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July/August/September/October 2019 NEWSLETTER



MRC 50th Anniversary 1969-2019

A little bit of history about Manhood Riding Club

The club was started in 1969 and membership were restricted to the Manhood and surrounding areas. If you lived outside of the area and wanted to join the club you had to apply to the committee and be vetted so to speak! Things have changed over the years regarding membership, but the events are still run within the Chichester area or close by if possible.

We still have Helen Baldwin and Kath Chapman as a couple of the original founder members of the club. You may have met Helen at this year's member's show when she was judging the fun classes and Kath is at most of the events as show secretary. Most of the committee has stood for many years Heather Linfield, Jackie Brown, Sue Stokes and as members Sharon Nicholson and Nikki Vollebregt and have had to adapt and change the running of the club events to move with the times. Helen Mitchell keeps us to date with IT and the web page and Nikki with the Facebook page. Our events are posted on the Facebook page and also on the website for all to see. Newsletters are now sent via E-mail. How times have changed from the original typewriter newsletters and the dinosaur duplicator that Sue struggled with every time a newsletter was to be printed. I bet Sue secretly misses those times and licking 100 envelopes and stamps at a time!

Some of the events that were run in the past were monthly Downs rides between 11 - 25 miles with lunch breaks. Often rides were split to a slow and faster ride. Other rides included -Treasure Hunt, fitness test, sponsored, Mock Hunts, Map reading Other events including - Jumping and gymkhana's, Hunter Trials, One day event (Dressage, cross country and show jumping) In hand and ridden show (which was a similar format as our shows today) Summer camp in the New Forest, tack sales, group schooling.

Bridleways and Path clearing were a big part of the club's early life. Once a month we would gather at a path and spend the morning clearing it ending with a large bonfire, soup and rolls, a real team effort which sadly dwindled away.

One comment that I found from a judge as feedback from one of the shows was as follows: "I thought it of general benefit to comment on the poor standard of turnout. Tack was in many instances was dirty and carelessly thrown on. Bloom was missing from ponies and tack. This is unexpected at any time let alone for a Best Turned Out". Oh my!!! I bet that judge wasn't asked to judge again! Imagine if they were to quote that today in print? Thankfully our members these days turn their ponies/horses out to a very high standard and hopefully our judges give constructive feedback if asked. Social events were run – Trips to HOYS, Olympia, Badminton, Royal Mews, Annual dance with a band, Quiz nights, Film nights.

The meetings were held in Keynor Hut Sidlesham, Zara stud was used as an indoor school venue and various members ran events from their own land including Helen and Don Baldwin. "Back in the good old days" as they say there were many people with a passion for supporting the club and members that didn't ride themselves or had children as members took a very active part in the running of the events. Much fun was had and we all learnt a lot along the way.

We do at present have a very small committee and do our best to run events for the club that we hope you all enjoy. Most of us work full time as well as serving on the committee.

The Manhood Riding Club is still alive and kicking after all these years and we have witnessed many other clubs disbanding around the surrounding areas.

Help us to keep the club going by assisting when you can.

Looking forward to our 50th anniversary Open show on Sun 25th August at Hunters Lodge, Hunston.

Good luck everyone

Jackie Brown

DIARY

July

27th Dog Show – Rowlands Castle

Please see attachment or website for details. If it is raining, please check the website and/or Facebook in case we have to cancel.

August

10th Fun Jumping at Hunters Lodge

£5 per class, 4.30pm Start

Class 1 – Clear Round

Class 2 – Novice 1'3" to 2'

Class 3 – Pairs 1'3" to 2'

25th Open Show at Hunters Lodge

See attachment or website for details.

September

1st Performance Awards – entries to be in by 3rd September

Forms can be downloaded from the website

7th Fun Jumping at Hunters Lodge

£5 per class, 4.30pm Start

Class 1 – Clear Round

Class 2 – Optimum Time

Class 3 – Accumulator

October

Renew your Club membership to make the most of the reduced fees. Subscriptions run from 1st October to 30th September and costs £10 (adult) and £5 (child under 16 years). If you join after 31st December, the membership will increase to Adult £20 and Child £10.

6th Autumn Show – Thorney Island

Details to follow

12th AGM – St Wilfrid's Hall Broad Road, Nutbourne PO18 8SW

(Don't forget to bring along your club membership renewal – saves you the cost of a stamp!)

Show Reports



50th Anniversary Members show Held at Hunters Lodge Chichester Sun 26th May 2019

This year saw 30 ponies forward which considering the membership numbers was very good. I would like to thank Linda Fello our In hand judge and her granddaughter for

running rosettes into the ring. Linda very kindly stepped in to judge at the last minute due to being let down by our judge that had been previously booked. She commented that although the In hand classes were not so well supported there were some beautiful ponies/horses forward resulting in the in-hand champions/reserve champions:

Champion – Janettes Love Story – D Williams
Reserve Champion – Ravens Golden Glory – J Ramsey
2nd Reserve Champion – Dowshills Beau Soleil – D.Bell

South Downs showing series qualifiers

In hand Cob- Worsenden Quiver – Hayley Mossop
In hand pony - Janettes Love Story – D Williams
In hand horse – Ravens Golden Glory – J Ramsey

Going forward to the show at Denmead Autumn Show on Sun Sept 8th 2019

The Fun classes proved to be a success. The committee decided that these classes were to be open to all to encourage the Hunters Lodge clients and perhaps members family/friends that were not members to be able to take part in the show. These classes created great excitement and I think, the most spectator's throughout the day. Our judge and one of our Honary members Helen Baldwin judged the classes and was pleased to see the younger members enjoying their ponies and was most encouraging to the competitors with her comments.

All members present then gathered in the ring and was presented with a commemorative rosette to mark our 50th year and a group photo was taken by LRG. It is a great achievement for any club especially in these changing times and made the committee proud of the achievements over past years. It has been a rocky road keeping the club going but thanks the hard work and commitment of the committee over the years we have managed to pull through were other clubs have unfortunately disbanded.

The ridden classes then took place and the entries for the Novice walk and trot had to be split because of so many entries. The following classes were well supported and gave our Judge Hannah Caunt some challenging judging at times. Hannah took time to give constructive feedback to the competitors.

Ridden Champion - Atla Breeze – Lisa Lawrence
Reserve Champion – Rockafella – Abbie Vollebregt
2nd Reserve Champion – Hawk – Daisy Donaghue

South Downs Showing Series Ridden qualifiers

Ridden Senior – Atla Breeze – Lisa Lawrence
Ridden Junior – Hawk – Daisy Donohugue

I would like to thank all the Committee members that helped leading up to the show and on the day. Heather Linfield who ordered the wonderful rosettes and brain storms friendly judges for me for this special member's show as well as carting all of the equipment, setting up rings etc. before and after the show.

Kath Chapman our other Honary member along with Jenny Henderson as show secretaries on the day. These two ladies work very hard keeping the competitor's on track and updating them with what is going on in the rings and ongoing advice. Also, many thanks to Hunters Lodge for allowing us to hold our show in their

beautifully mown field and providing all facilities required for the show. Manhood Riding Club has always tried to encourage our members in which ever discipline they choose to take part in with their ponies/horses and many of our members have gone on to county level and higher with their showing careers. Thank you to all that attended and see you all next year!

Show Jumping – Hunters Lodge **May Results**

Clear round – 5 entries only - 1 clear.

Novice:

1st. *Daisie Donahue – Hawk.*

2nd. *Jess Knox – Duke*

3rd. *Kiera Martin – Ezzie.*

4th. *Donna Keefe – Joey.*

5th. *Neeve Perrin – Prince*

Chase-me-Charlie:

1st. *Donna Keefe – Joey*

2nd. *Jess Knox – Duke*

3rd. *Daisy Donoghue - Hawk*

June Results

Clear round – 13 entries 4 clears

Novice

1st. *Daisy Donoghue – Hawk*

2nd. *Charlie Hankin – Shamrock*

3rd. *Holly Bullen- Harmony.*

4th. *Sophie hankin – Prince.*

5th. *Jess Knox – Duke*

6th. *Kiri Rushman – Billy*

Pairs

1st. *Anna Hains – Shamrock/ Kiri Rushman -Billy.*

2nd. *Holly Bullen – Harmony / Daisy Donoghue – Hawk.*

3rd. *Sophie Elway – Rusty / Donna Keefe – Joey*

4th. *Jess knox – Duke / kiera Martin – Ezzie.*

5th. *Lily Millington Cox – Basil / Sophie Hankin – Prince.*

6th. Charlie Hankin – Shamrock / Ella Cato – Archie.

Thank you Kath, Heather, Jackie and Sue Stokes for all their help and support
Sharon

OTHER DATES for your diary

Dec 1st Christmas Show

Don't Forget: 2019 Performance Awards - no entry fee this year - see website to download Form

Precautionary Advice Regarding Horse Flu Vaccinations

Manhood Riding Club **recommend** that all horses are flu vaccinated. As a precaution, please bring your own water and buckets to shows and do not allow your horse to be in contact with others where possible. Different venues may have their own rules regarding the flu vaccinations and you are advised to check the schedule/information posted for each event.