

# Looking for a host in 2020



The latest news from British Carriagedriving, including the search for a new venue to host the 2020 National Championships and congratulations to Jeanie Lane as she is promoted to 4\* Technical Delegate.

## OFFICIAL NEWS

### Council Meeting

The next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council takes place on Wednesday 19th June 2019. 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 e-mail to the British Carriagedriving office. The deadline for submitting matters to be considered at the June meeting will be Tuesday 11th June.

### Could you take on the role of BC Treasurer?

British Carriagedriving are very grateful to Ben Freer for the work he has done in the role of Treasurer for the past three years. Sadly, Ben has recently resigned due to pressure of work. If you have a financial background and the ability to budget the company's finances, the Council would love to hear from you. It is a requirement that the Treasurer is a member of Council so this would be a co-opted position to start with. Please send initial expressions of interest or any queries to the BC office.

### On-line Membership Platform

After three years and investigations of many different options, Council have agreed to proceed with the implementation of the membership platform run by MyClubhouse for the 2020 season. Details of all the functions to be offered have still to be finalised but will include online joining, entries and a volunteer database. The intention is to transfer the current members into the new system in 2019 so that your record will be ready to access when you wish to rejoin. Teething problems are inevitable with any new technological system so we ask for your patience once the implementation process is started. Memberships can still be submitted by post if you do not have internet access. The new system increases our compliance with GDPR and allows members greater flexibility to set their own preferences.

### Clinic Reports

#### TD Club Clinic North

Despite the cancellation of the Southern TD clinic due to lack of numbers (only 2 delegates had booked), Tommy Thomlinson had a staggering 25 delegates to accommodate in the North. This is a record for a club TD clinic and, although he gulped slightly when he discovered how many wished to attend (it was the first time he had done this after all!) Tommy bravely accepted the challenge and delivered an excellent event which has received considerable unsolicited positive feedback.

Tommy explained the pitfalls, rules, guidelines and fun parts of being a Club TD to the delegates and succeeded in keeping the day positive but light-hearted despite the seriousness of the role of TD with good advice, observational tasks and a quiz.

Everyone appreciated the amount of work involved in the role but, undeterred, several decided that they would like to give it a try by shadowing a TD at club level. Tommy ably proffered his experience and advice amidst lots of interaction, questions and general discussion.

#### National and Club Judges Interactive Workshop

On 23rd March, a workshop for judges was held at Arena UK, near Grantham where drivers were also invited to take part. The day was led by Stuart Roberts who guided participants with knowledgeable advice in order to increase their confidence in coming to a numeric conclusion with positive comments when judging a movement. Participants were encouraged to interact with each other and Stuart, by giving their opinions, making suggestions and asking questions.

The volunteer drivers were Elisabeth Greensmith, Stephen Trebble and Angie Smith who had the pleasure of driving on a large outdoor surface in the sunshine. Feedback from all who attended was extremely positive with requests for more of the same.

### 200 Club

British Carriagedriving are very grateful to the 200 Club who have just purchased new event clocks and watches to replace the faulty ones. These are now ready to go for the new season. Many thanks to everyone involved with the 200 Club for your generous support and contribution to the sport which is greatly appreciated.

## EVENTS

### Flu Vaccinations

With the current flu outbreak still in the equestrian news, Council considered the current BC Rule and its interpretation in Annex 11, 1.3. Council have clarified that horses or ponies, vaccinated on the same date annually, do comply with the BC Rule Book although drivers are advised to check the requirements of other organising bodies if competing elsewhere or under different rules. At present, British Carriagedriving has no plans to increase the frequency of vaccinations but will continue to monitor the situation and respond to any new veterinary advice.

### Start Fee Consultation

At the Event Organisers Meeting in 2018, it was agreed to send a proposal to Council that a flat rate start fee should be payable by all competitors irrespective of class. Council considered this proposal at their last meeting and, before any firm decision is taken, wish to canvas members' views. If a flat rate were introduced it would be around £45 / competitor which it is estimated would generate around the same total of start fees received by BC annually. If agreed, this would be implemented from 2020. An e-mail has been sent to all members. If you have not received this, you are invited to respond to the proposal above by e-mail to the BC office.

### Dressage Test Change: Pre-Novice and Novice

Following their meeting at the Stow in the Wold clinic, Council received a request from the Judges Committee to return the Pre-Novice

and Novice tests to their previous format. Council have accepted this request so these tests will be the same as they were in 2018. Other tests will have the new system with only 2 collective marks

### ATVs and Scooters

If you are taking a quad, scooter or any motorised vehicle to any events, please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure they are adequately insured and ridden according to the manufacturers' specifications. It is also important to remember that vehicles used on public roads (often part of the marathon route) need to comply with the Road Traffic laws.

### National Championships 2020

An invitation has been sent to all clubs, event organisers and relevant parties who may have an interest in hosting the British Carriagedriving National Championships in 2020. Please contact the BC office if you wish a copy of the tender document and have not received one. These should be returned to the BC office no later than Monday 10th June to enable Council to consider all proposals at their next meeting.

### Event Photographers

Please remember to register yourself with British Carriagedriving via the website if you plan to be attending events as a BC Registered Photographer in 2019. You retain your blue numbered bib year on year but annual registration, to confirm you have adequate insurance, is required. As long as you are not taking photos in a professional capacity, BC Associate membership now carries liability insurance for photographers. If you are registering for the first time, a new numbered bib will be sent to you on receipt of your registration. The orange bibs, issued in the first year, are no longer valid.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Jeannie Lane Promoted to 4\* FEI Technical Delegate

Jeannie Lane has recently been promoted to 4 star Technical Delegate for Driving by the FEI which is the highest international level. Promotion to this level requires a great deal of time and commitment travelling to events around the world to gain the necessary experience. She will officiate at Sandringham CA12\* this year. Jeannie, from Braintree in Essex, will be familiar to many drivers as she is involved in BC events as a National TD in addition to her international commitments as an FEI TD or Steward.

### Brexit and International Horse Travel

Although the UK has not yet left the EU, it is now scheduled to do so no later than 31st October. The rules which apply when a horse is transported to the EU will change when the UK leaves. The extent to which they will change will depend on what (if any) deal is done. International drivers will need to keep the situation under review and may need to arrange for horses to be blood tested before travelling. They may also need to obtain a Government Identity Document (in addition to the passport) and to make arrangements to enter the EU via a recognized Border Inspection Post.

The BEF are working closely with the Government to make sure members and equine owners are well informed. There is a Brexit section on the BEF web-site which may help to supply answers to any concerns you may have. There is a Brexit section on the BEF web-site which may help to supply answers to any concerns you may have.

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