



NEWSLETTER

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● Secretary Report -

BHRC is still busy, busy, busy! I spent last Saturday at Pontispool with 6 members and their lovely horses. Emma Pearce had organised mini cross country training with the fabulous Nicki Lumb. Although a little damp, it didn't dampen our spirits and everyone had a great time and grew in confidence. Emma plans to organise another in the spring. There are photos and video on our FB page if you think you would like to give it a try but are unsure if it is for you.



At the exact same time as the XC, Maisie Henderson and her lovely pony Valentines Dignity were representing the club at the Area 12 dressage qualifiers. They came home with a 2nd and 3rd which is a great achievement. We look forward to following their future progress; well done Maisie and Digger.

Our last chance to party together in 2023 is the 30th November at our AGM and Christmas party. Details are below and it would be lovely to see you all. The AGM is open to everyone; you don't have to be a member. There will be a raffle and the opportunity to buy some of our merchandise.

If you were awarded a trophy/cup at the 2022 AGM, please return it to a committee member **before** the AGM, thanking you in anticipation.

The 2024 committee is full, but if you would like to take an active role in the running of events, just let me know. We meet once a month, usually the 2nd Monday and you are very welcome to come along and see what we do.

Further down this newsletter is our 2024 membership form, prices have gone up but the committee hope you still consider being a member of BHRC is good value for money. If you have any ideas for next year, let us know. We have plans to hold a 1 day camp in the spring, this, like so many things we organise, will be a camp with a difference! Tricia x

● AGM -

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting

For the Blackdown Hills Riding Club

To be held at the Catherine Wheel Pub, Hemyock

Thursday 30th November 2023 - 7.30 prompt.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chair's report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurers report
7. Adoption of accounts
8. Subscriptions for 2024
9. Resignation of committee members
10. Election of committee for 2024
11. Charities to benefit from club funds in 2024
12. Presentation of 2023 awards
13. AOB -

Raffle & Buffet

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 nominations for the 2024 committee, please forward the form below to Tricia Budd before the day of the AGM

Please note the proposed must have shown a willingness to stand

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I propose

For election as a committee member of the BHRC at the AGM 2023

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

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

● Awards 2023 -

Senior Achievement*	Kate Hopper
Junior Achievement*	Maisie Henderson
Most Enthusiastic Member - ROSETTE	Jill King
Senior Newcomer ROSETTE	Erin Spurrel
Junior Newcomer ROSETTE	Imogen Speyer
Senior show jumping training ROSETTE	Jo Prankerd
Junior show jumping training ROSETTE	Maddie Cooper
Flatwork Training Award ROSETTE	Jill King
Good Ambassador ROSETTE	Maddie's dad
True Spirit ROSETTE	Erin Spurrel
Senior Helper Award ROSETTE	Laura Oakley
Junior Helper Award ROSETTE	Jemima Speyer
Most Improved Senior ROSETTE	Ali Harris
Most Improved Junior ROSETTE	Maisie Henderson
Best Combination ROSETTE	Kaylie James
Senior Exceptional Turnout ROSETTE	Linda Palk
Junior Exceptional Turnout ROSETTE	Maisie Henderson
Crinkle Burr - horse care and turnout*	Kate Hopper & Sylvia Paine
Waterford veteran*	Grimble - Jane Reynier-Yates
Junior Dressage, Dressage League*	Maisie Henderson
Senior Dressage, Dressage League*	Sylvia Paine
W & T Dressage League - AGM ROSETTE	Sylvia Paine
Prelim. Dressage League - AGM ROSETTE	Sylvia Paine
Novice Dressage League - AGM ROSETTE	Maisie Henderson
Autumn Show – Members Only - AGM*	Debbie Herbert

Spring Show - Members Only - AGM*	Debbie Herbert
Photography Award*	TBC
Online Quiz Award*	TBC
Chairs Award ROSETTE	TBC
SJL - 40 cm ROSETTE	Jane Reynier-Yates
SJL - 50 cm ROSETTE	Imogen Speyer & Jane Reynier-Yates
SJL - 60 cm ROSETTE	Jane Reynier-Yates
SJL - 70 cm ROSETTE	Maddie Cooper
Bursary training ROSETTE	Sylvia Paine

All winners of the above awards will be awarded a rosette. Awards marked with an * will be presented with a rosette and the cup/trophy. Photographs will be taken, but the trophy/cup will stay in possession of BHRC.

• Junior Co-ordinator -

Dear Juniors

My Name is Vicky and I will be your Junior co-ordinator for 2024.

For those of you, who do not know me, I am Maisie's Mum, Maisie is 14 and we have both been with the BHRC for about 5 yrs now.

I would be very grateful, if you could have a little think, about what you would like to get from our club, also any training, events, camps, presentations, lectures etc, We have some incredible instructors that include, dressage, flat work, poles and jumping.

I am here to help and arrange fun things for all our juniors, however some input from you all would be much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all at our AGM, but please email me any idea's you have on

vicky@daresdowntackshop.co.uk - Many thanks, Vicky xx

Daresdown Tack Shop, owned and run by Committee member Vicky Henderson -

All BHRC members get a 15% discount at Daresdown Tack Shop, (excluding feed and 2nd hand) - Website www.daresdown-tackshop.co.uk - 07762247046

● Autumn Show -

POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Debbie Herbert - 5+5+5=15

Erin Spurrel - 3+4+6=13

Kaylie James - 5+5+2=12

Imogen Speyer - 2+3+4=9

Daisy Treble - 1+6=7

Tricia Budd - 4

Full results to follow

● Just Jem Rosettes -

I am happy to take any unwanted/spare rosettes you may have and I will transform them for club use. It doesn't matter how tatty they are, or that you don't want to part with all your firsts and seconds.

● Merchandise -

Gillet's £42.50

Polo t-shirts £17.50

Saddle cloths - £45.00

Long sleeve Polo's £22.50

Rugby shirt. £25.00

Hoodie £22.50

Bum bags £9.00



ALL ORDERS TO DEANA, PLEASE.

● Training -

28th October at Paddocks with Karen Court

11th November at Star Andalusian Stud with Nickki Lumb

All details are on the 'events' page of our website - blackdownhillsrc.co.uk

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" (this only applies to Open competitions, not 'members only' competitions)

● Dress code -

For all BRC competitions.

Hats

Hats which meet the current BRC standard must be worn with a harness properly adjusted and fastened. Skull caps must be worn with a silk.

Body Protectors

If worn, must meet the current BRC standard

Jodhpurs and Breeches

White, cream, beige, navy, or black breeches or jodhpurs may be worn.

Boots

Long riding boots designed for riding are to be worn. Short riding boots with gaiters of the same leather and colour may be worn. Suede half chaps may be worn providing they are of identical colour to the boots and have no decoration or tassels of any sort.

Jackets and Shirts

Jackets or smart fitted waistcoats must be worn including a tweed jacket with a coloured stock or collar and tie. White stocks, white American collar or white shirts with collar and tie may be worn.

Hair and Jewellery

Hair should be neatly secured and should not hang lower than the shoulder

Gloves

Gloves must be worn in ALL dressage competitions. Gloves are optional although they are recommended for show jumping.

Whips - ALL jumping

One whip is permitted and must be between 45cm and 75cm and must not be weighted or feature a hard point at the end. The end of the whip must be padded. The 'pad' must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface (which includes embroidery) and be made of a shock absorbing material throughout its circumference. No substitute for a whip may be carried.

Whips - dressage

One whip of any length is permitted for all BRC dressage. Whips must not be used in a way or be of a length that disturbs other riders and may not be picked up if dropped during a test. If a whip is shorter than 80cm then it must be padded.

The 'pad' must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface (which includes embroidery) and be made of a shock absorbing material throughout its circumference. No substitute for a whip may be carried.

The full BRC rule book can be viewed online - brc.co.uk

● Contact numbers

Chairwoman – Kate Hopper, Pleasant House, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon. EX15 3TS. 07707815610 huskykate4@gmail.com

Secretary – Tricia Budd, 24, Newlands Grove, Ruishton, Taunton, Somerset.

TA3 5JJ. 01823 442597 triciabudd24@gmail.com

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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A rider wearing a ROYAL BLUE arm band is hard of hearing - 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 2024



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 - £30, Junior - £26 (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.....