

Rother Valley Riding Club Newsletter



Jan 2021

Message from Chairman - Mary Gillam

Happy New Year! Although only weeks has passed since the last newsletter a lot seems to have happened since then. As we look to the year ahead, we are hopeful that clinics can resume around Easter time and competitions from May.

Until then, we are excited to announce three online events for all members to kick off the season. The AGM which included a photograph competition, a quiz and a dressage competition. The formal AGM notice and Agenda will be sent out with this newsletter. Please note that only current members are entitled to participate (vote) at an AGM.

We will also be sending out the schedule for the members only online dressage competition. Each member is entitled to one free class. The details of the quiz will be available shortly. All our events, and membership renewal/joining is accessible through **planit bookit**.

Insurance

The insurance provided by British Riding Clubs covers the Committee and the events we organise on your behalf plus it covers you as a rider when you attend any clinic or event organised by an affiliated riding club.

The insurance does not cover you traveling to and from the event or at any other time and most riders have extra third-party liability insurance to cover themselves and their horses should anything go wrong whilst hacking for instance.

Membership

Membership to the club is now available through **planit bookit**. RVRC are reducing the cost of a full membership to £28 per member.

This is following the announcement made by British Riding Clubs on 28th January 2021 where they are providing each riding club member 3 months free of charge. See below for full details.

All RVRC members who have already rejoined the club and paid last years members fee will be refunded the difference.



British Riding Clubs Membership Statement For Clubs 28/01/21



British Riding Clubs (BRC) and the British Horse Society (BHS) understand just how difficult the past 10 months have been for our clubs. With a lack of face-to-face contact, it has been incredibly hard for you to remain at the forefront of your members minds and therefore maintaining membership levels has been challenging to say the least. With this in mind, we have been looking at ways we can support our affiliated clubs and acknowledge the financial struggles many of your clubs are facing.

Although the cost of insurance has risen significantly this year, we have been looking at ways we can support our affiliated clubs and acknowledge the financial struggles many of you are enduring.

With this in mind, we are delighted to be able to give all our affiliated clubs three months free of charge on the per-head membership fee. This means that when you receive your 2021 invoice, you will be charged for 9 months instead of 12. So, for each of the members you have, you will only pay for them for the period of 1st April to 31st December, instead of from 1st January.

We had already communicated to you all how the cost of insurance has risen significantly this year and we are again having to reorganise this year's qualifiers and championships along similar lines to 2020. This free period gives support to clubs in excess of £100,000 and is only possible as BRC is part of the wider BHS.

We are unable to offer a reduction to the club affiliation fee that covers insurance for your club, because even through a national lockdown, your club exists as a legal entity and therefore still requires insurance cover during this time.

How you choose to account for the membership fee reduction is entirely up to your club; of course, you may choose to pass this saving on to your members as a reduction to the club membership fee. Should you wish to do this, it will equate to £4 per person. We will be issuing an update to all members, informing them of this news and advising them that it will be up to clubs to decide how best to manage this financial relief.

All 2021 invoices will be sent out next week. The club affiliation fee, which is usually due on 31st January will now be due by 28th February. The membership invoice will retain the usual due date of 31st May.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support and we can't wait to see you out at a BRC activity in the not-too-distant future.

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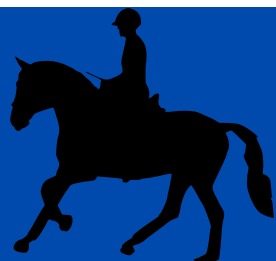
Finally if anyone would like to come and join us on the Committee please get in touch with the Secretary Clare McCullough on claremccullough7@gmail.com.

The below is a draft timetable for member competitions in 2021. We hope the lifting of restrictions will mean we can offer all of this to you.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
27th February	AGM	Online
25th March	Virtual Quiz	Online
Up to 5th April	Virtual Dressage	Online
22nd or 23rd May	Combined Training	Comphurst Farm
11th June	Roadshow Dressage	Bedgebury or Bull Farm
18th July	Friends of Freddie Horse Trials* *open to all	Comphurst Farm
TBC August	Roadshow Dressage	Bedgebury
11th September	Roadshow Dressage	Bull Farm

Other suggested events:

- Barbecue - Social Event
- Clear Round Cross Country
- RVRC Camp
- Mini Show Jumping Competition
- Maxi Show Jumping Competition



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