

BRITISH BIRD CARVING CHAMPIONSHIP 2017
AND
BDWCA 2017 COMPETITION
INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

1. Introduction

The British Bird Carving Championship will be held at the “Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, Derbyshire” on 9th/10th September 2017. The Championship will be run in parallel with the BDWCA’s own 2017 Annual Competition. Entrants who are not members of the BDWCA will be permitted to enter only at Advanced level and will not be eligible to compete for BDWCA trophies.

2. Championship Rules

The rules for the Championship and the BDWCA Competition follow. They are based upon the rules used over past years for the annual BDWCA Competitions with suitable amendments to allow the two events to run in parallel. Competitors are responsible for knowing the rules of the competition as they apply to them. Any queries regarding the rules should be raised with the Competition Committee before the judging takes place.

3. Entry Forms

- a. Competitors should note that there is only one entry form for all classes of the Championship, the BDWCA Competition and the Exhibition tables for both members and non-members alike. A copy will be distributed to all BDWCA members through normal arrangements. Non members may obtain copies by post or from the Association web site. Contact details are below.
- b. Each competitor should ensure that his/her carvings are entered in the appropriate category and, for BDWCA members, at the right level, e.g. Advanced, Intermediate, Novice (see Championship and Competition Rules 2017, paras 2 to 4). Members of the BDWCA Competition Committee will be available for advice at the time of registration.

4. Championship and Competition Entries

All potential competitors for any part of the event are requested to note that entry forms should be posted to arrive before 1st September. The preparation of documentation for an event that lasts little more than 30 hours can only be achieved by completing all of the work before the event starts. The organisers seek to impress upon competitors that it speeds their registration of entries if they send in their entry forms and fees by the above date. This year all entries must be pre-registered. No entries will be accepted at registration on the Saturday morning unless they have been pre-registered. It is intended to produce a catalogue of all entries. Competitors should ensure that they are familiar with the rules before deciding upon the category and class in which to enter their work. However, advice will be available at Registration to guide those who are unsure of the category of their entries. If, subsequently, a competitor who has pre-registered is unable to compete, the entry fee will be refunded in full.

5. Entry Fees

a. Non-members

All entries for non-members in the Championship Class will be £7 per carving.

b. Members

Entry fees for members are:

Youth	Free
Novice class	£3.00 irrespective of number of entries
Intermediate class	£4.00 irrespective of number of entries
Advanced class	£5.00 irrespective of number of entries (each carving will be entered in both Advanced and Championship Classes)

- c. Open Stick Competition** 50p per stick

6. Entries by Post/Carrier

Any member who is unable to attend the Show but wishes to compete may send their entries by post/carrier to one of the contact points at paragraph 17 below, to arrive by 1st September. The entry form and fee is to be included together with sufficient costs to equal that for the initial post/carriage. Royal Mail or carrier insurance rates may be included and will be used for the return provided sufficient funds are included. Please contact the member to whom you intend to send your entry prior to sending to ensure he/she is aware that the package is on its way!

7. Registration

- a. Registration of entries will take place from 09.00 – 11.00 on Saturday 9th September at the Agricultural Business Centre. Ample car parking space is available adjacent to the entrance and competitors are encouraged to remove their cars to the main car park as soon as they have finished unpacking their entries. Additionally, the amount of space available for the storage of empty boxes is limited and ideally competitors should keep them in their cars.
- b. Additional registration of entries for the open stick class only will take place from 09.00 – 11.00 on Sunday 10th September at the Agricultural Business Centre.

- c. Competitors will be issued with competition numbers to affix to their entries. All identifying marks should be masked out and the entries handed to the stewards. A receipt for all carvings will be issued. The receipt will be required for recovery of the items at the end of the Championship.
- d. All BDWCA members will be allowed free entry to the competition.

8. Judging

- a. Judging (except for the Open Stick competition) will be conducted from 12.00 noon on Saturday 9th September. Results will be available from 16.00 or earlier if possible. Judges will be drawn entirely from the BDWCA for the Novice and Intermediate Classes and from both members and non-members of the Association for the Championship and BDWCA Advanced Class. Entrants shall not communicate with the judges at any time during the judging process.
- b. Judging for the Open Stick competition will be conducted from 11.30 on Sunday 10th September. Results will be available from 13.00 or earlier if possible. A member of the British Stick Makers Guild will carry out the judging.

9. Sales

Carvers may place their business cards beside their entries once results have been published. Those who wish to avail themselves of the possibility of sales should complete their entry forms accordingly. Entries in the catalogue will include the price asked and an annex to the catalogue, giving competitor details, will also be available as soon as possible after judging is complete. Competitors who do not wish their carving to be offered for sale should mark NFS on the entry form in the "sale price" box. All carvings sold will attract a sales commission to the Association of 15% of the sale price. Please note that any carvings sold from the competition tables cannot be removed before 17.00 hrs on Sunday 10th September 2017.

10. Exhibition Tables

As in previous years there will be an Exhibition Table(s) for display of carvings not entered for the Championship or BDWCA Competition. The objective of providing this facility is to increase the number and diversity of carvings on display. It will allow members and non-members to display their work, which might otherwise be disqualified from entry, and give the opportunity to offer work for sale at little cost at an event which will be open to the public. The same 15% commission will be due to the Association for any sales that take place from the Exhibition Table(s). There are no entry fees for this facility, however please submit the entry form by 1st September in order that items can be catalogued.

11. Collection of Entries

Entries must not be removed before the time specified by the Competition Committee. The normal time is 17.00 hrs on the Sunday of the Competition but this may be changed if circumstances dictate. If applicable an announcement will be made.

12. Critique Clinic

One of the judges will provide a short verbal critique to any competing BDWCA member who is present at the Show.

13. Disqualification Process

Disqualification of any bird or fish carving may not take place without adopting the following procedures:-

The judge or judges proposing disqualification must confer with the Chief Judge stating the reasons for such action. The Chief Judge will in turn confer with the Chairman and members of the National Committee. No disqualification will take place without the consent of the National Committee.

14. Complaints

Complaints should be addressed directly and only to the Chairman of the Competition Committee.

15. Location

The Agricultural Business Centre is located just south of the River Wye. The entrance is clearly signposted from the centre of Bakewell.

16. Competition Committee

The Committee consists of:

Mr David Clews (Chairman)	Mrs Christine Rose	Mr David Askew	
Mr Terry Getley	Mrs Jenny Getley	Mrs Janet Nash	Mrs Pam Wilson

17. BDWCA Contact

The BDWCA contact points are:-

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