



# E Newsletter

## Winter 2009

**Welcome** to the first E Newsletter which will be sent to all current British Riding Club members. We hope that this newsletter will keep you up to date with new competitions, rule changes and any other developments within BRC. The idea of the newsletter is that it compliments the information which is published in Rider magazine, by being to email our members instantly we do not have to wait for the quarterly publication of Rider to share our news.

We are always pleased to hear from our members whether it is to share good news or raise a concern which you may have. Contact can be made via telephone: 01926707855,

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*Best wishes and Good Luck for a successful 2010*

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### **Leo Harris Award**

We are delighted that Anne Martin of Cropthorne and Evesham Vale Riding Club has won this prestigious award. The Leo Harris Award recognises outstanding dedication by a volunteer to the BRC movement. Anne has been a club member since 1981 and club secretary since 1984. If that was not enough Anne has also found time to be the Area 18 secretary.

### **British Show Jumping**

We are delighted to announce that junior BRC members will now be able to compete at the British Open Show Jumping Championships on 8 April 2010 at the NEC in Birmingham. Classes will be run in accordance with BS (formally BSJA) rules and classes will be held for 128cms, 138cms and 148cms ponies. The winners from each class at each qualifier will form a team of three which will be invited to compete at BOSJC. Qualifiers will be held at;

Colrairie EC, Cornwall, 31 January  
Laughton Manor EC, Lincolnshire, 6 February  
Stainsby Grange, County Durham, 14 February  
Rowallan Activity Centre, Scotland, 28 February  
Royal Leisure Centre, East Sussex, 6 March  
Summer House EC, Gloucester, 13 March  
Field House, Staffordshire, 20 March  
Forest Edge EC Norfolk, 28 March

### **Flu Vaccinations**

We now have an online flu vac checker, kindly designed by David Bacon. This is a really useful tool and is quick and simple to use. It can be found on the BRC website under Rule Book 2009, General Rules, G7 and scroll down to the Flu Vac Checker which can be downloaded for your own use.

### **Dressage Tests 2010 & 2011**

#### **Winter Dressage (2011 Championships)**

Novice 24 and Prelim 18 at qualifiers and championship

#### **National Championships**

Novice Team Dressage – Prelim 12 at qualifier and championship

Open Team Dressage – Novice 24, Novice 28, Novice 34, Elementary 45 at qualifier and championship

Riding Test – 11 and 13 at qualifiers. 13 and 14 at championship.

Medium – Medium 61 at qualifier and championship.

Junior Dressage – Prelim 12 and Novice 24 at qualifier and championship

Junior Riding Test – 11 and 12.

#### **Festival Of the Horse Combined Competition**

Riding Test Combined Competition – 13 at qualifier. 14 at championship

#### **Horse Trials**

Tests to remain the same as 2009. Junior Intermediate will change to HI3 at championships.

### **Championship Dates & Venues 2010**

*Novice Indoor Show Jumping and Winter Dressage* – Hartpury College 3 & 4 April.

*Festival of the Horse* – Aston Le Walls 5 & 6 June.

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*National Horse Trials Championships* – Aston Le Walls 6,7 & 8 August.

*National Championships* – Lincolnshire showground 11 & 12 September.

*Dressage to Music and Quadrille Selection* – Aintree International Equestrian Centre 9 & 10 October.

### **Festival of the Horse**

We are delighted that NAF will now be sponsoring the newly branded Festival of the Horse. In addition to the popular Festival Challenge which combines show jumping and cross country there will be an increase in the number of showing classes held. A full list will be published on the website however there will now be classes for ex racehorses, M&Ms and Riding Horses. The showing classes are direct entry so open to all members without having to qualify. The combined competition of Riding Test and Style jumping offers the fabulous prize of a training bursary to the value of £1000 to both the winning junior and senior.

### **Hunter Trial Championships 2011**

We are delighted to announce that BRC are trialling a Regional Hunter Trial Championship for 2011. Following feedback received from those clubs who completed the Hunter Trial Questionnaire it became apparent that there was a need for a grass roots championship for those members who competed in Hunter Trials. Organisers told us that they would prefer a competition which did not involve an additional area qualifier, whilst competitors told us they did not want to travel too far to a championship.

The trial will take place in the northern region which is areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 22 and 23. Qualifiers will be held at club level and existing club Hunter Trials can be used as qualifying competitions. Qualifiers can take place from 1 October 2010 and the Regional Hunter Trial Championship will take place in the north of England in late Spring 2011, venue to be announced. Rules for this competition will be in the 2010 rule book.

### **BRC National Equine Forum**

Following the success of the inaugural forum held at Hartpury College in November we plan to run this as an annual event. Great feedback was received from all those who attended in particular the guinea pig riders who received tuition from William and Pippa Funnell as well as honing their dressage to music skills. The 2010 Forum will be held at Bishop Burton College on Saturday 30 October so keep the date in your diary. Further details will be published in due course.

### **Club News and Rider Deadlines**

Please send any interesting club news and photographs for Rider to Maggie Smith [m.smith@bhs.org.uk](mailto:m.smith@bhs.org.uk) Deadlines for Rider magazine in 2010 are Spring issue March 19, Summer June 10, Autumn September 10 and Winter December 8.

### **Assessors and Judges Training**

For 2010 there will be training days in Areas 2, 3, 6, 7 and 12. Dates and venues will be published on the

website when they become available. There is the opportunity for members to volunteer as guinea pig riders at these training days. This is an excellent opportunity for those wishing to take BRC assessments to familiarise themselves with the requirements. Anyone interested in being a guinea pig for a training day should contact Chantal Van den Broek on [brctraining@bhs.org.uk](mailto:brctraining@bhs.org.uk)

### **Rule Updates for 2010**

There have been a number of rule changes which will come into effect from April 1 2010. The significant changes are summarised below.

<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Summary of change to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010</b>
G9.3	In the interest of horse welfare BRC will not allow horses or ponies to be kept on lorries, horseboxes or trailers overnight at any BRC competition.
G11.1	Reserves for the FOH and Horse Trials must have completed a cross country course of a comparable standard within the previous year. This must be certified by a club official.
G16.2	BRC reserve the right to disqualify any club or team for unsporting behaviour to include witnessed purposeful outside assistance.
D1.1.3	Horses and ponies downgraded under British Dressage rules where a fee has been paid will not be able to compete in BRC competitions within 6 months of being downgraded.
D1.12.8	All DTM tests will take place in a 20m x 60m arena at the Championships.
HX1.1.1	Horses Practicing over obstacles. No pony or horse may have been ridden over any fences used in the area qualifier or championships in the two weeks prior to the event.
O3.4.6	Quadrille costumes – hard hats in line with rule G22.2 are mandatory and must be worn during dress rehearsals, judging phases and the performance.
Appendix 4	Gloves must be worn. It is no longer necessary to wear white or light coloured gloves.
Appendix 4	Military or service uniforms may be worn in BRC competitions. BRC rules regarding whips and spurs will still apply.
Appendix 8	Maximum height of novice cross country courses to be 90cm.
New Rule	No member will be allowed to smoke whilst mounted at any BRC competition.
New Rule	Ear Covers / Fly fringes are permitted during riding in and the competition for dressage tests and riding tests. The ear cover / fly fringe should be discreet, not brightly covered and not cover the horses eyes. Ear plugs are not permitted.
New Rule	Medical Arm Bands must be worn on the rider's arm. They must not be worn on the rider's leg.