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Christmas Office Hours

The BHRC Office will be closed from Friday 22nd of December until Monday 8th of January. If anyone has any urgent queries in this time please contact on of the directors.



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BOARD REPORT

As another season closes, we finally get time to reflect on the highs and lows of the racing season whilst also putting plans in place for our Annual Awards Evening and preparing ourselves for the year ahead. We are at the point of finalising the dates list for next year, and we must thank the small group of volunteers and directors who make up the dates committee. We would also like to congratulate every promoter who held a race meeting in 2023 for their hard work and effort on promoting and running their meetings.

Let's look at the many highlights of the year as well as some of the less savoury issues that we have tried to address.

Highs

We were delighted that everyone connected with Wolverhampton race course worked hard to once more hold a race meeting there, and also an agreement has been reached to host the VDM there in 2024/ one of the most prestigious meetings joins forces with one of the most prestigious venues. We really hope that this weekend will be as well supported as it always has been at Tir Prince and we must thank Eric Witherspoon, the Williams family and everyone connected to Tir Prince for developing the VDM into the great occasion it is today. Most of you will have seen the many posts about the planning application submitted to Stirling Council asking for comments on the proposed new hard track. If you haven't yet applied to comment then please register and do so. This great venture obviously has the backing of the board, both as individual Directors and as the BHRC. Exciting times ahead! We were delighted to welcome back the great venue of Aberystwyth, which has been missed by all licence holders and local people, and we must thank all those who put in the hard work to enable a great meeting to take place once more. The weather could have been kinder but we still had a fabulous day's racing which was appreciated by both the crowd and licence holders alike.

The BHRC was represented at the World Trotting Conference in Berlin this year. As well as the workshops being useful, the connections with other countries are invaluable. We are currently liaising with other countries met to help further ourselves with external funding, integrity and other areas of the sport.

We are all pleased to report that in 2023 we once again staged a very similar number of races at a similar number of venues compared with 2022 and it looks as if once again these figures in 2024 will be about the same.

We are currently in conversations with some external sources to try and gain sponsorship for racing.

We continue to have an excellent working relationship with the breed society STAGBI and a mutually supportive meeting between both sets of directors is currently being arranged over the closed season.

The integrity team continue to strive for a clean sport. This year we have seen the introduction of a standardised Medication Record Book, produced with help from the National Trainers Federation. The team have also carried out pre and post-race testing as well as out of competition testing. On race day we have seen the majority of tests being of racehorses, with a couple of qualifiers. We thank the team for their hard work, the results of their efforts place us at the top table with our worldwide counterparts.

Lowes

Unfortunately, there have still been instances of abusive and aggressive behaviour towards officials, all of whom are volunteers. We are putting together a scale of behaviours and penalties so that going forward our policy of nil tolerance can more firmly be applied and this will be operable by the start of the 2024 season

This season saw three positive tests, which is a reduction from the previous two seasons. All cases are still in process and outcomes will be published.

Whilst there was a slight decline in licence holder figures we were expecting this decline due to Trot Britain now taking over their own licencing for 2023. We will be able to look back at the end of 2024 to get a more accurate picture on any decline within pacing exclusively.

We have tried on a few occasions to touch base with Bill Farnsworth and Chester Race Course inc suggesting various options that we hoped might meet with a favourable response, but unfortunately there does not seem to be any way that they will agree to hold any more harness race meetings at Musselburgh. Bill has remained courteous and as positive as he can be, but it does appear that this is completely out of his hands.

Many of you will know, particularly those who race in Wales, that relationships between the outgoing Wales and West committee and the Board have at times been strained. We all know that feelings run high in racing and that nobody gets things right all the time. There are also two sides to every story. We are really pleased to welcome the new committee and can guarantee that we will do our very best to work with and support the new officials.

Aims for The Year Ahead

- Continue to seek financial support from bookmakers
- Look at external support to the promote sport
- Work on our social licence
- Update the constitution to not only bring it up to date with current legislation but also make it more understandable
- Update and implement rule changes
- Continue to promote the children's pony events which have gone from strength to strength in recent years

Barry, Jason, Will, Carol, Julie & Charles

▪ In 2023 there were 217 different winning horses

▪ In 2023 the 428 winners were owned by 143 different owners

▪ In 2023 the BHRC staged 428 races across England, Wales and Scotland

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Darren and others

Sat down at my laptop this morning here on the sunny Gold Coast - my recent new abode, and nearly glossed over this email.

An hour later I must say that I'm totally entranced by the latest Calendar publication and must congratulate all who contributed and put it together.

Memories came back of Droylsden, Johnny Blissett RIP and Jane (both of whom I've had to my home in OZ), and my times staying with my oldest UK friend David Wilson and Sylvia then later, Jacqui, Darren and Sally, Jim and Mandy, Gwenan Thomas, at Tír Prince compliments of Adam Williams, and the kindness of the Delaneys.

My tussles as a bookie with Arthur Slack (think my bookie's board is still in the roof of Davey Wilson's barn) my interesting friendship with Watson Harrop, bookmaking and race calling at Corbie Wood, visits to Portmarnock, I could go on and on.

Horses of the ilk of Monkeroyd Mystery and her grandson Stoneriggs Mystery, Evenwood Sonofagun, Miraculous; drivers and trainers of the ilk of, in no order - the Haythornthwaites, the Lords, the Laidlers, Stevie Lees - I'm leaving out too many.

Thanks for jogging these memories.

Bill Hutchison (Hutchy)

PS Please include this in "letters To The Editor" in your next edition!

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As we say farewell to the 2023 season the EVHRA wish to thank everybody who has contributed in whatever way to another successful season. We recognise the contribution of all whether it be landowners, promoters, sponsors, spectators, officials, drivers, trainers, owners, grooms, breeders, the BHRC and not forgetting Hayley in the office. Everyone has a role to play to ensure we can continue to run successful meetings and “keep the show on the road”.

Sadly we lost two meetings in the Eden Valley this year, one because of the weather, and the other because of a lack of entries. We hope that this year trainers are able to support all our events to ensure we can stage all of the planned fixtures. Cancelling fixtures still incurs some costs and these have to borne from the pot that could be used for prizemoney or extra fixtures.

We thank the BHRC for their stewarding support, and the financial support of the drone. The drone we feel sure, has improved the standard and safety of racing. We also recognise that although not perfect, the support and service from the BHRC has been much improved, and we appreciate that they have a difficult job.

Congratulations to EVHRA 2023
Champions:

Champion Horse:
Lineup Hanover (26 points)

Runner up: Newmoors Amore, Wye Jonny
& Merrington Movinup (13 points)

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Alexis Laidler (46 points)
Runner up: Jack Foody 45 points)

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James Haythornthwaite (75 points)
Runner up: William Laidler (54 points)

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Neil Foody (41 points)
Runner up: Rebecca Holmes (29 points)





Committees throughout the country face difficulties as they look to have successful and competitive racing. Wales and West Harness Racing Association led by a committee of Gareth Bevan, Garry O'Grady and Chloe Wakefield have something to be proud of as they look back on the 2023 season. They were able to hold 5 meetings throughout the year at various grass tracks; some of which have been running constantly for years, but this season they were also able to bring back one of the real crown jewels of the harness racing calendar: Aberystwyth.

I took the time to catch up with Gareth Bevan as well as some of the licence holders who raced with Wales and West in the 2023 season.

Owners and trainers were able to enter a variety of different races that suited the needs of their horses. A variety of conditioned races gave trainers the option to split horses into different races, this was achieved by offering different distance races, as well as running series within Wales and West, heats for the mares series were also on offer at grass meetings in England and Scotland.

C - Did you feel the importance and need to offer different distance races for each grade?

GB - There were 2 reasons for this, the first was back in 2021 Wales & West members voted that races weren't to be split for owners, trainers or drivers, so we wanted to give connections a way of separating their horses whilst still preserving the essence of the handicap

system. The second reason was to acknowledge that the majority of races in Great Britain are run over a mile, but not all horses are mile specialists so by running over an extended distance allows the horses whose strength is their stamina to have a race to suit them.

Speaking to leading Welsh trainer in 2023 Emma Langford:

C - How does it help you as a trainer being able to split horses which are within the same grade?

E - It's a massive help to me as a trainer, I feel it's all about doing the best for your owners. Although we can't always help having horses on the same mark or close to each other, having the option of different distance races on the same day just gives us that opportunity to split horses and therefore give everyone a chance of a win. It also helps keep horses competitive as some horses prefer to race over a longer distance so I would enter them for the mile and quarter race. It doesn't just allow public trainers to split their horses, it's also a huge benefit to the owners or trainers that have two horses on similar marks and both seem to fall in the same race, allowing them to race both of their horses at the same meeting and have a chance of going home with two winners.



THE QUEEN OF THE TURF was a mares series that concluded in a final at Aberystwyth where the Scottish raider Brywins Mybeach took home the top prize for the Tony Allan stable.

C - What was the reason behind the mares series?

Gareth Bevan - The mares series was originally started in 2021 by Dylan Jones, in memory of Delwyn Thomas of the Ceiron stud. In 2021 it was run as a single race in Lampeter, in 2022 it was run as legs across Wales & Herefordshire, with a final held at the Wales & West fixture at Ivington. In 2023 Dylan handed the sponsorship & trophy over to Wales & West to organise a series in Delwyns memory.

C - Heats were run throughout the country, what was the thinking behind this?

GB - It was decided that given Delwyn had raced and sold his horses throughout Great Britain we wanted to expand the series to stage legs in Scotland, England & Wales, and with the support of STAGBI came up with the idea of the "Queen of the Turf" in memory of Delwyn Thomas, with the final being staged at Aberystwyth. We feel the series was a great success and we hope for more support across Great Britain for it in 2023 and we are sure Wales & West will want to run the series again in 2024

Speaking with Scottish Trainer Tony Allan:

C - Did you enter Belle (Brywins Mybeach) in the series with the intention of conditioning her against other mares with the thought of winning the final?

T - Yes, I believed she had the ability to be a contender for the series, based on the ability she has shown in the past. Winning a heat and gaining enough points in the series to have a chance in the final was always the main aim at time of entry but thankfully she brought her A game in the final and made the whole team proud.



C - Was having heats in Scotland and the north of England a factor in entering?

T - Yes, having heats north of the border definitely made the decision to enter her easier. It would have been good to have had more heats north of the border as I feel there should be more conditioned races in the UK, not just for mares.

After the season concluded thoughts went onto the 2024 season for the Tony Allan stable and as things stand Brywins Mybeach will now be retired to the breeding barn. They have a new horse American Sniper and also Mayfellden Juno with the latter being eligible to enter the 4 & 5 year old series.

C - If the conditions stay the same would this be something you may look at entering?

T - Yes I think the plan is to retire Belle to the breeding barn. If there had been the possibility of more mares races in Scotland out with the heats of the queen of the turf, we would maybe have had another look at training her again in 2024.

T - Yes that is a possibility and it will definitely be something we will look at once the fixtures and conditions are released, however it would be a positive if there were heats of that series throughout like the mares series.



Another series that concluded in a grand final at Aberystwyth was the 4 & 5 year old conditioned series run for pacers aged 4 or 5 years old that had won less than £1000 lifetime; this was won by Tommy Shelby for Marc & Jenny Jones.

C - What was the thinking of the 4&5 year old series?

GB - The 4 & 5 year old series was the result of several conversations between Myself, Garry & Chloe regarding the way that Harness Racing in Great Britain seems to be putting a huge amount of emphasis on Juvenile racing, with the vast majority of prize money on offer at 2 & 3. We wanted to create a series for horses aged 4 & 5 who were unraced or had limited success at 2 & 3 to give them a chance to race against horses with similar experience for good prize money.

It was hoped that with time it would encourage owners not to feel pressured into rushing horses to race as juveniles and instead give them time to mature, hopefully reducing juvenile breakdowns and boosting overall equine wellbeing. We were lucky to receive sponsorship from Matty Thomas & Fern Williams of Greenview Kennels, and Russell Williams of Hanover Shoe Farms and as we were promoting the 5 Wales & West meetings, and had the support of Cilmeri were able to stage the legs and final at these meetings.

The winner of the series was Home bred Pacer Tommy Shelby for Marc and Jenny Jones.

Speaking with Marc Jones:

C - How did the series Benefit you as an owner trainer?

M - Well first of all I would say that the series was excellent and I was extremely happy to win the series. I was fortunate to win a series similar to this, called the Star Maker series, at Tir Prince with Father Ted. Tommy raced at two but was turned away, I then staked him up at 3 but unfortunately our stable had a bad virus and he got sick, so he was finished for the season. This series allowed me to race Tommy with horses of a similar experience. The series allows horses that haven't won lots of prize money when there two and three to race for great money instead of entering for a normal maiden race then into the handicap against much more experienced horses. The series allowed me to condition Tommy throughout the season, giving him a race schedule so that I was still able to enter some of the big four-year-old races along the way. I feel that the series puts the horses welfare into perspective as it gives owners and trainers an option not

to push their juveniles at a young age as it offers superb prize money which some horses are pushed for when they are young.

C - Do you have any horses which are eligible for the series in the 24 season?

M - Yes I have another horse that I had bred myself called Catch Twenty Two, he's a half brother lots of good race horses including Apopka G. His story is much like Tommy's as he was in the stable when the horses got the virus when he was two and then he picked up a problem last season so we decided to turn him out with this series in our heads. We had entered him in a lot of the stakes races but we decided welfare was more important and hopefully we will be lucky enough to have some success in the series with him next year. The series will allow horses like Catch to win good prize money before dropping into handicaps.

I would just like to emphasise that myself and Jenny are huge supporters of not just the 4 & 5 year old conditioned series but also the mares series which we ran Apopka in last season but where just a little too highly rated which resulted in some big trails in the heats but overall it gives owners that option that they don't have to push their youngsters that aren't ready to be raced at a young age as there's series like this for when they are matured and ready.

There was also a tantalising FFA held at Aberystwyth which highlights that Wales and West are not only thinking about the promotion of series for horses coming through the system, but also to the horses at the peak. There are less and less FFA's held throughout the UK each year but this was a race that drew fans from all over to come and spectate.

C - One of the best races and most competitive at Aber was the invitational FFA, what was the concept behind this?

GB - This was once again borne out of a conversation between myself, Garry & Chloe, and the concept came from wanting to stage a feature invitation race at our final meeting of the season, however we didn't want to step on the toes of Tir Prince and the Crock of Gold (which was the night before) so we decided to invite all horses that hadn't been invited to the Crock who had won a grass final over £1000, with the added option that if the race was undersubscribed that horses could be nominated as a wildcard, and from this the "Seren Cymru" was born.

C - You offered saddle racing for pacers at your meetings this season had you had interest in getting these races on and they looked as if the season went on they were becoming more popular?



GB - Saddle racing was something that myself, Garry & Chloe were all passionate about and we felt that it brought more individuals into the sport and made it more of a family event, from a spectators perspective it also brings variety to the race meeting. As the season went on the races did gain popularity with several individuals obtaining saddle licenses across the season. We are grateful to Zilco for their support of the series. Hopefully this is something that can be built upon in the future.

I spoke to Top Jockey Fern Williams on the difference between riding a pacer to a trotter who have been more popular with Monte Races the last few seasons.

C - How does it compare to racing pacers to trotters under the saddle?

F - I find pacers easier to race under saddle, with trotters you have to balance them a little bit more and know not to push them over their limit, whereas with a pacer you can roll on a bit more.

C - Hopefully saddle races can become more prominent throughout the calendar. What meeting would you love to have a saddle race at?

F - I would love to take a trip up to Haughfield for their 2 day meeting and have a spin in the saddle around there.

I think Fern has seen the photos and videos on social media of the after party after racing and would like to take in the famous Scottish hospitality!

C - Do you plan on running your feature races with the same terms and conditions as this season?

GB - I'm sure Wales & West will be keen to run the Queen of the Turf in 2024.



Myself, Garry & Chloe will also look to run the 4 & 5yr old series, however what the format of that will look like in 2024 will depend on sponsorship and interest from promoters, however we definitely look to grow the series with a view to possibly roll it out across Great Britain. We also plan on running the Seren Cymru and we welcome any suggestions from members for new feature races and also suggestions on improving the ones we have

C - With the 2024 season provisional fixtures being sorted it appears that Aber is hopefully going back to its original date at the beginning of July, is there a plan to hold the finals at a different meeting?

GB - As with all grass racing venues are dependent on the kindness and generosity of farmers & landowners, so conversations will need to take place over the winter between the Wales & West committee and various landowners to secure venues and fixtures that fit around the day to day running of the land.

I would like to thank everyone who took time to answer my questions and also wish everyone a successful 2024 season. Hopefully there will be continued success for owners and trainers in these series and racing elsewhere.

Thanks - Charles

Summer is now here in NZ which means Harness Racing virtually every day right around the country. For the punters that means deep pockets are required, especially if your luck is out.

November saw the running of NZ's premier race the New Zealand Cup for pacers, a day's racing where Royal Ascot meets harness racing - class, style and harness racing.

Run on the second Tuesday in November it was won by Aussie raider Swayzee. Trained by Jason Grimson and driven by Cameron Hart he paced the 2 miles from a standing start in 3.56.5 winning by 2 and a half lengths from favourite Akuta, who had every chance.

Swayze is a 5yr old gelding by Rockn Roll Heaven out of Lettucereason.



Unfortunately for Hart his celebration whilst crossing the line ran foul with the Stewards and he copped a \$2,500 fine and a 5 day holiday for whip irregularities.

Cup week in Christchurch is very popular, attracting people from all around the world, including, I might add from the UK.

Racing every day of the week involves all 3 codes, thoroughbred, harness and greyhound, culminating on the Saturday with the galloping cup.

Talking of the sister code, it is now common for trainers to run both gallopers and Standardbreds with success.

The is the time of the year where the Australian focus turns to the Interdominion, an event in years gone by the premier showcase of the sport in NZ and Australia. Unfortunately that is no longer the case with NZ trainers showing no interest.



Pictured above Swayze winning the New Zealand Cup. Pictured right West Port Turf Track NZ.

Early December saw the running of the Grand Prix meeting held at Addington Raceway.

There were eight group 1 and a group 3 with stake money of \$1,155,000 on offer. The main race the NZ Derby was won in fine style by the Art Major colt Merlin trained by B Purdon. He paced the mile and 5 furlongs in 3.08.5.

The 2yr old fillies race was won impressively by the Sweet Lou filly Duchess Megxit.

Sweet Lou, is having a great season, his stud fee is NZ \$7,500 or approximately £3,800.

There has been a bit of discussion re pushing young horses too soon and debate will no doubt continue. I guess when you consider in human terms a 2 year old horse equates to a 13 year old in human years, a 3yr old 18. A 5 year old horse in human years is 23.

Something to ponder I guess.

Bob



BHRC ELECTIONS

The next BHRC AGM is set to be held in March of 2024. As our members will be aware the current board is made up of 6 directors meaning that as per the constitution one third (two) will be required to stand down.

The positions of both chairman and vice chairman are also vacant at this time along with the positions of regional steward for Scotland, England and Wales.

We welcome candidates to put their name forward for any of the above positions. The deadline for applications will be Wednesday 31st of January at which point candidates due for re-election will also need to confirm their willingness to stand. Any new candidate should apply in writing and be proposed by a member of the BHRC including a brief profile of themselves to be supplied to voting members.

All candidates both new and re-standing will then be voted for under the one man one vote system with the results announced at the AGM/Members Meeting in March.

STAGBI

EXPORTING HORSES TO AMERICA & CANADA

British breeders can be proud that the horses they have bred are once again of a calibre to be exported to North America to race. Whilst it is sad (and concerning) that we are losing them from the British pool of racehorses, we congratulate you on their success and wish the horse every continued success in North America. Always good to see the (GB) suffix in the results, keep up the good work!

It is therefore a timely reminder that when horses are exported to America or Canada (or any other country) you **HAVE TO APPLY FOR AN EXPORT CERTIFICATE** from STAGBI.

This certificate allows the horse to be registered with the governing body of the country of destination. So for American or Canada this will be USTA or Standardbred Canada. They will not register the horse without this certificate and if the horse is not registered with them, the horse will not be allowed to race. The crucial point here is that **YOU HAVE TO APPLY** to STAGBI for this export certificate **BEFORE** the horse leaves the Great Britain.

Please note that the STAGBI Export Certificate is totally different to the DEFRA Health & Export Certificates. Your transporter or agent will usually apply and sort the DEFRA health and export certificates but it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to apply for the STAGBI Export Certificate **BEFORE** the horse leaves Great Britain. Failure to apply for the certificate before your horse leaves may result in your horse not being permitted to race.

If you are unsure or require any assistance then please contact the STAGBI office. The office staff will be more than happy to advise and assist you.

Contact Information

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Address: Room 2, Creuddyn, Pontfaen Road, Lampeter, SA48 7BN

Email: info@standardbred.org

Russ Cunliffe Memorial Pace

Racing Manager Craig Stevenson was the first promoter to offer to stage a race in memory of Russ, and so the seed was sown.

The last race of the 2023 season was the NHR sponsored Russ Cunliffe Memorial Pace held to celebrate the life of Russ Cunliffe who died earlier this year and is a sad miss to not only his family and close friends, but to his harness racing family too. Our thanks go to Caroline and Russ's family for coming along to York to present the prize to winning connections.

A full field of 10 came under starters orders, and after initial early pace, it was the in form horse Imperial Bubbles (with 4 wins from his last 6 starts) off a 20yd trail who picked up the trophy and fabulous rosette, made by Karen Kennedy in Russ's racing colours.

Imperial Bubbles owned and trained by Brian Park and driven to victory by Alan Haythornthwaite showing he has certainly not lost his midas touch.





A New Hope For Scotland



Hopefully everyone has seen the fantastic news that a planning application has been submitted in Scotland for a new purpose built hard track.

After the devastating news came in December 2021 of the closure of Corbiewood the Scottish Harness Racing Club (SHRC) got to work immediately.

They have been working behind the scenes with Stirling Council to try and find a suitable piece of land that would be large enough for a new track whilst also remaining in the local area. Fortunately a piece of land was identified which is only minutes away from the old track at Corbiewood and a stones throw away from current track at Haugh Field.

The planning application has recently been submitted to the local council and is in a period where people can give feedback on the plans. Any positive comments or support would be greatly appreciated as this will go in favour of the plans being passed. The current deadline for feedback is the 29th December.

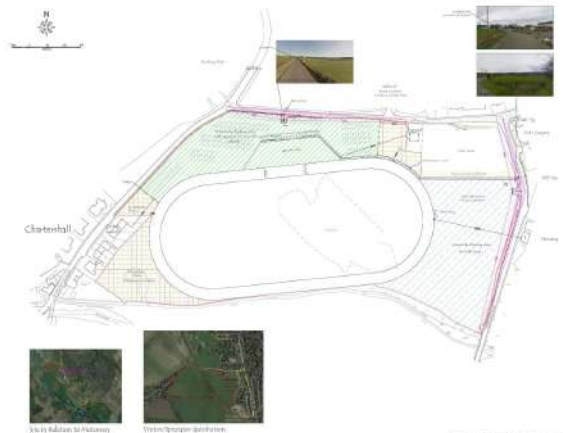
Anyone wishing to provide feedback can find the link for the site either on the SHRC Facebook or the BHRC website. You will need to register for an account to provide feedback but this is a quick process. You do not need to be from the local area to provide feedback on the application and the more people who do give positive feedback the stronger the application becomes.

Currently the council is advertising the determination deadline as March 2024 for the application however the council could ask for more time to make a decision.

The club has applied to run up to 20 meetings per year at the new venue as a replacement for the previous track at Corbiewood. The SHRC are hoping to have fundraisers in the New Year to raise money towards both racing in 2024 and the new track, details will be provided on their social media so keep your eyes peeled.

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- 63 pacing races run
- Total prize money for pacers: £64,680
- 46 different pacers won races
- 18 different drivers won races



Handicap Marks (end of 2023 GB Season)

A Hard Days Night	M12
Acrophobia	37
Allrightjeff	65
Alpine Lucas	57
Always B Colour	M22
Always B Layla	30
Always B Lucki	20
Always B Miki G	M21
Always B Puffing	40
Always Skye	35
Amazon Prince	M18
American Hustle	28
American Mistress	49
American Rogue	33
American Sniper	33
Anglesey Hall	24
Annivi (PF *)	68
Apopka G	113
Aquila	20
Archie Camden	44
Artistic	28
Arts Princess	59
Ava Camden	M14
Ayr Ambition	70
Ayr Balmoral	47
Ayr Candy Girl	20
Ayr Corleon	82
Ayr Dave	31
Ayr Emperor	36
Ayr Majorette	53
Ayr Pavarotti	M13
Ayr Promenade	28
Ayr Propaganda	31
Battle Fever	24
Be Like Me	85
Bellarose	M14
Benny The Legend	28

Bilbo Baggins	M15
Billy Closure	M16
Blackfield Wit Wat	M12
Blackfield Okydoky	28
Blackfield QT	M13
Blazing Hanover	40
Blue Guns N Roses	52
Blue La Vida Loca	89
Blytheview Deuce	43
Blythe View Rogue	51
Bobby Camden	86
Bonita	20
Boris	M15
Born In Isolation	35
Born in Lockdown	47
Brave Warrior	M12
Brooklyn Dodger	M13
Brynlllo Casanova	24
Brywins Candybeach	28
Brywins Ferocious	52
Brywins Jessie	M15
Brywins Mybeach	82
Caenwood Luckylady	55
Ceirion Kandy	20
Ceirion Vickey	41
Chaos Theory	44
Chasingthestars	43
Check On Dancer	50
Check On Paddy	M15
Check On William	70
Cheeky Devil	74
Chief Red Cloud	48
Chinatown Fury	28
Chinatown Jonny	31
Chloes Dream	22
Christy Camden	35
Churchview Camelot	120
Close Your Eyes	28
Coalford Bambino	26
Coalford Dude	47
Coalford Edge	32
Coalford Emerald	20
Coalford Getiton	M15

Coalford Goodfella	39
Coalford Hitman	32
Coalford Jonnycash	M16
Coalford Letitrain	M12
Coalford Mademan	29
Coalford One of Us	21
Coalford Promise	32
Coalford Rollonbye	M16
Coalford Topguy	37
Coalford Turnitup	21
Coalford Wiggle	51
Comfort Zone	62
Confidential	M19
Connor McGregor	36
Country Chameleon	M14
Country Harmony	M12
Crafty Dream	51
Crecora Bolt	35
Crosshill Diablo	31
Dashforcash	M12
Dashing Dina	36
Defibrillator	M12
Desert Cry	41
Desert Diamond	51
Desert Ranger	51
Deuce Queen	43
Dick Dastardly	M18
Dickinsonsrealdeal	M18
Dillon Camden	M12
Doon Valley	33
Down by Crecora	M18
Dragons Flash	M12
Druids Big Deal	74
Eagle Vision	60
Eagles Warrior	36
Eccentric	24
Emily Rose	M14
Ernie Will	20
Eternal Bud	M16
Eternal Deuce	29

Eternal Luck	37
Eternal Magic	29
Eugene Silver	20
Evenwood Enforcer	46
Evenwood Hustler	42
Evenwood Realalert	20
Evenwood Sonofagun	120
Evenwood Tuned Up	40
Evenwood Watahunk	20
Evenwood Wow Me	20
Evenwood Yousaidit	M14
Fahrenheit	29
Ferox Flame	28
Ffarout	44
Ffos Annwyl	30
Ffos B Hasty (PF *)	47
Ffos Copper Dollar	32
Followthestars	32
Forafewpearlsmore	48
Forever Amour	51
Frankie B	66
Freddie Camden	M12
Fresh Luck	20
Frisco Tex	51
Frisco Tuff Stuff	36
Fullthisclosure	28
Full Package	20
Foxfield Kendall	25
GDs King	90
GDs Thunder	76
GGs Hall of Fame	M12
Greenhill Gracie Lou	M16
Greenhill Gus	37
Greenhill Lou Lou	49
Greenhill Lucky	28
Greentree Infinity	71
Greentree Legacy	36
Greentree Loveart	42
Greentree Mystique	M12
Greentree Outwest (PF *)	28

Greentree Pleasure	30
Greentree Precious	45
Greentree Ruby	30
Greentree Wrangler	M12
Gussys So Surreal	28
Hannibal	28
Hawthorns Dream	31
He's All That	M13
Highbrooks Art	20
Highbrooks Bullet	M16
Highbrooks Nevada	M17
Hilltop Blaze	M14
Hobbys Olaf	M17
Hold Back the River	M12
Homegrown Alligator	23
Honeyforsure	M12
Howards Fivestar	36
Howards Rain Dance	M12
Howards Wiseguy	23
Huntsville Delight	M15
IB Lily	49
I Predict A Riot	45
Imapreacher	M12
Im Great Hanover	42
Imperial Bubbles	53
Imperial Flame	54
Imperial Magicmiss	28
Instagram	28
I Shot The Sheriff	72
Ithon Orbit	59
Jans Dream	M17
JD Camden	54
Jennifer Camden	30
Jessica Jay	M12
Kaiya Camden	55
Keepersweet	27
Keeva Camden	M14
Kentucky Junglejoe	28
Kentucky Sam	44
Kickup The Dust	56

Kier Camden	48
King Ken	M14
Kotare Yarra (NZ)	82
Ladyford Clint	M16
Ladyford Express	57
Lakeside Legend	M16
Lanehouse Meg	M14
Laneside Logic	64
Laneside Lucy	M12
Larry Camden	58
Leopardess	39
Lexies Midnightrunner	M16
Lexies Tickledpink	M15
Line Up Hanover	63
Little Miss Lucy	28
Little Rascal	28
Littlemill Jamie	49
Live in Star	103
Llwyns Springer	44
Lord Sugar	62
Lou Hall	24
Louisville	48
Lyons Blackjack	28
Lyons India	35
Lyons Maverick	61
Lyons Rosella	28
Lyons Winkups	20
Mahogany Amber	35
Mahogany Caio	29
Mahogany Casper	20
Mahogany Charmer	50
Mahogany Ebony	M12
Mahogany Empire	32
Mahogany Enable	M16
Mahogany Oleg	40
Maidman	26
Maid Sweet	59
Majestic Smile	38
Making Credit	28
Manhattan Gangster (PF *)	62

Manhattan Kandy	29
Marthella	20
Master Monet	52
Matadora	33
Matteucoseous	37
Mattys Virtue	M12
Mayfire	47
May Sixty Six	M12
Mayfellden Ivor	66
Mazys Dream	28
Meadowbranch Teddy	M17
Megan Camden	55
Meldoons Star	27
Mercers Lily May	M12
Mercers Shiralee	23
Merrington Movinup	118
Messiah	24
Mezzanotte	20
Midnight Diamond	48
Miki Taker	M14
Miraculous	106
Money Hill	59
Mr Deuce	21
My Buddy	52
My Dude	54
My Elsbells	42
My Playmate	29
Mythical Arion	47
Naked Attraction	M14
National Treasure	72
Nemesis	34
Newmoors Amore	44
Newmoors Joseph	M17
Newmoors Thomas	M15
Newtown Jody	120
Nikki Beach	24
No Brakes	58
Northen Pride	120
Oaks Breeze	79
Oakview Aspire	20

Oakwood Ardan	120
Oakwood Amari	31
Oakwood Banba	53
Oakwood Caprice	M13
Oakwood Denver	86
Oakwood Dynasty	70
Oakwood Enigma	M18
Oakwood Foresure	25
Oakwood Hey Miki	67
Oakwood Ideal	56
Oakwood Lucy Lou	65
Oakwood Mick	46
Oakwood Notorious	52
Oakwood Rocket	51
Oakwood Savannah	55
Oakwood Spur	35
Oakwood Time Again	35
Onefortheroad	47
Onlybayinthevillage	61
On Fire Aladin	33
On Fire Antonio	M15
On Fire April	M17
On Fire Augustus	M14
Ontop Four Motion	32
Ontop Jasper	20
Overarch	M12
Paddy The Greek	25
Pen To Paper	M16
Pin Ball Wizard	M14
Porterstown Keith	28
Priceless	42
Professor G	38
Pussycat Doll	46
Quest For Fame	24
Rainbow Dreamer	M18
Raymond Camden	48
Real Yankee	28
Red Rambo	M15
Red Titan	20
Reegans Roller	20

Rhian Camden	28
Rhyds Applered	28
Rhyds Cocoa	35
Rhyds Dude	54
Rhyds Kandyapple	M21
Rhyds Line Dancer	36
Rhyds Louie	34
Rhyds Riddle	M12
Rhyds Rival	111
Rhyds Roulette	56
Rhyds Sandman	M16
Rhyds Shady Affair	33
Rhyds Skipper	M12
Rhyds Star Quality	43
Rhyds Superfly	46
Ring Me Back	38
Ring My Bell	M13
Rockaday	33
Roller Coaster	58
Ronnie Lou	26
Rugadh Me Reidh	57
Run A Smile	M25
Running Fire	28
Rush and See Me	52
Russian Roulette	20
Samuri	28
Scoots Ace	20
Seal of Approval	55
Shaneador	M14
She Be Sporty (PF *)	61
Shes Gorgeous	20
Shes No April Fool	118
Showtime Faith	M17
Showtime Hope	M14
Showtime Im A Lady	51
Showtime Pan Am	M12
Showtime Raginbul	M12
Simon Camden	M20
Slip Away	M16
Ski From The Top	52

Smugglers Cove (PF *)	43
Some Fantasy	46
Southern Miki	M19
Southern Storm	M12
Sper Buggy	30
Spirit Rock	M14
Springhill Glory	68
Stakes on The Pan	92
Stamphill George	61
Stamphill Ghost (Not Reached 20 Pts)	15
Stamphill Shaddow	37
Stashthecash	59
Stateside Buggy	36
Stateside Deuce	87
Stateside Fantasy	23
Stateside Hill	42
Stateside Ideal	26
Stateside Lockdown	20
Stateside Romance	37
Strictly Tyler	45
Sugar Free	22
Sweet Braveheart	60
Sweet Dreams	24
Sweet Heartbreaker	28
Sweet Jeff	58
Sweet Trip	22
Talk About Me	M19
Tarawood Annie	M17
Tarawood Will (IRHA)	36
Tejay Gem	22
Tejay Prime	20
The Lion King (PF *)	64
The Littleprofessor	46
The Real Rogue	67
Thinking of Daddy	40
Today'sahalliday	20
Tommy Shelby	65
Top Dollar	35
Toreador	34
Tothebarandback	M21

Tyler Camden	64
Ultimatum	53
Ultra Violet	38
Up All Night	28
Victimised	M14
Vinnie Camden	29
Visioness	M12
Wasntexpectingthat	39
Wearvalley Lucy	42
Wee Lewis	M14
Wellfield Beauty	44
Wellfield Elegant	57
Wellfield Icon	M13
Wellfield Immortal	M15

Wellfield Rock	43
Wellfield Roco	28
Wellfield Wizard	45
Whichguyamai	71
Whirlwind White	26
Wicked	35
Wild Heartbreaker	20
World Famous	31
Written in the Stars	34
Wye Jonny	60
Xciteable	28
Yankee Chip	20
Yerkes Hanover (USA)	67
Ystwyth Bela	23

YORK GRADUATE SERIES

2023 saw the third running of the York Sale Graduate Series staged at York Harness Raceway.

Initially the idea of charging a commission at the sale was the brainchild of Mick Welling, Craig Stevenson and John Smart.

The plan was developed to put money back into a race for horses sold through the ring with both buyer and seller being charged a fee of 2.5% on yearlings only. This pot, which is split for colts and fillies, is then put entirely towards the graduate series purse to be run on sale day the following year.

This year saw the highest number of runners go to post so far in the series with 6 in entries in the fillies division with prize money split using the classics formula of £6000 / £2800 / £1400 / £840 / £640 and 6 entries in the colts division with prize money split of £7000 / £3500 / £1750 / £1040 / £700.



Ayr Dave joined previous winners Rhyds Dude and Rhyds Scoundrel in taking the colts division and Rhyds Line Dancer joined Oakwood Lucy Lou and Jessie's Hallmark in winning the fillies division. With York sale going from strength to strength we look forward to seeing which other horses join these notable winners in future years.



YORK SALE

BROODMARES(5)

- Lot 1 Challenge Accepted Not Sold
- Lot 2 Fools Delight £1000 Jason O'Sullivan
- Lot 3 Howards Camistress Not Forward
- Lot 4 ShebeStunning Not Sold
- Lot 5 Dontstoptheparty Not Sold

YEARLINGS(75)

- Lot 6 Oaks Mist £1100 William Greenhorn Snr
- Lot 7 Perfect Smile £4000 Scott Cattigan
- Lot 8 Ayr Exchange £15000 Bobby Barry
- Lot 9 Northern Lights £7000 William Grievson
- Lot 10 Last Man Standing £20000 Ned Stafford
- Lot 11 Oakwood Louis £30000 Jim Harrop
- Lot 12 Oakwood Maggie £25000 Finbar Quill
- Lot 13 Sweet Touch £20000 James Mcalister
- Lot 14 Coalford Annabelle £20000 David McGeorge
- Lot 15 Forgeside Always £19000 Hushka/Flowers
- Lot 16 Forgeside Fore Gee £16000 Robert Stewart
- Lot 17 Ayr Admiral £15000 Sean Duggan
- Lot 18 Ayroplane £20000 Patrick Kane
- Lot 19 Teatime Tom £5000 James McAlister
- Lot 20 Jerry Camden £5000 William Patterson
- Lot 21 Joe Camden £2800 Alf Swinbank
- Lot 22 Blytheview Joy Not Forward
- Lot 23 Always Hungry £12500 Deano Craig
- Lot 24 Arts Peekaboo Not Sold
- Lot 25 Lost Everything Not Forward
- Lot 26 Churchview Airwave Not Forward
- Lot 27 Churchview Lillie £4200 George Wilson
- Lot 28 Happy Lou £14500 John Howard
- Lot 29 Rhyds Seeker £16000 John Howard
- Lot 30 Rhyds Super Cool £3600 Dawn Forrest
- Lot 31 Adam Camden £2900 Jody Foody
- Lot 32 Finn Camden £2700 Alf Swinbank
- Lot 33 Blaze a Trail £16000 James Winter
- Lot 34 Stateside Maverick £3600 Alan Wallace Jnr
- Lot 35 Stateside Atomic £4200 Hamish Muirhead
- Lot 36 Closure £5000 Catherine Shields
- Lot 37 Sweet Joe £7000 Robert Rowan
- Lot 38 Oakwood Loreto Not Sold
- Lot 39 Oakwood Dessie £18000 Finbar Quill
- Lot 40 The Groomsman Not Forward
- Lot 41 Elwood £4000 Linda Cassells
- Lot 42 Bella Camden £3800 Gary Dowse
- Lot 43 Molly Mae Camden £4000 Matty Quinn
- Lot 44 Not Forward
- Lot 45 Churchview Saka Not Forward



Lot 59 Imperial Spitfire £4200 Jack Foody
 Lot 60 Hannah Camden £3100 Joe Stewart
 Lot 61 Sydney Camden Not Forwarded
 Lot 62 Red Icon £3200 Stephen Connors
 Lot 63 Fool Proof £1000 Catherine Sheils
 Lot 64 Albies Mambo £4300 Dougie McKenzie
 Lot 65 Sureamsassy £3900 Linda Cassells
 Lot 66 Formidable Warrior Not Sold
 Lot 67 Forgeside Eternal £3100 Shane Donnelly
 Lot 68 Dragoon £1800 Dawn Forrest
 Lot 69 Isabella £3600 John Gill
 Lot 70 Lost Out West Not Forwarded
 Lot 71 Lost Dragon £1550 Ruben Smith
 Lot 72 Moithan Martha £2600 Samboy Howard
 Lot 73 Carrieton Dreaming £2100 Elsa McKechnie
 Lot 74 Shake That Dollar Not Sold
 Lot 75 Cant Remember £2400 Nathan Smith
 Lot 76 Accelerate £2100 Buster Gilligan
 Lot 77 Secret Lover £2600 Samboy Howard
 Lot 78 Churchview Im Lost £2000 Bob Lee
 Lot 79 Churchview Meow Not Sold
 Lot 80 Mercers Explosive Not Sold
 Lot 81 Crecora Crusing Not Forward
 Lot 82 Crecora Donttempme Not Forward
 Lot 83 Crecora Conquest Not Forward



TWO YEAR OLDS(8)

Lot 84 Roseador £1300 John Gilvear
 Lot 85 Stateside Pheonix £5900 Patrick Kane
 Lot 86 Blessedwiththebest Not Forward
 Lot 87 Unbelievable Not Forward
 Lot 88 Coalford Letitride Not Sold
 Lot 89 Conn Man Not Sold
 Lot 90 Full Closure Not Sold
 Lot 91 Sweet as Honey Not Forward



AGED PACERS(6)

Lot 92 Ayr Emperor Not Forward
 Lot 93 Coalford Henry H £4300 Patrick Carberry
 Lot 94 Imperial Flame £2800 John Dowd
 Lot 95 Sweet Emmas Lou £3000 Jess Dyer
 Lot 96 Wait For Me Not Forward
 Lot 97 Allycat £1200 Sooty Johnson
 Lot 98 Heart of Fire £700 Gavin Playford



Across The Atlantic



In recent years we have once again seen a boom in the number of horses being exported to North America from Britain and Ireland. We have recently been provided complimentary access to the USTA database and thought members would be interested in seeing the achievements of the exported horses so far. We aim to keep this table updated in future editions of the calendar and will try to include any newly exported horses to keep an eye out for.

Speaking to breeder Derek Delaney of Oakwood Stud we asked him how it felt to see the Oakwood Stud horses flying the flag in America.

Derek - "It is very satisfying to see horses we bred reach the level they have in the USA to date. It was always our end goal when we set out to start breeding more professionally 10 years ago now, so yeah it's a big sense of achievement and pride for us personally and I am sure for many others who's horses have gone on to do well across the pond."

Horse Name	US Starts	US Wins	US Places	US Earnings	Lifetime Earnings	Lifetime Mark
Robyn Camden	99	29	29	441394	474916	1.50.1
Oakwood Innittowinit	98	21	34	379310	400259	1.50.1
Father Ted	128	21	52	302801	318280	1.51.0
Matticulous	94	20	30	269935	327516	1.49.1
Oakwood Annabella	24	9	7	198043	212960	1.49.2
Its my check	118	22	27	196521	217094	1.50.3
A Rocknroll Star	31	17	9	177685	197435	1.49.1
Gentleman Jim	86	13	28	166203	184258	1.50.2
Oakwood Coral	72	14	22	161301	161301	1.54.1
Evenwood Sonofagun	30	10	8	144236	144236	1.49.2
Greenhill Hanover	93	14	22	141766	163328	1.52.2
Mikey Camden	61	13	15	130231	170063	1.50.2
Coalford Sunshine	22	5	11	95750	106915	1.53.4
Ima Happy Fella	26	8	9	90230	108061	1.53.0
The Gypsy Queen	30	10	6	83800	100621	1.52.1
Blackwell Ruby	22	9	6	83209	85750	1.51.2
Ladyford Dollar	35	6	14	78610	106947	1.50.4

Churchview Frankle	17	6	7	76581	108970	1.52.2
On The Money	26	5	12	75025	86621	1.52.3
Greenhilldebatable	52	7	19	72517	101861	1.53.0
Rhyds Eclipse	26	4	14	69226	69767	1.55.1
Ayr Pioneer	34	10	10	65400	83061	1.52.3
Coalford Bythesea	37	10	11	63847	76825	1.54.0
Oakwood Vegas	30	6	6	58940	70525	1.50.3
Coalford Bet Aline	27	2	15	54710	65069	1.53.2
Starsnstripes	39	5	14	51130	56976	1.54.3
Oakwood Paddy	17	4	4	38688	78945	1.52.0
Takemetothelimit	36	4	14	38345	59500	1.54.1
Oakwood Cowboy	22	5	4	36923	48211	1.52.1
Indianas Quest	11	2	2	22300	52608	1.55.1
Rainbow Writer	4	1	2	6564	6564	1.55.1
GDs Thunder	3	2	0	4100	20718	1.59.0
Ladyford Buck	2	0	1	1620	4231	
Louisiana	4	0	1	1500	77184	
Laneside Logic	1	0	1	492	15769	

All figures taken from USTA Pathway on 14.12.23

More recent exports to keep an eye out for:

- Ayr Balmoral
- I Shot The Sheriff
- IB Lily
- JD Camden
- Oakwood Ardan
- Oakwood Dynasty
- Ski From The Top
- Stateside Deuce
- Sweet Jeff

*Since the writing of this article Oakwood Ardan won his first start in the US at the Meadowlands in 1.50.4 driven by champion driver James Haythornthwaite.

A reminder that BHRC Sire Stakes yearling nominations close on 31st December 2023. Nominations are £100 per yearling. No late supplements will be allowed after this date.



BHRC & STAGBI AWARDS EVENING

SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2024



STARTERS

Leek & potato soup, fennel cream & potato crisps (v, GF)
Warm mature cheddar cheese tartlet, pickled grapes, walnuts & watercress (v)
Ham hock terrine, piccalilli, ciabatta crisp, pea shoots

MAINS

Pan-fried chicken breast, thyme & sea salt roasted new potatoes, port & shallot jus (GF)
Roast pork fillet wrapped in pancetta, pressing of celeriac & potato, cider & sage jus (GF)
Grilled Seabass, fennel & celeriac puree, tomato & coriander dressing (GF)
Asparagus, roasted plum tomatoes & basil risotto, vegan cheese (v, V, GF)

DESSERTS

Roast pineapple, dark rum caramel, vanilla ice cream (v, V, GF)
Mascarpone tiramisu, espresso sauce
Glazed lemon tart, raspberry sorbet. vanilla sauce

FOLLOWED BY

Coffee & tea served with mints

MERCURE HOTEL, HAYDOCK

TICKETS £43

With the 2023 season now firmly behind us there remains only one final task to complete before we can all look forward to the return of racing in 2024: the annual awards!

This year sees the champion trainer Alexis Laidler once again land the title of leading trainer and Raymond Huschka retain his titles as leading owner for the 2023 season. Last years leading horse Merrington Movinup will be taking the award for the second year running with an impressive 8 wins in 2023. The champion driver award in 2023 goes to James Haythornthwaite for the first time with an impressive 61 wins. Our permit trainer award, which was introduced at last years award ceremony, has this year been won by Roy Sheedy. Also introduced in 2023 the leading B class driver award has once again been won by Ryan Inglis and this years leading C Class driver is Ronald Grieveson. All of the above awards are based purely on the number of wins and where there is a tie on wins places are taken into consideration.

Licence Holder Voting

The remaining BHRC awards need your vote, (with the exception of Groom of the Year and Special Contribution Award).

BHRC affiliated members and **all** types of licence holder are eligible to vote on the shortlisted horses for all of the equine awards.

Shortlists are made up via a points system within each category – a win = 1 point, a Group 2 win = 3 points and a Group 1 win = 5 points.

The top 4 in each category to make up the shortlist for the public vote (unless horses could not be split as below).

Where horses could not be split on points, second and third placed finishes considered. In circumstances where horses could still not be split on points AND placed finishes, all horses will go onto the shortlist.

This year also sees the return of the Grass Track Champion award in recognition of the fabulous racing we stage on grass, and which is too often overlooked (all wins = 1 point in this category).

The exceptions being:

Groom of the Year nominations (any licence holder acting in the capacity as a groom/caretaker) have been sent into the awards committee and the winner will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Special Contribution Award Nominations (from individuals, clubs or associations) have now been emailed to the Awards Committee and will be decided upon by the BHRC Directors with the winner being announced at the awards ceremony.

BHRC AWARDS 2022



PUBLIC TRAINER



PERMIT TRAINER



CHAMPION DRIVER



B CLASS DRIVER

PLEASE HELP US TO PLAN AHEAD - buy your tickets early, don't forget to include your menu choices.

Tickets are now available for purchase via the BHRC on line entry system. If you would like to attend the ceremony but do not have access please contact the BHRC office directly.

Voting closes 5th January

Voting to be completed on line on the BHRC Facebook Page.

LEADING OWNER



C CLASS DRIVER

- In 2023 horses won races for 143 different owners and syndicates.
- In 2023 76 different drivers visited the winners enclosure.
- In 2023 90 different trainers seen a horse under their care win a race.



MONEYHILL - Winner of 5 races including the Group 1 Junior Welsh Dragon, Group 1 Breeders Crown Colts Division, Group 2 SHRC Futurity and Group 2 BHRC Sire Stakes.

NOMINEES – BHRC 2YO COLT OF THE YEAR



ONEFOURTEROAD - Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 VDM Final and the Group 1 Daniel Welling Memorial.



BORN IN ISOLATION - Winner of 2 races including the Group 1 Breeders Crown Colts Division and the Tommy Hopkinson 2 Year Old Pace

NOMINEES – BHRC 2YO COLT OF THE YEAR



ON FIRE ALADIN - Winner of 2 races including the Group 1 BHRC Futurity and the Group 2 NWHOA 2YO Colts Division.



NOMINEES – BHRC 2YO FILLY OF THE YEAR





PUSSYCAT DOLL - Winner of 4 races including the Group 1 Breeders Crown Fillies Division and the Group 1 Blossom Kelly Memorial Fillies. Crown

NOMINEES – BHRC 2YO FILLY OF THE YEAR



RHYDS LINE DANCER - Winner of 2 races including the Group 1 Junior Welsh Dragoness and the York Sale Graduate Series Fillies Division.



OAKWOOD HEY MIKI - Winner of 5 races including the Colin Barrington Memorial Heat & Final at Wolverhampton and a heat of the Breeders Crown 3YO Colts.

NOMINEES – BHRC 3YO COLT OF THE YEAR



I SHOT THE SHERRIF - Winner of 5 races including the STAGBI British Championships 3YO, Heat of the VDM 3YO Colts and the SHRC Derby.



BORN IN LOCKDOWN - Winner of 3 races including the Group 2 NWHOA 3YO Colts division.

NOMINEES – BHRC 3YO COLT OF THE YEAR



JD CAMDEN - Winner of 4 races including the Group 1 BHRC Derby.



OAKWOOD DYNASTY - Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 BHRC Oaks and the Group 2 BHRC Sire Stakes.

NOMINEES – BHRC 3YO FILLY OF THE YEAR



MATADORA - Winner of 2 Races including the Group 1 Little Welsh Dragoness.



STAMPHILL SHADOW -
Winner of both a maiden race
at Haugh Field and ratings
race at Wolverhampton.

NOMINEES – BHRC 3YO FILLY OF THE YEAR



LOUISVILLE - Winner of the
North Wales Horse Owners
Association 3 Year Old Fillies



BLUE LA VIDA LOCA - Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 Welsh Classic Final.

NOMINEES – BHRC MARE OF THE YEAR



NEWTOWN JODY - Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 STAGBI Golden Girls Final.



ANNIVI - Winner of 4 races including the Group 2 Boughrood Classic Heat & Final.

NOMINEES – BHRC MARE OF THE YEAR



STASHTHECASH - Winner of 4 races including the Group 2 Appleby Spring Sunday Heat & Final.

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MERRINGTON MOVINUP -

Winner of 8 races including the Group 1 Bernie Kelly Memorial FFA, Group 1 Scoot Around FFA and Jimmy Muirhead Scottish Classic Final.

NOMINEES – BHRC AGED PACER OF THE YEAR



EVENWOOD SONOFAGUN -

Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 Billy Williams Memorial Crock of Gold Final and Rab Haw FFA.



OAKWOOD ARDAN - Winner of 4, race including the Group 1 Doonbeg Senior Welsh Dragon, NWHOA 4YO and 4YO Breeders Crown Colts & Geldings.

NOMINEES – BHRC AGED PACER OF THE YEAR



YERKES HANOVER - Winner of a heat of the Welsh Classic and Appleby Whit Monday Final.



Merrington Movinup - Winner of 7 races on grass including the Jimmy Muirhead Scottish Classic Final and the Scott Around FFA at Tregaron.

NOMINEES – GRASS TRACK CHAMPION



Wellfield Beauty - Winner of 5 races on grass including 2 heats of Queen of The Turf series and a leg of Wales & West 4&5 year old series. Ivington



NOMINEES – GRASS TRACK CHAMPION





AYR CORLEON - Winner of 5 races including the Group 1 VDM Final, Group 1 Breeders Crown 3YO Colts Final and Group 1 Little Welsh Dragon.

NOMINEES – OVERSEAS HORSE OF THE YEAR



PRICELESS - Winner of the heat and Group 1 Final of the Breeders Crown 3YO Fillies.



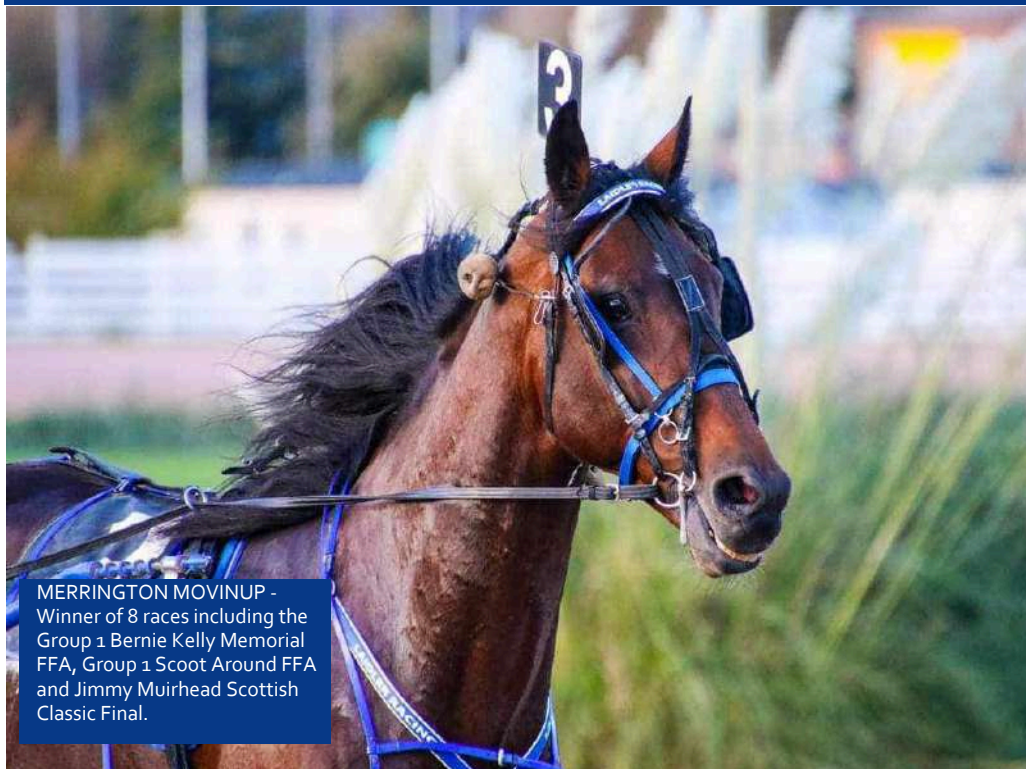
RUGADH ME REIDH - Winner of the Group 1 VDM 3YO Fillies Final and a heat of the Breeders Crown 3YO Fillies.

NOMINEES – OVERSEAS HORSE OF THE YEAR



ALWAYS B PUFFIN - Winner of the Group 1 Breeders Crown 2YO Fillies Final.

BHRC LEADING HORSE OF THE YEAR



MERRINGTON MOVINUP -
Winner of 8 races including the
Group 1 Bernie Kelly Memorial
FFA, Group 1 Scoot Around FFA
and Jimmy Muirhead Scottish
Classic Final.

THE BHRC needs



IT IS NOW UP TO YOU: Please submit your votes online for the 2yr and 3 yr old colts and fillies, the Mare of the Year, the Grass Track Champion, the Aged Pace and the Overseas Horse of the Year.

The link for voting can be found on the BHRC Facebook Page and Website.

And of course please remember to go online and **BOOK YOUR TICKET**. If you do not have access to the BHRC online entry system please contact the office directly to book your tickets.

Rooms at the hotel have been reserved for the event at a cost of £90 for a double or £80 for a single including bed & breakfast. Please contact the Mercure Hotel Haydock directly to book.

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The Race Of Myth & Legend

TREGARON

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£100,000

FINAL

1st	£40,000	5th	£2,000
2nd	£15,000	6th	£2,000
3rd	£7,000	7th	£2,000
4th	£3,000	8th	£2,000

HEATS

1st	£3,000	6th	£1,000
2nd	£2,000	7th	£1,000
3rd	£1,500	8th	£1,000
4th	£1,000	9th	£1,000
5th	£1,000	10th	£1,000

The Race Of Myth & Legend

What is a “Slot Race”? In the context of a “Slot Race”, the “slot” refers to an automatic entry/starting position within the race. In this instance, Clusur Cymru -Welsh Classic.

These “slots” are sold as licences, with the “slot” owner entitled to start whichever eligible horse they determine in the Race. Slot Races are now a major part of international Harness Racing with the “Eureka” & “Nullarbor” in Australia, “Mohawk Millions” in Canada and “The Race” in New Zealand.

Which Horses are Eligible? Clusur Cymru - Welsh Classic is a race event for 4year old and older Standardbred Pacers who are authorised to race in Great Britain. Only those horses meeting this criteria are eligible to be nominated to start in the event.

How Much Does a Slot Cost? Slot Licences cost £5,000 per year

How many Slots are available? Clusur Cymru - Welsh Classic is limited to 20 starters and as a result, there are only 20 slots available.

Who can be a Slot Holder? Virtually anyone. Slot Holders can be individuals, partnerships, companies, organisations, members, industry bodies, associations, syndicates, charities, breeders, mates etc...They could also be a mixture of some, or all of the examples above.

Do Slot Holders need to be British citizens or live in Great Britain? No. Slot Holders can be any nationality and be domiciled anywhere.

Does a Slot Holder have to Nominate a Horse they Own? No. A Slot Holder is not compelled to nominate their own horse for the race.

How do Slot Holders Choose a Horse to Start in Clusur Cymru - Welsh Classic? A Slot Holder may own a horse that they nominate to participate in the race using their slot, or negotiate with the connections of other eligible horses to start that horse in their slot.

Can a Slot Holder have more than one horse compete in Clusur Cymru - Welsh Classic? It is possible. For example, a Slot Holder may own a number of eligible horses, either outright or in partnership or syndicates with others. They may elect to nominate one of these horses, while another Slot Holder negotiates to nominate

another.

How Much Does a Slot Holder pay Connections of a Horse They Don’t Own? There is no limit or requirement. This is purely a decision based on negotiation between the Slot Holder and the connections of eligible horses.

What are the Race Conditions? Clusur Cymru - Welsh Classic is a race event for 4year old and older Standardbred Pacers who are authorised to race in Great Britain and is limited to 20 starters split by draw into 2 heats of 10. Horses placed in the first 4 finishing positions in both heats qualify for the final. All races within the event to be Preferred Free For All over 1 mile.

What is Clusur Cymru - Welsh Classic worth? Clusur Cymru - Welsh Classic is worth a total of £100,000 in combined prize money between heats and final.

When Does a Horse Need to be Notified That it has Been Selected by a Slot Holder? Slot Holders can nominate the horse starting in their “slot” anytime up until close of entries.

What Happens if a Horse Cannot make the Race or is a Late Scratching? A number of (horse) Emergencies will be selected by a Panel of experts independent of the Slot Holders, and released following the closure of the nomination time frame set out above. These horses will be selected having taken their prior and current form into consideration and allocated in order that they must be taken in the event of a late scratching.

How can I get more Information? Contact Huw at huwevans.evans@btconnect.com or Mike at dragonheartstables@hotmail.com

When can Slots be Purchased? Slots are available to purchase now, on a first come first served basis until 1st June 2024.

How can Slots be purchased? Please contact Huw at huwevans.evans@btconnect.com to arrange the purchase of a Slot.

Clwb Trotian Tregaron Committee reserves the right to alter conditions should circumstances dictate.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We began the 2023 season with a different set up for stewarding after the resignation of regional stewards, who were replaced by Directors who do not get paid out of pocket expenses. This has saved the BHRC several thousand pounds. We might look once again for volunteers willing to act as Regional stewards but at the moment this is how stewarding will look in 2024. Luckily 4 of the 6 Directors have years of experience as track stewards.

One of the biggest problems can be consistency from area to area, for example someone being fined from £25 to £50 for what looks like the same offence. Very often though, the reasons for differences will become obvious during the enquiry. However we are all human and never get everything right. To improve consistency in recent years the stewards have been given access to a spreadsheet which can also be seen on the website. This wasn't available in 2023 but we will be re-introducing it in 2024. There is also a Raceday form filled in post race for the public to view, explaining the reasons behind outcomes. This was only introduced in 2023 so will of course take time to bed in.

In 2023 the use of drone footage was rolled out across the country and was available at every single meeting in Britain, apart from in bad weather. Ollie our main drone man has been researching ways in which he will be able to fly when the rain begins to fall, though there may be cost implications for him. It's no secret that the drone footage comes at a cost to licence holders but licence holders and stewards seem to appreciate that the drone has been a success which has allowed the stewards to come to the correct decision in most cases. Drivers have also become aware that the overhead footage is available for all to see actions on the track from a different angle, which protects the horses and drivers.

As we look to the 2024 season we are aware of problems and will try and resolve them. The rule book was overhauled last winter before we ran out of time to publish the changes, but the small group who have undertaken this work are finalising the last 'tweaks' in good time for changes to be published for comment before use in 2024. We will also be aiming to meet with all track stewards during the closed season to improve consistency and professionalism. Everyone is aware that all the stewards in the BHRC are voluntary and without these dedicated volunteers we would struggle to stage race meetings.

Retrospective stewarding has been in use for the last couple of seasons concentrating on use of the whip and 'leg down' offences. Retrospective stewarding was brought in for the purpose of reviewing things that were missed on the day, and we are hoping to expand the rules that it can cover, without avoiding addressing offences that were seen at the time.

In 2024 we will try to ensure that consistency and professionalism improves within stewarding. One way of doing this will be to include more detail on the website post racing, for example looking at the reasons why a horse was declared a non-runner. The stewarding spreadsheet will be re-introduced for all officials to reference so that everyone across the regions knows exactly what has happened at every track the previous week.

We all look forward to working alongside the dedicated hard working track stewards in the year ahead, and we assure you the licence holder that we will do our best to ensure safe clean enjoyable racing in the sport we all love and adore.

INTEGRITY UNPDATE

Annual Update - with the BHRC now being the governing body of just pacing, their testing regime this year has naturally just covered pacers. A summary of tests taken (from pacers only is displayed below:

	2022	2023
No of pacers tested	163	135
No of full blood tests	97	92
No of blood gas tests	66	43
Positive tests	8	3

INTEGRITY 2023

There is often confusion, questions and untruths about the integrity process, we hope that this article will help to resolve these. In order to continue to be transparent about the programme we welcome licence holders to contact us with their questions or concerns via either the main office email or on the integrity email which is:

bhrc.integrity@yahoo.com, or of course by asking one of our Integrity Team: Gary Dowse, Charles Inglis, Jackie Maguire, Julie Park and Craig Stevenson. We are happy to hold a demonstration to explain the process should anybody be interested.

Personnel Involved:

The vet, the only person who actually takes the test - as all our tests this year have been blood tests. The laboratory will however provide analysis of hair, urine and sweat.

Most members will be familiar with the Integrity Officers present on the race track. They provide basically an administration function, they check passports, provide a sealed box with all the necessary contents for the test to the vet, fill in the paperwork and in most cases help the vet by passing the tubes for blood collection, and then placing the filled (sealed) tubes into the packaging provided the by laboratory.

This year as previously advertised there has been some out-of-competition tests taken. A BHRC Integrity Facilitator has been present to carry out the administration function which is exactly the same function as that on a race day.

The Integrity Administration Team order supplies from the laboratory, post completed samples, keep the Integrity spreadsheet on the website up-to-date, check and pass for payment laboratory invoices, notify the trainers

(Responsible Person) of test results, monitor the integrity budget, prepare the case paperwork (bundle) for the external panel, and co-ordinate the setting up of the external panel hearings.

The Integrity Prosecution Team, explain to the external panel which rules they think have been breached, and present any evidence they may have to support their claim.

Selection for Testing:

Selection must continue to be random and flexible.

Out of competition testing, the country is divided into geographical areas, an area is selected for testing, we look at the registered trainers within the area, and look at who is hot (getting winners) and who is not, we then have to look at logistically who can be tested within the testing window. Eventually a range of different geographical regions will have been targeted, this was the first year of formal out of competition testing for some time and should become part of the norm just as race day testing has.

Race day testing continues to be our favoured option. Some trainers just accept that they will be tested and that is the end of it, however some feel that although they have nothing to hide that they are targeted. Please be assured that we try and test across a broad spectrum, not just winners, and certainly not just high value winners. Testing can be totally random, i.e. we will test winner Race 4 today, or it could be a sudden change (either way) in performance, to fit with data returns requirement i.e. testing qualifiers/ winners/non-winners/in competition/ out of competition, intelligence, requested by an official, requested by integrity team, linked to finishing position, the one thing that does not happen is that somebody is picked on.

Nobody escapes testing – even our own director who does not own or train a horse in her own name, but her husband does, was tested at York. It goes without saying that she was not involved in the testing, it was carried out by another member of the team.

Completed Tests:

This year the team have carried out 92 full blood tests compared to 97 in 2022. The tests have included in and out of competition tests as well as tests on racehorses and qualifiers. The numbers of blood gas tests were slightly reduced in number in 2023 from 66 to 43.

Financing the programme:

A total of circa £29,000 was spent on integrity in the 2023 season, of which over £5000 was spent on the confirmatory analysis of the three positive cases. This is a recoverable cost if/when the responsible person is found guilty at a panel hearing, this will reduce the overall spend to £24,000. The Integrity Programme is funded through the Race Fee charged for each horse/overseas horse, with 75% of the fee being ring-fenced for integrity. Integrity fine money collected also remains ring-fenced within the integrity budget – this allows the sport to continue to push for a level playing field for all.

There are some (a minority) who are anti the idea of integrity testing/having a level playing field, and from that small group there is a smaller cohort who, for whatever reasons do continue to try to cast aspersions upon the programme, making false accusations such as the BHRC have wasted over £40,000 on integrity, or the BHRC has wasted this money on this case etc. We know, that for the last three years (and possibly prior to this) that the Integrity Team have worked hard to ensure the integrity of the sport remains intact, and have not only

identified those not following the rules, but also successfully prosecuted all those found guilty, and done so within the budget allocated – and have documented evidence of it. We are however, extremely grateful that most members support the programme and work in a positive way with our Integrity Team.

Cases:
There have been 3 positive tests this year, all of these should come to panel early in the new year. As per normal protocol and outline of the results will be published on the website.



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INTEGRITY PROCESS

Following receipt of a Positive Analysis for a Prohibited Substance the BHRC (Integrity Panel) commence any necessary preliminary investigations.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS commences - Chairman informed / Responsible Person (RP) is notified of a positive test. They receive a letter (BHRC), certificate and data pack (FEI Lab) RP have **two weeks** to put in writing a request for an analysis of B Sample, Owner informed, BHRC Council Members informed, Promoter Informed and a notice is put on website

IF B SAMPLE ANALYSIS IS REQUESTED (made in writing with appropriate fee)

BHRC contact the host lab and receiving lab and arrangement for shipment (this can take *approximate time 2+ weeks* just for shipment and a *further month* for result)

BHRC prepare letter to Responsible Person (RP) asking for any reason for the positive test
Suggested approximate time (3 days)

The Responsible Person then has **two weeks** to submit in writing any explanation to the BHRC

The BHRC / solicitor prepare Case Summary, collect any evidence inc. expert witness statements
Suggested approximate time 3-4 weeks

Case Summary sent to Responsible Person - **3 week** window to respond or ask for extension

RP can request a **3 week** extension period to answer Case Summary which can be granted by BHRC upon request

BHRC set up external panel / and send out paperwork to external panel members / panel have time to prepare *approximate time 2 weeks* and mutually convenient time for meeting agreed

If requested by RP a final **3 week** extension period to answer Case Summary - this can only be granted by external panel members

External Panel Hearing - made up of 3 external members
Hear evidence, make a decision and If needed agree penalties

2 week appeal period - to allow either party to appeal the decision

Results published on BHRC website