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Bourne Valley Riding Club

incorporating Woodhay District Riding Club

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

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O dear, I have been re-elected again! After a great deal of research by Sandra, it was ascertained that I have been chairman for sixteen years. I was overwhelmed by the Stewart crystal vase presented to me at the AGM, after having moments of my past club life revealed. Not quite 'This is your life' – but close.

We would like to wish you all a happy Christmas & a healthy, prosperous and successful year in 2009.

LKH.

Subscriptions are due for renewal on 1st November. Well done to those of you who have already rejoined.
Membership rates were increased to £26, for Riding Members, at last year's AGM, but remain at £12 for Non Riding Members.

We are offering a discount of £6 to reduce the cost to £20 for riding members, if the subs are paid before 31st December 2008.

We hope to encourage you to renew your subscriptions promptly. The reduced rate of £20 will 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. Please fill and return the membership renewal form (enclosed with the last Newsletter) to Sandra Groves (address on form).

Committee

After the changeover at 2007/2008's AGM your Committee for 2008/2009 are :-

Chairman	Lindsay Hills	01264 772388	**Members**	Sara Bennett	01264 811844
Secretary	Sandra Groves	01264 396390		Sarah Butler	01980 621143
Treasurer	Rosie Mathias	01264 738889		Rachel Holland	01980 610180
Teams	Susie Pool	01980 671523		Helen Nash-Steer	07719 476576
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We reluctantly allowed Elizabeth Peerless to stand down from the committee, but hope after a short sabbatical she will be persuaded to rejoin us. I am sure we would all like to thank Elizabeth for her sterling work performing committee duties. I personally have relied on her vast experience & knowledge to assist in the development of the club & keep me on track. As a staunch club supporter, Elizabeth will still be seen at club events and as one of our mainstay instructors. LKH.

TEAMS

BRC Area 17 New Winter Dressage Team Qualifier at Sparsholt EC on Saturday 24th January 2009

A new Winter Dressage Championship was introduced in 2008 and the Area 17 2009 qualifier will be held in January. The Championship at Hartpury will be over the same weekend as the Novice Indoor Show Jumping (28 & 29 March).
The competition will be for teams of 4 riders, with the best 3 scores to count. There will be one team to qualify from each area but no individual qualifiers.
Tests will comprise BD Prelim 12 and BD Novice 27 with two riders from each team riding the same test. In the Preliminary tests, horses must have zero BD points & in the Novice tests, horses with 75 or more BD points are not eligible.
Downgrading of horses is allowed.

PLEASE CONTACT SUSIE IMMEDIATELY if you would like to be considered for a team place. Tel: 01980 671523 or email: susie_pool@tiscali.co.uk

Then, please fill in and return the enclosed form with copies of the horse's Flu Vacc Certificate / Passport **by 19th December**. We need to decide before Christmas how many teams to enter.
(see below for full details)

BRC Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier
on Sunday 15th February 2009 at Crofton Manor, Stubbington, Nr Fareham.

Teams of four riders compete over two rounds, with jumps 80cm (2'6") in the first and 85cm (2'9") in the second round. The team total is made up from the best three scores in each round. The winning teams go forward to National Championships at Hartpury College EC on 28th / 29th March.
Horses with any BSJA winnings, BE points or BE Pre-Novice 1st – 6th placings are ineligible.
If you are interested in being part of a team please fill in and return the attached form to Susie Pool (01980 671523) by the Wednesday 14th January. We need to decide by the 18th January how many teams to enter.

Please remember that you will need to have a fully up to date flu certificate (for your horse), and have paid your subscriptions.

Please Note: riders may only compete for one club in any competition year.

There are some restrictions in the eligibility of horses and riders for the various competitions. If you wish to be considered for a place in any of the competitions, please fill in and return the attached team forms to Susie Pool, together with two photocopies of the horse's Passport / Flu vacc certificate (one copy for each competition for which you would like to be considered + one extra for Susie). **Please make sure you copy every section (front, back & middle) of the certificate – including the name & address of the owner, the horse's name, silhouette, markings & every single vaccinations entry.**
The team application forms give details of the latest date for them to be returned**.**

ONCE YOU HAVE RETURNED YOUR FORM PLEASE LET SUSIE KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. The team competitions cost the club a lot of money, which we do not want to waste.

The team selection policy is as follows:
On the basis of the response to the team forms, a decision is made about how many teams to enter. Details of how many teams and individuals we want to enter are sent, **with an entry fee,** to British Riding Clubs (3-4 weeks before the competition).
Anyone applying for team places will be notified if their application has been successful.
Entries detailing who is in which team is sent to the Area Competition Organiser (**with another entry fee**) about 7-10 days before the competition is held.

Following the committee decision last year, we are asking team members to make a contribution to entry fees to area qualifying competitions. We are requesting £10 for each team / individual place The money is to be enclosed with the application form. A refund will only be made in the event of injury / illness to horse or rider which prevents them from participating in the competition.

The club pays all entry fees to Championships.

Selection for team places is based on performance at club competitions or other known events.
It is normally the case that, subject to eligibility, anyone keen to take part will be offered the opportunity to ride for the club.

We are restricted to a maximum to two teams for the Winter Dressage so we may need to undertake a selection procedure on this occasion.

The area competitions are great events giving us the opportunity to meet and compete against other clubs in the area and participate in a team environment. We want to encourage any one interested to have a go, but in the event of teams or individuals qualifying for National Championships, we need to know in advance if you are prepared to go the Championships.

There may be many reasons why you can't or don't want to attend the Championships. It will not stop us asking you to represent the club, but it may just affect who goes in which team.

If you think you would like to have a go but are not sure then ring Susie (01980 671523) for a chat.

Even if you stated on your membership application that you were interested in teams, please fill in and return the team application forms.

PLEASE READ THE FLU VACC RULES SHOWN BELOW AND MAKE SURE YOUR HORSE'S Certificate COMPLIES WITH THE RULES IN EVERY RESPECT.

Equine Influenza - Valid Certificates – Vaccination procedures

*Each horse must have a valid vaccination certificate, which undeniably relates to that horse, completed, **signed and stamped** on each line by a veterinary surgeon, who is not the owner of the animal. It must state that the horse has two injections for primary vaccination against Equine Influenza given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. (Only these two injections need to have been given for the horse to compete). In addition a first booster injection must be given no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second injection of the primary vaccination. Subsequently, booster injections must be given at intervals of not more than 1 year apart, commencing after the first booster injection. None of these injections must have been given within the **preceding 7 days**, including the day of the competition or entry into competition stables.*

Horses foaled before 1st January 1980 need not have had the first booster injection (no less 150 days and no more than 215 days) after the second injection of the primary vaccination – but must have had an annual booster (given within 12 months) thereafter.

Note: Where Passports are used as the flu' vaccination record, the horse description must be verified by a vet or authorised member of a breed society.

Forthcoming Events

Annual Quiz Night – Tuesday 20th January 2009 at the Red Lion , Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30-8pm.

Come to our popular annual quiz. Sandra is setting the questions again this year. The quiz will include several rounds of questions each on a different topic i.e. General Knowledge, Sport, Entertainment, etc. with equestrian questions mixed in. A couple of 'beer rounds' will be included to allow us to keep topped up with food & drink. Four or five people can make up a team, or if you want to come on your own then just turn up and we can find a team for you to join. The cost is £2.50 per person. Come early, order a drink and some food for the interval, ready for the quiz to start at 8pm.

BRC Area 17 Winter League at Sparsholt EC on Saturday 24th January 2009 (schedules from Sandra, Peter Buist or www.area17-brc.fsnet.co.uk)

Some additional dressage classes are being run in conjunction with the Area 17 Winter Dressage qualifier.

Entries secretary: Mr P Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey, Hants SO51 0NL (01794 368061).

Residential Camp at Stockland Lovell, Somerset 20-23rd April 2009

The residential camp has been booked at Stockland Lovell. Arrival will be on Monday 20th April between 12-1pm and departure after lunch on Thursday 23rd. Accommodation consists of furnished heated portacabins of various sizes, containing 2-6 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 will be shared with other people staying 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, a shavings stable can be provided. Hard food will not be supplied, so we will need to take our own.

All horse must have a current flu vaccination certificate.

Booking form, with costs, will appear in the next Newsletter. Put the dates in your diary now!

Instruction

Instruction will resume in the New Year. Details will be published in the next Newsletter (end December / early January)

Hunting

Following the hunting ban in February 2005, the RA Hunt has been operating as a drag pack. The club has taken out subscription to the RA Hunt again this year. This will enable club members to drag hunt up to 4 times during the season (from the end October to April) for a reduced cap of £20.

Ring Nick Hornby or Alison Wilson for details of meets, times, parking, dress, protocol etc etc.

Don't forget to take your membership card to claim the reduced cap.

Joint Secretaries Lt Col Nick Hornby 01380 848117 or hornbys@talktalk.net /Ali Wilson 01264 773191 or alisonchesworth@yahoo.co.uk

Diary Dates 2009

JANUARY		
20th	**BVRC Quiz at Red Lion, Clanville, Nr Weyhill, 7.30pm for 8pm**	*Sandra Groves 01264 396390*
24th	BRC Area 17 Winter League Dressage / BRC Area 17 Winter Dressage Qualifier at Sparsholt EC	*Mr P Buist, Silverlea, New Road, Timsbury, Romsey, Hants SO51 0NL*
FEBRUARY		
15th	BRC Area 17 Novice Indoor Show Jumping Qualifier at Crofton Manor EC, Nr Fareham	*Organiser: Meon RC*
MARCH		
28/ 29th	BRC Novice Indoor Show Jumping & Winter Dressage Championships at Hartpury College EC, Nr Gloucester	
APRIL		
19th	BRC Area 17 Novice & Open Hunter Trial Qualifier at Tenantry Farm, Rockbourne	*Organiser: South Wilts RC*
20-23rd	**BVRC Camp – Stockland Lovell**	*Sandra Groves 01264 395277*