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CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Another year comes to an end and it's AGM time again! We hope you have all had some fun and success during 2005.

There are some issues that we now need to look at and ask you to e-mail or write to us with your opinions, in order to give us some idea as to how you feel that the committee should proceed.

First up is smoking. The government have set guidelines about this, with legislation impending. But what would you like to see happen in the meantime? Do you think that smoking should be banned where there is food served and a separate area set aside for smoking? Do you think smoking should be banned altogether in the clubhouse? Or perhaps you have some other suggestion you would like to put forward, please let us know.

The second is how you feel about the hiring out of the show jumps. As you know it has taken us a long while to get the set of show jumps we have, so do you think that when hired out there should be a limit to how many horses be allowed in the ring at one time? That the persons hiring them pay for any breakages? Or you may think that Wednesday night practices are enough, with the addition of organised clinics.

Next year your committee will be looking for your input into these things and hope that you will come forward with your thoughts and any other issues that you think need attention.

Congratulations go to the Area 5 riders yet again for representing the Rugby Riding Club; I think their success says everything. Well done to all. Val Malka the Area 5 representative has this year been presented with an award by the Riding Clubs' for all the work she has done - not only within the Area 5 - but within the riding clubs movement nationally. She will be going down to London to receive the award and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her and to thank her for all the hard work she has put in for RRC.

On a final note there still seem to be some Members' Show cups which have not been returned. If you have any of these cups from 2004 would you please return them a.s.a.p:

The Baker Cup - Memberey Cup - Chairman's Cup - Chester Williams Cup - Frank Harris Res Cup, or any cups you have still got that need to be returned from last year. Thank You.

See you all at the AGM.

OBITUARY

Pat Flavell

One of our former members Diana (nee Burton) has sadly passed away. All our condolences go to her family especially her mother Ruth Burton and sister Lesley Pugh. Diana and her ponies Jimmy, Little Bambi, and Heyday were keen competitors at Rugby throughout her junior years.

It is also with great sadness I have to say that Steve Parks has passed away. It was sudden and unexpected. I am sure you will wish me to pass on our sympathy to the relatives he has left behind.

MEMBERSHIP

Do not forget to pay your membership fees before 1st April 2006

Membership forms are available on the website, at the AGM, or will be sent in January along with schedules for the new season.

Don't forget to check the website to see what is going on at the club

[Www.rugbyridingclub.co.uk](http://www.rugbyridingclub.co.uk)

or

Email info@rugbyridingclub.co.uk



FIREWORKS at Rugby Riding Club!! Please come and join us...!

Saturday - November 5th

Gates open	6.30pm
Judging of 'Guys'	7.00pm
Bonfire lit	7.30pm
Fireworks	8.00pm

£2.00 per person
£6.00 per family of four

Bring a 'Guy'!!



Prize for best 'Guy'
plus top spot on
bonfire!!!



Hot food and drinks
available - all
proceeds to RRC....

NATIONAL RIDING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005

Wow what a successful weekend it was for the Rugby Junior riders at Lincoln! As we travelled up the M1 on Saturday the rain didn't stop. What awful weather for the seniors to ride in. We were lucky enough to get there and get my pony Hi There in his stable straight away and make him cosy as the previous horse's owner had decided to abandon riding in such awful conditions and had left the show ground early, like so many of the competitors that day.

As it was still heavily raining we decided it wasn't worth putting our tent up so we would sleep in the trailer that night and just hope it wouldn't leak! Despite the weather we still had great fun as there were lots of teams staying over from all parts of the country. That night we went to the British Riding Clubs disco which was held in one of the cattle sheds on the show ground and we had a good time meeting all the other junior riders.

On Sunday morning we woke up and it was not raining (sorry seniors!) and we all managed to dry out. It was a good start to the day with our Equitation Jumping team which included Gemma Carman, Alex Butler, Sophia Icke and myself all went clear. This competition is also judged on style and we came an amazing 2nd overall in the Championships!!! Our Riders Test team also did well being placed overall 7th. This team included Gemma Carman, Charlotte Dronfield, Sophia Icke and myself, with Gemma Carman winning the overall trophy and Sophia Icke finished sixth individually, what great news for Rugby Riding Club.

A very special prize was awarded this year to the best overall combined score in both these competitions and this went to our very own Rugby rider, Gemma Carman. Well done Gemma.

This is the 2nd time I have been to Lincoln Championships and I can tell you it is a well special weekend and something I would say any of our members would enjoy competing in. I feel proud to be riding for such a friendly club. The team spirit is really good and if you are interested then why not talk to Val Malka our team manager. I don't know how she does it but she gets all of us in the right ring at the right time and never gets stressed. She is a superstar!

If you haven't been to Lincoln show ground before its huge and so easy to get lost in. There are 6 show rings, 5 dressage arenas, lots of permanent and 100s of temporary stables, because so many competitors go to the National championships from all over the UK. Its a great experience so I hope I am lucky enough to qualify next year and would encourage as many Rugby Riding Club members to do the same.

JODIE STOKES

GEMMA DOES IT FOR THE FOURTH YEAR RUNNING!

Gemma Carman on her horse Bolgoed Golly Gosh had yet another amazing championships, when she won the Junior Riders Test Competition for the fourth year running and was also named Overall Riders Test champion for gaining the highest percentage overall. This year British Riding Clubs introduced a new award for the best Senior and Junior rider of the year. This took into account the riders Riding Test and Equitation Jumping mark and the inaugural winner of the Junior competition was Gemma Carman.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE NEWS

The Junior committee have had an excellent year, they have run three MARC qualifiers which have all been very well attended ,especially the Main Show on 10th July. They have included dressage, S/J , Working hunter and numerous ridden and in hand classes.

It was also good to attend the championships held by MARC (Midland Ass. Of Riding Clubs) near Bridgnorth on 3rd & 4th September and see so many Rugby Riding Club members winning and getting placed.

Well, as I mentioned last year Amy and I are both retiring from the junior committee, we have had a great time, I have learnt a huge amount from all the committee on how to run shows and listen to the needs of the riders and members, and would like to thank each and everyone of them for all their help.

I am delighted to be able to hand over the reins (so to speak) to Helen Marlow and hope that Helen and her daughter Lucy have as much fun as Amy and I have had over the years.

So, anyone interested in the junior committee for next year should contact Helen on 01788 560378

Thanks everyone Lesley Pugh

Thanks.....

Thanks must go to Gemma Carman and Ellie Harris for stepping into the teams at the Championships at the last minute, as unfortunately Paige Robson was ill and unable to compete and sadly Jess Whitworth had lost her horse due to a tendon injury. But hope they will both be back to qualify next year. Congratulations must go to the Junior open show jumping team who competed with only three members Amy Pugh, Sophia Icke and Ellie Harris and finished in a well deserved sixth place with Ellie on Sydserff Whitethorn finishing 8th individually.

RUTH TAKES NATIONAL NOVICE SHOW JUMPING TITLE

Not wishing to be outdone the Senior riders also took several honours at the National Championships at Lincoln. The novice showjumping team put in some excellent rounds to finish on a final score of 4 faults which put them into fourth place in the team event. Ruth Whitmore on Springrove Prince Edward and Cate Watson on Jacob both qualified for the jump off in the individual section along with 30 other competitors. Ruth performed some amazing turns to finish clear in a very fast time to go into the lead and Cate followed soon after and again achieved a super clear round but just slower than Ruth. After a short nail biting wait we realised Ruth had won the title, a magnificent achievement for them both and Cate had finished in a well deserved 6th place. The other team members were Sue Clarke on Bug and Jenny Dodd on Master Monty both representing the club for the first time this season.

Susan Bullock on Jungle Jim competed in the senior advanced riders test where she finished in fourth place, and Emily Smith Poacher on Harlem and Penny Boon on Mirage contested the pairs dressage finishing in fifth place. The Rural Riders Dressage Team finished in seventh place amid confusion over which test should be ridden due to a misprint in the schedule

Earlier in the year Rugby qualified for the National Hunter trials championships at Peterborough where the team of Cate Watson, Ruth Whitmore, Anna Bancroft and Tracey Malka finished in team fifth place and Anna was ninth individually. Amy Pugh qualified for the junior ODE and Tracey Malka qualified for the senior 2DE at the National Horse trials championships which took place in August.

TRAINING

Is anyone interested in training this winter? If so please contact Val and she will organise some flat work and show jumping sessions for the new year.

Email info@rugbyridingclub.co.uk or 02476 543 040