

Newsletter December 2020



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We have surfaced unscathed from the second Covid-19 lockdown. When conditions eased at the end of the first lockdown, thanks to Susie's initiative, we were quick off the mark in announcing clinic and social ride dates. Clinics were well received and attended, but members seemed reluctant to venture too far afield and enjoy riding in new areas, normally a very popular activity. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to host rides.

By August competitions were permitted to restart. This fitted in well with the normal plan and in September ran a successful dressage only show at Redenham. Jumping, at this stage, seemed too complicated and too much risk. In late August, permission was given for the Hunter Trial at Larkhill to proceed. After a great deal of assessment regarding both Covid-19 regulations and financial viability, the event was given the green light. A question mark hung over the competition right up until the last minute, but luckily Covid/lockdown restrictions held off until early November. Below are reports of the two BVRC events and details of Area 17 qualifiers, most for 2021 Championships, that have been held. The emergence of the Covid vaccine gives hope that normal activities will resume in 2021 and plans are afoot to implement these. Stay safe.

LKH.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas & a healthy, prosperous and successful year in 2021.

[BVRC Membership Year – 1st January to 31st December](#)

The BVRC Membership Year has run from 1st November until 31st October for many years. At the behest of British Riding Clubs (BRC), we have been instructed to alter the timing to run from 1st January until 31st December.

[BVRC Subscriptions 2021](#)

BVRC club year starts on 1st January, so it is time to renew your annual subscription ready for an exciting, & hopefully normal, 2021.

Due to the increase in affiliation fees payable to British Riding Clubs (BRC) from £12.50 to £15/head, it has been necessary to increase BVRC rates.

Fees have been set at £36 for Riding Members, and £15 for Non Riding Members.

A discount of £6 for riding members (fee £30), if the subs are paid before 14th February 2021, is offered to members for the year 2019/2020

We hope that the concession will entice you to renew your subscriptions promptly.

The reduced rate of £30 will also apply for second and subsequent members of the same household.

No discount is applicable for non-riding members, as their rate has not increased for many years.

Membership renewal can be done online through [My Riding Life](#), for which there is a single transaction cost of £1.50 when you make a "purchase", to cover the cost of the system provided. Otherwise, please fill in the [membership renewal form \(.pdf version\)](#), which can also be found on the [BVRC website](#), and send it with a cheque made payable to Bourne Valley Riding Club, to **Sarah Pook** (address on form).

By providing your details to BVRC you agree to them being used by the Committee to contact you about Club activities, events and requests for help. Information is usually sent out by email from the net@bvrc.co.uk and it is recommended that you save this address, plus nag@bvrc.co.uk, to your Contacts to avoid them going into Spam.

Full details of BVRC Privacy Policy and information on how your details are used can be found on www.bvrc.co.uk.

[BVRC AGM 2020](#)

The Committee are asking the membership for a mandate to continue through 2021 without an AGM. We intend to email out a Chairman's Report and the accounts 2019/2020 plus a few other matters such as subscriptions for 2022, and ask you to show your support or otherwise on the Committee's proposals. All 3 main Club Officials (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) were due to stand-down at the end of this year at the end of a 2-year tenure but all are willing to remain in post. The first step however, is to gain your agreement that, in these exceptional times, BVRC forsakes an AGM rounding up the 2020 Membership Year, and the Club Officials and Committee continues through 2021. We would anticipate that by the end of next year, life will be back to near normal and we will be able to have a gathering of members for the 2021 AGM. Please look out for and respond to the email when it is distributed.

Reminder - Equine Microchip Law

New laws surrounding equine identification came into force in England from 1st October 2018,

Defra's new equine identification regulations **legally require every horse, pony and donkey to be microchipped and possess a valid UK passport**, with details stored in the Central Equine Database (CED).

All horses born after 30 June 2009 are already required to be microchipped.

Owners of horses born before this date will have two years to get their equines microchipped.

From 1st October 2020, it became an enforceable law.

After this date all horses attending a BRC qualifier or championship must be microchipped.

BVRC Subscription to RA Hunt – suspended for 2020/2021

After conducting a poll of the members, the Committee made the difficult decision to withhold the BVRC Subscription to the RA Hunt for the 2020/21 season. Although they would have liked to support the Hunt in this difficult time, the Committee were conscious of the fact that we have seen a reduction in income, having been unable to run many of the usual events due to Covid-19. With the small number of members who make use of this subscription, which currently costs the Club £625/season, the Committee felt they could not justify such a large chunk of income. They agreed that this should not be a long-term decision but the matter should be reviewed again next year against what events we have been able to run successfully.

Forthcoming Events



BVRC Christmas Ride, Larkhill Racecourse, Sunday 27th December 2020, 10:15am, ready to depart by 10:30am

Each year we usually hold a pre-Christmas ride for members and guests (by invitation only) across Salisbury Plain starting and finishing at Larkhill Racecourse. With the Plain only standing down from military activities on 18th December, we have again slipped the date until after Christmas. A brisk ride on Salisbury Plain with friends is a good way to see out 2020.

There will be one ride with lots of cantering (escorted by Helen Nash-Steer) and the other mostly walking (chatting!) and trotting (escorted by Susie Pool).

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to provide festive food and drink this year but feel free to bring your own to consume during a socially distanced chat before going home.

Names must be logged with the organiser in advance and as these rides are usually popular you need to register your interest early, **To book your place contact Susie Pool on susie_pool@btinternet.com or 07787 573808.**

The ride is free to members and a small charge of £5 is made for friends/family (16 years and over), payable on the day.

Please arrive in time to be ready for a 10.30am departure and we aim to be back at the parking area about 12-12.30pm.



BVRC Social Ride in New Forest, Sunday 10th January 2021, 10:15am ready to depart by 10:30am

Meet at Janesmoor Pond Car Park, Fritham. What3words Location: `///officers.objecting.record`

Ready to Depart at 1030.

This 2 hour ride will be escorted by Janet Burnett

There is plenty of room in the car park off the Fritham to Stoney Cross road. The New Forest may have lost some of its colour by this time but it is still beautiful. There will still be plenty of wildlife to see by way of ponies and cattle but the bonus of the delay is that the pigs will have gone.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to provide refreshments this year but do bring your own to consume during a socially distanced chat before going home.

Open to up to 5 members.

To book your place contact Janet Burnett on janetburnett68@gmail.com or 07767 228184



BVRC Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, Somerset, Monday 19th April – Thursday 22nd April 2021

We return to our normal mid-April slot for camp, next year. Arrival will be on Monday 19th April between 12-1pm and departure after lunch on Thursday 22nd April.

Accommodation consists of furnished heated log cabins/barns of various sizes, containing 3-6 bunk beds, divans, mirror, chairs and hooks for clothing. Residents will need to take their own bedding including pillows. Shower block, loos, dining room and lounge are available on the premises.

Full catering will be provided and includes English breakfast, cold lunch, afternoon cakes and 2 course evening meal.

Stabling will be in an American style barn with hay and straw included. Hard food will not be supplied, so we will need to take our own.

The facilities at Stockland Lovell include

- an extensive cross country course with in excess of 100 fences from 1'6" to 3'9",
- two all weather arenas (one for flatwork and one with show jumps),
- marked routes for hacking around the farm
- saddlery shop.

The plan is to have six riding sessions, Monday afternoon, 2 each on Tuesday and Wednesday and one on Thursday morning.

All horse must have a current flu vaccination certificate, which includes a 6 month booster. Certificates will be checked on arrival.

Put the dates in your diary and look out for the booking form which will be sent out in the New Year.

Reports

BVRC Martin Down Ride, 28th June 2020

We hosted a club ride on 28 June. Very excited to meet Janet Burnett who joined us with Banjo. We'd planned a 15 mile ride from Martin over to the Chalk Valley, a good long starting canter to Paradise, then onto Bishopstone and back through Vernditch Woods to Martin Down, with a slight detour for a field of cows. Beautiful views, good going and some nice fast stretches. For us, the highlight of the ride was Janet and Banjo's gate opening talents, certainly took the pressure off of us! Janet and Banjo were great company and we were very compatible for speed, distance and chat.

Sarah Pook

BVRC Tangley Ride, 18th July 2020

With all the fun and games of lockdown earlier in the year we did manage to organise a few rides, one of which was held on Saturday 18th July and saw 4 riders lead by Victoria Smith crossing the Tangley/Chute countryside. We all met at 10am and left from Tangley Farm, carried on through to Chute along lanes, bridleways and even managed a sensible canter across an open field or two!

The ride covered approximately 12 miles but saw us all back in time for a late lunch.

Thank you again to Lesley and Alan Dale for letting us use their yard for parking and the over generous as always use of wash down facilities.

Fingers crossed we will accommodate another ride in 2021.

BVRC Unaffiliated Dressage at Redenham Park on Saturday 12th September 2020

For the first competition after lock-down there were a few extra things to think about and how best to implement the new rules.

After many e-mails and text Becky (secretary) and myself (organiser) managed to find the best way forward.

We decided to go without a score board so as not to encourage gathering of competitors. This did in fact turn into a bonus. The results were all laid out on a table, thankfully the weather was good, and competitors, if they chose to stay for results, were invited up to collect their sheets and rosettes. There were many delighted faces when they realised they had gained a place and for some their first rosette, which always makes the organising of events worthwhile.

The day ran smoothly and the sun shone, always a bonus.

Ros Kershaw

Class 1: Intro B Judge: Sally Green

			Mark	%	BV
1	Grace Lovell	Benjamin	170.5	74.13	
2	Sam Shepherd	Blue	161.5	70.22	Best BV
3	Ann McLean	DeDe	158.5	68.91	
4	Katie Rossiter	Cintia	157.5	68.48	
5	Gill Young	OP	156.0	67.82	*
6	Becky Beard	Disarano Arazzmataz	156.0	67.82	

Class 2: Prelim 7 Judge: Lisa Smith

			Mark	%	BV
1	Lucinda Sims	Bertie	144.0	65.45	
2	Becky Beard	Disarano Arazzmataz	136.0	61.82	
3	Ruth Spooner	Micha	131.5	59.77	
4	Sally Shepherd	Pablo	130.5	59.32	Best BV
5	Juanita Coulson	Chartreux	128.0	58.18	*
6	Olivia Sims	Bridie	127.5	57.95	

Class 3: Prelim 18 Judge: Sally Green

1	Lynn Mead	Mexico's Mission	195.0	75.00	Best BV
2	Julia Croombs	Millie	189.5	72.08	*
3	Hazel Jackson	Banana	181.0	69.62	
4	Jemma Manders	Mia	180.0	69.23	*
5	Dorothee Hawkins	Einstein 142	171.5	65.96	*
6	Dee Hodson	Reggie Rosedale	163.0	62.69	*

Class 4: Novice 27 Judge: Lisa Smith

1	Julia Croombs	Millie	193.5	69.11	Best BV
2	Hazel Jackson	Banana	193.0	68.93	
3	Imogen Andrews	Carnsdale Pure Genius	192.0	68.57	*
4	Fiona Scott	Freddie	191.5	68.39	*
5	Jemma Manders	Mia	187.5	66.96	*
6	Madeleine Lord	Zary	178.0	63.57	

Class 5: PYO Judge: Sally Green

			Test			
1	Gemma Leggatt	Grovine Class Act	E42	226.5	70.78	Best BV
2	Eloise Howell	Glenvar Prince	E42	225.0	70.31	*
3	Fiona Scott	Freddie	N30	175.0	67.30	*
4	Beth Heathershaw	Millyford Malarkey	E42	202.0	63.13	
5	Tommie Gross	Magnum	E42	201.0	62.81	*
6	Victoria Smith	Greenhall Polly	E42	195.3	61.09	*

BVRC Hunter Trial, Sunday 18th October 2020 at Larkhill

In the end the event went very well.

I wasn't at all sure that I wanted the Hunter Trial to go ahead. I was happy in my safe, stress free bubble watching the world go by. Undertaking the responsibility of ensuring that we complied with Covid-19 regulations and guidelines and, more importantly, that anyone involved wasn't put at risk, seemed an onerous task.

Reassured by the smooth running and popularity of BVRC Dressage at Redenham in September and by the rising number of other events, I realised that we could do it.

After checking the willingness and availability of Medics and key team members, I bit the bullet.

Once the schedule was done, distributed to Saddlers/Feed merchants as normal, and entries started to trickle in, I gained confidence that we could pull it off.

To attract entries, 700+ emails were despatched to past attendees.

Response to appeals for help were excellent, too. There was a little hiccup concerning the permission of dogs onsite, but that was soon clarified.

I have to say a big thank you to Sandra for co-ordinating all the helpers. I really couldn't operate without her tireless support and backing.

Entries continued to trickle in, but we were still far from financially breaking even. The countrywide Covid-19 situation was constantly changing raising more doubts.

Meanwhile procedures and paperwork were put in place. Although I have to confess it took me a while to do this and sleep was hard to come by. Covid rules, regulations & equipment caused a lot of head scratching & anxiety. Verbal Fence Judge Briefing Notes were formalised & committed to paper. These were distributed in advance so that minimal one-to-one briefing was needed on the day.

The list of extra supplies was endless. Individual hand sanitisers, large bottles of hand sanitiser, cleansing spray bottles, hand wipes, new pencils and new whistles.

Some Fence Judges are only able to help for half a day. Conscious of infection being passed between judges, extra radios were ordered, so no-one had to share and be put at risk.

Track & Trace procedures were implemented, too. It was complicated because we didn't have contact details of every competitor (as in the case where someone else had made the entry). It was difficult to isolate those people & identify whose details we needed to get on the day. The paperwork was finalised very late the night before the competition. Booking in by the Entrance/Exit steward worked well.

By comparison to the build-up, the day itself ran very well. Entries did pick up and we had a good but not an excessive number.

Although there were other events running on the same day (Bovington & West Wilts), we received 150 rounds (counting pairs as two), which made it financially viable & worth running. Not many entries were from BVRC members, though.

I am so pleased that the event went ahead. It gave us all a boost, to be out and about, again.

The weather was very good, too – dry and no wind. I wouldn't have said no to a little sunshine, but in view of the wind and rain in subsequent days, I am grateful for the weather we were given.

After discussion with Sandra (chief scorer), scoring was done as normal but without scoreboards or results published on the day. We considered several options & ruled out the use of radio scoring on several counts, the main one being the compromise of the radio network during reporting transmissions and past experience of network interference from outside sources.

A cheerful band of Fence judges arrived in good time. They were given supplies, last minute briefings and despatched on to the course in record time. I enjoyed seeing so many people – more in that one day than I had seen in the previous six months.

I am sorry that there wasn't more time to catch up and chat. I was anxious that we had allowed enough time to get everyone in place and start on schedule.

The course was presented with perfect ground and rode well. Re-siting the start/finish and collecting ring was inspired. A nice calm relaxed atmosphere pervaded the whole area.

Everyone was mindful of adhering to Covid-19 guidelines & rules. Competitors reported to XC in good time, allowing us to more or less run in numerical order, all day.

Although we were 3 minutes late starting, because the ambulance was delayed on route, the last competitor started one minute ahead of schedule. I think that is impressive and continues BVRC's excellent time keeping record.

The solitary motorcycle Trail Rider did an excellent job and scorers had plenty of time to keep the scores up to date.

I am pleased to say that there were no major incidents all day and the Medics and Vet were untroubled.

At the end of the day, all of the equipment, supplies and paperwork were packed in the trailers where they remained, in quarantine for a month.

Competitors were very appreciative that we ran the Hunter Trial.

Lots of very positive comments & thanks were received. It was one of the bonuses of having an entrance/exit steward.

In fact, several covid specific procedures may well be carried forward in the future.

A big thank you must be said to everyone for generously giving their time which made the event possible & a huge thank you to Sandra for successfully marshalling all the helpers.

I appreciated everyone's enthusiasm and flexibility in embracing the Covid-19 limiting procedures.

Let us hope that everyone stays safe and we are able to return to some sort of normality next year.

Time in seconds from optimum +/- (too fast)

Class 1 – Novice 80cm			BV	XC	Time
1	Natasha Kelling	Basil		0	0
2	Janet Burnett	Banjo	*	0	3
3	Beth Heathershaw	Millyford Malarkey		0	5
4=	Edward Rolls	Sebastian		0	6
4=	Annette Sawyer	Roxy		0	6
6=	Charles Filmer	Hugo		0	7
6=	Marion Brown	Alfie	*	0	7
8	Lauren Homer	Sox		0	-12
9=	Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	*	0	-13
9=	Becca Robinson	Brock Braithwaite		0	13

BVRC Novice Hunter Trial Cup awarded to Best BV Member Janet Burnett

Class 2 – Novice Pairs 80cm			BV	XC	Time
1=	Izzie Ballantine Dykes	Milo			
	Sharon Brown	Regal	*	0	1
1=	Sara Morley	Elburg			
	Sam Painter	Ronnie		0	-1
3	Steph Davies	Foxhills Field Marshall			
	Lauren Hawkes	Mockbeggar Jethro		0	6
4	Amie Payne	Edgevale Kolorkode			
	Megan Stacey	Tino Rossi		0	-7
5	Miranda Filmer	Cosmo			
	Klaudia Meeres	Andy III		0	-11
6	Rebecca Hardman	Shadow			
	Rebecca Hathaway-White	Pinky		0	17
7	Honor Bell	Fiver			
	Fleur Walker	Tait		0	-28
8	Vicky Brake	Prince			
	Julia Cory	Lickeen Larry		0	41
9	Steph Kirkman	Consider me			
	Albert Wilde	Freddie		0	-56
10	Elycia Farnish	Hewie			
	Kaitlyn Fryer	Red		0	89

Class 3 – Intermediate – 90cm			BV	XC	Time
1=	Valentine Mallinson Robb	Billy		0	-3
1=	Louise Bartel	JK's Hooray Henry		0	3
3	Molly Rattue	Jones VDL		0	4
4=	Annette Sawyer	Roxy		0	-6
4=	Sharon Brown	Vic	*	0	6
6	Antoinette Mckeowen	Micky	*	0	9
7	Nellie Pike	Dilly		0	11
8	Saska Combes	Philip III		0	15
9	Alison Whipp-Long	Jomsmead Coppelia		0	-17
10	Steven Lawrence	Gibraltar		0	-18

The Romance Challenge Cup awarded to Best BV Member Sharon Brown

Class 4 – Intermediate Pairs – 90cm			BV	XC	Time
1	Davina Harwood-Smart	Cairnview Harley			
	Melissa Howett	Penstrumbly Alwynne		0	-3
2=	Liz Ampairee	It Is I			
	Sarah Perry	Pervoekin d'Exaerde		0	6
2=	Catherine Coleman	Esi Baltic breeze			
	Catherine Coleman	Kyrion weering		0	6
4	Saska Combes	Phil			
	Fleur Walker	Kilmacredock Spectator		0	-38

Class 5 – Open – 100cm			BV	XC	Time
1	Rosanna Grant	Belisco		0	-1
2	Jemma Jones	Rosbercon		0	3
3	Lotty Joint	Blackwood Fred		0	-4
4	Tilly Swanton	Bonnie Too		0	-8
5	Katey Cuthbertson	Prosecco	*	0	14
6	Katey Cuthbertson	Islis	*	0	-16
7	Sara Bartlett	Harry		0	-18
8	Susie Pool	Juno XIX	*	0	-19
9=	Sam Stockley	Isco		0	22
9=	Tilly Swanton	Wivollets Pleasure Cruise		0	22

BVRC Open Hunter Trial Trophy to Best BV Member Katey Cuthbertson

BVRC Be Fair (Competiton) & Caballine (Helpers)

The Be Fair Cup and Caballine Trophy will not be presented in 2020. Points accrued in 2019/2020 will be carried forward into 2021.

Be Fair points are awarded to the 6 highest placed BV members in every competition regardless of their overall places (they may be 10th in the class but 2nd best BV member). Riders are only eligible for points on one horse on any particular day. Members who compete in teams on behalf of the BVRC will receive three points per day.

The Caballine Trophy points are awarded on a point for each hour or part hour worked at a show or setting up the day before a show. Committee members who organise the events only get points on this basis and not for other committee duties. Even so, the top places do seem to be filled by them. A rose bowl is awarded to the highest placed non-committee member.

In addition to the trophies, rosettes are presented to the top ten places in each competition. Each Trophy winner is awarded free membership for the following year.

Below are the points awarded up to and including 30th November 2020.

Be Fair

Susie Pool	37	Vanessa Martin	16	Stephen Coulson	13	Imogen Andrews	7	Louise Egginton	3
Janet Burnett	35	Gill Young	15	Dorothee Hawkins	11	Kim Male	7	Megan Brown	3
Danielle Storer	31	Jemma Manders	15	Fiona Webb	10	Louise Makepeace	7	Montina Munday	3
Gemma Leggatt	30	Lynn Mead	15	Katey Cuthbertson	10	Meredith Baker	7	Dee Hodson	2
Julia Croombs	30	Sally Shepherd	15	Keileigh Goode	10	Rebecca Miles	6	Grace Wilkinson	2
Tommie Gross	23	Sarah Pook	15	Melinda Veal	10	Lucie Wells	5	Jo Williamson	2
Frances Hall	22	Antoinette Mckeowen	14	Sam Shepherd	10	Marion Watt	5	Minette Batters	2
Sharon Brown	20	Fiona Scott	13	Frances Ridley	8	Victoria Smith	5		
Helen Vernon	17	Jenny Allan	13	Juanita Coulson	8	Hani Milstein	3		
Briony Tarlton	16	Petra Ingram	13	Eloise Howell	7	Jenny Tanner	3		

Caballine

Sandra Groves	27	Lynn Mead	12	Hani Milstein	9	Philippa Moon	7	Stephen Coulson	4
Rosalind Kershaw	25	Sam Shepherd	12	Juanita Coulson	9	Celia Scott	6	Helen Nash-Steer	3
Rebecca Miles	23	Val Goode	12	Petra Ingram	9	Gill Young	6	Rachel Lambert	3
Ella Birch	19	Linda Clarke	11	Dee Hodson	8	Marion Watt	6	Jemma Manders	2
Helen Vernon	17	Alison Coleman	10	Sarah Pook	8	Alex Mann	5	David Haggart	1
Liz Derbyshire	14	Claire Arnold	10	Alison Welsh	7	Alison Bennett	5	Dorothee Hawkins	1
Rosie Mathias	14	Fiona Webb	10	Charley Fulton	7	Jenny Allan	4	Hannah Tweedy	1
Victoria Smith	14	Charles Wilkinson	9	Meredith Baker	7	Joanna Murphy	4	Janet Burnett	1
Sue Baker	13	Grace Wilkinson	9	Mick Ingram	7	Nicola Scivier	4		

BVRC Team News – 2020/2021 Qualifiers

Dressage to Music 2020 – Sunday 16th August

Individual

Rider	Horse	%	Place
Lynn Mead	Mexico's Mission (Lilly)	68.3	3rd



1. Lynn Mead & Mexico's Mission

We had a lovely first outing to Woodington Training Centre in West Wellow with the Area 17 Novice with Points Dressage to Music Qualifier 🎵. We were the only Bourne Valley RC entry. I'm ignoring all the errors in prep, having not been out for sooooo long ... suffice to say they kindly let us run at the end of our class - thank you Heather and Mandy! 🙏 Gary provided my hat tag which had fallen off it was so old! Just as well I was not doing any Chef duties as I had enough challenges just organising myself!!

Lilly seems to really enjoy the music and tried so hard - there is so much more to come from this lovely kind girlie as she strengthens behind and can sit more and then be more uphill and expressive. We scored 68.3% finishing 3rd in a whopping class of 6 riders. Well done to Kerry from Chilworth RC with a fab 72+% score to qualify 🐾 (And then win the Championship in October!)



Lynn Mead

Winter Novice Dressage Qualifiers, Crofton Manor EC – Saturday 17th October

Team – 3rd

Rider	Horse	Test	%	Place	Team Points
Rebecca Miles	Major Perks	P2	66.897	5	3
Jenny Allan	Redhill Corporal	P7	66.818	10	6
Susie Pool	Juno XIX	N24	67.826	7	5
Victoria Smith	Greenhall Polly	N27	69.286	4	3

Individuals

Rider	Horse	Test	%	Place
Rebecca Miles	Major Perks	P7	70.227	6
Jenny Allan	Redhill Corporal	P2	66.207	9
Victoria Smith	Greenhall Polly	P2	68.448	2
Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	P2	66.034	11
Frances Hall	Mallards Wood Corunna	P2	67.931	3

BVRC presented one team and five individual tests at Crofton Manor on 17th October for the Novice Winter Dressage Qualifier.... but this year with a difference!

The weather for one, was much improved on previous years with some nice blue skies and sunshine and, Solent Riding Club put on a superbly run event taking into consideration all the new Covid related rules and stipulations. The atmosphere was very relaxed and it was really nice to have a separate warm up for each arena meaning there was no chance for crowding. The stewards were helpful as always and the online results system through MRL meant you knew exactly what was going on shortly after it occurred. All entrants for BVRC put their best hoof forward and produced some lovely tests - a shame that Gemma Leggatt couldn't make it due to lameness but thank you to Susie Pool for stepping in at the final hour to fill the team spot.

Victoria Smith



Frances Hall & Bellindene Magnum

My thanks go to Victoria for plaiting my horse, having simply dragged her in from the field and thrown her in the trailer, and to all the team members too. I had a number of withdrawals after Pre Entries but all the teamies volunteered to ride an extra individual test so all the places were filled. The Team finished on the same score as Hampshire Rural RC but by dint of including the 4th team member we beat them to 3rd place so everyone played their part. Everyone went home with at least one rosette so well done all.

Susie Pool

Arena Eventing Qualifier, Bovington SC – Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th October

80 Individual - Saturday

		Penalties J, T	Place
Frances Hall	Bellindene Magnum	0, 0.4	2 nd

90 Team - Sunday

Danielle Storer	Pasodoble	0, 2	3 rd
Dorothee Hawkins	Einstein 142	10, 8.4	
Hannah Tweedy	Pendan Hill Nevada		

100 Team - Sunday

Susie Pool	Juno XIX	14, 0
Gemma Leggatt	Grovine-Class Act	



Frances Hall & Bellindene Magnum

Sunday 25th was the BRC Area 17 Arena Eventing Qualifier at Bovington Saddle Club. It's run over 2 days to fit everyone in and I was lucky enough to compete in the dry on the Sunday for the 2nd year in a row.

Poor Frances Hall got soaked again (for the 2nd year!) competing on the Saturday in the 80 class, but that didn't stop them coming individually 2nd - great job! That is about all that went right as I failed to find 4th team riders for both the BVRC 90 and 100 teams then another of each had to pull out. That left the remainder of us all competing as individuals.

Danielle Storer did a great clear in the 90 with a few time penalties for being too fast but finished 3rd and hopefully qualified for the Championships.

My remaining Teamie in the 100 failed to arrive and I was getting worried as she is a reliable person. When I'd finished riding I picked up a phone message to say her lorry had broken down 15 mins from Bovvy! Poor Gemma never got to compete but eventually got home safely.

Juno warmed up really well, really listening and pinging the practice jumps off the fibresand

surface. Unfortunately, the main arena is deep chopped rubber and sand, which was also quite waterlogged and I found it difficult just walking the course! The speed for my class was 375mpm and as I have been notoriously bad at judging my XC times this year (which are much faster), I had no idea how to ride this. I decided to not hang about, not hook, but not chase. We saw a few long ones and Juno flew round but I think where we actually met them right, Juno underestimated the power required to get off the rubber and we had 3 down. A bit disappointing but I don't blame her as the surface was SO different from the warm-up. However, when I saw the scores, I was over the moon to see we had no time penalties when there is only a 5s penalty-free window. Not only that, we were only 0.79s off the Optimum Time!! Exceedingly chuffed about that though also quite scary that I was only 0.79s from getting time penalties 😊😊. I could have bought all the great photos by Dorset Photo Event but as we weren't placed, I managed to restrain myself and limit it to 3. They include the last fence, the Joker, a 110cm oxer and I chose the photo before we hit the front rail! 😊😊. My little ruse was to walk the 90cm course where the Joker was only 100cm, before they changed it to my class so I didn't get phased by the height!



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2020 Winter Intermediate Dressage Championships, Saturday 27th/28th March 2021, at Arena UK, Grantham, Lincs

BRC intend to hold the 2020 Winter Intermediate Championships, which were cancelled due to Covid, alongside the 2021 Winter Novice Championships, for those who had already qualified at an Area competition. Unfortunately, Area 17 also had to cancel their qualifiers for the same reason. BRC and the Area 17 Clubs decided that as it was not possible to hold a qualifying event, Area representatives for each team/individual class would be selected from a ballot system.

BVRC won the ballot and the following will be representing BVRC & Area 17.

Team

Eloise Howell	Elementary 44
Megan Brown	Novice 34
Susie Pool	Novice 30
Ness Martin	Prelim 14

Individual

Megan Brown	Medium 63
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We are off to Grantham, our first visit to Arena UK, the BRC Championship venue.