



CRESTA RUN

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Dear Member

Those of you who were unable to attend the AGM (the Minutes will be available on the website shortly) will already have read Lady Brabazon's email, explaining that the meeting's highlight was **Richie Robbins** receiving his Honorary Club Colours after 27 remarkable years' service to your favourite Club. I know Members will contribute generously to Richie's leaving stipend. If you missed the email, it can be seen [here](#) on the website.

You will probably also have heard there was extensive discussion about the future opportunities, if any, for **Ladies to ride the Cresta Run** following this season's experiments of a Lady Members' morning before the Children's Race on January 2nd, as well as ladies riding in the Services teams.

In my address to the meeting, I set out the historical background of how ladies rode the Cresta Run during the Club's first forty years' existence, before being banned at an AGM attended by a few Members in 1929, with no reason recorded. Four years later, at a rather larger gathering, the earlier decision was endorsed, for medical reasons, with 15 in favour, 10 against, and 12 abstaining.

Whilst there is possible ambiguity in the Club Rules, I assured the meeting that the Committee would organise an Extraordinary General Meeting to address the whole issue of ladies riding, including the "traditional" end of Season event. For there to be any change to the existing status quo, the support of at least two-thirds of those voting (including by proxy) on any proposed resolution(s) is required. As the question directly affects non-Active Life Members, they too will be entitled to vote.

Before calling such an EGM (which will require 21 days' notice), a sub-Committee of five has been asked to assimilate Members' views and to make recommendations to the main Committee meeting in May, after which I will write to the Membership again.

The five on the sub Committee are as follows: Peter Achenbach, Patrick Diethelm, Clifton Wrottesley, Fritz Burkard and Rollo Hoare. You are welcome to express your views to them by emailing peter.achenbach@cresta-run.com who will forward your communication to the others. A transcript of my speech, together with the comments by Members who attended the meeting, has been added to the Members' area of the website if you wish to read it in full (see [here](#)).

I hope you agree this a fair and pragmatic way forward to tackle this issue which elicits such a wide variety of opinions. While this important debate is taking place, I would ask all Members to keep their opinions within the parameters of the Club, and **not** to share any documents or thoughts with the media and social internet forums.

As Ever.