

1973 JULY NEWSLETTER.

by Phillip Hart

I must begin with an apology - because of exams I have been in hibernation recently, so I can only report secondhand news.

I did, however, manage to go to the A.G.M. at Tedworth House. I personally consider this occasion to be one of the more important in the year's programme. It is the time for members to air their views on the way the club is run. It seems incongruous to me that we get less than a quarter of the people to the A.G.M. than we do to the Annual dinner and dance. To briefly sum up the proceedings; the next financial year will start on January 1st and the A.G.M. will take place in February. This means that subscriptions will be due on January 1st, and any friends you persuade to join after October 1st will have membership for the following year as well. It was also agreed to raise the subscriptions for riding members to £2.00 and the subscriptions for non-riding members to £1.00 as from 1st January.

The election results were as follows:-

Chairman:	Mr. S. Hart
Treasurer:	Mr. N. Creese
Secretary:	Mrs. C. Bowyer
Committee:	Miss J. Bush, Mrs. J. Haddock & Mr. T. Oliver.

Mrs. E. Appleton, Mrs. S. Oliver and Mr. P. Hart remained on the committee from last year. Miss J. Jollyman was co-opted onto the committee for as long as she remains in the area.

After the A.G.M. Mrs. Fairfax, the Southern Area representative on the Riding Club Committee, gave a talk and answered questions on the Riding Club Movement. The discussion was lively, as opinions were exchanged between the speaker and the floor. Mrs. Fairfax was very helpful and reassured us that she is a very good ally.

At the Committee Meeting on 22nd May, the Competition Selection Committee was elected as follows: Miss J. Bush, Mr. & Mrs. T. Oliver. Miss June Bush was further elected as the Competitions Secretary.

I was elected as Press Officer and Newsletter Scribbler - so pass all the juicy gossip on to me. "Publish and be damned" is the motto of the week!

Apart from the momentous A.G.M. the Tedworth 3-Day Event took place in May. Many of our members officiate as Jump Judges, so the club is very involved in the running of the event. You actually see more club members at the 3-Day Event cocktail party than you do at a club social (or maybe even our A.G.M.) Perhaps we should take a hint and hand out free cocktails! It is a good opportunity though to see how a 3-Day Event is run.

The fixtures in June were curtailed by the cough. The planned ride in the New Forest was cancelled when the native guide's horse succumbed. However, great fun was had by all at the Amport Riding School where Richard Hale kindly allowed club members to criticise his horses. The judging contest was won by Jane Haddock, with Elizabeth Appleton and Ann Spencer tied second. It merely proves what a fantastic committee you have! Our thanks go go to Mrs. Glendenning and Mrs. Hodges for being chief judges and to Richard, of course, for supplying the horses.

If anyone feels brave enough to take any tests this year would they please contact the Chairman. He got his Grade III last year and

it was quite painless. Pony Club tests and B.H.S. tests may exempt you from the preliminary grades so phone in and find out.

The Meon Riding Club, which is staging the Area Show Jumping Competition on 2nd September is willing to run a competition for teams of four Novice Show Jumpers. The exact qualifications (or disqualifications) have yet to be decided, but if you are interested, phone Sam Hart or June Bush.

We have a Riding Club's Newsletter from the B.H.S. which you are all invited to read. It contains club statistics and other news, some of which is relevant and some isn't. Three things I noticed, though, are:

1. Art and Photographic competitions are to be held at Stoneleigh on Sunday, 18th November. Entry forms are being sent later.
2. Riding Club car badges are now available at £1.50 each, including V.A.T. and should be ordered on the official form.
3. The Goodwood Show 13th-15th July is given a good write-up. It looks a must for those of us interested in dressage, with the Germans and Americans competing over here for the first time for many years.

If you have any queries or suggestions please don't hesitate to get in touch with any committee member.

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P.S. Have you paid your subscription yet? (I have).