



BRC E:NEWS Spring Update

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BRC info

Keeping you up-to-date

www.britishridingclubs.org.uk

Keep a check on our website which details all the current BRC National Championships scheduled for 2011 and the latest offers available to all BRC Members.

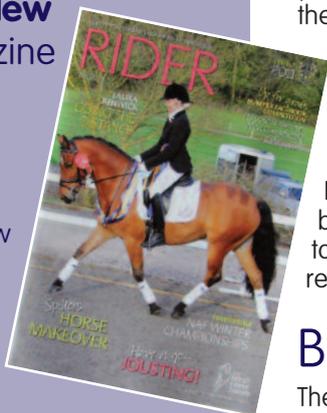
New Schedules now available online, with online entries also being taken.

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 Spring Edition is available Now, packed full of features

- Hartpury NAF Winter Championships Review
- Have a Go - Jousting
- Spillers Horse Makeover
- Laura Renwick - Going the Distance
- Worming - A Way Forward



Elegibility Rules

Unfortunately there have been a number of recent incidents where horses and ponies have been found to be ineligible for a competition and this has resulted in them being eliminated. Please remember that it is ultimately the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the horse which they are riding is eligible. The BRC Rulebook 2011 clearly states the eligibility limits for all classes. The Rulebook can be downloaded from www.britishridingclubs.org.uk

Any horse winnings or points remain with the horse regardless of who the rider is or whether the horse or pony has been sold. Please make sure you check your horse or pony's record. If you are in any doubt we are happy to assist, just email or phone.

Hat tagging

We will now be checking and tagging hats at this year's Championships. Your hat must conform to the BRC rules pertaining to hat standards and be fit for purpose. Alarmingly there were a large number of hats at the Winter Championships which did not meet the required standard and were not tagged and the competitor was not allowed to wear them for the competition.

Please check your hat, not only for the standards but also for wear and tear. We will not allow anyone to compete in a hat which does not reach the required standard.



BHS Exams - new simplified structure

The BHS Examination structure has been simplified. Whether you work in the equestrian industry or simply use it as a hobby, if you have ever aspired to take BHS Exams now might be the time to do it. Each stage has been unitised, so for example the criteria for Horse Care (Stage 1) has been split into three units which can be taken at any time. These units can be banked and further units can be assessed at any time. For more information contact Lucy Wake Tel: 02476 840598 - email: l.wake@bhs.org.uk

Horses in hot weather

The weather this spring has been unusually dry and hot. It maybe great for us but not so enjoyable for our equine friends. Please remember when competing away from home that you take sufficient water with you for your horse. Horses can easily become dehydrated and you must offer them water at regular intervals when at a competition. Make sure your horse is allowed to rest between classes and is quickly dismounted and his girth loosened, at the end of the cross-country course. The most effective way to cool a horse is to repeatedly wash with cold water and remove the excess with a sweat scraper.



With the ground now being very hard you must take into consideration the effect that concussion can have on your horse's legs. Continual competing on hard ground can cause lameness. Remember there is always another day and it has to rain soon!



BRC/NAF Burghley Ticket Competition

Just answer our simple question below for the chance to win one of 6 pairs of tickets for cross-country day (or a day of your choice), including a car pass, to attend Burghly Horse Trials 50th Anniversary-1-4 Sept 2011

Do you feed a Supplement to your horse?

You will need to email your answer to: ridercompetitions@bhs.org.uk and include BRC/NAF Burghley Ticket Competition in the subject heading.



Downgrading Rules

Please note an anomaly which appeared in Spring issue of Rider Magazine. In the Rules section, we informed you that if you had paid to downgrade your horse with BD or BE before 31 December, that we would honour that downgrading providing that you did not compete with BRC (in official competitions for which you would previously have been ineligible) during the next six months. This is slightly incorrect. We will indeed honour the downgrading if you had paid BD, however, paying to downgrade with BE does not apply and you would have to apply to downgrade in the usual manner through the BRC downgrading committee. We apologise if this has caused any inconvenience for any of our members.

Fence Judge Volunteers urgently needed

We are currently looking for cross-country fence judge volunteers to help us at the forthcoming BRC Festival of the Horse (4 & 5 June) and BRC Horse Trials Championships (5, 6, 7 August). Both events will be taking place at Washbrook Farm Eventing Centre, Aston-le-Walls in Northamptonshire.

For further information call Laura Sanger: 02476 840594, email: l.sanger@bhs.org.uk.



EMAGIN®: Equine Mapping and Geographical Information Network

The One Stop Shop for Everything Equestrian! EMAGIN displays the National Bridleroute Network for Britain and Ireland, which benefits not only equestrians but also walkers and cyclists, as they are able to use the majority of these routes. To find safe off-road riding or carriage driving routes on Ordnance Survey maps, aerial photographs or street view, and print these for free, visit www.emagin.org EMAGIN is proud to feature The Cotswolds on Horseback: more than 20 routes will be available on the EMAGIN website to supplement the printed publication which will be launched on 22 May.

BHS offer to BRC Members

Please note that the current BHS offer of 30 percent discount to BRC members joining the BHS **only** applies when joining the BHS for the first time, making BHS Gold Membership just £41.30

Festival of the Horse 2011 - Showing Classes

Time is running out to enter the showing classes at the Festival of the Horse Championship on 4 June. The Championship is being held at Washbrook Farm in the beautiful surroundings of Aston-Le-Walls in Daventry, Northamptonshire NN11 6RT. www.aston-le-walls.co.uk/map.htm

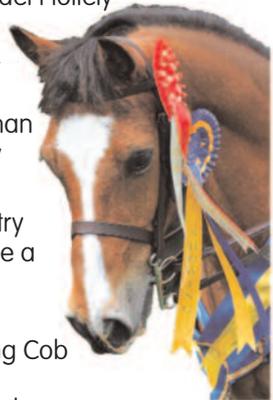
Showing entries close Monday 16 May 2011; I have attached an entry form for your convenience. Please return the entry form to Rachael Hollely - r.hollely@bhs.org.uk to register your interest, and send a cheque in the post to: Rachael Hollely, British Riding Clubs, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ

We are pleased to offer a great deal when entering more than one class, the first class you enter will be £20, and then any additional classes will be £10.

Why not come along and have a go, classes are direct entry and there is something for everyone, after all – you all have a riding club horse or pony!

Classes on offer are:

- Novice Working Hunter • Open Working Hunter • Working Cob
- Working Hunter Pony • Working Mountain & Moorland
- Novice Ridden Hunter • Open Ridden Hunter • Ridden Cob
- Show Hunter Pony • Ridden Mountain & Moorland • Riding Horse
- Ridden Coloured • Retained Racehorse • Riding Club Horse or Pony



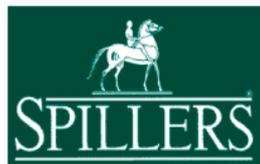
Could your horse be BRC's next top model?



British Riding Clubs is offering one lucky winner and five runners up a bumper competition packed with fabulous goodies. The lucky winner will win a year's supply of Spillers Horse Feed, a Masta Lightweight Turnout Print and Masta Bug Rug, a selection of products from the Net-Text Lynn Russell range, a pair of tickets to the Longines Royal International Horse Show plus car passes, a year's BHS Gold Membership, official BRC Horseware Coat, a year's individual membership to BRC, a BRC Horseware Polo Shirt, Silver or Bronze BHS Membership and a Masta Wembley full neck show rug.

How to enter:

Upload just **one** picture of your horse along with a short paragraph on why you should win, onto the BRC Facebook page. You must Tag BRC so that your picture does not get lost on our wall. These pictures will go into an album called BRC's Next Top Model. Get as many votes as you can for your photo by asking people to 'like' it (you will need to have your profile privacy settings status set to everyone). The winner will be the person who has the most votes by 9 June 2011. The runners-up will be the next five people with the most votes. e.ridercompetitions@bhs.org.uk with any queries



NAF Five Star Riding Club

NAF, in conjunction with Redpin Publications, who produce six free regional equestrian magazines are looking for their NAF Five Star Club of the Month. This is open to all affiliated BRC Riding Clubs and will be running throughout 2011. They are searching for Clubs that have gone that extra mile, so you can nominate your Club to win NAF branded goodies, supplements and products. Each month the winning club will be featured in the relevant Redpin Magazine: All Horse, East Anglia Rider, Equestrian Plus, Ridgeway Rider, South East Rider or Welsh Rider



MARS REFUEL DRINK announce the opening of their new Drink Fund Competition

MARS Refuel Drink have set up the MARS Refuel Drink Fund to encourage people to try new sports and play their favourite sport for longer.

The fund, which launched on 2 April 2011 and runs until 30 September 2011, has £5,000 to donate each month to the most deserving applicants.

Applications can be made online at www.marsrefuel.com offering support with anything from equipment and travel costs, to improving training grounds and club houses. The fund will be accepting applications from 2 April 2011.

The site will be regularly updated with the names of the people and clubs awarded each month, The Horse Rangers Association was a recent winter winner.



The fund is open to residents of and clubs and organisations based in the UK and Republic of Ireland only. Applicants must be 12 years or over and only one application will be accepted per person, club or organisation.

www.marsrefuel.com/refuel-fund/



BRC INTERDRESSAGE

...the World's Premier Online Dressage Competition

The first BRC Interdressage League has reached its conclusion and the Individuals, Clubs and Centres will very shortly be receiving their fabulous prizes, kindly donated by Ride-Away and Quality Show Jumps.

The new 2011/2012 League will be underway very shortly and again there are classes for all levels of competitor, both junior and senior.

So why not give it a go, all you need is a level marked surface and someone to video you.

www.interdressage.com



Remember there are more great Rider magazine prizes

'Caught on Camera'

Equilibrium have kindly agreed to sponsor our 'Caught on Camera' page in each issue of Rider Magazine. The owner of the funniest photo in each issue will receive an Equilibrium Therapy Massage Pad for their horse.

Please send your funniest photos to: e.baldwin@bhs.org.uk or: m.smith@bhs.org.uk. Please note images must be at least 500kb.

'It's Your Letters' Page

Have you got something to say? If you have something you would like to share with BRC Members, send in your letters and we will publish as many as possible. The author of each issue's Star Letter will receive a fabulous pair of Ariat Boots and Gaiters. Please send your letters to: It's Your Letters, British Riding Clubs, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XE.



BRC on the web

please visit our youtube site www.youtube.com - brccompetitions which we will keep updated throughout the year with interesting BRC videos.

Hartpury Novice Indoor Show Jumping and Winter Dressage 2011

Laura Jousting with the Knights of Middle England



Get our kit on!

All New 2011 BRC Merchandise is available to buy Now!

The range will feature: LED Baseball Cap, Ladies Gilet, Socks, Hooded Sweatshirt, Waterproof Jacket and unisex Polo Shirt. Prices range from £9.99 for the Baseball Cap to £51.99 for the Waterproof Jacket

Merchandise is available to purchase through www.britishhorse.com, or at the 2011 Championships.



Sport and Recreation Alliance

This organisation is currently surveying sports clubs to access their financial health. The data from the survey will be used to campaign on behalf of NGBs and sports clubs for reduced rates of VAT for clubs, lower utility rates and improvements to the CASC scheme. They are looking to reach as many clubs as possible. As a thank you all completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw to win one of a number of top prizes.

www.sportswise.info/surveys/sportalliance/srasurvey.htm

NEW BRC Staff Direct Dial Numbers

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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.

www.britishridingclubs.org.uk

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