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AVON VALE HUNT TEAM CHASE

**Open Qualifier for
2016 Championships**

Sunday 10th April 2016

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Abbotswood Farm, Bromham, SN15 2JJ
by kind permission of Mr T and Mr S Radbourne

Commencing at 10.00am

PAIRS CLASS AROUND NOVICE TRACK - 2'9"
NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE AND OPEN
TEAM CHASE CLASSES

**Sponsored by Volvo, Fox Grant,
& WebsterHart**

For information on other events, please visit the
AVH website www.avonvalehunt.co.uk

Catering and bar on site

Car parking £5.00

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SCHEDULE

Class 1 PAIRS

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Fences will not exceed 2'9"

Riders: Any age

Timed section – Fastest pair wins

Entry Fee: £40/ pair - Junior Pair £30 Prizes in kind to 3rd, Rosettes to 6th

Class 2 NOVICE Team Chase

Sponsored by AVH Members

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Teams of 3 or 4 – Riders over 12yrs

Fences will not exceed 2'9".

Time – Optimum (475m/ minute)

Entry fee: £100.00

Prizes in kind to 3rd rosettes to 6th

Class 3 GATE JUMPING –

Sponsored by Hudds Farm Liveries

Starting at 2'6"

Entry fee: £15.00

Winner(s) takes all - £100.00!!

Class 4 OPEN – (QUALIFIER) Sponsored by Fox Grant Estate Agents

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Teams – Riders over 16yrs

Horses - over 148cms

Fences 3'9"

Time – speed. (Fastest team wins)

Entry Fee £140.00 Prizes: 1st £350, 2nd £150, 3rd £100 4th £50

Rosettes to 6th place

Class 5 INTERMEDIATE – (SPEED) Kindly sponsored by Volvo

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Teams – Riders over 16yrs Horses – over 148cms

Fences - 3'3" Time - Speed

Entry fee: £120 Prizes: 1st £150; 2nd £100; 3rd £50

Rosettes to 6th place. Prize for the best AVH Team

Class 6 INTERMEDIATE (OPTIMUM TIME)

Teams – Riders over 16yrs

Horses – over 148cms

Fences - 3'3"

Time – Optimum (520m/minute)

Entry fee: £120

Prizes: In kind 1st to 3rd & rosettes to 6th place

Due to the costs of emergency services, a £3 donation per competitor is required for First Aid cover.

A deposit of £10/ pair and £20/ team for number bibs. NO exceptions!

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RULES and CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. MFHA TEAM CHASE RULES APPLY for ALL Classes .These may be viewed on www.teamchasing.co.uk and in the Secretaries tent on the day. Some of these rules are mentioned below, along with the Avon Vale Hunt Rules.
2. HORSES may not compete twice in a class. Horses may not run in two Team Chase Classes.
3. For TEAM CHASE CLASSES (2,4,5 & 6) each TEAM is to consist of a maximum of FOUR HORSES AND RIDERS and at least three must complete the course to finish. Team members are started together. First horse starts the clock and the time of the third horse to finish, will be the finishing time for the team. In the event of a tie the fourth horse to finish will decide.
4. In class 6, the closer to the Optimum Time (OT), the less time faults incurred. The OT is calculated from the speed declared, over the course for each Class. A slower time away from the OT will be placed higher than a faster time away from the OT.
5. COURSE LENGTHS and NUMBER OF FENCES, stated in the schedule, are approximate. FENCE HEIGHTS refer to the maximum height of fixed rails.
6. In ALL CLASSES competitors must JUMP every fence on their course only, in order, and pass between all designated flags.
7. PENALTIES in TEAM CHASE CLASSES (2,4,5 & 6) will be scored as follows: REFUSALS will not be penalised, but a competitor who has more than three refusals at any one fence, or five in total, will be eliminated and must leave the course. The team will be disqualified for abuse of this rule by any individual member. A single FALL OF ANY RIDER will not be penalised. Three horses must be within the PEN at one time or a 20 second time PENALTY will be awarded.
8. When a HORSE FALLS during any class, it is immediately eliminated and may not continue on the course. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground, or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself. This does not prevent horses which stumble or refuse, thus unseating the rider, from being re-mounted to continue.
9. In all classes, after TWO FALLS BY A RIDER, which are not horse falls, the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire.
10. Team members, officials, or attendants are permitted in any class to retrieve and return a loose horse to its rider; they may ASSIST a rider to RE-MOUNT at his request, as long as it is safe to do so and no injury has been sustained.
11. Each Team will be given a STARTING TIME. Any team missing its correct time may be fitted in at the end of the Class, if possible.
12. Each Team / Competitor must report to the COLLECTING RING Steward 10 minutes before their actual starting time.
13. All competitors will be given NUMBER BIBS. Team Captains shall be responsible for the collection and the return of these. Competitors are asked to ride in the correct colour and to notify the Secretary of any team changes. **There will be a deposit required for team numbers of £5 for each number.**
14. Competitors may exercise their horses beforehand only in the area provided, which includes a PRACTICE jump.
15. All competitors must wear HEADGEAR and a BACK PROTECTOR to current British Safety Standards (see MFHA rule 7.) Team Chase competitors must report to the Secretary, with their helmets if they have not previously received a Hat Tag. Anyone mounted must wear a safety helmet. Hunting, cross country or team dress to be worn.
16. The ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHTS to: Withhold or amend any prize or cancel any class because of insufficient entries; Alter the advertised times; Refuse any entry with or without stating reasons; Alter the course or leave out any obstacle before or during the competition; Split a class if there is significant change in course; Eliminate any competitor not adhering to the rules; Eliminate any horse they consider to be exhausted; Eliminate any competitor for excessive use of the whip.
17. No refund of entry fees will be made if the event is POSTPONED due to bad weather or any other unforeseen circumstances; team chase entry fees will be carried forward to the next date the team or individual is able to compete, but within 13 months of the event. In the event of ABANDONMENT, after the start of the event, refunds of 30% of Entry Fees may be offered on receipt of a SSAE from individual competitors to the Secretary. If the event is CANCELLED, 75% of entry fees will be returned.
18. Junior Pairs – to qualify as a Junior Pair, both riders must be 16 years old or under. No exceptions.