

Secretaries Update

Autumn Issue

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BRC Info

Keeping you up-to-date

www.britishridingclubs.org.uk

Check out our up-dated website which details all the current BRC National Competitions scheduled for 2010 and the latest offers available to all BRC Members. **New** Schedules now available online, with online entries also being taken.

BRC have now moved to the New BHS Head Office, Address: Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ

Out Now - your **New** style Rider Magazine

The Autumn Edition is available Now, packed full of features

- Quadrille Selection Review
- Side Saddle Explained
- Tried & Tested - Stable Rugs
- NAF National Championships Lincoln - Review
- SEIB Horse Trials Championship - Review



BRC Fees for 2011

The fees for 2011 are:

Clubs with up to 80 members
£125 plus **£9.80** per member

Clubs with 81 members or more
£140 plus **£9.80** per member

Leo Harris Award Winner

The 2010 Leo Harris Award has been won by Dawn Harrison of Tannoch Stables Riding Club in Area 1.

Dawn has been a BRC member for over 20 years and is the driving force behind TSRC taking on many roles from car park attendant to Ring Steward.

Welcome

Welcome to the Winter 2010 update. Now that we have a highly informative Enews which is currently sent out monthly we have decided to combine it with Secretaries' Update. The first section contains information which has only been circulated to club officials whilst the remainder of the news letter goes to all members.

This is the first newsletter which will have been sent from our new building at Abbey Park. We are once again back under one roof in a state of the art building which is a pleasure to work in after the old rather dilapidated building. Please make a note of the new staff phone numbers which are detailed below.

We have just come to the end of another busy and successful competition season and we are already planning ahead for the 2011 season. We have made several important rule changes which are summarised in this newsletter. However one important change is that the BRC Rulebook will now run from 1 January to 31 December and the 2011 edition will be mailed to you in December.

As always please contact me with any queries or concerns which you may have. Email s.phillips@bhs.org.uk or tel: 02476 840590.

Best wishes

Sarah Phillips

Flu Vaccination Rules

In order that BRC remains current in its approach towards Equine Flu Vaccinations we have just undertaken a review of the current system in conjunction with The Animal Health Trust. Under the guidance of Richard Newton we have updated our flu vaccination rules, these will be detailed in the 2011 Rulebook. However in summary providing that a horse has been given the first two vaccinations correctly and there are no errors in the annual vaccinations for the past five calendar years then the horse will be accepted for BRC qualifiers and Championships.

Membership Lists and Club Invoices

If you have not already submitted your current membership list please forward to Rhianne Pettifor no later than 26 November 2010, r.pettifor@bhs.org.uk Invoices will be issued in December for 2011.

Please remember that all payments must be received by the due date or your club may be prohibited from competing in Qualifiers and Championships.

Also any person who is not a BRC member and does not appear on the BRC database at the close of prelim entries will not be allowed to compete at the Area Qualifier.

Marketing Tool Kit

There is an updated marketing toolkit now available on the BRC website. You will find this invaluable for producing posters and fliers to advertise your club.

BRC Club of the Year 2010

Cwmaman Riding Club have been selected as the 2010 winners of this prestigious award.

The Club will be presented with their trophy at The Worshipful Company of Saddlers magnificent Saddler's Hall, situated a few metres from St Paul's Cathedral in London on Thursday 18 November 2010.

Cwmaman have been awarded this status based on their overall performance at the BRC Championships that have taken place throughout 2010.

Cwmaman Riding Club was founded in March 2005. Based in Cwmaman and the surrounding area of Ammanford, South West Wales, between Carmarthen and Llanelli, and is in British Riding Clubs Area 21. The Club aims is to accommodate for the competitive and non competitive rider, taking part in all Riding Club activities including Area and National competitions.

Don't forget-

The NEW Northern Region Hunter Trials

Last chance to get your venue registered and members qualified for the Championships which are in April. Call Lucy Wake on: 02476 840598 or email: l.wake@bhs.org.uk

BRC INTERDRESSAGE

...the World's Premier Online Dressage Competition

There are DOUBLE Points on offer throughout November and December for either the BRC or BRC Centre Interdressage Leagues. With Top Prizes on offer.

All tests and entry forms can be found on www.interdressage.com or email Karina Hawkrige - karina@interdressage.com
Tests cost just £10 per entry for dressage and style jumping.

So why not give it a go over the Winter months.

Prelim Entries

After trialling the 14 day deadline for prelim entries, the Riding Clubs committee has taken the decision to revert back to a 21 day deadline. This means all prelim entries close on 30 June or 21 days before the qualifier date, whichever comes first. Absolutely no prelim entries will be accepted after these deadlines, even if the area needs the entries, it is your responsibility to meet the closing date.

Here are a few tips on how to ensure your entries are received on time and that all runs smoothly.

- The safest and quickest method to ensure we receive your entries is via the online system
- You do not need to fill in a prelim entry form if you enter online
- If using the post, recorded delivery is not next day delivery. Items take as long as the class you use to send them, i.e. first or second.
- If posting, next day special delivery is the safest method and you can track your entry.
- We are not in the office on a Saturday so if you use next day delivery on a Friday it will not reach us until Monday.
- If you are worried your entry has not reached us, please call us before the closing date and we will help you make a payment on line and destroy your cheque if and when it arrives, if you leave it until after the closing date to contact us then we are unable to help.
- Please try and send your club prelim entries for each competition altogether. Ideally one person should be responsible for making the entries and then receiving the declaration sheets.

Master Judges, Judges and Assessors Workshop Day

Open to all. Moreton Morrell – 15 January 2011



The day will begin at 9.30am for registration and will be run as a workshop for Riding Test and Style Jumping. This is a chance for Judges and assessors to upgrade.

We would like to invite FBHS, BHSI and BHSII's along to the day too. Even if you are not a judge or instructor and want to come along to see how everything is done please do not hesitate to come along!

We will also be looking for Guinea Pig riders- so please contact Lucy Wake on: 02476 840598 or email: brctraining@bhs.org.uk, if you want to take part. There will be a booking form available on the website very soon!

BRC Judges and Assessors Day

Area 12/19 are holding a Judges and Assessors day at Cholwell EC for all judges and assessors to attend with Master Judge Donn Collins. To be held on 26 March 2011. The day will run from 10-4pm. The day will consist of training for the BRC Riding and Horse Welfare Adviser.

If you have any dates in your area, scheduled to hold Judges and Assessors Training days then please do contact Lucy Wake on: 02476 840598 or email: brctraining@bhs.org.uk so we have a record and hopefully can help encourage more people to attend them.

BRC Area 2

Training Opportunity - Pursuing a Goal with Jo Winfield FBHS

This is an ideal opportunity to take your horse to a new trainer to Area 2, Jo Winfield will help you set targets to achieve your goals in the first session. The second training session will allow you to assess your progress so far and reset your targets if needed.

In the third and fourth sessions you will be able to see how you and your horse have progressed and reached your goal.

The first three training sessions will be at Holmside Hall Equestrian Centre, Holmside, Co. Durham.

The sessions can be individual to suit yourself, or joint with three people per session.

Sessions will last 55 minutes and cost £25.00 for a group lesson or £35.00 for a private lesson. If you book for the four sessions you will be entitled to a 10% discount.

The fourth session - will be at a venue near to Durham, but not quite finalised yet. Places are limited so book early.



Jo presenting prizes after judging at this year's DTM

Training Dates

Saturday 27
November 2010
Saturday 19 February 2011
Saturday 12 March 2011
Saturday 16 April 2011

Jo Winfield has a wealth of equestrian experience started having gained her National Diploma in Horse Management before setting up her own yard in Warwickshire. She has competed across most disciplines, Eventing to Intermediate level, Show jumping at Foxhunter and Dressage to Medium level. Having also hunted regularly and taken part in some Point to Point racing. Moving to Hartpury College Jo gained her BSc (Hons) Equine Science, before progressing to Equine Director. Jo gained her Fellowship of the British Horse Society in 2007. She is a General Fellow and has skills, qualifications and experience across all disciplines. She also specialises in helping riders and horses at all levels to perform to their full potential. Jo regularly teaches in England, Jersey, Scotland, Ireland and Hong Kong for BHS training, Pony Club or individual improvement as a competitive rider.

For further information please contact Hilary McKenna - Tel: 07831 729726 or email: hilary.mckenna@yahoo.co.uk

BHS offer to BRC Members

Please note that the current BHS offer of 30% discount to BRC members joining the BHS **only** applies when joining the BHS for the first time. This is not clearly stated on the current 2010 BRC membership letter.

BRC Rule Changes

A summary of BRC Rule changes for 2011

There have been a number of major rule changes, which will come into effect in January, so please read the following information carefully in case it affects you as you embark on qualifiers for next year's championships.

Firstly, a subject that affects most of you is eligibility. We are pleased to report, after much deliberation, the introduction of a more simple approach to downgrading your horse that we hope the majority of you will approve. Similar to British Eventing, BRC will invite members to send in an application to downgrade your horse, which will be considered by a dedicated panel on an individual basis. Specific stipulations apply and details of these will be released once they have been finalised. The application forms will be available from January 1 2011.

Official Downgrading Form

Please complete this form and return with correct payment to: **Office Use Only**

Effective today, BRC Competitions Allow only Open, Novice, Foxhunter, Intermediate, CIC 2* & 3*

A horse will only be considered for downgrading if it has not gained any points or winnings in the relevant discipline, in the current calendar year.

A horse or pony may only be downgraded once.

BRC retains the right to deny an application for downgrading should they see fit to do so.

Please enclose a dated reason as to why you would like to downgrade your horse, including a brief history and how many points the horse has achieved.

Name	Age
Registration No.	Discipline
Address	Reason for downgrading (please specify)
Signature	I wish to downgrade my horse's points from:
Signature of Horse Owner	British Dressage British Eventing British Foxhunting British Showjumping British Eventing
	I have enclosed a cheque for £40 (non-refundable) to BRC Training Clubs

I declare that the above details are true and correct. Date: _____

The senior open horse trials class will bear no restrictions at all, limitations will be kept to the riders which must not have competed in a CIC*** or above. Horses taking part in the senior intermediate horse trials may have 5 BE points and will no longer incur any penalties for this.

Horses taking part in the senior and junior novice must have no BE points. Horses must not have been placed in the first six in a BE 100 in the current calendar year prior to close of prelim entries.

Similarly in the show jumping, the senior open class has no restrictions on the horse. Riders must not have competed under FEI rules in this discipline.



Our Senior and Junior Open Festival of the Horse Challenge will be renamed Intermediate to reflect the height of the track and the restrictions on points.

Many of our members wrote in last year stressing their disappointment with the introduction of the long arena across all dressage to music classes. So, for 2011 your area will be able to use either size for their qualifiers, however at the championships we will still be using a 20m x 60m arena. For the junior section which is not heavily subscribed, we will be trialling a new 'pick a test'. Juniors may choose from a Prelim, Novice or Elementary Freestyle to music, but will compete against each other. Horse eligibility will be relative to the chosen test.



There will be no change to the dressage tests for 2011, except for the open dressage. N30 will be replaced by N34.

Finally, just a reminder to those of you that compete in the horse trials; for the dressage phase, you may use a whip to warm up, however, it is the only BRC dressage competition which does not allow whips to be used during the test itself, either at the qualifier or at the championships. Also, where whips are allowed, please note, the permitted length includes the lash on the end of the whip.

There are some minor amendments to other rules, but please be assured that these will be highlighted in the new rulebook with bold and italics which supersede old rules or terminology. Your new rulebooks will be available to order before Christmas and will be effective from January 1 2011.

We do like to listen to our members views regarding the rulebook, so when you receive your rulebook, please utilise the comments slip toward to back of the book to send in any comments.

Happy competing!

Lyndsay Wager, Executive, BRC Competitions. email: l.wager@bhs.org.uk

2011 BRC Championship Dates

Winter Championships - Novice Indoor Show Jumping and Winter Team Dressage, Hartpury, 2-3 April

New Northern Hunter Trials, Hunwick, 9-10 April

Royal Windsor Horse Show, 11-15 May

Festival of the Horse, Aston le Walls, 4-5 June

National Horse Trials Championships inc CIC**
Aston le Walls, 1-7 Aug

National Championships, Lincoln,
17-18 September

Dressage to Music & Quadrille Selection
Aintree, 8-9 October

Quadrille Final, Olympia, 17 December

BRC Rulebook 2011

The Rulebook will be published to take effect from 1 January 2011. New for this year, it will run from 1 January to 31 December. All Club Secretaries should receive a copy by Christmas and any major amendments will be listed on the BRC website and in ENews. We have several important points to note, that have been highlighted at recent Championships. Horses must be warmed up in the collecting ring in tack that is legal for the class they are entered in. This includes draw reins, which must not be used at any time. Please make sure your hat is of the current standard (see Rulebook) and in good condition.

BRC NAF 2011 Calendars

Available to pre order NOW online at: www.britishhorse.com, delivered in December. Priced at £8.99 inc FREE post & packing. The BRC Calendar will feature images taken at the 2010 Championships and from Club News.

BHS TREC Calendars also available at the same price - £5 from each BHS TREC Calendar sold will be going directly to the GB TREC Team.

Health Benefits of Horse Riding Survey -

Being conducted by Plumpton College & the University of Brighton

<http://www.plumpton.ac.uk/pages/documents/health-benefits-of-horse-riding-survey.doc>

We would like your help with completing this survey looking at the potential health benefits of recreational horse riding. Completed surveys should be returned to: research@plumpton.ac.uk



National Equine Crime Database (NECD)

The British Horse Society (BHS) is working in partnership with the National Equine Crime Database (NECD) to help reduce the opportunity for equestrian crime in the UK.

The NECD provides the most advanced equestrian crime prevention service in the World, helping to deter criminals by ensuring stolen items are almost impossible to sell on, and providing a multitude of cutting edge equestrian crime prevention services including NECD Checkit and NECD Textit.

The BHS will benefit from every new subscriber who registers with the NECD; all you need to do is quote the promotional code: NECDBHS. To subscribe, simply visit: www.necd.org.uk or call: 0800 0199044.

BRC on You Tube

www.youtube.com - brccompetitions

Dressage to Music Championships 2010

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnSkWuipWL4>

Quadrille Selection 2010

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwWHiys_JWQ

BRC National Equine Forum 2010

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcpUSF3Gwls>



British Riding Clubs BE80 Championships

British Eventing and British Riding Clubs have been working together to provide an eventing series which culminates in a championship for grass roots BRC members that are not catered for by the existing competition structure. The series will also give BRC members a taste of BE affiliated competitions and give them access to more competition opportunity.

Every section of BE80(Training) from the 1 March to the 10 Sept 2011 will be a qualifier for the BRC BE80 Championships. The two highest placed BRC members achieving a clear round cross country in each BE80(T) section will qualify for the Championships. More details about this series will be available from BE soon.

The Oliver Townend Eventers' Challenge (OTECC)

BRC has teamed up with the OTECC, the highest placed BRC member in each class at all its events will receive a special OTECC/BRC Rosette. In addition, all competitors will receive Monu Professional Skincare products worth £26 for each class entered.



The OTECC is a national indoor eventers challenge combining a series of show jumps, hunter trial style jumps and cross country jumps. The 14 regional qualifiers take place across the country in October and November with the final at Aintree in December.

Classes start from 65cm with the highest class being 90cm - 1m.

Entry is very simple, either online at www.otecc.co.uk or email: spsmarketing@clara.co.uk for an entry form. The lucky winners of the final receive a day's training with Oliver Townend at his yard in Shropshire.



NEW BRC Staff Direct Dial Numbers

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Lucy Wake	– 02476 840598	Annette Falkingham	– 02476 840599

Whatever your age, wherever you live, there is something for you at your local affiliated British Riding Club. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining one of the many British Riding Clubs please forward to them or contact our office.

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