

MID SOMERSET RIDING CLUB

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019

Dear Member,

This week it looks as though Spring has really arrived! Apart from those dreadful winds the winter has really been quite kind – we did have to cancel the show jumping due to the wind. The other reason for the odd cancellation was the over reaction to the equine influenza – amazing when it is endemic! However, on that subject – different venues are applying differing rules about frequency of vaccination and showing your passports – so please make sure you know the rules for the specific venues you want to visit.

The Riding Club were invited to present the cheque (just a dummy one as they had already received the money!) to the Injured Jockeys Fund from the supper night, at Wincanton Racecourse on February 27th and Brough Scott received it on behalf of the charity. It was a glorious afternoon and a photo soon appeared on the IJF website. We now have a further cheque for them from the very popular Quiz night on March 1st – and also a cheque for WHW Glenda Spooner Farm. Thanks to the team that worked so hard to make the quiz night such a success. Carol very ably kept order with the 14 teams that took part and Ed produced a wonderful supper – which was voted 'the best yet!' Margaret produced another fantastic raffle and Jane, Jaki, Sadie and Martin all worked incredibly hard. It is a busy night but well worth the effort. Date for 2020 is March 6th!!

On the team front there is nothing on the dressage until May when the Dressage to Music is due to take place, but Carol would still like to hear from any prospective team members for this year. We did receive a very late wild card for the Novice Championships at Arena UK – but sadly it was not possible to get this organised in time as team members by then had other priorities. Martin's ladies (the ones who leave the ground!) have been flying – their results have been getting better and better – In all disciplines Mid Somerset are now a serious force to be reckoned with! Well done to all the participants and a huge thank you to Carol and Martin – a team manager's job is far from easy.

The summer programme is now with you and we hope to see many of you out competing. If for any reason you are not competing we are always looking for help to run our busy programme – so please consider giving a few hours of your time to help with one of these events. You will have seen that we are giving the Combined Training another try but the Annual Show will not run this year as support has dwindled greatly in the last few years.

If a visit to the swimming lane at Stretcholt – possibly together with some tips on preparing for showing – interests you, please let Carol know.

We have been unable to secure a date during the summer for another Day Camp, but there will be one on November 16th at WHW with Gill Longhurst teaching in the flatwork sessions and Ed in the pole work sessions. This will be popular so mark the date in your diary.

On October 6th we are once again running the Area 12 Qualifier for the Novice Winter Dressage Championships at KSEC. This is a very busy day and we need YOUR help to run this prestigious event. If you can help by writing, stewarding or helping in the office – please let Marian know.

If you have always fancied a spin round Wincanton Racecourse now is your chance! On May 19th the racecourse will host a canter round the racecourse in aid of Combat Stress. The cost is £20 per person (Over 16) – for more details contact Catherine Johnston on 01747 852 693 or visit www.wincantonracecoursecanter@hotmail.com.

We hope that there is something for everyone in our summer programme and we look forward to seeing you out and about very soon.

Safe Riding!

Your Committee.