

## BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

### NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1974

Our show jumping teams' visit to Stoneleigh for the Riding Club Championships at the end of September was a story of both success and failure. The success part of it is that out of the 18 teams competing, over a first course of 3'6" and the second course of 3'9" to 4', our scores were:-

	<u>1st Round</u>	<u>2nd Round</u>
Col. R. Huskissen on Lunar Orbit	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
Miss S. Appleton on Erin's Daughter	0	12
Mrs. T. Olliver on Fair Charm	0	4
Miss M. Hoare on Tempest	8	0

By deleting the highest score in each round you will see that our grand total for the two rounds was  $4\frac{1}{2}$  faults which would have put us in fourth place - a truly magnificent effort. The very disappointing part of the story is that Col. Huskissen was disqualified on a technicality after his second round and therefore his very good score could not count, leaving us with a final total of  $16\frac{1}{2}$  faults. He had, I gather, tied a small tassel to the end of his whip which made it 31 inches long instead of the regulation maximum of 30 inches. It was unfortunate for us that the judges did not announce that this rule was being strictly enforced until part way through the second round, after the Colonel and a competitor from another team had already been disqualified - this of course gave all the later riders a chance to change their whips if they were too long. However, this does not detract from the fact that all members of the team jumped really well against strong opposition and our thanks (and commiserations) are due to them - particularly to Sue Appleton who worked very hard as competition secretary and team manager.

Tom Olliver has had no requests for the B.V. Club tie mentioned in the last Newsletter, so the committee have decided to drop this idea but members are reminded that the official Riding Club ties and badges are available either direct from the Secretary, R.C. Committee, Stoneleigh, or an order can be placed with our own Hon. Sec. The tie costs £1.10p and the badge 15p.

Miss Sue Hudson has been co-opted onto the Committee in place of Major Young who had to resign when he was posted abroad.

Finally, please don't forget the Christmas Draw which Norman Creese is promoting. To make this a financial success we need to sell lots of tickets and we need lots of nice prizes so if you can help with a prize or by selling tickets (or both!) will you contact Norman at 6 Clock House, Bodenham, Salisbury (Tel. Salisbury 23666) as soon as possible. If you live miles from Salisbury don't let that put you off - any member of the committee will be glad to relieve you of a prize or will get you some books of tickets to sell!

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