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# Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first edition of a new look, revamped BHRC Racing Calendar, a publication which I hope will evolve as an enjoyable and informative read with both domestic and international harness racing features and news.

This publication would not be possible without the excellent Media and Promotions team of Sarah Thomas, Mandy Stanley, Julie Park, Karen Valentine and Kayleigh Evans - a true Group 1 line up!

It is with great pleasure the BHRC welcome Heulwen Bulman as Secretary to our organisation, an asset indeed to the sport, someone many of you will be familiar with from her days of successfully administering the big Aberystwyth meeting. Heulwen is extremely well qualified for the role and has the extra advantage of possessing an in depth knowledge of the sport, working from home, she will be ably assisted by our Office Administrator Hollie Sutcliffe.

Hollie has been working tirelessly recently during this time of transition and deserves our gratitude for her excellent

contribution to our sport.

As I am sure you are aware, recently we have formed committees for various aspects of the business, such as Media & Promotions, Development and Stewarding. It is hoped we set up a committee for Finance and Handicapping soon.

We are currently negotiating a Live Streaming project, involving Tir Prince, York and Tregaron, three tracks that can potentially deliver the requirements of the off course bookmaking community, that is the regular provision of 10 horse fields.

It is possible we may have to make some amendments to fixtures to accommodate this project, what I can tell you at this stage Raslab, the company acting on our sport's behalf negotiating, have entered talks with potential foreign clients.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the UET General Assembly as an Observer representing Great Britain, an interesting experience indeed, learning about the prosperity, promotion and governance of trotting - food for thought as we look to restructure our organisation in order to gain more European support.

As we limber up for the 2020 Season, a review of the Stewarding Model is taking place, to ensure the highest standard of policing and integrity for our sport, this will include the video recording of inquiries. I would like to introduce Stipendiary Stewards to all our meetings, however due to the cost of such a program, this may need to be deferred for the time being.

There are amendments to the Rule Book as we take the integrity of our sport extremely seriously.

Another proposal is for a structure to our entry system, eg for a Saturday meeting, the Race Framer to organise the races on a Monday, publish a Start sheet on Tuesday which will give connections a day to confirm driver bookings, the card with all the drivers will then be published on the website on Wednesday.

Basically, I am keen to reduce the number of day of racing driver changes, with changes only permitted in exceptional circumstances.

In another development, I suggest

tracks advertise their proposed races 14 days ahead of race day, giving connections the opportunity to make plans.

One of the big talking points is our Constitution, and amendments, including one person, one vote. It is the intention of the BHRC to implement the 'new' voting system ahead of the next AGM and work is now underway on the changes.

It is hoped many of you will show your support by attending the Awards Evening on March 21st, details of which can be found in this publication.

Here's hoping for a successful season and on a positive note, the continuation of the Musselburgh Meeting is to be welcomed and supported by us all.

Keep watching out for the regular updates on the BHRC Website and on Facebook.

**Darren Owen**  
**Chairman BHRC**



# Musselburgh Fair Day Races

Famous Musselburgh Pace  
Hurricane Pace  
Maiden & Novice  
C Class Drivers  
Le Trot  
Plus other races



Tuesday 14th July

Wednesday 15th July

Contact a member of the committee for more information





# BREEDERS CROWN UK & IRELAND



2YO FILLY WINNER  
CHURCHVIEW NICHE



2YO COLTS WINNER  
MATTEUCEOUS



3YO FILLY WINNER  
LOOSECHANGE



3YO COLT WINNER  
LADYFORD DOLLAR

## The Breeders Crown

### UK & Ireland finals

2019 had a real international flavour

with horses from Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales taking part. Not just taking part but taking part competitively.



It rained relentlessly for 24 hours, but as if by magic it stopped just before racing was due to start. Nothing short of a miracle! It was the biggest crowd Tir Prince has had this year so far, and they were not to be disappointed as the racing was second to none. The prize money was the highest that the UK or Ireland for juvenile home bred horse. This is the first time the Breeders Crown held its own, with no need for added races as we were treated to 4 Heats and 6 Finals and it was another first for the 4YOs having enough horses entered for the Mares division to hold heats.

The first final of the night was the 2YO Fillies Group 1 Race which was won by a first timer round Tir Prince over the water from Ireland, Bernard Nicholson with a drive to victory on Churchview Niche. To say all the

connections were delighted with the win is an understatement as they took home £6,000 as 1st prize on the night.

The second final was the start of the Laidlers/Huschkas wins with the 2YO Matteucoseous taking the £6,000 prize followed quickly by a win in the 4YO Colts division with Merrington Movinup and the final race of the night, the 4YO Mare's final with Rhyds Reflection.

In Between this we had time to cheer on the popular Scottish winner Loose Change winning at 3/1 defeating the courageous Newtown Jody the favourite at 4 to 1 on. Loose Change is trained and owned by Hamish Muirhead and was driven to victory my Hugh Menzies.

Another popular winner in the 3YO Colts & Geldings category coming from Ireland, but the north this time in the shape of Ladyford Dollar and the Stewart Family, Walter and Carmel as the proud owners.

Top honours went to Alexis Laidler as Top Trainer, Rocker Laidler, Top Driver. The Top 2YO Sire and Top Stallion overall went to Foreclosure.

Of course, none of this could take place without the support of the Sponsors, Owners, Trainers and Drivers, and Stallion Owners. A big thank you to Tir Prince for hosting and sponsoring the Breeders Crown UK & Ireland and to all our other generous sponsors and donors.

For all the information you need on results, photo gallery and videos please visit our website.





## PAYMENT SCHEDULE 2020:

Please note all OTHER FEES must be up to date where required.

- 2YO SUSTAINING FEE NO.1 | 28TH FEB | £100 - FOR ALL 2YO'S TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE ACROSS ALL AGE RACES.
- 2YO SUSTAINING FEE NO.2 | 31ST MAY | £150 - FOR ALL 2YO'S INTENDING TO RACE.
- 2YO RACE FEE | £150 | 31ST JULY
- 3YO SUSTAINING FEE NO.1 | 28TH FEB | £100 - TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE AS A 4YO
- 3YO SUSTAINING FEE NO.2 | 31ST MAY | £150 - FOR ALL 3YO'S INTENDING TO RACE.
- 3YO RACE FEE | £150 | 31ST JULY
- 4YO SUSTAINING FEE NO.1 | 28TH FEB | £100
- 4YO SUSTAINING FEE NO.2 | 31ST MAY | £150 - FOR ALL 4YO'S INTENDING TO RACE.
- 4YO RACE FEE | £150 | 31ST JULY

**last year the prize fund  
was over £60K**

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## GROUP RACES (Subject to change)

### MAY

- 10th** G1 Senior Welsh Dragon (4-Y-O) - Tregaron  
**24th** G2 Appleby Spring 3-Y-O Grass Championship - Appleby  
**25th** G1 Appleby Spring Handicap Final - Appleby

### JUNE

- 6th** G2 NWHOA 4-Y-O Fillies Championship - Tir Prince  
**6th** G2 NWHOA 4-Y-O Colts & Gelding Championship - Tir Prince  
**6th** G2 Crock of Gold Heat - Tir Prince  
**20th** G2 NWHOA 2-Y-O Fillies Championship - Tir Prince  
**20th** G2 NWHOA 2-Y-O Colts & Geldings Championship - Tir Prince  
**20th** G2 NWHOA 3-Y-O Fillies Championship - Tir Prince  
**20th** G2 NWHOA 3-Y-O Colts & Geldings Chmpionship - Tir Prince  
**20th** G2 Crock of Gold Heat - Tir Prince

### JULY

- 4th** G1 Junior Welsh Dragoness 2-Y-O Fillies - Tregaron  
**4th** G1 Junior Welsh Dragon 2-Y-O Colts & Geldings - Tregaron  
**4th** G2 Strata Florida Pace - Tregaron  
**5th** G1 Welsh Classic - Tregaron  
**5th** G1 Little Welsh Dragon (3-Y-O Colts & Geldings) - Tregaron  
**5th** G1 Little Welsh Dragoness (3-Y-O Fillies) - Tregaron  
**11th** G2 Crock of Gold Heat - Tir Prince  
**14th** G2 Hurricane Pace Final- Musselburgh  
**15th** G1 Famous Musselburgh Pace Final - Musselburgh

### AUGUST

- 8th** G1 National Pacing Derby (3-Y-O Colts - Geldings) - Tir Prince  
**8th** G1 National Pacing Oaks (3-Y-O Fillies) - Tir Prince

<b>8th</b>	G1 British Pacing Classic - Tir Prince
<b>22nd</b>	G2 Crock of Gold Heat - Tir Prince
<b>23rd</b>	G2 Boughrood Final - Boughrood
<b>29th</b>	G1 Breeders Crown 2-Y-O Fillies Final - Tir Prince
<b>29th</b>	G1 Breeders Crown 2-Y-O Colts & Geldings Final - Tir Prince
<b>29th</b>	G1 Breeders Crown 3-Y-O Fillies Final - Tir Prince
<b>29th</b>	G1 Breeders Crown 3-Y-O Colts & Geldings Final - Tir Prince
<b>29th</b>	4-Y-O Finals (tbc)

## SEPTEMBER

<b>13th</b>	G2 SHRC Futurity (2-Y-O) - Corbiewood
<b>19th</b>	G1 Crock of Gold Final - Tir Prince
<b>19th</b>	G1 National Pacing Futurity - Tir Prince
<b>26th</b>	G2 Sires Stakes Finals - York (tbc)

## OCTOBER

<b>10th</b>	G1 STAGBI Golden Girls Final (fillies & mares) - York
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## NOTICES

It is important all gelding operations are reported immediately to the BHRC and STAGBI.

The Committee have passed a ruling where entries must close for all meetings at least 5 days/4 nights prior to race day, with all Start Sheets displayed on BHRC

Website at least 4 days/3 nights prior to race day and all driver changes on the race card published on the BHRC Website at least 3 days/ 2 nights prior to race day. (Some tracks may prefer to activate these measures earlier).

All driver changes on race day will incur a £25 penalty, unless exceptional circumstances (to be defined).



## Grand Prix d'Amerique 2020

This year was the 100<sup>th</sup> staging of the biggest race in the French trotting calendar – indeed the biggest trotting event in the world – the Grand Prix d'Amerique. I have never been before, despite earmarking the date for the past 3 years, so when I was contacted by Steve Wolf at Harnesslink last September to be part of a media team covering the event alongside Steve and Heather Vitale, naturally I jumped at the chance.

My access-all-areas media pass gave me just that – access to all areas. Thankfully I've been to Vincennes twice before in addition to having the day before the PDA at the track so I knew my way around the paddock well enough to be able to hunt down the 18 equine stars of the show as soon as I arrived on the Sunday morning.

The entire day is geared towards the main event – the supporting card seems to fly by in a blur while the media follows the superstars of the trotting world around, interviewing



**FACE TIME BOURBON**  
CHAMPION DU MONDE 2020





connections for their thoughts on their chances in the race to trying to catch a glimpse of the preparations to each of the runners. One thing that struck me from watching the owners, trainers, drivers and grooms of the 18 runners was the level of appreciation each of them showed their charges whether they knew they were being watched or not. Whilst trotting is a major industry in France, at the heart of it all lies the simple love of a horse and language barriers aside, that is what unites us in this sport.

It was clear from very early on that Bold Eagle, Breeders Crown Champion on Canadian soil in October 2019, is

somewhat a fan favourite. His stablemate and eventual winner Face Time Bourbon was slightly overlooked by fans and the media before the race as everyone jostled at the temporary barriers to see Bold Eagle relaxing in his stable. Jean-Michel Bazire, who fielded 3 runners in the form of 2019 PDA winner Belina Josselyn, 2019 PDA runner up Davidson Du Pont and the stunning Looking Superb, is quite clearly an international celebrity too, and the flurry of activity around his section of the paddock as his horses arrived was like nothing I've ever seen before.

I nearly missed the pre-race show



due to trying to capture Propulsion on camera in the furthest part of the paddock from the grandstand, but managed to get back to the designated photographers area trackside in time to see the 18 drivers being presented to the crowd. It isn't just the Prix d'Amerique itself which is a spectacle to behold; it is the build-up and the crowd participation which really captures the imagination. I've been fortunate enough to witness a whole host of top level Standardbred and Thoroughbred races in the flesh but what made this event stand apart from everything I have witnessed before was the detail and the level of preparation that went in to making the day about more than just the race. It is a massive celebration and that celebratory feeling seeps into the near 40,000-strong crowd so that by the time the race goes off, the crowd is almost in a state of frenzy.

Usually when I'm working with my camera at harness meetings here in the UK, I'm stood away from the crowd a little and it is only in the closing stages of a race that I can begin to hear connections of horses cheer them home. At Vincennes, I had a wall of people behind me, American and French flags held aloft, and the noise that they made as a collective as the field of runners turned for home was deafening. It

was hard for me to pick a horse to cheer on myself because there were so many I wanted to support – Bold Eagle after having watched him win the Breeders Crown at Mohawk, Belina Josselyn because I'm a huge fan of mares in general, Davidson Du Pont because he had come so close the year before, Face Time Bourbon because he was the unexposed young pretender...in the end I just clicked and hoped and soaked up the atmosphere as Face Time Bourbon and Swedish driver Bjorn Goop cruised to the line to victory.

The immediate aftermath of the race was as crazy as the build-up and the race itself. We spilled on to the track trying to capture the emotional connections of the winner on camera. They really went to town on the presentation to the winning owner, trainer and driver, it was a huge celebration that lasted for a long time on the track. As I headed back to the paddock ahead of the throng of media people surrounding Bjorn Goop I spotted Face Time Bourbon being led, without fanfare, to the cooling down ring. So I followed him. In amongst all of that chaos, with everyone wanting to get their soundbite from the winning driver, I took solace in the quietest part of the whole racetrack and admired a champion.

*By Sarah Thomas*

## BHRC performers an asset to North American Racing

The story of the moment and perhaps of the last season is the success of British and Irish horses in North America. The fairy-tale started at the end of 2018 with **Robyn Camden**, **Reclamation** and the lesser known **Rebel Rouser** making a successful journey to the land of hopes and dreams.

**Robyn Camden** was somewhat of a superstar here in the UK and Ireland and it is great to see that her success has continued overseas. In the 2019 season she won \$192,940 and she is already off the mark in 2020 winning her seasonal debut.

The decision to send the Bill Donavon owned and Tadhg Murphy trained pair, of Reclamation and Rebel Rouser was not a complete surprise as this was something always on the American owner's agenda.

Following the success of this trio it left many others wondering if they too had horses in their stable who could justify making the trans-Atlantic trip.

The evolution of **Evenwood Sonofagun** throughout the last five seasons has captured the imagination of many a harness racing fan. With 24 wins including two Crock of Gold finals, five handicap finals and a personal best of 1.54.9 under his belt alongside the under saddle world record he set at York in 2017, the decision came in September 2019 to send the son of The Firepan to Canada. Not wanting to miss

out both Alexis and Rocker Laidler joined him for a number of weeks over the winter months and their trainer/driver combination got him into the winner's enclosure at Mohawk in a time of 1.51.2. Since then while in the care of Colin Johnson, Rocker has had the opportunity to return and drive the horse that the leading trainer/driver duo clearly adored.

Another of the Laidler camp to cross the pond is **Matticulous**, who after winning the Famous Musselburgh Pace was booked to go stateside. The son of leading UK broodmare Another Mattie started his campaign with Ron Burke notching up six victories before recently moving to Colin Johnson's barn. The gelding owned by the RKB & Morgans syndicate has provided his owners with a brilliant experience with Shon Morgans stating that they have never really had a plan for him and sent him out to the US to see how he got on.

Winner of the STAGBI Mares Golden Girls final **Olivia Camden** is another who has made the move but at the time of writing is yet to make her debut. New trainer Rene Allard has stated that she is training well and will likely qualify in March and formulate a plan from there. So far he is impressed by the daughter of Pro Bono Best and Yankee Jiffey and considers her to have a lot of potential.



*Olivia Camden, the second Camden Stud mare to head to America. Photo Sarah Thomas Photography*

Catching on to the success of the UK and Irish imports was Mark Weaver and Ron Burke. The owner/trainer duo had built up a relationship with Derek Delaney over the last seven or so years. Delaney's Oakwood Stud purchased their current stallion Foreclosure from them. Derek saw it as a natural progression that he became their agent when looking to purchase horses from this part of the world.

The selection process involved looking into around 40 horses that were three year old or over with a decent record and money on their card. Contact was made with owners of those with a consistent race record of sub 2.00 minute miles that

had competed in and won stakes or group races to see if they would consider selling their horses and at what price. If the numbers added up between the price of the horse and the race record they took a chance and their flights were booked. Those that have made the trip within this consignment are Porterstown Chris, Itsmycheck, Father Ted, Oakwoodinnittowinit, Greenhill Debatable and Greenhill Hanover.

**Porterstown Chris** is a performer at the highest level in the UK and Ireland and has recorded many sub two minute miles. The departure of Chris was sure to be an emotional one for the Dunne family but celebrations will be memorable when

makes it into the winner's enclosure.

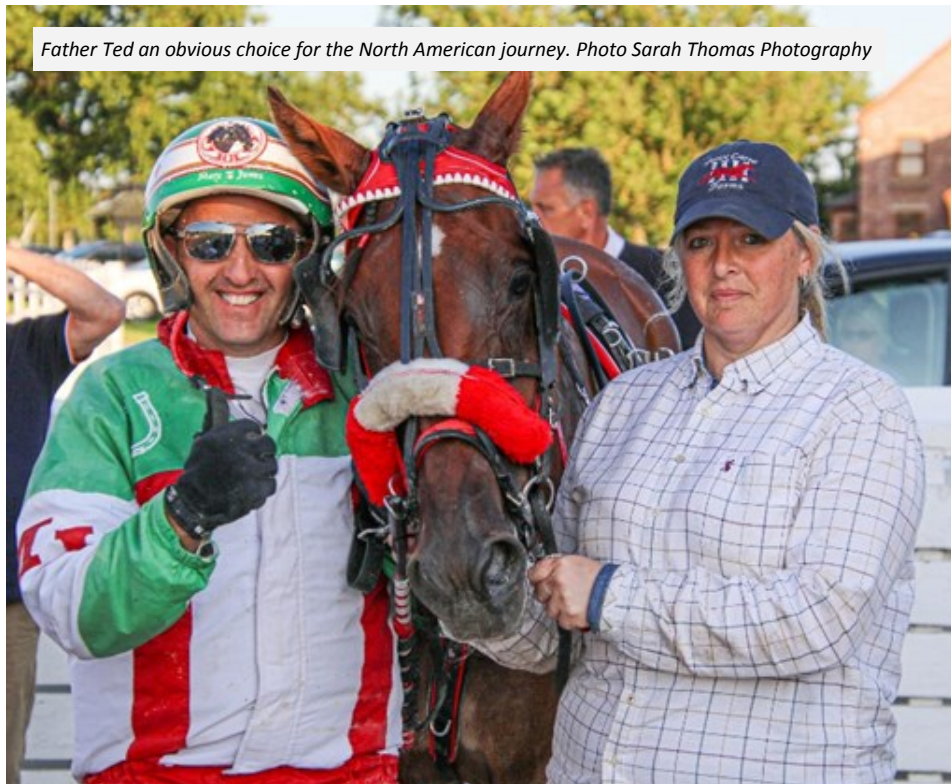
**Itsmycheck** has been one of the most consistent horses over the last few seasons notching up 13 wins and 23 placings. Unfortunately he had reached a grade in the UK which suffers from a lack of racing. The Walker family considered him a fraction off Crock of Gold class but the alternative would have been trailing each race. Although they admit it was a very hard decision they felt that this gave the horse the best opportunity to continue to race within his own class.

Marc Jones is well known for having some quality stock so it was unsurprising that he had a horse on

the wanted list. **Father Ted** was not the most straight forward horse to get racing and has got Marc into some entertaining situations. He stated that he'd run around the track in his underpants if he could get the son of Art Conquest into the winners enclosure, the rest as they say is history! 'Ted' now goes to the Burke barn who have also trained his brother Transcending (\$906,328 Grinfromeartoear). The Jones family are eager to see how the top trainer will get on with his sibling and are hopeful that Burke's style of training will really suit him.

**Oakwoodinittowinit** is a former BHRC 2 Year Old of the Year who has contested at the highest level

*Father Ted an obvious choice for the North American journey. Photo Sarah Thomas Photography*





within his age category. His performance to win at the second meeting at York in 2019 was on its own likely to be enough to secure his ticket.

The owner of **Greenhill Debatable** and **Greenhill Hanover** was contemplating whether to train them or breed them for the 2020 season. With new stock coming through and the handicapper catching up to them the opportunity to sell and give both the chance to return to US soil was too hard to turn down.

When asked if Derek Delaney thought there would be an opportunity to export more horses in the future he stated that he thinks this is a great opportunity and as long as owners are realistic and the horses that have made the journey do reasonably well the trade will open up. He added that they don't all have to be superstars at the top level in order for the deal to work out. As long as the buyers and sellers are making some money and the figures are adding up the future looks bright for the UK and Irish exports to the USA.

To continue with the British and Irish interest some owners have opted to go with West Cork born and bred trainer Robert Cleary who now resides in New Jersey. Robert is currently training 18 horses and last season passed the \$1 million earnings mark for the first time, firmly putting his name out there. His highest rated individual is Rodeo Rock a Rock n Roll Heaven gelding with lifetime earnings of over \$700,000. The 7 year old contested the Levy series

last season finishing a very good second in the final and all being well that will be his target again this spring. Obviously a fan of the breed, Robert also trains his two year old American Ideal brother who was purchased for an impressive \$280,000 in Harrisburg.

Among those adding to the earnings tally was Rebel Rouser who proved to be a solid addition to the Cleary stable. He notched up an impressive twelve victories under Robert's care before being sold at the Harrisburg sales in October.

As one previously IHRA and BHRC raced horse left his stable another one arrived in the form of **Blackwell Ruby**. The daughter of Kikikolt is making a name for herself in the restricted class events (i.e winners of less than a certain amount/number of wins) and the plan is to give her a break once she races through these. The hope is that she will then be good enough to take on the older mares. Cleary thinks the future is bright for Ruby, a sentiment that was echoed by her regular driver Jim Marohn Jr.

In the absence of these horses both our Crock of Gold and STAGBI Golden Girls series are going to look considerably different. That being said this provides an ideal opportunity for new contenders to step into the lime light. Although we will miss seeing these horses race on our shores the prospect of brighter futures lie ahead. Hats off to those who took the plunge and long may our overseas success continue.

*Kayleigh Evans*

# From Harness Racing to ITV Racing

Stevie Lees is a household name within the harness racing community but now Stephen Lees junior bids to be a household name nationwide. The 15 year old was selected to be involved in the ITV Racing Mini Me's feature in a bid to find stars of the future. Stephen, along with four others aged between eight and fifteen mimic ITV Racing's presenters Ed Chamberlin, Alice Plunkett, Matt Chapman and Oli Bell and commentator Richard Hoiles.



Stephen who has become a regular on the microphone at harness racing events across the country initially heard about the contest through Facebook when members of the harness racing community, knowing that he was the ideal person for the job, tagged him in links. The competition set up by Cheltenham Racecourse required hopefuls to audition by sending in some VT of themselves. Sarah Thomas was kind enough to put together a collection of Stephen's race commentary's and Facebook live videos alongside Darren Owen. This secured his place and the five

selected were then matched to one of the five ITV Racing team.

Stephen began his commentary career calling a qualifier at York at the end of 2017. He then became involved in the BHRC Pony Racing becoming the regular commentator for the junior events and showing a real knack for getting the crowd involved. In 2019 he got the opportunity to call his first full card of races at Presteigne.

Having witnessed Stephen's excellent commentary skills over the past couple of season's mini Richard Hoiles would have seemed the

obvious choice but his confident and witty personality made him a perfect match for Matt Chapman. Stephen himself initially wanted the commentators' role but after receiving word of who he would be partnered with he watched videos of Matt Chapman and realised he really was a mini Matt. The pair clicked, making the experience all the more enjoyable and Stephen's sister Kellie even managed to get him to jump on the 'Vote Reggie' bandwagon via an Instagram video.

Speaking of Instagram that's how Stephen and Matt communicate before each fixture and plan their outfits to ensure they were a perfectly



matched little and large. The one question that ITV did ask before the first meeting was whether he owned a pair of long brown boots, which led to a shopping day for mum Lisa.



The competition was spread over three Cheltenham fixtures between November and January. Each day consisted of arriving by 10.30 where you'd have a chance to say a quick hello to everyone before going over the plan for the day. The crew would go over what each person needed to say, then there was a few practice takes before you got down to the final product. Due to the natural relationship between Matt and Stephen it allowed both of them to demonstrate their 'cheeky' nature and add a few adlib comments.

With the competition now over there's a chance that the 'Mini Me's' may get the opportunity to return to ITV Racing in the future. Stephen thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity but admits he still prefers the commentary side of racing and would rather be away from the front of the camera. The experience can only help his long term career goals and we wish this young talent all the best for his future endeavours.

*Kayleigh Evans*

# THROUGH A FANS EYES



**W**ho would have thought back in 1997, while holidaying with our two young sons I would stumble across a sport that Mr D and I would both become so passionate about.

I first saw Tir Prince raceway one cold and wet April morning, sadly there was no racing. I was very intrigued, one year later we upped sticks and moved to North Wales, being like a terrier with a bone I would not drop the subject and kept pestering Mr D to go and watch.

Over the next two years we went several times, and heard the announcer speak of a Festival of Harness Racing held over three days in a place called Tregaron. Well we went and that was it, both bitten by the bug hook line and sinker. As our boys grew and found their own way in the world there was more free time for us to enjoy this amazing sport.

What does harness racing mean to the Dandridge's? The answer to the question is everything, we eat sleep live and breathe this sport, it's our passion and our life no holiday is without a visit to a meeting we soak up the atmosphere, we sit, wait, watch and enjoy.

Mr D and I have been welcomed into the harness racing family and made some good friends this means so very much to us, lovely kind hearted people who've shared their knowledge and opened their stable doors to us and the opportunity to

spend time with some amazing horses Rocking Mambo, Eclair Du Torpe , Ayr Regal, Emirat Du Levant , Its My Check, Rhyds Cocoa, Vichy De Moem, sorry too many to name them all.

The 2019 season has been overwhelming we've presented rosettes and a cup, even had a race in our name, been given complimentary tickets and won VIP tickets for the VDM. Over the years, we've travelled to many tracks York, Musselburgh, Amman Valley, Tregaron, Appleby, Ivington, Almley, Wolverhampton, where we've watched many great horses race including Scoot Around, Crown Manhattan, Lucky Touch. We now enjoy watching their progeny race, the same can be said for the drivers Alan Haythornthwaite, Stevie Lees, Gary Wakefield and Mick Lord - as we now watch their offspring race.

The Kids racing is a favourite, the drivers of the future, gaining experience and confidence, oozing enthusiasm and what's not to like about those ponies.

Planning is now underway for 2020. Mr D who is a bus driver has to book his holidays in October, and every rest day is carefully saved and used through the season for racing. I'm luckier as I work in a school we sit with calendar map and plan our adventures.

David and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to you all for giving us 31 days of pure Harness Racing magic in 2019.



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A big thank you to the Junior Media crew who help support our sport - they do all the Facebook Live streaming for Northern Harness Racing. We will hopefully interview them for a feature on their roles in a later publication.



A big thank you  
to Tamzin, Oliver  
and Georgia from  
all of us at NHR.



# DEADLINE DATES

## 1<sup>st</sup> March

Welsh Dragon Series Foal Nomination Fee  
Welsh Dragon Series 2 Year Old Sustaining Fee  
Welsh Dragon Series 3 Year Old Sustaining Fee  
NWHOA 2 Year Old Nomination Fee  
NWHOA 3 Year Old Nomination Fee  
NWHOA 4 Year Old Nomination Fee  
Hanover Shoe Farms & Diamond Creek VDM 2 Year Old 1<sup>st</sup> Sustaining Fee  
Oakwood Stud VDM 3 Year Old 1<sup>st</sup> Sustaining Fee  
LPD Demolition VDM 4 Year Old 1<sup>st</sup> Sustaining Fee  
Always B Miki VDM FFA Pace 1<sup>st</sup> Sustaining Fee

## 28<sup>th</sup> March

Chase Harness Racing Club 3 Yr Old Sustaining fee

## 1<sup>st</sup> April

NWHOA 2 Year Old 1<sup>st</sup> Sustaining Fee  
NWHOA 3 Year Old 1<sup>st</sup> Sustaining Fee  
NWHOA 4 Year Old 1<sup>st</sup> Sustaining Fee  
Hanover Shoe Farms & Diamond Creek VDM 2 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee  
Oakwood Stud VDM 3 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee  
LPD Demolition VDM 4 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee  
Always B Miki VDM FFA Pace 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee

## 1<sup>st</sup> May

Welsh Dragon Series 2 Year Old Race Fee  
Welsh Dragon Series 3 Year Old Race Fee  
NWHOA 2 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee  
NWHOA 3 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee  
NWHOA 4 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee  
Le Trot Nomination Fee

## 23<sup>rd</sup> May

NWHOA 4 Year Old Final Sustaining Fee

## 30<sup>th</sup> May

NWHOA 2 Year Old Final Sustaining Fee  
NWHOA 3 Year Old Final Sustaining Fee

## 31<sup>st</sup> May

Breeders Crown 2 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee

Breeders Crown 3 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee  
Breeders Crown 4 Year Old 2<sup>nd</sup> Sustaining Fee

## 31<sup>st</sup> July

Breeders Crown 2 Year Old Race Fee  
Breeders Crown 3 Year Old Race Fee  
Breeders Crown 4 Year Old Race Fee

**If you are an event organiser and want your key dates adding please contact a member of the Media and Promotions**

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**Northern Harness Racing** are pleased to announce that we have purchased two different types of camera to be used by stewards to help improve the quality and integrity of racing. If any track would like to borrow one to trial or would like training please contact us.

# EVHRA Fundraising @ Wolsingham



Pictured above are the committee of **Eden Valley Harness Racing Association** who would like to thank everybody who supported them in anyway at all - be it sponsors, competitors, public and everybody who helped out at their annual charity meeting. without you all we would not have been able to hand over cheques to the value of £1000 to two very worthwhile causes.



Our meeting next year will take place on Sunday 7th June on the Wolsingham show field.

If anybody would be willing to sponsor a race, sponsor rosettes, or help in any way at all please contact a committee member.

OR if anybody has any fundraising ideas again please contact a committee member.

# BHRC Annual Awards – Nominees

## **Pacer of the year**

Ayr Regal  
Coalford Earl  
Evenwood  
Sonofagun  
Matticulous  
Rockin Mambo  
Vyrnwy Smoke  
Wellfield Wizard

**WINNER:**  
**Ayr Regal**



## **Trotter of the year**

Bachoteur  
Emirat Du Levant  
Salvado Bello

**WINNER:**  
**Emirat Du Levant**

## **Overseas horse of the year**

American Rebel  
Gentleman Jim

**WINNER:**  
**Gentleman Jim**



## **2YO Colt**

A Rocknroll star  
Matteuceous  
Specialtea

**WINNER:**  
**Matteuceous**

## **2YO Filly**

Alpine Doubledouce  
Razamataz  
Rhyds Romance  
She Be Stunning  
Stashthecash  
Vino Rosa

**WINNER: Alpine**  
**Doubledouce**

## **3YO Colt**

Chaos Theory  
Kier Camden  
Northern Pride

**WINNER:**  
**Northern Pride**

## **3YO Filly**

Loose Change  
Newtown Jody

**WINNER:**  
**Newtown Jody**

## **Mare of the year**

Ayr Empress  
Bettorbybest  
Blackfield Bird  
Ffarwel  
Frisco Jenna  
Olivia Camden  
Red Rogue  
Rhyds Nightlife  
Rhyds Sapphire  
Teatime Preacher

**WINNER:**  
**Olivia Camden**

**Leading Owner**  
**Raymond Huschka**

**Leading Trainer**  
**Alexis Laidler**

**Leading Driver**  
**William Laidler**

**Leading Lady Driver**  
**Vicky Gill**

**Winning Most Horse**  
**Wellfield Wizard**

**HORSE OF THE YEAR**

To be decided by electronic public vote and announced at the Awards Evening



# THE BHRC TROTBRITAIN AWARDS NIGHT

INCORPORATING THE KIDS CLUB SERIES



AWARDS

COME AND CELEBRATE

\*DINNER \* AWARDS \* DANCE \*

CHAMPIONS NIGHT FOR THE 2019 SEASON

CONTACT BHRC OFFICE 01405766877 FOR TICKETS ADULTS £38.00 CHILDREN

£10.00 PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WHEN BOOKING

PLEASE CONTACT THE KINMEL HOTEL FOR ROOMS <https://thekinmel.co.uk/>

SATURDAY  
21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH  
2020

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## CAMDEN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE HOME OF THE CAMDEN STUD

<b>Sat 18th April</b>	Workouts only 1pm
<b>Sat 25th April</b>	Workouts and Qualifiers 1pm
<b>Sun 3rd May</b>	Workouts and Qualifiers 1pm
<b>Fri 8th May</b>	Bank Holiday Raceday featuring Dexter Dunn Final 2pm
<b>Sat 27th June</b>	June Champions Day 2pm
<b>Sat 25th July</b>	PACT Charity Meeting 2pm - featuring STAGBI Mares race
<b>Sat 15th Aug</b>	Joint York Harness Racing / NHR Raceday 2pm
<b>Sat 26th Sept</b>	Sire Stakes, STAGBI Mares race
<b>Sat 3rd Oct</b>	Raceday
<b>Sat 10th Oct</b>	Sale Day Races and STAGBI Mares Golden Girls Final



Photo courtesy of Sarah Thomas

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Anto Russell Memorial Estimated £30k Prize Money includes Heats and Final  
(Grade 1 & Back) FFA Pace & FFA Trot (1.5 Miles)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Tir Prince Raceway 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations featuring Maidens, Novices,  
Handicap Races & Le Trot

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

NWHA 4 Year Old Championships,  
Crock Of Gold Heat & Trot Of Gold Heat (1 Mile)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

NWHA 2 & 3 Year Old Championships & Crock Of Gold Heat & Le Trot

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Stagbi Mares Race, Crock Of Gold Heat, Trot Of Gold Heat (1.5 Miles)

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

BHRC Derby & Oaks, British Pacing Classic & Trot Of Gold Heat (2 Miles)

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Ladies Night, Stagbi Broodmares, Crock Of Gold Heat,  
Ephie Mather Memorial FFA (Trot Of Gold Heat) 1.5 Miles

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Breeders Crown Finals Night over £60,000 in prize money

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Trot Of Gold Final, Crock Of Gold Final & BHRC Futurity

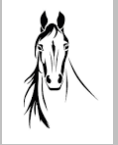


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# Corbiewood

## Mares' Pacing Series 2020



### ELIGIBILITY

Mares must be aged 4 and over  
Mares must be BHRC handicap Grade 1 and above

### CONDITIONS

Nomination date = Friday 5th June  
Nomination fee of £150 to be paid by this date  
Top 12 BHRC handicapped mares accepted

Seven races—six legs and a final to be run on the following dates:

**Leg 1—Friday 12th June**  
**Leg 2—Friday 19th June**  
**Leg 3—Thursday 2nd July**  
**Leg 4—Friday 10th July**  
**Leg 5—Friday 24th July**  
**Leg 6—Friday 31st July**  
**Final—Friday 7th August**

### LEG 1

**Top 8 BHRC handicapped mares** entered for the race will take priority. Any mares returned guaranteed a run in the second leg.

### ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR REMAINING LEGS

- Any mares returned from the previous leg
- Mares with the lowest number of runs within the Series
- Mares with the lowest earnings within the Series
- Highest BHRC handicap

- Each mare is guaranteed a minimum of 4 runs in the 6 qualifying legs
- Entry fee per race = £40. Prize money for each leg = £400/£100/£50
- The first 3 legs will be run as Open Preferred Handicaps in two lines as per the BHRC Handicap System
- Legs 4, 5 and 6 will be run as Open Preferred Handicaps in two lines based on monies won within the Series; where mares are tied on monies won within the series, the lowest BHRC handicap mark will draw the inside. Mares **MUST** run in at least one of the first 3 legs **AND** one of the second 3 legs to be eligible for the final

### FINAL



- Top 8 highest earners in the Series qualify for the final
- Prize money to be £1000/£250/£150/£100; entry free
- Ballot for position on the night; race to be in two lines of four
  - **Winner to receive rug and trophy**



# STAGBI MARES 2020

**11**  
JUL

**TIR PRINCE**  
BHRC

**25**  
JUL

**YORK**  
BHRC

become a 'Golden Girl'



Olivia Camden 2019

**26**  
JUL

**AMMAN VALLEY**  
BHRC

**22**  
AUG

**TIR PRINCE**  
BHRC

**06**  
SEP

**CORBIWOOD**  
BHRC

**13**  
SEP

**AMMAN VALLEY**  
BHRC

**26**  
SEP

**YORK**  
BHRC

**27**  
SEP

**CORBIWOOD**  
BHRC

**10**  
OCT

**GOLDEN GIRLS FINAL**  
YORK

Please see  
conditions  
overleaf



## STAGBI FUTURE BROODMARES RACES 2020

### Dates for the 2020

11 <sup>th</sup> July	Tir Prince
25 <sup>th</sup> July	York
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Amman Valley
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Tir Prince
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Corbiewood
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Amman Valley
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	York
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Corbiewood

### Conditions:

- Open to current STAGBI registered mares 4yrs old or over
  - Gate position to be determined by monies won
  - To be run over a distance of 1 mile
  - Minimum of 6 entries
  - In the event of too many entries, preference will be given to top handicapped mares entered
  - Minimum 1<sup>st</sup> Prize money of £500
  - Mare owner to be a current STAGBI member
- Please enter with relevant Race/Track secretaries

## THE GOLDEN GIRLS FINAL

### 'GROUP 1' STAGBI FUTURE BROODMARES INVITATIONAL FINAL 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at York

Mares will gain points through the regional races.

The 10 mares with the highest points will be invited to the final.

Points to be allocated on a basis, if there are 8 mares in the race, 1st = 8 points, 2nd = 7 points,

3rd = 6 points, 4th = 5 points, 5th = 4 points, 6th = 3 points, 7th = 2 points and 8th = 1 point

OR if there are 10 mares, then 1st = 10 points, 2nd = 9 points, 3rd = 8 points etc down to 10th = 1 point.

**Final will have NO Entry Fee – Purse of £3400 (2000/600/400/250/150)**

## STAGBI YOUNG PERSON'S AWARD

This Award is available to a Young STAGBI member (aged 17 – 25) who is seeking some financial assistance in order to pursue an activity that will enhance their knowledge and benefit their involvement in the Standardbred Breeding /Harness Racing Industry.

The award, up to £250 may be used towards a course, training, gaining experience or travel. Application forms are available through the STAGBI office or via website. Applicants will be required to outline the nature of the activity and why it would be of benefit to them, proof of expenses will be required and applicants will be required to provide feedback after the activity.

No applications were received for Autumn/Winter 2019 and the next Awards will be made in Spring/Summer 2020, applications should be received by the STAGBI office by the **1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**.

# STAGBI

The Standardbred and Trotting Horse  
Association of Great Britain and Ireland

## YOUNG PERSON'S AWARD

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Email:	
Tel No:	
Date of Birth:	
STAGBI Memb No:	
Proposed Activity:	
	Signed:

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The next awards will be awarded in Spring/Summer 2020 and applications should be received by the STAGBI office by the **1st March 2020**. Awards will also be made in the Autumn/Winter and those applications should be received by 1st Nov 2020.

By accepting the award, winners agree to their name and activity being displayed on STAGBI website & Newsletter and being stated in a press release.

Please return form to STAGBI  
Dulais Centre  
Pontfaen Rd  
Lampeter  
SA48 7BN  
[info@standardbred.org](mailto:info@standardbred.org)

# STAGBI AWARDS & BONUSES 2020

Last year STAGBI rewarded the British Standardbred Industry by presenting nearly £17,000 to its members. For 2020 STAGBI will once again be rewarding successful breeders and owners through various initiatives such as:

**BREEDERS PREMIUM:** The STAGBI Breeders Premium is awarded to the regional breeders of horses, bred in Scotland England and Wales, that have been deemed to be the most successful by racing performance.

The Brightwells Premium is awarded to the breeders of the best performing horses that have been sold at the Annual Standardbred Sale at Builth Wells. The new Best British Bred International Performer Premium may be awarded to the Breeder of the a British Bred International Performer

**BRITISH BREEDERS BONUS:** The STAGBI British Breeders Bonus is awarded to the breeders of horses that won high profile races /Group races. The nominated races eligible for these awards will change from year to year, and for the 2020 season the Breeders of the winners of the following nominated races will be rewarded:

£500 - Breeders Crown 2yo Colts & Geldings / Fillies

£500 - Little Welsh Dragon / Little Welsh Dragoness

£500 - York 4yo Championship

£500 - Carlisle Final

**SIRE STAKES BREEDERS BONUS :** The Breeder of each division of the BHRC Sire Stakes will be rewarded with a Sire Stakes Breeders Bonus. In addition, a **Sire Stakes Stallion Bonus** will also be awarded to the Leading Sire on the Sire Stakes.

**STAGBI OWNERS' PREMIUM:** The New STAGBI Owners' Premium is aimed at supporting the owners of British Bred Horses at the grassroots of the industry. A £100 Owners Premium will be awarded to winners of BHRC Grade 1 Races (straight Grade 1 only races, no heats and finals).

Please note: To be eligible for the Breeders Premium and Bonuses the horse will be British bred (i.e. conceived and born in GB); have a STAGBI Passport; be currently STAGBI registered (not International Premium) and Breeder to be current STAGBI member. STAGBI membership is £10 /yr or £40 for 5yrs. Don't miss out, make sure your STAGBI membership is up to date. Remember it pays to breed a STAGBI bred and it pays to race a STAGBI bred.

# **ROCKIN MAMBO**

**ROCKNROLL HANOVER OO MAMBO WESTERN**

**Personal winning time 1.56.1, multiple winner**

**The ONLY son of the great RocknRoll Hanover, S.T.A.G.B.I registered  
at stud in the UK**

**Frozen semen available only as he is still racing**

**STUD FEE £500.00**

**Contact MARC on 07974168655 or GWENAN on 07974363545**



**MAMBO WESTERN** purchased in Harrisburg sales as a yearling for \$130,000 never made it to the race track through an injury. Same maternal lines as **BEST SUNSHINE**, **MATTADOR HALL** and **BABY ROSA** who has bred **VINO ROSA**.

**ROCKNHANOVER p,3, 1:48.3 (\$3,069,093)**

**At 2 WORLD CHAMPION.** Winner of Metro Stakes Final, Champlain Stake. Second in Breeders Crown Elimination at Woodbine. Third in Nassagaweye Stake; Metro Stakes Elimination.

**At 3 winner elimination and Final of North America Cup.** Meadowlands Pace Final, Elimination and Final of the Breeders Crown, New Jersey Classic Final, Tattersalls Paces and Bluegrass Stake, James B, Dancer Memorial, Simcoe Stake, New Jersey Sire Stakes, Second in progress Pace Final, Oliver Wendell Holmes Elimination and Little Brown Jug elimination.

**Rock'n'Roll Hanover** is the sire of numerous great stallions that in their own right have gone on to sire many champions. **ROCKNROLL HEAVEN**, **PET ROCK** and **ROCKNROLL DANCE**.

**ROCKIN MAMBO** in his own right is a multiple winner on every major track, showing great speed, he is good gaited, has perfect confirmation with impeccable manners. He is the joint track record holder at **TIR PRINCE RACEWAY**.

**BREEDERS CROWN AND SIRE STAKE ELIGIBLE**



# TOM HILL

**rt p1.49.3 p 1.50.2**

<b>AMERICAN IDEAL</b>	WESTERN IDEAL	WESTERN HANOVER
		LEAH ALMAHURST
	LIFETIME SUCCESS	MATTS SCOOTER
		THREE DIAMONDS
<b>BABERHOOD</b>	REAL DESIRE	LIFE SIGN
		DEADLY DESIRE
	BABE WATCHING	JENNAS BEACH BOY
		CHEER ME UP

From a family of Pacing Royalty that produces blistering early speed!

Sire **AMERICAN IDEAL** – leading pacing sire in the USA with 2018 earnings of \$13 million - over \$5 million ahead of his closest rival.

Alagna Racing described him as having "a huge heart and desire to win – he could fly home!"

Tom carried an injury from a foal but still showed electric speed – posting quarters in 26.3 as a 2yr old and 25.4 as a 3yr old!

He took a 3yr old record of 1.50.4 after battling through traffic from post 8!

Perfect conformation and outstanding temperament.



Full brother "HE'S WATCHING" – undefeated 2yr old and fastest ever 3yr old at the Meadowlands in 1.46.8.

He's Watching has sired a sensational 1<sup>st</sup> crop. He is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> top sire of 2yr olds in Ontario. His colts finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the OSS Super Final.

## **STAGBI REGISTERED MARES ONLY**

**Standing at Stud in Hereford**

**Service Fee £600**

Also available shipped chilled semen

**Contact Sue Young: 07802 286262**

Resulting foals eligible for British Sire Stakes and Breeders Crown.



**A World Champion, By A World Champion, From A World Champion**

p 1.50.2h, RT p 1.49. (\$811,357) (15.3hh)

# Armbro Deuce

Western Ideal  
Michelle's Fantasy – Cam's Card Shark



Available by Frozen Semen  
at Talgrwn Stud.

Price £680

(2 cycles if required)

Selected Mares

Contact Sue Young 07802 286262

World Record Holder on a "Half Mile Track" p1.50.2 beating American Ideals 3YO track record at Flamboro Downs.

Race timed as a 2YO in 1:51.4.

Possessed brilliant high speed - the fastest opening quarter in the Little Brown Jug history (25.4).

Producer of early speed & great performers on half mile tracks.

Resulting foals eligible for British Sire Stakes and Breeders Crown.

Sire of the fastest 2YO ever in the UK - Stamp Hill p1:59.4.

With only two crops of Racing age in the UK in 2019 his 2yr olds were outstanding and winners of:

Vincent Delaney Memorial  
(Matteuceous)

Junior Welsh Dragoness  
(Alpine Double Deuce)

Junior Welsh Dragon  
(Specialtea)

Fillies National Pacing Futurity  
(Eternal Deuce)

**STAGBI REGISTERED MARES ONLY**





# APPLEBY SPRING RACES

## 3 YEAR OLD GRASS CHAMPIONSHIP NOMINATIONS

91<sup>st</sup> Year



Appleby Spring Races will this year be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

### 3 YEAR OLD GRASS CHAMPIONSHIP. 1M 50YDS. £1700 Purse

Entry fee £140 paid as follows;

- £80 Non-refundable nomination fee to be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> April using the slip below.
- £60 Entry fee to be paid by Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Horses can be supplemented after 1<sup>st</sup> April for a fee of £250 & the entry fee of £60 by 9<sup>th</sup> May.

If sufficient entries one mixed race will take place £1000 £500 £200. Fillies to receive preferential draw. If sufficient declarations two races will take place. £500 £200 £150. Note no final will take place. Colts & fillies will be run in separate races again, if sufficient declarations. Fillies to receive preferential draw when races are mixed.

All 3 year old horses must have qualified before race day. If by the close of nominations on the 1<sup>st</sup> April there are less than 10 nominations the committee reserve the right to withdraw the 3 Year old Grass Championship and a full refund to all nominees will be made.

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### APPLEBY SPRING RACES

### 3 YEAR OLD GRASS PACING CHAMPIONSHIP NOMINATION FORM

Name of Horse			
Colt / Filly			
Owner Name & Address			
Trainer			
Driver			

I enclose a non-refundable £80 nomination fee for each horse nominated above. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Claire Bousfield, Holme Farm, Appleby, Cumbria, CA16 6QU. Tel: (017683) 51375.

Cheques made payable to **Appleby Spring Races**. To arrive no later than **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020**.

# A SCOTSMANS INFLUENCE IN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

**Robert Wilkin was born in 1820 near the Tinwald Downs, Dumfriesshire, and educated at Edinburgh University. At the age of 19 he set sail for Melbourne Australia. Interested in sheep, he eventually became manager of an animal stock dealing firm, and also took the position of a local magistrate.**

In 1858 he sailed across the Tasman Sea arriving in Lyttelton New Zealand. By 1871 he was in business in Christchurch as a grain and seed merchant and was also on the council of Canterbury University. At this time he raced thoroughbreds and was one of the founders of the

famous Middle Park Stud.

Robert Wilkin was now to become a considerable force and influence in the building of standardbred family origins in both New Zealand and Australia, as the notation states below his picture (on the left) his influence in the sport is incalculable. And so to the stallions of note procured for clients by Robert Wilkin.

## CHILDE HAROLD

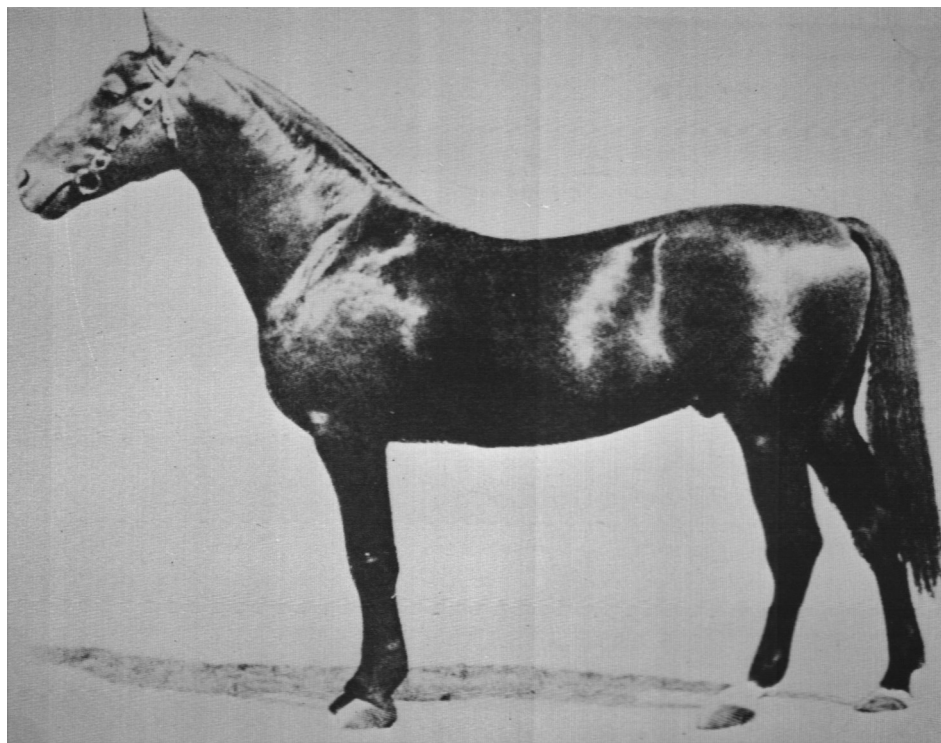
Childe Harold was a grandson of Hambletonian 10 out of a Mambrino Chief mare, purchased as a two-year old in 1873 from A. J. Alexander's Woodburn Farm in Kentucky by Scotsman John Hendrie and exported to Scotland.



*Robert Wilkin, the colourful Christchurch merchant who imported the first American standardbred blood to New Zealand and passed on top progenitors to Australia. His influence on the sport in Australasia is incalculable.*

In 1874 Childe Harold began his remarkable competitive career, making his debut in the International Handicap Stakes at Liverpool England, being given a favourable handicap by the assessor he capitalised and defeated a field of aged horses winning two preliminary heats, and then the best two of three heats over two miles. His best time over the two mile distance was 5:04.

He then won the Champion Stallion race in London in 2:05 for the mile = the fastest mile time on any track



outside the United States. Later in the year he travelled to Paris and was beaten in the Prix du Gouvernement, by the notable Russian trotter Zouberney. On his return to Scotland he suffered another defeat at Wolverhampton. After that campaign he was never beaten again.

### **CHILDE HAROLD (1871– 1889)**

In 1879 he was sent to Paris and won there, moving on, he went to Germany and won three races in Hamburg. His next two winning races were in Russia, and he so impressed the Muscovites that they

believed that the American trotter was better than the Orloff.

On the way back to his home in Scotland he stopped off to win at Glasgow. His final start of the year was in Ireland where he won a feature race in Dublin. The following year 1880 he again won in Paris, but he began to show lameness and was shipped home. In 1881 he trotted a public exhibition at Alexandra Park in London in 2:19, after which he won a number of slow races at home.

Also in 1881 he was shown at Glasgow Horse Show, not only

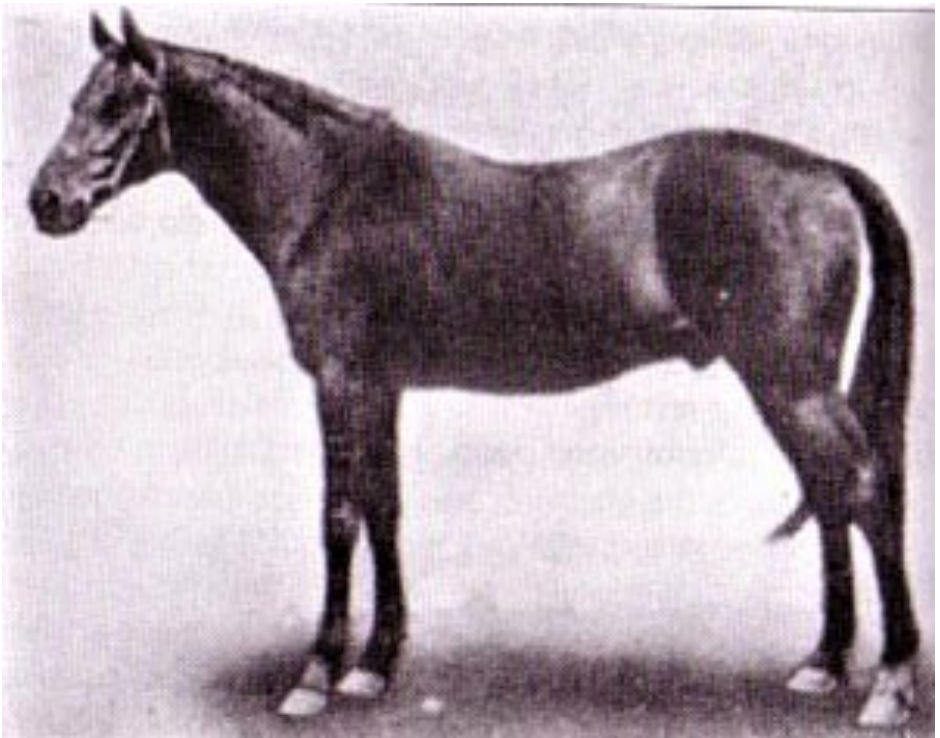
winning his class but being declared Grand Champion. He then repeated his performance in the Royal Show in London where he was paraded in action before Queen Victoria.

Childe Harold was accompanied throughout his career in America, Europe and Great Britain by his American trainer Alec White. When White arrived in Australia with the horse, he brought with him the first set of hobbles seen in the colony. They were to be used as cross-hobbles to educate young trotters. Such items were used on trotters long before becoming conventional

gear for pacers. In his nine active years, before going to stud, Childe Harold had travelled thousands of miles on railroads, sailing vessels and steamboats. Wherever he landed he achieved results no American stallion had managed before.

During his seven years at stud Childe Harold did service that led him to be hailed as the 'Hambletonian 10' of Australia.

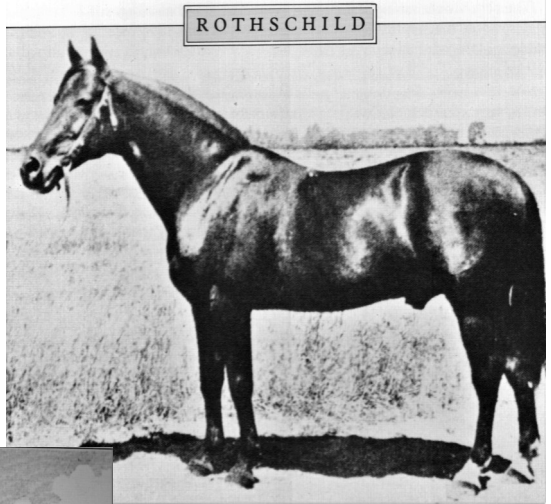
**John Hendrie must surely have loved that horse.**





And so, it says volumes for the character and persuasiveness of fellow Scotsman **Robert Wilkin** that he was able to secure him for Australian stud owner Andrew Town.

Other notable historic foundation stallions in Australia and New Zealand that were secured by **Robert Wilkin** are:



Australasian trotting and pacing.

I am indebted to the late Ron W Bisman a New Zealand harness racing journalist and author for his kind permission to use images and elements of information, from his book 'A Salute To Trotting' published in Auckland New Zealand 1983.



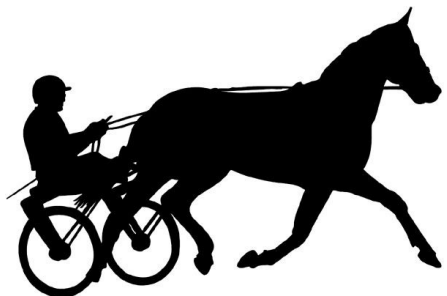
### Australia

Vancleve by Harold he became the first Australian sire of 100 winners.

### New Zealand

Rothschild by Childe Harold, whilst he possessed little racing speed, he was credited with 318 winners, many of them in major races. Berlin by Woodford's Mambrino, sired 84 winners and exerted tremendous influence in

**Researched and compiled by  
Colin J Dalby**



## **Reluctantly for sale**

7 year old French mare **D'Joy de L'aa**

Twice winner at Amman Valley and Pike Hall last season

By the proven well bred sire SAM BOURBON

Ready to start training and in good condition

Genuine in every way

**£2500**

3 year old home bred French filly **HASTY HETTY**

(dual registered)

By REACH DE VANDELL (Fr) Ex SARAH NIMA (Fr)

Professionally broken to harness last Oct/Nov

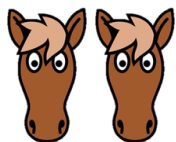
Been well handled and ready to take on

Genuine in every way

**£2200**

**Contact Emyr Edwards 07961 362276/01267 233616**

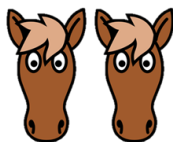




**Just for  
fun**



**Pick your F2F  
Five to Follow**



**John Smart - Bookmaker**



Annivi, Imperial DJ,  
Ladyford Dollar,  
Rockin Mambo,  
Emirat DuLevant

**David Edwards,  
Tregaron Trotting  
Club**



Ring of Fire, Roller  
Coaster, Rockin  
Mambo, Matteuceous,  
Merrington Movinup

**Darren Owen - BHRC Chairman**



Frisco Gotta Go,  
Annivi, Royal  
Ambro, Vino Rosa,  
She Be Stunning

**Eric Witherspoon -  
Tir Prince**



Lyons Attack,  
Vino Rosa,  
Northern Pride, Rockin Mambo,  
Matteuceous,

**Julie Park - NHR**



Somemanyouare,  
Rhyds Moviestar,  
Ima Happy Fella,  
Royal Ambro,  
Loosechange

**Sarah Thomas - Scottish  
Harness Racing Club**



Foxfield Magician,  
Merrington Movinup,  
Diamant De Godrel,  
Star Attraction, Annivi

**Craig Stevenson -  
York and MFDA**



A Rocknroll Star,  
Loosechange,  
Merrington Movinup, Diamant  
De Godrel, Rhyds Shoofly

**What are your Five to Follow?**



# BHRC FIXTURES 2020

## APRIL

12th Sun Annman Valley (11am) - Workouts  
18th Sat York (1pm) - Scouting  
18th Sat Annman Valley (11am) - Workouts & qualifiers  
25th Sat York (1pm) - Qualifiers & Workouts  
26th Sun Annman Valley (11am) - Workouts & Qualifiers

## MAY

1st Fri Corbiewood (7pm) - Qualifiers  
2nd Sat Tr Prince (7pm) - Auto Russell memorial  
3rd Sun York (1pm) - Qualifiers & Workouts  
3rd Sun Annman Valley (2pm)  
8th Fri Corbiewood (7pm) - Qualifiers  
8th Fri York (2pm)  
10th Sun Tregaron (2pm) - Senior Dragon & Spring HCP  
11th Mon Corbiewood (7pm) - Qualifiers  
15th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm) - Opening meeting  
16th Sat York (1pm) - Qualifiers & Workouts  
17th Sun WWHRA (2pm) @ Presteligne  
22nd Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)  
22nd Fri WWHRA (2pm) @ Annman Valley  
24th Sun Appleby (1:30pm) - Eden Valley Committee  
25th Mon Appleby (1:30pm) - 2YO Scouting Race  
26th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)  
30th Sat Tr Prince (7pm) - Qualifiers/Handicap & Trot  
31st Sun Appleby (1:30pm) - New Fair Meeting  
31st Sun Annman Valley (2pm)

## JUNE

5th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)  
5th Fri WWHRA 4YO @ Tr Prince  
7th Sun WWHRA (2pm) @ Evenjib  
7th Sun Wolsingham (pm) (subject to field)  
12th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm) - 3YO Derby  
13th Sat Carlisle Show (4:30/5pm) (Ewenwood committee)  
14th Sun Climey (2pm)  
16th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)  
16th Fri WWHRA 2YO/3YO @ Tr Prince  
21st Sun WWHRA (2pm) @ Evenjib  
21st Sun Heilfield  
26th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)  
27th Fri York (2pm) - Champions Day (3YO & 4YO)  
28th Sun Pikelhall (2pm)  
28th Sun Annman Valley (2pm)

## JULY

2nd Thur Corbiewood (7:30pm) (turs due to Tregaron)  
4th Sat Junior Dragon 2YO @ Tregaron (1pm)  
5th Sun Junior dragon 2YO @ Tregaron (1pm)  
10th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)  
11th Sat Tr Prince - Cog head/Slagh Broodmares/Le Trot  
12th Sun H & BHRC @ Wington (2pm)  
12th Sun Wolsingham - NESA meeting  
17th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)  
18th Sat York (2pm) - PACT Charity '1st 2yo heats'  
18th Sat Musseburgh (pm)  
18th Sat Tr Prince (pm)  
18th Sat H&BHRC @ Wington (2pm)  
19th Sun Irish Sire Stakes  
24th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)  
25th Sat York (2pm) - Sire Stakes  
25th Sat Musseburgh Fair Day ASS (pm)  
26th Sat Tr Prince (pm)  
26th Sun Brothester - (subject to field)  
26th Sun Annman valley (2pm)  
31st Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm)

## AUGUST

1st Sat Larnock (1pm) - 3YO & Handicap  
2nd Sun Larnock  
7th Fri Corbiewood (7:30pm) - Meeting  
8th Sat Tr Prince - Derby & British pacing Classic  
8th Sun H & BHRC @ Wington (2pm)  
9th Sun Binchester (2pm)  
9th Sun Peter Wallace memorial  
13th Thur Corbiewood (7:30pm) (turs due to VDM)  
15th Sat VDM @ portnamock  
15th Sat York (2pm) NHR  
16th Sun VDM @ Portnamock  
18th Sun WWHRA @ Almeley  
17th Mon Scorton (even valley committee)  
20th Aug Corbiewood (7:30pm) - Meeting (pm)  
22nd Sat Tr Prince - Ladies Night  
22nd Sun Haugfield (2pm)  
23rd Sun Boughton  
28th Fri Corbiewood (6:45pm) - meeting  
28th Fri Breeders Crown @ Tr Prince  
30th Sat Annman Valley (2pm)  
31st Mon Broughton @ Appleby (1:30pm)

## SEPTEMBER

1st Tue Kinsley Show (4:45pm) (Eden Valley Committee)  
5th Sat Wolsingham Show (3:30pm) (Eden Valley Committee)  
6th Sun Corbiewood (2pm)  
6th Sun WWHRA (2pm) @ Almeley  
10th Thu Longnor (2pm)  
12th Sat Corbiewood (2pm) - Murdoch weekend  
12th Sat Stanhope (3:30pm) (Eden Valley Committee)  
13th Sun SHRC 2YO  
13th Sun Corbiewood (2pm) - Murdoch Weekend  
13th Sun Annman Valley (2pm)  
18th Sat Tr Prince - Crock or gold/Funfairy trot of gold finals  
20th Sun WWHRA @ Almeley  
20th Sun Corbiewood (2pm)  
20th Sun Wolsingham (2pm) (Eden Valley Committee) (pm)  
26th Sat York (2pm) - Sire Stakes  
27th Sun Corbiewood (2pm)  
27th Sun Almeley (2pm) (subject to field) (possibly Annman valley)

## OCTOBER

3rd Sat York (subject to entries)  
4th Sun Corbiewood (2pm)  
10th Sat York (2pm) - Sale Day (sales at 11am)  
11th Sun Corbiewood (2pm)  
17th Sat Corbiewood (2pm)  
25th Sun Corbiewood (2pm)

## CHANGE OF DATES

Tues 14th and Weds 15th July - MUSSELBURGH  
25th July - YORK - only meeting on  
30th August (and NOT Fri 28th Aug) CORBIEWOOD

**After two successful years .....**



**BHRC Pony event is back for a third year**

If preferred you can use a two seater cart and have a responsible adult with you.



**Remember:**



Ponies are measured - they must be NO more than 12 hh



Ponies must be AT LEAST 4 years old



NO colts



Ponies must be up-to-date with vaccinations and vaccination records available



All ponies used must be safe - the events are for fun and must be a positive and enjoyable experience

See our Facebook page for further information:

**BHRC kids pony race**



**AWARDS EVENING**

**Persuade your parents to take you to the Annual Awards evening - we are celebrating your successes, guaranteed surprises for ALL competitors**