



NEWSLETTER

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● Secretary Report -

It was lovely to see so many of you at Daresdown at the end of October, many thanks to the Henderson family for making us so welcome. The BHRC year will end in its traditional way with the AGM and Christmas party.

We have received news from BRC Head office that they are increasing our membership fee from £16 to £20 per member as stated below.

The per head figure membership fee goes towards the running of BRC, including but not limited to, staff costs, training for clubs and members, training for BRC officials, digital membership card, production, Rider magazine and importantly, insurance. A BRC member has public liability insurance while they are taking part in any riding club organised activity. The per head figure for 2023 will be £20. We are still confident that £20 represents great value for 12 months membership to the organisation.

The affiliation fee simply covers the club's insurance premium. This covers the club and its volunteers to run as many riding club organised activities as they wish throughout the year. The fee for 2023 will be £210 for large clubs and £180 for small clubs. This figure holds no profit for BRC and is used directly to cover club insurance. Despite the small increase, this fee is excellent value considering there is no limit to the number of activities you can run, or the numbers you can have in attendance.

We intend keeping our costs the same next year but it is worth noting the club also pays 40p per member to Area 12 each year. We have removed the discount after 1st September, because we will still have to pay the full amount, regardless of when a member joins.

On a more positive note; Topaz is soon to be weaned and will be living with his auntie Kate before Christmas. Kate's new horse Monte is proof (if proof were ever needed) I can't ride; but he is going beautifully for her; I aspire to trotting a whole circle in the school! We have a great committee for 2023 that have the good of the club in their hearts and we shall start again in January, planning the BHRC year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, we are going to need that support again next year too.

Tricia x

● AGM -

2nd December at The Catherine Wheel pub, Hemyock. 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a member. The formalities of the AGM will be over fairly quickly so we can then party the night away! We will be holding a raffle for our named charities and you will have the opportunity to re-join us for next year, I have put a membership form at the end of this newsletter. Please can you return all cups and trophies before the AGM, thank you.

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting For the Blackdown Hills Riding Club

To be held at the Catherine Wheel Pub, Hemyock

Friday 2nd December 2022

Starting at 7.30 pm

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2021 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chair's report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurers report
7. Adoption of accounts
8. Subscriptions for 2023
9. Election of committee for 2023
10. Charities to benefit from club funds in 2023
11. AOB
12. Raffle
13. Party!

Should any member have a topic they wish to have raised at the AGM, please notify the BHRC secretary: - Tricia Budd, 24, Newlands Grove, Ruishton, Taunton. TA3 5JJ (triciabudd24@gmail.com)

Should there be any committee nominations, please forward the form below to Tricia Budd before the day of the AGM

Please note the proposed must be a current BHRC member and have shown a willingness to stand

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Proposed by: - (BHRC number.....)

Seconded by:-..... (BHRC number.....)

● 2022 awards -

Senior Achievement	Sylvia Paine
Junior Achievement	Maddie Cooper
Most Enthusiastic Member	Alison Harris
Senior Newcomer	Sara Smyth-Ribero
Junior Newcomer	Alexa Kavanagh

Flatwork Training Award	TBC
Good Ambassador	Vicky Henderson
Area 12 Award	Maisie Henderson & Serenity

Senior Helper Award	Sarah Ambridge
Junior Helper Award	Maisie Henderson
Most Improved Senior	Clare Lewis
Most Improved Junior	Maddie Cooper
Best Combination	Baya Birrane & Laurie
Senior Exceptional Turnout	Clare Lewis
Junior Exceptional Turnout	Baya Birrane & Laurie
Waterford veteran	Deana and Murphy

Senior Dressage, Dressage League	Carey Collet
W & T Dressage League - AGM	TBC

Prelim. Dressage League - AGM	TBC
Novice Dressage League - AGM	TBC
Autumn Show – Members Only - AGM	Alexa Kavanagh
Spring Show - Members Only - AGM	Alexa Kavanagh
Photography Award	TBC
Online Quiz Award	TBC
Chairs Award	TBC
SJ LEAGUE -SASHES AND ROSETTES	
40 cm	Maddie Cooper
50 cm	Maddie Cooper
60 cm	Rachel Vokes
70 cm	Gemma Smith

● Merchandise -

Gillet's £42.50

Polo t-shirts £17.50

Long sleeve Polo's £22.50

Rugby shirt. £25.00

Hoodie £22.50

Bum bags £9.00



ALL ORDERS TO DEANA, PLEASE.

● Training -

All details are on our website - blackdownhillsrc.co.uk/events.

Training Cancellation Policy
Full Payment is required to confirm your place, and must be received 1 week before the rally date please.
Later entries will be accepted if space allows.
Payments via BACS or cheque posted to organiser. Payment online - please quote your surname and date of the event/training you are paying for.
There will be NO refunds for withdrawals unless the space is filled from a waiting list or a late entry

● Membership -

Please allow 2 weeks for your details to be added to the BRC database as this is when the BRC insurance is activated. I usually do it within 48 hours of receiving your membership form and I try to acknowledge all members once I have processed their form, but mistakes do happen and I have been known to go on holiday the day before a membership form has reached me. I don't take the database with me on holiday!

The BHRC year runs from the 1st January - 31st December

● Dressage Restrictions

From September 2021, the following will be put in each BHRC dressage schedule -
“RESTRICTED: Combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1st **where there were** 1st - 3rd placings or more”

● Contact numbers

Chairwoman – Kate Hopper, Pleasant House, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon.
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Treasurer – Deana Rowland, Coombe Hill House, Symonsburrow, Hemyock, Devon. EX16 3XA.
01823 680021 deanarowland2@aol.com

● Data Protection -

If you have ticked the box on your membership form - '**I do not give consent**' - for your photo to be used on our Facebook page, website and newsletter, please can you introduce yourself to the organiser at each BHRC event you attend. Whilst every effort will be made by BHRC not to use your photo, images of members in backgrounds may at times be unavoidable and BHRC cannot take responsibility for third parties taking and using images.

● Making a BHRC payment -

It would help Deana, our treasurer, enormously if you included the following information on your BACs payments.

- ❖ If you are paying for flatwork training try to include 'flat/date (of the event)/surname'
- ❖ If you are paying for jumping training it is 'jump/date/surname'
- ❖ Lectures are 'lecture/date/surname'
- ❖ Rallies - 'rally/date (of the event)/surname'
- ❖ Membership - member/surname

● Health and Safety -

If you travel alone to events with your horse, we suggest you download something like the form below and put it in a prominent position in your horsebox/car whilst you are riding.

Due to data protection laws, committee members cannot readily access your details from the BRC database. We also suggest you consider wearing a medical armband, especially for cross country training.

I.C.E.

In Case of Emergency

My Name is _____ Age _____
Home Address _____

Medical Information

My Family Doctor _____ Phone # _____

Medications I take

In Case of Emergency PLEASE Notify

Name _____ My _____ Phone # _____

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ETIQUETTE FOR RIDING IN AN ARENA and WARMING UP AT

ALL BHRC COMPETITIONS.

1. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder (thus, a horse on the left-rein on the track has right of way).
2. A slower moving horse (walking) keeps to the inside track. When walking or halting, do so 5m off the track in order to keep the track clear for faster moving horses (i.e. cantering horses).
3. A horse doing lateral work has right of way.
4. A horse doing more advanced work (tempi changes, extended trot, etc.) has right of way. If you would like to use the diagonal or centre-line, please announce it in a clear voice (ie "Diagonal please!").
5. Be aware of stallions, they can be unpredictable and should be treated with respect.
6. Be aware of your fellow riders and ride considerately:
7. Try not to stop suddenly and don't deliberately cut across someone else's path,
8. Don't obstruct the entrance/exit, or the track,
9. When entering the riding arena, make sure you do not get in the way of approaching riders. If the entrance or view to the entire arena is obstructed, announce in a clear voice "Door/gate please", before entering, in order to prevent accidents,
10. Give riders ample room when passing them so they don't get pushed up against the railings of the arena, whether passing from behind or in front.
11. When passing, make sure your whip does not inadvertently touch the other horse.
12. Don't gallop past riders in the arena.
13. If you have a fractious or young horse, use the riding and lunging arenas to settle him but not at the expense of everyone else's safety. Also, if you see a young or fractious, horse, try not to upset them
14. Instruction from the side of the arena is allowed, but not at the expense of distracting other riders or to the detriment of the image of our sport - instructors and riders are encouraged to use microphones and earpieces in order to minimise distractions.
15. Make sure which tack is allowed in the warm-up ring at competitions, as it can lead to elimination.
16. Only the person competing can warm up the horse in the arena.
17. Practice fences must be flagged in order that they are jumped in one direction only. Red flags on the right, white flags on the left.
18. The height and spreads of practice fences must not exceed the maximum dimensions allowed for the competition in progress.
19. No pole or other articles of any kind are to be held by hand for the horse/pony to jump
20. It is the BHRC committee's duty is to protect the sport and ensure safe and fair warm-up experience for all competitors. Their decision is final: if you are reprimanded or warned, obey graciously and learn from your mistakes.

A rider wearing a ROYAL BLUE arm band is hard of hearing - page 32 BRC handbook

RED - Red ribbons signify a horse kicks.

GREEN - A green ribbon means that the horse is inexperienced.

BLUE - It is helpful for stallion handlers to put this colour ribbon in their horses' tail, especially if you have a mare as it warns you to stay away.

WHITE: White ribbons are helpful for letting others know that this horse is for sale.



Membership Form 2023

Website – blackdownhillsrc.co.uk

Completed membership form to be sent to: Mrs Tricia Budd, 24, Newlands Grove, Ruishton, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5JJ. triciabudd24@gmail.com

Contact Name

Address & Post code.....

Telephone.....Email.....

Senior - £28, Junior - £23 (age from 6 to 18 years)
For 2 members of the same family, £5 discount.

First Name	Surname	New member?	Riding activities	DOB if junior

I ENCLOSE CHEQUE/CASH FOR £..... payable to BHRC OR I HAVE SENT A BACS PAYMENT OF £.....ON..... (Date) WITH REFERENCE (Surname)

NatWest – sort code 60-23-05, account no; 74506439 Blackdown Hills Riding Club

Volunteering: We depend upon the support of our members in order to function as a club. We request all members to help out on **one** occasion each year. By joining BHRC, you consent to us contacting you in relation to volunteering.

Data Protection: I agree to data relating to my membership being held by BHRC. I agree that this data may be disclosed to British Riding Clubs. Please tick here if you DO NOT give consent for your photo to be used. Whilst every effort will be made by BHRC not to use your photo, images of members in backgrounds may at times be unavoidable & BHRC cannot take responsibility for third parties taking & using images.

- I agree to data relating to me being held by BHRC and passed to BHS British Riding Clubs.
- I agree to my contact details being released to the committee or other members for the purpose of riding club activities
- I agree to help at one event or club run activity during the year
- I agree to abide by BRC rules

Signed.....Date.....

