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President's Letter

28th March 2024

Dear Member

Has everyone recovered? Easter is upon us, April Fool's Day close behind, our Ice Maiden has long since melted. Despite the warm vagaries of the weather, I thought the Season was sensational, with far too many Oscar winning performances on and off the Run to name every one, faithfully all recorded by Melissa and Henry. Please find a link to the **photographs from the Shuttlecock Dinner** [here](#). As I said at the AGM, each and every Member makes our Club what it is, no one individual is more important than another; we are not immortal, the Club is.

In the last year we have sadly said goodbye to some extraordinary Members, most recently Cecilia Eckelmann-Battistello whose spirit and achievements embraced everything Members dream about. The Club has made a donation to her family's chosen charity 'Doctors Without Borders'; with so many areas of the world beset by tragedy and turmoil, this cause has never been more needed.

In May, the Club's Committee meet, a few of us golf at Swinley, and many of us surprise the Cavalry & Guards Club with our thirst. Tilly will send details next week, but in the meanwhile, this Season's **Membership Applications** are [linked here](#). Please write or email the Secretary as instructed **before 19th April**, not necessarily with the King's English, but with Cresta Riders' passion. Duplicate letters will count against the applicant.

The Committee will be finalising next year's calendar, which will mirror recent ones, but hopefully provide more Members' riding time and less for Beginners and SLs. Please however mark the following in your diaries now:

4th June; Billy Fiske Memorial Statue unveiling, US Embassy, London. (This is a ticketed event requiring donations to the Billy Fiske Foundation fund. Please email Tilly if you would like further information about attending.)

5-7th July; St Moritz Summer Events

25-27th October (provisional); Cresta Halloween, Iceland (organised by Sharlie Goddard)

Let me close with a link to the most wonderful historic film of the 1948 Winter Olympics which can

be [downloaded here](#). We are so fortunate that our great sport allows us to play in the paradise that is the Engadine Valley.

Happy Easter.

As Ever.



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