

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

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The R.C. Conference

On 26th March, Cathy Hart attended the Riding Club Spring Conference on behalf of the Club. She and Peter Grainger, our Liaison Committee Secretary, were the only two to attend from our Area. Several interesting points were raised at the meeting, particularly about the height of fences at the Area Show Jumping and Horse Trials Competitions. *This has been a sore point with us for some years as we have considered the courses to be too stiff for the average riding club horse and rider, and therefore many members have been virtually excluded from competing - a point proved I think by the fact that, from the 23 Clubs in our Area, only 6/8 teams competed last year. Cathy put in a strong plea for the fences to be lowered and was supported by other Clubs but it remains to be seen if the BHS will make any alterations in the future!

As you probably know the R.I.H.S. is returning to the White City this year. Help is needed for the turnstiles and seating 10.30 am to 8.00 pm. Free entry and seats are a possibility for helpers (although this is not yet finalised) so, if anyone is interested, apply to 35, Belgrave Square, London. There is also a possibility of R.C. Affiliated Clubs getting seats at B.H.S. prices and there is a discount for coach parties with coach parking at White City - for both of these apply direct to the Box Office Manager 01-7433544 (now open). For those going by car, you are advised to park elsewhere and go to White City by bus or tube.

There is now a new Stable Management Exam for those already holding R.C. Grade III (but lower than Grade IV) It will be organised on a regional basis and will cost £15.00 per candidate- further details from Peter Grainger, 32, Queen's Court, Alexandra Road, Farnborough. Telephone Farnborough 540892.

The Conference urged Riding Clubs to get their members to take the Road Safety Tests but this will not be made compulsory. If you are interested please let me know (June Bush, Weyhill 2474)

Cathy though the Conference was interesting and well worth while attending - the food was good too! Although only 38 people turned up and 4 of those were from the Press and 8 from the National Committee, it did give us an opportunity to put our points of view to the R.C. Committee.

Cathy has invited Marie Stokes, Chairman of the R.C. Committee, to come down to one of our Socials next winter, so that we can hear her views and she ours; it is hoped that this will be on 15th November.

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The weather was cold and windy but reasonably dry on Good Friday when 5 mounted people (Only one of whom was a B.V. Member) went on the Paper Chase across the Plain. They and the few car followers who joined them, managed to find a pleasantly sheltered place to stop for a glass of wine and a hot cross bun, halfway through the chase. Many thanks to Philip Hodson and his helpers for preparing the jumps and laying the trail and to Cathy Hart for providing the refreshments.

The Dressage and Prix Caprilli at Amport Riding School on 10th April was in considerable danger of being cancelled because of the state of the ground and we are very much indebted to Richard Hale for letting us continue with the event in those conditions; I only hope we didn't do too much damage to his land. It was unfortunate that there was heavy rain the night before which made the going even more sticky (to say the least!) but in spite of this the three classes were well filled. Our thanks to Lindsay and Peter

Hills for doing all the hard work beforehand in organising the event and to everyone who helped on the day, The results were:-

Prix Caprilli

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| 1. Gillian Trickett | 89 points |
| 2. Heather Turner | 87 points |
| 3. Julia Bayley | 81 points |
| 4. Jacquie Rigby | 80 points |
| 5. Shirley Myall | 79 points |
| 6. Caroline Stevens | 74 points |
| H.C. Gill Cooke | 80 points |

Gillian Trickett was best B.V. member

Dressage No.6

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| 1. Nicky Sparrow | 113 points |
| 2. Lindsay Hills | 110 points |
| 3. Lindsay Hills | 106 points |
| 3. Gill Cooke | 106 points |
| 5. Lyn Powell | 100 points |
| 6. Celia Williamson | 99 points |

Lindsay Hills on Summertime Jester was best B.V. member.

Dressage No.11

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| H.C. Nicky Sparrow | 87 points | |
| 1. Lyn Powell | 80 points | Best B.V. member |
| 2. Lindsay Hills | 78 points | |
| 3. Lindsay Hills | 67 points | |
| 4. Gillian Trickett | 66 points | |
| 5. Diane Neill | 61 points | |
| 6. Jo King | 47 points | |

One event which unfortunately did have to be cancelled was the Social Evening on 19th April - not for once because of rain but because our intended speaker was unable to come owing to his business commitments. We let as many of the regulars as possible know about the cancellation but I'm sorry that we missed 2 or 3 people. Hopefully we will have the talk on Upholstery during next winter.

Obviously the Gods were not on our side for the Film Show on 3rd May!' About 30 members and guests turned up at the Fiesta Hall but the projectionist forgot to come! David Roberts nobly gave up his evening to set up the projector for us but our troubles still weren't over as we discovered when we showed the second film, The firm we hired the films from had put the wrong film in the right box, so instead of watching Jenny Loriston-Clarke doing some advanced dressage, we'd expected, we got Richard Meade giving us a lesson on mounting and dismounting! We do apologise for the muddle. We have managed to extract a promise from the hiring firm that we ^{can} have "Dressage Movements" for free at a later date. Very many thanks to David Roberts for the use of the Hall and for the glass of wine he provided for everyone, also thanks to Cathy Hart for organising the evening.

We are hoping to send teams to all the Area Competitions this year - the very best of luck to all our members who take part.

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