

## SPONSORSHIP

Every sport needs sponsors to help it survive and grow and the indoor driving scene has benefited enormously from the generous help given by our long term sponsors – Strongid-P.

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end eventually and from this season we will no longer benefit from their help.

We have been very fortunate in securing Carriage House Insurance as sponsors of the Novice and Open Pony classes for the up-coming season, and we are currently negotiating with another prospective sponsor.

But we are keen to invest in the future of the sport...NOW...and so have taken a decision to try to raise some money from within the sport by introducing a Monthly Prize Draw. If we can sell 400 Prize Draw numbers at £20 per number we will raise £5000 for the sport and be able to pay out 6 monthly prizes of £500 per month to the holders of the winning number(s). Full details of how the Draw will work are explained in this newsletter.

The winner of the first monthly draw will be £500 richer by the beginning of November and you will be able to buy Prize Draw numbers from a variety of sources; from your regional entry secretaries/organisers; from Dick Carey on behalf of the IHDT UK, and from Barbara Nadin at Equifor who are acting as promoters.

So that all participants in the Draw can qualify for the six separate monthly draws all the numbers need to be sold before the end of October.

DON'T DELAY....BUY NOW

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Dear Supporter

A chance to win £500 per month from October 2004 to March 2005

I am writing to you to ask for your help.

During this next indoor driving season – 2004/05 – Indoor Driving UK wants to invest in replacing some of the existing arena equipment and in purchasing some new items, in particular we would like each region to have an electronic timing system.

And of course this all takes money...which we currently don't have.

We have decided to try to raise money by having a Monthly Prize Draw for each of the six months of the indoor driving season. Anyone can buy a number(s) – driver, groom, helper, friend – and this number will be entered into each of the monthly draws. A number costs £20.

There will be just one prize of £500 per month. Numbers can be held in joint names (i.e driver & groom etc.) but any prizes will be paid to the first named person. In theory the same number holder could win each of the six draws although this is statistically unlikely.

To achieve the financial targets described above we need to sell 400 tickets. If we were really successful and sold 750 tickets the monthly prize would be £1000.....But let's not get too ambitious.

To help us reach our financial target we would like each region to sell a minimum of 40 numbers. This shouldn't be too difficult given the number of competitors and helpers taking part in each indoor event. BUT...we need numbers to be sold during September & October as the first draw will take place at the end of October 2004. If people do miss this date they can still buy numbers but then they will only have 5, or less, chances of winning.

Thank you, in advance for your help and support.



Dick Carey

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Prize Draw ticket

**SAMPLE**

Indoor Driving UK

**Monthly Prize Draw**

Your number is

**001**

The above number entitles the bearer to six entries in the monthly draw taking place in October, November, December 2004 and January, February, March 2005. Please keep this number with you as you will need to present it when claiming your prize.

Proof of identity may be required.

This monthly draw is licensed under the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976

Entry to the Draw couldn't be simpler. The regional entry secretaries will shortly receive an allocation of Draw numbers for sale before the end of October. Draws will take place at the following venues

7th November 2004	Stags End
5th December	Sparsholt
2nd January 2005	Adlington

6th February

Hand

6th March

Limes Farm

2nd April

Championship Finals Keysoe

Alternatively you can contact Phil or Barbara on 01823 461189 for your Prize Draw number

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## South West region tries something new

At their event on the 12th December the SW region is 'trailing' a non-qualifying event based on a variation of the usual indoor format.

The idea is to meet a number of slightly different objectives:

1 to start and finish an event in daylight so this one will run from 10.00am to 3.30pm approx.

2 to combine the P&P and cone phases

3 to encourage more horses and larger pony pairs to compete by building more spacious obstacles

The cones course will test some of the P & P movements by making drivers drive, for example, a 20 metre circle through cones. This type of 'test' will not need judging as penalty points will accrue as in the current cones phase. This is not such a radical idea as we are informed that the German Driving Federation has made this combination of disciplines part of the assessment process for new drivers and they have to reach a defined standard before being allowed to compete.

Just one obstacle will be built occupying the entire arena. It will be flagged twice and drivers will have two chances of driving each flagged version. This should be more testing whilst making it easier to learn the routes and less time consuming by reducing the time taken to walk the obstacles.

It should be fun so contact Barbara on 01823 461189 for further details

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**Katie Hughes** - 3 times (and first ever) Indoor Supreme Champion, is still not 100% well but we do hope to see her out and about throughout this coming season. If you do see Katie anywhere, you won't believe she's still very fragile - but the morphine 'lollies' tell a different story. All our love Katie and we hope you get well soon.

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Hi Everyone

With the 'Outdoor' National Finals done and dusted, we have turned our thoughts to the new winter 'Indoor' season. There are sixty qualifying events all over the country plus the Scottish qualifiers, so we are going to be busy.

Pfizer's, makers of Strongid – P wormers have withdrawn their sponsorship, therefore the sport needs new sponsors for us to carry on. Sponsors are far and few now but we have been lucky and have gained Carriagehouse Insurance Services who are very generously sponsoring the Novice Pony Championship. Everyone should have not only third party liability insurance but also horses and equipment insured as well. Carriagehouse has a policy that will fill your own needs and requirements. Give them a ring on 01206 337388. This company is supporting our sport of Indoor Driving. Many letters, emails and telephone calls have been made to try to secure more sponsorship but as yet it is not forthcoming. We will probably have to make some changes in the way that events are organised. We need more help on the ground at events to reduce travelling expenses of the Indoor Team and equipment. Some areas now are becoming self contained – South West is a prime example – Indoor Carriage Driving put in the equipment and a loan to get things started and hey presto it all works. Barbara Nadin and her team arrange dates, venues, stewards, judges etc., and control their own accounts! They even have their own division within the IHDT. Who is willing to take on their own area in the same way? The Indoor Team needs your support to continue.....

To help cover costs we have reluctantly increased the entry fee of all classes to £27.50 and £20 for Juniors. This may vary in some areas, as school hire is very expensive in some areas.

The P&P test for this season is a variation of the very first test. Therefore, it may seem familiar to some of our 'older' competitors. This includes a little one handed driving so start practising driving 'coaching style' to obtain top marks.

For directions and information about events, please ring the Event Secretary at a sensible time please (i.e. evenings). Please do not ring the IHDT office about specific details of events.

The Indoor Team is very grateful to all regional Secretaries, Judges and stewards and extends our thanks for their support.

Membership of Indoor Horse Driving Trials UK includes Horse wormers at VERY special membership prices while stocks last. Order via your entry form or telephone Dick Carey on 01424 892051 for the latest offers, prices, and to place your order.

Rita Bundock

Secretary IHDT UK

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## **NB**

We would like your views, opinions, comments and gossip (from both beginners and old hands alike) Please write to us (anonymously if you wish) at Barton House Oake Taunton Somerset or email to [info@equifor.com](mailto:info@equifor.com) Your input and/or questions are important to us

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