

# EDITORIAL

When I took over as Chairman of the BHRC I could never have imagined that the sport would progress as quickly as it has. However, it must be noted that we still have a long way to go as there is still an element of disillusionment among license holders. I have always stated that I would be open and keep license holders well informed, and be willing to listen and take on board both positive and negative comments.

Thankfully, to this day, the vast majority of comments which have been received have been positive. It seems that most people are keen to continue to witness the progression of the sport and want it to continue to move forward.

It is in my personal opinion that in order for the sport to move to next level a total review of the constitution is needed. I believe a change in the constitution whereby all license holders would have the opportunity to vote on various matters within the sport would enable the sport to progress more rapidly. In addition it would provide people with greater opportunity to have their say and express their personal views within harness racing, despite not been a member of a club or association. The current constitution is over 25 years old, so a review of the document is well overdue.

Moving onto a lighter note, the racing this season has been outstanding, displaying some of the best racing we have ever had the opportunity to witness. Records this season have been beaten in every category of racing on a regular

basis, and the overall standard of horses and horsemanship has greatly improved. This makes me extremely proud to be a member of such a brilliant association.

The PACT meeting held at York on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with record prize money produced tremendous racing and a carnival-like atmosphere. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves and supporting such a worthy cause. I would like to thank Kimmy Tinkler, Frank and Raymond Huschka and families, and also the PACT committee for making it the success it was. My thanks also go out to Mick Welling and Lindsey for their tremendous effort and support in helping us show that York raceway is capable of displaying such a high quality and successful weekend of racing!

We still have some outstanding racing to look forward to prior to the end of the season, such as Tegarón, Appleby and Tir Prince (it's fantastic to be back there!). I am very much looking forward to the Murdoch weekend at Corbie-wood!

I would like to wish everyone the very best for the rest of the season. If anyone has any suggestions with regard to changes to the constitution mentioned earlier, or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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