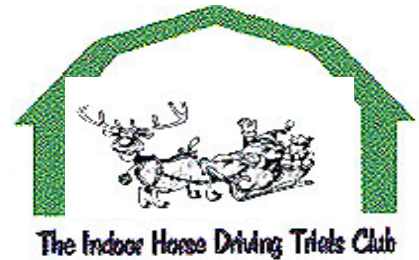


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Christmas is a coming, the goose is getting fat (who has goose for Christmas dinner these days) the presents are being wrapped, the food is filling the pantry, the booze is in the rack, and the Indoor season is already half done! Where does the time go.

How are you getting on? Knocking up the points, on your way to qualify for the National Finals. Lets hope so. There are still lots of time, with some 30 events in the New Year still to come.



*The Indoor Driving Team wish all members and supporters
A Very Merry Christmas
And a successful 2004 SEASON*



*Supreme Champion 2002-03 Lynne Harrington
chancing her luck at Keysoe*

NATIONAL FINALS 2003 - 2004

The new P&P test for the National Finals will be available in the New Year on our website. www.indoordriving.com Also on the website all up to date information and the latest results are available. Please note: information on other websites may not be up to date. Results can also be found on www.equifor.com

ADVANCED WARNING.

As Indoor HDT is affiliated to the BHDTA we have to pay a membership levy on top of the affiliation fee. This membership levy has just increased 150% and the affiliation fee has increased also. This means that next season membership fees will need to be increased to cover this extra expense.

HAPPENINGS IN 2004

In the South East there is to be and Inter Team Challenge in March. Local Clubs to field a Team of 4 – 6 competitors. More details at the SE events. Any other area wanting to do the same please contact Dick Carey for information.

Indoor Carriage Driving Co. Ltd and Indoor Horse Driving Trials UK are hoping to arrange a Four in Hand Spectacular early in October 2004. Keep watching the website for more details as they emerge on this exciting venture.

Normanhurst Horse Driving Trials, 31 July – 1 August, is organised by The Indoor Driving Team. There will be all the normal classes for the National qualifier plus Club classes, junior, small pony and HC classes. (BHDTA rules will apply)

A GREAT CHAMPION.

It was with great sadness that I read an email recently, to find that Indoor HDT has lost possibly the greatest of Champions. Barbara Nadin has had the great loss of her beloved Henry after surgery for a twisted gut. Henry took Barbara through to become Open Horse Champion on no less than four consecutive seasons. In the Millennium year of 2000, Henry and Barbara were the Strongid – P Supreme National Champions. Losing Henry will have left a big hole in Barbara's life and a great loss to the sport of Indoor Carriage Driving.

The sight of that horse did something to me I've never been able to explain.
He was more than strength and speed and beauty in motion.
He set me dreaming.

WALT MOREY

Through these pages the Indoor Team would like to invite Barbara to the National Finals with her Pony. Barbara we hope you accept, a National Final without you would not be the same.

EQUINE PASSPORTS



As from 1 June 2004 all equines, this includes donkey and mule, must have their own passport. These can be obtained from quite a few places, a list is on the Defra website. The best ways of obtaining the passports is through a breed society, British Horse Society or the British Driving Society. The BDS probably the favourite for the harness horse. Passports can range in price from £10 to £30, so look before you send of you cheque.



“The air of heaven is that which blows between a horse's ears”

ARABIAN PROVERB

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Survey results on Indoor Driving

The results of a recent survey indicated that most worms thought that the Indoor Carriage Driving Company should be banned. A worm union spokesperson stated, "Since the Indoor Carriage Driving Company Ltd has been offering such low cost horse wormers to carriage drivers we have noticed a steep decline in our membership. Our members, the hard working horse worms of Great Britain have been going about their work – attacking horses and ponies for many years but now feel their very existence is under threat."

A bit of fun about a very serious subject, worms don't go away in the winter. They are there in several different guises. So your worming programme should not relax for the well being of your animals. The Indoor Carriage Driving Co Ltd. really can offer terrific value when it comes to wormers and not just Strongid-P, other wormers can be supplied on request.

However the reputation and low cost of Strongid-P still make it a most popular wormer particularly when it comes to dealing with tape worms, which should be

tackled both in Autumn and Spring. Do it now if you have not treated your animals yet.

We are able to advise you regarding dosage, etc., please contact us via our website www.indoordriving.com or call 01435 863624 and we will do our best to help.

The wormers @ £6.50 per syringe or £3.45 per sachet can be delivered to one of our events near you or posted direct to your home. We are here to help you and don't forget all monies raised in this way are ploughed straight back into the sport of driving

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Indoor Driving can be fast and furious,
so much so, that the driver can forget about the body on the back-step.

Are they still there?

Back-steppers can and do come off on corners!!.

Make sure your back stepper knows exactly your route, and escape route, through all obstacles.

New back stepper? Then take it easy.

Junior back-steppers must be big enough and strong enough to stick like super glue.

Sure, even the most experienced back-stepper can come off but it is up to the driver to ensure safety of the body on the back.

The sand may be a 'soft' landing but the school sidewalls are very hard!

LACK OF REPORTS.

Very few reports have found their way into this issue, so it will be short. Most events have been fairly well attended so far this season with the exception of the first ever event at Forest of Dean, only 12 competitors, so competitors in the South West don't forget to enter the next one on the 27 December. The first event at Duchy College was also low on competitors. Remember the old saying 'use it or lose it' this applies to Indoor events. It is a great shame when events (winter or summer) disappear due to lack of entries.

'A horse is worth more than riches'

SPANISH PROVERB

REGIONAL REPORTS

Wessex Region

2nd November at Sparsholt College Hants

Wind and driving rain greeted the 25 competitors at the first event of the season in the Wessex Area on 2nd November. Novice Horses kicked off proceedings with Jill Roberts taking an early lead with Welsh X Taffy. Novice Ponies followed with Sue taking an early lead with her charming Section B Mare, Sharon. Sue has been working hard over the summer with Sharon and the results were easy to see in the first phase of the competition. Open horses went to form with David Mathews leading with his young horse 'Duchess'. Jackie Ellis had an uncharacteristic error of course, and told me outside she getting used to her new horse 'Buster'. Things were going swimmingly until the walk and halt in the new dressage test, and my horse Max decided that usually we do a rein back here!! Loosing us precious marks but

keeping our second place. The Open ponies were lead by Nicola Blandin repeating her form of last season with her other pony Tommy. The multiples were lead by the in form Jo Sore driving Anne Radcliffes Tripe and Onions.

The tricky cones course caught many drivers out with Clare Hichison taking the lead in the Open Pony Class. Sue Martin managed to retain her lead despite the 13 penalties incurred. No change in the Open Horse class with David Mathews driving clear through the cones but incurring 5 penalties on time. In the Novice Horse class Jill Roberts extended her lead with a good round of cones. Both Mary Hawkins and Jo Sore drove super cones rounds in the Multiple Class, leaving Jo still in the lead. The final phase of the competition was nip and tuck in

the Open Horse Class with David Mathews taking the win by just .5 of a penalty over Bev Huntington (me) and new acquisition 'Max'. Jackie Ellis was pleased with 'Busters' performance, having been used to pulling wedding carriages before the days events! The Open Pony class saw Clare Hichison and Tilly hold on to their lead and take the win over a chasing Nicola Blandin and Tommy. The Novice Pony Class saw Cathy Willis and Saffy taking her first win indoors and Rupert Barnard taking the Best Junior Rosette for the first time. Jill Roberts and Taffy were the winners of the Novice Horse Class with super drives through the obstacles. Jo Sore still reining supreme in the multiples class took her first win with the new 'team' Tripe and Onions.

Bev Huntington

South East Region

It seems this season has started as last season finished, Entries as usual were far too many with a waiting list of five. *(In future if anyone finds they cannot come to any event, which they are entered, please ring to let me know so that someone else can compete, Thanks. Rita 01227 768769)*

Golden Cross - 1st November 03

The unheard of happened, seven competitors fought out the Open horse class. Just 10 points separated the first six at the final score. Anthea Shipley and Jake completed the P&P phase on 32.6 with Sue Botley and her much improved Gelderlander and Hilary Hill (who says it is her last season!!) in close order. Cones did not alter the placings. Then came the obstacles. Bob Cox went fast in 41 seconds, Michael Morris, determined to make up for a not so good P&P score went a bit faster but Hilary managed to knock two more seconds of his time. Bob and Michael were both on 44 sec in two. Obs 3 & 4 saw Michael steam through the obstacles like a man on a mission, but he still could not make up the lost points finishing second to Anthea with Hilary third.

Open Pony. Jo Collings completed a good P&P, with Anna Sadler and Carol Lamble just three points away, but it took Dick Carey to show just how to drive a rather long and twisty cones course. Obstacle one saw our young Indoor Champion, Phillipa Howe come back on form. Flying through with a good three-second advantage over Sue Cox, the same happened in 2 & 3. Phillipa fastest again in 4 just 2 seconds faster than Anna Sadler. That is how the class finished, Phillipa, Sue and Anna in that order.

Novice Pony. Ten competitors contended this class, three of which were juniors. Mac Humphries and his lovely palomino at their first Indoor event did a super P&P and led the class with a seven point lead after cones. This is a combination to watch in the future. Obstacle one and Junior Ben Edmed was out to take no prisoners being five seconds faster than anyone else in the class. Sandy Punyer tried to catch him in the first and second, drew level in the third but not quite so fast in the last. In the meanwhile Mac was getting used to Indoor driving taking it just a tiny dot slower, but not much! Sandy won the class after a good P&P and cones score carried her through, Ben was second just 6 points behind with Mac in third.

Novice Horse just two contenders finished. Nicky Wood won the class from Helen Jupp, perhaps this will turn into some contest between these two competitors during the coming events.

Multiples. Katie Hughes and her lovely pair of Welsh ponies floated through the P&P with Barry Marshall and his Shetland pair (these two really can move) just 0.6 points behind and Sarah Jane Cook, out this season with a pair, just 0.8 away. Sarah Jane lead by 0.2 from Trevor Kimber who in turn was just 0.2 from Barry after the cones. Close or what? Trevor and Barry fought it out in Obstacle 1, both getting a time of 42seconds. (Some feat – minuscule Shetlands v Welsh Sec B's) Trevor showed his experience by being fastest in the next three, not risking his chance of being flattened by a pair of little Shetlands that were giving Barry a wonderful drive and the spectator's lungs a chance to be

thoroughly aired. In the meanwhile Katie and Sarah Jane were having their own little battle. The class finished with Trevor first, Barry second, Katie just 2.4 ahead of Sarah Jane. All had a good day.

South East competitors please note: after 25 entries have been received all further entries will be put on the waiting list.

LETTERS

I am writing to say a big thank you to everyone that helped at Towerlands on 15/11/2003. It was a truly wonderful event. The venue was fantastic, excellent warm up facilities, great food & bar! The event was well run, everyone that was helping or judging were very helpful. It ran on time, and above all was safe (and the judges made sure of that) Being a Shetland driver for some years now it is very refreshing to be able to take part and compete on a level footing with all the other pony drivers. Out door two-day trials are a bit harsh on small Shetland legs, where as Indoors they can hold their own with the big boys!

Both myself, my pony, Gill (my friend and groom) and Rich (my partner) had a really excellent time. We ate well, drunk well and above all really enjoyed ourselves in a sport that we love.

Thank you. Sarah Lane.

PS. It was mainly hot chocolate that we drunk, we did leave sober!!

Results in brief around the regions.

SCOTLAND

Muirmill 12/10/03	Novice Pony- Alice Spence Open Pony - Jim Johnston Open Horse- Ian Bertram Multiples - Amanda Saville	Sessnie 18/10/03	Novice Pony - Sam Weir Open Pony - Audrey Barron Open Horse - Ewan McInnes Multiples - Helen Needham
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East Anglia

Towerlands
12/10/03
15/11/03

Fiona Powell Open Pony – Heather Logsdon Open Horse – Boyd Coote
Multiples have all won both Towerlands events to date.
Junior drivers Claire Taylor and Ben Edmed have won the Novice Pony at each event.

South West

Forest of Dean.
5/10/03
Hand EC.
2/11/03
Hand EC
23/11/03

Maggie Saunders, Novice Pony - Janet MacDonald, Open Pony
Gwyn Rees, Open Horse - Jacqui Pillinger, Multiples all won their class's.
Alyson Cooper won novice pony – Janet MacDonald won the Open Pony
Single Horse went to Roger Warren –Jacqui Pillinger won the Multiples.
Pippa Pettifer won Novice Pony – Barbara Nadin won the Open Pony Class
Roger Warren won Single Horse – Jacqui Pillinger won the Multiples.

Midlands West

Morton Morrell
12/10/03

William Fisher won Novice Pony – Dave Bowman first Open Pony
Paul Chambers won Single Horse – Sally Edwards won Multiples.

Devon & Cornwall

Duchy College
19/10/03
Coombe Park
9/11/03

Roseanne Walter-Symmons won Novice Pony – Roger Warren won Single Horse.
Ann Briggs won Multiples.
Roseanne Walter-Symmons won Novice Pony – Maxine Philips won Open Pony
Roger Warren won Single Horse –Marita Wakeham won Multiples.

North East

Alan Beverley won Novice Pony – Karen Basset won Open Pony
David Rockall won Single Horse – Dave Nuttall won Multiples

North West

Hunters Gate
26/10/03
Adlington
16/11/03

Ruth Lancaster won Novice Pony – Pam Neil won Single Horse – Open Pony won by Julie Tomasik,
Lesley Cox Tandem and Linda Wiggin won the pairs
Ruth Lancaster won Novice Pony – Pam Neil won Single Horse – Julie Tomasik won Open Pony
and once again Jacqui Pillinger won the Multiples.

South East

Golden Cross
1/11/03

Sandy Punyer won Novice Pony - Phillipa Howe won Open Pony
Nicky Wood won Novice Horse – Anthea Shipley won Open Horse - Trevor Kimber won Multiples

Wessex

2/11/03

Cathy Willis won Novice Pony – Claire Hichisson won Open Pony – Jill Roberts won Novice Horse
David Matthews won Open Horse – Jo Sore won the Multiples.

South

Merrist Wood
23/11/03

Ben Edmed won Novice Pony – Jo Percival won Open Pony Bev Huntington won Single Horse
Sarah Jane Cook won the Multiples