

Area Newsletter 5 August 2016

Good morning Club Chairmen / Secretaries / Training Officers

INSTRUCTORS / VENUES AT RIDING CLUB EVENTS

We have notified clubs on several occasions about the requirements of checking instructors and venues prior to them being booked for training at Riding Club training days / camps. It is quite clear on seeing Club events published that this is not being done by every Club. The BRC information sheets on booking instructors and venues is attached again. In Scotland, if the trainer is on the Horsescotland register this is acceptable as these trainers have fulfilled the same criteria as BHS registered instructors.

Trainers who are accredited BD, BS and BE trainers are acceptable as well as they too have to have the necessary paperwork for being accredited to their respective disciplines.

All other trainers being used outwith the above must give proof of up to date insurance and first aid.

If riders under the age of 18 are attending training, then the trainers must also have a PVG and attended a Safeguarding Children workshop. This should be checked with the accredited trainers as well! Under Scottish Law all trainers including NON-SCOTTISH trainers must have had their PVG done in Scotland.

If non UK trainers are being used for any Club training, they too must have the appropriate UK insurance, first aid, etc. and comply with current BRC rules.

It is the responsibility of each Club's Committee to ensure that BRC rules are complied with and if there should be any incident when rules have not been complied with, then there could be insurance problems.

BRC COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

The Area will be starting to look at their 2016 AGM's. To help Clubs, especially with new Committees coming on board, I have attached the up to date BRC information sheets on the role of Committees.

To this end some of the Area office bearers would like to attend your AGM if at all possible and perhaps be able to give first hand advice on how to help you with Club matters and be able to meet some of the members and ask them directly about "what they would like Area to do for them"

Please let us have the date for your AGM as soon as you have agreed it and we will do our best to get a Committee member to attend.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Thainstone Mart, Inverurie on Sunday 20 November at 2 pm. Guest speaker will be Gemma Pearson BVMS Cert AVP (EM) MRCVS, Clinical Scholar in Equine Practice at the Dick Vet. She is also Veterinary Liaison Officer for the International Society of Equitation. Gemma will talk about horse handling, welfare and behaviour.

A final notice about the AGM will be sent out one month before the date of the meeting and a notice will also be put on facebook and the web site.

SURVEY MONKEY RESULTS

We have analysed the results of the recent Survey Monkey and only 70 members took part - about 4% of our Area membership! The Area Committee are now acting on the results and are currently looking at satisfying the needs of the members by providing what they have requested.

We are hoping that we will be able to run joint training days with BD, BE and BS.

PATRICK PRINT TRAINING / NETHERTON, PERTH

Attached is the booking form for training with Patrick on 29 October. Please pass this information on to your Club Members

On 30 October at Netherton Patrick will be taking a training day for style jumping and riding test (booking form on same form as the training for 29 October). This day is open to all existing riding test and style jumping judges as a refresher day and potential new judges are welcome to attend. The day is also open to all Riding Club members who would like to see first hand what is involved in the riding test and style jumping. This day is free!

AREA TRAINING GRANTS

Applications for training grants in 2016 have gone down. All clubs are entitled to apply for a grant of up to £150 to help them meet the cost of any training they are putting on within their Club.

AREA 22 Q's AND NQ's / COUNTRY WAYS AREA 22 TEAM CHALLENGE

Horse Trials

Burgie again let the Area "piggy back" on their BE event on 12 June. Entries were slightly up this year but there were one or two problems with scoring due to riders being put into different sections. It was resolved in the end but not the best solution! This is an area that we will have to look at seriously before making a decision about the 2017 Horse trials Q's. Any Club willing to take on the running of the HT Q's - now is the time to think about it. The Committee are available to help and support you all the way.

As there were only 4 riders in the Open HT section, BRC did try to get them to go to the championships as an Area 22 team as opposed to a Club team. The dates clashed with a major BE event in Scotland so it was unfortunate that we were not able to take HQ up on this offer.

Dressage to Music

Thank you to Buchan Riding Club who took on running the DTM Q's again and run them at Ladleys. Numbers were slightly up this year with some new riders coming forward for the first time.

We are looking at introducing an Area 22 DTM Team Challenge and will be looking for a sponsor. This will hopefully encourage more Riding Club Members to have a go at the music classes.

Dressage, Riding Test, Show Jumping and Style Jumping

An excellent weekend of competition was held at Brechin Castle Equestrian on 30/31 July and thanks have to go to Stonehaven & Area Riding Club for putting together a very well run competition. It was obvious from the entries that the numbers for the qualifying sections are decreasing every year. Thanks have to go to all who helped in any way over the weekend - it was a massive task and the weather on the Saturday was definitely not kind to us.

We were also in the position of having to reject some flu vac certificates. It is so important that these are correct and if at all possible to try and get your Club members' flu vacs checked prior to any Area competition. If in doubt please get in touch and send us photocopies and we can check them for you in advance.

Country Ways Area 22 Team Challenge

Our first year of the new Team Challenge and it certainly was popular - obviously very popular with the winners and runners up - trophy, sashes and gift vouchers! 53 teams declared and 24 completed. Each team had to have a score in all 4 elements to be eligible for the trophy. Thanks have to go to Country Ways for their support in this new initiative.

All riders who competed in the Team Challenge also received a discount voucher from Country Ways.

AREA CAMP

A very successful Area camp was held again at Brechin and many thanks to Jacqui McAdam for doing such a good job in running the camp. Not an easy task especially when riders leave a mess at the stables and don't even lift their "horse poo"! Not nice! We are looking at ways to address this situation for 2017.

Thanks also to all those who helped Jacqui before, during and after the camp. Their efforts are appreciated as well.

Kind Regards

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