MSRC Autumn Newsletter 2021

Dear Member,

Dare we hope that these strange times are getting a shade nearer to normality?

Your Riding Club has seen quite a few changes in the last months as we cautiously try and get going again. We have lost some committee members for various reasons and Andrea Jones has kindly stepped into the role of Chair. Which with her knowledge of BRC and the Area 12 committee, this can do us nothing but good.

Sadly we have also lost our Membership Secretary – Carolyn Edwards and we thank her for all she has done and also applaud Judith for holding the fort on Membership at present.

This is a good point to remind you that Memberships are due on January 1st, since BRC changed the rules to make all clubs function Jan to Jan. Please check that your standing orders are correct. We realise that there are some members who do not compete but for historic reasons like to stay in touch with the club and we are offering a reduced rate for these people – as we realise that some mandates have not been changed. For such people their details will not be sent to HQ and therefore will not have the benefit of the insurance. For further clarification please indicate this on your membership form (attached) and discuss with Judith. We don't want to lose touch with you!!

We have run two successful dressage competitions at Half Moon Stud and a third was sadly cancelled due to lack of entries – but entries are low everywhere at present and when we have to hire premises, unfortunately sometimes this becomes unviable. We have a Championship series planned for the winter - again at Half Moon - and look forward to seeing you there with excellent prizes on offer to Champion and Reserve in April.

Training has also seen a dip in participants – but both the Amanda Edmonds clinics at Kingfisher and the Gill Longhurst ones at World Horse Welfare will continue through the winter. Sara Bartlett and Jaki Dyer will be pleased to hear from you – the relevant flyers are sent with this mailing.

There are two clinics with Sue Petty booked at World Horse Welfare and we also have a Test Riding Clinic at Half Moon in January with Frances Turner. This will be an excellent opportunity to ride a test of your choice – have it assessed by a List 1 judge, receive instruction from her and then ride it again trying desperately to remember and put into effect all the things you have just been told!! Hopefully the marks on the second sheet will be better!! Places for this are limited so do book early.

We had a very successful day at the South West & Wales Regional Championships at Hartpury in August and Carol's Dressage Diva's came home with rosettes all round. We have a core group of riders going very well at the moment and this bodes well for the next qualifier for the Novice Winter Dressage at the end of November. Remember that Carol is always looking for new combinations and you can compete as an individual so that you are not under pressure of being in a team, Come and have a go!

The ever popular charity Quiz Night – postponed from March will run on Saturday December 11th at Long Sutton Village Hall. It is always a fun night and if you feel you don't want to be in a team we are looking for helpers as well. Your ticket includes a supper and your first drink is complimentary too – with one of Margaret's amazing raffles, what more could you want for a fun evening!

At the time of writing we have no date for the AGM – which will also be at Long Sutton Village Hall – but this will be advised in the New Year Newsletter.

However, don't wait for the AGM – if there are other things you would like to see your club put on - please do let us know.

Meanwhile - Safe Riding!

Your Committee

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