

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB.

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 1970

Twenty three members attended the Annual General Meeting at Tedworth House on 5th May. Major Pilling, in his annual statement, said that there had been 49 activities of all kinds, rides, competitions, socials etc. during the year excluding the Wednesday night social evenings. He thanked everyone who had helped to plan and run these events. He also thanked Mrs. Chapman, our President for the last year, for her support.

The statement of the Club's accounts (a copy of which is enclosed for those members who were not at the Meeting) showed a marked improvement on last year when we made a small loss; this year we have spent £40 less than we received which gives us quite a healthy sum to carry forward.

As a result of the voting which took place at the A.G.M. your committee for the year will be:-

Chairman	Mr. S. Hart
Vice Chairman	Mr. D. Packman (elected at a later Committee meeting)
Hon. Sec.	Miss J. Bush
Hon. Treas.	Mrs. M. Fortey
Committee	Mrs. S. Bagnall, Miss F. Farrell, Mrs. S. Hart, Major D. Pilling, Mr. R. Southey

The General Meeting ended with some suggestions from members for future events and these will be dealt with by the programme sub-committee.

The various sub-committees have been rearranged and they are now as follows:-

Competition Events	Mrs. Bagnall, Miss Farrell and Mr. Hart
Social Events	Mr. Packman
Programme	Miss Bush, Miss Farrell, Mrs. Hart and Mr. Packman
Rules	Miss Bush, Mr. Hart and Maj. Pilling
Liaison Committee	Mr. Hart and Maj. Pilling
Representatives	

We have added another post this year - that of Press Secretary; Mr. Packman has accepted this job and he will be responsible for reporting our events to the papers.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Skelton to be our President for the current year and Mr. Morgan, our accountant, will again be an Honorary member of the Club.

There have been some problems about the Bourne Valley using the Officers Club at Tedworth House for meetings and lectures but these have now been sorted out. We have arranged a block membership to the Officers Club for £10 a year - this means that Bourne Valley members can use the full facilities at Tedworth House when a Bourne Valley event takes place there, but it does not entitle Bourne Valley members to use the Club as individuals. So if you are already a member of the Officers Club please don't cancel your membership or I will be in trouble with the Secretary again!

Mr. Packman reports that there are no further developments in the Andover Sports Centre at present. Brigadier Barbour, the B.H.S. representative for the Southern Counties, has sent his promised report to the Andover Town Clerk on suggested facilities for equestrian sports.

I have mentioned before that Mr. Packman is the Bridle Path representative on the Sports Council and he asks for details of any Paths in the Andover R.D.C. area that have become overgrown or otherwise impassable. As this is European Conservation Year, Riding Clubs have been asked (by the B.H.S.) to help with clearing Bridle Paths and Major Pilling has agreed to organise working parties to do this, so if you know of any Path that has become unridable will you please tell either Mr. Packman or Major Pilling.

I have been asked by the B.H.S. to give some publicity to the firms that sponsor our Riding Club competitions. Moss Bros. are again sponsoring the Dressage and Prix Caprilli Championships and John Player the Horse Trials Championship.

There has been some confusion over the Show Jumping Championship this year. There will in fact be two quite separate Championships - one will be as last year, for teams of 4 (the 3 best scores to count) with the first and second team in each Area competition going forward to the final at Hickstead on 22nd August. The other event will be for teams of 3 and the final will be at Stoneleigh on 26th September. The number of teams that go forward to Stoneleigh from the Area competitions depends on the number of teams that take part. Our Area competitions for both these events will be at Tidworth on 12th July.

The correct date for the Area Dressage and Prix Caprilli competitions, to be held at Medstead, is 2nd August, and the correct location for the Area Horse Trials on September 20th is Godshill not Godstone.

The committee have again agreed that 50% of entrance fees for members representing the Club in official competitions will be paid out of Club funds - the competitors, I'm afraid, have to pay the other 50%.

While on the subject of finance, the committee have decided to raise our instructors expenses from £1.1.0d. to £2 and the voluntary payment of 2/6d. from members receiving instruction now becomes a compulsory 'cap' of 3/-d. per session (except when we have to pay a full professional fee and then members will be charged accordingly).

Riding Club Tests were held on 26th April - congratulations to Mrs. Dibden who passed Grade I and II, Mrs. Fortey (Grade I), Mr. & Mrs. Hart (Grade II), Mr. Packman (Grade I and II), Miss J. & Miss T. Shearing (Grade I and II) and Mrs. Skelton (Grade II). I hope that some members will now feel inspired to go on and try for Grade III!

The local representative of the Crown Chemical Co. has offered members a 5% discount on all their (Crown Chemicals) horse products. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this should contact the rep. W.G. Gregory, Riverside, Mill Lane, Nursling, Southampton. Tel. Rowhams 2706 between 8 and 9.a.m. and 8 and 12.p.m. You may be asked to prove that you are a bone fide member of the Club and you can do this by producing your Membership Card.