

# **HYDE PARK RIDING CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER: October 2008**

We are 'enjoying' a slight drop in temperature in the early morning at the moment and I think we should remind you all that there is nothing like a wonderful brisk ride at 7am before work to get the circulation going and to bring a rose to the cheeks! If you have never been out at this hour, in the depths of winter, we do urge you to put it on your list of 'ten things I must do in my lifetime' – you won't regret it and you'd be surprised at the activity in the park even at that hour!

**REMINDER\*** Please make sure that you renew your subscription to the Riding Club! It is particularly important that you do so because discounts for bulk bookings will **ONLY** be given to paid-up Club members. The annual cost of membership is £15, with a joining/subscription fee of £20 for new members. Please send to Mrs Rosemary Everidge at 22 Wigmore Place, London W1U 2LZ with cheques made out to **Hyde Park Riding Club**.

Please note that the cost of booking a block of ten lessons/hacks is now £400, which represents a 20% discount in relation to individual rides, so do take advantage of this offer.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the position of Treasurer, as Rosemary feels that the time has come for her to stand down. Rosemary has filled this position since the Club started in 1984 and we are so very grateful to her for all those years of service. The post does not require any specialised skills.

We would also be delighted if some of our riders might like to join the Committee. We meet approx every two months, usually on a Monday evening, and it would be an opportunity for you to become involved in the running of the Club. Perhaps there are new ideas to be floated or events to promote – all will be considered over a glass of wine. It would be great to welcome some new faces aboard and you are assured of a warm welcome! Please speak to Kirsty if you could volunteer as Treasurer, or a Committee Member.

There are a number of competitions held between the Riding Clubs of London and surrounding areas and we are proposing to raise a team to take part in one or two, in which we ride horses belonging to other Clubs. Please speak to Janet if you might like to participate and note that of course, you must be a member of the HPRC to do so.

**Tickets for the Olympia International Showjumping** are now available at a special group rate of £39.95. An absolute highlight of the Christmas season and not to be missed – this year the programme features Lorenzo, the 'flying Frenchman', the King's Troop, dog agility, Shetland pony races and other events, as well as various international showjumping competitions (to say nothing of the shopping village for all your Christmas presents!) Our group outing is on Thursday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> December. These tickets always sell out rapidly, so please send your cheque of £39.95 to Janet Coe, 7 Abdale Street, London W12 7ER (payable to J Coe)

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- There will be no riding on October 12<sup>th</sup>, as the Park will be closed.
- We are planning a **Cross Country** outing for some of the horses on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October.
- There will be an **evening at Helen's house** (84 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 5PL) on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. We will have a guest speaker, Stuart the farrier who shoes the Cavalry horses, lots of food and good company. Please do bring a bottle and a £5 contribution and let Helen know if you can come.
- **HPRC Christmas Party!** To be held on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at our local Victoria pub, from 7pm on. Always a very jolly affair, so do come along and catch up with old friends and new for pre Christmas drinks and snacks.
- **The Horse of the Year Show** runs from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October at the NEC, Birmingham if any of our riders are interested in making the trip.

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## **OTHER NEWS for 2009**

Please let Kirsty know if you are interested in undertaking the training required to enable you to take the *Riding and Road Safety test*. It would be great if we could get a group together for this – it's very good preparation for riding on the roads, which is an important consideration for the coming darkening winter hours and a training which we encourage everybody to undergo.

We plan to field a team for the *Open Quiz* at the Civil Service Sports Centre, date TBC. Any volunteers before we come looking for you?

We will also be looking for you to join a team for another of our infamous *HPRC Quiz* evenings. These are always such good fun – we even permit the boys team a little cheating as they need the help – and will be held at the Victoria on an evening in January. (A lack of advanced horsey knowledge is not really a handicap).

A trip to the *Racehorse Sanctuary* in Sussex is also planned next year – more details when available.

If there is any activity or outing you are interested in, speak to Lisa in the first instance and she will put it to the Committee and we'll do our best to arrange something. New ideas most welcome! In the meantime, please renew your subscriptions promptly and keep up your riding!

### **Committee Members**

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