

Newsletter February 2012

Welcome to 2012 as we are about to embark on the new jumping season. The committee have been busy with various projects during the winter months.

At the end of last season we were able to make use of the new all weather arena and held some evening heights jumping as well as practice jumping and I am pleased to say that the surface has been well received.

It is also available for hire and we now have a new set of jumps which can be used. Please contact Mary Hubert. Details of this and a form are on the website.

We are now preparing to use it for the first heights jumping of the season which will be held on 18th & 19th February starting at 10 am on both days. Juniors on Saturday and Seniors on Sunday. The schedule is now on the website.

There is a new temporary warm up area (no jumps) and you will be able to use fences in the all weather before your round.

We will also be using the newly renovated small judges box kindly repaired by John Nolan and moved into position by Douglas Pryce, as well as a new public address system kindly donated by Trevor Hunt.

The heights jumping is open to all with a small increase in entry fees for non members.

The schedules sub committee are now working on the schedule for the Liberation day show which is taking place over 5 days, incorporating both showing and jumping using both arenas at the showground. There will also be a day of in hand showing in the pony club field.

New for 2012

Competitors for showing only or unaffiliated jumping will not have to be fully paid up members this year. The insurance will be covered by an additional fee of £3 on the entry fee for each class entered. They will however have to fill in a form on the day for insurance purposes.

Club Membership

We are looking at the possibility of running a new club membership which will be aimed at grass root competitors,(seniors and juniors), novices., young horses and new combinations. This is based on the new Club Membership in the UK and will be tailored to meet the needs of BSJA Jersey's club

structure and will be offered at a reduced rate of £25 per horse & rider combination.

Classes will start at 60 cm for seniors up to 80 cm and for juniors 55cm to 75cm.

The objective is to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere where riders can participate for points, Prize money is not awarded but riders, (horse/rider combination) will be allocated points to culminate in a championship at the end of the season.

Horse/pony combination may up grade to normal BSJA classes at any time provided they pay the difference in membership fee, but you can't go back.

We hope that this will be of interest to some of you and for any further information please contact either Jo Patterson 07700 331965 joannehorses@hotmail.com or Sophie Bertram 07797 748478 sophie198787@googlemail.com

Paul Crago

Paul Crago, accredited BSJA trainer, is over this week and again on 10th and 11th March for weekends of training.

Charges are £50 for a one to one lesson, £40 for a two to one lesson, or £30 three to one lesson. He will split the emphasis over the two days, with day two concentrating on riding a course.

Please contact Alison Rogers for spaces 07797 744420 (text during working hours).

John Sillett

We also have John Sillett coming over for a teaching week end on 25th and 26th February. There are a couple of slots still available so please contact Sophie Bertram for details 07797 748478 He teaches a wide range of ages and abilities so all welcome.

Jumpers Draw

Sophie is also selling tickets now for this years Jumpers Draw so please do support this important fund raising venture. There are 5 draws with prizes of £150, £100 & £70.

The form is on the social events page on the website or contact sophie198787@googlemail.com

Kit4clubs

Ogiers, as part of their activity in the local community, are working with the JEP to help sports clubs in the island win a share of £10,000 for their club . There are six cash prizes to be won which can go towards improving facilities, new equipment, developing teams and training.

From 27th February until 24th March tokens will be printed in the JEP.

Please help by collecting these and then handing them into Rose Hull in the bus. Lets see if we can win a share of this money so please collect as many as you can from your friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues. The more we collect the more chance we have.!

Mini Show

We will be holding a Mini Show in the all weather arena on 25th March and further details will be out soon. All welcome.

And finally just a reminder about subs which are now due. As agreed at the AGM there will be a small increase this year but it's the first for many years. After 28th February you are no longer a member if you haven't renewed your membership.

Now all we need is good weather and a good jumping season.

Good luck to every one

Angela Mitchell and Committee.