

# EDITORIAL

The season is now in full swing and I am so pleased with the standard of racing that we are being treated to. Musselburgh is back, the sun was out at Aberystwyth, races have been held back at York, a new venue at Binchester may be available for racing in the North and Track Records are being felled.

All credit to the organisers of Musselburgh and Aberystwyth (Ceredigion) this year. Such small committees now organising some of the best racing I have seen at either track in years. Well turned out horses and superb performances put in by licence holders. Fantastic!

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth viewing her first ever Harness Race at Musselburgh in July will go down in the history books and such a compliment to all those competing that the Queen likes the gait of the horses. Thanks to Musselburgh Racecourse, Bill Farnsworth, Craig Stevenson and Jim Kemp for facilitating this for the sport.

The juvenile racing so far has been outstanding. Jessies Conquest is continuing on well from her 2YO campaign and is now the 3YO Fillies Track Record holder at Tir Prince with a 2.00.3 clock, plus Miraculous is exactly as his name says. 3YO Track Record holder now at Portmarnock (1.55.9) and Tir Prince (1.56.9), he is certainly the one to watch. The Vincent Delaney Weekend is this coming weekend and I wish all competitors the best.

The trotters have also been out in force and having a go at Track Records with Sire Pazenais setting 3.08.5 for the 1½ mile distance at Tir Prince. Trotters were also present in the Roosevelt at Corbiewood for the first time in many years during the 50th Anniversary Weekend of races, with Show Business just taking the race at the line. The Prakas races were re-routed to Tir Prince where Wildcats Supreme took the race for the 5th year in a row. Plans are now ongoing between Trot Britain and Le Trot to rejuvenate this race series, details of which should be made available in the near future.

Thanks to all licence holders for delivering the standard of horses and racing that we are seeing this season, it really does lift the spirits.

Unfortunately I must finish with an apology to all licence holders. During my time as Chairman my main aim was to get the Constitution of the BHRC revamped and updated to include votes for licence holders - one man one vote. Regrettably the issue has been on the agenda since the AGM last November but still no ideas have been put forward or progress made despite my pushing the matter. I intend to keep trying but need to offer my apologies for the lack of any headway so far.

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