

The future of the Amateur Showing Society

The Amateur Showing Society has now been running for a number of years. When it was first created we had a large committee that helped spread the work load. Sadly this committee over the years has shrunk, as peoples personal lives and commitments have taken over. This in recent years has dwindled to a very small band of dedicated volunteers who are now struggling to manage the work load of the society alongside full time jobs and their own lives.

When the Society was created there were no amateur classes or shows - The society has brought the need of the amateur to the forefront and there are now lots of shows and classes specifically for the amateur rider.

We are a small committee of just two who work purely on a voluntary basis and are struggling with providing a good level of service to our members around our own personal commitments. We have given the future of the society lots of thought, and many discussions have been held regarding its future, the amount of time we can feasibly give to the society, and how best to move forward from here.

We have come up with the following solution as a way to try and keep the society going:

There will be a 2 day Easter show in 2017 at Keysoe E.C– open to everyone who falls into our eligibility criteria (this criteria will remain the same as it always has been). No qualification needed.

We shall abolish the membership fees and structure – there will just be a signed declaration to complete with show entries to confirm you are eligible to compete. Our complaints procedure will remain a free service.

There will be reduced entry fees at the Easter show for current members so that members who joined before the Summer champs in 2016 still get the benefit of membership over two shows for their membership fee. All memberships will expire after the 2017 Easter show.

For 2017 there will be no summer show.

Looking forwards – if the 2017 Easter show is a success, then we shall endeavour to run both an Easter and a Summer show in 2018 – there will be no qualification or membership required. However, in order for this to happen we need your support.

In order to reduce our running costs we will be discontinuing the phone line and the PO Box, all correspondence will be via email and an alternative postal address.

We hope that our members will support and understand this decision. And we look forward to welcoming you all to our Easter Spectacular show. Schedule available from the website in the new year.

Best Wishes

Andrea & Jenny

