



BRC E:NEWS

Winter Update

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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 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 Winter Edition is available Now, packed full of features

- Olympia Quadrille Final Review
- Western Riding Explained
- Shoulder In with Spencer Wilton
- War Horse at Olympia



Additional New Hunter Trial Classes at the Northern Regional Hunter Trial Championship

There is now an exciting opportunity to compete at the BRC Northern Region Hunter Trial in Hunwick, County Durham on 9 April.

Alongside the Championship classes we will be running direct entry classes for teams at 75cm and 85cm, (please check the rulebook to ensure members are eligible).

To enter simply download an entry form from the BRC website and send it to us before the closing date of 18 March.

The classes will run over a traditional hunter trial course that will incorporate a timed section and test of skill.

For more information contact Lucy Wake on: 02476 840598 or l.wake@bhs.org.uk

Competing for Your Club in 2011

Now that January is out of the way, I am sure that you have already decided which club you are going to join this year, even if your qualifiers haven't already taken place for the Winter Dressage and Novice Indoor Show Jumping Championships.

If payments to your chosen Riding Club have cleared, do chase your Membership Card with the club secretary as you may need to produce this along with your horse's flu vaccination certificate when you go to your qualifier. Your membership details need to be on the BRC database at the close of preliminary entries, twenty one days prior to the qualifier that you are taking part in, otherwise you will not be insured.

Should you be lucky enough to qualify and you are on a declaration sheet but your details are not on our database, we will investigate why the club secretary has not sent those details in and seek evidence to assure us beyond doubt that it was the member's full intention to compete within the rules. If this cannot be sought, then that member will have to be disqualified and therefore, the results will be recalculated. Each case will be assessed on an individual basis. Remember this is for your benefit, so please make sure that you join your local club well in time for any event that you intend to take part in. Good luck at the qualifiers!

If you have any competition queries please contact Lyndsay Wager, Executive, BRC Competitions. email: l.wager@bhs.org.uk

2011 BRC Championship Dates

- NAF Winter Championships** - Novice Indoor Show Jumping and Winter Team Dressage, Hartpury, 2-3 April
- KBIS New Northern Hunter Trials**, Hunwick, 9-10 April
- Royal Windsor Horse Show**, 11-15 May
- NAF Festival of the Horse**, Aston le Walls, 4-5 June
- SEIB National Horse Trials Championships inc European CIC** Championships**, Aston le Walls, 4-7 Aug
- NAF National Championships**, Lincoln, 17-18 September
- Dressage to Music & Quadrille Selection** Aintree, 8-9 October
- SEIB Quadrille Final**, Olympia, 17 December

Downgrading Horses

Please remember, if you are downgrading for a specific qualifier, the application form must reach us 21 days before the qualifier date or you may not receive a decision in time to compete. Applications must be accompanied by a covering letter and the full competition record for the horse. All downgrading applications close on 30 June 2011 and will reopen 1 Oct 2011.

Start Eventing with the New BRC BE80(T) Series

- Have you ever wanted to try Eventing at affiliated level but been put off by the height?
- Would you like free help from a BE accredited coach on your big day?

BE80(T) day Tickets can be purchased for as little as £10 - From 1 March to 10 September 2011, every section of a BE80(T) will be a qualifier for the BRC BE80(T) Championships - being held at Brooksby College, Leicestershire, 24-25 Sept 2011. Tel: 0845 262 3344. For more information visit: www.britishevnting.com



BHS TREC Championships of Great Britain 2011

The BHS are proud to announce that the 2011 Championships are to be held at Holwell Lawn, Dartmoor, Devon on the 2 - 4 September 2011.

If you are looking for something different to try your hand at in 2011, then come along and give BHS TREC a go.

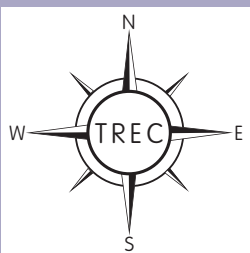
There are a number of qualifying competitions held throughout the season at which competitors can qualify for the Championships. Classes are held for Levels 2, 3 and 4 with Pairs classes held for Levels 2 and 3.

There is also a team competition with prizes for the highest placed BRC and non-BRC teams. Competitors can qualify to compete in the National Championships by being placed first to fifth at Qualifiers (for Qualifier dates check out the BHS Website www.bhs.org.uk).

BHS TREC XC ENews

The BHS TREC XC ENews is a bimonthly newsletter that contains up to date information on BHS TREC and BHS Cross-Country Competitions, rule amendments, competitions and useful information.

If you would like to subscribe to the BHS TREC XC ENews, please contact the Competitions Department competitions@bhs.org.uk



Important: BRC Disciplinary Action

Following the Quadrille Selection Trial at Aintree International Arena on 9 October 2010 where a number of horses were randomly sampled for prohibited substances the horse known as Blazing Glory ridden by Deborah Agombar was found to have phenylbutazone and acepromazine present in the sample. Following further investigations both Deborah Agombar and Heather Highton of Worlington Riding Club were found to be in breach of rules G17 to G17.4 pertaining to the abuse of prohibited substances and have been banned from competition for a period of three months.

Note: The ban of 3 months was the maximum period that a rider could be suspended for according to 2010 rules. It has now been agreed that the maximum ban for a first offence will be 2 years.

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.

Making BHS Gold Membership just £41.30

BRC Hat Tagging - New for 2011

A summary of BRC Rule changes for 2011

A reminder to all riders - If you are intending to compete at any BRC Championships this year, you will need to get your hat checked and tagged before you are allowed to compete. There will be a number of opportunities for you to do this when you arrive at the Championships but please allow enough time before your class starts. Please make sure you check our revised rules on protective headgear and body protectors on Page 18 of the 2011 Rule Book.

Patey Riding Hats

It has come to light recently that hat manufacturer Patey are making a riding hat with a harness which we believe that some competitors are now buying. Please note that this hat does not conform to any standard and is **not** allowed in any BRC competitions. This hat can be viewed on: www.pateyhats.com/harness-option/.

BRC Volunteers' Club

British Riding Clubs is pleased to announce a new BRC Volunteers' Club. BRC could not run the hugely successful Championships without the generous support of all the Volunteers.

Volunteers assist in a number of invaluable roles - from Fence Judging to Scoring, Stewarding to Time Keeping. There are always a wide range of varied jobs to be carried out. Whether you're keen to give something back to equestrian sport, gain some experience at events or simply spend your spare time surrounded by horses, volunteering can be the perfect way to meet new people, develop new skills and most importantly have some fun!

As a member of the Volunteers' Club you will receive a number of benefits including a membership pack, car pass and badge, newsletter, Rider Magazine and eligibility to attend forums and training events.

Current volunteers will automatically be enrolled in the Club and will shortly be receiving their membership packs through the post. Volunteers can gain additional incentives through continued commitment to volunteering during the year.

We hold Championships at a number of locations across the UK and don't worry if you've never helped at an event before - with such a wide variety of job roles there is something suitable for everyone! Annual membership is free and is processed when you commit to help at one or more events.

If you feel you have some spare time and are interested in becoming a member of the BRC Volunteers' Club, please contact Laura Sanger on: 02476 840594 or email: l.sanger@bhs.org.uk

Get Our Kit On!

All New 2011 BRC Merchandise

BRC has teamed up with Horseware Ireland to give members a top quality range of clothing for the coming year. The range features the BRC logo and, of course, Horseware branding.

The plan is also to have an on site embroidery service at the major Championships, to enable competitors to personalise their garments.

The range will feature:

LED Baseball Cap, Ladies Gilet, Socks, Hooded Sweatshirt, Waterproof Jacket and two types of Polo Shirt. Prices range from £9.99 for the Baseball Cap to £51.99 for the Waterproof Jacket

Merchandise will soon be available to purchase through www.britishhorse.com, or at the 2011 Championships.



Complete-Horse Vouchers

www.complete-horse.co.uk is an exciting new resource for equestrians featuring a digital publication called Complete-Horse Vouchers. The January e-book is packed full of offers and discounts, money saving vouchers, competitions and giveaways aimed at riding club members. It includes items such as feed, clothing, bedding, rugs, gifts and much more. Many of the offers available will not be found on the high street or internet. This publication will be updated quarterly with new offers.

Complete-Horse Vouchers will be delivered by email, free of charge to all members that have signed up through the site. The aim of this publication is to bring 'enhanced benefits' to the membership group.



2011 BRC Rulebook

All BRC Clubs have now been sent 2 copies of the 2011 Rulebook, Official Stewards & Organisers Handbook and a copy of the Training Handbook.

If your Club has not yet received these copies, please could the Club Secretary contact BRC on: 02476 840595

BRC Members can buy copies of the Rule Book from the BHS Book Shop priced at £6.00 each. www.britishhorse.com - Tel: 02476 840543

2011 Rule Book Addition

Important additions to be noted:

HO3 (page 118)

Point 2 - B turn right **add after** working trot

Point 4 - E turn left **add after** working trot

BRC INTERDRESSAGE

...the World's Premier Online Dressage Competition

Don't forget the BRC and BRC Centre Interdressage Leagues. With Top Prizes on offer - including four x £125 Ride-Away Vouchers and two x complete show jumps.

All tests and entry forms can be found on www.interdressage.com or email Karina Hawkrigde - karina@interdressage.com

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



Great New 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 to be of magazine quality.



'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 you tube site

www.youtube.com - [brccompetitions](http://www.youtube.com/brccompetitions), which we will keep updated throughout the year with interesting BRC videos.

Olympia Quadrille Final 2011 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZlySUPvuu4>

And for something very funny - Ed the Naughty Pony -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUaP0t5IUuM&feature=related>



Look out for the New BRC facebook page - coming soon.

BE's Event Horses For Sale - Website Launched

British Eventing have launched a new 'Event Horses For Sale' section on their website: www.britisheventing.com/horsesforsale.

This site aims to provide the perfect place for Eventing enthusiasts to browse, advertise and buy Event horses. From up-and-coming youngsters to proven Advanced Event horses, the website showcases a range of specialist horses at all levels. Advertising costs are competitive and are also easy to place.

Hadlow College Presents an Evening with Andrew Gould

Hadlow College, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL. Mon 21 March 2011 - 7pm
Andrew, an International Dressage Rider will be bringing three of his horses, ranging from a youngster to Prix St. George, with his grooms riding as guinea pigs. Refreshments will be available. Tickets can be bought in advance - Adults £15, Concessions £10 and on the Door £20. For further information, please contact Sonia Wilkes on: 01732 853257 or email: sonia.wilkes@hadlow.ac.uk

Great Badminton Horse Trials Offer

Fri 22 - Mon 25 April 2011 - **15% off Advance Ticket Prices** for BRC Group Tickets - Coach & Minibus Parties Only (minimum of 12 tickets purchased). www.badminton-horse.co.uk - Tel: 01454 218375



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.

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