

# EDITORIAL

As it comes to the end of my first term as Chairman, I feel that we have achieved a considerable amount within this first twelve months. Over the months, we have received numerous positive comments and have had the pleasure of witnessing a tremendous season of racing. It has been an honour to be at the head of our organisation this season; however I am fully aware that we still have a long way to go in order to achieve our goals. As I have stated on previous occasions, we have received very good feedback throughout this year, with only a handful of negative comments for us to deal with. I feel that it is important to note that license holders are also responsible for the progression of the sport and as such, leaning on the fence at the race track, moaning and groaning about what you think should be done, is not productive for anyone! If we want things to change and evolve, we have to pull together and input a tremendous amount of effort, both now and in the future! At York recently, I received a complaint that the racing did not comply to penalty free. I must take this opportunity to make you aware that we cannot tell promoters what prize money to put up for their racing. It is at the discretion of promoters.

On a personal note, I have had an exciting season with my own horses. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the my team including my father and Rachel Sydenham for their help with regard to training, and my number one driver Sarah Allan, along with Terry Laventure, Richard and James Haythornthwaite, Joss Edwards and Andrew Cairns. As I mentioned in my previous editorial, the only way for harness racing to progress forward is for all of our license holders to have a say in the running of the BHRC. Numerous comments have floated around with regard to the cost of changing the memorandum being estimated at

approximately £5,000. I have however been looking at it over the last few months and I am sure that this can be done for a lot less money! I would hope I would, in the near future, be able to raise the money to have this changed without it coming out of the BHRC funds.

Once again I would like to thank everybody for the wonderful feedback which has been provided so far, and also for the marvellous support. Finally, I cannot go without saying an enormous thank you to Kirsty and Helen in the office who have both been wonderful throughout the season. I hope to see next season and many more being even more successful than the triumph this year!!

*Roy Sheedy*