime Jesta	82
Miss J. Capjohn-Dougal	77
Miss A. Spencer - Silken Courtier	95

Ann Spencer was the individual 3rd in her section.

In the Individual Dressage competition Miss L. Hart on Summertime Jesta scored 67, Miss J. Capjohn on Dougal scored 66 and Miss Ann Spencer on Silken Courtier scored 71. This was enough to get into the frame, the competition being won by Miss Parry from the Ringwood and District who scored 86.

From the past to the future, it has been suggested to the Committee that another club should be invited to visit us for a weekend. The tentative programme would include a hack and a friendly competition. The immediate problem is for accommodation for both horses and riders - preferably together but not necessarily. So would anyone who could provide either sort of accommodation please contact the Chairman as soon as possible. When the response to this appeal has been gauged an invitation will be issued. It is to be hoped that our invitation would be reciprocated and we, in turn, would have a chance to visit another club. Those members who go to the inter-club competitions (and those who went to Stoneleigh last year) find it very enlightening to chat to people from other clubs and find out how they organise their events. This is an extension of this idea. Please phone if you feel you can help in any way.

Tom Olliver, who fancies himself at angling and clay pigeon shooting as well as riding, thinks the club could produce a Triathlon team to compete in these three spheres. As far as I recollect there are various restrictions on age and one member (I think) has to be female. Anyway, Tom would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to join him in this new venture.

It was suggested at the A.G.M. that a shop should be set up at each non-riding event. The original idea was for people to contribute some of their obsolete saddlery etc. which would be sold to augment club funds. The committee would like members to comment on this proposal before they implement. The first occasion would be the film show in October. Comments please.

Philip Hart.