



Newsletter

December 2008

Chairperson's report Winter 2009

2008 is drawing to a close with Christmas rapidly approaching.

Looking back at Membership numbers last December, I am disappointed at being unable to report an increase in numbers, it is sitting roundabout the 400 mark. The membership Secretary has reported difficulties in getting members to renew. Please remember that you if you are not a member, you carry no insurance, cannot

compete, enter the award scheme, nor attend courses. In the grand scheme of things it is not overly expensive. The following link will take you to the membership page on the BEV web-site www.vaulting.org.uk/membership.htm Please respond when asked to renew, as your membership will be terminated after a lapse of a month.

Last December there were 32 Groups, this year 33. Some excellent work is going into supporting new Groups and getting new Groups off the ground. Well done.



On the **Coaching front** I can report better news - there are now several more coaches. The UKCC is up and running at Level 1 & Level 2 and coaches are beginning to come through the new system. Certificates have been rather slow to appear due to

administration difficulties higher up than BEV but this will gradually sort. In Scotland it is also an SQA qualification and this counts as units towards further education. This makes it a very powerful qualification.

Level 3 has recently been endorsed but as yet there have been only one or two pilot courses within Equestrianism. All sports are struggling at this Level and it will take some time to settle down. As yet we do not have the material required to run a course so please be patient.

There is a new Level 2 course due in both Scotland and England in January so please check out these dates.

The Coaching Conference was a great success. Well done all those coaches who presented and assisted and a word of thanks to the Organisers and to Clwyd.

On the **International** front our vaulters have made us proud again with Joanne Eccles finishing the year with a superb win at the Paris masters in December. Hannah was given a late invitation and came an outstanding 5th both vaulting on John Eccles' W.H.Bentley

Throughout the year there have been many excellent performances both by teams and Individuals.

On the home front there have been several competitions culminating in the largest turnout ever at a British Championships. There were 9 Pre-Novice teams. This is encouraging news at grass root level.

Sadly the Advanced team class was marred by a bad fall and you will all be pleased to hear that the vaulter is none the worse.

The final scores of the class resulted in an appeal which is under investigation.



Vaulting supported the National Riding Festival again this year attending various venues throughout the country with displays. Hopefully this may lead to new members and raise the profile of vaulting. The display at Lanark racecourse certainly raised a new recruit!! Rudi was nearly hi-jacked by the Strathclyde Police!

Several Groups have put on demos and displays at various high profile events. Well done. People are sitting up and taking notice.

Keep on vaulting.
A Happy Christmas to all
Ann

UK Coaching Certificate - Equestrian

The difference between this qualification and any which have gone before is that the emphasis is equally on the “HOW TO COACH” skills and the way to make coaching more rider/vaulter-centred, as well as the “WHAT TO COACH”. We hope in this way to raise the general standard of equestrian coaching in the UK. This does not infer that the majority of our coaches do not work in this way at present, as we have already been following the UKCC principles, but it will enable particularly our less experienced coaches to raise their game.

Where the Levels are placed:

Level 1 is “Assistant to the Coach”. Holders of this are only able to work under direct supervision to take part of a lesson. They are not qualified or accredited to do more than this, and will not be insured for more.

Level 2 is the general practical coach who can work unsupervised. The technical equestrian knowledge required is Novice competition level, and this coach will be able to plan a short series of linked lessons.

Level 3 is the slightly more knowledgeable coach who would be able to run a Club and plan a longer training strategy if required, eg an annual plan. This coach has a technical knowledge at around advanced compulsories level. This coach could also “mentor” Level 2 coaches who needed support.

Level 4 is still in development, so watch this space!

UKCC Questions and Answers

Below are the answers to some of the questions we have been asked, which we hope will dispel some myths!!

1. The UKCC Equestrian is a stand-alone nationally recognized **coaching** qualification, approved by sportscoachUK.
2. No one will be forced to attempt this qualification or to upgrade their presently-held qualification, though we would encourage all coaches to consider doing so.
3. Any recognised qualification, eg those of the BHS, ABRs, RDA, Vaulting achieved before January 2007 will NOT disappear. For example, a Level 3 vaulting coach will still be a Level 3 vaulting coach, but in order to hold the UKCC Level 3 will have to “top-up” with necessary coaching information and practice, and will need to go through a Final Assessment unless sufficient evidence can be produced to satisfy the requirements.
4. A holder of a UKCC qualification can use it across disciplines assuming they have the necessary technical knowledge.
5. The BHS qualifications will not disappear. The UKCC equestrian levels are being incorporated into them where appropriate. UKCC Equestrian Generic Level 2 is part of the PTT, and Level 3 is part of the BHSII. The syllabuses for the PTT and II have been rewritten extensively to cover this.
6. Someone who for example holds the UKCC Level 2, can take that into the BHS exam system and “top up” to achieve the PTT.
7. There is a clear pathway up the Levels, but it is NOT mandatory to start at the bottom.
8. We shall put on Coach Training Courses for registered candidate coaches, but it is not mandatory to attend one before coming to the Final Assessment. HOWEVER the content and format is very different from what has been done before, (not so different in the case of vaulting) so we do advise candidate coaches to attend a course.
9. Holders of the UKCC Equestrian qualification are expected to accept and conform to the British Equestrian Federation Code of Conduct and Ethics.
10. UKCC Coach Training MUST (under the terms of the agreement with scUK) be presented by an scUK CTS qualified equestrian Coach Educator, and will be organised centrally. We have potentially 2 in England, 2 in Wales and potentially 4 in Scotland)
11. Evidence for Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL or Grandfather Rights) will be considered by the Training Committee and the Coaching Development Officer, and by the BEF Coaching APL sub-committee.
12. Both presently-held qualifications and relevant experience which can be substantiated by evidence and testimony will be taken into account when we advise a coach on which Level to aim for and how to prepare.
13. The Level of coach will not be hitched to the level of performer so coaches will be able to progress up the ladder in qualifications by being the best coach within his remit eg working with beginners, children, disabled etc.



14. UKCC qualified coaches will be expected to attend CPD (Continuing Personal Development) days periodically for their qualification to remain current. This is what is required at the moment for continuing membership of the BHS Register of Instructors. This will become the same for future vaulting coaches.
15. The BHS Instructors' Register will be open to UKCC qualified coaches without their having to join the BHS.
16. Prerequisites prior to Final Assessment will be:

Level 1 -Basic 1st Aid qualification (Vaulting –a Child Protection course and SCRO or CRB check)

Levels 2, 3 & 4 -CRB check; attendance on a child protection course; EITHER 4 day 1st Aid At Work or Equine 1st Aid Certificate OR other approved 1st Aid Certificate dependant on whether the Membership of the Register includes insurance or not.

Awarding body

In England the awarding body for the UKCC Equestrian qualification is EQUESTRIAN QUALIFICATIONS LTD (EQL) a new arm of the BHS

Every coach who wants to qualify will be registered with them via BEV Ltd.

The BEF is using the expertise and experience of the BHS in dealing with the Qualification and Curriculum Authority (QCA) who also have to approve the qualification, but EQL will deal with every discipline in the BEF equally, in the interests of the BEF and coaching generally.

In Scotland the awarding body will be the SQA and registration will be via your member body through SEA. The qualification will be identical.

If you have any more questions, please get in touch with us.

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CVI Master Class Paris Results – 6 -7 December 2008

Female Individual

1. Joanne Eccles (GBR) 8,467
2. Ines Jückstock (GER) 7,653
3. Pia Engelberty (GER) 7,473
6. Hannah Eccles (GBR) 6,840

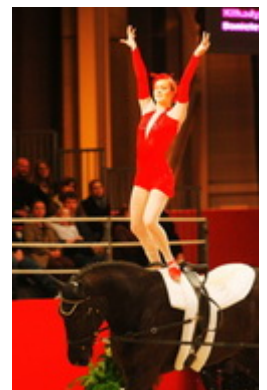
Teams

1. Team Wintermühle Köln (GER) 8,062
2. Les Ecurie de la Cigogne (FRA) 7,588
3. RFV Hoisbüttel (GER) 6,431

Congratulations to Joey, Hannah, John and Henry for such great results

Male Individual

1. Kai Vorberg (GER) 8,880
2. Patric Looser (SUI) 8,240
3. Ivan Nousse (FRA) 7,827



Guidelines for Candidate & National Judges

Criteria Required to Become a National Candidate Judge:

1. Must be aged 18 or over.
2. Must provide a detailed Curriculum Vitae to the BEV Committee with evidence of their suitability to become a National Candidate Judge.
3. Must attend 1 national/FEI-recognised seminar
4. Must have written for a National Judge on at least 2 occasions
5. Must be a minimum of a Level 1 Coach for basic understanding *or* have vaulted at Advanced Level for at least 2 years in the last 5 years and hold a child protection certificate and a minimum of a 1-day First Aid certificate.
6. Candidate process will commence from the beginning of a calendar year.

Criteria to be fulfilled by Candidate Judges to become a National Judge:

1. Judge at 8 affiliated competitions, subject to judge A's validation. This can be a mixture of unaffiliated and affiliated classes. Barrel classes do not count.
2. Serve as a National Candidate Judge for a *minimum* of 2 years.
3. Attend 1 national/FEI-recognised seminar.
4. Request permission from organisers to judge at their competitions – the onus is not on the organisers to ask the National Candidate Judges to be there. They must also liaise with the organisers with regard to writers and provide their own writer if necessary.
5. Pay for their own transport and accommodation unless the organisers are willing to cover the costs.
6. Sit with or write for an International Judge or Judge A at one affiliated competition (or British Championships) each year.
7. Submit log sheets (which must contain details on competitions attended, classes judged, comments from Judge A (for candidates), plus details of any abnormal situations that arise, e.g. horses failing trot circle and reasons etc.) before the end of the year (i.e. before 31st December).
8. At least one other National Judge as well as the BEV Committee must approve the log sheets.
9. A record must be kept of any National and International Judges seminars attended and what was learned, i.e. kür difficulty, horse mark etc.
10. Selection Trials / Events and British Championships marks will not count towards placing but may be compared to other marks.
11. National Candidate Judges must attend an Assessment Day, with a National or International Judge, to take place at an affiliated competition. The National or International Judge will sit with the National Candidate Judge in an affiliated class (i.e. a canter class) and will ask questions of the National Candidate Judge regarding their scoring etc. *after* the class is completed. It is the responsibility of the National Candidate Judge to request the Assessment Day through the BEV committee and they should give reasonable notice as to when they wish the day to take place, (i.e. at which competition). This should only take place after a minimum of 18 months as a National Candidate Judge.
12. After two years of candidate judging, if they have passed the assessment day to a suitable standard and judging standards have been consistent, they must be put into a 1-year probationary period judge status and, provided they continue their consistency and the above judging & training criteria, they may become a National Judge at the end of the year. National Candidate Judges on their probationary year will not be asked to take the position of Judge A in an affiliated class.
13. Must complete a timed, written test on judging rules at the end of the two years. (Candidates will be allowed to use their rule books for reference)

To remain a National Judge:

1. Judge at 1 affiliated competition minimum every year.
2. Attend 1 national/FEI-recognised seminar every two years if possible.
3. Keep a log sheet, the same as for National Candidate Judges.
4. If a National Judge fails to meet the requirements, written advice will be given from the BEV Committee stating what action they need to take to avoid suspension.
5. If a National Judge fails to act on this advice the National Judge status is to be suspended until they meet the criteria.

NOTE:

Acceptance of National Candidate Judge status or upgrades from National Candidate Judge to the Probationary Year or to a National Judge, or written advice or suspension to/of a National Judge must be ratified by a full quorum of the BEV Ltd Management Committee.

Kentucky - Update 1 – Key points

- ❑ Will cost ½ Million to get all British discipline horses out there.
- ❑ £12,000 per horse for flight
- ❑ £400 per horse for their suitcase – horse kit!
- ❑ Flights are being sorted by Pedens
- ❑ Fly to Cincinnati then wait 24-30 hrs in quarantine at airport (allowed out) waiting for blood results, which are taken on arrival.
- ❑ 2hrs by lorry to Kentucky horse park from airport.
- ❑ Unlikely to get any insurance for horses while airborne on flight, this has been since Sept 11 incidences (all horse that went to Beijing had same applied)– make sure your owners are aware!
- ❑ Timescale advised – horses leave UK Friday –arrive USA sat – Kentucky on Sunday, competition starts Wednesday.
- ❑ Hopefully some USA sponsors covering accommodation & stables, this is to be confirmed.
- ❑ All competitors will be accommodated off site,
- ❑ Only grooms in Horse Park.
- ❑ No spare horses will be sent
- ❑ Reserve team horse will be an individual horse that is not pointed up – obviously FEI rules max 6 points (team +2)
- ❑ Vaulting looking at flying ~ 4/5 horses.

Financial

With current economic climate, no major sponsors have as yet come forward for Team GB. Need to fund raise as a discipline -BEV and within each vaulting group involved.

Suggest putting someone in charge of fund raising for BEV and per group and plan of fund raising ideas put forward for 2009 – perhaps another gala night at competitions?

BEF will be organising fund raising too, this will include:

- ❑ **Auction of Promises** – we will be asked to provide prize for this e.g. lesson with top vaulting trainer – look to our level 3's? Corporate 'have a go' days, which we can organise very successfully in our discipline
- ❑ **BEF Ball** – presence of competitors / trainers/ coaches will be expected.
- ❑ **Merchandise** – Team GB is ongoing, please encourage supports and family members to look and purchase.
<http://clothing.equestrianteamgbr.co.uk/>

Summary – Finances – is a worry, going on above stats – e.g. for the team selected:

Flight costs

1 team (8 including lunger) + 1 horse + reserve horse + 2 lot of horse kit = Total

350 x 8 = £2800 + £12,000 + £12,000 + £800 = £27,600

BEF are not sure what financial help will be available for each discipline as yet if any....we cant yet depend on their help, we need to form a plan on fund raising and be aware that there will be a substantial investment needed from all involved. Qualification is as normal, please make sure that those vaulters that will be competing for junior individual championships - 1 star in 2009, to be aware that 2 scores of 6.0 or above in a CVI** will be needed for 2010. Selection may be early in 2010, so it would be wise to get at least 1 qualifying score CVI** by end of 2009.

Horses – Good international performances in CVI's 2009 will be of benefit for each horse up for selection for 2010, I would recommend those interested in taking horses to 2010 be seen on international circuit, performances and horse scores will be noted. This is not part of selection criteria, just advise from myself but I feel it will strengthen each individuals case.

There are regular update on the Kentucky site, keep yourself up to date: <http://www.feigames2010.org/>

Thanks
Lucy B
Chef ☺

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)

The Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) is a Government funded multi-million pound scheme that is in its fifth year of operation for Equestrian Sport in England. The overall aim of TASS is to assist Great Britain's most talented young athletes, who wish to optimise the effectiveness of their sport and their academic programmes.

TASS provides an opportunity for equestrian athletes to take advantage of support that will propel them towards success on the world stage, whilst ensuring that they can fulfil their academic potential alongside their sporting ambitions. This system is driven through partnerships working between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Further Education Colleges (FECs), National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGB's), in this case the British Equestrian Federation, and other sports organisations.

The opportunities that the TASS scheme offers Equestrian sport could be significant in encouraging talented young equestrian athletes to continue their education by providing training funds and support, fitness and lifestyle support and forms an important stepping stone between the SportsAid Scheme and the World Class Development Programme. The support that TASS offers provides not only financial assistance, but also the confidence and status of being formally recognized by their NGB and UK Sport as a talented individual with a bright future in the sport.

TASS is open to equestrian athletes in the three Olympic equestrian disciplines, Para-Equestrian Dressage, and two non-Olympic equestrian disciplines, Driving and Vaulting.

The following criteria will be used to identify equestrian athletes selected to the TASS programme:

- ◆ Aged between 15 (16 by 1st June 2009) – 25 years (up to 35 years for Para-Equestrian Dressage riders)
- ◆ Recognised from performance profile to be a potential future international winner.
- ◆ Commitment to an agreed annual training programme.
- ◆ Commitment to an agreed annual competition programme (where applicable).
- ◆ Meet minimum academic entry requirements, specified by the University/College.
- ◆ Reside at an English address or be studying at an English Educational Institute.
- ◆ Achieve qualification standard set by the British Equestrian Federation in consultation with the governing body for each discipline.
- ◆ The final selection to TASS will be at the discretion of the British Equestrian Federation.

Lucy Phillips and **Sarah Reid** won one of these scholarships each for 2008/09 and have recently attended their inductions where they underwent musculoskeletal screening, to identify any weak points that could be improved. Strength and conditioning assessment, where they had to hold a pole behind their heads and perform some moves like lunges and squats in front of a video camera. Each will attend 12 Strength & Conditioning sessions over the next 12 months, following which they will look back at that video and will be able to see how they have improved. Skinfolds testing to measure how much percentage muscle and fat each has. Finally, there was a short presentation describing the services TASS will be providing us and how to gain these services. Some of the money is allocated to specific things like physio, strength and conditioning sessions and a mentor to help with problems. The other money will be available for training, competition and equipment costs, as agreed at the beginning of the program.

It is hoped that this scheme will make a huge difference to these vaulters over the coming year.



EUROPEAN SUCCESS

A BRITISH JUNIOR – CLUB – TEAM TAKES ON THE BEST OF EUROPE!



The Team GB Junior Equestrian Vaulting Team has recently returned in high spirits from the Vaulting World Championships and European Junior Vaulting Championships, held in Brno, Czech Republic, 27th Jul – 3rd Aug 2008.



This is the first time, that a complete team (above) from one club – [Wee County Vaulters](#) from Tillicoultry in Scotland – has been selected to represent Great Britain and was, exceptionally, all the more remarkable, because the team was only formed as a unit, earlier in March this year!

The team competed on the veteran campaigner and dear friend, W. H. Bentley (fondly known to all as Henry), who was lunged by owner and vastly experienced Coach, John Eccles (consistently and amusingly mispronounced “Eckless,” by the arena announcer!).

The horses, ‘W. H. Bentley’, ‘Baroque’ and ‘Go for Gold’, were road transported via Dover and Frankfurt in Wee County’s upgraded horse lorry and were settled into their architecturally stunning Bruno stables before the team arrived. The distance travelled was, 1,379.63 miles and was noted as part of the fund-raising events by the team. The horses’ stabling accommodation was deemed to have been first class!

John’s daughters, Joanne and Hannah, currently two of Great Britain’s most successful individual vaulters, also assisted their father in coaching and preparing the team for the competition. W. H. Bentley achieved the supreme accolade with the highest ‘horse score’ in the Junior Team competition.



The GB Junior Team were lying in 5th position after the compulsory tests, but the enormity of the occasion seemed to get the better of them in both the freestyle tests and they finished in 6th place overall, ahead of 5 other International teams who had had previous International experience and trained in their teams for some years. This was a fantastic achievement. They greatly exceeded their own expectations and meant the Team was included in the medal ceremony – a very proud moment for them all.

The whole team agreed, that their first experience of competing abroad had been a hugely wonderful and emotional learning curve, full of high points including: experiencing the company and comradeship of vaulters from all around the world; performing in front of knowledgeable and enthusiastic spectators (including the bright lights of the dreaded TV cameras); competing in a world-class environment and arena; spending time with the other members of Team GB. All this, whilst keeping up with their fitness, training and the competing schedules of the competition.



The GB Junior Team extend their sincerest thanks, to all those special supporters, their parents and extended families, but in particular, to Mr. Fraser Gillespie of [Benstons Motor Engineers](#) in Johnstone, Renfrewshire and Clackmannanshire Sports Council, who gave crucial financial support to the [Wee County Vaulters](#) and whose generous contributions helped enable the vital horse transportation and allowing the club to compete at these European Championships.

CONGRATULATIONS TO **TEAM GB JUNIOR VAULTING** TEAM AND THE [WEE COUNTY VAULTERS](#).

Internet Forums and Social networking sites – the dangers

Internet forums and social networking sites have revolutionised the way that we talk to our friends and meet new people. However people are beginning to realise that on-line communication has its dangers – the key thing is to be aware of these dangers so that they don't spoil your fun.

The Information Commissioner is so concerned about the dangers to young people that he has set up a separate website www.ico.gov.uk/youth. One of the key dangers he has highlighted, on top of the usual concerns about personal security, is the “electronic footprint” which is created when you post content online and the fact that this may be used by future employers, educational institutions or funding bodies to vet potential employees, students or team members. There is even a possibility that things that are said on a forum or in a blog will result in legal action because they are defamatory or misleading about another person or that they will give rise to “cyber bullying”.

So what should you do to protect yourself:

- Make sure you read the privacy policy on any networking site you join and set the privacy level as strictly as you can. As a rule of thumb only make your profile accessible to people you know offline;
- Be aware that information may still filter out to the outside world so think about what you are saying and the impression you are creating – how would you feel for instance if your parents or a potential employer read something you had written or saw a photo you had posted?
- Think before you type – ask yourself if you would say what you are typing about someone to their face – if not think really carefully before putting it on-line –if you do there may be consequences.
- Be careful about personal information you post on line – little bits of information about you when added together could be misused
- Make sure your passwords are secure – for instance the vast majority of people use the name of a family pet as a password – chose something else!!

The message is have fun but be careful!

Future Events

10 th and 24 th January 2009	UKCC Level 1	Scotland – Perthshire. Please contact Ann Hunt (ann@easterton.com)
31Jan. 1 st Feb and 21 st Feb 2009	UKCC Level 2	Scotland – Perthshire. Please contact Ann Hunt (ann@easterton.com)
Feb to May 2009	UKCC Level 2	Warwickshire – register interest with Liz Lukehurst by end December (lizvaulting@hotmail.com)
6 -8 February 2009	FEI Seminar	Scotland see FEI website for details.

British Competitions 2009

11 th January	Affiliated competition	Morton Morell
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7 th March	1 st Selection Trial	Solihull
16-17 May	3 rd Selection Trial	Bishop Burton
23 May	Affiliated Competition	Clwyd – Wales
5 th September	British Championships	Morton Morell

International Competitions 2009

15 -18 Jan	CVI2*	Leipzig (GER)
13 -15 Feb	CVI2*	Poznan MTP (POL)
10 -12 April	CVI2* & 1* (2 nd Selection trial – Teams)	Saumur (FRA)
2 -3 May	CVI2* & 1*	Ermelo (NED)
22 – 24 May	CVIO2* & CVI1*	Wien Freudenu (AUT)
29 May – 1 June	CVI2*	Wiesbaden (GER)
06 – 7 June	CVI2* & 1*	Sala (SVK)
11 – 14 June	CVI2*	Ypäjä (FIN)
12 – 14 June	CVI2* & 1*	Krumke (GER)
26 – 28 June	CVIO2*	Aachen (GER)
26 – 28 June	CVI2* & 1*	Brno (CZE)
26 – 28 June	CVI2* & 1*	Saratoga, CA (USA)
30 July – 2 Aug	CVI2* & 1*	Lexington, KY (USA)
7 – 11 Oct	CVI2*	Salzburg, Arena Messezentrum (AUT)
14 – 15 Nov	CVI2* & 1*	Sao Paulo, SP (BRA)

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