

Dear Members

Many of you are familiar with the BSJA Jersey Academy established in 2015 to provide structured training opportunities for local riders.

Based on the NAF Five Star Horse and Pony Awards offered to BS Members in the UK, the programme offers a series of progressive standards that provide riders with a focus on developing a culture of improvement and offer progressive structured for their training, improved performance in the ring and improved stable management skills.

Furthermore, the programme aims also to instil a greater understanding of all areas of horsemanship, respect of the Rules, as well as ethics of sportsmanship and recognition of good performance over results.

After consultation with members, coaches and the committee, and in response to feedback from the equestrian survey, we have reviewed the structure of the Academy for 2018 and expanded the number of local coaches with the aim of offering more training opportunities throughout the year.

Our lead coach remains **Paul Crago**, a UKCC Accredited Level 3 coach, BS Coach Educator & Assessor and BS Excel Talent Coach; Paul has committed to visit Jersey each month in 2018 (except May and Dec when we could not fit it in!). He also offers the opportunity for BSJA Jersey Academy Members to base horses and ponies with him if visiting the UK for training and competitions and has lorry hook-up and some overnight accommodation available for visitors.

To support the programme and to maintain momentum, we are delighted to advise **Alison Rogers** and **Cilla Perchard** remain as part of our programme and in 2018 will be joined by **Penny Cruttwell** and **Kate Warner**.

Future training sessions will continue to incorporate specific themes, including

- Flatwork for jumping incorporating use of poles and grids to improve balance, rhythm, jump of horse; position and technique of rider; confidence of both
- Course walking, understanding and riding related distances
- Jumping courses – on a surface and on the grass
- Tackling jump offs and competitions where you have to choose your own line

As a result of feedback, we will incorporate more winter training (weather permitting), after school sessions and lessons on the grass (subject to ground conditions).

All Academy members will receive a training booklet with a structured format to help progressively work through five levels, bronze, silver, gold, platinum and diamond. Members are encouraged to set goals and then monitor, measure and record progress in their booklet which, with the support of the coaches, which will help them to follow and achieve their objectives and targets.

Competing in the UK

It is recognised that the opportunity to visit larger shows in the UK where one can compete over a number of days jumping in different arenas and surfaces is both beneficial and educational. To this end, we are currently investigating opportunities for academy members to participate in inter-academy competitions in the UK and are considering how we could help to facilitate travel arrangements for an academy-led (senior and junior) trip.

BENEFITS OF ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP

Access to consistent, structured and progressive training throughout the year

Preferential pricing and discount structure for lessons

Discounted re-joining fee for existing members (before 31st January 2018)

Training booklet to assist with setting, following and achieving objectives and targets

Opportunity for training on both grass and all weather surfaces

Camaraderie and participation with like-minded peer groups

Updates on forthcoming activities

Possible participation in inter-academy events

Open to all levels of experience

Training dates for 2018:

All at BSJA Showground unless specified otherwise:

10 / 11 March	Paul Crago
24 March	Local coaches
7 / 8 April	Paul Crago
16 / 17 April	Local Coaches
30 April	Local Coaches
1 May	Local Coaches
29, 30, 31 May	Local Coaches
10 June	Paul Crago
25, 26, 27 June	Local Coaches
9, 10 July	Local Coaches
21 / 22 July	Paul Crago
28, 29 July	Local Coaches
13, 14 August	Local Coaches
18/19 August	Paul Crago
2/3 September	Local Coaches
18 / 19 September	Paul Crago
13 October	Local Coaches
20 October	Local Coaches
27 / 27 October	Paul Crago
3 November	Local Coaches
10 November	Local Coaches
17 / 18 November	Paul Crago
24 November	Local Coaches
8 December	Local Coaches

The BSJA Academy is not intended to undermine any training provided by other equestrian clubs or private instructors but rather to complement and enhance the available offering. Furthermore, every effort is made to avoid clashes through participation in the combined clubs diary meeting but it must be acknowledged that there is a very full equestrian calendar in Jersey!

2018 Subscription / training fees

The Academy was initially launched mid-season, but with effect from 2018, as training will be offered all year round, the start date has been re-aligned to the beginning of the year in preparation for forthcoming activities.

In 2018, the academy subscription has been set as follows:

All members: £30

Training fees (per session):

Local coaches – shared lessons – price per person

- Academy members £25 - two sharing, £20 – three sharing
 - BSJA non academy member £30 – two sharing, £25 – three sharing
 - Non BSJA/non academy * £40 – two sharing, £35 – three sharing
- *includes £10.00 day membership for insurance purposes

Lead coach Paul Crago

	Shared	Private
- Academy members**	40	50
- Non academy	45	55
- Non BSJA J member*	55	65

*includes £10.00 day membership for insurance purposes

**Academy members (only) may take advantage of £10 discount if they attend both days of week-end training sessions, thereby pricing structure remains unchanged from 2017. In the event of over-subscription, priority will be given to those attending two days of training.

Bookings to be made through Jo Patterson.

Sponsorship

In the event of identification of a commercial sponsor to support academy funding this would go towards lesson subsidies and local coach development so benefit is afforded to all academy members. – i.e. not just those who aspire to travel who should be encouraged to consider their own fundraising activities.

If you are aware of any potential commercial sponsors, please contact Julie Settle.