

British Carriagedriving

OFFICIAL NEWS

Council Meeting

The next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council takes place in March with the date yet to be confirmed. Council always welcomes, and takes into account, feedback received from members, so if there are any matters or issues which you would like Council to consider, please send an email to the British Carriagedriving office.

New Para Driving Chef d'Equipe

After many years of dedicated service to the Para Driving Team, Rachel Belliere-Wilson has retired. She will be a hard act to follow but Council were delighted that Julie Camm was willing to take on this role and wish her well.

Some Clinics in Danger of Cancellation

Training clinics have been arranged for 2019 with full details on the web-site. The Club TD clinic North is well supported but the numbers for the one in the South are insufficient to run at the time of going to press. Numbers at the South Club Judges clinic are also very low. If you are planning to attend, please let the BC office know as soon as possible or the Southern clinics are in danger of being cancelled.

British Young Drivers Easter Clinics

Two clinics, to suit all ages and driving experience, will be held at the Unicorn Trust, Stow on the Wold from Sunday 14 to Tuesday 16 April and Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 April. There is a varied programme of activities for everyone 8 years upwards.

To apply, email sydneysmith@unicornequestriantrust.org.uk for an application form as soon as possible. The closing date is 1 April 2019 (not a joke!)

If you have any questions or would like more information about which clinic to attend, email Mary Jane Campbell on byd@britishcarriagedriving.co.uk.

Social Media Strategy

James Broome, is spear-heading a new initiative and British Carriagedriving will be working with the PR company PRfect to deliver media training to representatives from all the National and Regional events, any clubs running Novice Qualifiers, Indoor Driving, British Masters, UKCC coaches, international teams and Young Drivers.

The first PR Liaison course for selected individuals takes place at the David Broome Event Centre on Friday March 8th, 2019.

The 'role' is to gather interesting, informative and innovative content that can be sent to the core comms team who will then create a plan to maximise editorial opportunities and distribute accordingly.

EVENTS

Saddlers' Company Prizes

The Worshipful Company of Saddlers were concerned about the number of headcollars won by the same person. They are still very happy to support Young Drivers and Para Drivers but this support will now take the form of a training voucher. Training vouchers will be awarded to any Young or Para driver who completes three National or Regional events in one calendar year (the National Championships count as one event). The value of the vouchers will be determined by the number of winners at the end of the season.

2020 National Championships

The invitation to submit a bid to host the 2020 National Championships is published on the web-site and has been sent to existing organisers, clubs and other interested parties. Please contact the BC office if you wish any additional information.

Identifying Moveable Obstacles

Following a review by the Safety Committee, Council approved the recommendation that semi mobile obstacles i.e. those partly buried in the ground, should be identified as such on the event paperwork, the TD's briefing and in addition by a white band of paint at the base of the posts. This will be brought to the attention of the officials at the clinic at Stow on the Wold.

INTERNATIONAL

BEF FEI passport changes clarified by DEFRA

The BEF have been working with DEFRA to clarify what changes in procedure are required when handling FEI Recognition Cards and FEI Full passports to comply with the new Equine Identification (England) Regulations 2018 which replaced the Horse Passport Regulations 2009.

The following points summarise the document, which is available in full on request from the BC office.

1. Full FEI Passports, even when revalidated without gaps, are no longer compliant

and owners must be advised to obtain a national passport and have it converted (for free apart from postage) to a Recognition Card. Some owners may already have a national passport.

2. BEF can no longer add section IX to a passport – they must be bound within the national passport. Glued, taped or stapled is not accepted. Owners must obtain a duplicate passport from the original Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) with it bound within. If that PIO does not provide a compliant passport a replacement can be sought from an EU PIO
3. Ownerships must be correct in the national passport as well as the FEI Recognition Card. BEF can do this at the time of handling the FEI Passport at no extra charge
4. Separate ownership documents (like the French passports) cannot be updated by BEF. Owners must go to the original PIO to obtain an updated one and it must be kept in the back folder of the passport. The passport will not be considered compliant by Defra unless the ownership document is in the correct ownership.

FEI Badges of Honour

The FEI awards Badges of Honour (as detailed in the FEI Rule Book Annex 9) to Athletes who complete all three competitions (without retirement, disqualification or elimination) at a World or Continental Championships (including FEI Youth Championships) to the following scale:

- a) A Gold badge for six completions
- b) A Silver badge for four completions
- c) A bronze badge for two completions

Possession of one of these badges confers certain privileges on the athlete. A full description of the privileges is detailed in Article 132 of the FEI General Regulations.

If you are eligible and wish to obtain one of these badges, please send the BC office a list of the events at which you competed; include the year in which the event took place and your placing.

Horse Sport Prepares for Brexit

Although the outcomes of Parliamentary negotiations surrounding Brexit remain uncertain, the horse world has been working closely together to understand the implications for horse owners when the UK leaves the EU on 29th March 2019.

Leaders from a number of organisations from horse sport, racing, vets, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Animal and



Julie Camm, the new Para-Driving Chef d' Equipe, seen here competing at Saumur

Plant Health Agency (APHA) have been developing plans for what needs to be done in case the UK leaves with no deal.

The chief concern for horse owners will be transportation. Our focus has been on the following areas:

- All horses leaving the UK to enter the EU will need a new type of Export Health Certificate (EHC) which would require blood tests signed off by an Official Veterinarian (OV) to confirm it is free from disease. EHCs would last 10 days and would accompany the horse and its horse passport. Requirements for movements to the rest of the world remain largely unchanged.
- Developing a new type of Equine Travel ID Document. This would be needed, as well as a horse passport, for horses which do not have studbook passports or are not registered with an international body which governs sport or racing (such as the FEI)
- Given increased demand, ensuring there will be enough Official Veterinarians and other experts and specialists, to carry out health inspections, blood tests and produce EHCs
- Submitting evidence to the EU about the UK's health status so that the UK can be granted a Third Country status/category. This will determine the extent of the blood tests required by horses before moving
- The effect on transport authorisations, certificates of competence and vehicle approval certificates
- The extent of probable delays at channel crossing points (Channel Tunnel and ferry ports) and the need for more Border Inspection Posts both in the UK and the EU, because of requirements to check horse identity and health certificates
- Tariffs on permanent horse movements
- A system to take over from the EU's movements recording database (TRACES) to enable the UK to keep its own horse movement records
- Mutual recognition of EU and UK studbooks to preserve their registered horses' ability to travel without the additional Equine Travel ID Document
- Availability and recognition of veterinary medicines

British Equestrian Federation (BEF) Chief Executive Nick Fellows says; "The terms of the UK's departure from the EU have not yet been confirmed but, given the serious implications for equestrian sport, we have been working closely with the relevant authorities. As soon as the situation becomes clearer the BEF will inform its members so that horse owners will be aware of actions they may need to take."



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