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Summertime!

Hi folks!

Summer is merrily bowling along, and it's hard to believe that we have had four shows already! The points tables are shaping up nicely, you can see these on the website. Remember we present 1st – 4th overall, so there is always the chance of a trophy at the end of the year! A printed version of the points book will be at the next show, for those of you who want a browse on the day.

Details of our Training/ Fun Day

are featured in this newsletter too. I'm sure the clinic places will go like mad, so get your entries in quickly!

Our car park has returned to normal, as the haylage has finally been cut and baled. I will still ask that all cars park by the hedges, away from the horsebox lines for safety purposes, but you will have more room now for both parking and working in!

See below for details of extra jumping classes to pick teams, and details of the training day.

See you on the 24th!

Ruth

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August Training Day

So for all you who are coming to compete at the NWWHC, the training day on August 13th is an ideal opportunity to brush up your skills. Our WH clinic will be taken by none other than Jo Callwood, the current HOYS Working Hunter champion! Jo has all the know how to help you from turnout to the perfect way to jump a course.

Show jumpers can have help from experienced SJ trainer and competitor Sue Pedersen. Shave seconds from your jump off and improve your accuracy for the NWSJC!

Those of you who are attending the Blue Chip NW Showing Champs would be wise to take advantage of our showing clinic. I have yet to 100% confirm the person taking it (checking diaries!), but I can assure you it is someone who can help put that polish onto your performance and help you stand out!

Gymkhana games and clear round are also available, and not forgetting your three dressage classes! A walk and trot test, a Prelim and a Novice.

Please see the attached form for details, as the entry address for the dressage is different to my usual one (I will be on holiday!).

Get those forms in to be sure of a place!

JULY 24th SHOW

The next show is our annual **Highest Placed Member** show (as well as trophies!!). In every class a special rosette is awarded to the highest placed member that has their membership card in the ring. This rule will be enforced, so even if we know you're a member, no card, no rosette.

There are a number of membership packs in the caravan not yet collected, so if you have joined and have not received, collect from Carol at the caravan!

If you have lost your card, please contact Carol to organize you a new one. However, make sure you arrange it by the Thursday before the show. Any requests on show morning will, I'm afraid, be turned down. Contact her on 01616 74966.

STOP PRESS!!!

We are delighted to tell you that Bridgewater has been awarded a grant from the Manchester Airport Community Fund. We applied for it as we want to upgrade all our jumps to the FEI, BSJA and Pony Club approved safety 'tracking' style cup systems. Manchester Airport's generous grant system means we can make a big hole in the job of upgrading all our wings!!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.bridgewaterridingclub.com

www.facebook.com/bridgewaterridingclub

**BLUE CHIP NW SHOWING CHAMPS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

All registered competitors: You will have received an email in reply to your online registration, this has your schedule and entry form attached. There are only 6 weeks until the closing date, so get those entries flooding in.

Check your junk/ spam folders in case the email has gone there.

Please email me on ruth@pacificsales.co.uk if you have any problems.

**SHY LOWEN**

We are very proud to tell you that we donated a total of £149 to the Shy Lowen Rehabilitation Centre. The centre will be attending some of our shows in the future with a stand, to show all about the fantastic work they do.

We will keep the donations going, with the takings from clear round from all our shows, and let you know when Shy Lowen will be with us.

QUALIFIERS

This show has qualifiers for Equifest, Beaver Hall and Festival of Champions.

It is also your **LAST CHANCE** to qualify at BRC for the Big 3: NW Working Hunter, NW Show Jumping and Blue Chip NW Showing Championships!!!

Calling All Show Jumpers!!

For those of you interested in team show jumping, BRC is aiming to take two teams to the Mark Davies Injured Riders Fund team event on October 30th.

We want to raise funds for the team entry fees, so there will be an extra class in each of the jumping rings at the July & September shows. They will be one round speed classes, 2'0 in Ring One and 2'9 in Main Ring. These classes are open to all, so ring 1 riders may jump the 2'9 if they wish, or Main ring riders may jump the 2'0. This rule is for these classes only. Contact myself or Becky at the show if you are interested in being considered for the team.

The 2'9 class will be in the Main Ring between classes 3 and 4. The 2'0 in Ring One after class 12. Usual placings to 8th and a trophy to the winner! I'm sure you will help us support this great cause and help to represent our fantastic club! Team prizes at the finals include Toggi clothing and RIHS tickets as well as rosettes, sashes and trophies.

Junior Newsletter!!

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Scroll on down for our great Junior section, catch up with Charlie and Poppy, and enter our fab quiz!!

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Hi All Junior members!

Hard to believe its July already!

Charlie and Poppy have put together a great show day tips guide (with help from us, of course), to make your day go smoothly. Speaking of which, don't forget that they both escape every show (Charlie does it, then Poppy has to follow, due to ponies being herd animals – Ruth), and we need your help to find them. Their escape is announced during the day, then there is a great prize for whoever finds each of them and returns them to the secretary's caravan.

Also there is our great Junior Quiz on the page below, complete it and either post with your pre entries, or bring along to the caravan on show day and we will draw a winner for another great prize!

Don't forget the fantastic Training Day on 13th August! Dressage, clinics, clear round and even gymkhana games to keep everyone happy. Get your entries in early to avoid disappointment. We can't wait to meet HOYS working hunter champion Jo Callwood. She's a famous rider to be really admired, and we hope to have an interview with her for our next newsletter.

Hope to see you all soon,

Sophie, Megan, Rebecca, Jade, Josh and Matthew



SHOW DAY TIPS



When you are getting ready for a day at Bridgewater Show, here is a list of what to take, and a few tips to make your day go well!

Grooming Kit – Including body brush, dandy brush, hoof pick, hoof oil, sponge, towel and comb.

Basic first aid kit – Antiseptic, scissors, wound cream or spray, non-stick dressing, cotton wool, gauze bandage, self adhesive bandage (like Vetrap).

Travel Kit for pony – Rug, travel boots/ bandages, tail bandage/ guard.

Fresh water (VERY IMPORTANT!!! – Poppy)

Haynet (MY VERY IMPORTANT!!! – Charlie)

Tack – Everything you may need, including boots, change of bridle etc.

Your clothes – Get them ready the day before so you have them all on a hanger.

Any extra grooming stuff – Like white chalk, highlighter, spray shine and quarter markers.

And lastly, DON'T FORGET THE PONY!!



Remember:

Practice your show or jumps at home first.

Don't overtire your pony. He's not a machine!

Try not to be nervous. Everyone at the show is there to have a good day!

Make sure you warm up properly before your class.

Always try your best.

If you don't win, never mind! NEVER, ever take out your anger on your pony. It's not his fault.

Do not argue with or be rude to the judge (Ponies too! Charlie bit one once, and was sent out of the ring. **Very** embarrassing! – Ruth)

Praise your pony, and thank anyone who helps you.

Don't forget to have FUN!!!!!!



JUNIOR QUIZ - IN THE FIELD

Find all the listed words in the grid below.

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GRASS
ARENA
RAGWORT
FORK
STREAM
STABLE
RABBITS
TAPE
TRACTOR

TROUGH
FENCING
SHELTER
PONIES
ELECTRIC
HILL
GATE
SHOVEL
COWS
TREES

HEDGES
JUMPS
DOCKS
WHEELBARROW
THISTLES
ROLLING
FOOTPATH
STONES
BUTTERCUPS
HORSESHOE

