

# **BSJA GUERNSEY**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2008**

Dear Members

Our season is really moving on at an amazing rate of knots and we are now looking forward to the Summer Show. The Easter, Spring and Derby Shows were well supported and I am sure the others will be similarly so.

The June dressage competition was also well attended and congratulations to Sophie Bennett, Lisa Gidney, Lucie Fox-Pegg, Traci Griffith and George Farnon who all qualified their mounts for the final of the Dressagemasters at Hickstead in July.

Several of our members, namely Donna Smith, Louise Warr, Sanna-Liisa Valtanen, Jenny Winfindale and Charlotte Breban, have travelled to the UK recently to jump acquitting themselves very well and we congratulate them on their achievements.

### **WORK PARTIES**

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank those members who turned up for the work parties recently. Much was achieved and the show ground looked really good for the Derby Show. Thank you.

For those of you who didn't make it this time, don't worry, we intend to repeat the exercise! With effect from Monday 30 June there will be work/painting parties every evening Monday to Thursday between 6 and 8p.m. There will be fencing to finish painting, jumps to clean down, mend and paint, mowing, weeding, general repairs to outside fencing, the club house to spring clean, etc. etc. As there are limited supplies of equipment, you are asked to bring your own tools relevant to the job you feel able to do. No-one is expected to attend every time, but we would like to think as many of you as possible will feel able to give up at least a couple of hours each week to give your hard working committee a hand, please.

### **HAIR**

I would draw members' attention to the fact that the rule regarding how long hair is worn whilst competing has changed (again) and those with long hair, both senior and junior riders, should ensure it is tidy and, preferably, contained in a hair net and worn as short as possible. This is a health and safety issue and is in your own best interest.

### **45 SECOND COUNTDOWN**

You should all be aware that the 45 second countdown is now being implemented at all our rallies and shows and starts as soon as the bell has been rung. If the competitor has not started jumping after 45 seconds has elapsed then the actual time will automatically start and may result in time faults being incurred.

## **WHITE BOARD**

Following an incident reported at the Derby Show, it has been noted that some competitors are attempting to manipulate the system. Please be aware that it is the duty of the paddock steward only to actually write the numbers on the board. On no account should numbers be erased and moved up the board to enable other competitors to jump further down the class. If you are late for the class or late in putting your name down then you have no option but to take whichever space is left available. If further incidences of abuse of the system are reported then we will revert to drawn order for all our events.

You should also bear in mind that it may not be possible to have more than the class in progress and the next following class on the board at the same time.

## **GSPCA ANIMAL FESTIVAL – 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008**

The GSPCA are holding their Animal Festival on our show ground on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Included in the program of events are jumping classes which will take place on the all weather arena and are open to both members and non-members. Details of the classes are enclosed and all entry fees go to the GSPCA. Also, in the evening the Swinging Blue Jeans will be playing a gig in the marquee on the field, supported by a local band. Tickets for the evening are £10.00 and can be obtained from Janet Corbin.

## **SUMMER SHOW 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Your schedule is enclosed. Please make sure your entries are in, and your trophies returned, to Sheila Count by 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## **HOYS**

The Horse of the Year Show will be upon us before we know it. Can I remind those of you with trophies that you should have had them engraved so that they are ready for collection prior to this years Show.

With this in mind, taking in to account the large number of trophies that will be returned, it's me who is going to have to collect them and you may not know where I live, I intend to be at Chemin le Roi on Saturday 26 July between 10.00 and noon and the evenings of 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July between 6p.m. and 8p.m. to take them from you, and this should not be a problem for any of you because you will already be there at the work party!! You will note that these dates are before the entries close date of 4<sup>th</sup> August. If you have not returned your trophies by that date your entries will not be accepted until you have, you may be subject to late entry fee and you will be fined. You may, of course, bring them to me at home in advance of these dates. If I am not in please don't leave them on the front doorstep, instead put them in my greenhouse which is in the back garden. Thanks.

Your schedule for the Show is enclosed.

And finally, our very best wishes go to Nikki Lambourne and Karl Brouard, Sam de Jersey and Tom Rihoy who are getting married in the next week or so. We hope the sun shines on you for your big day and you have long and happy married lives together.

Best regards

*Janet Corbin*  
Secretary