

British Carriagedriving

OFFICIAL NEWS

Council Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council will be decided at the meeting in June.

EVENTS

BC Membership: Rule Book Misprint

An error has been identified in the BC Rule Book. When the changes were being made following the implementation of the new membership structure (effective from 1/1/18), Annex 16: 1.1 should have been amended to say that Full membership was now needed for all National and Regional events for drivers competing at Intermediate level or above unless they wished, as an Associate member, to purchase a single event ticket. If a driver qualifies for the National Championships from an event at which they competed on a ticket, an upgrade to Full membership will be needed for those drivers competing at Intermediate level or above. Drivers in National Novice classes may compete as Associate members all year.

BC Affiliated Club Championship

Midlands Carriagedriving won the inaugural BC Affiliated Club Championship in 2016 but were just pipped at the very end into second in 2017 by East Anglian Carriage Driving Group. The results were very close with EACDGF finishing on 401, Midlands Carriagedriving on 387 and North East Driving Trials Ltd. on 376. The medals are presented at the National Championships and British Carriagedriving hope even more of you will take part this year and get your scores counting on behalf of your club. There is a note on the 2018 Declaration Form for you to nominate the club you wish to represent.

Medals will be awarded to the drivers of the winning club whose scores contributed to the club's success. Points allocated in the Points Leagues will be transferred across and this will include all Novice Qualifiers. Evolution classes and Young Horse classes will not count.

This championship aims to place greater recognition on the role the clubs play in the sport and enhance links with British Carriagedriving.

Event Survey

With the summer events getting under way, please don't forget to send your views via Survey Monkey after each event. 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>. There is a link on the BC web-site. The results of the survey can be submitted anonymously if you prefer and will be viewed by members of Council and the organiser for the respective events.

Upcoming Events

There are a larger than usual number of forthcoming events, with five Regional events and one National event, having their closing dates this month.

Allerton Park Regional Event 21-22 July

Closing Date for entries: 8 July

The Regional event at Allerton is always very popular and offers a delightful marathon of 14-16km on parkland and tracks. Allerton has an outstanding water obstacle which crosses onto an island.

There will be a catering van on-site for the duration of the event and a meal and party in the marquee on Saturday night for all competitors and volunteers.

Raehills Regional Event 28-29 July

Closing Date for entries: 22 July

Raehills likes to offer a wide range of entertainment. The Raehills Challenge is an "on foot" competition for teams of four people (at least one of which must be a driver or steward). There is a £10 entry charge per team with a £100 prize. There is also the Inter-Club Challenge for teams which include a single pony, a single horse

and a multiple (pair, tandem or four).

There will be a catering van on-site all weekend and the option to come to the Saturday night party where there will be a number of barbecues for you to cook your own food and have a sociable evening. A range of nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drink.

Warringstown Regional Event 28-29 July

Closing Date for entries: 20 July

The Regional event at Warringstown is running in conjunction with the NICDA Club Championships. In addition to the driving trials, there will be a number of private deriving showing classes which take place on Saturday afternoon.

The marathon route runs over estate roads, tracks and lanes in the park with some forest trails and the possibility of some small country roads. There will be seven obstacles and the organisers hope to include one with water.

There will be a catering van on site all weekend with a Cheese and Wine reception on Friday evening and a hot meal with live music on Saturday evening.

Onley Regional Event 4-5 August

Closing Date for entries: 21 July

Midlands Carriagedriving is delighted that its competition at Onley Grounds Equestrian Centre, being held from 5 to 6 August, has been upgraded to a Regional event; competitors entering Regional classes will have the opportunity to qualify for the British Carriagedriving National Championships.

There will also be National





Novice Qualifier classes as well as the usual club classes.

Onley Grounds is a superb venue for driving trials, with its level fields for lorry parking, beautifully tended grass arenas for dressage, level ground for the cones and a lovely marathon course which includes a water obstacle. Competitors can also take advantage of the permanent facilities such as the café, showers and toilets along with some retail therapy in the tack shop and the Farm Shop and Butchery.

Spectators are always welcome, as are volunteer stewards, to all of Midlands' competitions.

Further information and non-members' entry forms can be found on www.midlands-carriage-driving.co.uk.

Goodwood Regional Event 28-29 July

Closing Date for entries: 23 July

In a change to the schedule, it has been decided to make Goodwood's Regional and Club 2 day event marathon

shorter and easier. The event now plans to run a single section marathon as per Article 960 1.7 of the BC rules. This means Sections A and T will be replaced by a warm-up area where competitors will report at least 30 minutes prior to their start time. The organising committee confirm that there will be plenty of space to warm horses up and that there will be a practice obstacle. There will be a judge and vet on hand in the warm-up area with a horse check 10 minutes prior to the start of the obstacle section (as usual).

If you have competed at Goodwood in previous years, you will remember two obstacles among the trees up in the woods. These have been retired for this year, and two new obstacles will be constructed in the fields (slightly) nearer the lorry park. The organisers hope this will allow them to plan a Section B route with fewer steep climbs. They are not able to confirm the length of the section yet, but it is likely to be between 7 and 8km.

The organising committee stress that it is not too soon to enter Goodwood. There are 4 simultaneous events with something for everyone: the 2 day Regional event, the 2 day Club event, the 1 day

Evolution and Young Horse and Pony classes and the world famous Small Pony Grand Prix. More information can be found on-line at <http://bhcgoodwood.uk> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1697345760360750/>.

Lowther National Event 10-12 August

Closing Date for entries: 16 July

Plans for this year's entertainment at the Lowther event include a Welcome Reception on Friday evening and a barbecue on Saturday. The views around Lowther are always stunning and don't forget there is prize money on offer for the Lowther Derby (for full details see the schedule and Rule Book). The marathon is split with horses on Saturday and ponies on Sunday so there's plenty of entertainment with the Country Fair running all weekend.

GENERAL

Heather Clark

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Heather Clark. Heather displayed huge determination in her fight against cancer as she had done in the face of a severe disability all her life. She loved carriage driving and represented Britain in numerous Para-equestrian World Championships. She also ran the BC 200 Club for many years which donated considerable funds for the purchase of event equipment. Heather's smiling face will be greatly missed, and an obituary is published on the BC web-site and in the News section of this magazine.

200 Club

The first draw in 2018 took place at Hopetoun with the following winners;
£50 Prilly Baron
£30 John Stafford
£20 Jane Isaac
The next draw will take place at Sandringham.

Previous page: Jan de Boer winner of FEI Pony Fours, Hopetoun 2018; above: Tracey Fletcher, FEI Single Horse winner Hopetoun 2018; Fred Pendlebury winner of Open Horse Pairs, Hopetoun 2018



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