



INDOOR HORSE DRIVING TRIALS UK CHRISTMAS 2008

So this is Christmas - so this is the half way mark of the winter season - so are you enjoying it so far? New areas and venues are abundant this season. The res-erected North-West has had a good start with reasonable entries at Adlington, with one more event here the area moves onto Northop after Christmas. Well done and thanks to Linda Rose (nee Warf) and Louise Hodgson for arranging these events. The Isle of Wight, another new area, has the added difficulty of the Solent! But a few mainland competitors ventured to foreign parts and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with a full weekend of competition and fun. Well done and thanks to Julie Hoskyns for arranging these events. Yet another new area sprang to life in South Wales, with again a reasonable entry for the first event, more to come after Christmas for this area. Well done and thanks to Rowena Moyses for arranging these events. Wales and Gloucester have found a new organiser and home this season. All events are now at the David Broome Centre. Two events done here again with more after the Holidays. Thanks to James Broome for arranging these events and keeping the area alive. Wessex are back on song again after a bad season last year. With five events planned for the season. Thanks to Julia Crockford and Brenda May for making it happen. The Midlands have new organisers in Jo Phelan and Barbara McLachan, who bravely took over from Sally Edwards, who after many years thought she would like to compete for a change. Very many thanks to Sally for all the sterling work she did to get Midlands and Thames Valley off the ground. Judy Broom has taken on Thames Valley, Judy is no stranger to organising Indoor events as for many years Judy organised the North West. Notts-Lincs & Yorkshire has a new Captain in the form of James Binns who has taken on the task with Anne Chambers as co-organiser. Norfolk also has new organisers - Janice Parker has moved over to let Brian Nichols and Cathy Gilbert take up the reins in this area.

AROUND THE COUNTRY.

Lots of new competitors this season in most areas, with quite a few Small pony pairs making an appearance. To date some area's only have had one event where as others have had two/three.

After two events **Wessex** has two Juniors fighting out the Novice Pony, Nicola Blandin well in charge of the Open Pony, as is Matt Were of the Novice Horse, but the Open Horse is close, Di Hayes just leads with Rachel Ball and Jackie Ellis very close. Ian Govier just leads the Multiples with his Small Pony Pair while Karen Scott-Barrett and her new Horse pair are chasing hard. Janet Doe, in a class of her own, Intermediate Horse at this time.

North West with two events sees Carole Redgrave leading Novice Horse, Philip Reeves first in Open Horse, Junior Tristan Nuttall leads the Multiples with his pair. Claire Parker and Junior, Michael Hodgson are battling the Novice Pony.

With three events gone the **Midlands** is hotting up. Lindsey Doran is well in command of Novice Pony, Open Pony is very closely contented, Sarah Arkell and Dawn Tebbett are just two points apart, with Dilys Gordon and Sally Edwards chasing hard. Junior, Esmme Howells is showing the way in the combined single horse, with Joseph Adams and his pony pair well away in the Multiples.

Thames Valley with two events has close points in the Novice Pony, with Claire Buchta, Elanor Smith and Martin Pink all within a few points of each other. Dilys Gordon (Intermediate) is hanging onto her lead in the Open Pony from Denis Williams. Open Horse really is an open class with just a few

points between Bidy Palmer & Averina Snow. Multiples are being contested between Minta Winn and Jo Sore, who will come through in this class?

Notts & Lincs and three events sees Duncan Seth-Smith with a ten point lead in the Novice Pony from Junior, Kelly Wilson. Gary Norgrove just leads the Open Pony from Anna Sadler. New comer, Amanda Valeras is six ahead of Sue Lawson in the Novice Horse. Anne Chambers leads the Multiples, just, with her tandem from Sarah Braybrook.

Devon & Cornwall, two events, Junior, Frank Campbell is away with Open Pony, David Whitman leads both Novice classes, just. Open Horse is being contested by Roger Campbell and Margi Hawkins on equal points. Colin Cornwall and Hazel Fisher are contesting the Pony pairs so far this winter.

Yorkshire, two events show Joanne Thomas with a good lead from Junior Kelly Wilson in the Novice pony. Sue Lawson having won both classes is well ahead of all her rivals in the Open Pony, Jane Wood and Ruth Lancaster are even in Open Horse. Anya Mower and her very small pony pair are just holding their own from Sarah Braybrook in the Pony pairs.

Wales and Gloucester, two events, Sam Allen just ahead of Erica Rye in Novice Pony, Emily Ham and Colin Cornwall are just two apart in Open pony. Michelle Reid leads the Novice horse. Jonathon Rees (Gwyn's son) and James Broome are contending the Open Horse, could be interesting. Janet Macdonald and Christine Legate-Baggs are head to head in the Multiples, both need watching!

South East, two events gone, Cheryl Hurlle is well in the lead of Novice pony, Anne Davey is six points ahead of Leonie Marshall and Di Lewis in Open Pony. Tanya Jupp and Anne Wrigley are battling out the Novice Horse. Open Horse sees John Perry in the lead with Jackie Ellis and Ian Collings in pursuit. The pair's class is interesting with Tina Graham (pony) and Helen Jupp (horse) on equal points with Sarah Owlett just two points away. Teams and tandems, Bronze medallist, Sara Howe is well in the lead with her pony team from Ben Edmed with his Pony Tandem (Sarah Owlett owns this tandem). Linda Hill just leads the Intermediate pony from Tony Green.

All other areas have had one event to date. It could be all change by the end of the season.

WATCH OUT - THERE IS A TROG ABOUT.

Yes, he is back!! It was only a few months ago that Katie Eyres thought she was going to lose her beloved Troggie. This combination has been the Indoor Supreme Champion on FOUR occasions. Troggie was close to knocking on the Main Gates to Trapalanda (Horse 's Heaven) when it was decided that there was not room for him just yet and he should go back and compete once more 'Indoors', and so he returned to show he has not lost anything of his speed in the obstacles, even at his superior age! Sadly it was Katie who made an unusual mistake in the last obstacle, otherwise he would have won the class. So watch out all Open pony competitors, there is no stopping this old boy.

COMPETITOR STATUS.

This can be a very confusing matter! To put it in an easy format: NOVICE Competitors who compete at the Finals and are placed in the first 50% of their class go up into the Intermediate class the following season. The same applies to the Intermediate going up into the Open class. Anyone who has competed at a BHDTA National qualifier automatically goes into the Open classes.

BRITISH INDOOR HDT CHAMPIONSHIPS at Keysoe 3 - 4 - 5 April 2009.

For the fourth year **CARRIAGEHOUSE INSURANCE SERVICES** are sponsoring this Championship.

As we had a few problems at the last Championship getting all competitors through over two days, we decided to go for two and half/three days for the 2009 fixture. With sixteen areas and fourteen classes in each area, the possible number of entries of 225, we will have to run some classes P&P and possibly Cones on the Friday. I have it straight from College EC that more parking and more stables are available. Provisional class order will be posted on web home page when available. Saturday night will be International night, as organised by James Broome, well worth watching.

Qualification. One competitor per class will qualify for the Championships; this includes Veterans - Juniors & Novice classes. The IHDT executives reserve the right to invite competitors, especially if two are on equal points within the same area. Competitors who have qualified will be notified. The Points Table is available on our website so that members can keep up to date.

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If so, get your entry in for BRIGHTON HDT (8-9-10th May 2009) before 14th FEBRUARY and save £25. Send a provisional entry with a post dated cheque and save your Singles Start Fee or part of your Open class start fee. If you then find you are unable to compete then the entry will be shredded. This is a unique offer.

National event standards have changed and we hope we will provide a superior event, possibly with a new layout, with good dressage/cones arenas and marathon course to be envied by other events. Many of the tracks have been reinstated providing good going for all. For more details go to: www.brightonhorsedrivingtrials.co.uk
There will NOT be any Club classes at Brighton.

Details of **NORMANHURST HDT** will also be on this website shortly. Normanhurst will be a two day Regional qualifier with NOVICE qualifier classes plus Club Two Day event

CONGRATULATIONS to Lesley & Andrew Godden (nee Cox) on the birth of her daughter, Zoe Elizabeth. Lesley was going to Aldington but didn't make as Zoe decided to make an appearance. Both are doing well.



*The
Indoor Team
wish
everyone
A Very
Merry Christmas
and a Great
Driving 2009*