

Bourne Valley Riding Club

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NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!! 1995 is upon us with a vengeance. Has anyone won the lottery yet? If not, then take cheer from the fact that you have another 48 weeks in this year to succeed! Within that 48 weeks the club will be running plenty of events in which we hope to see you, if not riding, then coming to lend a hand, or even just popping in to say hello so that we can all put names to faces. By the time you receive this newsletter, the first event, our annual quiz, should have been finished. More on how that went, in the next newsletter.

Hunting

In the last newsletter sent out in December, we asked about peoples reaction to the Club getting a subscription to the RA Hunt. We had a good response and Lindsay has arranged for us to take advantage of this for the rest of this season (February & March). If it is successful, then it will be reviewed again for next season.

The hunt meets every Wednesday and Saturday at 11.00 am. All of the details of meets for the hunt are published weekly in the Horse and Hound. Alternatively, you can ring Sam Hart on 01980 843378 and he will be able to provide you with details. The fixtures card for February should be published shortly. Some meets require participants to have Pass cards to give access to certain parts of Salisbury Plain. Application for these passes are available from the hunt secretary, Nick Hornby (address below) enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. This will take 2 or 3 days to arrange so dont leave it until the last minute. Sam can provide you with any information on protocol etc., and for those people who perhaps would like to try for the first time, or are not confident about their hunting, he will try to sort out a 'minder'. (This may prove exceptionally useful if for any reason you end up stranded in the middle of Salisbury Plain without a compass, or alternatively, like myself, you constantly require somebody to shout jump at the appropriate moment, because total fear has glued your eyelids tight shut.)

In the current season, BVRC members are restricted to four days hunting each at a cap of £10.00. You should make yourself known to the treasurer of the hunt on arrival, rather than waiting for them to find you and you will need to produce your BVRC membership card, so do not forget to take it!

Hunt Treasurer: Nick Hornby, Paddocks, The Cartway, Wedhampton, Nr Devizes, Wilts.

Dressage at Hoplands, King Somborne on 5th February, 1995

We sent out a schedule for the above event in the last newsletter. If for any reason you have not got this, or if you need another please contact Caroline Stevens on 01264 356249. This is our first horsy competition of 1995 and to try to combat the weather, we are holding the warming up for the dressage in the indoor school. Admittedly, you actually have to ride your test outdoors, but in comparison to dry warming in, what is four and a half minutes of possible cold, wet, windy weather. Who knows, it might even be a typically British day, and we could have sunshine. If you fancy having a go at dressage writing, or perhaps you could help for an hour with the stewarding, then could you call Caroline and let her know. I am sure she would be grateful.

Show Jumping 19th February, 1995 (Schedule enclosed)

Hot on the heels of the dressage show, we are holding our first jumping competition of 1995. Again, this will take advantage of the excellent facilities at Hoplands. The main jumping will be on the large sand arena so should not be effected by the weather. There will also be clear round jumping all day on the all weather arena. This will start at approximately 2'0 and will go up during the day in line with the height of the classes, but remaining 3" below. For example, the 2'9" class will have clear round jumping at approximately 2'6". If you haven't had a chance yet to fitten your horses at home ready for jumping, then why not come to Hoplands and just do the clear round jumping. At £1.00 per round without a rosette, or £1.50 with a rosette, it represents a good opportunity to stretch your legs ready for the spring shows. Again, if you want to know more about jumping and you have not competed before, perhaps you could go and help for a couple of hours and learn what goes on. Please give Sue McGrath a call on 01264 359145 if you have time to spare.

Subscriptions

Its that time again folks! If you have not yet paid your subscriptions, then, apart from feeling just an itsy bit guilty, you might like to rush to your cheque books and send them through to Lindsay K. Unfortunately, if they are not received within the next four weeks, you will miss out on the next witty, exciting, never to be repeated, humour(less) filled attempt at a newsletter. Alternatively, we could always threaten those people who have not rejoined, with a daily newsletter! (Could this have the desired effect?) We will be enclosing membership cards or renewal forms with this newsletter.

Appointment of President and Vice President

Sam Hart and June Bush have been asked by the committee to carry on as President and Vice President of the Club.

Flu Vaccination Certificate Warning

It is an undeniable fact, that in current society we often have to deal with bureaucracy. In the case of riders, this takes the form of the dreaded Flu Vac certificate. These little bits of paper, are fast taking over from speeding tickets as the 'what would I most like to throw in the bin' award. Let me elucidate by quoting the Rule Book and then explaining in plain English.

24 Equine Influenza

24.1 Valid Certificates - Vaccination Procedure

Each horse must have a valid vaccination certificate, which undeniably relates to that horse, completed, signed and stamped on each line by a veterinary surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal. It must state that the horse has received two injections for primary vaccination against Equine Influenza given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. (Only these two injections need to have been given before the horse may compete.) In addition, a first booster injection must be given no less than a 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second injection of the primary vaccination. Subsequently, booster injections must be given of not more than intervals of 1 year apart, commencing after the first booster injection. None of these injections must have been given within the preceding 7 days, including the day of the competition or entry into the competition stables.

24.2 Producing Vaccination Certificates on demand

The vaccination certificate must, under the penalty of elimination, accompany the horse to all official national competitions, and the competitor is responsible for producing it on demand.

24.3 Horses foaled before 1st January, 1980

Horses foaled before 1st January, 1980 need not have had the first booster injection (no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days) after the second injection of the primary vaccination - but must have had annual boosters (given within 365 days) thereafter.

What this basically means is, even if you have had your horse for years and started his flu vaccinations before the flu certificates became a big thing, then later on, you got your certificate done and started filling it in from that date, because you will not have a record of the first and second primary on the certificate, you will not be able to compete. There are no get outs for this, as I am afraid I have found to my cost. The only way round it, is to restart your course from scratch. The other thing is, when the rules state 365 days, they mean it! If your flu vaccination is one day outside of this rule, you will not be eligible to compete. Please check your records and if you have any problem then give us a call and we will go through what is acceptable and what is not.

Instruction

Three more instruction sessions have been organised, two with Shena and one with Diana. The first two are on the 5th & 12th March and are general instruction session at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton. The third is on the 25th March and is a cross country schooling session at Hoplands. Hoplands have a good selection of cross country jumps, including steps, a coffin, ditches and a water complex. Each jump has two options, one approx 2'3" and the other approx 2'9" - 3'0". So, if you fancy dipping your toes in the water, so to speak, fill out the reply slip asap.

Also, as a reminder, we have show jumping instruction with Shena on the 11th February. This is at Hoplands, Kings Somborne. A reply slip is included.

Show Jumping Instruction

Saturday 11th February 1-4pm (2 sessions) Shena Kozuba Kozubska £12 (4-6 Sharing)

General Instruction

Sunday 5th March 1.30-4.30pm (2 sessions) Shena Kozuba Kozubska £12 (4-6 Sharing)

Sunday 12th March 1.30-4.30pm (2 sessions) Diana Fitzsimmons £9 (4-6 Sharing)

Cross Country Instruction

Saturday 25th March 2-5 pm (2 sessions) Shena Kozuba Kozubska £14 (4-6 Sharing)

Please fill in the attached reply slip and return promptly to Lindsay H. with your remittance.
Ring Lindsay (01264 772388) 2 or 3 evenings before the instruction to find out which group you in.

It is probably a good time to remind everybody, that you should wear a body protector for the cross country schooling and also, all instructions and competitions organised by the Riding Club require participants to wear a riding hat conforming to at least BS6473 or BS4472. This means with a harness and chin strap which is done up. There is no get out for this at dressage competitions run under Riding Club rules and unfortunately, the Riding Club insurance would not cover anybody who was riding without the current standard of hat. It has also been pointed out, that just recently there has been publications about accidents concerning riders using mucking out type boots for riding, where the heel has not been sufficient and has gone through the stirrup. Obviously, for general instruction or jumping, proper jodhpur boots or long boots should be worn. (Wellies are a definite no no!)

Dressage to Music Lecture Evening 1st March, 1995

We have managed to get Gaynor Colbourn to come to the Red Lion at Clanville on the 1st March, 1995 to give us a lecture, including videos and live entertainment! on Dressage to Music. Gaynor tells me she actually started the dressage to music movement back in 1981, where with Jennie Loriston-Clarke they produced the first tests. She is a trained classical pianist and also works within a recording studio. The evening will last between one and a half to two hours depending on questions and Gaynor will be using videos and bringing along her own instruments (definitely a keyboard) to show how the music can be adapted. Gaynor describes the evening as informal and hopes that people will join in as much as possible with questions and comments. It sounds like it could be good fun. Tickets will be available at £3.50 for members and £4.50 for non-members. Anybody interested should ring Lindsay Hills on 01264 772388 or Monica Tomkins on 01264 366407.

RA Pony Club - Talk by James Greenwood

The RAPC are hosting a talk by James Greenwood entitled "Circling the World by Horse".

James is the worlds leading adventurous traveller having ridden 15,000 kilometres by horse. Covering South America, Japan, South East Asia, India, Afghanistan & Pakistan.

This will be held on Thursday 6th April (evening) at Shipton Bellinger Village Centre.

Tickets probably £3 for non PC members available from

Dinah Murdoch (01264) 736251 or Elizabeth Maclay (01264) 738229.

Diary Dates

February

- 05.02.95 Winter Dressage at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.
Organiser: Caroline Stevens (01264) 356249
- 11.02.95 Show Jumping Instruction - Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.
Organiser: Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388
- 19.02.95 Winter Show Jumping at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.
Organiser: Sue McGrath (01264) 359145

March

- 01.03.95 Dressage to Music Evening - Red Lion at Clanville
Tickets from Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388 or Monica Tomkins (01264) 366407
- 05.03.95 General Instruction - Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.
Return reply slip to Lindsay Hills.
- 12.03.95 General Instruction - Diana Fitzsimmons at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.
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- 25.03.95 Cross Country Schooling - Shena Kozuba Kozubska at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.
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April

- 23.04.95 Dressage at Larkhill.
Organiser: Diane Symes (01980) 652272

May

- 14.05.95 Combined Training at Larkhill.
Organiser: Julie Newman (01264) 889721

June

- 04.06.95 One Day Event including Novice & Open Area Qualifiers at Larkhill.
Organiser: Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388
- 25.05.95 Area Show Jumping Qualifier at Tweseldown.
Organiser: Hampshire Rural Riding Club

July

- 09.07.95 Area Dressage Qualifier at Bluebell Farm, Penton Grafton.
Organiser: Danebury Riding Club
- 16.07.95 Show Jumping at Hoplands, Kings Somborne.
Organiser: Sue Fentiman (01264) 350236

October

- 29.10.95 Hunter Trial at Larkhill
Organiser: Lindsay Hills (01264) 772388

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I would like to attend the instruction with Shena Kozuba Kozubska on Saturday 25th March and enclose a cheque for £14 (made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club)
Sessions 1 hour 30 mins based on 4-6 sharing.

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