

## BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

### JANUARY '72 NEWSLETTER

At last we have been able to organise a date for our Grade III exams - Sunday March 26th. Mr. Brian Young, now Managing Director of Crabtree Park Equitation Centre who was National Instructor for some years (don't let his exalted titles put you off!) has agreed very kindly to come. As we had 12 candidates at one time for this exam, we regretfully cannot take any more. Please will those 12 let me know if they will be available on that date: if some drop out we shall be able to take some more candidates. You will be told final arrangements later on. No refresher courses are being considered at the moment, unless there is a great public outcry.

A new set of 'Horse Knowledge and Riding' exams have been brought to my attention by the BHS, which are said to be akin to the Pony Club and Riding Club exams; except that those thinking of Stage IV (the highest) must be 18 years old and have passed Stage III or be B.E.S.A.I. You can get complete details from the B.E.S. by asking for dates for the Horse Knowledge and Riding Exams - one goes to an Equitation Centre to take the exam.

The Committee are already thinking ahead to the AGM. Notice of any proposed change in our club rules has to be circulated three weeks before the meeting before adoption at the AGM. We have organised a sub-committee, chaired by David Packman to look into this. So get in touch with him if you have any profound views on the subject. Alternatively let the Secretary know.

Talking of rules, one important change in the BHS Riding Club Rules for the Cross Country section of the Area 1 Day Event - it is now compulsory to wear a proper Crash Helmet. Don't let this spoil your decision to be included if possible in the team - you can probably beg borrow or steal one for the day.

Please see the attached application for on the bottom of the newsletter for those who'd like to be considered for teams this year. Don't be shy, we never have enough people when the time comes, and the standard of competitions is not beyond the reach of many of you.

If anyone is seriously interested in learning to ride side saddle please let me know, and we can then think about organising some lessons.

For a quick resume of the past 2 months' activities we'll pass extremely quickly over the two skittle matches, versus the Andover Young Farmers and Tedworth Hunt Supporters clubs respectively, both of which we lost, both of which were badly supported by our members (the hard working and long suffering Committee excepted) and neither of which was a gay lively social occasion with a great deal of intermingling, as was the original intention.

We have decided to keep only to the monthly socials around the countryside for a time. I would reiterate for the benefit of our newer members that these socials were intended to introduce members to each other. While the regular attenders are always pleased to see each other, please do let's have some new faces - we're really very friendly.

Results of the Indoor Jumping Competitions between the two Pony Clubs and ourselves:-

Novice teams (4 scores counting)

1st	R.A. 'A'
2nd	Bourne Valley 'A'
3rd	Tedworth 'B'
4th	Tedworth 'A'

Open Team results over



Open Team (4 scores counting)

1st R.A. 'B'  
=2nd Bourne Valley 'A'  
=2nd R.A. 'A'  
4th Bourne Valley 'B'

An occasion much enjoyed by all, especially the novelty jumping. We were able to send £10 to the Spastics Society as a result of this competition. With more luck and lots of effort, one of our teams ought to win something this year - it is about time we stopped being 2nd!

As a result of the three Novice Jumping shows held at Tidworth we have raised nearly £30, which is much more than we thought we would ever raise. In fact the original intention was to prepare novice horses for larger competitions in the summer as well as be a bit of fun for horse and rider in the winter months. We have been able to start a small library of useful books for the Club. These will be kept by the Secretary and loaned out on trust - a complete list will be sent out with the next newsletter. We have also decided to build a proper set of jump numbers, which can be used for both show jumping and hunter trial courses.

Ann Jefferies, who many of you will remember, wrote recently to say she is working for a family in East Grinstead, Sussex. The husband is Hunt Secretary and Ann has the wife's cob for hunting regularly. We hope that Ann's next job will bring her closer to Hampshire.

David Burgess' lecture on the possible characteristics passed on in the breeding of horses and ponies was well attended and proved to be an interesting evening.

We have been able to arrange a jumping session with Pat Burgess, as you will see from the fixture list. We are having two sessions - a very novice one first and then the better people. Please let the Secretary of Mr. Hart have your names and which session you think you are qualified. Only 8 maximum at each session - IF YOU DON'T PUT YOUR NAME DOWN YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART ON THE DAY. Mrs. Burgess hopes to be able to arrange another session later on, and the people attending the first session will be told when this is likely to be. Both the very novice and slightly better horses on same day, of course

I am interested in being considered for the following teams:

Dressage - run by BHS for Riding Club teams of  
4 (like that run at Brockenhurst last year)

Dressage - run by Riding Clubs  
Prix Caprilli (both on same day)

July 8th at  
Tidworth Show Jumping - Stoneleigh (£50 limit - new 1972 rule)  
Show Jumping - Hickstead (larger course, final about a  
Grade B Course)

One Day Event

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I am interested in taking part in any course that might be organised for the following:

Dressage (BHS)  
Dressage (Riding Club)  
Prix Caprilli  
Show Jumping  
One Day Event

Name:  
Address:

Tel:

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