



The BALANCE Saddling Team.

Everyone in the BALANCE Saddling team, is committed to helping more horse owners to discover the many benefits of Functional Saddling.

They have a lot of experience to share and a passion for supporting the ridden horse's right to a comfortable and healthy life.

This document explains the different titles (BrTRF, BrTRF* and BrSC)



BALANCE Team Member Roles explained in English

BrTRF = BALANCE registered Test Ride Facilitator

All BrTRFs have:

- Been BALANCE clients originally, and therefore have first-hand experience of going through the shift from Conventional Saddling to Functional/Constructive Saddling
- Understanding of the client's perspective
- At least 12 months experience using the BALANCE Saddling System
- Been selected by BALANCE specifically for the role
- Gone through training with the BALANCE Co-founders and/or the Senior Saddle Consultants
- A variety of BALANCE saddles and saddle pads that they can make available for horses and their riders to try.

The Test Ride Process involves you trying a selection of BALANCE saddles on your horse and comparing them directly with your own saddle. There are different trees and panel options to try and by watching and feeling how your horse responds to each you can tune into your horses feedback regarding his/her own personal needs and preferences (you are also encouraged to bring along your instructor or a trusted friend, and also to video the session so you can see as well as 'feel' your horse's responses).

The role of the Test Ride Facilitator is to provide the equipment and the knowledge needed to help you to assess the differences between Conventional Saddle Fitting and the BALANCE methods and to record information about what happens during the Test Ride Session.

At the end of the session, all of the Data is made available to you. You can use this to help you to search for a 2nd hand version of the saddle that your horse liked best if you want to. If you would like to order a new BALANCE saddle, you are asked to send all of the data to the BALANCE office, where it will be checked by either BALANCE Co-Founder Lesley Taylor-Brett or one of the very experienced Saddle Consultants before taking you through the ordering process.

BrTRF* - Test Ride Facilitators with a star in their title

In addition to the qualities listed for BrTRFs, the BrTRF*s have also:

- Been qualified and active as a BrTRF for more than 12 months.
- Demonstrated that they are willing and able to provide after sales support, in the form of saddling checks for horse owners who have bought BALANCE saddles.
- Some of them have other skills and knowledge that they can use to support BALANCE Saddle owners, please see their individual pages for more information.

The process they use when seeing horses is the same as for the BrTR

BrSC = BALANCE registered Saddle Consultant

All BALANCE Saddling Consultants:

- Have been in the role of BrTRF for at least 10 years and have gained the experience that BALANCE requires of them to be up-graded to 'Consultant'
- Can present information about Functional Saddling in the form of Lecture Demonstrations and Clinics
- Can work with Groups or Individuals
- Can provide you with an Order Form to help you to search for an appropriate 2nd hand BALANCE saddle, or that you can send to the BALANCE office if you would like to order a new BALANCE saddle.
- Can offer follow-up saddle checks and ongoing support to their clients

Some of them:

- Have also undergone extensive training with BALANCE co-founders in Functional Riding & Training and are therefore able to offer a BALANCE approach to Riding, Training and Therapeutic Remedial work, for horses recovering from past saddle-related damage
- Also have 2nd hand BALANCE saddles to sell on behalf of their clients
- Are involved in training new BrTRFs
- Offer Lecture Demonstrations, Talks and Saddling Clinics
- Carry some of the BALANCE Pad Products for the convenience of their clients.

Senior BrSC = Senior BALANCE registered Saddle Consultant

There are only two Senior BrSCs - **Birgitta Bergsten** and **Judy Fry**.

They are the two longest serving BALANCE Saddling Consultants and were in the original group of people selected and trained by the BALANCE co-founders between 1994 and 1997.

They are both now involved in the training of the next generation of Saddling Consultants and Test Ride Facilitators.

- Are able to help riders to improve their skills in ways that are in sympathy with the BALANCE approach to Functional Riding & Training, and they have helped many horse owners to take their horses through a highly effective Remedial Process of recovery from past saddle related damage.
- Often have 2nd hand saddles for sale on behalf of clients.
- They both do Lecture Demonstrations, Talks and Saddling Clinics
- Carry some of the BALANCE Pad Products for the convenience of their Clients.