

SELECTION FOR NATIONAL TRAINING

Outstanding riders may be invited to attend a Viewing Day for National Training. They might be selected from regional training attendees, riders who have attended BYRDS National Training in the past two years, and riders who are recommended by trainers on the British International Trainers Foundation.

In addition to the above training it is also apparent that we must develop a pathway that enables riders to produce their utmost best whatever the level. The ultimate is, of course, the Olympics and with riders within the 12 – 25 year old age group their whole future is ahead of them. Recognising this National BYRDS is to change its focus slightly in order to achieve the ultimate goal of training to develop riders long term for Olympic Squads whilst maintaining a secondary aim of developing riders for Under 21s International Squads. In order to facilitate these concentrated sessions, numbers will be limited and only three groups will have access to trainers who have proved themselves at the very highest level. Selection will now be based to a greater extent on potential rather than current performance.

BYRDS National Training consists of monthly weekend training sessions from October to December and from Autumn 2009 will be open to riders from the ages of 12-25 years riding ponies and horses.

Riders invited to National Training will have one riding / training session on each day with a national trainer. Lectures are also held covering a wide range of subjects. Riders will be expected to watch and learn from the other lessons in order to gain the maximum benefit from the weekend.

Riders should make every effort to come to each of the weekends and must attend a minimum of three unless there are exceptional circumstances. In this way riders and their accompanying support group have the greatest opportunity to make new friends whilst in a learning environment. Riders' current trainers are most welcome to come and view the lessons and the National Training trainers would be happy to discuss any particular points with them at the end of the day.

Application forms and further information can be obtained by sending an SAE to - Mrs Caroline Griffith, Grove House, Frog Lane, Milton under Wychwood, Oxon, OX7 6JZ. Tel: 07771 758830.

National Training Dates For 2009

<i>NATIONAL TRAINING DATES 2009</i>		
26 / 27 SEPTEMBER	BURY FARM E.C, SLAPTON, BUCKS	VIEWING DAY
10 / 11 OCTOBER	BURY FARM E.C, SLAPTON, BUCKS	P J & YR
7 / 8 NOVEMBER	BURY FARM E.C, SLAPTON, BUCKS	P J & YR
5 / 6 DECEMBER	BURY FARM E.C, SLAPTON, BUCKS	P J & YR