

Area news

The Area 21 Show Jumping and Dressage qualifiers were held jointly at Pembrey on the 27th June where the Laurie Punnett Memorial Trophy was presented by Sarah Punnett to Loretta Joynson for the highest percentage of the day in an Area test of 74.2%. The Championships run at Lincoln on September 11th & 12th. Numbers were dramatically down on last year.

The Horse Trials took place at Trecoed in Fishguard with once again a big reduction in entries. It was decided to run only the Novice and Intermediate at Trecoed and for the Open to run at Broadway, Glos, as the cost of running an Open section is quite considerable for very few competitors. As it happened no Open riders entered.

Area 21 had a meeting last week to discuss the way forward and although funds may be lacking, we have a great many enthusiastic Area members.

HQ news

Flu vacs update

David Bacon, who is the Stable Manger for Championships would like all members to be informed that the biggest issue he has to deal with is where competitors have not adhered to the '7 day rule' which states 'None of the vaccinations may be given within 7 days including the day of competition or entry in to competition stables'. Please make sure members wishing to compete at Area are aware of this.

Rule Changes

Rule book date changes

It has been decided that the BRC rule book is altered to run in line with the calendar year i.e to be effective from 1 January to 31 December and will become effective from 2011.

Senior riders competing in jumping classes on ponies

At present the rule as it stands allows Junior riders to compete in jumping classes on ponies under 14 hands but when they become a Senior rider they would no longer be eligible to compete on that pony. Also Senior riders could have their pony ridden by a Junior if the pony was under 14 hands, but were not able to compete the pony themselves.

It was agreed that BRC are possibly excluding Seniors from becoming members so the rule will change to allow Seniors to ride ponies under 14 hands.

This will probably in effect only affect the Novice Show Jumping, Style Jumping and Novice Horse Trials, which is where most Seniors would like to compete on their ponies, but clubs will be able to introduce sensible regulation if for instance a 12 hand pony might be presented for the Open Horse Trials.

Winter Dressage

As of 1st October 2010 the numbers to qualify for the Winter Dressage will change to:
20 or fewer teams in the qualifier = One team qualifies
21 or more teams in the qualifier = Two teams qualify

Novice horse trials eligibility

Pre Novice placings - as of 1 October 2010 it has been decided to change the rule to state no pre-novice placings in the current calendar year or preceding calendar year.

Riding Test rule changes

As of 1 October 2010 members who have their Pony Cub A test are now allowed to compete in

advanced riding tests. These tests will now be referred to as 'advanced'.

Event First Aid

Judith Allen raised the issue of the cost of paramedics at events. Judith reported that her Area was finding that the cost of paramedic services more and more expensive and she asked If it would be possible to approach Pro-Medical and see whether they would be able to revise their rates for BRC competitions as BRC and BHS currently use them for a lot of business each year. It was agreed to investigate this.