

NEWSLETTER- JULY
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There is not a great quantity of news this month, but I thought most members would like to know how their teams have been doing in the various qualifying rounds. Before I give detailed results, I would like to remind members of the informal evening with Mary Gordan-Watson on August 6th. We do hope you will all make a great effort to come. See fixture list for details. Also two dates on the August fixture list have had to be changed.

The Area Show Jumping was held at Fritham on July 11th. The course was very twisty, which made it more difficult than at first appeared. The Ringwood 'A' won with a zero score, second were Hampshire Rural 'A' with 13 faults, third Ringwood 'B' with 14 faults, and fourth Bourne Valley 'A' with 15 faults. The individual Bourne Valley scores appear at the end of this newsletter. Congratulations to Colonel Huskisson, who jumped the only clear round for our Club.

On the subject of Show Jumping, it has been regrettably decided not to enter a team for the Hickstead Riding Clubs Show Jumping Competition this year. Due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to raise a team capable of coping with the large spread fences found there.

It looks as if the swimming sessions once a month will be at an end after the August date. Another organisation has booked the pool every Monday at 8 p.m. and we have not yet been able to arrange another monthly date with the organiser. As soon as we know where we stand we will be in touch with the regulars re September. Meanwhile do come on August 2nd: those who might like to come in September had better get in touch with Mr. Packman around that time.

It has been decided to arrange two sorts of riding instruction for those taking the Riding Club exams - one lot of lessons up to Grade II standard, which will be at Locks Drove, Upton, and another lot at Tidworth for those taking Grade III. Also, I have agreed to take the Stable Management Refresher course, which will be starting weekly as from the middle of September, probably at Pewsey to begin with.

The Annual Dinner, which was such a success last year, will be on Friday November 5th, at The Rothsay Hotel, Weyhill. Unfortunately we cannot change the date and it is to be hoped that by telling you all now you will be able to arrange bonfire parties to fit in.

The Area One Day Event was held at South Warnborough, Nr. Odiham, on July 18th. We entered one team, and were pleasantly surprised to come 2nd to the Hampshire Rural 'A' team, which team qualifies for the final at Stoneleigh in September. The complete results appear at the end. The Show Jumping course, apart from being near maximum height throughout was in a very small arena, was quite twisty and the corners were very slippery on this very hard ground. In fact only two clear rounds were jumped by all the teams, apart from another person who incurred 1 time penalty. The Cross Country course was also a matter of jumping one fence then turning 90° to the next, which wasn't that far away. It was an interesting course, however, but proved impossible to get round without incurring hefty time penalties, two people tearing round getting 4 penalties each. The three jumps which caused the most trouble were a low pole one stride away from a 6' wide strip of murky but very shallow water, a wide empty ditch at the bottom of a bank and rails in a square ditch. Sandra Knox was no doubt pleased to get Satan over these fences in the end, even though she was eliminated, because Satan loathes this kind of fence and has in the past refused to go near a ditch.

TEAM RESULTS

1st	Hampshire Rural Riding Club 'A'	243 penalties (best three scores)
2nd	Bourne Valley Riding Club	309 penalties
3rd	Hampshire Rural Riding Club 'B'	344 penalties

BOURNE VALLEY RESULTS

	<u>DRESSAGE</u>	<u>S. JUMPING</u>	<u>CROSS COUNTRY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Col. R. Huskisson on George	76	15	0	18	109
Miss C. Birnie on Fyfield Fluffy	61	5	0	12	78
Miss L. Hart on Touch of Blarney	66	20	20	16	122
Miss S. Knox on Satan	60	5	E		E
Team total					309

Fyfield Fluffy was second best individual.

AREA SHOW JUMPING

TEAM RESULTS

1st Ringwood 'A'	0 faults
2nd Hampshire Rural 'A'	13 faults
3rd Ringwood 'B'	14 faults
4th Bourne Valley 'A'	15 faults

BOURNE VALLEY 'A'

Mr. R. Southey on Queen's Counsel	8 faults	Total 15 faults (best three scores)
Mr. R. Hale	7 faults	
Mrs. Sheerman	4 faults	
Miss T. Shearing	4 faults	

(Apologies for not knowing horses' names)

BOURNE VALLEY 'B'

Col. R. Huskisson on George	0 faults
Miss L. Hart on Touch of Blarney	E
Mrs. J. Dibden on Florin	E