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Hello Area 1B Members,

Another season has finished and Christmas and New Year will soon be upon us. Well what can I say, this has been another successful season for our area with lots of members qualifying and competing at Royal International, HOYS and then Olympia soon. Many members have had lots of other brilliant achievements also during this past year both locally and at other shows and events. Well done to you all.

This year our annual points prize giving was held at The Villa Levens and what a wonderful evening it was. We were lucky to have Simon Richardson again to commentate and Pat Pattinson to present the prizes, which made the occasion very special. A record number of 149 attended and it was lovely to see so many young and new members who are the up and coming future of the area. I can predict that in a couple of years we will also have another influx of lead rein riders!! Thank you to all those who supported the evening. The Villa Management and Staff worked hard with us to make sure it was a huge success and enjoyable. All 1B members who qualified for RI, HOYS and Olympia as usual received a special momento, from the area, this year being a stable door plaque, with the riders name and show/s they had qualified for. Everyone who submitted a points card received a lovely rosette, and sashes were awarded to the class champions and reserves. However, we do need to replace/repair several trophies and trophy winners are asked to return them early in 2018 so the committee can get them repaired or replaced.

Although there were no wins at HOYS for the area this year, we had some riders qualifying in more than one class, (with Vicki Shaw qualifying in a record number of four classes), and there were many excellent placings, for our members and ponies. However, we did have three first prize winners at RI, as follows:-

Abbie Kirkbride riding Hoptarden Play Boy, winner of the small plaited coloured ridden championship, also winning the Junior championship.

Emma Boardman on Dyffryngwy Sir Picasso, won the open ridden C & D Heritage M & M Championship.

And Georgie Osmond who won the 122cm M & M WHP championship, with Llafar Tia. Georgie was also 4th at HOYS with Tia again in the 122 cm M & M WHP class.

Well done Abbie, Emma and Georgie, an excellent achievement for you all.

We hope Olympia will be just as successful and good luck to those competing.

Once again we entered a Young Judges team, at the summer championships, being Sophie & Lucy Jones and Sophie Barker. Unfortunately they were unplaced, this year, however Lucy Jones and Sophie Barker were 2nd and 3rd at the NPS Championships in their Young Judges competition. Well done girls. Hopefully Young Judges training will continue this forthcoming year and you are all welcome to attend, whatever age. Please look out for notices of training days/evenings on the website/facebook.

The AGM was held at Lane Farm, Crooklands in October when two Committee resignations were received. Anne Wybergh has been on the committee with Dawn Myerscough for several years and I would like to thank them both for the hard work they have done on behalf of the area whilst serving on the committee. Two new committee members were nominated, being Rachel Robson and Gillian Brass. Tasty refreshments were provided by Lynsey Crayston and my sincere thank you goes to her for providing this for us.

The annual accounts were produced at the AGM and although we still have a healthy bank balance our expenses are increasing each year for the general running costs of the area, and shows, and we may have to purchase some equipment after the theft from County Showfield of some of the shared items. Therefore any sponsors would be greatly appreciated for 2018. If anyone knows of anyone who would like to sponsor the area, either with prizes, rosettes, cash etc. please let a committee member know. Many thanks to our sponsors for this year, being Rob Udale, of Robinson Udale, Chartered Accountants, Penrith, Mole Valley Farmers, Whittaker & Co Chartered Surveyors and Mandy Graham & Family, Annan. Also thank you to all who donated raffle prizes for our prize giving, which raised £270. The sponsorship money this year went towards subsidising the presentation evening.

We have run several training days during the season but if anyone has any ideas for training or has any specific requests please either let myself or a committee members know. In October, we had a training day at Greenlands in the fantastic new outside arena, with Ben and Pam, with both flatwork and jumping groups. But unfortunately this day was not very well supported, probably due to the fact that BSJA were running a clinic on the same day at the same venue. However, everyone who did attend thoroughly enjoyed the day and the trainers and facilities were fab. Please tell us if you would like more training like this in 2018.

We have a page on our 1B website for anyone to send in their photographs, achievements, special wins/news so these can be viewed on our website. Please send in to myself and I will forward to our website manager to post for you. This brings me to thank Nick Jackson, who does this job voluntarily, for keeping our website up to date for us, displaying schedules etc. Please refer to this so you can keep updated with information on the area www.bspsarea1b.com committee contact details are also on this website in case you wish to contact anyone.

The next Chairmans meeting at Head Office is in May 2018 and I will be attending this meeting, so if you require anything to be discussed, regarding rules etc. please can you put it in writing either directly to head office with a copy to myself or you can just send it to me. Head Office will not consider anything unless its in writing and has a signature on it, however, if its confidential it will be treated as such as long as it is signed.

We will be holding our first committee meeting of the season in January 2018 so if you require anything discussing or have any ideas please let me know. We will be discussing the presentation evening for 2018 and where it will be held and a date will be organised. This has to be booked early so we get a date which is suitable for us. This year the presentation was subsidised by the area and we cannot therefore guarantee that we will be able to do this again, but we will try our best to keep the cost of the presentation to an acceptable figure. Again if any members have any ideas or suggestions on how this could be improved please do not hesitate to let us know. Ideas for fundraising, social events will also be considered. Any nominations for special awards or prizes will be gratefully received and considered by the committee for 2018.

You should all be receiving information either via our facebook page, website or e mail but if you are not receiving any communication or you know anyone who is not please get in touch with myself or a committee member and we can sort it for you. Sometimes we do not always receive the

correct details from Head Office and we can only send out info on the details we receive from them. Or some members may not have access to electronic communication.

Finally, may I thank all 1B committee for their hard work and support in the running of the area, shows, presentation etc. I know how hard you all work, it is very much appreciated and I trust that all members will feel the same. 1B would not be able to run without the dedication and work carried out by the committee. We still always need extra helpers at shows, and training days, setting up, clearing away and general running and organising of events so please always offer your help if you can, even if its only a couple of hours stewarding. Remember Committee members also have ponies and families competing at shows, so all extra offers of help will be appreciated.

I am out of action at the moment after having an operation on my foot, and will be unable to get to any shows etc. for approximately six weeks, so want to take this opportunity of wishing you all a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year. If any of you are passing by please give me a ring and call in for a cuppa (or something stronger!) , as I wont be going very far.

Good Luck for 2018, hoping to see you all soon once I am up and running again.

Love and best wishes.

Carol

(Area 1B Chairman)

Dates for your 2018 Diary

21st January 2018 Winter Show, Myerscough

5th May 2018 Spring Show, Crooklands

14th July 2018 Summer Show, Crooklands