



Rainsbrook News

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REMEMBER

**MEMBERSHIPS FEES ARE
NOW DUE FOR THE 2006
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 4th or
Sunday 5th 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 Telephone Val on 02476
543040 or email
area5@rugbyridingclub.co.uk
for further details.

Competitions take place in all
disciplines and at all standards
so there should be something
to suit everybody.

All those interested MUST
have an up to date vaccination
record for their horse, a copy
of which MUST be sent to Val
showing the horses name,
 and ALL its
vaccinations dates.

Chairpersons Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2006 is now here and we embark on a new season of events.

You will find in this mailshot a questionnaire covering items the committee feel are important and would like the guidance of you its members . You can either post, hand in when you come over or fill it in on the website and e-mail it to Dawn Webb. Also any help before, during or after the shows is always required. If you feel you can help in any way please let us know. Have you ever fancied writing for a dressage judge (you can pick up a lot of tips doing this). Commentating in the show jumping ring. Stewarding, the list is endless.

During the winter months the inside of the clubhouse has been painted, hopefully if we can raise enough money this year the old windows can be replaced and the outside can have a facelift.

Sponsorship plays a big part of the club and last year proved very successful. If anyone feels they would like to sponsor please visit our website for details or ask any of the committee.

We hope you have a cracking good 2006 season and I know especially Ruth can not wait to start this years events. Thank you all for your support we received in 2005 and we hope for a much better 2006.

Pat Flavell

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE

It was a shaky start for Helen with her first meeting at the clubhouse in November. The lack of Junior attendance forced us adults to the pub where we had an enjoyable and constructive evening.

But please NOTE our next Junior committee meeting will be in half term week on

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY AT THE RUGBY RIDING CLUB AT 7.30PM

We need you all to come along that day to let us know which dates you can help at.

The JC shows for this year are

9th April—Mini Mayhem

7th May—Marc Qualifier

9th July—JC Main Show

23rd July—Marc Qualifier

3rd September—Mini Mayhem

Their will be no other reminders for our meeting so please remember to put 7.30 pm at Rugby Riding Club on Friday 17th February in your diary now.

(if you require further info regarding the Junior Committee please contact Helen Marlow on 01788 560378)

FIVE YEARS ON THE TROT!!

Nearly 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, prepared by members 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, who has this year retired from the British Riding Clubs Executive and Area 5 Committee. David was presented with a painting as a thank you for all his hard work over the years and next season his place on the Executive committee will be taken by David Bacon from Stoneleigh Riding Club.

Rugby Riding Club members 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 various disciplines, where Rugby took first place in the Novice ODE, Riders test and pairs dressage competitions, and were runners up in the Intermediate show jumping.

In the individual awards, Rugby had an extremely successful evening, with Tracey Malka from Wolston on her Welsh section D Gristhills Slyfox winning the novice ODE section, and she also finished third in the overall points section. Brinklow based Ruth Whitmore on Springrove Prince Edward won the overall novice show jumping award having won the individual title at the British Riding Clubs National Championships this year. Ellie Harris on Sydserff Whitethorn finished first in the intermediate show jumping an excellent achievement for Ellie as she was a junior member competing against senior riders. Rugby had several placings in the riders test with Sylvia Deeley on Next in Line winning the section, Susan Bullock on Jungle Jim came fourth and Julie Fellows on Penboyr Brenin finished equal sixth. Susan Bullock was also placed in the open dressage where she came fifth on Jungle Jim and equal second on Celtic Cross. Cate Watson on Jacob was among those placed in the overall individual points section where she finished in equal fifth place.

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. For the fifth year running the senior trophy was awarded to Rugby Riding Club, a splendid achievement for everyone who has represented the club this year. Rugby's junior members have also had a very successful year and retained the Junior overall trophy for the second time with special congratulations to Gemma Carman for her outstanding performance in winning the British Riding Clubs Overall Junior Riders Test Championship for the fourth time!!

SHOW JUMPING COURSE BUILDERS SEMINAR

WINTER TRAINING SESSIONS

For those of you on the Rugby Riding Club emailing list you will already have received these details.

Six sessions have been organised at Onley Grounds Farm at regular intervals through the winter months.

Friday 20th January—Flatwork
Friday 3rd February—S/J
Friday 24th February—Flatwork
Friday 10th March—S/J
Friday 24th March—Flatwork
Friday 7th April—S/J

These will be divided into flatwork sessions and show jumping sessions for groups of up to six riders per session and will be graded on ability.

So if you are interested please complete the enclosed form and send to Michele Carman as soon as possible as places will be limited.

You may wish to contact Michele on **01788 810755** for further details or to check if there are any places available as sessions are filling up fast.

Following last year's very successful event the British Riding Clubs Area 5 Liaison Committee have arranged another Course Builders Seminar.

The seminar is designed for a wide range of people, for those....

- wishing to build for their own club events
- who would like to build safe fences for family and friends at home
- riders who would like to know why course builders design courses the way they do.

The event will be held at Rugby Riding Club on Saturday 8 April commencing at 0930. The morning will be spent in the clubhouse discussing types of fence, terminology, related distances, course design etc and after lunch we will be working outside actually building a course. Full details will be supplied nearer the date.

Our trainer will once again be Nick Staines. For those who don't know Nick he is a BSJA Advanced Course Designer who understands Riding Club needs – he is the BRC Championship Course Designer for Hartbury, Offchurch and Lincoln.

All costs for **British** Riding club members will be met from the Area Training Fund. If any non-members wish to attend then there will be a charge of £10.

Please contact Val Malka on 02476 543040 or email area5@rugbyridingclub.co.uk by 28 February 2006 if you are interested in attending so that a place may be booked for you.

Don't forget to check the website for all the latest news and results www.rugbyridingclub.co.uk

Or email info@rugbyridingclub.co.uk

The committee look forward to seeing you all when we open and wish you every success for the new season.