



Support Our Surface

In aid of our new surface and to promote showjumping in Jersey

November 2011

Dear Member

### **A Big Thank You from the SOS Fundraising and Social Events team**

We would like to take this opportunity to firstly apologise for this awful standard letter and not thanking you all personally! The SOS and Social team however have so many people to thank that we would simply not have the time to write to each and every one of you individually, but want to get the point across!

We want to thank you for your kind support of the BSJA fundraising and social committee this season; your help and dedication that has been given when it has been needed during this year has been greatly appreciated whether its has been time or funds that you have given.

Thank you all! Thank you for making food for events, buying the last cake on the stall, organizing raffle and auction prizes, not shouting at me when I asked you for the 4<sup>th</sup> time “can I interest you in a jumpers draw ticket?”, dishing out food or simply giving some words of encouragement at the right moment! It makes all of the hard work worth while when a member of the team gets a pat on the back and our efforts are appreciated.

We have had some fantastic events and raised a great amount of money over the course of 2011 and none of it could have been achieved without you as members, participants, helpers or prize donators.

Since we started SOS last May we have raised over £10,500 (!!) and received some very kind donations from members past and present. We are now in a position to use our all- weather arena which means we can use it all through the year for practice jumping, tuition and winter jumping!

The first event on the new all weather surface was practice jumping which was run on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November and went very well, thank you to all who came and used our new facilities. This weekend we are holding another practice jumping due to the high demand from you guys. Keep a look out on the forum for details of further practice jumping and heights to be held on our new surface.

We hope that you have all enjoyed coming to the various social events that we have put on this year and that you continue to attend what we have planned for 2012.

Please remember – you don’t have to be a BSJA Member to attend our social events, you just need to be signed in at the bar by one of the many members who will be in attendance... so please come along (and bring any partner, children, friends or acquaintances!) and make 2012 even better than 2011.

### **Jumpers Draw**

The Jumpers Draw was again a fantastic success, enhancing both our fundraising efforts and the lucky winner’s pockets!

One aspect of running the Jumpers Draw that has been tricky has been getting the results out to all of the participants and I can only apologize for this. “I’m not gonna lie” running the Draw has

been a learning curve for me to say the least! Your patience and understanding has been greatly appreciated.

For the 2012 Draw along with the current results posting system, we are proposing to set up a mailing list so that the results can be tapped out as soon as they have been drawn and sent instantly by email to all ticket holders. This way we hope to keep you all informed and hope for a smoother running draw in 2012.

The winners for the 2011 draws were as follows:

<b>Draw dates</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize £150</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £100</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £70</b>
<b>09/05/2011</b>	Rose Hull	Sari Cumming	Richard Amy
<b>26/06/2011</b>	Lorraine Allan	Matthew Bertram	Susan Yabsley
<b>10/07/2011</b>	Rachel Taylor	Wendy Scott	Nicky Le Brocq
<b>14/08/2011</b>	Joy & Barbara Rolland	Lorraine Amy	Lauren De Gruchy
<b>11/09/2011</b>	Dave Robinson	John Pryce	Joanne McAlister

Although you may not have won a prize this season we hope that you have your turn next year if you choose to purchase another ticket. Please don't think us too cheeky, however please find enclosed a form to request your ticket should you wish to participate again in 2012. Please be sure to list an email address for Draw results to be sent to and a home address so that we can send you your winning cheque ASAP!

#### **Raffle and Auction Prizes**

We would like to thank all of you who organized or donated some of the fab prizes for us this year. We also want to thank those of you bought tickets and bid in the auctions. A great deal was raised through the raffles so anyone who thinks they can get hold of a good prize I would be grateful if you would let me know or indeed sort it out and donate it to the next raffle or auction.

#### **2012 Events**

The usual events will all be in place once again, including the Lib welcome evening and dinner and of course the Annual Awards Hog Roast!!! We are looking for support for a few more events we are thinking about putting on next year, including a summer BBQ, scavenger hunt, quiz night and a few others. Keep an eye on the forum and website for dates and details of upcoming social and fundraising do's.

The money raised going forwards will be put towards finishing the project and making the surface work the best that it can for you as members. Funds will also go towards a set of light weight competition fences and fillers and possibly a little quad or tractor to be used for harrowing and maintenance in between classes, all to help us keep the surface in tip top condition. Again, any donations will be gratefully received!

If you have any other fundraising or social event ideas please do not hesitate to contact me with them and we can discuss them and see what we can do.

On a final note the team and I are working hard all year long for your benefit as well as our own; fundraising to improve our facilities, standard of riding and competition (and our social opportunities!), to make our club the best that it can be. Thank you for contributing to that during this past season and here's to an even bigger and better 2012!

I look forward to chasing you all clipboard in hand, around the showground next year!

**Sophie-Louise Bertram**  
**On behalf of the Fundraising and Social Team**