

BRITISH HORSE DRIVING TRIALS

OFFICIAL NEWS

Council Meeting

The next meeting of the BHDTA Council takes place on **Wednesday September 7.**

Clinics

Following a review by the Training Committee, council accepted their recommendation that the frequency for attendance at Judges Clinics will revert to every two years. It has been confirmed that the venue will move around the country.

EVENTS

Notes for Competitors

A win at open level will be discounted for promotion to the advanced class if there is only one competitor in the class.

Please remember the new rules for National Championship qualification which are published on page 29 of your Yearbook and on the website.

Presentation guidelines for National Novice classes have been revised and are published on the website.

Necarne

Entries close Thursday August 4

This event, which offers a 16km marathon with eight obstacles including water, runs on August 12-14. Catering is available on site with a supper dance organised in a local hotel on the Saturday evening. An additional feature of this event is the availability of permanent stabling on site.

Goodwood

Entries close Wednesday August 10

Brockham Harness Club is running the Regional Event at Goodwood on **August 20-21.** The marathon will be approximately 14km with seven obstacles including water. On-site catering will be available both days with a barbecue and party on Saturday evening.

Young Drivers and Para Equestrian Championships

Entries close Wednesday August 17

Competitors are reminded to ensure they have fulfilled the required qualification criteria for this event which runs on the weekend of **August 27-28;** please see your Yearbook for full details. The CHDTG are organising a hog roast accompanied by live music on Saturday evening.

The National Carriage Driving Championships

Entries close Tuesday August 16

This prestigious event takes place from **September 9-11** on the Queen Victoria's Review Ground, Windsor Great Park. The venue is clearly signposted by the AA from a considerable distance out.

This year marks a few changes at the championships, some small and one big one. The introduction of a country fair,

which will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10am, will hopefully increase the number of spectators and displays and demonstrations will fill the arena on both days.

A new obstacle is being built to test the nerves and expertise of competitors. Many of the obstacles will take on a new lease of life after the 'pre-event team' have worked their magic on them. A grandstand to watch all phases of the competition will be strategically placed for the best view of the marathon obstacles on Saturday.

Caterers will be available in the horsebox/stable parking area for that quick cuppa and bacon bap, (recommended) full breakfast, etc, for competitors and stewards. Main caterers will provide nourishment for those not wanting to cook and a licensed bar for liquid fortification. There will be other quick food outlets around the many trade stands where you can shop until you drop. Enjoy Saturday evening at the race night or dance until late at the caterer's marquee to the disco of Owen Rumble.

Why not enjoy the Victoria Enclosure for that social day with your friends? The cost is just £36 per day, which includes admission, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a programme with the added advantage of somewhere to sit (in the dry should it happen to be wet.)

The BDS Private Driving Show is on Saturday in the Harbinger Arena. Full details are available from Mrs Beth Foster who can be contacted on 01636 892203. In the Pastoral Pursuits Arena you can watch the excitement of the dog agility competitions. In addition, there will be around 20 Rolls Royce and Bentley cars for you to wish for.

The Championships Committee would like to thank all those who have so generously sponsored all the classes and rosettes via the Supporters Club and Sheila Hawking. Also grateful thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Hugh Scott-Barrett, who have so generously donated every competitor's Start Fee during the season and given their support to the sport.

Georgina Hunt competing in the four-in-hand event at Aachen. Robert Wilkinson and Daniel Naprous also attended.



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ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL NEWS

FREE ADMISSION on Friday, £10 each on the other days.

FREE ADMISSION to ALL BHDTA members for all three days ONLY on PRODUCTION OF a VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD at the entrance gate.

All details are available from Rita Bundock, the National Championships organiser, at: championships@horsedrivingtrials.co.uk or 01227 768769.

INTERNATIONAL

FEI World Driving Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games

The first conclusions of the FEI Driving Committee regarding the format of FEI World Driving Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games™ have been issued by Richard Nicoll, Chair of the FEI Driving Committee.

Detailed replies had been received from many National Federations and were considered, along with comments sent to the athletes' representative, Boyd Exell, by the Driving Committee when they met in May.

The majority of replies were in favour of keeping the current schedule of championships and the committee is happy to support this with the possible addition of the European Championship for teams in the odd years between FEI World Equestrian Games.

Regarding the proposal to include singles and pairs on the FEI World Equestrian Game programme, the majority was in favour of maintaining the status quo, that is, with just the four-in-hand represented.

After much discussion, the committee proposes that for the FEI World Equestrian Games 2018 it could be beneficial to showcase a small representative group (five or six each) from the singles and pairs division. This would be based on the top driver standings at the time. The singles and pairs drivers would not be a part of a national team but would compete as individual drivers for individual medals only.

This proposal will be further considered and discussed in the coming years.

Changes to Passport and Recognition Cards issued by the FEI

The FEI have issued a notice which contains a section with new guidelines for issuing recognition cards and full FEI passports. Important documents which you should be aware of, can be viewed on our website are as follows;

- Letter to EU National Federations
- Guidelines for National Federations
- Summary Q&A Table

The guidelines indicate the changes required for the expiry and revalidation of full FEI passports.

The BEF passport administrator has posed several scenarios to the FEI in an attempt to gain further clarification on the subject and summarised the most important changes below:

1. A new or duplicate full FEI passport cannot be issued. If a duplicate is required on a valid FEI full passport, the owner will

need to get a national passport and pay for a duplicate recognition card

2. If the horse has an FEI passport which is still valid and has been revalidated every 4 years without interruption (from the issue date of the passport), the FEI passport is still valid, and the horse can keep it.
3. If the horse has an FEI passport which is not valid anymore and/or has been revalidated with interruption, the FEI passport is not valid anymore. The owner must apply for an EU compliant national passport, and a duplicate FEI recognition card has to be issued.
4. A full FEI passport can be revalidated if; it has been valid from the first day it was issued and has no gaps in the revalidation dates; AND it was issued originally in a EU member state. If however the lapse occurred in between revalidation then it will not be possible to revalidate the passport.
5. The passport for a horse that has come from outside the EU for permanent residence and competes within EU member states and has a full FEI passport, cannot be revalidated once it has expired. The owner must apply for a national passport and then a duplicate recognition card.
6. A horse that no longer competes at FEI competitions and has a full FEI passport that has expired, the owner must get a new national passport or face possible prosecution.
7. Reminder: Section IXs must be completed, signed and stamped.
8. We must be satisfied that the owner of the horse intends to compete in FEI competitions to issue a FEI recognition card.

Please note that many horses have Recognition Cards which is an FEI cover around their existing National passport.

SUPPORTERS

200 Club

The following winners were recently drawn from the hat:

Royal Windsor Horse Show

- £50 Heather Nestel
- £30 Jacky Jeffrey
- £20 Michael Whittaker

Sandringham

- £100 Michael and Amanda Hawley
- £50 Prilly Baron
- £30 John Reid
- £20 Nigel Chandler

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