

EDITORIAL

Review of the Year

Yet another season is over. It started at Tregaron Spring Festival, from which the road show went on to Appleby, before finishing with a fantastic meeting at Wolverhampton on the 1st October. In between we have had Aberystwyth, Musselburgh, Tregaron, Blossom Kelly Weekend at York, a crock of gold final at Tir Prince, the Murdoch weekend at Corbiewood, the Bells Field meeting and more. All of this culminated with a fantastic sale of horses at York!

The standard of racing this year has been exceptional! We have seen World Records being broken and increases in prize money (especially for the trotting horses). On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank TrotBritain for the effort they put in, and have thus driven trotting racing forward over the last three years.

On a sadder note, we have unfortunately lost some fantastic people within the trotting fraternity, but we can take this opportunity to remember them and all they did within the sport.

Integrity

I am happy to report that our integrity this year has once again proved to be more efficient. We intend to maintain this momentum and therefore minimise the chances of unfair competition (cheating within trotting racing). We, as the governing body, occasionally receive criticism from license holders on the ways in which we report test results. I would like to remind everyone, that as the governing body, we have to follow procedures that are laid out within the rules of trotting in order to maintain fairness throughout the sport.

Other Matters

I would like to apologise for not attending some meetings due to poor personal health. I would like to say a big thank you to all the organisers, sponsors, and everyone who is involved with the running of these meetings (a band of volunteers and unsung heroes). I intend to spend a lot more time next year travelling around the country and attending meetings more regularly.

We at the BHRC, need as much help as we can get and your suggestions on ways in which to improve the sport would be greatly appreciated. This can be done by emailing either the office, or emailing me personally.

I look forward to seeing you all the AGM, and hope you will bring along some constructive ideas for the future!

Good luck to everyone for 2018!

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