



Rainsbrook News

Volume 6 Issue 1

January 2005

REMEMBER

**MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE
FOR THE 2005 SEASON**

**PLEASE PAY BEFORE THE
1ST APRIL TO AVOID INCUR-
RING AN ADDITIONAL £5
JOINING FEE**

**CAN YOU SPARE A
COUPLE OF HOURS
TO HELP GET THE
SHOW JUMPS OUT OF
WINTER STORAGE?**

**Then meet at Rugby Riding
Club on Saturday 5th or
Sunday 6th March at the
clubhouse about 10 o'clock.
All help will be gratefully
received.**

**Would you like to ride in
the Area 5 competitions
against other clubs
within the area?**

**Then come and meet
members already repre-
senting the club and find
out more**

**On Saturday 5th Febru-
ary @ the Malka's, 15,
Elmdene Close, Wolston
8 til late, everyone wel-
come**

**Tel Val on 02476 543040
for further details.**

Chairpersons Report

Hi, A happy New Year to you all.

Well, here we are again, another season about to start. I hope that the new calendar has something for everyone. Please if you join can you fill in the section that states if you can help, and what you would be willing to do.

I end up saying this every year but not only would you be helping to run the club, you help to make the club a family affair. All monies raised throughout the year go straight back into trying to make the club not only look good but being somewhere that you love to come and compete.

If you have any suggestions you would like to put forward please either write these down when filling in your membership form or e-mail to us on the website. All that remains is to wish you all a very successful 2005 season and we hope to see you all soon.

I have recently been told the sad news that Veronica Knowles has passed away. Our thoughts go out to all her family and friends.
Pat Flavell

JUNIOR COMMITTEE UPDATE

(if you require further info regarding the Junior Committee please contact Lesley on 02476 542131)
Happy New Year to everyone .

Dates for the Juniors to remember are:-

- Friday 25th February -- Junior Committee Meeting at 7.30pm. Venue :- The Club House.
(Please could at least one parent come along with new members)
- Sunday 22nd May -- Junior committee run MARC Qualifier. Dressage , SJ & Showing.
- Sunday 10th July -- Junior Committee run MARC Qualifier. SJ, WHP & Showing
- Sunday 7th August -- Junior Committee run MARC Qualifier. SJ, WHP & Showing.

We will need lots of help at these shows as The Midland Association of Riding Clubs is growing . If you could try & help at two of the shows it would be much appreciated. Could you please be ready to specify which two at our meeting 25th Feb. Their will be no other reminders for our meeting so please put it in your diary now.

RETIRING

This will be Amy's last year in juniors and she and I will be retiring from the Junior Committee at the end of this season. It has been great fun, lots of hard work & very rewarding.

We will need someone to take over the guidance of the juniors from the AGM in October. Any one interested should approach me at our meeting so that they can gain more insight into the role throughout the season. Please don't be shy as the future of the Junior Committee is dependent on some one volunteering.

BHS RIDING AND ROAD SAFETY COURSE

8 riders per year are killed on our roads and many more injured. Good road sense is as essential to good horsemanship as any of the other skills that a rider and horse develop. As a leading advocate of road safety Rugby Riding Club encourage all riders to really understand how to maximise their own safety, safety of their horse and to exercise consideration to other road users.

It is proposed to run the BHS Riding and Road Safety course from Rugby Riding Club over the Easter holidays.

Two training sessions by BHS trainers are required prior to taking the test which has a theory and practical element.

Cost of test BHS members, RC members and under 16's £28 (juniors wishing to take test have to be 12 or over)

Non members £35

In addition there will be a small cost of approximately £5 per person per training session to cover trainers expenses.

We need a minimum commitment of 8, maximum 12 people to secure dates and organise with BHS as forms need submitting to BHS 14 days prior to exam.

Please either email Zoe Feeney at zoe.feeney@btinternet.com or call on 01788 543565 by Feb 19th 2005 if you are interested in attending the Road Safety Course.

It will be on a first come first served basis so please let her know ASAP

RUGBY RETAIN OVERALL TROPHY

Over eighty riding club members from affiliated clubs in the local area, attended the Annual British Riding Clubs Area 5 quiz night and Awards Ceremony held at Weston under Wetherley Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December. The evening started with an entertaining quiz organised by Tony Parker, followed by an extremely enjoyable supper, provided by several of the committee.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of rosettes and trophies to the winning teams and individuals in every discipline, these awards were presented by Mr David Briggs, a member of the British Riding Clubs Executive and Area 5 Committee.

Rugby Riding Club have again had an exceptional year at both local and national level with many senior and junior riders achieving success at National competitions. The first awards to be presented were for the team results in all the individual events, where Rugby took first place in the Novice, Intermediate and Equitation jumping sections as well as the Novice ODE and pairs dressage competitions, and were runners up in the open dressage and open ODE.

In the individual awards, Rugby had an extremely successful evening, with Penny Boon on Mirage finishing equal first in the Riders Test section which along with the points she had gained in dressage was enough to give her the overall individual points championship for 2004. She was closely followed by Susan Bullock on Celtic Cross, who won the Open dressage and Novice ODE sections and finished runner up to Penny in the overall points. Tracey Malka on Gristhills Slyfox took the Novice / Intermediate show jumping award with Wendy Jones finishing third and individual awards also went to Suzi Holland on Jays Jolson in the Equitation jumping, Sylvia Deeley on Next in Line in the Open ODE and Yvonne Jackson in the novice ODE

The night ended with the presentation of the Team Challenge Cups to the club achieving the highest number of points throughout the season taking into account every discipline and for the first time a separate trophy was awarded to the winning Junior team, for the fourth year running the senior trophy was awarded to Rugby Riding Club, a splendid achievement for everyone who has represented the club this year. The junior members of Rugby have also had an exceptional year resulting in two National champions Sophia Icke in the Horse Trials and Gemma Carman in the Riders test and Rugby also won the Junior overall trophy for 2004.

Rugby Riding Club - Training sessions this winter

We have arranged several training sessions at Moreton Morrell with a variety of **first class** instructors. (Spectators welcome!)

- There will be a jumping session from 7-8pm, followed by a flatwork session from 8-9pm on each occasion.
- The cost for a 1 hour session will be £12.00.
- You may participate in either or both sessions on each evening.
- Numbers will be limited, so early booking is essential!

All bookings MUST be made and paid for in advance in order for us to secure the services of these excellent trainers and justify the school hire!

Please complete the enclosed reply form and return **ASAP** with a cheque made payable to Rugby Riding Club to:

Michele Carman, 'Kinbroath',
Thurlaston, Rugby, Warks
CV23 9JS or telephone 01788
810755 for further details