



BRC E:NEWS Autumn 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 - Summer Rider Magazine

The Summer Edition is available Now, packed full of features

- Festival of the Horse Review
- Have a Go - Beach Riding
- Equine Massage
- Behind the Scenes with Carl Hester
- How to Win at Novice Level



An Introduction to Equitation Science



A Lecture with Dr Andrew McLean PhD (Equine Cognition & Learning), BSc (Zoology), Dip Ed. and founder of the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre (AEBC) Tuesday 11 October 2011 BHS Headquarters, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warks CV8 2XZ Tickets £20 Contact BHS Training Department on: 02476 840510 or email: training@bhs.org.uk Places will be limited so please book early.

BRC and BHS Equine Welfare Conference

Moulton College, Saturday 29 October 2011, 10am - 4pm

This year's conference will be held at Moulton College, Northamptonshire and will feature a range of talks and demonstrations relating to equine injuries. The conference will include presentations and practical sessions on:

- Dope Testing
- Treating Injuries
- Therapy Demonstrations
- Fire and Rescue
- Dissection

Tickets on sale NOW at just £5 each.

BRC Welfare Advisers and BHS Welfare

Representatives will have their £5 refunded upon attendance.

Please contact: l.wake@bhs.org.uk or call: 02476 840598. Tickets can also be purchased online through the BHS Bookshop at: www.britishhorse.com.



Two New BRC Area Road Shows

Myerscough College, Lancashire PR3 0RY, Saturday 19 November 2011

Hartpury College, Gloucestershire GL19 3BE, Sunday 20 November 2011

These Days are open to all BRC Club Officials, starting at 9.30am and finishing at 4.30pm. They will focus on key areas of running a Club, covering the following topics:

- Running and Promoting your Club
- Health & Safety
- Competitions
- Organising an Area Qualifier
- Training

A £10 Deposit is required at the time of booking.

This will be refunded providing the Roadshow is attended.

To book a place call: 02476 840817 or email: brinfo@bhs.org.uk.



BRC Dressage to Music and SEIB Quadrille Selection

Aintree International Equestrian Centre - 8 and 9 Oct 2011.

The Dressage to Music Championships and SEIB Quadrille Selection Trial will again be returning to Aintree International Equestrian Centre, Liverpool. The Dressage to Music Championships will run throughout the day with the Quadrille Selection taking place on Saturday evening. Equestrienne stunt team will be opening the evening.

Tables are available for a gala seated ringside dinner, with VIP viewing gallery. Tickets are priced at £15.00 per person - why not arrange a club group table? For tickets call: 02476 840598. Tickets can also be purchased online through the BHS Bookshop at: www.britishhorse.com.



BHS Bookshop

Don't forget to check out the BHS Bookshop at www.britishhorse.com. We have books and products for all your needs from leisure reads to training manuals, horse care to competition and gifts galore for adults and children.

Don't forget to send off for your Shoppers Loyalty card by sending in a stamped addressed envelope to Loyalty Card, BHS Bookshop, The British Horse Society, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ.

Kan-Teq Sponsorship at BRC Horse Trials

Congratulations to the Isle of Wight RC Karen Begley - Four Seasons II Sarah Holms - Strike-It-Lucky Sharon Waghorn - My Mission Impossible Lorie Sims - The Optimist who each won a Kan Body Protector at the BRC SEIB Horse Trials Championships at Aston-le-Walls



To celebrate sponsorship of this fantastic event, Kan Teq would like to offer every BRC member the chance to have their own Kan Body Protector, with a £40 discount. This offer is valid until 31 October 2011. Please email: info@kanteq.com to receive your voucher.

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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.

Win Tickets to

YOUR HORSE LIVE
12th-13th November 2011, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
EVERYTHING FOR YOU AND YOUR HORSE

In this issue of E:News we have teamed up with Your Horse Live to offer ten lucky readers a chance of winning a pair of adults tickets to this year's equestrian extravaganza.

Held on November 12 and 13 at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire the event promises to be two action packed great days. With leading riders from a wide range of disciplines offering advice, problem solving techniques and live demonstrations, Your Horse Live is an educational fun filled event. And do not miss our exclusive appearance from British Dressage's golden girl and Olympic 2012 hopeful Laura Bechtolsheimer! The shopping is second to none. With over 300 stands there's something for you and your horse's needs. Whether it's a new English leather bridle you are after or fancy treating yourself to a finest quality handmade necklace, Your Horse Live is definitely the place to shop, and just in time for Christmas.

To be in with your chance to win a pair of adult Your Horse Live tickets for Sunday 13 November 2011, answer the question below:

Question

Where is Your Horse Live 2011 taking place?

Send your entry with the correct answer to: ridercompetitions@bhs.org.uk

To book your tickets in advance and save money visit www.yourhorselive.co.uk or call 0844 581 0770 and quote EQ-TSM. Hotline closes on Thursday 10 November 2011 at midday.



The British Horse Society Biennial Safety Conference

Saturday 22 October 2011 – BHS Headquarters, Stareton, Warks CV8 2XZ

Safety issues are ever present and of vital importance in equestrianism. 'Safety' is a little word covering a large remit. The amount of expert information available regarding every aspect is vast. The Safety Department seeks to determine current areas of interest and invite experts to speak, at the Biennial Safety Conference, sharing their knowledge and insights. This excellent event takes place on 22nd October 2011 at BHS HQ, Warwickshire. The topics and speakers this year are:

First Aid at Equestrian Events - Steve Riches & Chris Hall - (Directors of Event Safety Planning); what are the requirements and how to meet them?

Dog Attacks and the Law – PC Keith Evans, Dog Legislation Officer; a real issue for many horses, loose and ridden. Know your rights.

Innovations in Body Protection – Wendy McCaughan (Managing Director KanTeq Body Protection); do you really understand the difference in protection available? Do you want to make an informed choice?

Health & Safety Issues at Equestrian Events – Steve Riches & Chris Hall (Directors of Event Safety Planning); very useful for event organisers and those responsible for maintaining safe practices.

Driver License Legislation relating to Equestrian Transport - Brenda Gilligan LLB, Author of Practical Horse Law; ensure you are within the law and able to continue making the most of your equine friends.

Breakdown and Roadside Recovery for Equestrians - Claire Barker (PRP Rescue Services); understand the options, what should happen and the safety issues involved. Be prepared for that rainy winter evening after a long day, tired and broken down.

Admission is free and lunch is included. The day will commence from 9.45am for coffee. Speakers will start at 10.15am and run until 4.00pm with an hour for lunch. A deposit of £25 is required to book your place but this will be returned to you when you are in attendance at BHS HQ on the day of the conference. If you would like to attend, please contact Rebecca Lucas for an application form email: r.lucas@bhs.org.uk, or Tel: 02476840516/ 02476840562 - Safety Department, The British Horse Society, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XZ.

Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.



BRC Rulebook Notice

It is coming to that time of year again when we begin to collate any obvious rule changes that we have experienced during the competition season as well as thinking about suggested changes that have come from our valued members. If you haven't already thought about it, you might like to take a look at the back of your rule book, where you will find a return form, thinking about any rules that you have an issue with. If you then have a feasible suggestion to make a change to this rule, then fill in the form and send it to Lyndsay Wager, British Riding Clubs, The British Horse Society, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth CV8 2XZ. Valid suggestions will be taken along to the Competitions Committee Meeting, due to take place October 18 2011. We will endeavour to write back to you confirming the Committee's decision and any amendments to the rule book will be published on the BRC website soon after the meeting. The new 2012 BRC Rule book will be on sale ready for Christmas and will be effective on January 1 2012.



Remember there are some great Rider magazine prizes on offer

'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.

CIC** European Championship 2011

BRC SEIB Hunter Trials 2011b



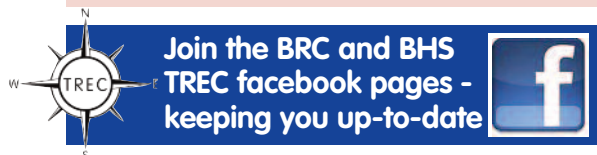
Hat tagging

If you have been to a BRC Championship or the BHS TREC Championships this year you will realise that we are now operating a system of hat tagging. This is to ensure that members who are competing at BRC Championships are wearing a hat that conforms to the standard stated in the BRC Rulebook 2011. It is proposed that hat tagging will be introduced at Area Qualifiers in 2012. Whilst the vast majority of members are supportive of these safety checks and are happy to comply with the rules, there have been incidents where members have questioned the need to wear a hat which meets the required standards. Please remember that these rules are there for your safety. You will not be allowed to compete in a hat which does not meet the required standard, such hats will not be tagged. It is also not acceptable for members to become abusive when being asked to change their hat and any incivility to an official, volunteer or staff member will not be tolerated.



Horse & Hound Offer to BRC Members

The last section of this ENews contains a special offer to all BRC Members. Horse & Hound Magazine features many BRC members while covering our Championships throughout the year.



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Prohibitive Substances

Please remember that BRC follows the FEI rules regarding the use of prohibited substances. No horse may compete in a BRC competition whilst being treated with a forbidden substance. A full list of forbidden substances can be found on the FEI website www.horsesport.org. Your vet will also be able to advise you regarding what is safe to use in competitions and what the withdrawal periods are. BRC now operates a random drug testing programme at the BRC Championships.

Eligibility 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 each 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. We will be checking all entered competitors.

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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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