

Secretary's update – December 2011

Just a few notes and reminders!

If you came to the AGM, (and over 50 of you did!) you may remember that I tried to explain the new membership card distribution, this is still not crystal clear, but I have been sent an update from BRC, and some of the more important points I have added below.

When will the new system for submitting data start?

A From 1 January 2012.

Q Should I send in my club membership list on that date?

A Yes. We are asking all clubs to send in their current full membership list on 1 st January or as soon after as possible.

Q What about people who join after this date?

A Any new members or changes to the details of existing members should be submitted as regularly as possible.

Q Is there a date each month when I need to submit a new list by?

A Yes. The cut off date will be the fourteenth day of each month.

Q When will the cards be sent to members?

A Cards will be posted in the third week of the month.

Q What if a member does not renew their membership, will they still receive a membership card?

A No. Membership cards will only be issued to current members. Also the insurance only applies to current members whose details have been submitted to BRC.

Therefore it is important that we receive regular membership updates

Q What will the new membership card be like?

A It will be like a credit card, so much more robust than the old style card.

Q What information will be included on the card?

A As well as the BRC information it will contain the Member's name, membership number, club name and expiry date.

Q What happens if a member loses a card?

A A replacement card can be issued but there will be a £5 fee charged for this.

Q Who will be handling the distribution of cards and our member's personal data?

A Mosaic Print Management will be carrying out this work for us. They are a reputable Company, who carry out the same service for many other membership organisations.

Their company policy for data protection is available upon request.

Q How are the new cards being funded?

A One of our major sponsors, NAF, will be sponsoring the cards which have enabled BRC to upgrade the membership cards without any additional cost.

Hat tagging will be carried out at **ALL** RC qualifiers, therefore allow extra time for this if you are competing. The tags are blue.

New membership forms are now on the web, as we explained at the AGM, if more than one member – **AT THE SAME ADDRESS** – joins BHRC; you get £5, £7.50 or £10 off your total membership. (Depending on how many of you join).

New **survey forms** are also there, your chance to ask for different events, tell us what you want to do, or express an opinion!

I am also at the end of a computer at least once a day, I am happy to deal with enquiries and observations! If you or someone you know is not getting information from myself, feel free to phone me 01823 442597 – evenings or school holidays are best.

I am also able to put items on our web page, things for sale, sharers wanted, congratulations etc.

We now have a Links page and a Merchandise page on our web site.

I have sent to Head Office our list of members who have already joined for this year, (36) as the cut off point is 14th January, you should receive your membership cards soon afterwards, as I am one of the 36, I shall await the arrival of the post man with bated breath!

Enjoy your horses as much as possible despite the wind and rain, think back to the warm, fly free days last spring, not long to wait now! Tricia x