



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 2012 and the latest offers available to all BRC Members.

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

BRC Address:

Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth
Warwickshire CV8 2XZ

Out Now - Winter Rider Magazine

The Winter Edition is available now, packed full of features

- Olympia Quadrille Final
- Have a Go - Driving
- Buying A Horse Guide
- Warm up for Winter
- How to combat stable boredom
- Fabulous Prizes to be won



Horse and Rider Eligibility

Now that the competition season is in full swing again and results for the first two championships are coming in, we would like to remind all competitors that it is the responsibility of every rider to check the eligibility of themselves and their horse(s) to take part in any BRC competition. It has come to light recently that a rider knowingly took part in a competition for which they were ineligible. This rider had to face a BRC disciplinary committee and was suspended for six months.

We will be utilising the skills of some of our National Executive Committee members to help us check the eligibility of competitors and their horses. Chefs D'equipe and/or riders may therefore receive phone calls from our Area 19 representative; Jane Fisher or from our Area 7 representative: Rosemary Batten. They may have checked your horse's details against the relevant disciplines records and come across a duplicate name or similar details. They may call for clarification of the owner, age or colour of the horse and will then report back to the Competitions Department at Abbey Park in order that we can deal with those ineligible competitors or teams accordingly. We will recalculate the results if necessary and may have to disqualify an individual or team and pass the place down to the next eligible competitor/s.

BRC KBIS British Equestrian Insurance Hunter Trial Championships 2012



We are delighted to announce that KBIS will be sponsoring this year's competition. In response to a call from our members for a cross-country event aimed at grass roots members, BRC have introduced this new Hunter Trial Championship at Eland Lodge in Derbyshire, 23 September 2012. If you are interested in entering a team you will need to get in contact with your Area Representative. There will be no qualifier and only three teams from each Area will be able to take part.

In addition to this, KBIS would like to offer all BRC members 10% off KBIS Riding and Competition horse insurance cover. Members will simply need to quote their British Riding Club Membership Number, as printed on their new Membership Cards, when phoning up for a horse insurance quote. Tel: 0845 345 2300, email: ask@kbis.co.uk, www.kbis.co.uk

The National Spring Convention 2012

The National Spring Convention organised by the Training Team has been confirmed for Monday 12 March 2012 at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre, Buckinghamshire. This year the focus is on course building and course walking with international course designer Steve Williams and BS accredited coach and Junior and Young Riders Chef d'Equipe Corinne Bracken. The day runs from 9.30am to 4.30pm and the tickets are £39 for BHS registered instructors and £43 all others. Discounts are available for groups – please ask me for details.

For ticket bookings or further event information please contact the BHS Training Department on 02476 840510 or training@bhs.org.uk; or visit the website at www.bhs.org.uk <<http://www.bhs.org.uk>>

Royal Windsor Horse Show Entries

Entries for RWHS will close on 6 April 2012. Therefore qualifiers must be run before this date and sufficient time allowed for entries to be made to RWHS. For 2012 there are six competitions, all culminating in a prestigious final at the Royal Windsor Horse Show 9- 13 May 2012.

The riders who qualify at the area qualifiers will be invited to the Finals at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. Further information can be found on the Royal Windsor Horse Show website: www.rwhs.co.uk/ amtrust-competition-rules



Nominate Your Unsung Hero

Horse magazine is on the hunt for equestrianism's ultimate Unsung Hero. Do you know someone, perhaps a trainer, rider, vet, farrier, judge, steward or volunteer, who deserves to realise just how much you appreciate their efforts? If so, send 500 words, explaining why, to: horsemagazine@ipcmedia.com. Each month, the magazine will feature a finalist who has been nominated by one of our readers. All finalists will win a bottle of champagne, while the overall winner – as voted for by readers – will receive a traditional Barbour wax jacket worth around £200.

Flying the BRC Flag

Fundraising on behalf of the West Midlands Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK

Area 20 NEC Rep Andrew Chadwick and BRC Head Office Executive Laura Sanger have rather gingerly agreed to take part in a tandem parachute jump for two extremely worthwhile charities. The pair agreed this insane stunt at the National Horse Trials back in August and felt it would be a good challenge to aim for, whilst raising money for two charities which are surely close to many people's hearts. The jump will take place on Saturday 10 March 2012 in Shropshire, from approximately 10 thousand feet, where they will freefall for 25-30 seconds before the parachute opens at about 5000 feet above the ground.

If you would like to sponsor the pair, you can donate on-line at: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/BritishRidingClubsCharityJump> or send a cheque (made payable to: Laura Sanger) to: BRC Head Office. All donations are very gratefully received, and you can see how they get on in the Spring edition of Rider Magazine.



Discounted 2012 Badminton Tickets



Badminton Horse Trials are again pleased to offer a special 15% discount on advance tickets for **Coach and Minibus** parties from BRC Riding Clubs. There are no special rates for cars.

These special rates are available **in advance only** and no refund can be made in the case of any unused tickets. If there are people on the Coach / Minibus without prepaid advance tickets, extra tickets may be bought at the Gate, but at the full daily rate.

Coaches & Minibuses will be directed to the special Coach Park. The parking charge for all vehicles (in advance) is £10 per day.

The discounted personal admission charges are:

	In Advance Per Person	On Gate Per Person (Full Price)
THURSDAY	£4.25	£6
FRIDAY	£10.62	£15
SATURDAY	£10.62	£15
SUNDAY	£20.40	£26
MONDAY	£8.92	£13

In all cases the **minimum** number of tickets per application is **12**.

Coach Driver Free. Children 12 years and under are free

You can book direct on their secure website at: www.badminton-horse.co.uk – quoting Promotion Code CBR12 which will automatically give you the appropriate discount – or alternatively please request a booking form from Box Office, Badminton Horse Trials, Badminton, Glos GL9 1DF. Tel: 01454 218375 and return by post.

Booking Closes: Monday 23 April - credit/debit cards only.

No applications accepted after these dates.

VOSA Horse Lorry and Vehicle Checks

It has been brought to our attention that VOSA are intending to target horse lorries this year, particularly vehicles belonging to studs, livery yards, producers etc for driving without an Operators Licence. They will be heavily targetting 7.5t vehicles with regards to weight etc. An Area 19 official who was stopped recently said that VOSA had been operating from two depots within a ten mile radius of the M5.



Any private HGV horse lorry driver must use a tachograph and be able to produce the previous 28 days worth of driving records or work records, ie a diary. One of the problems seems to be that VOSA are not being consistent. In one area a driver was told that a diary was not a good enough record of hours worked - remember even if your work doesn't involve driving a lorry you must still be able to show that you have had the required rest periods and that they should have filled in the back of a tacho chart with Monday, Tuesday etc and the hours of work up until the last weekly rest. However another officer was quite happy with the diary.

An excellent Booklet can be downloaded using The following link.
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/repository/Horsebox%20Guide%20low%20res.pdf>

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.



Horse & Hound magazine is now available in digital format

Horse & Hound is now available to enjoy in a digital format.



The new digital magazine allows horse lovers around the world to read all the latest news, reports and features on computer or tablet the instant it is published each Thursday.

A subscription costs £74.99 (plus VAT) for 52 issues while a single issue costs £2.17 (plus VAT), or £2.49 from iTunes. You can also print off pages and buy a subscription as a gift. The digital issue reads like the paper copy - with a page turning device that lets you flick through as you would a magazine.

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- Funny and insightful features
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To view visit:

www.horseandhound.co.uk/sampler (You will require flash to view the sampler, but not the weekly magazine once you subscribe.)

To buy the latest issue or subscribe visit:
<http://bit.ly/wtAj9g>

Please be aware that thieves could strike at any time

We have recently been receiving a few calls from Clubs who are reporting that their Show jumps have been stolen.

As most clubs are now going towards the new light poles and wings etc, it is making it easier for thieves to steal them.

Your BRC SEIB insurance does not cover theft of this kind, so please make sure where possible that all Riding Club items are securely locked away when not in use.

Exclusive OFFER to all BRC Riding Club Members

We already know that Riding Club members always put their horse's health first. We believe that good worming is a partnership between horse owners and specialist advisers. Therefore, to help BRC members make the best decisions on worming healthcare in 2012 we are offering the following exclusive discounts:

intelligent worming®
The future of equine parasite control

Free Worming Consultation for every Member
50% discount from the joining fee (worth up to £12.25)
£5.00 discount off the first faecal egg count

A Growing Resistance

Intelligent Worming are helping horse owners to understand more about worming, worms and resistance issues through regular newsletters and updates. Member's appreciate the fact that they don't have to worry about their worming programmes. They don't have to remember when to worm, or when to take a sample for a faecal egg count, and they don't even have to go out and buy the wormers. Intelligent Worming does it all for them.

For as little as £2.50 per week, BRC member's horses can become one of the 7,500 horses already benefiting from Intelligent Worming. They will be helping to combat resistance problems, ensuring that their horses are as healthy on the inside as they are on the outside.

The Intelligent Worming process uses a unique and proven scientific approach with risk assessment techniques to design cost effective worming programmes for every single individual horse, regardless of whether it is for an owner of one horse or a yard of one hundred horses. This process has been developed, researched and continuously updated over the last 10 years, providing every single owner with peace of mind that their horse is getting personal attention at all times.

"Intelligent Worming provides an excellent service. It is the best way to ensure that your horses really are worm free without over treating them. This is better for horses, prevents parasite resistance and is kinder to your wallet... It is a no brainer!" Says Harry Meade, International Event Rider.

For further information call: 01267 223322 today to find out more.
www.intelligentworming.co.uk

Horse Rider SOS

Smart app for smart riders

An exciting and innovative new app, designed to make hacking safer is now available to riders.

HorseRiderSOS is an alerting tool which sends a panic message to your emergency contact containing your GPS position in the event of a fall or an accident. Simple to use, you just activate the app before heading off on your hack leaving your smartphone to do the rest.

Your activity is monitored in 'tracking mode' as you ride and in the event of you becoming unseated, injured or unconscious, the app recognises that you are no longer moving and will enter 'Alert mode' and send a message to your chosen contact.

Thanks to the GPS capability of your smart-phone, once an alert has been triggered, your exact position can be detected so that you can be found without delay. False alarms are prevented by a built in fail-safe mechanism so that alerts are only sent after a pre-determined user-defined period of inactivity. Once 'Alert Mode' has been activated, the rider is notified and is then able to over-ride the system if it is not a genuine emergency.

Priced at just £4.99, this unique app helps reduce the risk of riding out or handling your horse alone and is a must-have for riders everywhere. Available for Android and iPhones priced at just £4.99
www.horseridersos.com
Email info@horseridersos.com, or please contact: 01865 842806



2012 BRC Rulebook Amendments

If any of you have been looking for the numbers to qualify for the Novice Horse Trials and Challenge in the 2012 rulebook, then you may not be able to find them as they have been inadvertently missed from the usual appendix (10). The correct numbers to qualify for the Novice Horse Trials and Novice Challenge are: 1 – 12 teams starting: 1 team qualifying, 13 – 20: 2, 21 or more then 3 teams will qualify alongside the highest placed rider in each arena (horse trials only) not part of a qualifying team.

Entries are coming in now for qualifiers thick and fast. Please make sure that your teams horses are all eligible to compete before you enter them. They have to be eligible at the close of prelim entry. Any points or winnings gained after this time may be disregarded, unless they have made a recent application to downgrade, which was granted on the proviso that the horse was not re-registered with the relevant discipline.

May I also mention that downgrading applications need to be in at least two weeks before the close of prelim entry in order that we have enough time to make a decision on the application in advance of the entries being made. Downgrading must be granted before the close of preliminary entries.

For those competitors taking part in the Combined Training, please note the new addition to rule G6.3 that states 'No horse or pony may compete in a Novice or higher dressage test followed by a Prelim test in the same competition year.' This includes competitors taking part in the Combined Training for 2012.



Remember there are some great Rider magazine prizes on offer

'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 Massage Mitt for their horse.

Please send your funniest photos to:

r.hollely@bhs.org.uk or: m.smith@bhs.org.uk.

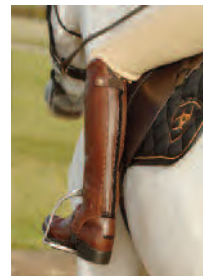
Please note images must be at least 500kb.

We would also welcome any wintry equestrian photo's, which could be considered for next year's Winter issue front cover.



'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. Please send your letters to: It's Your Letters, British Riding Clubs, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2XE.



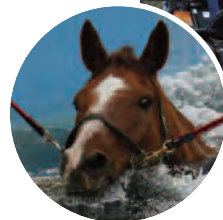
BRC on the web

Please visit our new BRC You Tube Channel www.youtube.com/user/brccompetitions which we will keep updated throughout the year with interesting BRC videos.

New videos include:

Have a go Carriage Driving 2011

BHS BRC Welfare Conference 2011



BHS LitoVet

Lameness Awareness Conference

Lanes Health, the company behind the award winning, scientifically proven equine joint supplement LitoVet has joined forces with The British Horse Society to present the inaugural 'Equine Lameness Awareness' conference.

The conference is taking place on Wednesday 21 March at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire. Registration opens from 9.15am with the conference starting at 10am and finishing at approximately 4pm.

Speakers include Professor Peter Clegg, Dr Catherine Dunnett, Gillian Higgins, Adam Kemp and Matt Frost. A very respected line-up of speakers with tickets priced at only £10. BRC Welfare Advisers will have a discounted price of £5 a ticket.

For full details of the day and further information regarding the speakers please visit <http://www.bhs.org.uk/>

For further details or to book your place please contact Emmeline Hannelly on: 02476 840571 or email welfare@bhs.org.uk



Interdressage 2012

Here is the link to the Interdressage E-News. <http://www.freewebs.com/interdressage/> Entries for March 2012 are now being accepted and judging has commenced. Entries will close at 6pm UK time 31 March. Please ensure that we receive your video no later than 12 noon UK time 1 April.

Videos received on or after 26 March will be returned with detailed analysis from the judge but minus tips and advice.

If you are new to Interdressage don't forget to check out the schedule and entry form page on: www.interdressage.com. The online entry form is at the bottom of the schedule page.



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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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