

BOURNE VALLEY RIDING CLUB

(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)

Hon. Sec.:

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Dear Member,

Whilst I have been busy learning to negotiate pram routes around Waitrose without crashing, the Club has been equally busy this Spring.

The first event of the year was the inter-Club quiz which took place on 26th January. Much to my amazement and horror as the laid back and disorganised organiser, there was a great turn out with 11 teams of four people - that is apart from one club who fielded a team which appeared to grow larger with every round!!! The " Twits " otherwise known as Sue McGrath, Elizabeth Peerless, Nelson Glover and Dick Sealey scored a magnificent victory and were duly awarded a bottle of rather mediocre wine each. I think the majority of people enjoyed themselves, although I have to admit that I found my task as Quizmaster quite horrendous. I think this was partly due to the continual lack of sleep, my brain seems to be permanently as soggy as the contents of the bucket which resides in the corner of our bathroom, plus the fact that I wasn't wearing a sufficiently loud and bright sweater...come back soon David Coleman - All is forgiven!! I must thank Tannis Downs for providing all sorts of interesting pieces of tack to decipher and Liz Rawlingson and Ian Walker for helping to set the questions. Tom and Sandra Olliver for organising the venue and more important - running the bar.

Carole Glover and Anne Sealey ran a highly successful days show jumping at Cholderton on the 19th February. All classes were very well subscribed and after all expenses had been met a very healthy profit of £230 was made for the Club. Many thanks to Carole and Anne for all their hard work to Elizabeth Peerless for course building and to Sue and Dave McGrath, Ian Walker, Peter Brotherhood and Cindy Simms for their help on the day. Not forgetting Dawn and Graham Williams for providing such excellent catering facilities and I'll vouch for their cakes which sold out before the poor undernourished organisers had a chance to sample them.

The next event on the calendar was a Dressage competition which again was held at Cholderton on Sunday 5th March. This is obviously a very popular venue as once again the classes were very well subscribed. The Club would like to thank June Bush and Brenda Harmon for organising this event so efficiently and Judy Hyson, Cindy Simms and Gill Cooke for judging - particularly Gill who made a magnificent effort and turned up despite a running a high temperature and not feeling at all well. Funnily enough, Dressage has the same debilitating effect on my horse. Thanks also to the writers and all who helped on the day. A complete list of all the results can be found later in the newsletter.

Our regular winter instruction sessions have continued to be in great demand so we have arranged two further sessions at Cholderton on the

afternoons of Sunday the 15th and 30th April. If you would like to attend then please complete the form enclosed with this newsletter and return it together with the necessary fee to Marty as quickly as possible.

It has become desperately obvious that the Club needs a second jump trailer, as anyone who has attempted to load the present one will appreciate. If you just happen to have any ideas regarding this or better still if anyone knows of an old trailer that might fit the bill (max. 12' long but could be quite narrow) please contact Peter Brotherhood on Sparsholt 378 he will be delighted to hear from you.

As you may already know the Club is hosting the Area Horse Trials in conjunction with our one day event on Sunday 4th June. We will need a small army of volunteers on the day so if you would like to help in any way then please ring Elizabeth Peerless on Winchester 881400 who will be delighted to hear from you. This year it has been decided that it would be a good idea if we had mounted runners, so if you would like to spend a few hours trotting around the course using your horse as a grandstand, then again, please contact Elizabeth. Obviously, horse which prefer to watch others leaping about and who are fairly sensible are ideal for this job. Helpers are also required for the Tidworth Horse Trials on 17 - 18th May. Please ring Mrs. Hoare on Inkpen (04884) 817 if you would like to help.

Congratulations must also go to June Bush, Sue McGrath, Elizabeth Peerless and Sandra Olliver who represented the Club at a Quiz hosted by the Kennet Vale R.C. After a sterling battle to retain the title they won last year they were pipped by the odd mark into second place so well done all of you - Mastermind looks a distinct possibility for next year.

Now one for all you Show jumpers.....here's your chance to jump at the Olympia Show in December !!!
The Club has now arranged a date for....
The Riding Clubs ' Help the Aged ' Top Score Competition which will have its final at the Olympia Show..... The initial qualifier will take place at Facombe on Sunday 21st May, a schedule will be out shortly with full details of this and other competitions to be held on the day so don't forget to keep the date free. A point of interest is that on this occasion we will be joining forces with Danebury and Woodhay Riding Clubs to put the event on.

Finally, Emma Foord, a Club member who also runs the Porton Saddlery has kindly offered a 5% discount to all Club members. Emma has a good range of tack and clothing as well as the usual horsey requisites so why not pop along and see what she has to offer, you'll be sure of a warm welcome.