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Dear Member

As promised at February's AGM, the Committee will be calling an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting). This will hopefully will take place during our summer golf, cricket and car rally meeting in the Engadine, July 5-8.

The resolution to be considered concerns Ladies being allowed to use the Run. In accordance with the Club Rules they are not presently allowed to do so.

The Committee's recommendation will be to endorse the findings of the sub-Committee of five who, having exhaustively analysed well over 200 emails from the Membership, have proposed a limited increase in the opportunities for Ladies to ride as SLs, subject to the Committee's discretion and Rule 15, which determines the Secretary's charge of the Run.

Their recommendation is supported by the very significant majority of those who wrote to them. The sub-Committee were overwhelmed not just by the number of emails, but by the considered care with which they had been written.

If the resolution is accepted by the 2/3 required majority of those present voting and those who are unable to attend voting by postal ballot, the same sub-Committee will be asked to review the situation and Member's views again in two years' time.

After some discussion the Committee agreed that only those who were Members of the Club during the Season 2017/18 will be entitled to vote. I will write with more procedural details, and other important matters, in the near future. Meanwhile I cannot thank Peter Achenbach and his sub-Committee enough for their diligent reflection and hours of hard work on this tricky issue. Whilst there are widely divergent opinions, the Committee believe the Members' love of the Cresta Run and their extraordinary spirit are the binding cornerstones for the future health and prosperity of the finest amateur sporting Club in the world.

I assure you the Engadine is more spectacular in summer than winter and so if you've never visited the valley outside of Cresta Season the first weekend in July 2018 presents a wonderful opportunity!

I look forward to seeing you in July, if not before. Yours ever

James Sunley President, SMTC