

# British Carriagedriving

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### Council Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council will be decided at the meeting on Wednesday 24 January 2018.

### BC Office Phone Number

Please note that the 0845 number has been discontinued for the BC office. Please use the landline number 01560 480247.

### Memberships paid by card

British Carriagedriving apologise for the removal of the option to renew your membership by credit or debit card through the PayPal system. Memberships may still be renewed by BACS or by sending a cheque. This has been necessary due to the introduction of a ban on credit card surcharges which came into force on 13 January. Anyone renewing by card on or after that date will have the cost of the surcharge refunded. Council will discuss how they wish to resolve this issue at their next meeting on 24 January. The cost of paying by card was passed onto the members at the beginning of 2017 as the cost of absorbing these charges by BC was running into 4 figures annually.

### End of Season Members Ball

A number of enthusiastic members are looking into the possibility of reinstating the End of Season Ball. A recent survey through Facebook has been conducted to gauge the potential level of interest. If the decision to go ahead is taken, it is planned to take place on the same weekend as the BC National Conference.



Daniel Wurgler, Swiss driver Normandy (FRA) © FEI

## EVENTS

### New Dressage Test for 2018

The new dressage test has been published on the BC web-site which will be driven by the Intermediate Single Horse and Pony, Open Horse and Pony Pairs, Horse and Pony Tandems and para-equestrian classes. The new test is called BC Test 2 100 (2018) for use in a 100m x 40m arena or BC Test 2 80 (2018) for use in the smaller 80m arena. The diagrams to accompany this test sheet will be published shortly.

### New Regional Event

In addition to the new Regional Event at Bywell Park, organisers in Ireland now offer two Regional Events. On 28/28 July, the first will take place at Waringstown, Co. Armagh, NI and the second will be run in conjunction with the All Ireland Championships which are being held on 25/26 Aug at Cuffesgrange, Co. Killkenny, ROI.

## GENERAL

### Volunteers Needed for FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018

Volunteer enquiries are currently being accepted for the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018 (WEG). Expected to be the largest sporting event in North America in 2018, the Games will be held at Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) on September 11-23, 2018 in Tryon, N.C.



FEI Championship medals © FEI

People interested in volunteering can fill out an enquiry form online at [www.tryon2018.com](http://www.tryon2018.com).

Submitting an online enquiry is the first in a sequence of steps required to complete a volunteer application. The additional steps can be found in the online WEG Volunteer Portal that will be launched in March. This scheduled launch will begin the "Recruitment Phase." Volunteers who have submitted an enquiry through the existing online form will receive a link to the Volunteer Portal to begin an application. Volunteers will create a login and password, answer security and ability questions, purchase the uniform package, and sign a liability waiver.

Beginning in April 2018, volunteers selected for service will be notified of their assignment(s), during the "Selection Phase." May 1 is the deadline for all volunteers to complete applications through the online Volunteer Portal. "Orientation" and "Pilot Training Phases" will occur June through September.

Anyone who has previously filled out the online enquiry form on the Tryon 2018 website does not need to resubmit the form to receive an invitation to the online Volunteer Portal. Interested parties who have not yet submitted an inquiry form may do so. Please [click here](#) to submit a volunteer enquiry.

The WEG Volunteer Management Committee is also pleased to announce a community hosting initiative for WEG volunteers. Volunteers may request complimentary housing through the online Volunteer Portal on the application form. Hosting families will be located regionally within proximity of TIEC.

Please visit [www.tryon2018.com](http://www.tryon2018.com) for more information on the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018.



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