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BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1977

PROGRAMME REPORT

1. Miraculously, the sun shone for our Silver Jubilee Gymkhana held at Kimpton on Sunday 11th September and there was a good turn out of competitors and spectators. The day proved most enjoyable for all concerned and we even made a profit for Club funds (some of which is 'hoof-marked' as a contribution towards the construction and provision of our own set of jumps.).

Our grateful thanks to all who so kindly gave up their time to help in various ways. To mention just a few, Ray Smith, his family and other 'volunteers' for all the hard work put into reconstructing some jumps and building more for our Mini Hunter Trial Course, Sue Hollands who judged our Prix Caprilli Competition and Irene Wood who worked assiduously as her writer and Eric Myall for the erection and use of that splendid tent - officially intended for our industrious competition secretary, Jenny Patterson.

A very special thank you is due first to Mark Haggan who continues to donate such lovely hand-made trophies, then to Jo and Pete Trickey who not only judged the Fancy Dress Competition with great aplomb, but also provided the most generous prizes and, finally, to Sue Hollands who changed rapidly from her role as judge to rider and gave us an inspiring demonstration of free-style Dressage to the appropriate music of 'The Entertainer'.

Results of all the classes were as follows:

Prix Caprilli

1st	Ann Spencer	Gaberdine	97	4th	Elizabeth White	Red Ike	83
2nd	Jenny Bowman	Kelly	94	5th	Shirley Myall	Christmas	79
3rd	Marina Tomlinson	Blaze Away	87	6th	Diane Richards	Trigger	75

Fancy Dress Competition

1st	Sally Smith	Sonny Jim	(Headless Horseman)
2nd	Christopher Holt	Pink Pearl	(Batman)
3rd	Marina Tomlinson	Blaze Away	(Gypsy Girl)
4th	Robert Razey	King Andy	(Lawrence of Arabia)
5th	Gavin Bayley	Palomino's Pride	(Galloping Major)
6th	Zena Myall	Christmas	(Tetley Tea Bag)

Gymkhana ClassesBending:

1st	Ann Free	Mistral	4th	Paula Smith	Sonny Jim
2nd	Sarah Walter	Good Boy	5th	Elizabeth White	Red Ike
3rd	Jenny Hunt	Cavalody	6th	Sally Martin	Kastana

Potato Race:

1st	Elizabeth White	Red Ike	4th	Carol Catt	Minstrel
2nd	Bill Austin	Molly	5th	Philip Hobson	Melody
3rd	J. Bayley	Palomino's Pride	6th	Sarah Walter	Good Boy

Musical Poles:

1st	Ann Free	Mistral	4th	Carol Cook	Dylan
2nd	Jenny Bowman	Cottesmore Kelly	5th	Paula Smith	Sonny Jim
3rd	Julia Bayley	Palomino's Pride	6th	Heather Smith	Huggy Bear

/Walk, Trot and Canter ..

Gymkhana Classes (continued)

Walk, Trot and Canter:

1st	Julia Bayley	Palamino's Pride	4th	Sarah Walter	Good Boy
2nd	Tracey Franklin	Binny	5th	Paula Smith	Sonny Jim
3rd	Jenny Bowman	Cottesmore Kelly	6th	Ann Free	Mistral

Egg and Spoon Race:

1st	Eliabeth White	Red Ike	4th	Sarah Walter	Good Boy
2nd	Tracey Franklin	Binny	5th	Sally Martin	Kastana
3rd	Julia Bayley	Palamino's Pride	6th	Karen Williams	Pink Pearl

Cross Country : Mini Hunter Trial

1st	Sandra Olliver	Fair Charm	4th	Sarah Walter	Good Boy
2nd	Bill Austin	Penny Arcade	5th	Tom Olliver	Antic Hay
3rd	Sandra Olliver	Flippant Fancy	6th	Drew Patterson	King Andy

2. The film evening at Tedworth House on 20th September was well attended but the films, although entertaining, were not as instructive as we had hoped. To be quite honest, the first film, of ancient British origin, featured Caroline Bradley, mainly at Pony Club Gymkhanas and jumping young horses as a prelude to her spectacular career as a show jumper. The second film, on the other hand, made in Germany, did show progressive training for jumping with facilities of which we couldn't help being envious.
3. The lectures and demonstrations organised by the Area Liaison Committee on the standards required for Grades III and IV Examinations took place at Larkhill Indoor School on Wednesday 12th October. Basically, we all felt the idea was an excellent one and judging by the attendance throughout the afternoon and evening, so did many other members of clubs throughout our area. The visiting B.H.S. Examiners, Mrs. Barras and Mrs. Hodgkinson, their assistants and the "guinea-pig" riders and horses are worked extremely hard and some of the tips we gleaned should benefit present and future candidates. Our main criticisms, however, were first that there were far too many in the arena at a time and, secondly, that the attempt to demonstrate both Grades III and IV requirements within the same session was both unsatisfactory and confusing.
4. The shoe-ing demonstration given by Kurt Linnsner at The Forge, Appleshaw, on Tuesday 18th was as enlightening as ever and attracted a gratifyingly large audience among whom we were pleased to welcome some of the keenest members of a local group of Disabled Riders.
5. Although not "billed" in our programme, a number of us were able to attend a special meeting on Equestrian Road Safety, held at Otterbourne on 6th September. The purpose of this meeting, most ably conducted by Dawn Williams, with Brigadier Eggar (Chairman of B.H.S. Hampshire) as guest speaker, was to consider a Road Safety Code drawn up by the Hampshire County Council, with a view to extending and standardising the existing Pony Club Road Safety Tests.

An increasing number of nasty road accidents, involving vehicles, ponies and riders, combined with a greater volume of traffic both in urban and rural areas, has focussed attention on the need for all riders to be traffic-wise in all circumstances. (In fact one wonders if those who have not yet taken a test ought to wear conspicuous "L" plates which might make some drivers a little more considerate)

GRADE EXAMINATION RESULTS

6. The Examination for Grade II took place at Tidworth on Sunday 28th and we are delighted that

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all six candidates passed. Congratulations to Thelma Pointer, Julia Bradley, Georgina Weber, Gill Armstrong, Jenny Bowman and Elizabeth White.

Congratulations, also, to Bill Austin, the only one of three candidates for Grade III who passed the Examination held on Monday 5th September. Without wishing to be too critical of the way the Examination was conducted, we do feel that the circumstances were most unfavourable for the aspiring (and perspiring!) trio. Not only did the Examination last for nearly 4 hours, from 6 to 10 p.m. and the assembled company did not come into the Indoor School until it was too dark to see the jumps outside - but so much time was taken up with Equitation, little opportunity was given to do justice to Stable Management.

Next time (and we are determined there will be a successful next time) we shall endeavour to book a Grade III Examiner for a day-time Examination to ensure that the circumstances are more favourable and less exhausting for all concerned.

I feel sure that all those who took part in the pre-Examination Instruction sessions would like me to thank on their behalf the two Instructors, Sue Bennett and Sue Hollands, who expended so much time and effort, not to mention all the other people who helped in various ways.

Instruction for Next Year

7. We hope so much that the successful candidates in each Grade will now want to progress to the next Grade and, in fact, that there will also be a group of new participants for Grades I and II next year.

We are quite prepared to organise a new series of Instruction sessions at various levels, but obviously need relevant information. Would all those interested please complete the slip attached to the Programme and return it to me as soon as possible. A meeting will then be arranged before Christmas so that Examiners can be booked well in advance for next year.

Forthcoming Events

8. You will see from the new Programme that the committee has arranged some varied fixtures which we hope you will all support actively.

A schedule for our Combined Training Competition is enclosed. If you are unable to take part yourself, please pass it on to someone else or return it to a Committee member.

9. Those of us who were fortunate enough to take part in a week-end course conducted by Peter de Cosemo can thoroughly recommend the evening demonstration he is giving on Friday 18th November. His work is based on sound B.H.S. principles, modified or extended in some areas by his own experience and the way he transformed each horse he rode proved that he can practice what he preaches.
10. Would anyone who has either films or slides to contribute to our get-together on Tuesday 22nd November kindly contact Sam or myself so that we can construct an interesting programme for the evening?
11. Finally, we do hope that the response to our "Hop-of-the-Year" Social will be keen and that Carol Razey - who has kindly undertaken the entire organisation as well as the catering - will be rewarded by a heavy demand for tickets. Incidentally, numbers will have to be limited to 100 to fit the capacity of the Hall, so if you want to come along, do fill in the slip attached to the programme and send it quickly to Carol who will issue tickets.

News from Headquarters

12. Arrangements have been made provisionally for the Area One Day Event to be held in mid-August and the Prix Caprilli and Show Jumping to be held at Fordingbridge towards the end of July. Perhaps aspiring Team Members could bear these dates in mind, when fixing their summer holidays....
13. A Riding Club Conference is being held at Stoneleigh on Sunday 27th November. It is hoped that we can send 3 delegates, Sam Hart, Peta White and myself and we shall be given the opportunity of raising a point or two for discussion. If any Club member wishes to make a contribution for us to transmit, please let one of us have your query or comments in writing as soon as possible, because the completed form has to be at Stoneleigh by 31st October.

Personal Tit-Bits

14. Our warmest congratulations to Mrs. Cathy Hart for coming third in the Novice Dressage Championship at Stoneleigh in August and for achieving 7th place at Wembley in the Spillers Open Combined Training Competition.

Nixie Taverner

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