

British International Championship Club

BICC News Update

Presentation weekend

Unfortunately the presentation weekend at the prestigious Imperial Hotel, Torquay, could be postponed, due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The hotel management have informed the Club Treasurer, Russell Bradford, when he visited recently, that under current regulations they cannot legally accommodate the membership over the weekend of 5th and 6th February. If the event is postponed, the Imperial Hotel has very generously agreed to honour the reservations and current prices up to the Spring of 2022 – the year after next, if necessary. This means that reservations booked directly with the hotel are safe but members should check with their travel companies if they have booked rooms using an on-line booking agency.

Having said that, the Committee are still hopeful that the presentation will go ahead and a final decision will be made towards the end of the year. The latest time it could be held in 2021 would be the first weekend in April, because members will be concentrating on racing from then on.

AGM update

It is also likely that the AGM planned for January 2021 will be postponed. Again, Government regulations and RPRA guidelines prevent the gathering of people in the numbers required to hold an AGM. If this continues to be the case, then the existing Committee and Officers will remain in place until the AGM can be arranged.

However, if any member or officer wishes to resign or be nominated to stand for the Committee, they should inform the Club Secretary, Carol Francis, by December 31st at the latest.

If circumstances change and when more information is known, members will be updated as soon as possible.

Membership renewals

All fees and subscriptions will remain the same for the 2021 racing season. Members are requested not to renew their membership until after 1st November when the new financial year starts and to renew through their bank account, using BACS please.

Prize Payouts

The Club Treasurer is processing a pay-out of £42,280 in prize and pools money and this will be transferred directly into member's bank accounts on Friday 16th, October. This will include the young bird 'B Rings'. All prize winners will also receive a certificate in the post in due course.

And, a final word from Club President, Mark Gilbert

We are making this statement to keep members up-to-date with the latest developments. I would like to reassure members that the BICC Committee is doing all it can to arrange the presentation weekend and the AGM. If the AGM is postponed, it will be re-arranged as soon as practicable; to ensure the Club rules are complied with. Whatever happens, I can tell you, that the BICC will be putting together another exciting and challenging race programme for

2021. The programme will enable members to compete on the National and International stage once again, with the best fanciers in Europe. All the best, Mark.

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