

A message from your chair

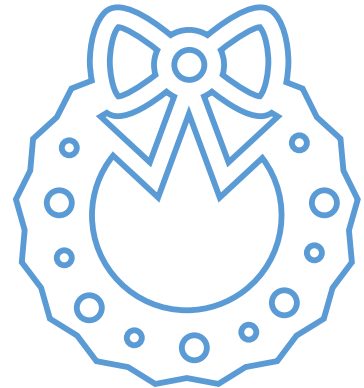


With the end of 2023 in sight, what a year it has been for our club, I for one am so proud and impressed with the year we have had. The achievements that our teams have had are just amazing, along with all of our shows and clinics being well attended despite there being a cost-of-living crisis. The ethos of the club is second to none, everyone supports and encourages each other to enjoy our four-legged friends and new friends are made along the way, which is what it should be about.

I would like to thank each and every one of our members, volunteers, instructors, judges and sponsors for being so supportive of the club without you we would not be the success that we are.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and we look ~forward to seeing you all in 2024 for more horing around.

Gina x
SORC Chair



SORC AGM & 60th Anniversary

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our AGM and 60th Anniversary party – it was so wonderful to see everyone.

For those of you who missed out, please find the notes attached to this email.

REMINDER: 2024 Body Protector standard change

BRC will no longer continue to accept the 2009 BETA Purple labels after 1 Jan 2024. At this time they will not be accepted in BRC XC competitions where they are a mandatory requirement.

New Membership portal

By now you will have received your email from BRC and Sport 80 in regards the new membership platform. If you have not please check your junk folder in first instance.

The email from BRC contains 'how to' guides to help you edit your profile on the new platform and also explain how you go about renewing your membership for 2024.

Benefits of using the System

- You can easily access your details and amend your contact details which will automatically update within both SORC and BRC's database
- Membership will now be run on a rolling basis so if you know of anyone waiting till the new year to join get them to sign up now
- One membership number that stays with you for life
- Easier administration for your committee (once up and running)

Join now for 2024.

Any issues/queries or questions please do not hesitate to ask. Email Kellie at kellie.ej76@gmail.com

<https://britishridingclubs.sport80.com/>



Call for help! Wednesday 27th December at BCA

We are looking for a few hands to help with set-up at BCA on Wednesday 27th December, where Helen is running her arena eventing clinic. If you're available, please get in touch with Helen on helen.cranfield@windsor-forest.ac.uk

You would need to be available at 8.30am On the Wednesday morning.

Dressage Teams Update – December 2023

I'm sure you will all be please to know this month's update will be far shorter than the last!

Thank you to all members who helped at last weekend's Open Dressage competition, at BCA. As always, we can't run without our helpers, and (although pretty chilly) the day ran smoothly thanks to all of you, so thank you.

Past Events

[Novice Winter Qualifiers – Wellington 10th December](#)

We started December with yet more Qualifiers! SORC fielded 2 teams and a good number of individuals. Once again, a mix of team stalwarts and new faces, and I am also very happy to say some juniors competing at qualifiers for the first time, and what an amazing job they all did once again! Especially during the torrential rain. Looks like a group trip to Champs may be on the cards for a few.



I must also add thanks to the SORC helpers today Sarah Kate Edwards our PM helper, Peter Dryzek propping up secretaries all day, and Kellie Jones, who appears to have nothing better to do than help her club when hunting is cancelled!

Team Results:	Team Spots 2nd overall, Team Stripes 6th overall
JR Prelim 12:	Meg Davies 2nd, Mia Burr ridge 5th
JR Prelim 13:	Mia Burr ridge 2nd
Intro:	Caroline Pluck 1st, Nikki Conlin 5th, Samantha Swanson 7th
Prelim 7 - Individuals:	Julie Jones 4th, Vicky Irwin 7th, Verity Sawyer 12th
Prelim 7 - Teams:	Caroline Pluck SPOTS 3rd, Gina Beamish STRIPES 14th
Prelim 12 - Individuals:	Vicky Irwin 9th, Julie Jones 13th, Gina Beamish 14th, Verity Sawyer 16th
Prelim 12 - Teams:	Karina Cope, SPOTS, riding Joanne Bourke 's Stormzy, 1st, Karina Cope, STRIPES, on her own Barney, 5th
Novice 24:	Louisa Donovan riding Brigadier STRIPES 1st, Louisa Donovan riding Helium SPOTS 6th , Laura Fontes 12th
Novice 27:	Laura Fontes SPOTS 11th, Patricia Mentzel STRIPES 15th

Future Events

[Christmas Cracker – Online Dressage](#)

We have had a strong entry for the Christmas Cracker, with 9 entries from the club. All entries are in, and sheets have been marked. BRC will be releasing the results over a weekend, with the top 3 entries in each arena to be shown on the BRC Facebook page and YouTube channel. Full results will be published HERE no later than midday on 18th December.



BRC Christmas Cracker Dressage Virtual Competition



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We have put together a schedule for all the BRC Christmas Cracker arenas. The top 3 combinations in each arena will be shown via a link posted on the BRC Facebook page and will also be available to view on the BRC YouTube Channel.

Timetable of video releases:

Friday 15th Dec:

2PM – U10's and Bitless

7PM - Intro arena

Saturday 16th Dec:

2PM – Prelim

7PM - Novice

Sunday 17th Dec:

2PM – Elementary

7PM – Advanced and Advanced Medium

Arena results will be published after the video links go live on Facebook.
Team results will be published no later than midday on Monday 18th December.

Future Events

[Intro Qualifiers – BCA 6th Jan 2023](#)

As per my last update, the Intro and DTM qualifiers have been split for the next qualifier. The Intro Dressage Qualifier, is being held at BCA on 6th January 2024. A list of classes is also shown below.

As usual, this is only open to current members, so please remember to renew your membership no later than Thursday 4th January 2024 (but not before the committee send around the all clear to use the new BRC joining system please!)

Online entries for the qualifiers will close on 14th December 2023. Entry is £16 per rider for individuals and teams, and £22 per pair for class 5. As usual SORC will pay the Prelims. If you would like to ride for the club, [please Enter Now!](#) (please make a note of which Test you want to ride in your class, and if you would like to ride for a team, or would prefer to ride as an individual).

Class	Class Name	Test
1	NAF Senior Intro Team	Intro A (2008) Intro B (2009) Prelim 1 (2006) Prelim 2 (2016)
2	NAF Senior Intro Individual	Intro A (2008) Intro B (2009) Prelim 1 (2006) Prelim 2 (2016)
3	NAF Junior Intro Team	Intro A (2008) Intro B (2009) Prelim 1 (2006) Prelim 2 (2016)
4	NAF Junior Intro Individual	Intro A (2008) Intro B (2009) Prelim 1 (2006) Prelim 2 (2016)
5	Mixed Intro Pairs	BRC Intro Pairs 1 (2022)

Horse & Rider eligibility

Championship	Class/Level	Horses			Rider Eligibility (not permitted)	Horse Eligibility
		BD	BE	BS (e)		
Introductory Champs	Intro	0 Points at all levels	0		BHS Stage 4 Coach or above (a), (c) Rider not to have competed Novice Dressage BD, BRC, or BE 100 in current or previous calendar year. Not to have competed Elementary Dressage BD, BRC or BE Novice or above in the last 3 calendar years. Combinations not to have been placed 1st in their arena at Intro Dressage/Riding Test or above at any BRC Championship the last 3 calendar years (a) (c)	Horses not to have competed Novice Dressage BD, BRC, or BE 100 in current or previous calendar year. Not to have competed Elementary Dressage BD, BRC or BE Novice or above in the last 3 calendar years. Combinations not to have been placed 1st in their arena at Intro Dressage/Riding Test or above at any BRC Championship the last 3 calendar years (a) (c)
	Intro Pairs	Unlimited Prelim Points 0 points at Novice or above			BHS Stage 4 Coach or above (a), (c) Rider cannot have competed at BE Novice or Elementary dressage or above in the current or previous calendar year BD or BRC.	
	Prelim	Up to 35 Prelim Points 0 points at Novice or above			BHS Stage 4 Coach or above (a),(c) Rider not to have competed Elementary Dressage BD, BRC, or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year. Not to have competed Medium Dressage BD, BRC or BE Intermediate or above in the last 3 calendar years. Combinations not to have been placed 1st in their arena at Prelim Dressage/Riding Test or above at any BRC Championship the last 3 calendar years (a) (c)	Horses not to have competed Elementary Dressage BD, BRC, or BE Novice or above in the current or previous calendar year. Not to have competed Medium Dressage BD, BRC or BE Intermediate or above in the last 3 calendar years. Combinations not to have been placed 1st in their arena at Prelim Dressage/Riding Test or above at any BRC Championship the last 3 calendar years (a) (c)

Future Events

[DTM Qualifiers – Winter 23/24 season](#)

In order to fit in both qualifiers this winter, the DTM Qualifier is to run this as an Online Event. This will be run alongside the E-Riders schedule, in January 2024, and will mean competitors will need to film and upload their entries by 28th January. The good news is that this keeps costs down, and entry will be just £12 per test! I need to put in our prelim entries by 7th January, so we are on a tight schedule! Entries are open now [HERE](#). Class list below:

	Class	Test	Entry
1	LSE Senior/Junior Intro Dressage to Music	BD Intro Freestyle to Music (2016)	£12
2	LSE Pas Seul	Pas Seul Test (2013)	£12
3	LSA Pas de Deux (Pairs)	Pas De Deux (2013)	£12
4	Junior Prelim Dressage to Music	BD Prelim Freestyle to Music (2016)	£12
5	Junior Novice Dressage to Music	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2019)	£12
6	Mixed Pairs Dressage to Music	BD Novice Pairs Dressage to Music (2018)	£12
7	Senior Prelim Dressage to Music	BD Prelim Freestyle to Music (2016)	£12
8	Senior Novice (0 points) Dressage to Music	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2019)	£12
9	Senior Novice (with points) Dressage to Music	BD Novice Freestyle to Music (2019)	£12
10	Elementary Dressage to Music (mixed)	BD Elementary Freestyle to Music (2019)	£12
11	Pick a Test Dressage to Music – Medium/Advanced Medium	BD Medium Freestyle to Music (2016) or BD Advanced Medium Freestyle to Music (2016)	£12

If any members would like to enter the DTM, but do not have access to the larger 20x60 school area, or a sound system to ride to, I am proposing to organise a couple of sessions at a central venue; where the larger school will be set out, a sound system will be made available, and I will be on hand to video your entry if you need an extra pair of hands. **Please let me know if you feel this could be of interest and I will try and find a time and venue that works for all of you (my contact details are at the bottom of this update).**

Other info – SORC Numnahs

I am still missing 3 of the clubs stock of white dressage numnahs. If you have used one at a qualifier and taken it home to wash, could you please check it isn't lurking in a cupboard! I am very grateful to anyone who washed their own (and saves my washing machine some strain) but would like to find them all if poss!



As well as the club's own stock, I still have a (very) small number of Team numnah's for sale. I have GP Cut (full size, navy) and Dressage Cut (full size, white). They are £35 each. Please let me know if anyone would like one!

Attington Gallops – use it or lose it!



Unfortunately, since separating the gallops from the main facilities at Attington, they are not getting much use, to the point that the owner is thinking of closing them if bookings don't pick up. Whether it's your first time, or you love a gallop, why not go and have a blast! The gallops are a fully enclosed, on a well-draining and frost-free all weather sand track (a god send in recent weather!). There is plenty of space to park right next to the gallops. **To book message or call the owner, Frank, on 07730 420344. Just £20 per horse!**

Flu Jab Rules - 2024

There is a new directive from British Equestrian along with the other disciplines to change the primary injection course intervals following some research that has been carried out. Some of you will be aware the British Horse Racing Authority changed a couple of years ago. The intervals will be as below.

This does not mean that those who have vaccinations that are current and correct need to restart, the new intervals will be for restarts and new courses from 1 January 2024 only.

	Intervals before 1 Jan 2024	Intervals after 1 Jan 2024
1 st vaccination (V1)		
2 nd vaccination (V2)	21 – 92 days	21 – 60 days
3 rd vaccination (V3)	150 – 215 days	120 – 180 days
Booster	Not more than 1 year apart	Not more than 1 year apart

Training & Events Calendar

Watch this space for more training dates which will be released soon!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Date	Activity	Venue	
Wed 27 Dec	Eventing Training with Helen C	BCA	ENTER
Sat 6 Jan	Intro Dressage Qualifiers	BCA	ENTER
Sun 7 Jan	Members Only SJ Training with Helen C	BCA	ENTER
Sat 13 Jan	Members Only Pole Physio with Susie P	Chequers End, nr Stokenchurch	ENTER
Sun 4 th Feb	SORC Open Dressage	BCA	OPENING SOON!
Sat 10 Feb	Gridwork with Helen	BCA	ENTER
Sat 24 Feb	Members Only Pole Physio with Susie P	BCA	ENTER
Sat 9 March	Members Only SJ Training with Helen C	BCA	ENTER
Sun 14 th April	Indoor Showing Show	BCA	To follow
3-5 th May	SORC Camp	Stacey Equestrian @ Rosehill	To follow
Sun 23 rd Jun	SORC Open Show	BCA	To follow
16-17 th Aug	SORC Camp	BCA	To follow
Sat 2 nd Nov	SORC Open SJ	BCA	To follow
Sun 1 st Dec	SORC Open Dressage	BCA	To follow