

Melton Hunt Club

2011 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Another season and another Members' Newsletter, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Masters and the Hunt committees for all their help and support of the Melton Hunt Club. Sadly with the very difficult weather conditions members were unable to take up as many days as usual. Hopefully 2011 season will prove to be more open. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sally Thornton for all her hard work. Garthorpe has had a successful year but costs are always on the increase. I wish everyone a very successful hunting season. *Joey Newton*

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011/2012

The following Subscription Rates have been agreed for the current season:

Hunting Membership (including Cross Country & Point to Point): £30 per annum by Standing Order or £40 p.a.

Existing Hunting Members who pay by Banker's Order (£15 or more) will remain the same.

Cross Country Ride Membership: £10 per annum

Point to Point: £5 per annum.

It is a rule of the Club that all members must be paid up members of the **Countryside Alliance** and **Subscribers of a recognised Hunt.**

FIXTURES 2011/2012

Saturday 4th February 2012 - Cross Country Ride Drinks and Sweepstake party 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm at, Goadby Marwood by kind invitation of Vicky and Harry Westropp.

Sunday 5th February 2011 (or if postponed Sunday 12th February 2012) - Cross Country Ride in the Belvoir Hunt country in the Waltham-on-the-Wolds area and kindly sponsored by the **John Cheatle Group**. The line will be approximately 3.5 miles over natural hunting country. The Committee does not guarantee that it will be free from wire, but every effort will be made to take it down wherever possible. The minimum weight for all will be 11 stone 7lbs

Prizes - in addition to the first four will be:

1st Lady, 1st Gentleman, 1st Farmer, 1st Under 25

1st Novice (neither horse or rider to have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Point to Point, Team Chase or Cross Country Ride)

1st Veteran (over 50), 1st Guards Saddle Club

1st King's Troop, 1st Soldier on an Army Horse

1st Line Cavalryman

1st Cambridge Undergraduate/Graduate

1st Middleweight (13 – 15½ stone)

1st Heavyweight (Over 15½ stone)

1st Local Heavyweight Farmer (over 15½ stone)

Ridden by a resident Quorn, Belvoir or Cottesmore Farmer)

1st Belvoir Member (Farmer or Subscriber)

Entry Forms can be downloaded from the MHC website state which special prizes you are eligible for. There is no entry fee but a minimum donation of £50 is expected to cover the damage and for entertaining the Farmers. Cheques should be made payable to Melton Hunt Club Cross Country Ride Account and sent with a small stamped addressed envelope for a map and instructions to the Secretary.

GARTHORPE POINT-TO-POINTS 2012

Cottesmore – Sunday 4th March

Belvoir – Saturday 31st March

Quorn – Sunday 29th April

Melton Hunt Club – Saturday 12th May

Meynell and South Staffs – Saturday 26th May

Entrance will be £10 per head (children free). Forward Parking can be reserved in advance at £10 extra per car – contact the meeting Secretary. Forward parking paid for seven days in advance £20 for MHC members at the MHC point-to-point.

Annual General Meeting

will be held at 8.00 pm
on Monday 24th October 2011
at The Manners Arms, Knipton.

Nominations for the Committee and notice of Any Other Business should be received by the Secretary in writing at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of the 2010 AGM
- 2 Chairman's Address
- 3 Financial Statement
- 4 Election of Officers
- 5 Fixtures 2011/12
- 6 Any Other Business

HUNTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2011/12

By kind permission of the Joint Masters, arrangements are as follows:

Members, who must have paid their Hunting Subscription to the Club for the 2011/2012 season and live *outside* the hunt country are allowed **TWO days** with each of the Hunts.

Members living *within* the hunt country are allowed **ONE day** with each Hunt.

All days have a 50% reduced cap for the required day. Application should be made to Sally Thornton (NOT the individual Hunt Secretary) as soon as possible as numbers are very limited per day. Availability can be checked by telephone or email as detailed below.

Caps must be paid, on the day, to the Hunt Secretary. To assist the Hunt Secretary **please** put your cash/cheque in an envelope, with your name on the outside.

Belvoir: Saturday: High £75, Low £45,
All other days £40

Cottesmore: Tuesday £75, Saturday £45, Thursday £35

Quorn: Monday/Friday - £75 for a 2 horse day
or £65 for a 1 horse day Tues/Sat £40

Meynell: All days £55

Anyone giving less than 48 hours notice of cancellation will be expected to pay the appropriate cap to the Hunt.

The Masters wish me to point out that the Hunts sacrifice a number of Full Caps so that Melton Hunt Club members can hunt. The Committee would like to impress on members that they are guests of the Hunt and the Farmers and this concession can be withdrawn at any time.

Accounts: Subscriptions received for the 2009/10 season were as expected. The Hunts received £1500 each as a direct donation and the Cottesmore a further £500 for holding the Cross Country Ride. Donations were given to The County Air Ambulance (from the Cross Country Ride), Marie Curie Cancer Care (Entries from the Novice Championship at the Point- to-Point), Hunt Staff Benefit Society and the Countryside Alliance.

Cross Country Ride – was in the Cottesmore country at Knossington, attracted a good entry, and was held at the third attempt! Three of the first four were debutants Catherine Atkinson winning, Patrick Millington second, Harriet Walker third, also picking up all the Cottesmore special prizes.

Full results available on MHC website
www.melton-hunt-club.org.uk

We are extremely grateful to the landowners and farmers over whose land the Ride took place. Their generosity is much appreciated.

GARTHORPE POINT TO POINTS 2011

Cottesmore Hunt

There was a high turnout of runners for the Cottesmore Point-to-Point and five of the eight races were won by the favourite. Garthorpe specialist Zilcash took the Ladies race for the Hutchinson family in Gemma's last season race-riding.

Oakham trainer Holly Campbell teamed up with Joe Docker to take the Restricted race with Silver Tenor who is owned by the Silver Hunting Partnership.

Belvoir Hunt

Oliver Greenall rode his 100th winner and at the same time trained his first when sending out Lough Inchiqunn from his Cheshire base to take the Open Maiden race. Meeting secretary James Henderson scored with Aztec Warrior, ridden by his son George, in the Hunt Member's race.

Zilcash maintained his unbeaten record at Garthorpe with an impressive victory in the Mixed Open race.

The Quorn Hunt

Zilcash continued his winning ways when recording a sixth win on the Garthorpe course in the AGA Ladies Open. Antonia Bealby saddled both the Maiden race winners; Ordellia in the Open Maiden and the Henderson homebred Say No in the Young horse Maiden. The highlight of the day was a spectacular win by the 13year old Denvale who defied a seven pounds penalty to take the Michael Farrin Memorial Men's Open race for the Quorn Gold Cup. Denvale was subsequently retired and this turned out to be the last riding win for Richard Hunnisett who announced that he was hanging up his boots at the end of the season. Hunnisett, who enjoyed 17 seasons of race riding, will be very much missed at Garthorpe.

Melton Hunt Club

This was a good day for James Henderson, George Henderson and Antonia Bealby who teamed up for a four timer. Dream Garden returned to winning ways in the Club Member's Conditions race when beating Walter's Laddie and Aztec Warrior took the Open race. The enigmatic The Luder, rejuvenated by his hunting, made most of the running to win the Midlands Area Club race. Say No took part in one of two "walk overs" due to the poor turnout of runners for this meeting.

The Meynell & South Staffs Hunt

An exceptionally dry spring meant that Brian Crawford and his team had to water the course for four of the five meetings.

The hard work paid off at this meeting at least with 61 runners contesting 7 races. The highlight came in the Mixed Open race when the Yorkshire horse Sea Senior beat Plenty Of Chat by ten lengths. Despite being very ill, Sea Senior's owner Bryan Dunn was able to lead his final winner into the Garthorpe enclosure. Mr Dunn, a former bookmaker and successful owner sadly died in July.

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