



NEWSLETTER

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• Secretary Report -

A belated Happy New Year to you all. The committee has held its first meeting of 2023 and we are raring to go!

My beautiful Topaz arrived at Kate's during the middle of December and has settled extremely well into life at Pleasant House. He adores Sauber, is in awe of Monte and has been led astray by the donkeys! He also chews EVERYTHING; Kate has bought shares in Cribbox. As his education continues I will let you know how we are progressing and I am sure we will be out and about this summer, please come and say 'hello'.



If you have ideas of things you would like us to put on for you this year, let me know. Deana has plans for training but it was not very well attended last year. Area training has also been less popular; let me know your thoughts. Enjoy your horses, spring is just around the corner - honest. Tricia x

• The Just Gem Bursary -

This is a series of FREE training events (mounted and unmounted) at different venues throughout the year. These events are open ONLY to 2023 members who gave their time to help at an event (minimum of half a day) during 2022. There will be no cost to the club; all expenses will be met by the Bursary.

The first one is booked for Saturday 4th March at The Conquest Centre, with Karen Court BHSII

- 11.00 am - 11.45 am = flatwork
- 12.00 - 12.45 pm = pole work
- 1.00 pm - 1.45 pm = jumping (any height, Karen is very adaptable!)

No more than 3 in each group, **book with Tricia via email - triciabudd24@gmail.com** - . Your place will be reserved on a 'first come, first served' basis. I will keep a waiting list.

I contacted those eligible in October 2022; if you had not been contacted but felt you should have been, please email me and I will check my records. Tricia x

• Spring Show -

This is booked for Sunday 26th March at Heazle. Very similar the one last year, but by popular demand, Jill has added an extra class - Heavy and Hairy - schedule to follow and this will be put on Equo if you prefer to enter online.

We will be asking for helpers for this one, many and varied ways to get your commitment to the club early on in the season.

• 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! Nearly all I have been donated so far has been reused, including all the rosettes at the AGM. Tricia x

• 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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● 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.

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.

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.



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 and 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 and BHRC cannot take responsibility for third parties taking and 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.....