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# DIRECTORS UPDATE

Firstly we would like to apologise for the delay in producing this version of the Calendar, just the second of 2022.

Unfortunately as most of you are aware, we have operated most of the season with no office support as unfortunately Heulwen has been off on a long-term illness and has very recently made the decision not to return to the BHRC. We will therefore undergo a period of change in the closed season, and will be appointing replacements) for both Heulwen and Lorraine as well as re-locating the office.

At this point we would like to thank Dai John Edwards and the handicapping team, Graham Smith, Cheryl Podmore and Sarah Thomas for their support and dedication to the sport, this group of people along with directors Carol, Charles, Hayley and Julie have kept the sport running, which we decided was a paramount importance. It has unfortunately meant that other areas have had to be put on hold, we do hope that you understand the situation we were in.

The season has had many highs with some outstanding performances and meetings, the weather has been kind with few meetings being lost due to inclement weather. We also celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our oldest licence holder with a tremendous meeting, which was well supported, at Appleby in the summer.

Unfortunately there have been some lows

too. The serious accident at the start of the year that left both Colin Bevan and Huw Evans in hospital and with serious injuries, our continued best wishes go out to them and their families. The behaviour of a few licence holders have continued to spoil the sport for the majority of good licence holders. Whilst we appreciate that emotions run high on a race day, we cannot and will not tolerate threatening behaviour towards officials or other licence holders.

This year we have changed the licencing processes so that licences had to go through a panel to be approved. This process will continue. Where we have concerns about licence holders they may be given a licence but asked to sign a behaviour bond to agree to a strict code of conduct and it may be that some licence holders may not be issued with a licence next year.

The separating into two governing bodies, of the two gaits of our sport, has continued. There have been a few teething problems, but this year was always going to be a case of 'work in progress', whilst some of the foundations were laid down for what we hope is a successful future.

The whip continues to be a contentious issue, rules were tweaked this year but as a board we are aware that we have too many drivers who still do not follow the rules.

Looking to the next few months, we are looking at changing the AGM from Nov/Dec



time to Feb/Mar time. This will allow us to have accounts that reflect the full racing year, and not half from one year and half from another, and a good starting point to the season.

Phase 1 of the new software has been completed, the recording of all licence holders and horses, we have been using it (behind the scenes) for most of the racing year. First feedback is that it is easy to use and very intuitive. There are a couple of tweaks to be made around the reporting suite and minor changes to race cards, but on the whole it is getting the thumbs up from the users.

Phase 2: the handicapping system is underway and will hopefully be released to the office and handicapping committee before Christmas. This will allow us to test it thoroughly before the racing season commences.

Phase 3: is the website, and it will pull information through from Phase 1 (licence

holders and horses including horse records) and Phase 2 the handicapping of horses for you the licence holders to view. We apologise for the website this year, but we have been able only to use it as a repository for documents (ie results / racecards etc), and somewhere to put news. We know you have missed being able to look up licence holders, and more importantly horse records, but hopefully this will be back for you in a more user friendly format early in the 2023 season.

As ever we are always looking for any volunteers to help, we appreciate that not everybody wants the liability and pressure of being a Director (though we welcome any applicants), however we are looking for support stewarding, general race day support, promotions, fund raising, media, or just any way that you feel you can help the club to move forwards.

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

#### **UPDATE ON OUR HARNESS RACING FAMILY:**

**The BHRC Directors are pleased to be able to confirm that following the horrific accident at AVTC earlier this year:**

**COLIN BEVAN** has now been signed off by the hospital and is allowed to return to all normal activities - and finally he is now able to make Shirley a well-earned cup of tea.

**HUW THOMAS** - we also have a positive report on Huw, who tells us he has made a good recovery and is back to normal.

**Our thoughts have been with them both and their families since the accident and it is fabulous to now be able to report with positive news.**



## MARK YOUR CARD: VIEW from NEW ZEALAND by Bob Meadowcroft

In this edition of the Calendar we go global as three respected aficionados of the sport mark our card with horses to follow in the coming months. We go to North America, France and Australasia in search of winners.

**With spring now here NZ will see the top horses appearing at trials and workouts, which are held weekly throughout different parts of the country.**

Harness Racing has continued throughout the winter on the all weather tracks - country racing on the big grass tracks usually starts late September.

From September onwards, leading up to November, the top line horses will be getting ready for the big meetings. The second Tuesday in November is when NZ's top race, the New Zealand cup, is run.

This year all horses will be off the front for the 2 mile standing start event, the race all trainers want to win. At this stage it looks like Australia will have entries with connections of Lochinvar Art, who won the prestigious Victoria Cup and Hunter Cup, and maybe others coming to Addington Raceway, Christchurch.

Spring is also the start of the breeding season. Last year saw 2037 mares filing returns, an increase of 1.6% on the previous season. The continued success of the NZ standardbred on the international stage has put pressure on reduced foal crops, and with very high export numbers, it is good to see a slight increase. However gone are the days when twice as many mares were bred, or the days when most farmers,



especially in the South Island, had a couple of broodmares in the back paddock. Now it is more commercial, and the hobby breeders are a rare commodity.

### Age No Barrier

Harness Racing universally is a sport anyone with a love of horses can participate in. A prime example is 79 year old Luk Chin, a well known surgeon and anaesthetist from Cambridge who trains and drives a small team of 4 horses for a hobby.

Luk, who prefers trotter's over pacers, recently had 3 winners in 24 hours. He commented after his wins he, "may give up medicine and take up training full time"

HRNZ requires licence holders (drivers) once they turn 65 to obtain a full medical



each season to retain their driver's license.

Luk wears contact lens and does not like driving on wet nights. Age is definitely no barrier!

## Horse Ambulance

This year saw the introduction of a dedicated horse ambulance, which was established in 2016 as a charity for the health and welfare of all competitive horses in NZ. The ambulance attends every harness race meeting in the country, there are a number of them scattered around the country and they attend every horse event. The main feature is they can lower to ground level so horses with serious leg injuries do not have to struggle up a ramp. The first day it was used the pacer Le Pole Dancer suffered a serious suspected fracture at Addington Raceway and was rushed to the equine hospital for surgery.

We asked Bob Meadowcroft to give us the names of horses to follow for the New Zealand spring campaign.

## BOB'S HORSES TO FOLLOW:

### Akuta

Bettors Delight/Adore To Our Dreams by Christian Cullen - born 1.12.18

Akuta has had 11 starts for 8 wins with total stake money \$450,580. A brilliant horse but won't be seen until February next year. Trained by Mark Purdon/Hayden Cullen

The Purdon stable have won over \$60 million since he has been training on his own and at times with Natalie Rasmussen, and currently Hayden Cullen.

### Sundees Son

By Majestic Son oo Stardon by Sundon  
A 7yr old trotter, who to date has won \$1,218,542 over 6 seasons, with an

impressive 32 wins from 68 starts. Has numerous NZ records, best probably trotting 3200m or 2 miles from a standing start - 3.56.6, which is faster than most pacers can run. Has also run 3.10.4 for 1 mile 5 furlongs or 2600m. He should be racing October/November.

## Four Starzz Shiraz

11 years old, 241 starts, winning \$181,000. Races every week, probably the most travelled horse racing in NZ and races mostly in penalty free races such as Jnr Drivers and Amateur races.

## MARK YOUR CARD: Roger Huston Five2Follow

### Beach Glass

Somebeachsomewhere - Im With Her  
3 of 5 1:51.1

This year 5 of 8, 1:47.2 Meadowlands  
Won Meadowlands Pace & The Cane Pace  
Will not race in the Jug, will race Lexington  
Brant MacGrath trainer  
He also trained Somebeachsomewhere



### Catch The Fire

5-y-o Captaintreacherous-Dream Outloud  
Lifetime 18 of 55. 1:46.4 Meadowlands

### Breeding and Racing

Has lowered mark every racing season  
\$1,491,934 lifetime  
Getting better with age

### Test Of Faith

2021 Horse of the year

4-Y-O Art Major-Cannae Cammie  
27 of 35, 1:47 Meadowlands  
\$1,955,982 lifetime  
Has regained last year's form of late.  
Taking on older horses was tough at first  
with some losses but excellent record now

### Bulldog Hanover

Fastest horse of all time 1:45.4

Meadowlands

He has dominated of late and will do so at Lexington. Many think he will go faster in weeks to come.

### Bythemissal

Downbytheseaside-Dismissal

Ron Burke

1-1 1:55 Dover Downs

Purchased by Burke Stable

This year 6 of 7 1:48.3 Meadows

Won the Adios

Easily put away Beach Glass who many consider #1;

Little Brown Jug Supplemental entry likely



## MARK YOUR CARD: Fabien Cailler

### Five2Follow



Here leading French trotting journalist and Sky Racing broadcaster Fabien Cailler, suggests five horses that may pay their way for the forthcoming Autumn/Winter Season in France.

**Instrumentaliste:** He put in some exceptional performances during the summer and has a large choice of races due to his earnings.

**Galius:** He should have won the Prix d'Amerique last year and he will win it in 2023! He will stay shod during all the winter except for the Prix d'Amérique.

**Joli Boy de Reve:** This is an interesting prospect who has a wide margin for progression and could arrive in the second part of the year behind in his earnings. No determined target : you have to follow him on each of his races.

**Fandango La Nuit:** Preserved during many months, could arrive this autumn with a very interesting freshness. Has enough ability to win two or three Quintés+.

**Jamaica d'Aurcy:** Young prospect from the Jean-Michel Bazire stable. This sister of a Group 1 winner could win two, three or four races during the winter





# Hugh O'Neil Jr



Further to an earlier edition of the calendar, the BHRC are pleased to provide an update on driver Hugh O'Neil Jr's progress in America.

Since moving north from Florida to Pennsylvania, Hugh has amassed 27 driving wins at a variety of fair tracks across the state, with two pari-mutuel wins recorded at The Meadows. The first of these was Adelia Hanover in 1.57.4 for trainer Robert Krenitsky Jr on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and the second was with 17-1 shot Lyons Euphoria for trainer Jessie Orbin in 1.56.2 on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Well done Hugh.

Photos courtesy of Chris Gooden photos.



## Anthony Butt

Anthony made a promised return trip to the VDM where we caught up with to hear just a bit more about one of the southern hemisphere's living legends (having done a little bit of snooping around I found out that Anthony had recently been recognised with the Caduceus Club of Victoria's Living Legend award).

My research had also told me that Butt had been an outstanding junior driver in NZ, after partnering a horse called Blossom Lady, before moving to Australia where he has also had a successful career, as well as driving in several other countries including America, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands. This is where my interview started:



I thanked Anthony for coming to the VDM, adding that these things made the event just that bit more special, he told me it had always been his plan to return, he had made some great friends, and the plan was to tie it in with a trip to the Hambletonian.

From my research, I have found out that he could have been either a professional rugby player or taken the road he did, as a professional driver. Obviously excelling at both, what made you pick harness racing - to be honest, he told me, it hurts less in the morning when you get out of bed.

We talked about Blossom Lady, the pacer that had put him on the map, winning the New Zealand Cup and 2 Hunter Cups, and Laurel Creek (trotter), Butt said he didn't have a preference between the gaits. He was eternally grateful to both horses for being such superstars for him. I asked Anthony, with over 2500 wins, 130 group 1s, is there a race still on your bucket list? Without a pause he said the Elitloppet in Sweden. Moving on we talked about differences across the world, Butt explained how impressed he was with racing and breeding here in the UK, stating that although there may be more 'professionals' in the sport abroad, the only difference he could see here in the UK was the prizemoney. He said our tracks had a softer surface and obviously smaller.

We talked about different people that he admired within the sport, and I asked him who he most admired, without a pause, he said his grandad Derek Jones, and that he had followed him since he was 10 years old, he looked up to him and had always valued his opinion, he felt that he had been the one who had been instrumental in getting him where he was now and he was eternally grateful. On the circuit, as a driver he admires, Dexter Dunn.

In preparation for meeting Anthony I had watched the Inter Dominion Pacing Final, where Butt drove Mr Feelgood (with a back draw), with the hot bookmakers favourite, a front draw. I asked him to talk me through his plans, and then his drive. He said it had been his plan to get on the back of a good horse and get a tow into the race, hope for a bit of luck, and press for home. He said in actual fact, on this occasion, he got his luck when the favourite got took out, and he followed the horse with the form, he said it doesn't always work out just as easy as that, but homework usually pays off.

Anthony now has two children (Chris and Kimberley) making name's for themselves as drivers, I asked him if he got the same buzz out of it, he said that the buzz was bigger, but unfortunately so was the worry! Though he was hoping that it would get easier.

What next for Anthony Butt? I want to enjoy life, I love the sport and want to put more back into it, in Australia I often race everyday, sometimes twice a day, but I would like to have days off. Anthony Butt you were an absolute gentleman, you were having a day off, a pleasant lunch and you still found time to talk to me. Thank you Anthony.

# THROUGH A FAN'S EYES

I ask myself how do I share with everyone, all that we have experienced over the last few months there is so much to tell. I am sure to most, if not all of you, these experiences are everyday occurrences but to us they are not, these memories are stored up and on those cold dark winter afternoons we bring them out with smiles on our faces as we re-live every moment.

We have been a bit hampered this year with work and being struck down with Covid so have missed some big meetings, Tregaron being one of them. We sat at home feeling poorly, sulking all weekend clutching our phones waiting for results to pop up on Facebook.

Sadly so far we have only made it to York once but oh boy did we pick the right meeting to attend, witnessing Evenwood Son Of A Gun breaking the British record. Many congratulations to the Laidler team and all connections, this amazing horse having raced successfully in this country smashing a world record then going to Canada to race returning home and wowing the British public once again, what an amazing horse.

This winter we have been very lucky, Marc, Jenny Jones and family very kindly entrusted us with the code to their CCTV just so we can be an extra pair of eyes whilst they are lambing and foaling.

David and I have enjoyed watching The Jones Lambing Live, I can thoroughly recommend this style of lambing just sit, watch, pick up the phone and summon the sheep midwife to the shed, and then watch another little lamb being brought expertly into the world from the comfort of our sofa, perfect.

We are enjoying our own exclusive reality tv show - At Home with the Jones's. It is full and action packed, never a dull moment, a wide variety from jogging horses in the morning to rugby practice as the sun goes down. How long can you watch a mare munch hay and do virtually nothing? My answer absolutely blooming ages I just get hooked, my logic if I stop watching I might miss a foaling.

I have made several phone calls the first was a call to alert them to the sheep being loose and heading for the road followed by a few lambing alerts, putting aside the woolie critters, I move onto foal watch my aim is to see a foal born and then follow its progress from birth to track. This was hampered by a very unreliable wifi service at the Jones end, I had a message from Jenny saying mares waxed up next 24 hours so I tuned in and I get the black screen of death, absolutely nothing....

Next message I receive is pictures of a lovely filly foal born to Strictly Mambo by Foreclosure, well I had missed that episode. Oh and low and behold a few minutes after the event you've guessed it wifi is up and running again. Never mind there were a few mares to go and I enjoyed watching the mare and foal in the evenings. How attentive she is standing over her new born babe this little one is a full sister to Strictly Paige and now when we watch Paige on the track this season my thoughts will turn to the images of her with her mummy in the barn. Moving into April with wifi up and running I wait in eager anticipation of a live birth, Oh No not again down goes the naughty wifi. What is a fan supposed to do of an evening now? No at home with the Jones's

so I had to turn to a reputable channel watching a period drama certainly not as enjoyable as my evenings viewing of Fogsides Frolics.

Why is it every time I tune in I see a mares tail raise and low and behold they poop, I have seen more mares poop than romantic nights out with Mr D, eventually my patience is rewarded. I receive a message "mares waxed up keep watching", the midwife as we named Marc says "not tonight".

Good thing we didn't listen to the Midwife as I get a phone call in the early hours of Good Friday morning. "She is foaling" up out of bed, phone in hand, not wanting to disturb Mr D, sat on the sofa, blanket wrapped around me just in time to finally see a fantastic colt foal emerge into the world. Watching the team work between father and daughter. Well done Georgia not only a fully qualified Norland Nanny but a midwife too, assisting the safe arrival of little baby long legs. Whilst watching this episode I thought to myself I wish I could be there and help with the foals and a few weeks later my wish came true.

Whilst visiting one weekend there's a tap on the bedroom door it's the midwife "mares foaling". All went well, I watched the little chap enter the world and before anyone could clear the sac from his head he let out a little whinnie, over the next few hours he took those first few steps and we gently assisted him to latch on and take in that all important colostrum. Mr D slept through all of this despite the foaling alarm going off. The house could collapse around him and he would sleep through it.

I wish to say a very big thankyou to all the Jones family for allowing us into your lives we feel humbled by your kindness and

trust in us. We have viewed the warts and all of harness racing and sheep farming, the ups and downs of owning livestock. We were very impressed with Les, one moment on camera 3 he is casting his expert eye over a lame horse being trotted up in the yard, and then we switch to camera 5 and there he is lambing a ewe, Superman watch out Les Jones is here.

One of the most memorable meetings for us was the Kit Bousfield Centenary meeting, such a lovely setting, the rain tried to hamper proceedings mid way through, but spirits were high and we all enjoyed an afternoon of good competitive racing. The four in hand team coming out onto the track and Mr Bousfield taking up the reins, hats off to you sir that was impressive, and certainly the icing on the cake. We thoroughly enjoyed joining everyone for tea and Pimms on the lawn not Smiths lawn but Holme Farm lawn whilst watching the racing Perfick as pop Larkin would say.

The seasons not quite over yet and obviously there is York Sale Day still to look forward to. There is a certain someone I have missed on the track this season, he has been busy with his stud duties. I'm looking forward to seeing a crop of new little Rockin Mambos so please all post those pictures of those baby Rocky's indulge this fan I will be eternally grateful.

If anyone is considering sending their mare to this boy he is an absolute gentleman with his mares just one word of warning all foals come with a stalker I am so interested to see how they develop

I am counting down to seeing the first one out on the track. Take care all enjoy the rest of the season.

*Mel*



# LEADERBOARDS 2022 to date



As with many things, the parting of the sport into two governing bodies has changed the way we calculate Leading Horse, Leading Trainer, Leading Driver and Leading Owner, with only wins from pacers being counted in the totals.

With only 3 meetings left, there looks to be some odds on bets for the awards this year.

A huge congratulations to everybody who has made it on to the leaderboard this year but especially to our current leaders.



**The BHRC Annual Awards Evening this year will be on Saturday 4th February, at Haydock.**

**Details will be published in the coming weeks.**

We also plan to celebrate the success of Permit Trainers, who in our opinion are often overlooked. Permit Trainers make up the biggest category (in numbers) of Trainers, and bring in more revenue in licence fees, yet get no official recognition, so this year for the first year, we plan to have a category for them too.

It would be nice to think that next year, when our new database is totally up and running we can have a leaderboard for each category of licence holder, and therefore truly recognise each group.

CONGRATULATIONS to every trainer, owner, driver and horse, it is not easy keeping 'athletes' at the top of their game week in week out, with the current economic climate it is financially challenging too.

## Leading Horse

Merrington Movinup – 9

Ayr Rhythm – 8

Louisiana – 7

Rhyds Scoundrel – 7

Blythe View Rogue – 6

## Leading Trainer

Alexis Laidler – 51

Keir Cullen – 26

Michael O'Mahony – 20

Sally Teeboon – 19

Jack Foody – 17

## Leading Driver

William Laidler – 49

William Greenhorn – 39

Richard Haythornthwaite – 37

Grant Cullen – 33

James Haythornthwaite – 26

## Leading Owner

Raymond Huschka – 19

Neil Foody – 15

Melissa Sweeney – 14

Steven Gilvear – 11

Joby Randall – 10





## Will Greenhorn Driver Profile

Driving stats since 2005

**Wins: 470**

**Top 3 Finishes: 1346**

**Total Drives: 3057**

**Prize Money £380,604**

### **What first got you into racing and driving?**

My dad owned horses in the 70's, dropped out for a while and came back in later on. When we (Will and Alan) got older, around 12 or 13, we started helping out and learning. I first drove in 1989 and won my first drive on a horse called Camouflage, it was in a 2 year old race. A neighbour kindly made me some colours, a yellow jacket with a G on the sleeve to drive in to match the horse's harness.

### **Most Memorable win?**

I've had lots of good wins but the one that has meant the most was Jack Swagger winning the Whit Monday at Appleby. We bought the mare and covered her with my dad's stallion.

He had a few major setbacks and was written off by the vet to ever race again. We refused the insurance payout and took the gamble to nurse him back to full

fitness. Alexis and Rocker took over his care and training doing a tremendous job which led to this great win, and me driving him made this more memorable.

### **Highlight of the season so far?**

It has to be Evenwood Sonofagun beating the track record at York, you don't see things like that very often.

### **A race you haven't won that you would like to?**

The Welsh Classic at Tregaron. I've won the Strata Florida a couple of times with Dun Laoghaire and Frankie B but I've never won the big one.

### **Favourite non-driving racing memory?**

Getting days off school to go to Appleby and Musselburgh.

### **What advice would you give a new driver?**

Be safe and enjoy it, ideally getting to know the horse's ability helps.

## Ryan Inglis Driver Profile

**Wins: 34**

**Top 3 Finishes: 83**

**Total Drives: 213**

**Prize Money £23,990**

### **What first got you into racing and driving?**

I've been involved in racing since I was in a nappy. My Papa was in the sport and I used to go on the cart with him jogging horses when I was a little boy. I used to go racing when I was young then fell out as I was more interested in football. Then when I was a bit older Tony (Allan) had asked him to go and give him a hand to jog the horses and help at the racing so I said I'm going to give this a bash. The driving followed on from there.

**How would you say your driving style has changed since you started?** When I first started I had watched all the videos of people driving in America and you end up thinking too much about how you look. You start to see races differently once you get used to driving in them, then once you gain experience you start to know more about how to drive different horses and learn.

**Most Memorable win?** My first win. I was dying to win a race and I won my first race on American Gigolo. Me and Gigolo got on great, we had to try a lot of different things as he wasn't the most straight forward horse. After that I went on to drive him in his last 4 wins and then we lost him in a race unfortunately. The first win is always the best but it



meant a lot to me because of who the horse was as well.

**Highlight of the season so far?** This last month has been great for me but I would have to say winning Brough on Goodtime Hal. It's their last year this year and they have put a lot of work in with the horse. They have had him since he was a yearling and he has always been so big and needed time to grow. He deserved that win as he had been running out of his skin. It was good to repay people who have trusted me as a driver.

**Any horses that you are looking forward to for the future?** I have driven a lot of horses this year but most of them have been ready made racehorses. I haven't had too many youngsters that have been up and coming. Tony bought a brother to Mayfelden Ivor, who was a good race horse, that he had broken in and turned him out to mature. I'm looking forward to seeing what he will do next year.

## **A race you haven't won that you would like to?**

Anyone who ever drove would always say Musselburgh but that isn't there anymore. I've ticked Appleby off which was a big one for me. I would probably say the Crock of Gold to be honest, that would be some buzz. It's a struggle to have a top class horse to compete at that level but it would be a dream, either that or having a great youngster to go and win the VDM. Every win is a great win for me though, I celebrate them all whether it was a small race at Corbiewood or the final at Appleby.

## **Favourite non-driving racing memory?**

Sitting in the house with my Papa and watching all the old tapes of the racing. Whenever I used to go up to my Gran and Papa's for dinner I would always moan until they would put the tapes on. I watched all the great old horses like Little Flyer and Flyers Comet. That is probably my best racing memory in general as it's the things like that that get you into the racing.

**What is a change that you think would bring the sport forwards?** If the sport is going to be here for a long time there are a few things. Funding would be the main thing but that's an easy answer and a difficult job. There needs to be some way to get funding either through the government or something else because we rely so heavily on peoples generosity sponsoring races. It is a hobby for the majority but we need more to incentivise to keep people in or bring new people in. I also think we need to modernise

the sport and get more young people involved to bring fresh ideas, its good that the older generation is still there to help guide but some fresh blood could be a good thing.

## **Do you see yourself going abroad in future?**

As soon as I get a chance I'm gone. I love racing and I would like to be able to help it go forwards over here but I would love to go over and try it, even if it was just for the winter as there is racing year round over there.

## **What advice would you give a new driver?**

Don't give up. No one is very good when they first start, so you will get a lot of people saying negative things and if you listen to them it can turn you right off. If you take on the positive advice and genuine advice you will grow as a driver but if you let it drag you down you would end up giving up. Keep your head down, drive everything and anything because you will learn. The same person that lets you drive a horse that might not have a chance one week might get a horse with a great chance and stick with you. Every horse you drive will give you a different bit of experience



# Kit Bousfield Centenary Meeting

The Bousfield family and the Committee organising the racing were blown away by the support from the harness racing family, and apart from the horrendous thunder shower in the middle of the afternoon, which did not dampen Kit's spirits at all, and is evident from the fabulous photos shared by both Sarah Thomas and Marcia Thompson it was in the words of a well known song 'just a perfect day'.

The aim of the race meeting was to have 10 races of 10 to give us 100 horses racing to mark the 100th birthday of Kit Bousfield, we ended up with 105 horses and we had 13 races as 'the Boss', Kit, decided we would turn nobody away, and that we would have heats and finals.

The sponsorship support we had made our planning so much easier, and our heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every sponsor, not just those who sponsored races, but to those who gave in any way to support the meeting.

Kit named each race after a horse that had meant a lot to him along his harness racing journey, with the High Grade final being named after his lifelong favourite and a name synonymous with Holme Farm, Tiny Trews.

It was fabulous to see a number of 'old faces in the crowd', with the crowd certainly adding to the day. Our hats go off to the crowd when even through the





the heavy thunder shower mid afternoon their spirits weren't dampened, and for various reasons when Kit made his debut with the Four in Hand Team, and took the reins there was certainly 'not a dry eye in the house'.

Kits face as he drove those four horses around Holme Farm track were a vision that will live with us all forever, his smile lit up the gloomy sky, and as if by order of Kit, the rain eased and the racing continued.

The racing itself didn't disappoint, with the opening race going to the Sally Teeboon trained Biggins. As Sally had been the very first person to offer to sponsor back in November of 2021 it was rather apt that she should then take out race 1, The

Pandora Maiden Pace.

Raymond Huschka, sponsor and local owner took out the Clemistic High Grade Heats and the Tiny Trews High Grade final, from an impressive 80yd trail, with Merrington Movinup.

Eternal Deuce winner of the Thomas Gratton Ratings Race provided an overdue and well deserved win, who after showing early promise in its Stakes Career, had been struggling to find form. The smile on Charlie's face that day is a memory that will last with me forever. I took the time to go and find Charlie in the lorry park to give him a big kiss, we'd had a long chat at the end of the previous year about the horse and he was about to give up on it, I went to





torment him, and say to him that I bet he was glad he had taken my advice, and of course to ask him for my percentage of the prizemoney. I got waylaid a couple of times, but something told me to go and find Charlie and congratulate him.

The smile on his face was fabulous, it was nearly as big as Kits when driving the four-in-hand. Little did I know it would be the last time I saw Charlie. RIP Charlie I will miss you.

Back in the crowds I saw faces I had not seen for years and the 'racing banter' both in and out of the hospitality area was fabulous.

Kit you were amazing (even though you did give us a little scare on Friday when you told us all you were having pains in your

chest), and when you had me worried because you told me you would be glad when it was all over, the smile on your face on the day, and the kiss you gave me at the end of the day re-assured me that it had all been ok.

Happy 100th birthday Kit from all of your harness racing family. The respect you had from the whole crowd on that day was immense, you should be so proud of all you have achieved, and the love you have from everybody.

PS just to make you smile, on his birthday he took my hand and took me through to show me a card, I thought it would be the huge one I tried to get as many of you as possible to sign, no sorry guys, it was the one from the late Queen!

We would all like to thank everyone who joined us in celebrating Kit's 100 birthday.

We have been overwhelmed by you all, and our special thanks go to the BHRC, Eden Valley Stewards, Darren Owen, Sarah Thomas, Mark, Rosie and his Four-in-Hand team. We would also thank Brian, Julie and Ric Park for everything they have done to help with the meeting and of course to the sponsors, without you it would not all have been possible.

We hope that you all enjoyed the day as much as we did, and that you made some special memories too.

**Kit, Sandra, Helen, Claire, Catherine and Rachel**



## Coalford Sunshine

Coalford Sunshine makes her way to America for Ron Burke. The 3 year old grey filly by Coalford Laag, out of Coalford Dawn (a Rogue Hall mare who is a full sister to Coalford Tetrick), has proved herself to be a top class stakes filly this season.



Coalford Sunshine had never stepped foot on a race track until April 2022, and what an exciting year she has had. This year, after winning her maiden in 2.01 she went on to claim the STAGBI British 3YO Fillies Championship, winner of a heat of the Breeders Crown and 2nd in the Breeders Crown Final, 2nd in both the BHRC Oaks Pacing Derby and NWHOA 3YO Fillies Championship and 3rd in the VDM 3YO Fillies Final. The very last horse to ever be sired by the late Coalford Laag, she has also claimed a personal best of p2:00 this season.

It is fitting that 25 years since Coalford Laag first raced in America and Canada, Coalford Sunshine goes over as his last ever sired filly to begin her racing career for one of North America's leading trainers, showing testament to him as a top class British stallion. We wish her every bit of luck and success in her career overseas.





## From Rags to Riches

**Coalford Tetricks by Rogue Hall out of Sweet Tahoma**, bred by the Coalford Stud and purchased by Steven Jones in 2013 at York Sale for the princely sum of £550.

Too often we hear the saying, horse of a lifetime, but in this case, I think it is a very fair cliché to use. How many of us have dreamed of investing so little and getting so much in return?

Breeder Gary Maw says "Tetricks was the little horse that could, probably one of the most popular horses of the last 50 years, who raced consistently at the highest level, always a pleasure to watch and we are so proud to have bred him".

Tetricks made his appearance on the track as a two year old back in 2014, and such is the soundness of this little horse, that he has raced every season since, making his last appearance at Tir Prince in the



Crock of Gold this year. In his career he has raced over 100 times, winning 34 of them and collecting prizemoney of approximately £60,000. He has won at 1 mile, 1.25 miles, 1.5 miles and 2 miles on hard track and grass making him the ultimate athlete.

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. He has a personal best at Portmarnock of 1.55.0 (holding the 4yr old track record there for 1.5 miles) along with numerous sub two minutes clocks and other track records, next to his name.

During his career, the little horse with the big heart, was trained predominantly by his owner Steven Jones and recently we caught up with him to ask him for a little bit of an insight into Tetrick.

“Something just attracted me to him at

York, and from then it has been a fabulous journey, which I am sad to see come to an end. We broke him in ourselves at home, and from the start we knew he was special, he could go out and do his work and come in and never turn a hair.

Every year he has made us proud, not just the track records, not just the wins and the trips to the winners enclosure, but to keep doing it year on year, he does it from his own desire, the driver certainly does not need to carry a whip, he genuinely gives his all every race.

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.

During his racing career his has claimed many records including the Portmarnock mile track record, and at our local track AVTC, he has held, and still holds, the 1.5, 2 mile and the 1 mile 800 yd record.





He will truly go on any surface over any distance. The only thing we have noticed is that he has never won in the dark (or under the floodlights), perhaps this is why we have not won the Crock of Gold?

At just 15hh, and winning regularly off huge trails, the pocket rocket, has found a place in many peoples heart, and it gives us a lot of pleasure to hear people not connected to us cheering him home. I admit I am sad that his racing journey has come to an end, I hope that he can now start to pass on his winning genes to his offspring as he begins a new chapter. We already have one yearling at home by him, Highbrooks Tetrick, who we have had harness on and we are starting to put into the cart. If he can have a just a little bit of his dad's heart he's sure to be a winner".

I spoke to Joanne and Andrew Cairns at York recently and I asked them to tell me about Tetrick, they told me he is a total warrior, they wished they had had him sooner, they wished they had had him longer, but that they were eternally grateful for the short time he had been with them.

I was not surprised to hear that trainer Joanne and groom Abbie cried when he left the stable recently to return home to Wales to start his stud career next year.

Looking at the photo of the Cairns's Fan Club this quote came to mind a fitting place to finish the piece, "I wish I had met you sooner, so I could love you longer", thank you Tetrick or 'Tim' for all the memories, and as Sarah Thomas so eloquently paraphrased Shakespeare:

**"and though [he] be but little, [he] is  
fierce"**



*I wish I had met  
you sooner, so I could  
love you longer*





**Louisiana** - It would be difficult not to be impressed by Louisiana, who although still owned by the Gilvear family has left these shores to pursue a racing career in America at the tender age of 3. Louisiana first graced us on the track in June 2021 and in just over a year she has made 15 appearances winning 13 of them, amassing nearly £55,000 in prizemoney and putting in 5 sub 2 minute miles.

The long term plan is to race her for a while stateside before returning to the UK in foal to begin a second career in the breeding barn. Well done Louisiana, it has been an honour to see you on the track and we wish you all the best, till we meet again .....

After 4 seasons of racing in the UK, with 7 wins, 3 sub-2 minute clocks and nearly £15,000 prizemoney stablemate to Louisiana, A ROCKNROLL STAR goes stateside to continue his racing career in the USA.





## **“OUR FUTURE DRIVERS” returned in 2022**

After making an appearance some years ago as pony racing the event had to be shelved due to concerns from our insurance providers.

After working with our insurance company, and introducing certain restrictions we are really pleased to be able to again invest in our future and try to get more young viewers hooked in to our sport.

We are now restricted to entries from ‘pairs only’ on two seater carts, with one of the pair being a licenced driver, and that it is not in fact a race, but an exhibition of driving.

With these guidelines being implemented it has been rewarding to see these exhibition events back on at Ivington, Cannock and Pike Hall, and we hope to see more in 2023. Thank you to Jason Podmore for sorting the insurance.



# Stewarding Update

As the season draws to a close stewarding has again been a hot topic. There are those that are keen to blame the stewards for every wrong doing on a track, for every missed violation, for every poor incident of careless or reckless driving. In reality what came to light was that we have fewer and fewer volunteers who want to suffer week-in, week-out abuse which can over-spill from the racetrack onto social media in the click of a finger.

Early in the season it became apparent that we were going to have to do something, and some measures have been put in place, and further measures will be put in place over the winter. All Stewards must be licenced by the BHRC, with licences going to a panel. Where a track is short of stewards a non-licenced person can be used on no more than three occasions in total, not just three occasions by that club.

Over the closed season there will be some in-face and online Stewarding Seminars that Stewards need to attend. We will also look at the rules to increase fines for verbal abuse on stewards. Stewards may not get it right all the time but they try their hardest and most give their time voluntarily. Licence holders can object or appeal where a decision is wrong, They cannot, and must not, take matters in to their own hands. Stewards do not profess to get it right all the time - however it does not mean they should be subject to abuse. Fines for abuse of officials are likely to be increased, and the roll out of retrospective stewarding will help with the problem around the lack of stewards that we are currently encountering.

The loss of long-standing Regional Steward Andrea Barker will be particularly felt in the north of the country, she has a wealth of knowledge and experience, she produces detailed and accurate paperwork in a timely manner and we will be sad to see both her and Garry O'Grady step down at the end of the year. Perhaps this will make us look towards a different model.

The drone has been an invaluable tool this year in helping with stewarding decisions and improving the safety of our racing. The BHRC has funded tracks to the value of £200 towards a drone, and over the winter we will be discussing whether this may need to become a compulsory feature on a race day.

With the office being closed there has been a leniency this year towards the collection of fines, and allowing trainers to enter horses or drivers to drive horses where there are unpaid fines. This will stop in the 2023 season with the introduction of the new database.

There has been a recent Track Stewards enquiry into a particularly unpleasant incident at Cilmerly, which could in fact jeopardise the very future of racing on the track. On this occasion the BHRC Directors were unhappy with the decision made by the Track Stewards and have appealed the decision. The date for a hearing is yet to be arranged. There are other outstanding Stewards Enquiries which have been referred to the BHRC for consideration which will be coming to the enquiry stage in the very near future.

Fines taken at track level are split between the BHRC and the Race Promoter. Work will commence in the next couple of weeks to reconcile payments with promoters. A breakdown of fines compared to last year and by Rule will be produced over the winter months and will be shared on the website and will hopefully make the next edition of our Calendar. In finishing our thanks must go to all individuals who give their time freely to the sport to help 'police it', or to help in any way at all, without you it could not carry on.



# Hasty Hall (1998)

**By Jennas Beach Boy oo Hundred Kisses**

The harness racing family were saddened to hear the news recently that one of the most influential stallions of the past few years is sadly no longer with us.

Hasty Hall was bought as a 3 year old by John and Grethe Wright of Rhyd Stud from Harrisburg and imported to the UK in 2001. For over a decade Hasty Hall was one of the most popular stallions (\*). In fact most stables have had a Hasty Hall at some point of their training career, some having many.

In 2014 after the Builth Wells sale, in the words of Eric Witherspoon, "Hasty Hall reached the pinnacle of his commercial stud career when his colt yearling Rhyds Megastar fetched £51k at public auction".

Hasty was a sire of many champions, whether it be Classic Winners or Group Races including winners of: 2 year old and 3 year old Futurity, Sire Stakes, Oaks, Derby, Musselburgh, Aberystwyth, Tregaron, Appleby, Crock of Gold Heats and Final to name but a few.

Not only did he produce those 'Saturday' winners but he could produce the 'bread and butter' racehorses that could be raced week in week out, on hard or on grass, and it was rare that a Hasty offspring was not in the first 3, something he did for a decade and a half. It is hard to imagine that we will have a stallion that sires as many foals ever again, never mind as many winners.

John and Grethe's story: we were out at Harrisburg in 1999 and saw the first crop of yearlings from Jenna's Beach Boy (who we had



always admired as a race horse), his yearlings looked tremendous and had excellent conformation. We didn't actually buy one, instead buying Shady Romance, but that is a whole different story, however these yearlings did leave us with a lasting impression.

Moving on a couple of years to 2001 we made the decision that we needed our own stallion, as our number of mares kept increasing, and we saw that there was a 3 year old colt by Jenna's Beach Boy in the sale at Harrisburg.

We marked our card as one to look at! The colt was half brother to the Triple Crown winner Blissfull Hall, and he ticked all the right boxes for us, he had the conformation, pedigree and was out a producing mare, so

we purchased him and he came to the UK in 2002 and was immediately put to work.

From his first crop in 2003 Rhyds Diamond won the fillies section of the Sire Stakes and when three Hasty colts, Rhyds Hallstar, Bon Jasper and What About Me all came around the paddock bend leading the field we confess we did have a little feeling that “we could just be on to something here”. Rhyds Hallstar went on to win the BHRC Derby in 2006, and fast forwarding nearly two decades, the 2022 Derby winner Rhyds Scoundrel is out a Hasty Hall mare, who is related back to the mare we bought in the 1999 sale.

For us, Hasty’s standouts, too many to mention (in case of omissions) and his regular racehorses made him the top stallion in the BHRC Sire Stakes and Breeders Crown for consecutive years, he was also Sire of fourteen Sire Stakes winners, thirteen Breeders Crown winners and four Derby winners.

**Hasty will be sadly missed here at Rhyds Stud, and he certainly leaves a big pair of boots to fill.**

“One thing is for sure we will be seeing Hasty Hall in the maternal line of race horses bred in the UK for the rest of our lifetimes such is the impact he has had on the breed on these shores”, Eric Witherspoon.

**BREEDING RECORD**

Year	Matings	Regs	Colts	Fillies
2004*	36	27	16	11
2005	31	21	12	9
2006*	69	50	29	21
2007*	66	54	23	31
2008	35	26	15	11
2009*	43	32	16	16
2010*	52	42	24	18
2011*	42	32	19	13
2012*	28	23	8	15
2013	29	23	12	11
2014	37	28	14	14
2015*	36	27	13	14
2016	26	19	8	11
2017	19	17	9	8
2018	15	7	2	4
2019	13	8	5	3
2020	12	7	2	5
2021	8	0	0	0

\*most used stallion  
As per STAGBI Stud Book

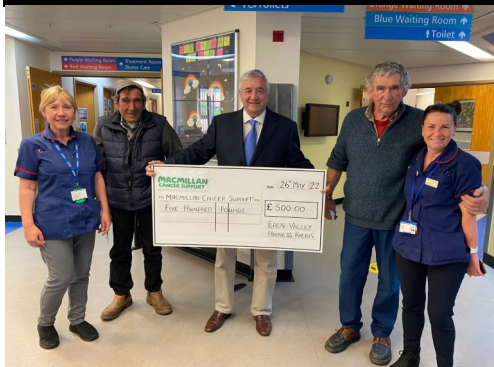
**NOTICE TO ALL TRAINERS (Public, Licence or Permit)**

Due to insurance restrictions please ensure that all your helpers and staff have a BHRC licence. This may be an owners licence, drivers licence, assistant trainers licence or grooms licence.

Any unlicensed person in a licensed area, including the paddock and lorry park could , and should be asked to leave. This is because without a licence they have no insurance. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a licensed adult at all times.



# Eden Valley Harness Racing Association



Eden Valley Harness Racing Association provide stewarding services at a number of Eden Valley meetings throughout the season inc: Appleby Spring, Appleby New Fair, Appleby Brough, Wolsingham Show, NESA, Kilnsey, Stanhope and this year, of course, the Kit Bousfield Centenary event. Annually they also promote (and steward) their own meeting - Wolsingham Charity Meeting, when not only do they give their time but they also raise money for worthy charities.

This September saw the 7th annual hosting

of this event, and hopefully will see them again raising over £1000 for two fabulous charities, Eden Valley Hospice and the Great North Air Ambulance.

To date the fund-raising activities have raised over £7000. EVHRA would like to thank everybody who has helped make this possible.

Eden Valley Harness Racing Association are always looking for more volunteers to help steward at race meetings. Please see one of the group should you be interested in helping in any way.

**CHARLES KIRK** We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Charlie, who has been a stalwart of the harness racing community for many years. Charlie has had many great horses in his time, too many to mention, but most of us, when we think of Charlie, think of a roan horse or two.

Charlie will be remembered by us all for his warm smile and dry sense of humour. Charlie has won numerous races during his long career in the sport, surprisingly however only winning his first classic as recently as 2019. Charlie trained his last winner, fittingly I think, on the Eden Valley Circuit, at the Kit Bousfield Centenary Meeting.



In 2012, Oakwood Stud started the Vincent Delaney Memorial in honour of their brother. What started as an idea of a memorial race has grown exponentially in the last few years. The VDM racing weekend now hosts visitors from around the world, including the United States, New Zealand, Australia, Sweden and more. The Delaney Brothers state they are proud to be able to support Irish and British racing through the weekend and to bring it to a global audience.

This is the second year of hosting the event at Tir Prince, and I am sure that all who attended agreed that each year it gets bigger and better.

The weather was fabulous and a party atmosphere prevailed throughout. The facilities and the racing did not disappoint and all were left feeling “bring on 2023”.

### **And on to the racing .....**

The VDM Four Year Old Mares Final had a field of 7 with representatives from both Ireland and Great Britain. In a close finish, with 5 of the 7 split by just over half a second The Gypsy Queen was the one returning for Gavin Murdock with the Irish connections picking up

# **VDM** **Tir Prince 2022**



the very respectable £6000 first prize purse.

Onto the 4 VDM Four Year Old Geldings Final again had a field of 7 with again representatives from both sides of the water. It came as little surprise that the previously impressive Churchview Frankel who was the one visiting the winners enclosure and making it 2 up to the Irish.

In this the second running of the Bernie Kelly Free for All we saw five of the top pacers here in Great Britain take to the track, and an opportunity to grab one back in the Irish vs GB challenge. For most, eyes were on Evenwood Sonofagun, who at 10 years old and having been campaigned overseas was again back on the premier stage. He didn't disappoint and it heading over the winners line 2.5l in front of Live In Star, added another £7000 to his bank account.

As far as many are concerned the main events of the VDM consist of the 2 and 3 year old races, it was hardly surprising therefore that these were staged at the end of the card. Such is the popularity of the events now, that heats were staged for some of the races on Saturday ready for the finals on Sunday.

Thanks to Sarah Thomas who as ever captured a range of fabulous photos both on and off the track, all can be found on her Facebook Page. Just what was going through Ron Caddies mind at this point? Penny for those thoughts.....







Louisiana as impressive as ever under a cool drive from Gordon Gllvear went on to win the VDM 3 Yr Old Fillies Final by nearly 2 seconds leaving nobody in doubt that she was the best 3 year old filly this side of the ocean, now and possibly ever, with the Coalford duo left fighting it out for 2nd and 3rd.



Onto the eagerly awaited VDM Final for 3 Yr Old Colts, and could Rhyds Scoundrel (with a better draw than in the heat), when finishing a disappointing 4th, win? The final proved to be a totally different day for Scoundrel, who, putting in a clock faster than Evenwood Sonofagun earlier in the evening, reminded any doubters that he is 'top class', and surely one for the free-for-all of the future' class. Winning by an impressive 19l and nearly 4 seconds.



As the lights began to fade, apprehension levels raised, who would be taking home the final two VDM titles?

The VDM 2 Yr Old Fillies saw 9 go to post and in a hotly contested finish with UK contender Oakwood Lucy Lou finally saw the Irish

owned and trained Maidsweet take out the race and the prizepot of £10,000.

On a hot balmy night, as the sun set on the seaside town of Towyn, the eagerly awaited climax to the VDM was upon us, eight of the best two year old colts from both Ireland and the UK paraded in front of the excited crowd. Bets placed, start car in position, we were not to be disappointed.

Under the dulcet tones of Roger Huston, horses were called up to the gate, Always Paid from a 4 draw made a very positive start to head the field into the first corner, from where he then totally controlled the race.

Rhyds Dude from the back of the field put up the biggest fight to the Sally Teeboon trained Always Paid and coming off the final corner it was always just a two horse race. Always Paid looked to have enough in the tank, making it a post to post win, from a super cool drive from Richard Haythornthwaite. Always Paid owned by Joby Randall and Lee Edwards, and bred by Lee Edwards, you certainly did not disappoint.







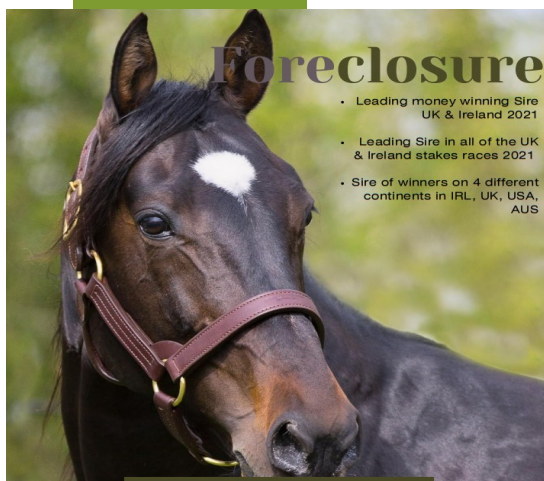
Always Paid, 2 year old son of Always B Miki, out of Beguile was turned out to grass shortly after the win. We eagerly await his return next year.

Unfortunately by the end of the meeting it was a 4 vs 3 victory to Ireland, perhaps next year Team GB can fly the VDM Flag as winners.

Leading Sire (VDM Races only): (with two wins each) Foreclosure and Sweet Lou head the leaderboards. On a count back to include placings the leading Sire for the VDM races was Foreclosure, congratulations to Oakwood Stud.

Well done to all connections running horses at the VDM, to the VDM Team for all their hard work and to Tlr Prince for staging the meeting, a record weather temperature was certainly broken at this meeting!

We now look forward to the sales and 'buying a dream' for most the dream is to win one of these premier meetings, just one of those premier races, In 2022 that dream came true for some. It could be your turn next year.



**VDM**  
**Tir Prince 2022**

## INTEGRITY UPDATE

*In the 2021 Season the BHRC Integrity Team processed a total of 181 tests comprising of 104 full blood tests and 77 blood gas tests from 23 trotters and 158 pacers, returning 6 positive tests, which have all now been to panel and results published. This year with just 3 meetings to go the Integrity Team have processed a total of 156 tests comprising of 66 blood gas tests and 90 full blood tests all from pacers. To date we have received 6 positive tests, one of which has been to panel, and the other 5 will be processed over the closed season.*

**Where we stand:** *we believe fully in a level playing field for all, and have spent a lot of time working with the laboratory and industry experts to develop a fair system for all. We investigate every single positive test.*

*We only use world wide accredited laboratories, (predominantly in France and here in the UK), and have robust systems in place for testing, investigating and prosecuting.*

*It had been hoped that in 2022 we would be able to roll out a program of out of race testing, however due to staff shortages and directors covering the office, it has not been possible to do this. However training and data shows us that to improve the efficacy of our testing regime this is something we must develop over the closed season, and have in place for the season on 2023.*

*What will it mean for you as a trainer. The notification system for horses in training for 28 days will remain the same but will be strictly monitored, the notification of horses arriving on a yard or leaving a yard (within the 24 hour time frame) must be adhered to and penalties*

*will be applied where it is not. Horses from overseas will see the biggest changes. When using a visitor passport full tracing details will need to be supplied. Trainers will also need to supply medication records for horses (from their passports) when registering horses in training, along with flu vaccination records. When taking out a training licence they will also have to supply copies of their Medicine and Treatment Book.*

**Out of Competition Testing:** *a vet along with either a Regional Steward, and Integrity Officer or a BHRC Director will visit a yard. In order to minimise costs we will be looking to use local BHRC officials where possible. They will have a list of horses registered in training at that yard. Any horses not present on the yard without reasonable justification will be ineligible to race for a 28 day period. Testing may take the format of blood, urine, hair or sweat. There will be a rolling program of testing over a prolonged period to ensure that a variety of trainers undergo out of competition testing.*

*Other developments in 2022: Trainers asked for a system whereby if they admitted guilt they could opt not to go to a full external panel (with the extra cost that it incurred). After discussing this with our solicitor, a compromise was reached whereby the Responsible Person (usually the Trainer) has the option of going to full panel, of putting their hands up at the earliest opportunity, which may entitle them to upto 25% reduction in penalty. The case paperwork is then sent to just the Chair of the Panel (which therefore reduces the cost). The independent and external Chair of the Panel carries out a desk based check to confirm that procedure and due diligence has been followed at each stage.*

## INTEGRITY UPDATE

### Vino Rosa, Tregaron, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Further to the test result received by BHRC from LGC for analysis of the sample taken from the horse Vino Rosa at Tregaron, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022, a positive test was returned for the prohibited substance TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE which under BHRC rules is identified in the Uniform Classification Guidelines for foreign substances as a Class 4 Category C Prohibited Substance.

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. The Independent External Chairman hereby makes the following Order:

#### Penalties

Mr Huw Evans was found to be in breach of Rules 1 and 4 and as such:

The horse Vino Rosa to be disqualified from the race on the 15<sup>th</sup> May and that all prize money be forfeited.

Mr Huw Evans's licence as a trainer to be suspended (Category B) for a period of 6 weeks to run from Monday 3rd October-Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October and for the first 4 weeks of the 2023 season. During this period Mr Evans will be banned from entering any horses to race but will be permitted to carry out duties in the preparation and caring for horses in his stable.

Mr Huw Evans as trainer of the horse fined the sum of £400.

Mr Huw Evans to pay the sum of £1079 to the BHRC for all costs incurred in relation to this matter.

The horse Vino Rosa was required to undertake a further integrity test, prior to

being entered to race, which must prove negative for all prohibited substances. This test has been carried out (June 2022), and has returned a negative result, the cost to be paid by the Responsible Person Mr Huw Evans.

*\*All findings are for this case only*

Trainers are reminded of their responsibility to maintain an accurate and up-to-date Treatment and Medical Record Book. Failure to do so under Rule 15 of Y Section of BHRC Rulebook could lead to an automatic £1000 fine.

**ULCER TREATMENT:** the BHRC ruling for products containing Omeprazole and Ranitidine is that they are permitted for use in treatment of ulcers providing that we are notified in writing by a Veterinary Surgeon of the prescription, the treatment is recorded in the horse's passport and treatment is withdrawn 3 clear days prior to competition. Such horses will be recorded on the race card with OR as a suffix. This rule was added in 2016.

It is therefore a surprise that with an estimated 95% of racehorses having ulcers that we only have two horses on our database with OR after their name. PLEASE TRAINERS be familiar with the rules and ensure that you follow them.

# BHRC MEMBERS MEETINGS

Members Meetings are held every quarter. It gives each licence holder an opportunity to put forward items for discussion (the Agenda), members then need to request the link by 5pm on the day prior to the meeting, a zoom link and the Minutes from the last meeting and the Agenda will be forwarded.

## 30 June 2022

Directors Update: confirmation that John Towe had stepped down as a Director due to work commitments and an apology that there had been no June/July Calendar due to the office being closed.

Integrity Update: explanation that there was currently two live cases, one was at the appeal stage and should be concluded shortly and one was at the initial investigation stage and would not be completed until late summer/early autumn.

There was confirmation that more emphasis would be placed on out-of-competition testing.

Office Update: Unfortunately Heulwen is off on long-term sick, licence holders must not contact her on her private phone. The Directors outlined how the office would work until Heulwen makes a full recovery. Feedback on the whole from track promoters was very positive, and they were happy with the level of cover provided. Licence holders (trainers) would like to see the return to later entries as soon as possible, but understand that as a short-term

measure is was needed. A Fettah raised a concern about getting information back for his printer by Weds but J Park assured him that this would not be a problem.

Members Agenda Items: none were submitted.

AOB: C Stevenson brought up about the verbal abuse being hurled at track officials and that in Scotland, unless something radical happens they will not have enough stewards to run meetings.

All agreed a strong stance must be taken against those in breach of the rules.

All agreed that verbal warnings should only be used once, and that it would depend on the severity of the incident. Licence holders at the meeting commented that 'holidays' for trainers / drivers might be the only way forward.

Musselburgh Racecourse - the BHRC again offered to meet with MFDA and with the racecourse to look at whether there was any steps that organisations could take to ensure the future of the prestigious meeting. J Park to send A Fettah dates.

Drone footage - C Stevenson brought up about the legality of the footage. J Podmore confirmed that this was already covered with the scope of the BHRC Rules and Regulations and that this had been confirmed by the company solicitor.

# BHRC MEMBERS MEETINGS

## 29 September 2022

**Minutes of last meeting** - Julie had sent Anthony a few dates that they could meet with Musselburgh Racecourse however due to both parties being busy no date has been fixed as of yet.

**To agree AGM Date/Time** W Evans proposed that the AGM be moved to March 2023 which is within the 15 months stated as per the Articles of Association. The reason being that from an accountancy point of view the accounts currently run March to February at the moment and we are adjusting this so that the accounts will now run from January to December. No objections.

**Office** C Jenkins informed everyone that following a long period of illness H Bulman has decided to move on from her role. The BHRC are planning to hire a replacement in the near future. The office role has been taken on over the summer by directors on a voluntary basis as well as some ad hoc paid work by Sarah Thomas. Julie would like on behalf of the BHRC to extend a thank you to Graham Smith and Cheryl Podmore for their tremendous support, as well as the promoters who have been particularly understanding during this time.

**Trot Britain** W Evans stated that the last Trot Britain meeting mainly focused around integrity and use of the drone going forwards for stewarding. Anthony Fettah asked if it was true that Trot

Britain would be breaking off completely from next season which W Evans confirmed to the best of his knowledge, yes.

**Integrity** J Park confirmed that last year a total of 181 tests of which 30 trotters meaning 151 pacers were tested. In 2022 there have been 156 tests, 90 full blood and 66 blood gas (from pacers). There have been 5 positive tests - of which one is almost concluded and the other should be coming to the panel in the near future. Julie also stated that out of competition testing had been delayed because of the office. A Fettah stated that he feels Gastrogard and Joint injections are used as a welfare issue and the punishment should be a fixed fine rather than panel etc if they are not declared with the BHRC. J Podmore agreed that ulcer medication is a welfare issue for horses however the correct protocol should still be followed however with joint injections they should not be a fixed fine as there are set guidelines to follow.

**Database** H Cassells stated that we have now come to a stage where we are a lot happier with the race cards and the database has come forwards with the reporting suites etc. We are currently moving into phase two of the build which is centred around the handicap system which should be finished this side of Christmas to allow plenty of time for testing ahead of the 2023 season.



A Fettah asked about the costs of the database, Hayley confirmed the BHRC are still in negotiation regarding the costs of the second stage. Anthony stated that it was mentioned that there would be 5 stages and the first stage cost £15,000 plus vat which would take the total cost to over £90,000. Hayley explained that some of the stages had been merged together during the build so there will not be 5 stages. G Robson asked if there would be ongoing costs for the new database. Julie advised that there will be ongoing hosting costs of the new database and an ongoing support service however we are still in negotiation surrounding the costs of this.

**Stewarding** J Podmore explained that retrospective is only available currently for the leg down/whipping rules which he hopes will be opened up from next season to all driving rules.

Over the winter the BHRC will also compile videos so that they can run stewarding seminars to help to make stewarding more consistent across the country. The drone has been a major step forwards in stewarding as it allows the stewards to see more clearly incidents. A Fettah asked if this will come at a cost to the tracks. Jason stated that the BHRC are currently covering £200 towards the cost of the drone at the moment and plan to continue doing so.

H Langford said that the rule book needs to be looked at over the winter as it has caused difficulties stewarding this year and J Podmore confirmed that the BHRC will be asking for feedback and reviewing the rule book after the season

has concluded.

**Insurance** J Podmore said the insurance renewal date is the 1st Dec. H Cassells said that we are also looking into the driver cover and seeing what options are within a reasonable cost.

A Fettah asked if we have to notify the insurance company when we have a positive test, Jason stated we need to inform the insurance company of all goings on and they are notified after any case is concluded.

**AOB** A Fettah, Changing of rule K7 - he would like to see this changed back or removed from the rule book to go back to balloting on a race day.

**Entries** - A Fettah would like the entries closing time to be moved back to a Sunday night. Hayley Cassells stated that this was always the plan once we have staff back in the office.

**Sire Stakes** G Smith asked what we could do with the sire stakes to help boost it up. H Langford said that most two yr olds are finished by the end of the year. Suggestions included: to lower the cost of the stallions. A Fettah said that we should move the sire stakes back to July where it always was. Julie said Craig had raised concerns regarding the Sire Stakes previously and that we should invite him and others to look at the way forward if he feels it would help.

E Langford suggested that we move the payment date to later in the year, G Robson suggested that we introduce a foal payment.

**Date and time of next meeting** Sunday 11th December 5:00PM

## BHRC Flu Vaccination Programme



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

### THIS YEAR (2022)

#### 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.

#### Horses that have already completed a flu vaccination programme:

Horses that have a compliant primary course and compliant subsequent boosters up to and including 31 December 2021 do not have to re-start the vaccination process.

We ask that trainers seek to move to the new vaccination schedule as soon as practicable.

However, to help trainers implement the changes with minimal disruption to training, horses should be fully compliant with the new requirements by 01 January 2023.

This means that:

**before** 01 January 2023, for **previously vaccinated horses**, race entry will not be refused on the ground of having not yet commenced six-monthly boosters.

**after** 01 January 2023 (i.e.) all horses must have been administered a booster within six months of 01 January 2023.

## October / April (ideal vaccination dates)

	Current	New protocol for 2022 (Primary Course)	New protocol ALL for 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2023
V1 (1 <sup>st</sup> Vaccine)			
V2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Vaccine)	21-92 days	21 – 60 days	
V3 (3 <sup>rd</sup> 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



# 2022 Sire Stakes

The 2022 BHRC Sire Stakes was staged at York Harness Raceway on Saturday 24th September with the 4 races accumulating a total purse of £13,116.



**The 2 Year Old Fillies** division saw Oakwood Dynasty, driven by Richard Haythorthwaite, pick up the first red rosette of her career beating out second place Imperial Flame. The daughter of Foreclosure led out and made all, winning by a decisive five lengths in a time of 2:05.8.

Next on the track, the **2 Year Old Colts** division we saw Rhys Applered, driven by Andrew Cairns, pick up his second lifetime win in only his third start when beating out the second place Ernie Will. The two colts battled it out down the home straight to the line with only half a length separating them at the end in a time of 2:05.3.



**The 3 Year Old Colts** division was up next with Rhyds Scoundrel, driven by Patrick Kane Jr, charging home in 2:00.3 to win by five and a half lengths from second place Stateside Deuce. This win meant Rhyds Scoundrel completed the double with him taking home both the 2 year old and 3 year old Sire Stakes for the Kane family.







The final Sire Stakes division was the **3 Year Old Fillies** which went the way of Oaks Breeze, driven by James Haythornthwaite. In her second career win the daughter of The Preacher Pan led out from number 3 and stayed on strong to finish two lengths clear of second place Forafewpearlsmore in a time of 2:05.8.

The top sire this year was picked up decisively by See and Ski with 2 out of the 4 divisions being won by his offspring. Well done to all connections and to Rhys Stud for continuing to support the British Sire Stakes .



# Announcement for 2023 Sire Stakes:

In order to try to build back up the Sire Stakes, from 2023 onwards we have decided to implement some changes going forwards.

**Supplement Fees** - We have decided to reduce the yearling supplement fee to £100 until the 31st of December each year.

This will allow people who have either missed the deadline or who have purchased a horse where the breeder has decided not to nominate them to still enter the race for a reasonable fee.

We hope this will boost the number of nominated horses going forwards.

**Stallion Nominations** - We have decided that for any stallion who is nominated before the 1st April deadline but covers 3 or less mares during the year will be eligible for a refund of the nomination fee.

The number of mares covered will be confirmed by the number of mating certificates provided by STAGBI. We feel that this will help to support the stallion owners who only cover a small number of mares in any given year and again boost the number of yearlings who will be eligible for the races.

Please note this refund scheme only applies to stallions who nominate prior to April 1st each year, no supplemented stallions missing the April 1st deadline will be eligible for refunds.

These changes are just the first step moving forwards and we plan to continue to review the conditions to support British breeding and bring these races back to their former glory.

<b>Yearling</b>	£50 fee to enter
<b>2 Yr Old</b>	£100 sustaining fee ( 1st April) £50 entry fee (11st Sept)
<b>3 Yr Old</b>	£100 sustaining fee ( 1st April) £50 entry fee (11st Sept)



# Team GB heads Stateside



**At the start of November, 4 British drivers will head across the Atlantic to team up with ex-pat Lee Morris in a Britain vs America driving competition to commemorate the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.**

Marc Jones, Jaimie Davies, Richard Haythornthwaite and Grant Cullen will fly to New York on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the current plan being to compete in a minimum of two races at Monticello on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, two races at The Meadowlands on November 4<sup>th</sup> and two races at Freehold on November 5<sup>th</sup>.



Lee Morris, along with his wife Kayla and two sons Cailan and William, moved to Florida earlier this year before relocating to Tioga Downs during the summer where they now train and race. Lee races with the GSY Amateur Driver Club, headed by David Yarrock who approached Lee after hearing how he helped organise the Florida challenge a few years ago (when Lee, Richard, Jaimie and others competed against Florida amateur drivers at Pompano Park), with the initial plan to organise a challenge competition to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

In light of the passing of Her Majesty, the competition is now being staged to celebrate her life and service. Assisting David and Lee in organising the event is Dein Springs who was also involved in the original Florida competition.



It is hoped that if the competition is a success, it can become an annual event held at different tracks with different drivers getting the chance to travel to the USA to represent Team GB.

Good luck to the drivers making up Team GB – we'll be rooting for you from home!

We are hoping that the drivers might be able to provide us with links that we can share details about livestreaming of races or even updates on races they have drove in.

Hopefully Sarah will keep us all up to date through the BHRC Facebook page and the website.

QUICK HEADS UP CHAPS - It is hoped that when they return they will give us a bit of an update (and hopefully so photos) so that we can put a piece in the Christmas Calendar.

## GOOD LUCK TEAM GB



# York Sale Day Graduate Series

Saturday 8th October sees the 2nd staging of the Graduate Races linked to our annual Standardbred Sale.

The first 2yo races were won by Rhyds Scoundrel and Jessies Hallmark with the 3yo races won by Ultimatum and Greenhill Lucky.

This year as advertised previously will see 100% of the commission generated (2.5% buyer, 2.5% seller) go towards the 2yo races each year.

AS PROMISED colts and fillies will always race separately and have their own purses;

This year's purses can be confirmed as follows:

2yr old Colts 5 runners declared:

**AYR BALMORAL**

**JD CAMDEN**

**RHYDS APPLERED**

**RHYDS DUDE**

**STRICTLY TYLER**

Purse £13800

(50% 25% 12% 8% 5%)

£6900, £3450, £1656, £1104, £690

2yr old Fillies 3 runners declared:

**IMPERIAL FLAME**

**OAKWOOD LUCY LOU**

**TALK ABOUT ME**

Purse £8430

(55%,30%,15%)

£4636, £2529, £1265

Fantastic prize money and something we are very proud of and something nowhere else has ever or will ever match in terms of commission/income usually taken out as profit going straight back into our sport to race for. Every runner will take home at least £690 on Saturday from these races.

The rules are straightforward and simple:

Only yearlings sold in the ring under the hammer are eligible;

Keep your yearling purchase up to date with the small Stakes Eee schedule as a 2yo;

Race in the Graduate Races on Sale Day as a 2yo exactly one year after purchasing your yearling.

Remember only yearlings pay commission on their sales price (2.5% buyer, 2.5% seller), every other type of horse sold the commission is ZERO.

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