

We have been informed by the Secretary of the Area Liaison Committee that there will be a BOCM/BHS Evening at Winchester (Guild Hall) on 25th January at 7.p.m. This will be similar to the other BOCM/BHS evenings held in other parts of the country, about which we have been reading in Horse and Hound and very interesting they sound too. At Winchester two Olympic films will be shown, Ann Moore's Silver Medal winning round and Richard Mead's Gold Medal round, and there will be good guest speakers. Please try to support the occasion. Admission will cost around 25p.

Our local branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association is in need of small riding hats. If you have any spare hats at home, or would be prepared to lend an outgrown hat, please contact Mrs. Murdoch (Hurstbourne Tarrant 251) or Mrs. Brook (Andover 2584).

The annual jumping 'match' between us and the two Local Pony Clubs takes place at Tidworth Indoor School on January 7th at 2.p.m. There are three classes this year, being organised by the R.A. Pony Club: 1. Novice pony. For ponies 14.2 and under, who have never won a MONEY prize for Show Jumping, Evening or Hunter Trials (2'6"). 2. Novice Horse. Same conditions, as for class 1, fences (3'). 3. Open. (3'6"). Open to teams of four (best three scores to count). Ponies/horses only to compete in one class. Volunteers are urgently needed from our members for the teams. Please get in touch with the Secretary of Selection Committee (Ann Spencer - Lavington 2426).

The Committee have organised a jumping session with Dick Stilwell on January 28th at Tidworth, 2.p.m. Please don't be afraid to come. Mr. Stilwell doesn't do that much jumping and is very good on the flat. Cost for members £1, non members, who will only be able to come if there is room, £1.50. There may be two sessions if there is the demand.

Now that we have so many members who are tied in the evenings and weekends with family commitments, we have decided to run three or four lessons on Thursday mornings at the end of February and beginning of March at Tidworth Indoor School, for the Mums and anyone else to have some fun. We have yet to organise an Instructor, but if you are interested please let Cathy Birnie know (Pewsey 3329). Final arrangements will be in the next fixture list.

Tidworth Indoor School is fairly heavily booked this winter, and if you want to go, please book through Captain Vickery, 14/20 Hussars, Staff Captain 'A' at HQ RAC 3 Div., Tidworth (Tidworth 3221, Ext. 323).

The Club hunter trials were considered to be a success by the Committee, considering the weather and the amount of publicity we were able to give it. Penny Portman worked very hard before and during the day and deserves a very large vote of thanks from all members, particularly as she organised the Annual Dinner and Dance three weeks afterwards. The Sub-Committee would like to thank in particular Jim Steele, Alf Abbott, and Philip Hart for the noble work they put in to building the course, David Packman for his ultra efficient telephones. Not to mention the numerous helpers on the day. We do think, however, that more members who have judged before could have been more helpful on the day. There were too many jump judges who didn't really know what to do, and made a terrific job, but a few mistakes did slip through, which would have been avoided with more knowledgeable help. The excuse of helping riders doesn't wash, as most people went out of their way to help. We made a small loss of £3, which was very good for a first effort, and I am sure we shall do better next time. The course was considered good by most riders, but the standard in the Novice was really very low, with one clear round out of thirty entries. The standard of the Open was very good indeed, with some good riding and one or two super horses. The Pairs class was rather a washout, with only six pairs entered. Results:

Novice:	1. Mrs. Horton (Nelson)	0 faults	(Special Tidworth rosette)
	2. Mrs. Corbett (Law)	5 faults	
	3. Mrs. Steele (Summertine Jester)	10 faults	(Special Bourne Valley Rosette)
	4. Mrs. Winter (Antigone)	10 faults	

- Open: 1. Mrs. Sandra Olliver (Fair Charm) (Special Bourne Valley & R.A. Hunt Rosettes)
2. Miss J. Robinson (Edward the Confessor) (Special Tedworth Hunt Rosette)
3. Miss J. Robinson (Doncaster Boy)
4. Mrs. Horton (Nelson)

- Pairs: 1. Mrs. Steele & Miss L. Hart (Touch of the Blarney)
2. Mr. & Mrs. Olliver (Satan and Fair Charm)
3. Mr. Opperman and Mrs. May

There were (surprisingly) 108 people at the Annual Dinner/Dance at Tidworth House at the end of November. Everyone seemed to have a very good time, and the success of the whole evening was Mr. Dick Stillwell, whose speech would have had us all rolling in the aisles if there had been room. Unfortunately one or two anecdotes can't be re-written! It was nice to see more members there this year. The service at dinner left a lot to be desired, but the general opinion of the food was excellent. The surrounding of Tidworth House made the occasion, and the disco was full and bouncing until the dolly birds were made to stop the records. The raffle was very generously supported, both by buyers of tickets and donators of presents, including a pair of Millars' riding gloves donated by Calcutts, a brace of pheasants and tins of chocios and bickys. There was an overall profit of £45. Congratulations to Penny Portman.

About forty people spent a very enjoyable evening watching The Competitors film, with an introductory talk by its producer, Mr. John Spencer, who lives in Pewsey. Mr. Spencer explained the reasons behind the making of the film, and told us something of its preparation and collecting the various riders, grooms, owners and (most important of all to young girls) Daddies. It certainly added to the enjoyment of the film and we are very grateful to Mr. Spencer for sparing us an evening out of his busy life.

We hope very much that Lord Hugh Russell will be able to come to show us his film of the Equestrian Events in Munich in February, if he has been able to finish the editing. There will be an entrance fee of 30p, and we will be using Tidworth House. All ages welcome and as many people as possible, please.

Finally, it only remains for the Committee to wish you all a very happy Christmas and successful New Year.