

British Carriagedriving

OFFICIAL NEWS

Council Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council will be Monday 19 March. Please remember to submit any items you wish Council to consider no later than Friday 9 March.

Would you stand for the BC Council?

James Broome is organising an on-line survey to seek members' views regarding the influence that the dates for Council meeting have over the likelihood of them standing for election to Council. An election was held in 2017 with the previous election five years earlier in 2012. The members of Council see an election as healthy and hope to encourage more members to put their names forward for election. While it can be helpful to co-opt members now and again, it is preferable to have an elected board of directors. Please respond to the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P2STRRS>.

Membership Upgrades

A number of queries have been received regarding the possibility of upgrading a membership at a later date. Council have agreed that any member upgrading would be required to pay the full cost of the membership category to which they were upgrading, with credit being given for the cost of the original membership and the cost of a ticket if this option has been used.

EVENTS

Additional Club Training Clinics

Please book through the website where there is also an option to print a booking form. If this is not convenient, please send a note (by post or e-mail) of the clinic you wish to attend to the BC office with the appropriate payment.

North Club Judges

Date: 24 March 2018
Trainer: Philippa Thompson
Venue: The Rheged Centre, Redhills, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0DQ
Times: 10.30 for 11am - 4pm (approx)
Cost: £25 to include tea/coffee and biscuits and a light lunch

North Course Designers

Date: 25 March 2018
Trainer: Colin Smith
Venue: The Rheged Centre, Redhills, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0DQ
Times: 10.30 for 11am - 4pm (approx)
Cost: £25 to include tea/coffee and biscuits and a light lunch

South Course Designers

Date: 25 March 2018
Trainer: Antony Petitpierre
Venue: Holiday Inn, Reading-South M4, Jct.11, Basingstoke Road 500, Reading, RG2 0SL
Times: 10.30 for 11am - 4pm (approx)
Cost: £25 to include tea/coffee and biscuits and a light lunch

National Championships

The 2018 National Championships will take place at Cricklands, Monmouthshire. As members will be aware, Council recently invited tenders from event organisers to host and organise the 2018 National Championships.

British Carriagedriving received a first class bid from James Broome, which more than met all of the criteria set out in the tender document and we are therefore delighted to say that the 2018 Championships will, by kind permission of Mr. David Broome OBE, be held at the David Broome Equestrian Centre at Cricklands on 14, 15 and 16 September 2018.

Going forward, Council plans to start the tender process for 2019 much earlier, in the hope that we will be able to identify other equally suitable venues and organisers with a view to holding the championships in different parts of the country in 2019 and thereafter.

In the long term we would, however, like to identify a geographically central location at which we could hold our Championships each year.

Indoor to Outdoor

British Carriagedriving are pleased to announce a collaboration between the Indoor and outdoor events. The Novice Horse and Pony Indoor Champions will be offered a free entry to the Evolution class at the British Carriagedriving National Championships in 2018. Although Novices at Indoor events are classified as not having competed at an outdoor National, entering a National or Regional event during the following season will not preclude the winners from entering the Evolution class at the Championships.

Indoor Events and BC Competence Cards

The Council of British Carriagedriving have agreed to accept completion of the Indoor finals as one of the three required events which can be counted towards a BC Competence Card. The Indoor Final organiser will be able to sign this and a copy of the results should be submitted with the Competence Card in the usual way. The different requirements of the outdoor environment will still need to be assessed in the current manner at a further 2 outdoor events before a driver is qualified to progress to National Novice Classes. British Carriagedriving hope this will encourage more drivers from Indoor event to test their skills at outdoor events.

On-line Entries for 2018

National and Regional events will be offered the option to use an on-line entry system available through the BC website. If events already have their own systems, a link to this will be available. Please see the British Carriagedriving website for further details once the schedules are published.

Club Class Progression

Following the positive feedback from clubs at the 2017 Conference, British Carriagedriving are seeking to create a unified progression for drivers through the club structure and into Regional and National events. At present there are a wide range of classes and each club has a slightly different approach to assessing new drivers before their first event. The intention is to create a standard format for events at all clubs. Council have considered a first draft of such a document which will be circulated in due course to all clubs and feedback invited. If agreement can be reached on a unified way forward, this could be introduced for the 2019 season.



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