

MSRC New Year Newsletter 2019

Dear Member,

Happy New Year to you all!

Well what a turn around in our team fortunes this year! Carol has built on the successes of 2017 and the teams have gone from strength to strength in 2018 and Martin - who has taken on any teams that leave the ground - has galvanised enthusiasm and team spirit into his teams.

So let's hope 2019 will see Mid Somerset back on the map!

*Just our annual reminder that being a Team Manager is really hard and very often thankless work, these managers do not have time to ring everyone on the members list – so the onus is on **YOU** to contact them and **make yourself available!!!** So please pick up the phone and talk to the relevant team manager for whichever discipline suits you and have a chat to them - we will get MSRC back to the top! To refresh your memory and for new members - our Dressage team manager is **Carol Plested** who can be contacted on **07973 360 968**. **Martin Boreham (07813 132 949)** deals with any discipline that involves leaving the ground - so HT, SJ or arena eventing - Martin is your man.*

Mid Somerset once again ran the Area 12 Novice Winter Dressage Qualifier at King's Sedgemoor in October and thanks go to the whole team that made the day such a success. Having decided not to run the Junior qualifier - life was so much easier and the day ran like clockwork - thanks to a lot of you working very hard! We have had a lot of congratulations for running such an efficient day. We have agreed to run this qualifier again in 2019 for the 2020 Championships - so Marian will be after you for the first weekend in October!

*Our competitions have run with mixed success - there have been good days and some not so good days. The Annual Show has struggled and we will be giving that format a rest in 2019. The dressage competitions have shown some very good days and some days when we have struggled for entries. **Jane Surmon** is about to take on the dressage organisation - apart from entries and times which **Alex Green** kindly continues to process for us.*

Our Quiz goes from strength to strength and it will run this year on Friday March 1st at Long Sutton Village Hall - with another fabulous supper prepared by Ed Hobbs! So get your teams together in good time.

*Training is continuing to be popular. **Jane Holderness-Roddam** made her annual visit last weekend - we are so lucky to persuade her to come to us. We ran two day camps with **Gill Longhurst and Ed Hobbs** and these were very popular. Sadly our test riding days came to a sad and premature end with the sudden death of **Lynne Baldwin**. A huge loss to the dressage world both locally and nationally. We continue our sessions with **Sue Petty** which are really excellent sessions.*

*Our Supper Night to celebrate our 50th birthday was a huge success - and I am not sure how we will ever better that. **John Francome** was so entertaining we could have listened all night. **Nigel Payne** did a brilliant job with the Sporting Auction and also brought along his mother who was one of the founding members, Food at the Northover was as good as ever and Margaret's amazing raffle enabled us to give £2400 to the Injured Jockeys Fund. **Carol** had made up a marvellous hamper of West Country produce as a gift for John and he was delighted with it.*

*The speaker at the AGM was **Jane Holderness-Roddam** who was as entertaining as ever and her account of WEG was fascinating.*

*We hope to see lots of you out competing in the New Year. Just a reminder - **please, please** enter early and **please, please** if you change your e-mail address or mobile phone number don't forget to let Carolyn and Alex know!!!! **Carolyn Edwards** has bravely taken over Membership and is doing a terrific job. The bad news is that membership fees will have to increase at the 2019 renewal. It will only be a £5 increase and this is still very competitive compared with other clubs.*

Wishing you all sound and healthy horses and a Very Happy and Successful New Year

Your Committee

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***DON'T FORGET! IF YOU HAVEN'T YET RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS IS THE LAST COMMUNICATION YOU WILL RECEIVE!!***

**STOP PRESS!!!**

***There will be no Annual Show this year but we have booked Wincanton Racecourse on May 25th and will be running a competition - possibly combined training - so please put this date into your diary!***

***On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who has helped me so much following my accident - both the practical help and the kind messages and cards. I have been very grateful.***

***Also my thanks to the unknown people who were instrumental in my receiving a British Riding Club's Award of Merit. It is a huge honour and I cannot believe that you could keep a secret!!!***

***Marian***