

# British Carriagedriving



## OFFICIAL NEWS

### Council Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council is Wednesday 3 August.

## EVENTS

### Redenham Park

#### Closing date for entries – Saturday 13 August

This is the last chance to get a qualification spot for the National Championships if you have not already done so. Access to the obstacles is easy and the marathon route covers farm tracks, set-a-side, lanes, woodlands and parkland. Catering is provided from Friday to Sunday with a hog roast on Saturday night. Tickets must be booked in advance. Entertainment is also provided in the marquee on Saturday night. Please remember that the event secretary needs to see proof of insurance if you wish to use a quad/scooter etc.

## INTERNATIONAL

### World championship teams announced

#### Single Horses: 3-7 August, Piber Köflach (AUT)

The FEI World Single Horse Driving Championship will take place at the Lipizzaner Home at Piber Köflach, near the city of Graz in Austria from 4-7 August.

The selection process for the Single Horse Team has taken place over two years and five selection events. Selection has been amicably but keenly contested. The ratification panel were unanimous in their approval of the result of the selection process. The drivers and horses, who

have been nominated to represent Great Britain at this event, are as follows:

- Ellen Littlechild, driving Tygroh
- John Ripley, driving Born Painted
- Nicola Pimbblet, driving Wanroi

Jane Smith, driving Malachy and Sarah Meredith driving Delano will also represent GBR as individual entries.

The British Team will be supported by Boyd Exell as trainer, while Rosie Mould will provide veterinary support and Hazel Potter will provide physiotherapy expertise.

Jeff Bannister is appointed chef d'équipe for the British Team. Jeff said, "We are fortunate to have access to radios, courtesy of Bates Radios, for whose support we are extremely grateful."

#### Para-equestrian: 3-6 August, Beesd (NED)

Following a final selection event (8-10 July) and intensive training (11-13 July) held at Ashfields Carriage and Polo Centre, Essex, two members of the para-equestrian team have so far been named to represent Great Britain at the FEI Para-Equestrian World Championships to be held in Beesd, Holland, from 3 to 6 August.

Experienced world championship competitor Debbie Daniels and her grey pony Valeside Galaxy (Sparky), along with newcomer Jamie Williams and his chestnut gelding Glenside Chosen One (Glen), will be on the team, with the third member to be declared in Beesd. Accompanying Debbie and Jamie to Beesd will be Sarah Baverstock (Kelly), Lucy Barclay (Bishop Blue) and Emily Ham (Alfie). One of these will be selected to join Debbie and Jamie in the team, the other two will compete as individuals.

Chef d'équipe is Rachel Belliere-Wilson; she said: "With the venue and date of the world championships being announced late, selectors have had to analyse performance across mainstream competition and para-driver classes

Single Horse Team GB member Ellen Littlechild with Tygroh, competing at Sandringham. Photo: Jane Wilson

as well as assessing everyone during training. We have selected Debbie and Jamie based on their consistent progress and competitive success; at Ashfields Debbie won the para-driver open championship while Jamie, who is showing great talent, was very close behind to finish reserve champion.

"With a few considerations to keep in mind and with the significant improvements made over the past three days of training by all turnouts, we have, with full consultation of the squad, agreed that we will hold off making the decision about the third team member until we have to declare the team on-site. It was unanimously agreed that this was in the best interests of the team.

"We are indebted to Ashfields and in particular to Zoe Morgan for making this all happen. She makes it look so easy when we know it isn't, and she is totally accommodating; always with time for you to ask a question or add in another request! The wonderful training facilities at Ashfields have prepared the team as well as it possibly can be for the world championships ahead."

The squad will be arriving at Beesd on Monday 1 August and, following final team and individual declaration, will compete on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in dressage, marathon and cones respectively. Rachel will be assisted by assisted by Julie Camm with Sarah Howe continuing in her role as team coach.

#### Horse fours: August 31-September 4, Breda (NED)

We are pleased to announce the Horse Fours team for the World Championships in Breda, Netherlands on 1-4 September.

The team will consist of: Dick Lane, Dan Naprous and Wilf Bowman Ripley, with Pippa

Bassett and Karen Bassett being the individual drivers.

Dick secured his place on the team after winning the first two selection events at Catton and Hopetoun. It was very close between Dan and Pippa for second place, both finishing on equal points, but with Dan having more wins in the marathon than Pippa.

The new selection procedure allowed the third driver to be selected by the Selection and Ratification Panel, and this place was given to Wilf due to his success at two FEI 3\* events in Holland, his 9th place at Royal Windsor Horse Show and a win at the final selection event at Sandringham.

The team have been training throughout the season with team trainer Boyd Exell. They are meeting again at Ashfields this weekend for team training in preparation for Breda.

The horse fours would like to thank Hugh Scott-Barrett for his continued support with the training programme.

Team chef d'équipe is Zoe Morgan and the team vet is Anya Walker.

## New horse pairs chef d'équipe

BC is delighted to announce that Paul Sidwell has agreed to take on the role of horse pairs chef d'équipe after Jo Attenborough decided to put her name forward for selection.

Paul says, "After being approached by Derrick Mayes, the horse pairs class rep, asking if I would take on the roll of the chef d'équipe for the class, and help establish a team for the FEI World Championships in Lipica, Slovenia, September 2017, I accepted, on the condition that Derrick assisted me with the paper train and rules that go with this task.

I have already met, and seen in action, most of the advanced pairs competitors at the Sandringham and Ashfields events, which has been a great help to me in looking for their strengths and weaknesses, so I can start to develop a strong team for next year's world championships. In fact, I am working on having

*Hours Fours Team GB member Dan Naprous, competing at Sandringham. Photo: Jane Wilson*



two teams, so that I have a conveyor of talent coming through the class in readiness as a fall-back and for future championships.

I have a training camp planned at Cricklands a few days before the National Championships, so we can work on the detail involved with driven dressage and cones at International level, and I am utilising some of my input and experiences gained when becoming the National and World Champion a few years ago. I am removing the word "Trainer" and using "Coach". In my eyes a trainer teaches you how to start driving, but when you are at advanced level, a coach/mentor is what helps you develop your talent.

We have some tremendous competitors coming through both the open and advanced horse pairs classes, and I am sure this is only going to get better. Please take time to follow the horse pairs selection for Lipica, 2017, and support us along the way."

## GENERAL

### Invitation to tender to be a sole supplier of BC merchandise

The BC Council would like to appoint an appropriate company or individual to be the sole supplier of BC branded merchandise and invites interested parties to submit a written tender outlining their plans, prices and choice of clothing and other merchandise, together with details of the financial sum to be paid to BC by way of a licence fee for use of the BC logo. It should be noted that the successful candidate will not necessarily be the applicant with the highest financial contribution, as the quality of the clothing, the value for money, and the level of service towards BC members purchasing the clothing will be the most important factor when making the initial decision.

Any contract awarded will be reviewed on an annual basis, and feedback from BC members will be the most significant contributor to the decision as to whether to renew for a further year. Any contract awarded will be upon the following basis: -

1. All clothing designs must be sent to the BC office and written approval received before any product is sold. The BC Office will endeavour to reach a decision within 7 days of receiving the items.
2. Clothing should be available to be purchased online as well as through the standard retailers on the national and regional HDT circuit. The online price must be the same as the RRP for the national and regional circuit retailers.
3. Once a design has been approved, the colours (including the cotton colour) must not be changed. To change a colour, a new written approval is required.
4. The contracting party will be permitted, in return for the fee paid to BC, to use the BC logo on the clothing and other merchandising and on any advertising material.
5. The contract will not, for the first year, include the production and sale of merchandise specifically produced for the BC National Championships. The Council of BC will continue to order and sell this dedicated merchandise for the first year of any contract but the contracting party will be entitled to submit an additional bid for this merchandise to be included in its contract on renewal.

All applications must include the following:

1. Full company name of applicant, and brief company or personal outline
2. Copy of public liability insurance
3. Amount of financial contribution
4. Description, including brand and style of clothing (eg Regatta Dover jacket), of each item of merchandise to be sold
5. RRP sale price of clothing
6. Trade price for purchases of clothing for retailers

### 200 Club

The 200 Club has had the second draw of the season. Congratulations to the winners who are:

- £50 Kay Simms
- £30 Geoff Glaister
- £20 Mary Ford
- £20 Sarah Baverstock
- £10 Derrick Mayes
- £10 Margo Smith
- £10 Sue Mayes



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