

# Secretaries Update Autumn Issue

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## BRC Info

### Keeping you up-to-date

[www.britishridingclubs.org.uk](http://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](mailto:l.wake@bhs.org.uk)

## Competing for Your Club in 2011

### Membership

The 2011 membership year is now underway and all club secretaries should have received the 2011 membership cards last December. Unfortunately we are receiving reports that some clubs are not distributing membership cards to their members. It is vital that members receive their membership cards, not only do they contain important information but those members who compete at qualifiers and championships may be asked to produce them at competitions. In 2010 there were a handful of incidents when competitors were not members of BRC which we obviously want to avoid. To further help us please can you ensure that your membership lists are submitted to Rhianne Pettifor: [r.pettifor@bhs.org.uk](mailto:r.pettifor@bhs.org.uk) Each time a new member joins this information must be passed to us without delay. Remember if an individual's details do not appear on the BRC database at the close of Preliminary Entries they will not be allowed to compete at an Area Qualifier. Also they will not be insured.

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](mailto: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

## BRC Invoice

If your club has not yet paid the first part of the affiliation fees for 2011, which was due for payment on 31 January please can you arrange for it to be paid for immediately. The second payment must be paid no later than 31 May 2011. If you have any queries regarding your club invoice please contact Rhianne Pettifor.

## Club Officials

In December all club Chairmen and Secretaries were contacted and supplied with a list of club officials, of the clubs within your area, in an attempt to help keep centrally held records up to date. Unfortunately many clubs fail to tell us when they change the officials within a club. Subsequently vital information fails to reach the club and most frustratingly we will not have received the list of new officials or change of address details. Please can you be diligent in sending the information to Rhianne Pettifor [r.pettifor@bhs.org.uk](mailto:r.pettifor@bhs.org.uk) If it helps us to communicate more effectively it can only be a good thing!

## 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

## Corresponding with BRC Head Office

Please could you make sure that when corresponding with BRC Head Office either by email or in writing, that you include your Club's full name. We currently have over 60 Clubs with initials SRC and therefore this can make responding to you specifically extremely difficult.

## BRC Publications

You should have all received two copies of the BRC Rulebook and Officials Stewards and Organisers Handbook and one copy of the Training Book. The BRC Rulebook is also available to download from the BRC website. If you require any additional copies for use within your club please contact Rhianne and we will be happy to supply them. Members can purchase them from the website at [www.britishhorse.com](http://www.britishhorse.com). Please make sure that you check the 2011 Rulebook for any rule amendments for the coming season.



## Lapsed Membership

Following on from the request for your club's latest membership list BRC will be carrying out a lapsed member mailing this Spring. Any member who has not renewed their membership in the past three years will receive a letter asking them why they decided to leave BRC but most importantly what we can do to encourage them to rejoin. Therefore to help us make sure that we contact genuine lapsed members please can you ensure that your membership details are as up to date as possible.

## Medical Suspensions

We are continually striving to improve the provisions which we make to ensure our member's safety when competing at BRC competitions. In addition to hat tagging we have introduced a system to help us monitor any serious injuries sustained by our members and also to enforce medical suspensions in the case of a head injury. Please can you familiarise yourselves with section G28 of the 2011 Rulebook. You should already be advising BRC of any serious injuries and submitting an accident form to BRC within 24 hours of an incident. However can you please notify Laura Sanger [l.sanger@bhs.org.uk](mailto:l.sanger@bhs.org.uk) telephone 02476 840594, if any member has sustained a head injury or is suspected of suffering from concussion. This will allow us to follow up any cases which may necessitate the member to be suspended on medical grounds. At club competitions where you may not have a doctor or paramedic in attendance but you are using a club first aider, as a rule of thumb, if you have called a county ambulance or advised a member to visit A&E on suspicion of a head injury or concussion please can you let Laura know and submit an accident form within 24 hours.

## BRC Training

**The following training dates have been arranged for 2011;**

12 – 13th March 2011  
Loanhead EC, Aberdeen – Area 22  
Master Judge – Donald Kear  
Style Jumping, Riding Test, Horse Welfare & Equitation  
Contact Marjory Norrie [Marjory@signindustries.com](mailto:Marjory@signindustries.com)

26th March 2011  
Cholwell EC – Area 12/19  
Master Judge – Donn Collins  
Horse Welfare, Equitation & Horse Welfare Adviser  
Contact Jane Fisher [janefisherarea19@aol.com](mailto:janefisherarea19@aol.com)

7th and 8th May 2011  
Priory Home Farm EC, Nr Ashford, Kent. – Area 10  
Master Judge - Donald Kear  
Style Jumping, Riding Test, Equitation & Horse Welfare  
Contact Lucy Wake [brctraining@bhs.org.uk](mailto:brctraining@bhs.org.uk)

If you have any Training Days organised please contact Lucy Wake to add them to the training diary [brctraining@bhs.org.uk](mailto:brctraining@bhs.org.uk)

## Training Grants

Area Training Grants to a maximum of £835 are available for each of the 23 BRC areas. Applications are co-ordinated by your Area Representative or Area Training Officer. Application forms have already been sent to your Area Rep so please contact them to find out how you can benefit from this grant in your area.

## Riding Test and Style Jumping

It has now been agreed that both BRC Riding Test and Style Jumping classes can now be judged by a BHS Instructor. Holders of the FBHS, BHSI and BHSII qualifications can now judge these competitions. Judging criteria can be found in the BRC Rulebook.

## 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.

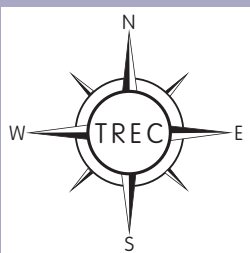
There are a number of qualifying competitions held throughout the season at which competitors can qualify for the Championships. Classes are held for Levels 2, 3 and 4 with Pairs classes held for Levels 2 and 3.

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](http://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](mailto: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.

## 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 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/](http://www.pateyhats.com/harness-option/).

## BRC Clothing

### All New 2011 BRC Merchandise

We are delighted to launch a new range of BRC clothing which has been designed in conjunction with Horseware Ireland. The clothing will be available from March from [www.britishhorse.com](http://www.britishhorse.com) We do hope that you will be as excited by this range and the association with Horseware as we are. Not only is BRC clothing now available to all our members whether they attend a Championship or not, but we also hope that Clubs will add their own logos and names and adopt it as theirs. Horseware are able to offer an embroidery service for Clubs.



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 be available to purchase through: [www.britishhorse.com](http://www.britishhorse.com), or at the 2011 Championships.

## Flu Vaccination - Rule Changes

Following consultation with the Animal Health Trust, BRC have made some key changes to the Flu Vaccination Rules. Please can you make sure that your members are aware of the changes which are detailed in rule G7 in the 2011 Rulebook. There is a further explanation in the latest edition of Rider.



## BRC Staff Direct Dial Numbers

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## 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](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk)  
Tel: 01454 218375



## 2011 BHS / BRC Welfare Conference

**Saturday 29 October 2011 - Moulton College, Northampton**

This years Welfare Conference will be focussing on Equine Injuries.

Topics include:

- Dealing with Equine Injuries
- Large Animal Rescue
- Leg Dissection

Further information is available from Lucy Wake: [brctraining@bhs.org.uk](mailto:brctraining@bhs.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:l.sanger@bhs.org.uk)



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