

MELTON HUNT CLUB

2019 NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

JOEY NEWTON

As the autumnal weather really sets in, our minds at MHC HQ are turning with excitement to the upcoming hunting season. High quality sport lies ahead and this is made more accessible to you through your Melton Hunt Club membership. 2018-19 was another great 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 some great sport. **Please do get the most out of your membership by using your reduced cap days; we love seeing our members out.** There have been a number of changes taking place within the MHC hunts and you will find all the details in this newsletter. 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 2019/20

We would like to welcome new masters of all the hunts and the new huntsmen of the Quorn and Cottesmore. We hope that many of our members can take the opportunity to come and see the new huntsmen in action.

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

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Caps must be paid via the website (Paypal)

Full details are on the MHC website

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Belvoir	High Leics. £80	Low Leics. £45	Lincs. £40
Cottesmore	Tuesday £85	Saturday £55	Thursday £45
Quorn	Monday £75	Friday £75	Tuesday £40
Meynell & Derbyshire	Saturdays & Derbyshire £80	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!

BELVOIR UPDATE

'WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS'

There are some changes afoot at the Belvoir this season. In Leicestershire some of the mid-week Thursdays are returning to Wednesdays. Perfect for those who hunt mid-week and weekends.

There will be a total of 6 high Wednesdays planned across the season in addition to their usual high Saturdays.

'We hope this gives visitors more choice so they can enjoy hunting our best country now on Wednesdays and Saturdays' commented Tom Kingston Joint Master of the Belvoir. Also, joining the team at Belvoir this season is the young up and coming amateur jockey Tom Chatfeild-Roberts who will be field mastering some of the high days along with Tom Kingston.

The MHC Cap for the Belvoir High Days is £80 and it's recommended you book your day's in as early as possible to avoid disappointment!

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2019/2020

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 30th
October 2019

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.



2020 POINT-TO-POINTS AT GARTHORPE

Cottesmore - Sunday 23rd February

Belvoir - Sunday 29th March

Quorn - Saturday 25th April

Melton Hunt Club - Sunday 10th May

Meynell and South Staffs - Saturday 6th June

Entrance will be £15 per head (children free).

E-tickets are available in advance with discounts from www.garthorpe.com

Forward Parking can be reserved in advance at £10 extra per car – contact the meeting Secretary.

For MHC members only premier forward parking incl 4 admissions can be purchased in advance (before 3rd May 2020) for the MHC meeting. Apply secretary.

ACCOUNTS

Profit/Loss 2018

Main Account	£ 3184.67
Point to Point Account	£ 3354.25
X Country Ride Acc	£ 2586.80

The Hunts received £4000 each as a direct donation and the Belvoir 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 CHESTNUT HORSE FEEDS took place in the Belvoir Country on Sunday 3rd February 2019. It was a great course that has opened up some new country. Starting at Sheepwash the course ran along Harby Hills to cross Pasture Lane, finishing close by Highfield Farm, Long Clawson.

A strong field of 42 started with competitors coming from far and wide. There were early dramas with many coming to grief at the third fence. Rory Bevan among others emerged relatively unscathed to go on to fight it out to the finish. There is a rumour that the winner never walked the course!

1st Maurice Lineham

2nd Rory Bevin

3rd Clare King

1st Veteran - William Fox Grant

1st Heavyweight - William Clayton

CHESTNUT
HORSE FEEDS

EVENTS IN 2019/2020

Sunday 24th November

Cross Country Ride

Once again sponsored by CHESTNUT HORSE FEEDS. In the Quorn country in the Upper Broughton / Hickling area. 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. **Race Start Time will be 12 noon.**

Pre-Ride Party

Will be held at **Whatton House on Saturday 23rd November**. Tickets on the door £15





New Quorn MFH Rowan Cope



Oli Finnegan, new Quorn huntman

GARTHORPE 2019 POINT TO POINTS

Clerk Of The Course Brian Crawford and his team did a tremendous job once again in 2019. We had five good weather days - truly unheard of and it was great to see so many people making the most of it. We had some of the biggest crowds of recent years. We are extremely fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and hard-working clerk of the course who keeps us all in check!

Raceday reports can be found at www.midlandspointing.com



A close finish in the Veteran Horses Conditions Race at the MHC meeting



9 Year Olds and Over Race at the Quorn meeting



Members Conditions Race at the MHC meeting