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BOARD REPORT

The BHRC have re-visited the idea of putting out a monthly update on the website, hopefully this year given we have a staff member and a database, our aim is to try to keep you in the picture.

The AGM was moved this year to March. We thank those who were able to join us. The main reason for the change is the moving of our accounting period. In previous years that accounting period has run from April to March meaning it was spanning across two different seasons and licensing years. We hope that with the move, the accounts will show a more accurate picture of a full season, by now running from January to December which will in turn help us to more accurately analyse our revenue and expenses each year and run a balanced cash flow. For the first time, we shared with the members in attendance at the AGM our projected cash flow for the forthcoming year.

This year we also made some changes to our annual awards. Drive of the Year was selected by an overseas panel made up of commentators and drivers from America, Canada and New Zealand. We would like to thank all members who took the time to vote for all categories. Another change for this year's awards is the introduction of the B & C Class Driver of the Year as well as an award for Permit Trainer of the Year. These new categories represent all our members, thereby recognising and celebrating the achievements of all.

The Integrity team has also been hard at work over the winter months working on an Out of Competition Testing Protocol which will be implemented in 2023. Another change for the year ahead is the introduction of an official BHRC Medication and Treatment book, this should hopefully

assist our members in keeping up-to-date and accurate records for their horses. The books have been printed and will be provided (free of charge) to all licensed trainers in the very near future.

Licence fees are a point that have been raised several times. The BHRC has, as promised in the December Member's Meeting, looked at the licence fees ahead of the 2023 season. Having completed a projected cashflow for the year ahead, we unfortunately have been unable to reduce the licence fees for 2023 however the positive news is that we have been able to keep them the same figure as the two previous years.

Although licence fees were originally reviewed due to the increase in insurance costs, it soon became apparent, as per the Facebook/website post in January 2021, that in order to maintain a balanced budget we would have to increase licence fees to ensure the future viability of the sport. These have been, and will continue to be, used and reinvested into the sport, for example but not exclusively, over the last year by helping to supplement the drone costs at tracks, to improve problems caused by the dwindling number of stewards and a lack of different camera angles on the ground, the purchase of veterinary screens for tracks so that there is some privacy in the event of an accident, subsidising the veterinary costs at qualifier meetings as well covering the standard items such as regional steward expenses, handicapping costs, the production of The Calendar (and postage) and the general running of the business. The Club has only just managed to maintain a balanced budget over the last two years, and will struggle again this year, and has therefore no wiggle room to reduce

fees.

Julie and Charles have been receiving help and advice from a number of national and international organisations, including The Meadowlands in their pursuance of a clean sport.

Insurance update – a long standing on-going claim has now been settled. As in many cases an insurance company settles out of court, to avoid further costs, not as an admission of guilt. This is frustrating, but unfortunately a way of the world. We are fearful that there will be financial repercussions of this next year.

Insurance for Drivers: the insurance company in late 2021 questioned how we ensured competence of our drivers when they drove very infrequently, or had not drove for a period of time, hence the ruling that for some they had to re-drive in a qualifying race, and for a few they had to re-sit their test. We had feared (because of conversations), that this year they would be putting further requirements of us for our more senior (over 65) drivers. Fortunately they have not done so. Can we please, however, remind all licence holders that they do need to read the terms of the policy to ensure that the level of cover provided for them meets their personal need. We have heard stray comments about the insurance not providing much cover, especially for our senior drivers, however, we only looked for the minimum level, to ensure 3rd party coverage whilst keeping the price to you, the individual, as low as we can. We would always advise that you read the policy and if necessary take out additional cover, just as you would if you were involved in any other dangerous sport like rugby or skiing.

Fines and debts: where people are experiencing genuine hardship, we the BHRC always work with licence holders to agree a

payment plan. Individuals are expected however to then meet the agreed terms of that payment plan. Where debts are unpaid, the BHRC has a duty to other licence holders to pursue these debts either through the Small Claims Court or through debt collection agencies. The introduction of using both the small claims court and debt collection agencies, after first trying to come to an agreement, is again a way of trying to ensure fairness for all. We know there will be some out there that criticise us, however where all reasonable steps have been taken to recover a debt, it leaves us with two choices, either let the law abiding licence holder pick up the bill, or pursue the debt following legal methods. We have chosen the latter.

Through February the office has been busy with the licensing process, once an application has been made (and paid for) it is then forwarded to the Licensing Panel (a procedure introduced last year).

Last year some people were given licences, but only after agreeing to a behaviour bond. If the terms of the bond have been broken, the Licensing Panel will not be able to re-issue a license without going back to the full board and giving very good reasons why this person should have a license. This year some people may only be issued a licence upon agreeing to a behaviour bond. We feel this is a fair way, everybody can and does make mistakes, but they have been given a formal warning, and must improve. We will continue to do this. Although we are keen to welcome all members, we are equally keen to ensure that all members behave appropriately to each other, to officials and represent the sport in a way that we all want the sport to be represented.

A smaller group of our Board, the Company Secretary and a couple of Senior Track

Officials have spent a couple of evenings per week working on the BHRC Rule Book to try to remove some of the contradictory rules, or gaps in rules that we kept experiencing, as well as looking at the suggestions that have been sent in from members. This will hopefully help all stewards and licence holders next year. We hope to be able to print the rule changes very soon.

The BHRC Constitution is un-readable to many, and unwieldy to all. It also does not reflect the changes made when the club moved to One Person, One Vote, and in allowing sufficient time to get voting slips out to members, back in and counted in time for the AGM. The Board have therefore arranged to meet with a solicitor in the coming weeks to look at updating or totally revamping the constitution. Something as big as this would, in our opinion, fall under the One Person, One Vote. The idea is to seek advice, price the cost of change, if it is feasible to produce a draft document and then to allow members to vote on it.

The BHRC and STAGBI have had an invite to the World Trotting Conference in Berlin. The BHRC are allowed to send one Director (with voting rights), and up to two observers. The BHRC recognise the importance of being in attendance but given the struggles with cashflow do not feel they can justify spending licence holders' money on hotel fees or flights. Julie Park and Hayley Cassells have both offered to fully fund themselves in order that the BHRC have representation on the world stage alongside our STAGBI colleagues. There are many different sub-groups within the week, and it is impossible for just one person to attend all. Hayley's focus will be on business development and marketing, whilst Julie will be focussing on integrity. The

conference is in August, and although this is in the height of our season, both Hayley and Julie (with a bit of support from Charles and Carol) are confident that they can manage the racing whilst they are away. They will both write a full report about all the seminars that they attend. These will be disseminated to relevant parties on their return.

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Jackie Maguire who is a key member of our Integrity Team as she recovers from surgery, and we hope to see her out and about very soon.

The BHRC wish to congratulate Alf Swinbank and his team for all their efforts in trying to get a track up and running near Darlington. The site has much potential, unfortunately for this year, despite their hard work, time has got the better of them, however we are sure that next year we will see a number of fixtures being run at the Middleton 1Row Track.

It is also pleasing to welcome a new track to the racing circuit, the Directors would like to say well done to Wales & West HRA who have worked tirelessly to find a new track, get old tracks back, we look forward to publishing further information about their Queen of the Turf and the Four and Five Yr Old Conditioned Series in the near future.

We thank existing tracks and promoters, who also work tirelessly to put on racing for the licence holders, there are no roles in our sport which are easy, they are all voluntary, everyone has to work hard. But then good things are worth working for, and we truly believe if we can all work together we can keep this sport going.

Barry, Jason, Will, Carol, Julie, Charles & Hayley



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Therefore, you will need to:

- Contact STAGBI for the appropriate Import Form.

- Return completed form, Passport, Health Documents & fees to STAGBI Office

- Apply to the governing body of the country of export for an Export Certificate. This Export Certificate will be issued direct to STAGBI and will allow the horse to be registered on the STAGBI Database and Stud Book.

EXPORTING HORSES TO IRELAND, EUROPE or NORTH AMERICA

Please contact your Vet, DEFRA or Transport Agent for information regarding the health checks, bloods or swabs required for travelling.

To facilitate the transfer of horse into the appropriate Stud Book or Database of the country of destination you will need to contact STAGBI for a Definitive (Permanent) Export Certificate.

NB: As the vet is required to complete a section of this form, the application form should be submitted BEFORE THE HORSE LEAVES THE COUNTRY.

- Contact STAGBI for the appropriate Export Form

Once processed the Export Certificate (which includes race results & DNA) will be sent by STAGBI electronically to the Governing Body of the country of destination.

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to apply for an export certificate before the horse leaves the country and the subsequent non-issue of an Export Certificate, will result in the horse not being permitted to race.

Application for Retrospective Export Certificates will be referred to and issued at the discretion of the STAGBI Board of Directors with additional costs incurred.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

Under current DEFRA legislation on Equine ID, a new owner is required to inform the appropriate PIO (STAGBI) of a change of ownership within 30 days of purchase. Please ensure that you complete the transfer of ownership form and return to STAGBI.

CASTRATION

When a horse is castrated, please ensure that the Vet records this in the passport and that you inform STAGBI.

DEATH OF A HORSE

When a horse dies, under current DEFRA legislation on Equine ID as the owner you are required to notify the appropriate PIO (STAGBI) that the horse has died and return the passport to STAGBI to be invalidated.

STAGBI is currently in the process of updating the website and the on-line database. It is hoped that the new website will be on-line within the next few months. Once the new website is up and running all forms will be available for download and it will also be possible for you to process some transactions electronically on line.

If you are unsure or require any assistance then please contact the STAGBI office. The office staff will be more than happy to advise and assist you.

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HANDICAP UPDATE

The handicap System for 2023 has had some minor adjustments from the 2022 season.

Firstly we have lowered the age that a horse will start to get relief on it's handicap, by only receiving 75% of the penalty in races, from 10 years old to 8 years old. We hope that this will help to keep older horses more competitive and racing for longer. The 10 point for age lift will remain in place for horses aged 10 and over at the end of each season.

The lift (handicap drop) matrix has also been slightly changed, horses will receive double points off for runs when they are above a handicap mark

of 60. This is to help keep the system as fluid as possible for horses and once again to help them remain competitive within the system.

New for 2023 is the introduction of the inexperienced driver races. These will be penalty free races with a maximum purse of £150 designed to give inexperienced or out of practice drivers (less than 15 drives in the past 3 seasons and less than 20 wins lifetime) a chance to practice driving in a race environment without as much pressure.

As always we will continue to review the handicap system after the close of the 2023 season and will welcome any feedback from licence holders at this stage.



AN UPDATE FROM BOB MEADOWCROFT

It is now Autumn in this part of the world, this comes after some Northern parts of the country endured the wettest, most devastating flooding ever recorded throughout summer. Unfortunately the human death toll and huge stock numbers lost, including many horses, has meant it's been a summer from hell for some parts of NZ. Here in the South it's been the opposite with no rain and drought conditions.

February saw the National Yearling sales held on both Islands, over 4 days with 262 yearlings finding new homes. A total of 406 yearlings were catalogued. There were several passed over and no doubt a lot were sold after negotiations between vendors and buyers, officially total sales amounted to \$13,334,000 compared to \$14,753,000 last year. The average price was \$50,901. The top lot a colt by Captain Treacherous made \$300,000, with the next highest \$250,000. New sire Captain Treacherous had a very good sale.

Next year's sale will see a different format with a 3 day sale instead of 4 and the trotters, who this year had their own day, to be amalgamated in amongst the pacers. The trotters had a very hard sale with many passed over, which was disappointing for the vendors. Stonewall Stud were the biggest purchasers outlaying \$2,412,000 for 19 horses. Stonewall now have stables

on both Islands with over 100 horses in training. A footnote to the sales is the decline in number of mares bred. 25 years ago it was common for 8000 mares to be bred whereas in the past couple of years only close to 3000 went to the breeding barn.

With regards to the declining number of mares being bred and how over the years things have changed, back in the 70's it was common for over 100 horses to be nominated for a maiden where only 20 could run. Training fees were \$25 or £10 a week, Shoeing \$2 or £1, Vet \$2, Trainers fee percentage of winnings 10%. In the "good old days" most farmers had a couple of broodmares in a back paddock. Thousands would go to the races and dress up! Nowadays it's computer games, tv, phones, and nobody goes racing! Just a bit of nostalgia!

Once again this year the lady drivers from NZ and Australia have been wearing the "teal" coloured driving pants. With just a week to go the "kiwi" girls had raised close to \$22,000 from 58 wins. Last year they raised \$15,000 for the cancer research. Sarah O'Reilly, our leading Junior driver, had 10 wins by early March and led the way amongst the girls. This is the 6th year the ladies have donned the colours in aid of cancer research.



Junior driver 23yr old Sarah O'Reilly recently passed the 200 winner mark, a remarkable achievement for a Junior.



Also on the driver front, Blair Orange has been selected to represent NZ at this year's World Drivers Championship to be held in Europe. Orange, a close friend of Dexter Dunn, has been NZ's leading driver for the past few seasons and currently lies second to Dexter's older brother John in this year's race for the premiership.

She, in probably her last season as a jnr, leads the Jnr Drivers Premiership for the season which concludes at the end of December.

After scans and xrays sent to the UK revealed bone bruising, NZ's Champion Trotter Sundees Son has officially been retired.



The winner of over \$1.4 million (£750,000) will now have a forever home somewhere and has already been broken to saddle. He leaves the sport as one of the greatest trotters the country has produced trained at the beach by the Dunns, his achievements included two consecutive Dominion Handicaps, which is the country's premiere trotting race run over 2 miles, a race he won a total of 3 times. His win in last year's Dominion over Muscle Mountain was one of the best races of all time, after being headed in the straight he dug deep and won going away again on the line.

Sundees Son was this year crowned "Horse of the Year" at the annual awards recently held. A couple of other award winners of note were Self Assured, the pacing horse of the year with 8 wins and \$912,000. Dr Luk Chin the 80yr old from Cambridge who is still working full time as a Surgeon is the first owner, trainer, driver to reach 100 wins. He gained a well deserved award for Contribution to Harness Racing.

Incidentally, leading British thoroughbred racing presenter Nick Luck recently interviewed the good doctor for his daily racing podcast in the UK.

Bob Meadowcroft

BHRC

Flu Vaccination Programme

The BHRC have used 2022 as a transition period but from 2023 will require horses to have 6 monthly boosters.

Primary course intervals (horses not previously vaccinated):

Primary course intervals are only required for horses that have not yet been administered a primary course or are required to re-start a new primary course.

An initial primary course of three vaccinations must be given (V1, V2 and V3): the second vaccination (V2) must now be administered within **21-60** days of the first vaccination.

Horses must not attend any official BHRC fixture/venue until 7 days after the second vaccination of the primary course.

Vaccine 3 (V3) must then be administered within **120-180 days** of the administration of the second vaccination (V2).

Boosters should be administered no more than **6 calendar months** apart, according to calendar months rather than a fixed number of days. For example, a horse that is fully vaccinated on 01 January would require a booster on or before 01 July.

	Current	New protocol for 2022 (Primary Course)	New protocol ALL for 1 st Jan 2023
V1 (1 st Vaccine)			
V2 (2 nd Vaccine)	21-92 days	21 – 60 days	
V3 (3 rd Vaccine)	150-215 days	120-180 days	
Booster	Not more than 1yr apart	Not more than 6 months apart	Not more than 6 months apart

BHRC Hall of Fame

Last season saw 7 inductees into The Hall of Fame, some new and some who had just not been added in 2020 due to the distractions of covid.

As a Director, it has been one of the most pleasurable jobs, meeting up with licence holders past and present to try to capture their story. I have really enjoyed ‘travelling on their journey’, and I hope now you enjoy reading about their journey too.

The Directors are proud to add John and Grethe Wright and JS Jones to the Hall of Fame in recognition of their contribution to the breeding of standardbreds in the UK, and the legacy they leave.

We also celebrated our equine stars too, including: Coalford Tetrick, Evenwood Sonofagun. Louisiana, Miraculous and Rhyds Passion. All very worthy nominees. We thank the breeders, owners, trainers and drivers for their part in the success of every one of these equine stars.



John and Grethe Wright

When Prestatyn started in the 1960's (which is where John developed his love of racing), John's dad bought a New Zealand mare to race and subsequently breed from. The first race that John saw however was not at Prestatyn but at the Royal Welsh Show when he was a very young boy.

Grethe (originating from Denmark) went to Lord Langford's as a Nanny. Lord Langford, Chairman of the United Kingdom Trotting Association soon bought horses to race. Grethe, always an animal fan, with a particular love of horses, got involved with the training and breaking of these horses. Later when stallions stood at Bodrhyddan she too became involved in stud work. In time, Grethe bought her first filly from JS Jones which she trained, drove and eventually bred from, later buying other mares to increase her breeding stock.

Kentucky Lace (purchased as a yearling from Lord Langford), was the first horse that John and Grethe bought, broke in and trained together. Having a few of their own breeding mares they leased the stallion Wayne Nukeston, from Graham Brown, and later Hopping High. This was the start of Rhyds Stud. Having made a decision to improve the breeding, and to get some American bloodlines, they bought firstly, Coalford Magic (off Gary Maw), then CPR (the first mare from America), quickly followed by Keystone Matrimony (dam of Shady Romance) and Tonda Star. By now Rhyds Stud needed its own stallion, and picked out of the catalogue by his breeding, John and Grethe went to Harrisburg Sale to buy Hasty Hall, who needs no introduction.

Hasty Hall's first crop produced excellent young racehorses winning the Sire Stakes fillies, and having the first three home in the Sire Stakes colts division. He certainly put Rhyds Stud firmly on the map. In a career spanning from 2004-2021 he served 597 mares and for 8 of those years he was the most used stallion*. (*Figures courtesy of STACEB).

More recently Rhyds Stud have used The One Night Pan and now See And Ski and are still producing prolific winners. Rhyds Stud you have played a pivotal role in breeding and now, rightly take up your place in the BHRC Hall of Fame for your contribution to our sport.

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John and Grethe Wright



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John Saunders Jones (JS) as he was known to most in the harness racing community, almost stumbled into the sport by accident in the early 60s with the opening of Prestatyn.

JS recognised that to improve the quality of the breed he would need to introduce foreign blood, and agreed to quarantine the 'transit stallions', gaining free services as part of the deal. Not only using stallions from overseas, JS invested heavily in overseas mares, with mares from New Zealand, America and Germany, and so started Saunders Stud.

With an approach that to improve the chance of success buy quality, he bought a mare called Enid Blyton for allegedly 1,200 guineas, which must, at the time been somewhat of a record. He also imported two other mares Herba and Epiphora. The genes of all 3 can be found today - Evenwood Sonofagun can be traced back to the great Epiphora and the famous NZ pacer Vincent can be traced back to Herbe, showing what an eye JS had for the 'breeding game'.

JS went on to stand (at Saunders Stud) stallions such as:

**Keystone Baron, Saunders John
Saunders Perilous, Taurus Hanover
Man About Town, Rustle of Spring
Solitude, Creativity
Caliburn and Bernard Hanover**

With 616 STAGBI registered horses it is hard to pick a few of the favourites:

**Saunders Trapper, Saunders Rapide,
Saunders Choice, Saunders Solicitor,
Saunders Paige, Saunders Mach 3, Saunders
Leopard, Saunders Prospect & Saunders
Jacque**

JS, you were an astute horseman, and businessman, your contribution to the breeding of standardbreds will leave a legacy forever. We thank you for your contribution to our great sport.

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Saunders John



Saunders Perilous

J S Jones



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LOUISIANA

by Sweet Lou out of The Player Hanover bred by Steven Gilvear, trained by John Gilvear and driven in all her races by Gordon Gilvear.

Raced 15 times with an impressive record of 13 visits to the winners enclosure and two 2nds, here in the UK, before now going stateside to pursue her career. We wish her good luck, and look forward to following her career.

Career highlights include:

- 2 Yr old Winner - NWHOA
- 2 Yr Old Winner - Blossom Kelly Final
- 2 Yr old Winner - VDM
- 2 Yr Old Winner - Breeders Crown
- 2 Yr Old Winner - SHRC 2 Yr Old Futurity
- 2 Yr Old Winner - BHRC Futurity (Group 1)
- 3 Yr Old Winner - SHRC Oaks
- 3 Yr Old Winner - NWHOA
- 3 Yr Old Winner - VDM
- 3 Yr Old Winner - Breeders Crown
- 3 Yr Old Winner - BHRC Oaks (Group 1)
- 2021 BHRC Horse of the Year
- 2021 BHRC Filly of the Year
- Prizemoney in excess of £55,000

Louisiana left little doubt to all, at an early stage, that she was special, with a personal best as a two year old 1.59.0, and 1.58.5 as a three year old, with what looked, to all, like minimal effort.

With wins on hard-track and grass, at a mile and a mile and a half, with a winning strike rate of 87% she has demonstrated that, although we were only graced with her presence for a short time, she is truly a horse of a lifetime and a worthy nominee to the BHRC Hall of Fame, and we thank her for her contribution to the sport.

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Louisiana



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In a career spanning nine seasons, the son of Rogue Hall out of Sweet Tahoma, bred by Coalford Stud raced over 100 times with 34 visits to the winner's circle, and amassed prizemoney in excess of £60k.

The "Little Horse with the Big Heart" captured the hearts of so many.

Coalford Tetrick's career highlights include:

Holding various track records including Portmarnock mile record, AVTC 1 mile 800 yd record, along with both the 1.5 and 2 mile records. Some of which he still holds to this day.

His impressive resume includes winning FFAs, Group 1 and Group 2 Races, Crock of Gold Heats and many other premier races at premier events on both hard tracks and grass over different distances, an ultimate athlete. He has a personal best at Portmarnock of 1.55.0 (as well as holding the 4yr old track record for 1.5 miles) along with numerous sub two minutes clocks and other track records, to his name.

As a three year old he won The 3 Yr old Rising Stars, the Barney Joyce, Little Welsh Dragon and the Brian Jones 3 Yr olds at Aberystwyth.

Coalford Tetrick was purchased by Steven Jones in 2013 from York Sale for £550 as a yearling, has certainly fulfilled every dream imaginable and is a worthy nominee to the BHRC Hall of Fame.

As he leaves the track, having been trained by Steven Jones for much of his career, we wish him well in his second career as a stallion, and look forward to seeing his protégé on the track. We thank you Tetrick for being 'top of the class' and for the fantastic legacy you have left to the sport of harness racing.

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Coalford Tetrick



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MIRACULOUS, purchased from Builth Wells as a yearling for £9000 by a syndicate and sent to Sally Teeboon (where he has remained) to broken in. In a career now spanning eight seasons, son of Arts Conquest out of Another Mattie, trained by Sally Teeboon and currently owned by Alan Dickenson/Sally Teeboon to date has raced 79 times with 33 visits to the winner's circle (an impressive 42% strike rate, and a top 3 place in 59 of those races (75% strike rate) amassing prizemoney already in excess of £60k in GB and £25k in Ireland.

Career highlights include:

- 2 Yr Old Breeders Crown Final Winner
- 2 Yr Old York Rising Starzzz Winner
- 2 Yr Old Vincent Delaney Memorial Winner
- 3 Yr Old Barney Joyce Final Winner
- 3 Yr Old Breeders Crown Final Winner
- 3 Yr Old Oakwood Stud Derby Winner
- 3 Yr Old BHRC Derby Winner
- 3 Yr Old BHRC Sire Stakes Winner
- 3 Yr Old SHRC Grass Track Winner
- 4 Yr Old BHRC Sire Stakes Winner
- 4 Yr Old Breeders Crown Final Winner
- Multiple Free For All Wins
- 2 Battle of the Big Guns Wins
- 2 Crock of Gold Heat Wins
- 2 Crock of Gold Final Wins

With a track record and personal best (Portmarnock 1.54.6) and here in the UK at (Tir Prince 1.56.02), three year old track records over a mile (1.55.9) and a 1.5 miles (2.59.8) at Portmarnock, 23 sub two minute miles, he has an impressive resume which includes winning multiple stake races, FFAs, Group 1 and Group 2 Races, Crock of Gold Heats and Finals and many other premier races at premier events, over different distances. We thank you for your contribution to our sport.

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Miraculous



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Rhyds Passion by The One Night Pan out of Bounce and bred by the Rhyds Stud.

Career Highlights:

Winner of Hurricane Pace
Winner of Famous Musselburgh Pace
Winner BHRC Pacing Classic
Multiple winner of STAGBI Future Broodmares Heats

Rhyds Passion raced over 7 seasons, recording 20 wins, which included Group 1 and Group 2 wins, a dual Musselburgh winner, with 48 top 3 placing from 89 runs, amassing nearly £31,000 in prizemoney.

With a personal best time of 1.57.09 and numerous sub-two minute miles to her name, winning on hard track and grass track, over a mile up to a mile and three furlongs, she has been up there with the very best of the mares,

and has raced repeatedly at the top table and has certainly served it up to the boys.

We wish you good luck as you start a new chapter as a broodmare. You a worthy nominee to the BHRC Hall of Fame and we thank you for your contribution to the sport of harness racing.

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Rhyds Passion

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EVENWOOD SONOFAGUN 11 year old son of The Firepan out of I'm The Last, bred by John Nicholson, owned by Raymond Huschka and trained by Alexis Laidler. In a career spanning 8 seasons, 6 of them here in the UK and two stateside. With 51 runs Sonofagun has made an impressive 30 trips to the winners circle (a strike rate of 59%), as well as 11 more whilst stateside, amassing prizemoney in excess of £64k (in the UK), with lifetime earnings of £226k, picking up prizemoney in 41 of his 51 GB races - Gunner continues to impress all and has not only won the hearts of the true harness racing enthusiast, but found his way deep into the heart of driver Rocker Laidler.

Career highlights include:

- York Saddle Race - Winner (Record)
- Group 1 Park Lodge Classic Final
- Group 1 Famous Musselburgh Pace
- Blossom Kelly Memorial High Grade Final
- Group 2 Crock of Gold Heats (multiple)
- Battle of the Big Guns
- Group 1 Welsh Classic Final
- Group 1 Crock of Gold Final (twice)
- Group 1 British Pacing Classic
- Free For Alls (multiple wins)
- Bernie Kelly Free For All
- 1 mile track / British Record (1.54.6)
- 1.25 mile track record holder at York & TP
- 1 mile grass record holder (Tregaron)

His impressive resume includes a world record, British Record and Track Records, winning FFAs, Group 1 and Group 2 Races, Crock of Gold Heats and Finals, and many other premier races at premier events on both hard tracks and grass over different distances, he is an ultimate athlete who continues to entertain us. He has a personal best at York of 1.54.6, a world saddle record of 1.57.5 along with numerous sub two minutes clocks and other track records, to his name. Gunner has certainly fulfilled every dream imaginable and is a worthy nominee to the BHRC Hall of Fame.

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Evenwood Sonofagun



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BHRC/STAGBI ANNUAL AWARDS

Our thanks go to the team behind the scenes who put in so much hard work to ensure that the night is enjoyable for all and a professional showcase of our magnificent sport.

It is always hard to single out one person, and run the risk of upsetting others. However without this person it would be extremely hard to hold this event, and it would certainly not be the event it is. That person is Sarah Thomas, it starts with her photographs, not only do owners/trainers/drivers like them, but they provide us with the material to put in The Calendar to get you the licence holder to vote. Sarah is also the technical person, she sets up the electronic voting, she keeps it all a secret, only telling Mandy Stanley (and only then so that Mandy can get on and sort out all the trophies for you).

Sarah, finds and edits all the videos, and makes sure that technically 'it is alright on the night', then on the night she is a compare (with her partner in crime Darren), she speaks eloquently and knowledgeably, giving each



owner/trainer/driver/equine their moment to shine. Sarah - we thank you for your tireless work in promoting the sport, and the roll you play in the Awards Evening.

Our thanks also go to Darren Owen, who continues to provide a pivotal roll in the team, his dulcet tones informed and entertained us as he took us on a 'Journey' that was the 2022 season, and what a season it was.

As we said it is hard to single out individuals, no event is ever successful without a team, and what a team they are - the event appears effortless to those on the outside, but in fact without the hard work of the whole team we could not celebrate our sport in this way, so a big thank you to: Gwenan Thomas, Mandy Stanley, Kirsty Legrice, Sarah Thomas, Darren Owen, and our own BHRC representatives Hayley Cassells and Julie Park. Our thanks also go to Tamzin Lees who livestreamed the event, so that those who could not be with us could still share in the celebrations, with those present on the evening and the livestream we had nearly 200 people celebrating the 2022 season. A big thank you to all of you, without the racing we would have nothing to celebrate, and no party to be had.

The BHRC Awards included the traditional awards that we are all so used to seeing, the leading Owner / Trainer / Driver, etc, however this year also saw the introduction of new awards to represent all of our licence holders. This is something we plan to continue. We hope to see you all next year!





BHRC 2YO COLT OF THE YEAR





BHRC 2YO FILLY OF THE YEAR





BHRC 3YO COLT OF THE YEAR





LOUISIANA - 7 wins inc Group 1 wins in Breeders Crown (ht & final), VDM (ht & final) & BHRC Oaks, Grp 2 win in NWHOA. She also won the SHRC 3 yr old fillies

BHRC 3YO FILLY OF THE YEAR





BHRC MARE OF THE YEAR





COALFORD TETRICK - 4 wins,
2 Group 1s including
Tregaron FFA and BHRC
Pacing Classic and a COG heat

BHRC AGED PACER OF THE YEAR





MERRINGTON MOVINUP - 9 wins including 3 finals: Hellifield, Kit Bousfield Centenary and Jimmy Muirhead Final at Haugh Field

BHRC GRASS TRACK CHAMPION





RHYDS SCOUNDREL - 7 wins including 3 groups 1 (VDM, Breeders Crown & BHRC Derby), 2 group 2 (Sire Stakes and NWHOA)

BHRC OVERSEAS HORSE OF THE YEAR





BHRC DRIVE OF THE YEAR – Gavin Murdock



**BHRC SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION –
Hamish Muirehead & Trudy Launchberry**



MERRINGTON MOVINUP - 9
wins including 3 finals:
Hellifield, Kit Bousfield
Centenary and Jimmy Muirhead
Final at Haugh Field

BHRC LEADING HORSE OF THE YEAR



Also collecting lead-
ing owner on behalf
of Raymond Huschka

LEADING TRAINER – Alexis Laidler



**A CLASS DRIVER –
William Laidler Snr**



**B CLASS DRIVER –
Ryan Inglis**



C CLASS DRIVERS – Kia Hall & Sam Ainley



BHRC PERMIT TRAINER – Joe Maw



BHRC GROOM – Flur Jones



BHRC RISING STAR – Tamzin Lees



BHRC LEADING HORSE – Louisiana

STAGBI AWARDS 2022

STAGBI are once again pleased to announce that there are a number of Awards, Premiums and Bonuses to be awarded to successful Owners and Breeders. In 2022, STAGBI allocated over £42,000 for the various races and Awards, Premiums and Bonuses. The total paid actually paid out was nearly £30,000 with an additional £4,500 to the monthly British Championship Supporters Club Draw.

STAGBI BREEDERS PREMIUM

IMA HAPPY FELLA

Geoff Robson £200 & TROPHY

ZULU WARRIOR

James Evans £200 & TROPHY

AYR RHYTHM – Ryan O Neil £200

BEG FOR MERCY – Matthew Tromans £200

BLYTHE VIEW ROGUE – Cheryl Podmore £200

GREENTREE INFINITY – John Clarke £200

LLWYNS MERCY – Robin Price £200

LOUISIANA – Steven Gilvear £200

LUMINITE – Sandra Weigel £200

WHISKEYANDWATER – Alun Lewis £200



STAGBI INTERNATIONAL AWARD

ROBYN CAMDEN – Camden Stud £400 & TROPHY

SIRE STAKES STALLION AWARD

SEE AND SKI (US) – John Wright £250 & TROPHY

BRITISH BREEDERS BONUS

RHYDS APPLERED – G Wright £500 & TROPHY

OAKS BREEZE – C & P Butler £500 & TROPHY

INDIANAS QUEST – S Lee £500 & TROPHY

LANESIDE LOGIC – N Bainbridge £500 & TROPHY



BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP BREEDERS BONUS

CHIEF REDCLOUD - George Newton £100
RHYDS SUPERFLY – G Wright £100
INDIANAS QUSET – Shane Lee £100
COALFORD SUNSHINE – G Maw £100
AMERICAN SNIPER – G Thomas £100
STATESIDE DEUCE – Carly Young £100
GREENTREE INFINITY – Greentree Standardbreds £100

STAGBI W&B SERIES (MARES)

SECOND AFFAIR

J Perks £300 & TROPHY

KENTUCKY ROAM – J Perks £200
BEG FOR MERCY – M Tromans £100
VICTORIA PENLAN – Sarah Thomas £75
ZULU WARRIOR – M Tromans £50
BLACKFIELD OKY DOKY - Sandra Weigel £25

STAGBI W&B SERIES (C&G)

DERNOL YANKEE

E Wozencraft £300 & TROPHY

LAKESIDE PAN – J Elder £200
WHISKEYANDWATER - F Morgan £100
ONTOP SHOULDER CUDA – J Bevan £75
ALBIS DREAM – S Lloyd £50
ITHON PRINCE – D Duggan £25

STAGBI FUTURE BROODMARE RACES

INDIANAS QUEST – S Lee TROPHY
RED ROGUE – P Holgate TROPHY
RHYDS PASSION – J & M Mycock TROPHY
LLWYNS SPRINGER – C Jenkins TROPHY
AYR AMBITION – R O'Neil TROPHY



STAGBI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS



The series is aimed at 3 and 4yo horses, sired by a STAGBI registered stallion standing in GB at the time of breeding. Where possible there will be 4 divisions 3yo Fillies, 3yo Colts & Geldings, 4yo Fillies and 4yo Colts & Geldings at different regional tracks.

No nomination or sustaining fees. Entry fee £100 (via BHRC on line entry) and £100 Breeders Bonus to each winner.

Purse £2000 per division or £2550 for combined divisions

Conditions:

- Eligible horses to be sired by a STAGBI registered stallion standing in Great Britain at time of breeding.
- For horses aged 3 and 4 years old, with colts & geldings and fillies divisions within each age group
- Races to be run over 1 mile
- Maximum of 10 entries per race. In the event of more than 10 entries, preference given to highest BHRC rated horses at time of entry
- Minimum of 5 entries per race. In event of less than 5 entries in each (age) division, a combined race for colts, geldings and fillies will be run
- Gate position to be determined by horse's rating at time of entry (preferred draw)
- Horses on the same rating will draw for position.
- In event of a combined race (colts, geldings & fillies) gate position will be determined by BHRC rating (preferred draw)
- Owner to be a STAGBI member

STAGBI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP RACES 2023

3yo Races

13 June	Tir Prince
23 July	Amman Valley
19 Aug	Haugh Field



4yo Races

18 June	Haugh Field
15 July	York
23 July	Amman Valley

Don't forget the STAGBI British Championship Supporters Club

Tickets cost £100 and are available from Sarah Thomas, Gwenan Thomas, Sue Young or the STAGBI office



3yo Colts & Geldings eligible to enter STAGBI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Always Dreaming	Coalford Henry H	Highbrooks Nevada	Moonbeg	Strictly Tyler
Anglesey Jonesey	Coalford Hitman	Honeyfoursure	Noahs Dragon Fly	Teatime Special
Anothagrey	Coalford Jimmy G	Howards Chilledout	Noahs Super Fly	Tejays Spirit
Apache Sam	Coalford Mademan	I Shot The Sheriff	Oakwood Time Again (IRE)	The Enforcer
Apollo Fire	Coalford Oneofus	Ifonlybitofwhite	Paddy The Greek	The Mad Hatter
Ayr Corleon	Coalford Topguy	Imapreacher	Red Regal	Thepartysonfire
Ayr Harbour	Colorados Kid	Imperative	Redford Smalltalk	Tigger
Ayr Pavarotti	Dangerous Boy	Imperial Dynamite	Rhyds Applered	Time To Burn
Ayr Zac	Desire XL	Imperial Warlord	Rhyds Dude	Times R Changing
Be Kind	Desires Boy	Isolation	Rhyds Shady Affair	Tom Jones
Beluga Bear	Ernie Will	Joese Real One	Rock Steady Eddie	Tommy Rocket
Big Johns Desire	Eternal Bud	Kings Knight	Rocknroll Fire	Toreador
Blytheview Toppy	Eugene Silver	Lexies Ollie	Royal Tommy	Travel In Hope
Born In Lockdown	Evenwood Itchyfeet	Lonestarr	Rts Franky	Trick Or Treat
Bowershield Flame	Evenwood Scarface	Louboutin	Rush On Doon	Union Jack
Bowershield King	Family Guy	Lyons Stashtecash	Samboys On Fire	Vincent
Brockfield Hoopy	Forensic	Madonnas Flame	Siennas Rockstar	Vinnie Camden
Buster Bradie	Full Package	Mahogany Empire	Simon Camden	Wellfield Apache
CarrieonCaptainTom	Glenfield Thomas	Matisse	Sling Shot	Wellfield Archie
Carronside Legacy	Harringtons King	Mattys Virtue	Soot Fire	Wheels On Fire
Cedar Fire	He Can Rock	MC Ronnie	Star Boy	Winnal Moss
Coalford Bambino	He's All That	Messiah	Stateside Bugsy	Yankee Fire
Coalford Billybats	Hes On Fire	Mick The Dart	Stateside Lockdown	Young Jim Boy
Coalford Goodfella	Highbrooks Dakota	Millstream Panny	Storm Home	

3yo Fillies eligible to enter STAGBI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Absolute Chaos	Electra Fire	Joanna Best	Noahs Pandora	Stamphill Shadow
Amira Mae	Electric Feel	Kick On Hyacinth	North Star	Star Of The State
Angels Desire	Equuleus	Kick On Verona	Northern Flame	Star Royal
Anglesey Julie	Evenwood Dry Ice	Kick On Volution	Oakwood Dynasty (IRE)	Starsabootie
Antisocial	Evenwood Kidyounot	Lady Keltic	On The Rocks	Stateside Fantasy
Blackfield QT	Evenwood Ohsogood	Lanehouse Meg	Overarch	Stateside Ideal
Blizzard Sand	Evenwoodbittasweet	Lwyns Electric	Painted Roxanne	Storm In A Teacup
Blytheview Victory	Fairlight Bolero	Lockdown Lady	Petty Cash	Sympathy
Bowershield Ebony	Fire Angel	Lucky Shock	Porterstown Rhian	Talk About Me
Bucklands Isabella	Fire In The Vains	Lyons Lyndale	Princess Tilly	Tarawood Annie
Caenwood Rainbow	Flaming Bullet	Magic In Me	Red Cash	Toreras
Candy Rock	Frisco Dreamer	Mahogany Ebony	Rock My Heart	Valentina Flame
Caraghs Smile	Go Go Bonny	Mahogany Enable	Rocks Diamond	Wait For Me
Cardigan Beaut	Golden Stakes	Martinis Princess	Royal Girl	Wasocuring
Carmel Fire	Greenhill Reeah	Mary Brows	Sammies Girl	Wellfield Diamond
Cedar Beach	Greentree Mystique	Matadora	Sams Girl	Westley Fern
Chloes Dream	Helia Fire	Mayhem Queen	Seaside Sweetie	Westley Haste
County Harmony	Hilltop Blaze	Melroque	Shelwick Solitaire	Westley Speed
D Jays Picasso	Homegrown Alligator	Mercers Shiralee	Shes A Belter	White Rose
Dashforcash	Howards Real Sexy	Milliondollarream	Showtime Argentina	Wild Child
Dernol Doonray	Im A Star	Millstream Art	Showtime Saigon	Wildartc
Dernol Hasty	Imperial Flame	Miss Pandemic	Siennas Firefly	Wildlife
Desires Girl	Incline Justine	Moana	Solway Scarlet	With All My Heart
Desires Risingstar	Jans Dream	My Eli Angel	Soots Ace	
Dream Girl	Jenny Camden	Newmoors Iris	Southview Edition	

4yo Colts & Geldings eligible to enter STAGBI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Aberama Gold	Dollars Dream	Ithon Turbo	Newmoors Kolt	Standleys Boy
Amazon Prince	Doonbuck	Jimmy Bluechip	Newmoors Thomas	Stateside Deuce
American Sniper	Eagles Warrior	Johnny Be Good	Onlybaynthevillage	Stateside Glory
Archies Flame	Enigma	Joker Boy	Owies Boy	Super Image
Ayr Emperor	Evenwood Firepan	Jukebox Jive	Ozies Hale	The Promised One
Biggins	Evenwood Hitthegas	Kings Lad	Preacher Man	Tom Collins
Blackfield Bengie	Evenwood Tufftouch	Kings Rock	Prince Gassy	Tommy Shelby
Blackfield Boogie	Evenwood Watahunk	Kings Warrior	Quest For Fame	Tonic
Blazing Eagle	Evenwood Yousaidit	Kings Well	Reach The Stars	Twist and Shout
Blytheview Landa	Ffarout	Ladyford Geezer	Red Rambo	Ultimatum
Bobby Darin	Ffos Copper Dollar	Ladyford Mush	Rhyds Jitterbug	Wellfield Icon
Boris	Fintry Deuce	Lakeside Legend	Rhyds Riddle	Wellfield Immortal
Brynlla Casanova	Fold Megastar	Lexies Luck	Rhyds Scoundrel	Wellfield Yankee
Brywins Attack	Followthestars	Little Rascal	Rhyds Skipper	Westley Allstar
Brywins Mercury	Greentree Maverick	Lizzies Boy	Rhyds Superfly	Wild At Art
Call Me Sid	Greentree Wrangler	Lucky George	Rockets Magic	Wild Chippie
Ceirion Kandy	Harrington Boss	Madagascar	Rodney Rocket	Wild Cruiser
Check Love Affair	Highbrooks Bullet	Mahogany Debate	Sambuca	Wild Major
Check My Colour	Highbrooks Fantasy	Majestic Smile	Scotland Yard	Wild Pan Fire
Cierans Luck	Highbrooks Viper	Mayfellden Juno	Seetheaffection	Wild Secret
Coalford Edge	Hobbys Snow King	Mercers Melvyn	Shelwick Two Tone	Wildcard
Country Geoff	Hollywood Beggar	Mesmerizing	Showtime Ragingbul	Wye Doon
Dave Doon	Hondo	Morris Dancer	Somefiresomewhere	Wye Frank
Dillon Camden	Howards Wiseguy	Mr Deuce	Southern Storm	Yankee Joe
DKs Deuce	Ithon Thunder	My Playmate	Stamphill Ghost	

4yo Fillies eligible to enter STAGBI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Allycat	Evenwood Realalert	Imperial Lexi	May Sixty Six	Seeinisbelievein
Ayr Candy Girl	Evenwood Sizzling	Imperial Magicmiss	Mazys Dream	Shebespecial
Bonita	Extra Lucky	Ithon Twilight	Mercers Lily May	Shes Laughing Now
Bow Bow Fire	Fire Cap	Its My Time	Millies Girl	Showtime Price Tag
Brywins Jellybean	Fire Styx	Jessies Hallmark	Miss Marple	Southside Zippit
Brywins Sali Mali	Fold Farewell	Kakaraka	Naga Munchetti	Stateside Zoey
Brywins Saturn	Forafewpearlsmore	Kelly Camden	Nancys Star	Step In Time
Carrie On Doon	Foralittlebitmore	Kinki Beggar	Natalia Camden	Sureamsaucy
Charlton Belle	Fresh Luck	Kirsty Camden	Newmoors Amore	The Greygoose
Cheeky Beggar	Frisco Crack On	Lady Fire	Newmoors Inknpaint	Tina Daheley
Coalford Emerald	Gassys Lass	Lady Lotus	Oaks Breeze	Ultra Violet
Coalford Promise	Gassys Princess	Ladyford Caroline	Oakview Aspire	Valentine Penlan
Coalford Story	Gin	Leopardess	Pen To Paper	Vodka Sue
Coalford Sunshine	Got Lucky	Lexiemidniterunner	Polly Grey	Westley Kylie
Colleen Camden	Greenhill Lucky	Littlemill Arya	Queen Bea	Wicked
County Chameleon	Greentree Talktome	Llwyns Dynamite	Raise The Fire	Wild Again
Dashing Dina	Hasty Grace	Luckofthedraw	Rhyds See A Star	Wild Honey
Desert Gold	Hearts Desire	Lucky Fire	Ring My Bell	Wild Majorette
Desert Rainbow	Hilltopindependent	Lunar Warrior	Rockford Peach	Wild Vienna
Deuce Queen	Hobbys Bad Girl	Lyons Legacy	Samboys Talula	Wildfires Flyer
Dynamite Kate	Hobbys Shyanne	Magical Miss	Santorini Howard	Wilkie's Wish
Eternal Luck	Howards Rain Dance	Mahogany Delight	Savannas Dynamite	Written Inthe Stars
Evenwood I Can Fly	Iamwatiam	Makingcredit	Scotlands Princess	

" Farewell old friend, until we meet again " by Dan Carlin

Except that in this case we can't meet again. Unfortunately, just as the New Yorkers mourn Roosevelt Raceway, and the Eden Valley men wax lyrical about Kendal, Portmarnock Raceway became the latest harness track to give way to 'progress'. The 6th December 2022 was the last ever meeting. I can feel the pain felt by our Scottish cousins as they have also lost their beloved Corbie Wood. At least in the Portmarnock case we had some warning about the closure date. Corbie Wood simply fizzled out at the end of the 2021 season. Portmarnock patrons got to hold a 'wake' of sorts on the aforementioned 6th December.

Of course, as with all matters in Irish trotting things were never simple. The final meeting of the season had been advertised for weeks as the 13th December. However 'people power' intervened and the owners and trainers willed it that The Gerry Farmer and Ned Maguire memorial races would be a suitable high on which to sign off. Not for the first time, a breakdown in communication between the organisers and horse owners meant that the overall product was not as strong as it should be.

As the rumour went around the paddock and the betting ring, so the attitude of the crowd changed. Normal hello and thank you's became warm handshakes. The words of the old Three Degrees refrain were heard amongst friends - 'When will I see you again ?' There's no celebration like an Irish wake and the bar did a roaring trade. A good few faces who did not normally come into the bar after racing, made the effort. The inevitable had become a reality - the place was closing.

BECOMES A MEMORIAL PARK

By way of background, the track has been sold with planning permission to become a 'memorial park' for that part of Dublin. The sprawling graveyards at Glasnevin and Palmerstown were not built to cope with the size of population nowadays. As the old folk song says they have made a city from a town. In my column in The Irish Field newspaper at the time I did explain my understanding was that bids were submitted by

the IHRA and at least two other parties who would have kept Portmarnock Raceway as a harness track. For various reasons, these three bids all missed their target. The landowner agreed terms with the graveyard proposers and the harness horsemen of Dublin were without a proper home for the second time in 60 years.

Those who jump on the bandwagon and criticise the loss of the track should remember that Portmarnock was sold for good before. The late Hughie Richardson sold the track for development in a very lucrative deal in 2005. The buyers in that deal ran into problems. My understanding was that the ground was unsuitable for housing. Also, the infamous crash of the Celtic Tiger economy around that time did the unfortunate buyer no favours. The track lay idle for around six years until in 2011 a group led by Mark Flanagan agreed to lease the track from the builder. Mark Flanagan deserves great credit for having the foresight to lease the track. Shortly into his tenure he pulled off another coup by formalising links with Le TROT of France. A decade later, the French involvement in Ireland has been in my opinion, largely successful. Of course, there are a few horsemen who still hanker after the days when racecards were 90% pacers.

This article is purely meant to be a nostalgic look at a fantastic track. However, while we are on the subject I should state that again in my opinion Mark Flanagan and a hard working cohort of volunteers have been much maligned on social media in recent years. The current management of the IHRA have done much to keep harness racing alive in Ireland. I concede that the current directors are not perfect. Certain figures have frustrated me hugely at times but they do not deserve the many slanderous remarks that we see. There is an old saying in Ireland, originating from one of our native sports. Sometimes 'the hurler on the ditch knows best'. That is to say, it's easy for the person who is not contributing to the team to criticise the action.

At time of writing there are negotiations going on to obtain a field in North County Dublin in the

short term. At least we have a fine facility at Annaghmore for 2023. Seemingly some of the fittings from Portmarnock will be utilised at the Armagh venue.

In the trotting heartland of West Cork a planning application has been submitted for a hard track on the existing field at Lyre. Talks are ongoing for a state of the art track in the Dublin region. Not a cent has been raised, not a brick has been bought. However a unique funding avenue is being explored. The plans are ambitious and the closure of Portmarnock could lead to an exciting new chapter for harness racing in Ireland. One consistent thread of Mark Flanagan's chairmanship has been making the difficult become done and dusted.

FROM A SAUCER TO KNOWN WORLDWIDE

So much for the current politics and plans for the future. Let's take an affectionate look back at a track where a thriving community raced, fund raised, commemorated and celebrated.

My earliest memories of Portmarnock Raceway are of the old four laps to the mile track. The back straight was parallel with the lane to Reggie Coote's house. The tiny track brought true meaning to the old line 'he could pace round a saucer'.

The original Walter Cunningham bought me chocolate as a child. I remember The Baron formerly raced by the Ackers at Manchester, winning a final for Anthony Haughan. I would guess, the year would be 1972 or 1973. The track actually opened in 1969. I recall the bookies betting under a bit of a lean to beneath the judges box. Old Jack Kelly from Dundalk was one of the original layers.

Later around 1975 the track closed due to enlargement works for a season and they raced at a fine flat field out the Naas Road at Blackchurch. I remember a beautiful mare called Mona Lisa winning races at



the venue. I may have been only 9 or 10 but her long stride is ingrained in my memory.

Shortly after this, around 1976 Portmarnock reopened as a half mile track. John Richardson assures me that for a while there was a two and a half lap track, but this I do not recall. The move up to 880 yards was a bold one by track owner (and John's father) Hughie. This was after Prestatyn had closed and before the opening of York. The times of races improved dramatically and there was a steady stream of UK imports. The years 1976 to 1984 were probably the golden years for the sport in Ireland. Bookmaker Terry Rogers had seen harness racing in America and he brought structure and enthusiasm to compliment Hughie's dogged determination. Rogers was great at promotion. He sponsored an electronic timer in the infield and a board displaying the drivers names, a feature that is lacking today.

In those days there was no thoroughbred racing on a Sunday. Almost all of the big names in Dublin bookmaking worked at the track at some time or other. Incredibly, over twenty pitches were filled at one time. Monkey bets were strewn about like confetti. Word went round about (deep breath) a £1,000 race and Murdock brothers won the first Joe Harris Memorial with Billy Adios. The stable would win the big race twice more with Schell Pick and Don Duan (English name Don Juan owned by RA Watson).

My late father often referred to the track as simply 'Hughies'. Richardson did have a silent partner- WJ Mc Enery from a nearby thoroughbred stud, but Hughie's fingerprints were all over the facility. From the ostentatious American car used as starting gate, to the mustard coloured paintwork to the series of imported stallions who stood in quarantine, Hugh Richardson had the final say on most things.

Brothers Barney and Jem had their various jobs. Nephew Peter Richardson was a superb handy man around the place. Peter kept some prehistoric equipment alive over the years. The operation survived by being thrifty. All too often harness racing tracks have closed due to poorly thought out overspending. A close team of nephews, great nephews and friends manned the track on race days. Lifting admission money, taking the declarations, serving burgers. The wages would

never get them on The Rich List but the wise sayings and anecdotes from Hughie are remembered to this day.

On a serious note, hindsight tells us how incredibly customer focused Hughie was. At various turns he had inserted in the programme; symbols to indicate when a horse was down in grade, a symbol to indicate if a horse was undependable at the start, the previous weeks results were always in the card. A succession of 'clever' men have run trotting in the meantime and none have remembered these touches.

He was also a ruthless pragmatist. For a while they published the Sunday card in a Dublin paper on a Friday. One well known owner decided not to bring his three entries one week, as he thought they were in too hard. The solution? No more published race cards in the newspaper.

Non triers were fined and suspended frequently, with the sanctions published in the following weeks racecards. Hughie watched the betting market and the judges he recruited used their eye. The current stewards talk a lot about 'the burden of proof' - absolute twaddle in my opinion.

Back to the glory days. Eight and nine race cards were common. Crothers brothers from Carryduff were colourful competitors, buying good horses from England and arriving in the finest horse lorries. Their Coldstream Wonder was one of the toughest mares to ever grace the track. Lesley and Irwin Crothers brought over the great Phil Robinson to drive at the venue. They later used Mick Lord.

Jimmy Barry brought in some nice stock from Chasewater and Megan Taff's father. Ynys Raceway and Ynys Susannah come to mind. Jimmy asked Mick Keeling, a well known driver at Droylsden to come over to drive the classy Starlette. Ian Pimlott and Johnny Blisset also raced past Peter's Paddock as it became known. The presence of a few English raiders made things more exciting for the early commentator Regius Russell and his successor Mick Dempsey. The locals loved Paul Murtagh's bottomless mare Sugar Baby (Tarport Bill - Thundering Hooves) although she did not produce her best form on her sorties to Britain.

The Hanson's from Portrush have plenty of

relations and friends around Penrith, Cumbria. The late Bobby Hanson struck up a great dealing relationship with Arthur Slack. Smoke Away, Blue Smoke, Sly Barbara were just some of the decent types to come from the Appleby region to Ireland. Walter Cunningham from Dundonald loved his racing but also had to keep stock moving for a living. Lim Hong, Red Cross, Nanok and Thunder Patrol were just a few examples of horses to pass through Walter's yard. The tough little Henry T Adios gelding Vyrnwy Adios was one horse Walter did not sell.

Liam Wallace and Anthony Haughan were the arch villains while Hughie and Tommy Boy Quinn and later Charles Anderson were the sherriffs in this Dodge City. Saunders Rhythm, Vyrnwy Bret, Magneto Star were all stars on the track. Wallace's Velvet Beauty memorably became the first horse to break two minutes in Ireland in 1999. Young Trevor Arkins was in the bike. Sable Matters (driven by Christy Dunne then associated with the Flanagan's) would break that mark at a later date shortly before the track was sold for redevelopment.

Again, in the tracks first incarnation in Richardson family ownership one of the great races was when Viceroy (Alan Wallace Snr) upstaged the mighty Stoneriggs JR (Steve Lees).

The 2001 meeting televised on S4C was also a real high point. Newtown Legacy with Gary Wallace and Ambro Lobell (Alex Patterson) took the big pots on the day.

SINCE 2011

Since the IHRA took over the lease in 2011 there have been many memorable moments. The Delaney family spent time and money promoting their Vincent Delaney Memorial. The event helped to put Ireland on the map in world harness racing. As a result of Derek Delaney's efforts many of the world's finest drivers can now say they have survived Portmarnock's tight top bend. Wally Hennessy, Mike Wilder, Aaron Merriman, Anthony Butt, Dexter Dunn and others all impressed the public with their enthusiasm and their backing of our tiny industry.

A meeting in 2019 to celebrate 50 years was a success with a marquee dinner for invited guests. Jack Wilson (87) who won the first final in 1969

was paraded down the track in a jog cart drawn by Emeric Perreux. The horse was presented by John Richardson. Jack provided John's first ever drive Windys Son in 1981.

Thomas and Alan Richardson planned and executed a world record for two miles on a half mile track with Vichy de Moem. Admittedly this was a very specialised target but a world record is a world record and their names are with the record keepers in Sweden until someone else pulls it off. Pans Landing (Donal Murphy) Bath Lane (John Richardson) and most recently Miraculous (Patrick Kane Jnr) each had a turn at lowering the one mile mark for a pacer. The Arnie Flower syndicate has the satisfaction of knowing that Miraculous' track record of 1.54.6 will still stand once the bulldozers level the winning post.

Meadowbranch DJ's win to qualify for the 2014 Inter Dominion brought the house down. Alan Haythornthwaite was a gallant second with Jim Gammies' Brywins Magic Potion. Unfortunately DJ went off the boil in Australia.

The advent of the Trotteur Francais has brought plenty of excitement and the odd disqualification to the venue. Vichy de Moem, Romalus d'Angelais, Silvano Bello, Tamalou Perrine and Urbano des Selles are just some of the French Trotters to excel at Portmarnock in recent seasons. Noel Ryan's Star de Fruitier had speed like a pacer and John Griffin's Valanzana was a gritty individual. The campaign to establish a market for 'French Trotters bred in Ireland' has been a bit 'one step forward, two steps back. Ella Lou Lou and Hi Fidelity both looked the real deal but broke down in France. As we speak Ger and Sean Kane are prepping Just In Time and Just Like Mum for a campaign in the French provinces.

Harry Knows has just won his second race at The Meadowlands on Saturday 11th March, giving the Portmarnock form a boost.

In the early seventies Hughie Richardson was interviewed for a Dublin newspaper." We hope to breed horses good enough to export " said the track owner.

Gentleman Jim, Ladyford Dollar and The Gypsy Queen will ensure that the ripples from the little saucer of a track are felt around the world.

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BHRC Treatment & Medication Book

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FOOTNOTE: It is a requirement of the I SCEPTOR, BMRB, Rules and Regulations, that the person authoring or providing treatment is recorded for each entry. In accordance with strict liability the Trainer will be assumed to be the person authoring, providing or prescribing treatment unless otherwise stated in the movement section.

August 2022, whereby a positive test was returned for the prohibited substances CLENBUTEROL and HYDROCORTISONE HEMISUCCINATE which under BHRC rules are identified in the Uniform Classification Guidelines for foreign substances as a Class 3 Category B, and a Class 4 Category C Prohibited Substance.

A hearing was conducted by Zoom by an Independent Panel according to Section Y of the BHRC Rules and Regulations. The BHRC can now confirm that this matter has been brought to a conclusion, and that the following penalties have been applied in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the BHRC.

Penalties
Mr Noah Stanley Snr was found to be in breach of Rules 1, 4 and 14 and as such:

All of Mr Noah Stanley's licences will be suspended for a total period of 7.5 months from the start of the 2023 season.

Mr Noah Stanley as trainer (Responsible Person) of the horse fined the sum of £2200.

Mr Noah Stanley to pay the sum of £1479 to the BHRC for all costs incurred in relation to this matter.

The horse Evenwoodddanciness will be disqualified from the races of 29th August 2022 and all prizemoney forfeited and that the handicap penalties incurred on the day be retained on the handicap allocated to the horse.

The horse Evenwooddddancinmess will be required to undertake a further integrity test, prior to being entered to race, which must prove negative for all prohibited substances. This test to be at the cost of the Responsible Person.

All findings are for this case only

Update Mountain Dew

Further to the tests result received by BHRC from LGC and LCH for analysis of the samples taken from the horse Mountain Dew at Pikehall on 25th September 2022, and 8th October 2022 whereby positive tests were returned for the prohibited substance COBALT which under BHRC rules is identified in the Uniform Classification Guidelines for foreign substance as a Class 3 Category B.

A hearing was conducted by Zoom by an Independent Panel according to Section Y of the BHRC Rules and Regulations. The BHRC can now confirm that this matter has been brought to a conclusion, and that the following penalties have been applied in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the BHRC.

Penalties

Mrs Leeanne Coulson was found to be in breach of Rules 1, 4 (for both tests) and Rules 3 and 14 and as such:

All of Mrs Leeanne Coulson's licences will be suspended for a total period of 4 years and 6 months from the start of the 2023 season.

Mrs Leeanne Coulson as trainer (Responsible Person) of the horse fined the sum of £8000.

Mrs Leeanne Coulson to pay the sum of £2642 to the BHRC for all costs incurred in relation to this matter.

The horse Mountain Dew will be disqualified from the races of 25th September 2022 and 8th October 2022 and all prizemoney forfeited and that the handicap penalties incurred on the day be retained on the handicap allocated to the horse.

The horse Mountain Dew will be required to undertake a further integrity test, prior to being entered to race, which must prove negative for all prohibited substances. This test to be at the cost of the Responsible Person.

All findings are for this case only

NEW TRAINERS (or Trainers returning from a suspension)

All new trainers, or trainers returning from a suspension will have to undergo at Train the Trainer session with officials to ensure they have an understanding of their responsibilities under the Rules and Regulations of the BHRC.



THE STANDARDBRED

So much more than just a racehorse - a life after racing

High Heel Kerryboy was bought for me when I was 14, we were similar age.

He was a major hothead, he had done a bit in his previous homes but hadn't really been ridden for 2-4 years prior to me having him. We only did trail rides at first, because he was a crazy to ride .

At the grand age of 16 I eventually taught him to jump and boy was he ever so good at it. We did local shows for the first few years, but he had some serious injuries during 2016 and 2017, so he was retired.

In 2019 I brought him out of retirement due to failings with loan horses, and we went on to win a class at the Bridgend Country Show in 2019.

We didn't do much after that due to transport, but made it to the odd competition - he was the light of my life. He was the first ever pacer I owned and won't be the last. He made me the rider and person I am today. He eventually retired beginning of last year, but I sadly had to put him down on the 2nd December which quite frankly, I'm still trying to get over.

Aleisha Webber



HIGH HEEL KERRYBOY
Kerry Gold / High Heel Susie
Bred by: Peter Swales

SMOKIN ACES

Young Commander / Ceiron Anita
Bred by: Jody Taylor

Smokin Aces (Will), owned by Aleisha Webber since October 2020, after having him on loan, showing that standardbreds are more than just a racehorse.

Will, after a short racing career, now has a life made up of fun rides, trail riding, cross country and showjumping, all of which he very much enjoys and has shown versatility in whatever has been asked of him. After some work on the ground schooling him, followed by some pole work and work on his canter, it was on to fences, and since then he has not looked back. What a versatile and intelligent breed they are. Well done Will, and a handsome guy too.



Sire Stakes 2 Year Old Fillies

American Spirit
Ayr Beauty
Chasingthestars
Coalford Outtwin
Coalford Turnitup
Dickinsonsrealdeal
Greenhill Lucy
Imitation Game
Keeva Camden

Millie Camden
Money Talks
Naked Attraction
Oakwood Enigma
Oakwood Foresure
Rhyds Kandyapple
Showtime Faith*
Tothebarandback

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Sire Stakes 2 Year Old Colts & Geldings

A Hard Days Night
Alacantra
Alwayson Overdraft
Ayr Bada Bing
Borninisolation
Brooklyn Dodger
Coalford Getiton
Coalford Letitrain

Coalford Littlebob
Conn Man
Dick Dastardly
Ladyford Clint
Moneyhill
On Fire Apollo
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Rasputin
Red Outlaw
Rhyds Sandman
Riley Camden
Run A Smile
Shotgun
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Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Fillies

**Imperial Flame
Jenny Camden
Oakwood Dynasty
Shesabelter
Stateside Ideal**

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Sire Stakes 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings

**Ayr Zac*
Coalford Goodfella
Coalford Mademan
Coalford Oneofus
Coalford Topguy
Ernie Will
Eternal Bud**

**Honey For Sure
Oakwood Time Again
Rhyds Applered
Rhyds Dude
Rhyds Shady Affair
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Gordon Gilvear

Louisville - She was a great two year old, a real natural who has grown a bit and looks great. I see no reason why she won't be right at the top table.

Keepersweet - This filly showed loads of ability last year but was very immature. She qualified nicely but was disappointing on her only start. If she puts it all together this year she could be one to watch.



James Haythornthwaite

Cuzshecan - is a five year old filly by Major League star who has just come into training this year having been left to mature until now. She's a big strong mare who has done everything nicely so far and we're hoping she can keep progressing and make a solid racehorse for the 2023 Season.



Sarah Thomas

Evenwood Sonofagun - I fully expect him to dominate in the FFA class off the back of multiple impressive performances in 2022.

Forafewpearlsmore - From the up and coming Emma Langford stable, she raced in some of the major three year old stakes races last year with credit and seems to be improving with age.

Always Paid - A super two year old colt who looked to have so much scope to grow into a bigger and stronger horse at three.



Mick Lord

Rhyds Superfly was a talented three year old last season but has had a few issues. However, we are hopeful of a profitable year as he starts off on a decent handicap mark.



Bob Crow

Top Dollar is a three year old gelding who is staked up for the 2023 Season. He raced last year and managed to get a couple of places and a win in the SHRC Futurity. He has had a good winter and is looking bigger and stronger coming into the 2023 season, so fingers crossed it can be a good year for him.

Stashtecash - is a mare coming back for 2023 after having last year off due to injury. It's good to have her back in the stable as we do like to support the mares races and with the new series Queen of the Turf, and Scotland staging legs of it, we hope to have her primed to take part.



Andrew Cairns

Rhyds Applered - has grown into himself as we had hoped, he's a horse we think a lot of and everything he did last year was a bonus. I think he'll improve a chunk and I'm really looking forward to him racing this year.

Megan Camden - is a nice mare who only really started racing last season. We will aim her for a decent handicap and hopefully she'll repay her new owner Allan Davies

CHILDREN'S PONIES – EXHIBITION DRIVES

The BHRC are pleased to announce that they will continue to support the Exhibition Drives (for those aged 4 to 13), with the belief that these young people are the very future of our sport.

Several tracks have already said they too will support the initiative.

The BHRC hope that more tracks will commit to staging an Exhibition as the season progresses. Parents please remember that these ponies **MUST** be vaccinated, must use a two seater cart and be accompanied by a licensed person. The pony should be no more than 13hh and trot not pace.



For more information please talk to Jason Podmore

The Calendar

The Calendar this year will continue to be in a paper format

There will be 4 publications

End of March/June/Sept/Dec

As per usual we request that any individual, promoter, advertiser with any content send it to us ASAP (we collect information all year around)

We prefer content by the end of the preceding month (this allows us 2 weeks to produce the artwork, 1 week for printing and a week for postage)

BHRC Facebook Page

Should any promoter have information they want posting on the BHRC Facebook Page please send your request to the office.

Where it is an urgent notice (ie a meeting cancelled due to weather, please phone either the office (if in office hours, or a Director if out of hours).

For general posts please allow 24 hours in racing season for posts to be published. We will try to upload before where possible, however this is not always possible due to the streamlining our office staffing.

SUSPENDED/WARNED OFF PERSONS and SUSPENDED HORSES

From the 1st April where persons are suspended (because of breaches of rules, or unpaid debts*), the Directors have made the decision to list them on the website, and to publish names in subsequent editions of The Calendar.

A list of horses suspended, because of integrity issues, or due to the non-payment of debts by an owner, will also be published on both the website and in The Calendar.

For the avoidance of doubt (and to protect potential purchasers), the suspension (under certain rules) will apply whether or not the horse remains in the same ownership at the time that the costs order was made.

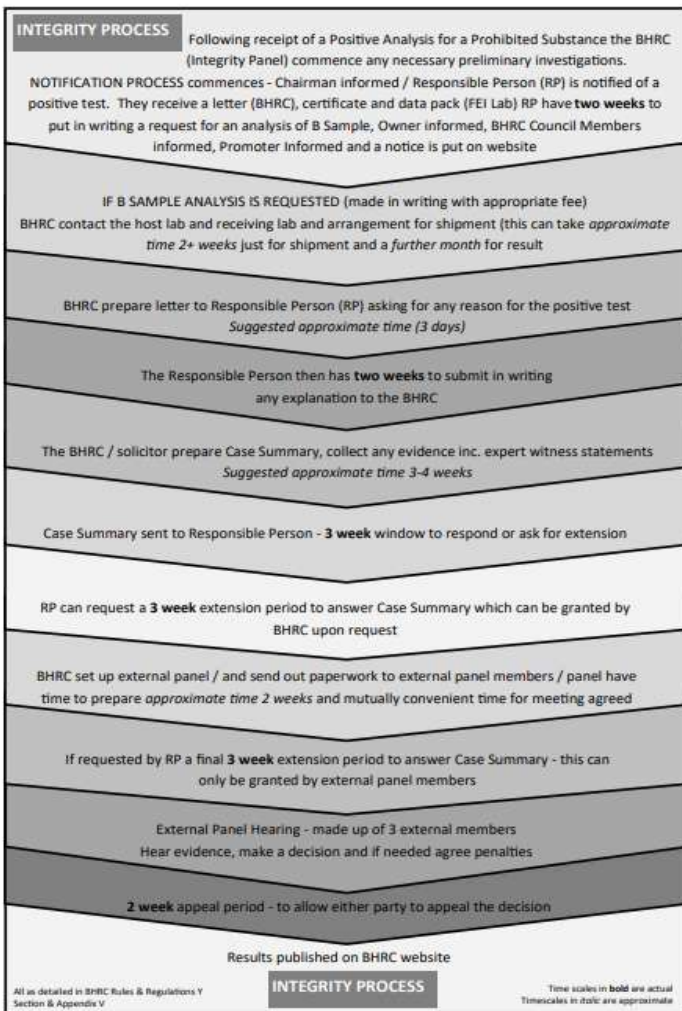
NOTICE TO ALL TRAINERS:

Due to insurance restrictions PLEASE ensure that all staff, helpers and visitors to your horsebox / vehicle and trailer (which is within the licensed area) hold a BHRC licence.

Any unlicensed person in a licensed area such as the lorry park, stabling areas etc will be asked to leave.

This is not an official being difficult, it is because they are NOT insured. If an uninsured person were to have an accident it could be the end of our sport.

WE MUST ALL TAKE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY.



Juvenile Payment Dates 2023

FEBRUARY

1st Feb - Tir Prince - VDM Entry Fee - £200
1st Feb - York BHRC Sire Stakes 2/3 Year Old - £50
28th Feb - Tir Prince - 2/3/4 YO Breeders Crown - £100

MARCH

1st March - York 2/3 Year Old Championships - £150
1st March - York 2 Year Old Graduate Series - £75
1st March - Tir Prince NWHOA 2/3/4 Year Old - £100
1st March - Haugh Field 3 Year Old Conditioned Pace - £60
1st March - Ivington 3 Year Old Conditioned Pace - £60
1st March - Little Welsh Dragon Yearling Nomination - £30
1st March - Tregaron Junior and Little Welsh Dragon - £150
1st March - SHRC 2/3 Year Old Futurity/Oaks/Derby - £100
1st March - Tir Prince BHRC 2/3 Year Old Futurity/Oaks/Derby - £100
1st March - Amman Valley BHRC Pacing Classic - £100
1st March - Tir Prince - VDM sustaining fee - £200

APRIL

1st April - York BHRC Sire Stakes 2/3 Year Old - £50
1st April - Haugh Field 3YO Conditioned Pace - £60
1st April - Ivington 3YO Conditioned Pace - £60
1st April - SHRC 2/3 Year Old Futurity/Oaks/Derby - £50
1st April - Tir Prince NWHOA 2/3/4 Year Old - £50
1st April - Tir Prince - VDM sustaining fee £200

MAY

1st May - York 2/3 Year Old Championships - £150
1st May - York 2/3 Year Old Graduate Series - £75
1st May - Tir Prince NWHOA 2/3/4 Year Old - £50
1st May - Tir Prince BHRC 2/3 Year Old Futurity/Oaks/Derby - £100
1st May - Amman Valley BHRC Pacing Classic - £100
1st May - Tregaron 2YO Junior Welsh Dragon - £50
1st May - Tregaron 3YO Little Welsh Dragon - £100
1st May - SHRC 3 YO Oaks/Derby Grass Championships - £50 - Race Fee
19th May - SHRC 3 YO Oaks/Derby Grass Championships - £50 - Race Fee
31st May - Tir Prince - 2/3/4 YO Breeders Crown £150

JUNE

1st June - Tir Prince NWHOA 2/3/4 Year Old - £50 - Race Fee
1st June - Amman Valley BHRC Pacing Classic - £100
10th June - York 3 Year Old Championships £75 - Race Fee
Close of Festival Entries - Tregaron Junior/Little Welsh Dragon (2/3 Year Old) - £50 - Race Fee

JULY

1st July - Tir Prince BHRC 2/3 Year Old Futurity/Oaks/Derby - £100 - Race Fee
1st July - Amman Valley BHRC Pacing Classic - £100 - Race Fee
1st July - York BHRC Sire Stakes 2 Year Old - £50 - Race Fee
2nd July - Ivington 3YO Conditioned Race - £20 - Race Fee
22nd July - York 2 Year Old Championships - £75 - Race Fee
23rd July - Haugh Field 3YO Conditioned Race - £20 - Race Fee
31st July - Tir Prince - 2/3/4 YO Breeders Crown - £200 - Race Fee

AUGUST

26th August - Haugh Field 2 Year Old Futurity - £50 - Race Fee

SEPTEMBER

9th September - York BHRC Sire Stakes 3 Year Old - £50 - Race Fee
23rd September - York Sale 2 Year Old Graduate Series - £50 - Race Fee

BHRC Fixtures 2023

APRIL

Sun 16th Amman Valley (Qualifiers/Work Outs)
Sat 22nd York (Qualifiers/Work Outs)
Sun 23rd Amman Valley (Qualifiers/Work Outs)
Sat 29th York (Qualifiers/Work Outs)

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Mon 1st Amman Valley (Qualifiers/Work Outs)
Sat 6th York
Sun 7th Amman Valley
Fri 12th Haugh Field (Qualifiers/Work Outs)
Sun 14th Tregaron (4YO Senior Dragon)
Fri 19th Haugh Field (Qualifiers/Work Outs)
Sat 20th York
Sun 21st Presteigne (WWHRA)
Sun 28th Amman Valley (STAGBI Mares)
Mon 29th Appleby

JUNE

Fri 2nd Haugh Field (SHRC 3YO Championship)
Sun 4th Amman Valley
Sun 4th York
Tue 6th Tir Prince (STAGBI Mares)
Sat 10th York
Sun 11th Talgarreg
Tue 13th Tir Prince (STAGBI 3YO)
Sat 17th York (3YO Championship & STAGBI Mares)
Sun 18th Golden Valley (WWHRA) *
Sun 18th Haugh Field (STAGBI 4YO)
Sat 24th Tir Prince (North Wales 2/3/4 Yr Olds)
Sun 25th Amman Valley
Sun 25th Hellfield

JULY

Sun 2nd Appleby New Fair
Sun 2nd Talsarn (WWHRA)
Tue 4th Tir Prince (STAGBI Mares)
Sat 8th Tregaron (Straita Florida, Welsh Dragon)
Sun 9th Tregaron (Welsh Classic, Welsh Dragon)
Fri 14th Haugh Field
Sat 15th York (2yo BHRC Sire Stakes & STAGBI 4YO)
Sun 16th Ivington
Sun 16th Wolsingham (Eden Valley)
Sun 23rd Appleby
Sun 23rd Amman Valley (STAGBI 3YO & 4YO)
Sat 29th York PACT
Sun 30th Ivington
Sun 30th York PACT

AUGUST

Sat 5th Cannock
Sun 6th Haugh Field
Sun 6th Lampeter
Sat 12th Tir Prince (VDM)
Sun 13th Ivington
Sun 13th Tir Prince (VDM)
Sat 19th Haugh Field (STAGBI 3YO)
Sun 20th Boughrood
Tue 22nd Tir Prince (Breeders Crown 2/3/4 Yr Old)
Sun 27th Appleby Brough
Mon 28th Amman Valley (British Pacing Classic & STAGBI Mares)
Tue 29th Kilsney Show

SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd Wolsingham Show
Sun 3rd Cilmerly
Sun 3rd Haugh Field
Thu 7th Longnor Sports
Sat 9th Haugh Field (SHRC 2YO Futurity)
Sat 9th Stanhope
Sun 10th Haugh Field
Sun 10th Almeley (WWHRA)
Sat 16th Tir Prince (COG, Derby Oaks, National Pacing Futurity)
Sun 17th Aberystwyth (WWHRA)
Sat 23rd York (3yo BHRC Sire Stakes & STAGBI Mares)
Sun 24th Pikehall
Sun 24th Amman Valley
Sat 30th Wolverhampton

OCTOBER

Sat 7th York (SALE DAY, Graduate Series & STAGBI Mares Final)
Sun 8th Amman Valley
Sat 14th York

*new venue subject to track inspection