

Take time for training



News of a new novice dressage test, latest information on FEI rules and requirements and if you are a junior driver, it's time to book your place on the BYD Easter Clinic, where you will get the chance to work with world champions.

OFFICIAL NEWS Council Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council is Wednesday 25th March. 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 no later than Tuesday 17th March, to allow time for the papers for Council to be prepared and circulated. This meeting follows hard on the heels of the February meeting as this is the first attempt to hold a Council meeting on-line.

Accident Reporting On-line

The British Carriagedriving website will shortly have a link to the Howden site where Accident and Incident reporting will now be done online. This link also gives members an extended list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a direct line of communication to the insurers. Information submitted will be sent to both the insurers and the BC office. If there is no internet connection on-site, it will be necessary for Safety Officers to compile accurate notes and upload these at a later date.

Safety Clinics added to list of clinics for Club Officials and drivers

A reminder that booking, for all the 2020 clinics, is available on-line via the BC website and a booking form was sent with paper membership renewal reminders in December. Please book through the new portal if you can. If you have any problems with logging in, please contact the BC office.

Two Safety Clinics have been added, one North and one South. It is strongly recommended that anyone acting in the role of Safety Officer attends. These clinics will also be of great help to all Technical Delegates and Event Organisers. The cost has been kept low to encourage as many as possible to attend.

Safety Clinic South

Date: Saturday 21st March 2020
Trainer: John Woollacott
Venue: Holiday Inn, Reading-South M4, Junction 11, Basingstoke Road 500, Reading, RG2 0SL, near junction of A33 and M4
Times: 10am for 10.30am – approx. finish 4pm
Cost: £25 to include lunch and all-day refreshments

Club Judges North

Date: Saturday 28th March 2020
Trainer: Philippa Thompson and Paul Hayler (Paul Hayler has successfully competed at international level on a vast number of horses at both international small and big tour level. In September 2014, Paul was appointed Training Director for British Dressage. He is also a List One Judge).
Venue: North Lakes Hotel & Spa, Ullswater Road, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 8QT
Times: 10am for 10.30am – approx. finish 4pm
Cost: £25 to include lunch (soup and sandwiches) and all day refreshments

Club Course Designers North

Date: Saturday 28th March 2020
Trainer: Colin Smith
Venue: North Lakes Hotel & Spa, Ullswater Road, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 8QT
Times: 10am for 10.30am – approx. finish 4pm
Cost: £25 to include lunch (soup and sandwiches) and all-day refreshments

Safety Clinic North

Date: Sunday 29th March 2020
Trainer: Dave West
Venue: North Lakes Hotel & Spa, Ullswater Road, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 8QT
Times: 10am for 10.30am – approx. finish 4pm
Cost: £25 to include lunch (soup and sandwiches) and all-day refreshments

BYD Easter Clinic

British Young Drivers provides training and fun for young carriage drivers aged 8-30. The Easter Clinic, at the Unicorn Equestrian Centre, Stow on the Wold runs this year from 12th-15th April 2020. There are two clinics: one for younger or less experienced drivers and one for more advanced young drivers. Bookings can be made via the new on-line portal or by requesting a form from Sydney Smith - please email her sydneysmith@unicornequestriantrust.org.uk.

Please watch the BYD Facebook page for news and updates and contact Mary Jane Campbell 07793908459 or mjcdriiving@gmail.com for more information.

EVENTS

New Novice Dressage Test

British Carriagedriving have introduced a new Novice Test for 2020. It will be known as BC Novice 80 (2020) or BC Novice 100 (2020). The name will give a clue that the test can be driven in either an 80m or 100m arena. It will be discussed at the forthcoming Club and National Judges clinics.

It is available to download as a PDF from the dressage test page on the BC website, with both "A" and "C" diagrams.

Event Tickets

Don't forget, if you are an Associate or Supporter member of BC, you can enter one National or Regional Event "on a ticket". (This does not apply to Novice drivers who can compete all year as Associate members). Tickets can be purchased through the new on-line portal from the shop. An upgrade to Full Membership is required if you qualify for and wish to enter the National Championships.

Dressage Comments

Council have approved a new rule that dressage marks of 6.5 or less must have a comment attached. This is being done to assist drivers identify areas that need work in their training.

INTERNATIONAL FEI Passport Applications, Renewals and Registrations

Please avoid using paper forms for any FEI Passport Applications, Renewals and Horse Registrations as these are now obsolete. Please log in to the new portal and complete the appropriate forms which can be found in the shop. You then pay for them in the usual manner via your basket and send your payment by cheque (with the passport if this is being sent to the BC office), BACS or with credit/debit card via the Stripe system.

New FEI Top Driver Standings

The FEI will no longer total points from a calendar year to identify the Top Driver award. This will now follow the format of the Olympic Disciplines and, depending on the points gained the previous month, a new Number One will be announced regularly. As the points for a new month are added, the previous year's corresponding month will be dropped off, leaving twelve months to count at any time.

New FEI Pony Measurement Requirements

Details of the Pony Measurement requirements are included in the FEI Vet Regulations for 2020 which are available on the FEI website. The FEI have laid out the following time line:

From 1st January 2020:

- All new pony registrations will have to be measured at an Official FEI Measuring Session. Measured in ponies will receive a FEI Measuring Certificate according to their age. (8 years or older will receive a lifetime certificate, younger will get a 1 year certificate)

- All registered ponies measured in at FEI events and FEI Appeal Measurements by 2 FEI Measuring Veterinarians during 2017-2018-2019 will receive an FEI Lifetime Measuring Certificate. ("Grandfather Rights").

1st January 2020 - 31 December 2022 (Transition Period)

- Measuring of entered ponies without FEI Measuring Certificate will take place according to the current (2019) FEI Pony Measuring Rules at the European Pony Championships & Pony Nations Cup Final & Pony Jumping Trophy Final.
- Those measured in at these events will receive a FEI Measuring Certificate according to their age.

1st January 2023 (Full Implementation)

- All ponies will need a FEI Measuring Certificate in order to be eligible to compete at FEI Events.

The process is complicated and likely to be expensive. The BEF are trying to organise a measuring day for British ponies at the end of March but no date had been confirmed when this publication went to press. In order to be able to organise a measuring session, National Federations must find a measuring station which is in accordance with the FEI Regulations. This is a time consuming and detailed process. Once the measuring station has been accepted by the FEI, the NFs can choose measuring dates and send invitations to the ponies to be measured.

The FEI will assign two FEI Measuring Veterinarians and one FEI Judge (which will not be from the host nation). A measuring

calendar will be published on the FEI website in due course. The FEI have also confirmed that a pony doesn't need to have an FEI passport or recognition card in order to attend a measuring session, as measurement certificates may be stuck in the national passport.

GENERAL

Ticket Sales Open for the World Four-in-hand Championships

From 2nd-6th September 2020 the World Championships for four-in-hand horses will take place in Limburg. Tickets have now gone on sale via their website <https://www.worldhorsedriving.com/>.

Enthusiasts can order tickets online for their chance to see the best of the best horse teams compete at the iconic Equestrian Centre de Peelbergen.

If you order your "passe-partout" tickets before 1st of April, you will receive a special discount of 10%. Tickets will be sold separately per day from 1st of April.

"Fancamping" is also available. In addition to the entry tickets, passes for fan camping can be purchased. Everyone who is interested in visiting the World Championships with their own caravan, camper or tent is welcome at the fancamping Limburg 2020. The camping is located less than 50 meters from the main entrance and is equipped with electricity, showers and toilets.

Dressage takes place on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September with the Marathon on Saturday and Cones on Sunday.

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Sara Howe at BYD Clinic 2019



Roger Campbell teaching at BYD Clinic 2019