

Melton Hunt Club

2016 NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2016

www.melton-hunt-club.org.uk

1st October

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. I would also like to thank all the farmers that allow the MHC members to hunt over their land. 2015 was a very successful season for the MHC hunts, as always the support from the farmers was fantastic. Garthorpe had a very successful season with the weather being kind on four of the five racedays. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Sally Thornton for all her hard work. I wish everyone a very enjoyable season be it hunting, point to pointing or cross country riding! *Joey Newton*

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2016/2017

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

Hunting Membership

(including Cross Country & Point to Point):
£40 per annum by Standing Order or £50 p.a.

Existing Hunting Members

who pay by Banker's Order (£35 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 RECOGNIZED HUNT.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 7.00 pm 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 2015 AGM
- 2 Chairman's Address
- 3 Financial Statement
- 4 Election of Officers
- 5 Fixtures 2016/17
- 6 Any Other Business



EVENTS in 2016/2017

Sunday 19th February 2017 Cross Country Ride in the Quorn country near Great Dalby. The line will be approximately 3.5 miles over natural hunting country. Entry Forms can be downloaded from the MHC website.

Please state which special prizes you are eligible for. There is no entry fee but a minimum donation of £60 is expected to cover the damage and for entertaining the Farmers.

Cheques should be made payable to **Melton Hunt Club** and sent with the entry form.

HUNTING ARRANGEMENTS – 2016/17

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

Members, who must have paid their Hunting Subscription to the Club for the 2016/2017 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, in advance via Sally Thornton and Paypal
Belvoir: Saturday £85. Tuesday and Thursday £55

Cottesmore: Tuesday £75, Saturday £60, Thursday £30

Quorn: Monday/Friday £75 Tuesday £45

Meynell/Derbyshire: Saturdays & Derbyshire £75. All other days £50

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.

2017 POINT-TO-POINTS AT GARTHORPE

Cottesmore - Sunday 26th February

Belvoir - Saturday 25th March

Quorn - Saturday 29th April

Melton Hunt Club - Sunday 21st May

Meynell and South Staffs - Saturday 3rd June

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.



Race members at Garthorpe, May 2016

ACCOUNTS

Profit/Loss 2015

X Country Ride Account	£422.83
Point to Point Account	£3962.56
Main Account	-£1400.03

The Hunts received £4500 each as a direct donation and the Belvoir a further £500 for holding the Cross Country Ride. Donations were made to the Hunt Servants Benefit and Countryside Alliance.

CROSS COUNTRY RIDE

Lycett's Melton Ride took place in the Belvoir Country on Sunday 7th February. It was a twisty course which started close to the famous Belvoir covert Waltham Thorns before looping round Newman's and finishing on Gorse Farm.

A strong field of 37 started with competitors coming from Cornwall and Ireland. There was drama before the start with Mathew Mackley's reins breaking on the canter to the start forcing him to use a lead rein as a rein. George Henderson made a welcome return to race riding by taking an early lead. However the race was reshaped when the first four fell at the first lane crossing. All remounted including Rory Bevan who went on to win the race.

The Belvoir hosted a lively pre-race drinks evening the night before and comprehensive set of refreshments following the race.

- 1st Rory Bevan
- 2nd Richard Walker
- 3rd Suzy Culloty
- 1st Veteran Richard Walker
- 1st Heavyweight Ian Anderson

GARTHORPE POINT TO POINTS 2016

Cottesmore – Sunday 8th March

A large crowd endured a chilly day at Garthorpe and were rewarded with some excellent racing. There were doubles for trainers Gerald Bailey and Tommie Morgan and jockey Sam Davies-Thomas, wins for leading jockeys Gina Andrews and Claire Hart.

John Russell rode Gunmoney to a third consecutive victory, sadly injured in the Restricted.

Lara Mahon and Awesome George won the Club race The winner beat the impressive His Excellency(Claire Hart) by half a length. The Conditions race produced one of the most impressive performances of the day from Mr Madeit and George Greenock, beating Nobby Kivambo by ten lengths. Agent For Chaos won the Restricted Race. Tom Morgan's yard had started the day well with a victory in the Garthorpe Hunts Club Members Race for Sam Davies-Thomas and Tulsa. They come home four-lengths clear of For A Change, which was last seen winning the Melton Hunt Ride under jockey Rory Bevin. The PPORA Club Members was won in style by Claire Hart, riding Dabinett Moon, who finished 20 lengths clear of Oliver James and Court Red Handed. The first division of the Maiden was won by leading jockey Gina Andrews and Samarnni, trained by husband Tom Ellis, by 15 lengths from Mister Serious and Another Coalition. The Martin Weston trained Western Climate won the second division of the Maiden on his British pointing debut with Leo Mahon in the plate.

Belvoir

Provided good racing on challenging ground, including a treble for Gina Andrews, a double for Tom Chatfield-Roberts and his family and a double for the Bealby yard. The PPORA Club Members Race for Novice Riders was the day's opener and produced a convincing winner for Numbercruncher. Owner/rider David O'Brien had made the trip over from his base at

J.J. O'Shea's yard in Cheshire to qualify for the Dodson & Horrell PPORA Club Novice Riders Series L'Eldorado was the first of Tom Chatfeild-Roberts winners of the afternoon, in the Garthorpe Hunts Club Members Race. The Intermediate Race was won by Gina Andrews. Gina Andrews enjoyed a second win in the next race, the Mixed Open, as she piloted 7-year-old favourite Grand Gold to victory by 2 lengths from Panama Canal. The Andrews treble swiftly followed in the Restricted race as Samarnni edged a great finish by a short head. Family concern For A Change, ridden by Rory Bevin was the unlucky second. TBA Club Members Race for Mares and Fillies was another slow race but it eventually went to the top-rated She's Real, giving Tom Chatfeild-Roberts his first double. The Helen Connors-trained mare is half-sister to Real Milan. Open Maiden race was won by The Bay Oak, owned by Helen Connors, trained by Chris Bealby and ridden by Tom Strawson.

Quorn

There was a treble for Gina Andrews at the Quorn meeting at Garthorpe on Saturday, while the feature race of the day, the Mens Open (Quorn Gold Cup) was won by Tom McClorey and Thetalkinghorse for Mrs Moody. Gina Andrews opened her account in the Ladies Open with an impressive display on board Susan Busby's Top Smart.

Andrews' other winners both came from the Maiden divisions. The first Quick Oats who beat a spirited Robin De Boss (Kelly Morgan) by four lengths, The second division saw a close finish between Celtic Silver (Gina Andrews) and Hurricane Vic (Tom Strawson. The opening race of the day was the Members race L'Eldorado eventually triumphing by five lengths. .

The second, a Midlands Area Members race, was a battle between the three horses who had sat in behind. Proximo produced a great finish to beat an improving Grumblers Holt (Tom McClorey) by $\frac{3}{4}$ L with Kazuri Kate. The fifth race was a Members race for nine-year-old and over horses who had not won for since December 2014. Theodore Lamb (Hugh Nugent) won very easily. PPORA Members Conditions, saw a second victory in quick succession for the local Bevin team, with Bravehearted Harry ably ridden by the owner's son Rory.

Melton Hunt Club

The card included three pony races and seven horse races, including the Dodson & Horrell PPORA Members Club Novice Rider Championship Final. The feature race included several front-runners and a fast pace was set from the outset by Count Salazar (A. Bradley) and Kriss William (Mrs R. Turner) leading the way, with Qoubilai (Miss C. Crane) and Western Promise (F. Timmis) in hot pursuit. At the start of the last lap there was a significant gap between the pace setters and the rest but the fast pace was taking its toll and Real Milan (J. Jones) and Susquehanna River (P. Bullard) were able to pick their way back through the field. After the last odds-on-favourite Real Milan had enough left in the tank to pull away and put six lengths between himself and Western Promise, with Susquehanna River six lengths behind them. The mixed open race looked a one-horse race and so it turned out, with Thetalkinghorse (T. McClorey) notching up another win for owner Mrs. Moody and trainer Gerald Bailey. The Members Conditions race had 15 starters. Proximo (J. Andrews), wearing cheekpieces for the first time, travelled

well at the front of the field and just had enough of a finish left to hold off Always the optimist. The Restricted was another race with a close finish, Quick Oats beating a gutsy Avidius Cassius in the last 100 metres of the course. TBA Mares and Fillies race with only 2 of 10 entries declaring. She's Real (T. Chatfeild-Roberts) set the early pace, which was clearly to plan, and as the race went on it was clear that Dream Mistress (F. Henderson) did not have the ability to keep up on this ground. 32 lengths was the distance. Open Maiden race was won by Shempas Iron by a short-head on the line, giving Tom Chatfeild-Roberts his double. The last race of the day was a 2m 4f Maiden for 4, 5 and 6 year-old horses which was won by Odds On Oscar (favourite, but at 2/1).



Real Milan ridden by J Jones winner of the D&H Novice riders final at Garthorpe

MSSH – Sunday 30th May

Meynell had an excellent turnout of 82 runners from an original entry of 131. The Mixed Open looked a really open race on paper. However, when Nick Orpwood gave Battle Range the office after the third last, the combination steadily drew clear to win by twelve lengths from Broughtons Bandit second with Time Gentlemen third. There was a double at the meeting for Zac Baker on The Gunner Brady in the Intermediate and Well Said in the concluding 4, 5, And 6-year-old Maiden over 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The Club Members Race saw another outstanding ride from Gina Andrews to win on Quick Oats. PPORA Club Members race for Novice Riders, Jack Andrew on local course specialist Lough Inch set out to make all and although the prolific Tempelpirate was produced by Ben Hicks with a good challenge at the last, the superior jump from Lough Inch quickly settled the matter with Liz Harris' charge staying on well to win by three lengths. The Restricted, Richard Collinson on the favourite looked to have slipped the field on Torann na Dtonn but Sam Davies-Thomas came with a sustained late run on the Jimmy Tarry-trained Nelson's Legend to get up in the last few strides winning by half a length.

Clerk Of The Course, Brian Crawford and his team did a tremendous job once again in 2016. The proof of this was in the large number of runners and very favourable comments.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and hard-working clerk of the course. He is always both optimistic and cheery!

Joey Newton, Chairman

01664 464411 or 01664 464259

Sally Thornton, Secretary

01949 860984 or 0771 264 7557

Hall Farm, Stonesby, Melton Mowbray, Leics LE14 4PY e-mail chairman.mhc@melton-hunt-club.org.uk

PLEASE, IF YOU RECEIVE THIS BY POST, COULD WE POSSIBLY HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS