

MELTON HUNT CLUB

2018 NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2018

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

JOEY NEWTON

As the heatwave summer subsides, our minds at MHC HQ are turning with excitement to the upcoming hunting season. We hope that our Members' Newsletter once again whets your appetite for another exciting season of high quality sport ahead, made more accessible to you through your Melton Hunt Club membership. 2017-18 was a very successful season for the MHC hunts, as always the support from the farmers was fantastic, and we hope that this season will bring all our members a good dose of the usual thrills and spills. **Please do get the most out of your membership by using your reduced cap days; we love seeing our members out.** Garthorpe is run by the MHC for the hunts' and our members' benefit and continues to thrive, as does the Cross Country Ride and we hope you can join us for more high quality sport, be it hunting, point-to-pointing or cross country riding again this year.

HUNTING ARRANGEMENTS 2018/19

By kind permission of the joint masters, the **Melton Hunt Club** allows you to enjoy the some of the best hunting in the shires for a **reduced cap**, arrangements are as follows:

Members must have paid their Hunting Subscription to the club for the season, **by standing order only** (forms available on MHC website)

Those that live **outside** the MHC hunt country are allowed **TWO days** with each hunt.

Those **within** the MHC hunt country are allowed **ONE day** with each hunt.

All days have a 50% reduced cap

Application should be made to Joey Newton (not the individual Hunt Secretary) as soon as possible - numbers are limited. Availability can be checked by telephone or email

T: 07785 291 915

E: joeynewton1@gmail.com

Caps must be paid via the website (Paypal)

Full details are on the MHC website

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SUBSCRIPTIONS 2018/2019

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

Hunting Membership (including Cross Country & Point to Point): £50 per annum **by Standing Order only** (forms available on MHC website)

Existing Hunting Members who pay by Standing Order (£40 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.

Belvoir	Saturday £90	Tuesday £55	Thursday £55
Cottesmore	Tuesday £85	Saturday £55	Thursday £40
Quorn	Monday £75	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.

We hope that MHC members can make the most of this fantastic opportunity to hunt in some of the most special country, kindly given by The Masters by sacrificing full caps and by the generosity of farmers in allowing the hunts. This is what the MHC was created for!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at 7.00 pm on
Wednesday 31st October 2018
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 2017 AGM**
- 2 Chairman's Address**
- 3 Financial Statement**
- 4 Election of Officers**
- 5 Fixtures 2018/19**
- 6 Any Other Business**

2019 POINT-TO-POINTS AT GARTHORPE

Cottesmore - Sunday 24th February

Belvoir – Sunday 24th March

Quorn - Sunday 28th April

Melton Hunt Club - Sunday 12th May

Meynell and South Staffs - Saturday 1st June

Entrance will be £13 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.

ACCOUNTS

Profit/Loss 2017

Main Account	£ -90.27
Point to Point Account	£ 4385.85
X Country Ride Acc	£ 2982.95

The Hunts received £4000 each as a direct donation and the Cottesmore a further £500 for holding the Cross Country Ride. Donations were given to Hunt Staff Benefit Society and the Countryside Alliance.

CROSS COUNTRY RIDE

The Melton Ride kindly sponsored by 8 OUTDOOR took place in the Cottesmore Country on Sunday 19th November 2017. It was a great course with many alternatives in the first two miles. Starting near Launde Abbey Rd and finished near Abbey Farm in a loop around Withcote Hall and past Sauvey Castle.

A strong field of 33 started with competitors coming from far and wide. There was fast pace set with major pile up at fence three where Zoe Gibson took the lead followed closely by last year's winner who was one of the leaders before falling at the fourth last. Jack Quinlan did well to finish 3rd after a runout at the first and third fence.

- 1st Zoe Gibson for the Fifth time
- 2nd Ollie Finnegan
- 3rd Jack Quinlan
- 1st Veteran - Richard Walker
- 1st Heavyweight - Chris Gibbon

EVENTS IN 2018/2019

Sunday 3rd February
Cross Country Ride

- In the Belvoir country near Hose. 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 and should be sent with the entry form.





Cottesmore - Golden Tobouggan (Claire Hardwick) - Ladies Open



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GARTHORPE 2018 POINT TO POINTS

Clerk Of The Course Brian Crawford and his team did a tremendous job once again in 2018. 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!

Raceday reports can be found at www.midlandspointing.com



Cottesmore - Mr Madeit (George Greenock) - 9-year-olds and over



Quorn - Can Mestret (Gina Andrews) - Race 3 - Ladies Open



Emma Newton presenting the Midlands Area Leading Pony Rider Award to Violet Barton (right)