

EDITORIAL

Once again it the racing season has sprung upon us! The beginning of the racing season has been a brilliant one so far. To begin, I would like to take this opportunity to thank various people who have played a vital part in harness racing so far this season. Firstly, thank you to Mick Welling for his hard work with the upgrading of York race track and also to Adam Williams for his hard work and effort with regard to Tir Prince. The quality of racing at York and Tir Prince is second to none! Tregaron, Amman Valley and Wales and West have once again started their seasons with a bang. I would like to thank the promoters for their dedication in making the season a success so far.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank all the council members and committee members for all their time and dedication to British Harness racing and to Jim McNally for his endless support. I have heard through the grapevine that our friends in Scotland are working tirelessly on upgrading Corbiewood. I feel that we should take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts. I can only hope that the disappointment they had in losing Musselburgh is counterbalanced by the fantastic opportunities which they will have at other race tracks across Scotland.

Due to the large amounts of prize money at stake this season, I can only imagine that 2015 will be a very exciting and successful opportunity for harness racing. The PACT charity meeting which will be held at York race track has an estimated prize fund of £60,000. Furthermore, the Big Guns Series is expected to offer great prize money to horses which would normally be out of the handicap.

The exciting new of the Inter Dominion Series, with ten of the top horses in Britain and Ireland, competing to gain a place in the Inter Dominion in Australia, during October.

I would like to say to everyone involved in harness racing that we must learn to work together and that the input from license holders is essential. Please be assured that any comments you make, good or bad, will be listened to. As such, we will be able to progress the sport in a positive direction! Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts or comments you may have concerning harness racing.

I will make every effort to attend meetings in Scotland this season and hope to see you all there.

Finally, I wish everybody a successful and thoroughly enjoyable racing season and look forward to meeting you all at the various race meetings!

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