



Indoor Horse Driving Trials UK

CHRISTMAS 2007



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TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDOOR DRIVING TRIALS 1997 – 2007

Christmas is nearly here and the season is well under way. There has been big entries in some regions and low entries in others but generally higher than in previous years. Our sport is still growing despite the ever increasing costs of transport. This year we have many new members competing in all classes, and wish them luck.

There will be special classes at the Championship Finals, derived from the competitors during the season. The Open singles classes are large this season, these classes will be divided, and competitors who recently moved into the open class may be considered to be at Intermediate level. Sycamore Fabrications are presenting rosettes to the most successful small pony (10.2hh and under) during the season in each region. Many areas now have their own sponsors for rosettes, please show your gratitude by supporting them.

AROUND THE AREAS

SOUTH WEST. Organiser: Barbara Nadin. SW IHDT

Bev Troutt is dominating the Novice Pony having won the class twice. Gary Fuzzard is the same in Open Pony. Di Hayes and Jo Broadbent are contesting the Single Horse with the Multiples class going to Joseph Adams on two occasions.

DEVON & CORNWALL. Organiser: Mark & Maxine Ingram. IHDT UK

Eddie Alder leads Novice Pony as Claire Caldicott leads the Novice Horse. Anna Sadler, previously backstepper to Anna Grayston is ahead in Open Pony.

WALES & GLOUCESTER. Organiser: Michael Wall. Forest of Dean HC

The Juniors are well to the fore in the Novice Pony with Ashleigh Jones winning the first event and second in the next, Alice Stables second and third, with Tamara Hughes winning the 4 November class. Christine Legate-Baggs is well in control of Open Pony. Novice Horse dominated by Erica Rye, Shirley Washbrook and Andy Pilkington are battling in the Open Horse. Janet Macdonald and her Pony Pair are leading this class so far this season but watch out as Christine Legate-Baggs is pushing hard in this class.

NOTTS & LINCS. Organiser: Anne Chambers. IHDT UK

At the new venue of Laughton Manor, Anne Chambers is working hard to increase numbers in her first area. Eddie Alder is ahead of Sara Asher in the Novice Pony, Clare Caldicott leads Cathy Gilbert in Novice Horse. Anna Sadler is in command of the Open Ponies, but Gary Norgrove is very close indeed. James Binns controls the Multiples at this stage.

YORKSHIRE. Organiser: Anne Chambers. IHDT UK

Anne's second area established at Tickhill EC also has Eddie Alder and Sara Asher fighting out the Novice Pony. Open Pony is in Ruth Lancaster's hands, with Jane Wood and Wendy Stromberg contesting

Single Horse. The Multiples class is wide open for anyone take, Anya Mower, Angie Smith, James Binns are all trying hard.

NORFOLK. Organiser: Janice Parker. IHDT UK

This area is really taking off now; all the hard work of the previous season is paying off, well done to Janice and her team. Novice Pony is hotly contested, Emily Green, Kathy Gilbert, Amy Last, Tabitha King are all in the running, this will be a close run class for the remainder of the season. Who will qualify for the Finals in this class? Single Horse is in the same situation with Chris Patrick, Lindsey Tyas, Judith Blatchford and Paul Mills all fighting hard. Open Pony is the same! Rosemary Neale, Brian Nichols are well in the running, East Anglia organiser Fiona Powell escaped her own area to play here and won this class. Anna Mann is in command of the Multiples but Janet Sycamore and her little uns are not that far away.

EAST ANGLIA. Organisers: Fiona Powell & Mike Watts. IHDT UK

A well established area with good entries. Juniors are well to the fore in this area, Charlotte Snow, Katie Bell, Harriett Bradford are all in the fray, Charlotte is just a little ahead of the others but can she stay there? Novice Pony is wide open, anyone can take the qualification here, Katie Bell, Caron Knox and Ginny White are all in contention. Open Pony is interesting with no clear leader so far, Nina Snow, Linda Nuckley and Fiona Powell are all knocking on the door with Veteran driver, Jenifer Barker-Simson not so far away. Single Horse has Diana Irwin just ahead of Jill Wood and Paul Mills. Tandems take the fore in the Multiples class, Amanda Wells, Robin Hyde-Chambers and Mark Bell are all going well but having to contend with Janet Sycamore and her pair of little un's, Tim Bradford and his ponies are trying hard as is Brian Burton with his horses. Will be interesting to see how this class finishes the season.

MIDLANDS. Organiser: Sally Edwards. IHDT UK

Some well filled classes here, thanks must go to Sally for working hard in this area. Novice Ponies are just too close, with very little between competitors at the end of three events, anyone can go to the Finals from this area. Open Pony is dominated by previous Pony Champion, Sarah Arkel, although Judy Broom is giving her a run for her money. Single Horse has good entries and at this stage Emily Howells is just ahead but Chris Van Reen and Carol Pawson have started to push hard. Multiples is wide open with junior driver, Joseph Adams just in the lead, with Jacqui Pilinger and Sue Whitting beginning to set a challenge, could prove interesting.

THAMES VALLEY. Organiser: Sally Edwards. IHDT UK

The first event in this area was cancelled due to Foot & Mouth outbreak but the second produced some good competition. Novice Pony driver, Elanor Smith in the lead from Martin Pink. Biddy Palmer is well ahead of Tanya Howard in Novice Horse, as is Sue Mayes from Helen Abbott in Open Horse. Judy Broom and Nicola Blandin are neck & neck in the Open Pony with Claire Heath not so far behind. Joseph Adams (Pair & Team) is flying in the Multiples with Faye Taylor working hard with her Team. All to play for in this area.

SOUTH. Organiser: Dick Lane. Brockham HC

Only one event but very large classes again this year in this area. Adam Wyllie and Linda Hill (Small pony) are disputing the Novice Pony. Sadie Butcher is just ahead of Caroline Douglas in Open Pony. No real opposition in the Novice Horse, so far, for Maureen Thompson. Same with David Matthews in Open Horse. Jemma Millman and Chris Orchard are very close in the Multiples.

WESSEX. Organisers: Brenda May – Julia Crockford. White Horse HC

Three events at Cholderton so far, entries are restricted due to lack of parking, but all classes are well filled. Novice Pony is closely contested between Patricia Caddy & Beverley Troutt, will get interesting towards end of season. Novice Horse driver, Jill Roberts is showing the way in this class with Kate Dobson & Lucy Miller playing catch up. Previous Open Horse Champion, Di Hayes is on form with several others in

catch up mode. Karin Swanson and Jo Sore are battling hard in the Multiples. Another area that will have several close run classes.

SOUTH EAST. Organisers: IHDT UK

Four events in this area, coming thick and fast. Linda Hill has dominated Novice Pony but Tony Green is now starting his challenge with intent. Novice Horse has seen new members competing. Chantel Brown and her Hackney Stallion are learning fast as is Diana Burford, Chantel is in the lead so far. Open Pony is becoming a battle between Anna Grayston and previous Supreme Champion Katie Eyres, who has retired Trog and now out with her Mothers RDA pony, but both are in danger from BHDTA National Novice Pony Champion, Ann Davey, could get exciting! Frances Collings now has four wins in Open Horse with Jan Blumire and Chris Buckland bravely challenging. The Multiples class is getting exciting. Chris Orchard and her pair of scurry ponies (one of which is new to driving) has won two events, Joanna Beazley-Richards (Horse Pair) has won and so has Ben Edmed (Pony Team) Class numbers from four to eight so good class sizes. Olympic Bronze medallist, Sara Howe is also out with a Pony Team this season; Ben started the season with four ponies but is now very successfully competing a Unicorn of Welsh Ponies owned by long time and valued supporter of Indoor HDT, Sarah Owlett.

SCOTLAND. Organisers: Campbell Bosanquet & John Nisbet.

Muirmill: Mandy Pool is well away in Novice Pony with Caroline Fraser trying hard to close the gap. Seasoned Indoor drivers, Ollie Dernie and Amanda Nisbet are fighting out the Open Pony. Amanda is also in charge of the Multiples. Peter Falconer and Jim Johnson are contending the Single Horse. As usual the Juniors are in abundance, Dan Wilson is in charge, just, but the competition is very fierce so almost anyone may triumphant.

Fountain and Sessnie: Elinor Bosanquet and Heather Reid are very close in Novice Pony holding off challenges from Gary Picken and Doreen Johnson. Sue Hendry has Open Pony well in hand but is being challenge by Audrey Baron. Open Horse is wide open with just two contenders, Helen Hunter and Jock McFarlane.

If the season continues as it has started we are going to have fantastic competition at the Finals.

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

South West Competitor, Shirley Washbrook, had a nasty mishap at the last event at Hand EC. Shirley is in hospital with a fractured pelvis and looks as if she may be spending Christmas in hospital. Husband Paul who was on the backstep, has been released from hospital, bruised and battered, the horse is also bruised and sore. We all wish Shirley a quick and complete recovery and look forward to seeing her again Indoors.

BILL VINE A GREAT MAN OF CARRIAGE DRIVING

Bill grew up in agriculture and farming, he had a very good education working horses with his Father. This knowledge and experience, Bill used throughout his life, always willing to help and advised whenever asked, always patient and very encouraging. He became a BDS judge, judging a large variety of classes at many shows and numerous BDS Championships. Bill also showed his greys with success in many combinations, from Single to Random. Bill was a great Coachman and drove his team to a Road Coach. Bill could produce a magnificent turnout from his large and various collection of vehicles and highly schooled horses, and often would take the bride to the church.

Horse Driving Trials owe a great deal to Bill; he was there at the conception of the sport. Being one of the first people to get Brighton HDT up and running. Bill was Dressage judge at many events, big, small, & Indoors. President of the Jury at Brighton, Normanhurst and other events. He also made and repaired his own harness and restored Driving whips to a high standard. Bill often went to the Reading Sales, his advice was invaluable when buying at auction. A Founder member of The Oaks Driving Club and Club President for many years and was always there for the club, attending as many events as his busy life would allow. Bill also loved his vintage cars and was very recently seen driving a beautifully restored Morris 100 Traveller. Many people owe so much to Bill who left us so suddenly on 10 November, quietly smoking his pipe in his garden. He will be greatly missed.

Our love, thoughts and support go to Sue and family at this sad time.

RULES

We have decided to run to our own rules and not those of the BHDTA. A copy can be found on our website or send A5 sae to office for a copy.

SAFETY AT EVENTS

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times, and are not allowed within the confines of any arena at any time.

EXTRA EVENT FOR THE SOUTH WEST.

DATE: 26 JANUARY 2008

VENUE: BADGEWORTH.

Contact South West Organiser, Barbara Nadin, as usual for this extra event. Well done to Barbara for arranging yet another event.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR WALES & GLOUCESTER.

The event on 2 March 2008 at Yorkley is now the following weekend on 9 March. Please contact area organiser, Michael Wall, for entries.

The Indoor Team looks forward to seeing everyone at the Championship Finals 29 -30 March at College EC, Keysoe. ALL competitors who qualify will be notified. Dick Carey is trying to arrange a Invitation Four in Hand Challenge for the Saturday evening but needs a good sponsor to cover expenses for this exciting competition. This competition is run over a course of cones and two obstacles. The first time is not counted, but the next is against the clock and they go flat out at fantastic speeds showing all the skill of our National and International Four in Hand drivers. Not to be missed, so make a note in your 2008 Diary and be there.

*Have a great
Christmas
and a very happy,
successful 2008.*

