

British Carriagedriving

OFFICIAL NEWS

Council Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council is not yet confirmed but will be late September or early October.

AGM and Conference

A quick reminder that this year's AGM and Conference take place on Saturday 28 October in the Kegworth Hotel. Please put the date in your diaries. If you are booking overnight accommodation, a discounted rate for rooms is available.

Council Elections

The time is approaching when we need to elect new Council members so please start giving some thought to anyone you may wish to propose (with their permission of course) to this office. Council are keen to encourage more people to put their names forward to take an active part in running BC. Council plan to trial having two of the winter meetings at weekends to try and encourage more members to put their names forward for election. The existing Council members are happy to chat about what is involved so please approach them for further information or contact the BC office.

The relevant forms which require to be completed by each candidate are on the web-

site www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk. If you are unable to download or print these, please contact the BC office to have a copy sent by post.

Nominations close on Monday 25 September to enable an election to take place before the AGM if required.

New member's Personal Accident Insurance Scheme

Further to the recent review of the membership structure and insurance arrangements BC is pleased to announce that the new member's personal accident insurance scheme is now up and running.

The existing group policy will remain in place until the end of this year. Full, Associate, Young Driver and Marathon Groom members will, therefore, still have the existing cover until membership renewals at the end of this year. A summary of that cover is at pages 93 and 94 of the BC Yearbook. There are some minor changes to the policy wording, as the policy has been moved to Amtrust since that summary was produced, and further information is available on request. The new scheme is completely separate and will run alongside the existing cover for the rest of this year. As from 1 January the existing group cover will lapse and members wanting personal accident insurance will have to use the new scheme.

The new scheme offers more extensive benefits but on an opt in basis. Members who want the new cover will, therefore, need to purchase this cover individually. A new, dedicated, website has been set up specifically to enable you to do so. There is a link to this website on the BC website and BC urge you all to look at the cover available and give serious consideration purchasing this extended cover.

The link address is: <http://britishcarriagedriving.kbispartnership.co.uk>. You will need to log in and create an account to access this information. The changes in relation to Personal Accident Insurance to not have any impact on the Legal Liability insurance provided to members and a summary of that cover, which will remain unchanged until the end of this year, is at pages 92-93 of the yearbook.

Electronic Communication

At their recent meeting, Council voted to move to electronic communication with members unless an e-mail address has not been supplied. The Yearbook will continue to be sent by post to all members.

2018 BC Yearbook Cover Photo

Do you have a photograph suitable for the front cover of the 2018 BC Yearbook? We're inviting all photographers to submit their best photos by Friday 29 September. We are happy to receive photos from anyone, not just BC registered photographers. There's no money, only glory!

Inevitably, there are a few criteria which need to be met by the photos submitted:

- It must be a good action shot
 - The image must have been taken with a camera, not a mobile phone or tablet.
 - It must have been taken at a National or Regional event in 2017
 - Maximum of five images per photographer
- Photographs for consideration should be sent to the BC office, email@britishcarriagedriving.co.uk. Please send large files individually. You will need to send the following:
- Uncropped original image
 - Name of competitor
 - Event and date

EVENTS

National Championships 8-10 September

Closing Date for Entries – Saturday 26 August
The cost of overnight stabling has been reduced for anyone wishing to avail themselves of this offer. The cost of a stable, including two bales of straw, is now £75 and stables will be allocated on a first come first served basis with no discount



Above: Libby Priest at Sandringham. Photo: Ginny White



for multiple bookings. Stables will have to be cleared out at the end of the event and a charge will be levied for any competitor who does not clear their stable. Anyone who has already paid at the earlier rate will be reimbursed.

All qualified competitors should have received their schedule, entry form and associated paperwork for the National Championships. Arrangements have been made to accept entries from drivers qualifying at events after the closing date but please ensure these are sent promptly and, if possible, inform the entries secretary David Titmuss, that your entry is on its way by phone 07707 491330 or e-mail: titmuss55@gmail.com.

The Young Horse and Pony classes and the Evolution Class for horses and ponies will run on the morning of Sunday 11 September. You may enter both the Young Horse classes and the main championships if suitably qualified.

If you have qualified in more than one class, please check the BC rule book to see whether you are permitted to enter both turnouts.

If you are willing to assist in any role at the championships, Julia Crockford will be delighted to hear from you. Please contact her on 07850 249107 or by e-mail at jccrockford@aol.com.

Event Survey

After each event, don't forget to send your views via Survey Monkey. The survey is designed to be quick and easy to complete and is applicable to drivers, grooms, volunteers or spectators.

The survey is straightforward to complete so please, send your views whether they are positive or negative, to help improve the experience for everyone at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/785LW3Y>.

INTERNATIONAL

2020 FEI World Four-in-Hand Driving Championship

The 2020 FEI World Four-in-Hand Driving Championship were allocated to Kronenberg

(Netherlands). The event will be held from 31 August to 6 September.

Paard & Koets combines with Horst

On 20, 21 and 22 April 2018 Paard & Koets will merge with the International Driving Event Horst aan de Maas at the Equestrian Centre Peelbergen in Kronenberg (the Netherlands). The event presents two indoor demonstration arenas, two outdoor demonstration arenas and an area for 150 trade stands. An increase in visitor numbers is expected as a result of this collaboration.

FEI Campus launches; get e-learning anytime, anywhere!

The FEI has launched FEI Campus, a unique and free e-learning gateway for everyone with a love of horses and equestrian sport, wherever they are in the world. FEI Campus is an FEI Solidarity project and the online resource - <https://campus.fei.org> - is expected to become the virtual reference point for millions of equestrian fans globally, as well as athletes and FEI Officials.

FEI Campus content and courses have been carefully crafted by equestrian experts and are designed for everyone, including those looking for invaluable horse training and stable management tips to educational programmes on veterinary needs, equine behaviour and also for judging certification.

FEI Campus will be constantly enriched with up-to-the-minute and wide-ranging information to reflect the global interests of the rapidly growing international equestrian community, which now includes over 41,000 athletes, 7,500 officials and 750 million fans around the world.

One of the key goals of this important development tool is to make it less expensive for current and future FEI officials from across the world to get education, meaning that they will be able to follow courses without the costs of travelling and accommodation. Although

Above: Daniel Naprous in the FEI World Cup™ Extreme Driving Event at Olympia. Photo: Stephanie Kill

FEI Campus cannot replace practical courses, it will also help reduce education costs for our National Federations.

Sign up now to FEI Campus and get learning! See the YouTube video at <https://campus.fei.org/course/index.php?categoryid=21> to learn all about FEI Campus.

GENERAL

Olympia Show Offer

The event organisers of The London International Horse Show at Olympia have offered BC members a substantial discount of 30% on tickets for Friday afternoon and evening and Monday afternoon and evening performances.

The show dates are 12-18 December, with the Extreme Driving class on Thursday afternoon, the first round of the FEI World Cup™ Driving Leg on Friday afternoon and the final on Saturday night.

When booking tickets, you will need to use the code BC2017. The organisers are happy for you to book tickets on behalf of friends and family. Book your tickets now through the Olympia website or by calling the box office 0871 230 5580 and quoting the code above.



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