

Two items of business to start the Newsletter this month. Firstly, the Meon R.C. have started a scheme for buying fodder in bulk for their members (or rather, for their members' horses!) and our Committee have been discussing the possibility of using a similar scheme for B.V. members. The obvious advantage is that of cost. The difficulties at the moment seem to be storage space in a fairly central and accessible place for members wanting to join the scheme, and of course somebody will have to be responsible for organising it. We have not gone into it in any great detail yet, and I mention it in this letter in order to give members time to think about it before February - when it will be discussed at the A.G.M. - to see if there would be enough support from members to justify our trying to put the plan into action.

The second bit of business concerns instructors courses at Stoneleigh and I quote from the B.H.S. Riding Clubs Newsletter:- "A new programme of training courses for R.C. instructors are to be held at the National Equestrian Centre in 1975. They are intended to help the many local instructors who work amongst clubs. They need not have professional qualifications but must be willing to assist clubs in their own area after the course. The courses will be taken by Miss Hilary Payne B.H.S.I., the National Instructor and will be of three days duration. The cost is £13.20 for the course plus £1.10 per night for stabling. Accommodation will be available in the Saddlers Hostel and arrangements may be made to hire horses locally. The syllabus will cover equitation and stable management up to and inclusive of Grade III".

Dates are:- Jan. 20th - 22nd inclusive  
Feb. 1st - 3rd "  
Mar. 28th - 30th "  
Apr. 4th - 6th "  
Apr. 20th - 22nd "

Our Committee have agreed that the Club should sponsor a maximum of three members to the tune of £8 per head to attend any of these courses. Names should be sent to Mrs. Bowyer (Andover 4658) as soon as possible and sponsorship will be chosen on a first come, first served basis. But of course anyone willing to pay their own way may also attend, always providing that the courses are not already fully booked. As a footnote to this, I understand that the Saddlers Hostel is run by Ann Jeffries who was a B.V. member when she lived in this area.

Now to less serious subjects. Our four guest speakers at the Horseman's Evening on 26th November, Hugh Thomas, Fred Welsh, Toby Baulding and Sir William Beale, spoke to a full house in spite of the fact that we had unfortunately clashed our date with the Tedworth Hunt Sale. It was an informal question and answer session and it was extremely interesting to hear these four experts discussing horses in general and the joys and sorrows of their own particular sport.

Another very enjoyable evening was the 8th Annual Dinner and Dance held at the Bere Hill Hotel, Andover, on December 6th, which was once again ably organised by our President, David Packman - to whom many thanks. This was another full house with 60 members and guests enjoying a delightful meal cooked by B.V. members Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Kelly, mine hosts (or should it be hostesses) at the Bere Hill. The guests of honour were Major and Mrs. Glendining and after dinner Major Glendining regaled us with some amusing anecdotes of a lifetime with horses. Dancing to the Dixieland Jazz Band continued until 12.30 a.m. Although the object of the Dinner is to have fun and not to make money, it was nevertheless pleasing to hear that the accounts balanced the right way and Club finances have benefited.

On the other hand, the object of the Christmas Draw - held during the dinner - was to make as much money as possible and owing to some really sterling work by Norman Creese this made a substantial profit. Our thanks to Norman and to the following members who kindly gave prizes:- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Oliver, Miss June Bush, Mrs. Jane Haddock, Mr. David Packman, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Shatford, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Hart and Mr. & Mrs.

Norman Creese. The prize winners were as per the attached list.

I have to add a horrid sting to the tail of this letter and remind you all that subscriptions for 1975 are due on January 1st! £2.00 for Riding Members, £1.00 for Non-riders to N. Creese Esq., 6 Clock House, Bodenham, Salisbury as soon as possible please, and could you remember to tell him, when you send your sub, if you are a paid up member of the B.H.S. as we can reclaim some of our affiliation fee for Club Members who are also B.H.S. members.

Finally, have a happy Christmas and successful New Year.

J.B.



BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

List of Prize Winners Christmas Draw 1974

Basket of Fruit	Mr. K.A. Payne
Cadbury's Milk Chocolates	Mr. J. Davey, 5 Polden Road, Salisbury.
Bottle of White Wine	Davill, c/o Woolworths
10 Manakin Cigars	B.M. Hudson, Wansdyke, Upper Chute.
Tin of Biscuits	Mrs. B. Newman, The Hollow, Lower Woodford.
Bottle Johnnie Walker Whisky	Col. J.C. Knox, Staddlestones, Penton Mewsey.
Box Assorted Nuts	'Florin' c/o D. Packman
$\frac{1}{2}$ Bottle Squires Gin	Burnard, Greencroft, Palestine, Grateley.
50 Players Cigarettes	Maj. Gen. Leaky, Durwood Manor, Romsey.
Bottle Cockburn's Port	R. Betteridge, 30 Tollgate Road, Andover.
Brace of Pheasants	Sylvia Hart, Sarum Close, Shipton Bellinger
Bottle Red Wine	Mr. L. Young, Polden Road, Salisbury
10 Manakin Cigars	Mrs. Audrey Pawson, Ashley Road, Salisbury.
$\frac{1}{2}$ Bottle Rum	Mrs. D. Marshall, Woodside Road, Salisbury.
Brace of Pheasants	Michael Morrison
Pkt. Sweet Biscuits	Jo c/o The Wessex Flooring Co., Andover.
$\frac{1}{2}$ Bottle Grants Whisky	Mrs. S.M. Tatlock, 7 Barcelona Road, Andover.
$\frac{1}{2}$ Bottle Squires Gin	Mr. Robert Foster, Endless Street, Salisbury.
Bottle White Horse Whisky	Mrs. B. West, 48 Upper Woodford, Salisbury.
$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. Horse Feed	Miss D. Slade, c/o Henlys, Salisbury.
Bottle of Biscardo Red Wine	Loader, Penwood, Grateley.
12 lb. Turkey	Rene, The Crown, Upton.