

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - MAY 1975

Two or three items were raised at the A.G.M. in February, the details of which were left to the Committee to decide upon and most of these have now been settled, although there is still a question mark over our use of the covered school at Tidworth. The Secretary of the Tidworth Saddle Club has proved very difficult to contact so we still have no written confirmation of the new subscription rate and daily charges; we have now paid a subscription, at the old rate of £5, and are waiting to see what happens!

BULK FODDER SCHEME: Tom Oliver has agreed to run the bulk fodder scheme from Penton Mewsey - this will start in June and will be open to paid up members of the Club only. Details of the scheme are given on a separate sheet, together with the first order form. The prices quoted are the latest we have but obviously they will be subject to variation. We are starting with three foodstuffs, oats, bran and nuts but we can get quotations for other feeds (barley etc.) if there is a demand - we cannot deal with hay or straw at present owing to the lack of storage space.

COMPETITIONS: With the approaching competition season in mind, the Committee have decided that this year we should have a separate team manager for each of the four area competitions in which we hope to compete, rather than one person being responsible for all four teams. Sue Hudson is the competition Secretary and will deal with all the paper work and the team managers will select their teams, arrange practises etc.

APRIL PROGRAMME: Two events in our April programme had to be cancelled. Most unfortunately, David Burgess broke his leg and was therefore unable to give his veterinary talk on 8th April but we hope he will be able to come later in the year when he is fully recovered.

As Sam Hart only received two entries for the show jumping practise at West Lavington, it was decided to cancel this event. This was disappointing as Mr. Holloway had been kind enough to offer the Club the use of his jumps and bearing in mind our lack of facilities, it seems a pity that more members did not take advantage of his generosity.

The course of instruction at Tangle, given by Bruce Saint, was also not very well attended with only four or five people taking part each evening.

In view of the above grumbles at the lack of attendance at some events, it is more cheering to be able to record that 24 people came on the visit to Miss de Beaumont's stud at Shalbourne on 7th May, on what proved to be a very interesting and enjoyable, if somewhat cold and damp, evening. Our thanks to Miss de Beaumont for taking so much time and trouble to show us round the yard and to explain her theories on breeding good animals, whether they be Welsh or Highland ponies, thoroughbreds or show hacks. Miss de Beaumont kindly said that the gates are never closed and any member of the Bourne Valley R.C. could visit the stables in the afternoons after about 3.00 p.m. - if you do this, do please introduce yourself to Miss de Beaumont or to one of her staff as a B.V. member before walking round.

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The Club Dressage and Prix Caprilli competition, which was transferred from Skamore Cottage to Locks Drove, was also quite well attended. Although only five competed in the dressage, we managed to field three teams for the Prix Caprilli. Mrs. Robinson kindly came to judge again this year and we thank her and her writer, Mrs. Horton, for giving up their Sunday afternoon to do this. The results were:-

Dressage

1st	Lindsay Hart	Highland Fling
2nd	Lindsay Hart	Summertime Jesta
3rd	Sandra Oliver	Satan
4th	Antonia Robb	Mowie
5th	Emma Murdoch	Special Edition

Prix Caprilli

1st	(Sylvia Hart) (Sam Hart) (Lindsay Hart) (Maureen Burford)	Highland Fling Touch of the Blarney Summertime Jesta Minty	- 284
2nd	(Sandra Oliver) (Tom Oliver) (Lesley Cornie)	Satan Antic Hay Satan	- 260
3rd	(Elizabeth Capes) (Caroline Hicks) (Antonia Robb) (Jill Armstrong)	Lysander Derby Day Mowie The Bishop	- 259

In closing, I am sure all members will wish to join me in sending congratulations to our Treasurer, Norman Creese and his wife Mary, on the birth of their daughter, Emma.

J.B.