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BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER : JANUARY 1978

PROGRAMME REPORT1. Combined Training Competition at Kimpton on Sunday November 6th

Once more, miraculously, the sun shone for this popular event in spite of pouring rain before and after. With show jumps kindly supplied by Stan Musselwhite, an interesting course was constructed which was appealing and challenging to both novices and the more experienced. Sue Hollands, ably assisted by Irene Wood as her writer, judged the Dressage (Prelim 6 for Class I and Novice II for Class II) and all who entered agreed that her comments and criticism were helpful and constructive. The results were as follows:

Class I	1. Lynette Gilbert	Heather Boy	29
	2. Sarah Johnston	Foxy	28
	3. Elizabeth White	Lady	27
	4. Jill Vallis	Superstar	26.33
	5. Shirley Myall	Christmas	26.33
	6. Jenny Hunt	Cavalody	26
Class II	1. Lindsay Toeman	Summertine Jesta	32
	2. Tom Olliver	Satan	29.66
	3. Sandra Olliver	Flippant Fancy	22.33
	4. Shirley Myall	Christmas	19.33
	5. Elizabeth White	Lady	18.33
	6. Tom Olliver	Antic Hay	16.33

2. Lecture/Demonstration "You the Rider" at Tidworth Indoor School given by Peter de Cosemo on Friday 18th November

In spite of freezing conditions, about 30 people gathered for this occasion and all felt it was worth suffering for, especially as hot soup was served in the interval! A full account appeared in The Andover Advertiser, but any members who missed it may like to know that our sporting Instructors, Sue Bennett (with her horse Meg) and Sue Hollands (with Puffin and Kastana, lent by the Woods and Martins respectively), were agile 'models' for Peter, both for the lungeing and jumping sections of his entertaining and instructive demonstration.

3. Amateur Film and Slide evening at Chute Forest House on Tuesday 22nd November

About 36 members gathered informally in the most comfortable surroundings and thoroughly enjoyed a varied programme which consisted of a 'Super 8' Movie showing progress in schooling and the Club Musical Ride in August 1976; Tina Bowyer's selection of slides illustrating the development of several foals from birth to maturity; Sam Hart's 35 mm selection of general 'Riding Club Activities' and slow motion jumping and a grand finale in the form of Philip Hart's impressions of Burleigh this year. Refreshments served by Marty Hoare - supplemented by some of Gilly Facer's home-made 'goodies', provided a welcome finish to the evening, which all agreed might well be repeated in similar form for a future occasion.

Perhaps anyone else with slides or photographs illustrating any aspect of horses and riding would delve through their archives in readiness and let me know what treasures they unearth!

4. Hop-of-the-Year Christmas Social at Penton Village Hall on Friday 2nd December

As this was the last Club function of the 'old year', it must have been most gratifying to Carol Rasey, the organiser in chief, that it proved so successful and enjoyable. The Disco provided for all tastes, from old-time dancing to the modern beat; both food and bar facilities were much appreciated and the folk singer produced a surprise and mirthful parody on 'Uncle Tom Cobley and all' featuring committee members and local hostelryes (composed, we believed, by our

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Chairman and his family).

AREA NEWS

Following the retirement of Mrs. Marjorie Hance, Sally Doyle has been elected President of the Hampshire Rural Group. It is expected that the Area Prix Caprilli, Dressage and Show Jumping Competitions will take place near Fordingbridge on July 30th and arrangements are being made to hold the Area One Day Event at Tweseldown in August. (Perhaps aspiring competitors would consider arranging to take their summer holidays either in June or September!)

NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Sam Hart and Peta White attended the Riding Clubs Annual Conference at Stoneleigh on Sunday 27th November and may be able to give us a few personal impressions at our A.G.M.

It is interesting to note, however, from the official Newsletter that 'Riding Club Membership has continued to rise throughout the year to 38,256 which figure includes 9,000 juniors. There are 410 adult affiliated Clubs with 141 affiliated junior sections.'

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. You will see from the Programme that our first fixture for the New Year is Cathy Hart's jumping demonstration on Sunday 15th January. We hope that this will not only inspire all 'would-be jumpers' but will also act as a spring-board - literally - for prospective competitors and hope that as many people as possible will come along.
2. Anyone who wishes can apply to take part in Peter de Cosemo's next course on the 17th, 18th and 19th March at Fowlers Farm (where we have the tremendous benefit of Meriel Tufnell's many facilities, including the Indoor School). But, it must be emphasised that this is a private course, not subsidised by the Club and while those of us who have already worked with Peter, know that his courses are very good value for money, participants will need to set aside about £25.00 for the whole week-end. Please contact me for further particulars, as soon as possible, so that a time-table can be structured.
3. A Special Date for your Diary: London Equestrian Spring Fair at Earls Court on 5th to 9th April. Further details and possibly booking for a visit later.

INSTRUCTION FOR GRADE EXAMINATIONS

Apologies for not arranging a meeting before Christmas as indicated in the last Newsletter, but hope that all concerned will have welcomed the extra 'breather'. The response for Grades I and II has been quite considerable and as there are a number of newcomers - whom we welcome - we feel that the initial 'assessment' session arranged for Sunday 22nd January is essential. Will all interested please do their best to be at Tidworth Indoor School by 11 a.m. at the latest that day. Please let me know if you have transport difficulties or cannot manage it for any other reason.

You will understand that we want to get started on an Instruction Programme for all Grades as soon as possible and need to book Examiners, etc., so your full co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

With very best wishes to you all for a happy, active and prosperous New Year.

Nixie Taverner