



# Training Shows & Competition Practice

## Expert Advice & Clinics



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Pole Work, Show Jumping, Dressage, Showing, Nutrition & Weigh Bridge

### FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

Afternoon & evening sessions in sand arena.

#### POLE WORK, GRIDS & ATHLETIC JUMPING

Fee: Group £15; Shared (2 riders) £25; Private £45

- Class 1 Pole Work & Pre-Show Jumping Training  
Pole work sessions with the emphasis on improving balance, rhythm, quality of paces and straightness. Can be used to improve flatwork for any discipline or as pre-show jumping preparation training. 1 hour session.
- Class 2 Grid Work & Athletic Jumping  
Training sessions including grid work and/or athletic jumping to improve athletic ability, balance, rhythm & straightness. 1 hour session. Heights: 50-60cm; 70-80cm; 90-1m; 1m-1.10m.



### SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Please consult timetable for the expected flow and timings of the day.

#### EQUINE NUTRITION & WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

Fee: £15 per horse

- Class 1 Equine Nutrition & Weight Management  
Consult with fully qualified, professional Equine Nutritionist, Fiona Watkins BSc (Hons), Pro Dip. Have your horse accurately weighed on weigh bridge and professionally assessed for body condition. Includes a quick chat about nutrition & diet. 15-minute session.

#### DRESSAGE TRAINING & ADVICE

Fee: Group £15; Shared (2 riders) £25; Private £45

- Turnout, tack & biting: Casual turnout, correct rider head & footwear, any suitable bridle, boots & bandages permitted.
- Class 2 Make the Most of your Competition Warm Up  
Training sessions to help you to make the most of your time in the dressage warm-up arena. Including planning a warm-up for your horse, sticking to or adapting your plan & coping with varying conditions & distractions in the warm-up. 1 ¼ hour session. Levels: Intro & Prelim; Prelim & Novice; Novice & Elementary.
- Class 3 Ask the Expert (free!)  
Have a chat with a BD Dressage judge & BHS accredited coach. You can ask for hints & tips, how to gain extra marks in your tests, common mistakes, competition preparation, what the judge is looking for at each level (scales of training) etc. Pre-booking is advised, but on the day drop in may be possible if time allows.

#### DRESSAGE COMPETITION PRACTICE

Fee: One Test £15; Two Tests £25

- Competition attire is optional, any suitable bridle is permitted. However, you are encouraged to use BD or BE approved tack and turnout, as if you were entering a competitive class to enable the judge to assess and advise you properly.
- Class 4 Ride a Test - One Test  
Ride your chosen test and receive immediate feedback from the judge along with scores for movements. Choose from: Intro A; Intro B; Prelim 1; Prelim 7; Novice 24; Novice 28; Elementary 44.
- Class 5 Ride a Test - Two Tests  
Ride your first test and receive immediate feedback from the judge along with scores for movements. Your second test can be either a different test or re-ride your original test to aim for improved performance and scores. Second test also includes feedback and scores for movements. Choose from: Intro A; Intro B; Prelim 1; Prelim 7; Novice 24; Novice 28; Elementary 44.



### SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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#### SHOWING ADVICE

Free

- Class 1 Ask the Expert (free!)  
A panel of expert judges available to answer all your showing related questions! From turnout for specific types of class, to suitable tack, what the judge is looking for, ringcraft tips and more. Pre-book with a specific question to guarantee time with a judge or drop in for a chat (time permitting).

#### EQUINE NUTRITION & WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

Fee: Per horse £15

- Class 2 Optimum Showing Condition & Equine Nutrition  
Consult with fully qualified, professional Equine Nutritionist, Fiona Watkins BSc (Hons), Pro Dip. Have your horse accurately weighed on weigh bridge and professionally assessed for body condition. Includes a quick chat about nutrition, diet & optimum condition for showing. 15-minute session.

#### SHOWING TRAINING & COMPETITION PRACTICE

Fee: Class £15

- All classes are conducted by expert judges & professionals and include feedback, tips & advice. Rosettes are awarded to all participants of showing classes, kindly sponsored by The Showing Register.  
Turnout: Full showing attire & presentation is optional, specialist showing gear is not required. However, you are encouraged to turn out to the best of your ability & equipment, as if you were entering a competitive class to enable the judge to assess you and your horse/pony for presentation and correct tack & attire.  
Tack & Biting: Any suitable bridle is allowed in all classes, including bitless. Boots & bandages can be worn. Lead reins (where permitted) must be attached to noseband only.  
Riders & Handlers: All classes, except lead rein & first ridden are open to any age rider or handler. Riders must be suitable size for horse/pony (judge's discretion).  
Stallions & Youngstock: Permitted in certain classes (see class description). All stallions & colts to be presented ribboned and suitably bridled. Riders and handlers of youngstock & stallions must be minimum of 12 years old and suitably experienced to handle young/entire animals.

- Class 3 In-Hand Pony - Plaited, Coloured and M&M Training Class  
Practice the format of in-hand showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for presenting to the judge for inspection, trotting up, turnout & presentation of pony and handler. Open to any stallion, mare, gelding, filly or colt not exceeding 148cm and any small breed Mountain & Moorland. Minimum age is 1 year old, no mares with foal.
- Class 4 In-Hand Horse - Plaited, Coloured and M&M Training Class  
Practice the format of in-hand showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for presenting to the judge for inspection, trotting up, turnout & presentation of horse and handler. Open to any stallion, mare, gelding, filly or colt exceeding 148cm and any large breed Mountain & Moorland. Minimum age is 1 year old, no mares with foal.



#### The Showing Register Talent Spotting and Training Pathway

The judge will be talent spotting in classes 5, 6, 7 & 8 for TSR Training Pathway & Amateur Rider of the Year. You could find your path to being selected for the TSR Amateur Rider of the Year at the TSR Summer Show 17/18 July 2021, Onley EQ, Rugby.

To be eligible for Talent Spotting riders must be 8 years old and riding OFF the lead rein PLUS an Amateur (as per TSR definition). If the rider is a junior the parents must be an amateur. Riders and ponies/horses MUST NOT have qualified or competed at Horse of the Year Show in 2018, 2019, 2020 (inc. 2021).

The judge will notify riders if they have been talent spotted for the Pathway in the ring.  
Full details of the pathway & the TSR Amateur definition can be found at [www.theshowingregister.co.uk](http://www.theshowingregister.co.uk)

See next page for class details.....



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### SHOWING TRAINING & COMPETITION PRACTICE



Fee: Class £15



- Class 5** Ridden Plaited Pony Training Class including TSR Talent Spotting  
Practice the format of ridden pony showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for successful 'go round' & line up, individual show, turnout & presentation of pony and rider. Strip & trot up section included only if time allows, at judge's discretion.  
Open to any stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over not exceeding 148cm. Leading or direct assistance is not permitted in this class, but junior riders can be accompanied in the line-up section.  
Includes a group go round - lead rein, first ridden and very novice combinations should enter class 9 or 10.
- Class 6** Ridden Plaited Horse Training Class including TSR Talent Spotting  
Practice the format of ridden horse showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for successful 'go round' & line up, individual show, turnout & presentation of horse and rider. Strip & trot up section included only if time allows, at judge's discretion.  
Open to any stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over exceeding 148cm. Leading or direct assistance is not permitted in this class, but junior riders can be accompanied in the line-up section.  
Includes a group go round at walk, trot & canter – very novice combinations should enter class 10.
- Class 7** Ridden Mountain & Moorland Training Class including TSR Talent Spotting  
Practice the format of ridden M&M showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for successful 'go round' & line up, individual show, turnout & presentation of pony and rider. Strip & trot up section included only if time allows, at judge's discretion.  
Open to any Mountain & Moorland stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over. Leading or direct assistance is not permitted in this class, but junior riders can be accompanied in the line-up section.  
Includes a group go round - lead rein, first ridden and very novice combinations should enter class 9 or 10.
- Class 8** Ridden Coloureds Training Class including TSR Talent Spotting  
Practice the format of ridden Coloureds showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for successful 'go round' & line up, individual show, turnout & presentation of horse/pony and rider. Strip & trot up section included only if time allows, at judge's discretion.  
Open to any piebald, skewbald, tri-coloured, dun, palomino, spotted or cremello stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over. Leading or direct assistance is not permitted in this class, but junior riders can be accompanied in the line-up section.  
Includes a group go round - lead rein, first ridden and very novice combinations should enter class 9 or 10.
- Class 9** Lead Rein & First Ridden Training Class  
Practice the format of lead rein and first ridden showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for successful leading, what to do in the line-up, individual show, turnout & presentation of leader, pony and rider.  
Open to any mare or gelding, 4 years old & over not exceeding 138cm and any small breed Mountain & Moorland. No stallions. Lead rein riders 10 years & under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, first ridden riders 12 years & under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Lead rein attached to noseband only, daisy reins permitted for first ridden riders.
- Class 10** Intro Ridden Horse Training Class  
For very novice riders or young horses with experienced riders. Class will include walk and trot only, no canter required. Practice part of the format of ridden horse showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for successful 'go round' & line up, individual show, turnout & presentation of horse and rider. Open to any stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old & over exceeding 148cm and any large breed Mountain & Moorland. Leading or direct assistance is not permitted in this class, but riders can be accompanied in the line-up section.

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### SHOWING TRAINING & COMPETITION PRACTICE

Fee: Class £15; Clear Round £15

- Class 11** In-Hand Veteran Training Class - kindly supported by Veteran Horse Society  
 Practice the format of in-hand veteran showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for presenting to the judge for inspection, trotting up, turnout & presentation of horse/pony and handler. Open to any stallion, mare or gelding 15 years old & over.
- Class 12** Ridden Veteran Training Class - kindly supported by Veteran Horse Society  
 Practice the format of ridden veteran showing class with an expert judge to give feedback, tips & advice. Including technique for successful 'go round' & line up, individual show, turnout & presentation of horse/pony and rider. Strip & trot up section included only if time allows, at judge's discretion.  
Open to any stallion, mare or gelding 15 years old & over.
- Class 13** Clear Round Working Hunter Course  
**A&B** Working Hunter and Working Hunter Pony style course available for clear round jumping. Rustic jumps and obstacles at a variety of heights and difficulty. No doubles or set distances. Riders can enter multiple times at same height & course or opt for different height or course.  
A: Novice course – simple track with easy and inviting jumps.  
B: Open course – more complex track with bolder jumps.
- Class 14** Novice Working Hunter & Working Hunter Pony Training Class  
**A&B** This class is designed to encourage the horse/pony and rider to practice individually for working hunter classes and perform stylishly. Expert judge gives feedback, tips & advice on jumping style, individual show, turnout & presentation. Judge will not ride.  
Open to any height & type of stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, need not be hunter. Any suitable bridle, martingales, boots/bandages permitted. Rider any age, must be suitable for size of horse/pony.  
Method of Class: Horse/pony will enter the ring individually and jump a course of rustic obstacles. Immediately following the jumping round, the competitor will perform an individual show. Strip & trot up section only if time, at judge's discretion. Novice course comprising of a simple track with easy and inviting jumps.  
A: 50-60cm; B: 60-70cm
- Class 15** Advanced Working Hunter & Working Hunter Pony Training Class  
**A&B** This class is designed to encourage the horse/pony and rider to practice individually for working hunter classes and perform stylishly. Expert judge gives feedback, tips & advice on jumping style, individual show, turnout & presentation. Judge will not ride.  
Open to any height & type of stallion, mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, need not be hunter. Any suitable bridle, martingales and boots/bandages are permitted. Rider any age, must be suitable for size of horse/pony.  
Method of Class: Horse/pony will enter the ring individually and jump a course of rustic obstacles. Immediately following the jumping round, the competitor will perform an individual show. Strip & trot up section only if time, at judge's discretion. A: 60-70cm; B: 70-80cm

**SHOW INFORMATION:** Great Bookham Equestrian Centre, Dorking Road, Great Bookham Surrey, KT23 4PZ. Email shows@gbec.info or phone: 01372 451458. Mobile on the day: 07904 898696. Pre-enter online at [www.gbec.info](http://www.gbec.info), closing date Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Entries on the day subject to space in class - [phone 07904 898696 first to check](http://www.gbec.info). Withdrawals: competitors withdrawing before entry closing date may transfer to another event. A vet's or doctor's certificate may be required for a refund of entry fees (less admin fee).

We reserve the right to cancel or alter any part of the schedule at any time. If weather or ground conditions are poor please confirm the event is running by ringing 01372 451458 or checking [www.gbec.info](http://www.gbec.info) the evening before (after 6pm) or morning of each day. In the event of a competition being cancelled, full entry fees will be refunded.

Correctly fitting riding hat complying with current safety standards, and safe footwear must be worn whilst mounted. First aiders are on site, paramedic cover is not provided for this event. The organisers have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure health & safety of everyone present. Everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents and must obey organisers/ instructors.

Participants, or their parents/guardians, must consider themselves competent to complete the activity expected in the class for which they are entering. If the judge deems any rider or horse to be unsuitable or unsafe to participate they will be asked to leave the arena and no refund will be given. All horses and ponies must be handled or supervised by a competent person and kept under control. Riders must be appropriate size for the horse/pony. All persons under 16 years must be accompanied and supervised by a parent/guardian.

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