

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB.

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1969.

The Club is now approaching the end of its second year and we on the Committee hope that you are satisfied with the way it is being run, as always we welcome new ideas and constructive criticism.

Club membership has increased over the last few months and now stands at 74. There are 12 new names to add to your list. The complete list of members for 1969 will be sent out as soon as all the subscriptions have been received, so if you have not yet paid, please let Miss Bush have your sub. as soon as possible. It would be a help to the Hon. Secretary if you would let her know if you do not wish to be a member this year.

Mrs Chapman, who as you know, has been Hon. Secretary since the Club was founded, has decided, for reasons of health, that she must give up the Secretaryship at the end of March. The Committee's thanks to her are already recorded in the Minutes and I am sure all members will wish to join them in thanking her very sincerely for all the time and help she has given to the Club during its first two years.

With the formation of Area I7 Liaison Committee, we now have the opportunity of competing in the official B.H.S. competitions as well as joining other Clubs in their own events. Area I7 Prix Caprilli competition will be held at Brockenhurst in May (further details on the May fixture list) and there will be a Riding Club Prix Caprilli Judges Conference at Cirencester, also in May. This is open to all Club members - details will be published in "Horse & Hound" and "Riding". It is hoped that an Area I7 One Day Event will be organised but the date and place have not yet been decided. We hope to send teams to both these competitions.

Some members attended the Instructors Course at Brockenhurst - I am sorry there were not enough vacancies for all who asked to for places.

The 1969 B.H.S. Golden Horseshoe Ride will take place in October, starting from Cheltenham racecourse. A qualifying ride is being held on May 3rd. in the New Forest which is open to members of all affiliated Clubs. (See May fixture list).

Mr Hart (Tel. Tidworth 3378) has accepted responsibility as Liaison Officer for the Tidworth Covered School, so any queries regarding the school should be referred to him in future.

Mr Packman asks that any member who knows of any Bridleway or Greenroad in the Andover R.D.C. area that has become overgrown or otherwise impassable, will they please report it to him so that he can bring it to the notice of the Andover Sports Council. You will appreciate that it is important to keep these paths open otherwise it will eventually become impossible to ride across country at all in many places and it is up to organisations such as Riding Clubs to do their best to see that the paths do not disappear.

Mr A. Adams (Saddler) of I9, Broadway, Newbury (Tel. Newbury 3329) has indicated that he is willing to sell tack to Bourne Valley members at a 10% discount. If you wish to take advantage of this please contact him yourself.

For the benefit of new members who may not have seen the earlier Club correspondence, I would like to make one or two points about the Club which they may not know.

The Bourne Valley is an official Riding Club and is affiliated to the B.H.S. Clubs are grouped into Liaison Areas by the Riding Clubs' Committee of the B.H.S. We are in Area I7 which covers Hants, Isle of Wight, South Wilts and East Dorset. Riding Club ties (price I7/6d) badges (2/6d) and car badges (25/-d) are available from the Hon. Secretary.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on May 27th. 1969 at 8 p.m. in the Officer's Club, Tedworth House, Tidworth. We hope as many members as possible will attend the meeting - for those who do not know Tedworth House, full bar facilities are available!