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Welcome to the December 2016 BRC eNews, we would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and an action packed New Year. Many Area Qualifiers are already taking place up and down the country, so good luck to everyone trying to qualify. We already have a new Championship sponsor, Equi-Thème for the BRC Intermediate Winter Championships and NAF will be sponsoring the 2017 NAF Five Star National Horse Trials Championships. There is lots to read in this issue of our eNews, with top feeding tips, 2017 Championship dates and BHS Challenge Ride opportunities, the BRC Volunteer Survey and much more.

## **BRC 2017 Championships Dates**

### **BRC KBIS Novice Winter Championships - 1 & 2 April**

The College Equestrian Centre, Church Road, Keysoe, Bedford MK44 2JP

### **BRC Equi-Thème Intermediate Winter Championships - 28 - 30 April**

Bury Farm Equestrian Village, New Bury Farm, Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks LU7 9BT

### **BRC Horslyx Festival of the Horse Championships - 20 & 21 May**

Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire NN11 6RT

### **BRC NAF Five Star National Horse Trials Championships - 4 - 6 Aug**

Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, Grange Farm, Swalcliffe, Banbury, Oxon OX15 5EX

### **BRC NAF Five Star National Championships - 2 & 3 Sept**

Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN2 2NA

### **BRC Dressage to Music Championships & Quadrille Selection Trial - 29 Sept - 1 Oct**

Bury Farm Equestrian Village, New Bury Farm, Mill Road, Slapton, Bucks LU7 9BT

### **BRC Quadrille Final – TBC**

## **BRC Stars recognised at annual BHS Awards**

Some BRC stars were also recognised at the recent prestigious BHS Awards which took place at

Saddlers' Hall in London. Anne Kidd received the BRC Volunteer of the Year award for all of her hard work at BRC Championships this year. And Rochdale & District RC were presented with the BRC Club of the Year award for the best results at BRC Championships this year. The awards were presented by Martin Clunes, with special guest HRH The Princess Royal. What a fantastic way to recognise these BRC heroes!

In addition to the BHS Awards, Horse & Hound also ran an Awards evening at Ascot Racecourse in November sponsored by NAF and CROWN RC from Area 5 was awarded NAF Club of the Year, which is a wonderful achievement for such a recently affiliated BRC Club.

## BRC Volunteer Survey

***We need your help! Would you like to win a pair of tickets to an equine event of your choice? For a chance to win, complete the survey in the link below to be entered into a prize draw. Whether you volunteer for BRC or not we would like your feedback on how to improve. The survey closes at 3pm on 22 December 2016. The winner will be contacted in January and will be announced in the next issue of Rider magazine. [BRC Volunteer Survey](#)***



## BRC Volunteer Prize Draw 2016

Harriet Notley is the BRC Volunteer Prize Draw winner for 2016. She has been awarded tickets for the Royal Windsor Horse Show in appreciation of her tremendous support of BRC. Harriet joined the BRC Volunteers' Club in 2015 and has volunteered at many of the Championships this year, most notably volunteering on all three days of the BRC National Horse Trials Championships, fence judging on the cross-country phase.

"I'm amazed, I never win anything! Thank you so much, this has made my week (and quite possibly my month)! I love volunteering! It's so kind of BRC to do this, thank you so much. Also, thank you so much for organising the volunteers, there is always such a friendly atmosphere at events and they are so well run." Harriet Notley.

## BRC Grassroots Points League

The Grassroots Points League is a new opportunity for all BRC members, starting on 1 January, running through to 31 December 2017.

All Dressage (Walk & Trot and Prelim Level) and Show Jumping (60cms & 70cms) competitors can gain points at BRC Club organised competitions. Area Qualifiers and National Level competitions will not count.

Points can be gained when competing at BRC Club organised competitions only. Scorecards and further information can be found on the BRC [website](#).



The Grassroots League is a new opportunity for all BRC Members who take part in show jumping (60cm & 70cm) or dressage (W&T/prelim) in order to target the real grassroots rider and encourage them to get out competing. It doesn't matter if you have limited competition experience or want to give it a go for the first time - why not get involved?

It's so simple, just follow these easy steps:

1. Download and print your blank points card from the BRC website.
2. Compete at any BRC Riding Club organised Show Jumping or Dressage event. Area Qualifiers and National Level competitions will not count.
3. Ask the Secretary of the event to confirm your placing with their signature.
4. Post your completed points card back to BRC HQ by 7th of the following month.
5. Finally, wait for the results.

**Placing to Points:**  
1st Place = 6 Points  
2nd Place = 5 Points  
3rd Place = 4 Points  
4th Place = 3 Points  
5th Place = 2 Points  
6th Place = 1 Point



### British Riding Clubs Grassroots League

Ride Together Train Together Compete Together Have Fun Together



#### How It Works

Points can be gained when competing in show jumping of 60cm or 70cm, or in dressage in a walk & trot or prelim test. So if you want to represent your club and get in touch with your competitive side, yet don't want the pressure of competing for a qualifying place at a championship, then this is for you.

There will be four separate leagues, junior show jumping, senior show jumping, junior dressage and senior dressage. Monthly score updates will be provided, therefore competitors must return their score card to the BRC head office no later than the 7th of the following month. Results on cards received after this time will not count. The competition will run for ten months from January - October 2017, there will be a re-entries down to 10th place, soches down to 3rd and there will be an overall winners championship prize for the competitor who has accumulated the most points over all four leagues.

#### You may win a fantastic prize!

Prizes, trophies and prizes provided in kind.

#### The Rules

The Points League will be run according to the official BRC rules found in the current BRC Rule Book.

For more information please call British Riding Clubs

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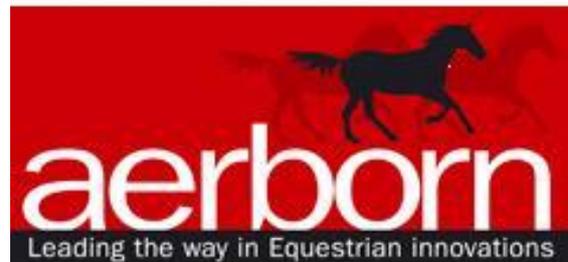


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## Plan your 2017 season with *Horse & Hound*

Don't miss this week's issue of *Horse & Hound* which includes a must-have pull-out wall planner. Featuring all of your key dates for 2017, including the Liverpool International Horse Show, gorgeous illustrations by Emma McCall and room for all of your equestrian appointments it's an essential for all tack rooms. [Horse & Hound](#) On sale from 1 December.

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## Combined Training jumps back onto BD calendar

British Dressage (BD) is delighted to be bringing the mix of white boards and coloured poles back into the competition calendar. That's right - combined training is back, bigger and better than ever before! The dressage element will run at Prelim and Novice levels with short arena tests and the show jumping from 70cm to 1metre so there's a wider appeal for competitors. Competitions will start in November and run through to April 2017 with two finals, one in the north at Vale View in Leicestershire and southern competitors aiming for Wellington in Hampshire, both held on Bank Holiday weekend, 27-28 May 2017.

BD has worked in close collaboration with British Eventing, British Showjumping, British Riding Clubs and Pony Club to bring the series alive and any paid member of these organisations can take part; that's of a minimum Quest Club member for BD. There's no requirement for the horse to be registered so it's an inexpensive way to hone your dressage skill while working on your show jumping technique all with the chance of qualifying for a fabulous final.

Schedules for each competition will be available on the BD website or each of the venues' own websites. Full information and rules are available in the BD rule book (Section 17) which is available online on the BD [website](#).

## Latest BRC Sponsorship News

NAF will be the title sponsor of the BRC NAF Five Star National Horse Trials Championships for 2017.

Around 600 riders will compete at the long-format championships in August, which will incorporate roads and tracks and a steeplechase.

Rachael Hollely-Thompson, BRC competitions manager, said the organisation is "thrilled" to be working with long-term supporters NAF for another championship.

"Their support helps BRC to continue to offer fantastic events to the membership," she said.



## Fundraising with a Difference The British Horse Society (BHS) 2017 Challenge Rides

Do you fancy an exciting equestrian adventure in 2017? Full details on all these exciting BHS Challenge Rides, booking forms and itineraries can be found on the BHS [website](#).

Since the launch of the first British Horse Society fundraising riding challenge in 2000, hundreds of riders have taken part in an adventure overseas. The 'Lawrence of Arabia' riding challenge opened the door for our intrepid challengers to travel the world in aid of British Horse Society welfare. The challenges now operate in **Bulgaria, Chile, Iceland, Morocco, Mongolia, Inner Mongolia, India, Jordan, Peru, Spain and Lesotho**. There is a trip to inspire everyone, each offering a unique experience no matter where you ride. India - Ride to Balotra Fair 14 - 26 Mar

**Namibia - Namib Desert Crossing, 8-20 April**

**Spain - Alpujarra Ride, 22 - 30 July**

**India - Riding with Kings in Rajasthan, 23 Sept-4 Oct**

**Chile - Patagonian Andes, 17-29 Nov**



## **British Showjumping Just for Schools Competition**

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British Showjumping is pleased to announce that British Riding Club Members can now join our National Schools League and Championship Series without paying an additional registration fee. Following on from its first successful year in collaboration with The Pony Club, we are excited to welcome British Riding Club members on board to join in the 'Just for Schools' experience.

Further information can be found on the British Showjumping [website](#).