



JERSEY

Dear Member

The new season will be starting shortly and before the jumping begins we want to invite you all to an Open Afternoon from 2 – 4 pm on Sunday, 6 March at the BSJA Showground. This will give you an opportunity to view the changes that we have been making to the nearly completed sand paddock and the reduced size grass arena which will facilitate extra parking when the need arises.

The chairman and committee members will be there to explain the improvements that we have made and to answer any questions. Please spread the word.

We are very pleased with the changes that we are making and would like to take this opportunity to thank Derek Clackett for the many hours he has spent drawing up plans and overseeing the work that is taking place and also to Sophie Bertram and her enthusiastic team of fundraisers for all their hard efforts which have enabled us to start the work. PLEASE support them this season as they continue to fundraise so that we can complete the project!

Our Registrations Secretary, Margaret Pichler, will be in the Clubhouse if you would like to bring along your Membership and Horse/Pony Registration Application Forms for 2011. She will be very happy to answer any questions about memberships.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining BSJA Jersey, this is an opportunity to bring them along to meet us and see our Showground.

We will of course be looking for helpers for all the events and Dee Mitchinson has joined the committee to assist with this task so don't be surprised if you get a phone call! We would of course prefer it if you could ring her in advance to book your slot or do it on entries night. That will make her job much easier. Entries for the Rallies will be on the day so just fill in the list in the bus.

Dee's mobile number is 07797 822512 but please don't ring her during working hours, a text will suffice.

One of the many issues your committee has been looking into is the question of the sponsors marquee which we are going to continue to use to provide light refreshments for our Class Sponsors, Judges, Course Designers, and senior officials who make no charge for their time.

Our club is fortunate in having qualified officials who give their time freely and forego the fee they are entitled to under BSJA rules. Even visiting Course Designers charge the club a much reduced fee as they enjoy the island and our hospitality.

The marquee is a focal point at the shows for the sponsors and as well as our sponsors we invite others such as our Patron, Mr Michael Birt and the Parish Constable both of whom we are always pleased to see. This gives us an opportunity to keep them informed of our activities.

I would like to stress that Shows in our annual programme could not operate without the help of our Sponsors.

Jane Harwood and Wendy Barette have excelled themselves in procuring sponsors for the major shows on our behalf for more years than they care to remember and last year alone raised £11,000!! The club owes them a debt of gratitude for their tireless work which is much appreciated by both the Committee and of course the prize winners.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a class or knows of someone who might be interested in sponsoring please contact Jane or Wendy. or speak to a committee member.

Sponsors are always invited to present their rosettes and prize money to the winning competitors and to enjoy the hospitality of our sponsors tent and the committee always welcome any member to the marquee, especially the class winners, to chat to their Sponsors so please do come along and say hello.

We are very grateful to all our Sponsors, many of whom are also members.

On the subject of fund raising, Sophie and the team are having a car boot sale at the showground on Saturday 26th March .Please call her or text on 07797748478 to reserve a pitch for £8. Also, Jumpers Draw tickets will be on sale on Sunday 6th at the Open Afternoon and at all of the heights jumping and the rallies.

We look forward to seeing you at the start of the 2011 season and let's hope that the weather is kind

Angela Mitchell
Chairman

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