

INDOOR HORSE DRIVING TRIALS UK

CHRISTMAS 2009



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Christmas again, New Year will come and go, then the

CARRIAGEHOUSE INSURANCE BRITISH INDOOR HDT CHAMPIONSHIP

at the College EC, Keysoe will be here. A little later this season due to Easter holidays, we did not think too many competitors would be keen to travel on the first get away weekend of the year. Once again, due to the sheer numbers of competitors that could qualify and enter the Championships, we are again running over three days. Before the groans start a little explanation of the provisional schedule. All Open, Intermediate, Small Pony & Veteran classes will be over Friday & Saturday with the Supreme Championship being awarded Saturday evening. All Junior and Novice classes will be on Saturday and Sunday. Each competitor will be given one ticket for Saturday evening all other seats will be by ticket only. The proceeds of the evening will go to the Juniors going to Hungary, August 2010 for the World Championship. Saturday evening = Team OR Area Knockout competition. Details are yet to be verified. Only the competitor with the highest points, in each class, for the area will qualify for the Championship. This includes Novice and Junior drivers. Small Pony – Veteran classes are by Invitation Only. Pony and Carriage Ltd are kindly sponsoring both the Novice and the Junior classes, five in total. The winner of each class will receive a set of Tedex harness (of whatever size required) or a voucher of the same value to be used in purchase of other driving equipment supplied by Pony and Carriage. www.ponyandcarriage.co.uk

THE POINTS LEAGUE is up and running on the website: www.indoordriving.co.uk click on results and then on your area under the Points League. It is already getting interesting in many areas, some classes are hotly contended. Novice classes have seen quite a few new members competing for the first time. There seems to be more Small ponies about, Tandem are a little scares again but hopefully more will appear in the New Year. Four in Hand drivers need only to compete twice to be included in the qualification system (due to getting four fit and available during the winter months).

NEW COMERS ASSESSMENT.

All new drivers to any Club must, under BHDTA Rules, have been assessed by either: National Judges - LHHI - BDS Level III, IV - BHDTA Open Competitor of three years. The assessment only needs to be done once, this enables the new driver to attend/enter any event (according to the relevant Club Rules) Details of the assessment can be found on: www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk/reference/club paperwork then click on No 10 for all forms and information.

SMALL PONIES

The height for Small Ponies is 11hands. This was announced on 16 January 2008 and can be found under Forum/announcements. The Small Ponies class ONLY takes place at the British Championships at the end of the current season and is by Invitation. Small Ponies MUST be identified when Results are submitted to the website. If you drive Small 'uns and you have not been identified as such please email: rita@ihdt.co.uk

JUNIORS - Rules: 2.4

Juniors are divided into three age groups at the Championships. 1. Young Driver (8 – 10years) 2. Young Intermediate (10 – 14 Years) 3. Senior (14-18years)

NOW SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

Once again the time of good cheer, peace on earth, would that be good? No more war and dyeing of our young men. We are urged to give to many charities at this time of year, many are horse/animal related but this year please think about the charity - Help for Heroes – many young men and women are coming home physically and mentally disabled and really need our help. Please give them your support this Christmas with a donation, no matter how big or small, or buy from the online shop at: www.helpforheroes.org.uk there is all sorts of things for sale on this site – give it a try, you may be surprised. OR go to: www.horses4heroes.co.uk and support the ride through Windsor Great Park ending on the finishing straight at Ascot Racecourse on Saturday 10th July 2010

Hope to see you at The College EC for the Championship sponsored by Carriagehouse Insurance.
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**WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL 2010
FROM THE INDOOR TEAM**

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