

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

NEWSLETTER - WINTER 1987

Dear Member,

First of all the bad news, Carole Glover after two years of producing a very informative and entertaining Newsletter, has decided that the time has come to devote her energies to writing a best selling novel, and I, in a moment of madness offered to take over the task, something my husband, mother, boss and terrier have been regretting ever since.

Early plans of having guest writers (both Mark Phillips and Harvey Smith have unfortunately just been snapped up by Horse & Hound) pin-ups etc., have I'm afraid, fallen by the wayside ..... so here goes ..... but what about the good news I hear you ask yourselves ... well Carole has agreed to stay on as Secretary, for the time being so at least that department will continue to run as efficiently as ever. On to the nitty gritty.

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held at The Weyhill Fair on Tuesday, 13th October. Twenty-four members attended, fewer than last year however there was still plenty of discussion on a variety of topics. Sam Hart, The Club's President was offered and accepted Honorary Membership of the Club as a token of his immense contribution over the years. Sue Bennett, who has worked extremely hard on the Committee for a long time has decided to step down in order to devote more time to building superb x-country courses and running events at Penton. Pippa Sarsfield-Hall has also resigned due to pressure of other commitments. We are very sorry to lose them from the Committee and would like to take this opportunity of thanking them for all their hard work and support. Their places have been taken by Mrs. Liz Peerless and Mrs. Liz Rawlingson who I know will be great assets to the Committee. The Club Officers and Committee members are as follows:-

President - Mr. S. Hart, 14 Parkhouse Rd, Shipton Bellinger, Tidworth.  
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Chairman - Miss. J. Bush, Dukes Wood, Ampport, Andover.  
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Vice Chairman - Mrs. S. McGrath, 5 Faccombe, Faccombe, Andover.  
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Hon. Secretary - Mrs. C. Glover, Castle Farm, Over Wallop, Stockbridge.  
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Hon. Treasurer - Mr. I. Walker, 207 Pilgrims Way, Andover.  
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Mr. P. Brotherwood, 6 Rack & Manger Cottages, Nr. Crawley, Winchester.  
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Mrs. M. Johnson, Wressle Cottage, Upper Clatford, Andover.  
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Mrs. S. Olliver, 21 Trinity Rise, Penton Mewsey, Andover.  
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Tel: Andover 781571

Mrs. W. Williams, 10 Old Castle Road, Salisbury.  
Tel: Salisbury 28432

Mrs. L. Peerless

One of the subjects raised during the AGM was the question of increasing the annual subscription. Despite the reservations of some members it was decided that subscriptions should go up in 1989 to £9 for Riding Members and £8 for Non Riding Members.

It was noted that the Club unfortunately had to cancel the Combined Training scheduled to be held on Sunday, 13th September due to lack of support, so few entries were received that a heavy financial loss would have been inevitable. The Fun Ride which should have been held on Sunday, 18th October also suffered a similar fate with only one team entry. These were two events that should have catered for both the competitive rider and non competitive rider alike. What happened to you all? It's very disappointing to have to cancel events for both the few that enter and the hard working organisers, so come on everybody, let's see if 1988 can show an improvement in the attendance stakes.....whoops I've just fallen off my high horse! Another problem that was pointed out was the difficulty some members have in attending Club functions due to lack of transport (me included). Hitching with one's 'hoss in attendance is never easy but perhaps those members who do sometimes have a spare place in a trailer or horsebox could possibly help out on occasions and not be too offended when the likes of me ring up out of the blue and enquire about the chances of a lift. I know that wheelless members would be enormously grateful for any help on this score.

Brenda Donnelly attended the Liaison Committees' Annual General Meeting on behalf of the Club on 28th October. She reported back that the only date to have been agreed for the Area Competitions was the Show-Jumping which will be hosted by the Purbeck Riding Club on 17th July. If you are interested in representing the Club in any of the Area Team Competitions, please contact Sue McGrath on Linkenholt 316. One important point that was raised was the fact that Flu Vaccinations must be put onto new cards (which can be obtained from Vets) before 31st December, 1987 or they will be null and void and it will be necessary to start all over again with the series of injections, instead of the annual booster.

The Club's 21st Birthday Party was celebrated on Friday, 23rd October in Wallop Village Hall. Sadly this great social event was not over subscribed by members and their friends however a select group of twenty-eight enjoyed an excellent supper which included a delicious Birthday cake. June Bush and Sandra Olliver were presented with commemorative glass bells in recognition of being two members who were partly responsible for starting the Club back in the dark and distant past.





We are holding some instruction sessions to which all members are most welcome. We hope to arrange some more in the Spring but this will depend to some extent on how well supported these early sessions are. In order to make the organisation of instruction more straight forward, we have devised a new format. Attached to this Newsletter there is a separate form. If you would like to attend the instruction sessions, please fill in the form and return it to Sue McGrath at 5, Faccombe, Andover, Hants and then ring her on Linkenholt 316 nearer the date of the instruction to ascertain what time your particular lesson begins.

#### PLEASE NOTE

We are now requesting that you pay for instruction in advance, so please enclose a cheque made payable to the Bourne Valley Riding Club if you wish to take part. No booking will be accepted unless it is accompanied by the appropriate fee. Details of the instruction sessions are as set out in the programme.

A Skittles Evening will be held at The Eagle Inn, Abbots Ann, Nr. Andover starting at 7.30.pm on Wednesday, 9th December. This event proved to be very popular and enjoyable last year, so please do come and demonstrate your prowess down the alley and bring your friends along too! Food will be available and on offer is a "Farmer's Supper" (ploughmans + sausage) at £1.75 or a "Chicken Supper" for £2.60. Please ring Marty Johnson on Andover 65820 before Wednesday, 2nd December if you would like to order food.

#### REMINDER

Subscriptions were due on 1st October. £8 for a Riding Member and £7 for a Non Riding Member. Do please send your renewals to Carole Glover at Castle Farm, Over Wallop, Nr. Stockbridge, Hants at your earliest opportunity.

Well, that's all for now folks - I look forward to seeing you either at the instruction or down the skittle alley! *Marty Johnson*

#### PROGRAMME

Sun. 15th Nov.	Instructions with Sheena Kozuba-Kozubska BHSI at Bathampton House, Wylke. I hour lessons. Groups of 4 riders	£5:00
Sun 29th Nov.	Instruction with Liz Peerless at Tidworth Indoor School. I hour lessons. Groups of 4 riders 3 sessions, 2pm - 5pm	£5:00
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