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# BOARD REPORT

We as a Board thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend the AGM.

We would also like to thank all of our 2023 promoters who play a pivotal role in the 'harness racing game', it is also pleasing to welcome new tracks to the racing circuit at Golden Valley, as well as welcoming back Aberystwyth and Wolverhampton. We would also like to thank our stewards, who work on a voluntary basis week in, week out, without them the show could not go on, we would also like to thank Hayley in the office who, constantly works hard to keep the show on the road.

At this point we would also like to congratulate all of our 2023 Award Winners, and thank those who attended the recent joint STAGBI / BHRC Awards Dinner. A fabulous evening was had by all. It was so pleasing to see some of our old friends in attendance, whilst also welcoming new ones too. We also thank STAGBI for their on-going support.

Reflecting on 2023 there has been much to celebrate off the track as well as on. There will be separate detailed presentations later, on both the accounts and integrity, however, briefly from an accounts point of view, the aim was always to run a balanced budget over the year, which due to the hard work of Hayley with support from the Admin Team (directors helping voluntarily), we have managed with just one person in the office, this has made a significant saving. Whilst we realise that (especially in very busy times) it may have taken longer to resolve some issues, it has meant that we returned a small profit of approximately £1000 for the year. This is the first time for 4 years that a profit has been returned, and hopefully will alleviate fears that have arisen from a careless unfounded comment that we are going bankrupt.

It is always going to be a dilemma, and one that does divide us as a board – do we employ more staff, offer a better service, but put licence fees up significantly to cover it, or do we continue to manage?

The integrity programme, is an integral part of racing, and one that has the trust of both the licence holders here in GB as well as our international friends.

This year saw the return of the Children's Exhibition Races, which brought not only joy to those young competitors but from a promoters point of view they brought much needed extra numbers through the gate.

**Computer system** – it has been documented for so long now that when many of us joined the board as Directors our computer system was totally broken, in that first year, we paid the old provider a significant amount to repair it, but that it had zero impact.

This left us with no alternative but to go out to tender and try and find somebody who could design us a bespoke package to cope with the easier part – the licencing of people, but also the more complex part the applying of the handicapping rules and automatically handicapping horses, and allow us to have accurate race performances and produce race cards. Both these phases were completed at the beginning of the 2023 season. In order to keep the system running through 2023 (as we literally have no down time), we were asked to keep a list of 'snagging' items over the summer of 2023, which should now be resolved moving into 2024.

We know that to many they just see that the computer system does not work, please trust us when we say both Phases 1 and 2 are working, and that Phase 3 (the website), is under development and contractually

should be released to you the licence holder by the start of the racing season. This will allow you to go back to being able to check performance records of horses, which we know you have missed so much. This will complete the re-development of our database system.

**Insurance** – it has been well documented both on our website, in communications such as The Calendar, and often incorrectly on social media that last year insurance was a hot topic.

Early in 2023, the Directors became aware that by actually allowing promoters to source their own insurance there was a potential risk to both licence holders and the sport, and one after many hours of reading policies, and communication to and fro with both the insurance broker and our solicitor, they decided was a risk too big to take, and erred on the side of safety and insisted that the company insurance policy was used by promoters.

Having explained this to promoters (and general licence holders), all but one promoter fully understood and agreed with our actions.

This year (2024) we have seen an increase of approximately £7000 in our insurance premium. We are in no doubt that this is not just because of the settlement of the long-standing claim last year but also because of the global increase in the cost of insurance, which we are sure you will all have experienced yourselves with both property and car insurance.

**2024 Licence Fees** – general licence fees for owners/trainers/drivers have remained the same, we have however seen just a small increase of £10 in general membership (to contribute to the increase in insurance), and an increase of £10 in the Assistant Licence to cover the cost of insurance which has previously been subsidised by other

categories. We are also making the move (like Stagbi) to a digital Calendar, this year we are offering a paper Calendar, (but at an extra cost). Track Insurance will also increase from £170 to £190. This will still leave a shortfall for the BHRC to fund.

**Fines and debts** - where people are experiencing genuine hardship, the BHRC tries to work with licence holders to agree a payment plan, individuals are then expected to meet the agreed terms of that payment plan. Should this obligation then not be met, the BHRC will be using Rule V1c and making an admin charge each month until the payment plan is back up-to-date, along with a variety of existing rules to pursue debts. We have also returned to publishing names in the Calendar and on the website of any licence holder with a debt.

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 of these, after first trying to come to an agreement, is again a way of trying to ensure fairness for all.

We know that 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.

**Licensing process** - Through February and March 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. We thank those members who have already taken out their licences for 2024, and gently remind others that in order to avoid a bottle neck could they please prioritise taking licences out as Hayley is on her own in the office and as conscientious as she is, can only help one

one person at once.

Rule Book: Over the winter of 2022/23, a smaller group of our Board, the Company Secretary and a couple of Senior Track Officials 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 have previously encountered, as well as looking at the suggestions that have been sent in from members.

Unfortunately due to concerns raised by one promoter and the subsequent time delays, we were unable to make the changes to the rule book for 2023, however, these will be in place for 2024.

Most of the changes have already been published on the website, an updated rule book will be published shortly, and we now encourage all licence holders to make themselves familiar with it prior to the start of the season.

The current BHRC Constitution is unreadable to many, and unwieldy to all. Whilst it is still legally compliant, it does not reflect the small changes made to The Companies Act 2006 Section 387 or all of the changes needed because of the move to One Person, One Vote.

The company law solicitor we use has described our current constitution as muddling and out of date, and to this end one of the directors has been working with him over the last year to look at updating the constitution. Ratification of a new constitution is something, in our opinion, that falls under the One Person, One Vote voting criteria – the solicitor agrees with that view. The idea was to seek advice, produce a draft document and allow members to vote on it. We are part way into this process, we are now in receipt of a draft, we will shortly discuss it as a Board (adding our thoughts to it in pencil)

before sharing it with you, the members for consultation and comment.

The BHRC and STAGBI attended the World Trotting Conference in Berlin in August. The BHRC sent one Director (with voting rights – Julie Park), and an observer (Hayley Cassells). Both Julie and Hayley self-funded their trip, and presented a comprehensive report to both Directors and Members, at relevant meetings, and a more condensed version in The Calendar. They both felt that they had got a lot out of it (for the sport).

**Scanners** – unfortunately we have been one scanner short this year due to the non-returning of BHRC equipment. We have been looking to replace the scanner, but to replace like with like is approx. £1000. However in doing this research (and at this point we would like to thank Graham Smith for his help), we have been investigating the capabilities of existing scanners, vs new scanners etc, and have realised that we are potentially under utilising the existing scanners. If we can source the correct cables, we have the potential to download a CSV file with all horses registered as of a cut off point for example 1st May, upload them to the scanner, and then when the horse is scanned it not only shows the microchip number but also the horses name.

If we have to purchase a new scanner, it will also give us the functionality to scan a horse (registered after 1st May) and add its name to the microchip number displayed and save it to the wand. The upside of this is that we predict it will save Hayley approximately 2 hours every week producing microchip lists on a Friday afternoon.

As we move quickly towards the 2024 season, we welcome the new directors to the Board, we look forward to welcoming back members who have held licences previously as well as new members, working with our promoters and stewards.

We also look forward to the return of a 2 day fixture at Aberystwyth, the VDM which grows year-on-year, and of course the 40th anniversary of Tregaron and their exciting slot race, these are just a few of the highlights, we do of course recognise and celebrate everybody who in whatever way, contributes to racing, and we now look forward to what we hope will be exciting racing on a weekly basis.

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*Alan, Barry, Carol, Charles, Frank, Gary, Jason, Julie, Will, Willie & Hayley*

## HANDICAP UPDATE

The handicap System for 2024 has had some minor adjustments from the 2023 season.

The key changes are as follows:

- Place money band increased so a horse can now win up to £200 place money without being penalised.
- Prize money bands increased so a horse can now win more money within the lower bands.
- C Class drivers allowances can be claimed when applied for at time of entry on any event with a value or combined 1st place value of £1000 or lower.
- Horses rated 80 and above to receive double points lift when unplaced with no prize money. This has been reverted to the method used in 2022.

The handicap panel hopes that these changes will have a positive impact for the 2024 season. We will continue to review these changes and will ask for further feedback from licence holders at the end of the 2024 season.

# **STAGBI**

## **IMPORTING HORSES FROM IRELAND, EUROPE or NORTH AMERICA**

If you are importing a horse into GB from Ireland, Europe or North America, under DEFRA's current legislation on Equine ID, if the horse will be staying in GB for more than 90 days then owners are legally required to register imported horses with the appropriate GB Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) within 30 days of import. For Standardbreds & Trotters the appropriate PIO is STAGBI.

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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# BHRC AGM & Members Meeting

The BHRC held its annual AGM & Members meeting on Sunday 24th of March. Elections were held using one man one vote for both director candidates and proposed rule changes. The results were as follows:

### Director Candidates for Re-Election

Barry Delaney – 78 Yes 64 No 14 Abstain

Will Evans -- 93Yes 45No 16Abstain

### Newly Standing Directors

Alan Davies – 104 Yes 36 No 11 Abstain

Anthony Fettah – 61 Yes 84 No 7 Abstain

Frank Huschka – 86 Yes 62 No 6 Abstain

Garry O'Grady – 63Yes 70No 17 Abstain

Gary Dowse – 125Yes 19No 6 Abstain

William Forrester – 74Yes 60 No 18 Abstain

### Rule Changes

H12 – 96Yes 34No 12 Abstain

H28 – 108Yes 17No 17 Abstain

K4 – 77Yes 54No 11 Abstain

W59 – 84Yes 42No 16 Abstain



## NOTES FROM NEW ZEALAND

### NUMBERS IN TRAINING AND BREEDING FIGURES

Winter is a couple of months away but racing in New Zealand forges ahead with no break for the winter months.

Harness Racing New Zealand (HRNZ) stage 265 meetings yearly with up to 47 individual clubs utilising 38 venues around the country. With 3,000 horses available some clubs find it difficult to fill fields and it is becoming the norm to see fields of 8 to 10 competing, whereas in the past 14 to 16 was the standard for entries, plus up to 4 reserves awaiting scratchings.

This year again saw a drop in mares going to stud, which is a worry for the industry. The NZ National Standardbred Yearling Sales were held in February, and to be honest unless you had the best bred yearling which could make \$200,000 to \$300,000, on the whole with more unsold than sold, you would have to be very disappointed. This cost of getting a horse from service fee to the sale has skyrocketed, with one breeder quoting me \$17k. That means it is not viable to breed to sell at the sales unless you have a top breed. The breeder who I spoke to is not putting her mares to the stallion next season.

Last seasons breeding numbers are out and Sweet Lou is by far the most popular stallion serving 262 mares

### The Top 4

Sweet Lou 262

Down By The Seaside 116

Captain Crunch 107

Always B Miki 99

A total of 73 stallions covered 1758 mares, this is a huge drop on past seasons

### FUNDING

HRNZ recently put out a statement.

"Our mission is To Champion the sport, celebrate the participants, and have the horse at the heart of everything we do."

Phil Holden the current chairman of HRNZ recently stated negotiations are well underway regarding code funding for the 3 codes - thoroughbred, harness, greyhounds. Every three years they get together and submit distribution of funds.

Interesting times ahead?

## ANOTHER MIRACULOUS

Miraculous is a nice horse with a familiar name to British fans.

The 3yr old by Bettors Delight, who incidentally now lives permanently in New Zealand and will see his days out here, is out of Kelly Maguire. He was a very impressive winner at Young Quinn Raceway in Wyndham, where the weather had turned to winter. Heavy rain and a slushy track did not stop him turning in a run where he paced the mile in 1.56.2. Trained and driven by Nathan Williamson, Miraculous should have a bright future. NZ Harness Racing figure Lex Williams, who has raced some superstars over the past 20 or so years, was on holiday in Tasmania, Australia when it came to his attention that one of his horses, One Yankee Gina was being used to cart tourists around the Tasmanian capital. Williams said the horse looked great and along with another horse they were taking 6 people on a tour of the inner city.



Initially One Yankee Gina didn't recognise Williams but as soon as he patted him and spoke he shot his head up and nestled into him. Williams said he recognised my voice and that was very touching. In 2022 Williams was named NZ Breeder of the Year. He has bred over 100 horses over the past 20 years and one of his horses, One Over Kenny won 32 races and over one million dollars - he was a wonderful trotter. Re One Yankee Gina, Williams said it was great to see the horse having a great life and being looked after properly.

***Bob Meadowcroft***

## BHRC

### Flu Vaccination Programme

#### 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 be administered within 21-60 days of the first vaccination.

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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.

# BHRC & STAGBI

## Awards Evening

February saw the annual BHRC & STAGBI awards evening once again being hosted at the Mercure Hotel in Haydock.

Our thanks go to the fantastic awards team that worked hard behind the scenes in the months leading up to the big night: Darren Owen, Gwenan Thomas, Hayley Cassells, Julie Park, Kirsty Leatrice, Mandy Stanley and Sarah Thomas.

We would also like to thank Tamzin Lees who once again live streamed the event so that those who were unable to attend could also join in the celebrations.

Finally we would like to thank everyone who travelled from near and far to be with us on the night.

## HALL OF FAME

The directors are proud to posthumously induct two new people into the BHRC Hall of Fame; John Blissett who was a stalwart of the sport and Hugh O'Neil Snr for his contribution to breeding and racing in Great Britain.

Our equine stars were also celebrated with two new inductees; Missing Link, the first horse to break the 2 minute barrier in Britain, and all round iron horse Merrington Movinup. Both worthy nominees. We thank the breeders, owners, trainers and drivers for their part in the success of every one of these equine stars.





**John Blissett** followed in the footsteps of his father Charlie with a passion for horses and harness racing, and the interest started early. Snowy Evans trained horses for John's father Charlie in the late 50's, with John doing a fair amount of the working out of the horses at home as well as driving in races.

John would race at the old Manchester track in Droylsden, steering both pacers and trotters, with some of the square gaited athletes imported from Denmark. One trotter that John struck up a good rapport with was Bannockburn, who won a number of races on grass.

He relocated to North Wales in the 60's, at the time of probably the biggest game changer the sport had known in Britain, the opening of Prestatyn Raceway.

At this time there was a spell of regular racing twice weekly and young John would be rubbing shoulders and competing with a team from down under, the likes of Trevor Payne, Dick Lee, Norman Sait and Ray Green.

John would be driving in most races and generally winning at least two per meeting in front of the enthusiastic crowd under the lights.

Sadly, for the sport in this country things didn't work out for Prestatyn, so this led to John making the move to the Midlands, based near Wolverhampton, where he worked for Joe Watton driving pacers imported from the US. Of course, John also drove regularly at Chasewater, partnering horses for trainer Brian Ackers.

During his career John sat behind numerous winners and won most of the big races, with horses such as the Danish trotter Immy, Goodstock, the mare Nancy Mur and Ted Trot who all benefitted from the Blissett golden touch.

After the Chasewater days John would regularly have his passport stamped with working trips in Australia, New Zealand and Europe, this included working as an Assistant Trainer in Toulouse.

Later in his career Tir Prince opened for business and John headed back to North Wales where he was based with his partner Jane Patterson. He also sold harness equipment around the country.

John was also an extra in films driving such as the Tommy Steele musical film - Half A Sixpence.

The measure of respect for John was evident at race meetings after his passing, with silence observed, followed by dignified, heartfelt rounds of applause.

John was a gentleman, a true professional, and an extremely wise man.



**John Blissett**



**BHRC  
Hall of Fame**





## MISSING LINK

As the breeding season of 1981 drew to a close and the spring of 1982 arrived at Arthur and Evelyn Slacks Stoneriggs Stud there were 17 foals born, one of which was a colt by Ambro Mystic out of the Sly Heel mare Slyway. This colt, just like the rest of the foals that spring, would go on to carry the Stoneriggs prefix followed by a surname beginning with the letter E. This was the Stoneriggs way. The 1981 foals all carried the D initial and the 1983 foals would go on to carry the F initial. This particular colt was registered with the BHRC and named Stoneriggs Express. I suppose it was from that day forward that the "just being one of a crowd" ended and the beginning of something special began.

By 1985 Stoneriggs Express had been gelded, changed hands and had also been renamed Missing Link. Over the course of the next three racing seasons he would ensure that he would never be forgotten in the history of British Harness Racing. Owned and Trained by Alan Tattersall; predominantly driven by Alan Haythornthwaite but also by Pam Haythornthwaite; his stats while racing in Britain were breathtaking.

**1985 4 wins and 2 x 2nds from 7 starts**  
**1986 16 wins and 2 x 2nds from 20 starts**  
**1987 13 wins and 2 x 2nds from 18 starts**

With 33 wins from 45 starts he won his first race at his local track Hellifield. He then went back and won Heat and Final the following year and rose up through the ranks until becoming one of the greatest Free For All performers the country has ever seen, racing in an era when free for all races had full fields. He raced week in week out; over different distances on the same day; but for all the impressive win to run ratios and incredible consistency one day in his career will always go down in history.



## Missing Link

Bank Holiday Weekend Saturday 29th August 1987 at York Harness Raceway. Missing Link (Alan Haythornthwaite) won the 1 mile FFA in 1.59.9 by a length from the brilliant racemare Monkroyd Mystery (Evelyn Slack) with Trushore (Alan Wilson) a further length back in third. This race will always be part of our history in British Harness Racing and Missing Link who will always be known as the first horse to break the magical two minute barrier in the UK.

At the end of the 1987 season he was exported to Canada where his success story continued, he took a lifetime mark of 1.55.3 at Blue Bonnets Raceway in Montreal and retired with lifetime earnings of \$107,257 which in today's money equates to roughly \$300,000.

**Congratulations to everyone connected to Missing Link, 2024 BHRC Hall of Fame Inductee**

**BHRC**  
**Hall of Fame**





Hugh O'Neil was heavily involved in all aspects of British Harness Racing for upwards of 50 years and alongside his family at Ayr Standardbreds he bred and raced some of the best horses not only in Scotland but also in the wider UK and Ireland. Hugh was also a promoter running races at Ayr, Newton Stewart and Lanark.

He bought his first standardbred broodmare at York sale in 1978 and later became one of the early pioneers from the UK to buy regularly from Harrisburg sale, importing his first mare in 1994.

The first racehorse purchased by Hugh was Bingen Star who was the only horse Hugh drove a winner on himself before handing over the reins to his sons.

In the late 80's Hugh owned 3 out of the first 4 home in the Tuesday night final at Musselburgh, with top class mare Glendevon Countess winning driven by son Tom.

While it was the breeding side that Hugh truly loved, being amongst the broodmares and foals, the social side of racing was also a highlight. He couldn't get home quick enough on Thursday nights to get to Corbiewood in time for the races.

The O'Neil's adopted the Ayr suffix in the 90's with the first horse Walking On Ayr. This tradition of using the Ayr suffix or prefix continues to this day at Ayr Standardbreds.

While Ayr Standardbreds has bred many notable horses over the years such as Ayr Regal, Ayr Wing and Ayr Majesty, from the day he foaled him Ayr Glory was a favourite of Hugh's. The 2003 colt out of Ohio Sale imported mare Jazzercise by Matts Scooter, had success all over Britain. Unbeaten in his four starts at 2, he took home the Junior Welsh Dragon and the York 2YO Classic that year. Winner of multiple races at the highest level in 3YO races and numerous free for alls he also became the first horse to pace under two minutes on grass and currently still holds the 1 mile 500 yards track record at Appleby.

Showing the quality of the lines home bred Ayr Queen has gone on to be one of the most notable broodmares in recent years. Producing foals with combined earnings in excess of £100,000.

The success of Ayr Standardbreds continues with Ayr Corleon, born in the last crop of foals when Hugh was alive, who is currently racing at the top level across Britain and Ireland. As someone who sold his horses genuinely wishing the new owners the best of luck we hope Hugh is proud of the legacy he has left behind.



## Hugh O'Neil



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**MERRINGTON MOVINUP** 2015 stallion by The Preacher Pan out of What A Commotion bred by Merrington Stables.

In a career spanning 7 seasons, with 91 starts Merrington Movinup has made an impressive 43 trips to the winners circle amassing prize money of over £75k in Britain and Ireland. Owned by Raymond Huschka, trained by Alexis Laidler and primarily driven by Rocker Laidler.

### Career highlights include:

**Appleby Spring 2YO Championship  
Junior Welsh Dragon Colts Final  
Appleby Spring 3YO Championship  
Musselburgh 3YO Grass Derby  
Welsh Classic Final  
Breeders Crown 4YO Colts Final  
Crock of Gold Final  
Famous Musselburgh Pace Final  
Red John Memorial Final  
Tregaron Scoot Around FFA  
VDM Bernie Kelly Memorial FFA  
Jimmy Muirhead Scottish Classic Final x3**

Speaking with Alexis we got to hear some of Merrington Movinup's Story.

"In 2015 Merrington Stables had their only foal of the year, a cheeky bay colt, but what was to shortly happen would change this little foal's life for sure. Four weeks after he was born we were away racing at Pike Hall. On this day, his sister won the heat and final, several year's previous his mother What A Commotion also won the Pike Hall final, and also on this day he was to lose his mother and start his life as the fighter he is.

This was where he got his name Joey like the horse from the movie War Horse who was also born with 2 white hind socks and a large white star. He was too old to foster so we decided to be his parents, he was fed every 2 hours, day and night and lived with our other mare Merrington Heights. Surprisingly, against all odds he made it to the races as a two year old and won 4 of his 6 starts.

He has continued to grow and improve every year winning many handicaps and FFAs on his journey and is the most beautiful horse you could ever wish to see. JOEY the horse with unbreakable spirit."

A true horse of a lifetime, Joey has done it all, winning races over various distances, on grass and hard tracks, from impressive trails to Free For Alls. With a personal best time of 1:56.6 and numerous sub 2 minute miles to his name.



## Merrington Movinup



**BHRC  
Hall of Fame**







## BHRC 2YO COLT OF THE YEAR

**MONEYHILL** - Winner of 5 races including the Group 1 Junior Welsh Dragon, Group 1 Breeders Crown Colts Division, Group 2 SHRC Futurity and Group 2 BHRC Sire Stakes.



## BHRC 2YO FILLY OF THE YEAR

**CHASINGTHESTARS** - Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 VDM Final, Group 2 BHRC Sire Stakes and Group 2 SHRC Futurity.



## BHRC 3YO COLT OF THE YEAR

**I SHOT THE SHERRIF** - Winner of 5 races including the STAGBI British Championships 3YO, Heat of the VDM 3YO Colts and the SHRC Derby.



## BHRC 3YO FILLY OF THE YEAR

OAKWOOD DYNASTY - Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 BHRC Oaks and the Group 2 BHRC Sire Stakes.



## GRASS TRACK CHAMPION

MERRINGTON MOVINUP - Winner of 8 races including the Group 1 Bernie Kelly Memorial FFA, Group 1 Scoot Around FFA and Jimmy Muirhead Scottish Classic Final.



## BHRC MARE OF THE YEAR

NEWTOWN JODY - Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 STAGBI Golden Girls Final



## BHRC AGED PACER OF THE YEAR

**EVENWOOD SONOFAGUN** - Winner of 3 races including the Group 1 Billy Williams Memorial Crock of Gold Final and Rab Haw FFA.



## BHRC OVERSEAS HORSE OF THE YEAR

**AYR CORLEON** - Winner of 5 races including the Group 1 VDM Final, Group 1 Breeders Crown 3YO Colts Final and Group 1 Little Welsh Dragon.



## BHRC HORSE OF THE YEAR

**MONEYHILL** - Winner of 5 races including the Group 1 Junior Welsh Dragon, Group 1 Breeders Crown Colts Division, Group 2 SHRC Futurity and Group 2 BHRC Sire Stakes.



## CHAMPION DRIVER

—  
**James  
Haythornthwaite**

**61 Wins**

Highlights include Tregaron Senior, Little and Junior Welsh Dragon Divisions, Matt Turner Memorial Final, York Graduate Series Fillies Division, Strata Florida Final, NWHOA 4YO Colts and Mares Divisions and Breeders Crown 4YO Colts Final.

## LEADING B CLASS DRIVER

—  
**Ryan  
Inglis**

**19 Wins**



Highlights include Tregaron Welsh Classic Heat and Final, John Govan & Friends Final, STAGBI Queen of The Turf Final and 2 Divisions of the STAGBI 4YO British Championships.



## LEADING C CLASS DRIVER

—  
**Ronald  
Grieson**

**8 Wins**

Highlights include SHRC Derby, STAGBI 3YO British Championships, Jessie Jones Down Syndrome Awareness Race and a Heat of the VDM 3YO Colts Division.



## CHAMPION TRAINER

–  
Alexis  
Laidler

46 Wins

## LEADING PERMIT TRAINER

–  
Roy Sheedy

9 Wins



## GROOM OF THE YEAR

–  
Melissa  
Mason

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

–  
Stephen  
Lees Jnr





**LEADING  
OWNER**  
—  
**Raymond  
Huschka**  
**15 Wins**

**LEADING  
HORSE**  
—  
**Merrington  
Movinup**  
**8 Wins**



# Aged Geldings & Stallions Series



Kindly Sponsored by STAGBI



- Open to all geldings or stallions aged 5 years old or older.
- Series run on a points system where every race throughout the season counts towards your points total.
- Points allocated as follows
  - 5 points for a win
  - 3 points for second
  - 2 points for third
  - 1 point for an unplaced run.
- Nomination into series is a one off payment of £50 due by 1st May.
- £100 bonus for the leading British bred horse of each age group (5/6/7/8/9/10+ year old). Owner must be a registered STAGBI member to win the bonus.
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- Winners to be announced after the final meeting of the 2024 season.

**£1000 MINIMUM PRIZE FUND  
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**ALL PRIZES IN THE SERIES ARE PENALTY  
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# ALL GOOD HANOVER

**SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE - ALL TUCKED UP - WESTERN IDEAL**

ALL GOOD HANOVER , a high class son of legendary racehorse Somebeachsomewhere and now harness racings most prolific Sire of Sires with various sons having instant success at stud all over the world.

ALL GOOD HANOVER raced with distinction throughout his career here in the UK after being bought to race here as a yearling, his first win came drawn 10 at York in 2.00 as a 3yo, after that he competed against the best of his generation and won at the top festivals Tregaron and Musselburgh. He had the speed and class to compete over a mile but also the stamina, toughness and endurance to also compete over extended distances on grass His maternal line is exceptional, his half brother ABUCKETABETT HANOVER (Betting Line) is currently one of the leading aged pacers in North America with earnings of \$1.1million, winner in 1.47 and racetimed in 1.46.3, All Tucked Up is one of the top broodmares at Hanover Shoe Farms in recent years having bred 3 other horses to pace 1.51 or faster and all are still active and racing so the best could be yet to come.



**£500 STUD FEE**

ALL GOOD HANOVER has it all, Prescence, Pedigree and Perfomance

 **Jody Foody 07817026864**



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

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

# Armbro Deuce

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



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

Race timed as a 2YO in 1:51.4.

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

His Dam also became World Champion as a 2YO filly when she won in p1.54.8 on the "Half Mile Track" at Freehold.

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# ART PROFESSOR

p4, 1:47.4, \$578,870

**ART MAJOR – ALLAMERICAN TOFFEE (WESTERN HANOVER)**

**Sire of top class racehorses such as:**

**ROBYN CAMDEN** P4, 1.50.1 \$441,394

**TAKEMETOTHELIMIT** P7, 1.54.1 \$73,685

**GDS THUNDER** P6, 1.53.4 \$66,938

**BOBBY CAMDEN** P5, 1.58.7 £12,795

**CAMDEN STUD**

# Artistic Major

ART MAJOR- WESTERN DANCER (Western Hanover)

P, 2, 1:52.4, 3, 1:49.4f, 4, 1:48.1- 1.48.4f- 1.50.4h \$690,743



By Art Major (Leading Sire in North America & Down Under), Out of a 3/4 sister to Shadow Play (Sire of the incomparable BULLDOG HANOVER ).

An Iron tough racehorse who could get around any size race track.

As a 2yo dominated the New York Excel Sire Stakes series winning 6 out of 8 races including the final, taking a record of 1.52.4.

At 3 he competed against the greatest crop of 3yo's ever. (Wiggle it jiggle it, All Bets Off, Freaky Feet Pete, Artspeak, In The Arsenal, My Hero Ron, Rockin Ron- All millionaires) at 3 he took a mark of 1.49.3f and won \$270k.

As an aged horse he competed against Always B Miki, Luck Be With You, Wiggle It Jiggle It & All Bets Off taking a mark of 1.48.1.

He retired sound at the age of 7 having raced 120 times, winning 28 times & placing 63 times against a golden generation of pacers. Earning \$690,000.

Standing at Stud - Chalfont St Giles

Stud Fee - £700

Contact Noah Stanley - 07557733893

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# INTRODUCING BLOOD LINE

P.1:49.1F

HE HAILS FROM THE BEST PRODUCING MATERNAL FAMILY IN THE WORLD NAMELY THE MEDIO FAMILY.

HE IS BY THE GREAT **SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE** AND HE IS OUT OF THE PROLIFIC PRODUCING WESTERN IDEAL BROODMARE **BLOOD DIAMOND**, DAM OF:

**Blood Brother** P.3 1.50 (Somebeachsomewhere) \$882,057

**Blood Money** P.3 1.50 (Sweet Lou) \$422,963

**Blood Line** P.5 1.49 (Somebeachsomewhere) \$569,006

HIS GRAND DAM **ARTERRA (ARTS PLACE)** IS DAM OF:

**If I Can Dream** P.3 1.49 (Western Hanover) \$1,990,299

**Western Terror** P.3 1.48 (Western Hanover) \$1,289,422

**Cinderella Guy** P.3 1.49 (Real Desire) \$912,680

FIRST YEAR INTRODUCTORY FEE  
IRELAND  
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€1000  
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£900



BLOOD LINE HAS EVERYTHING THAT A TOP STALLION REQUIRES. HE HAS DONE IT ON THE TRACK, HIS CONFIRMATION IS EXCELLENT AND HE IS FROM ONE THE STRONGEST PRODUCING MATERNAL FAMILIES IN THE WORLD.

HE PACED 1.51 AS A 2 YEAR AND 1.49 MANY TIMES, RACED AGAINST THE LIKES OF WORLD CHAMPION HUNTSVILLE & DOWNBYTHESEASIDE FILLABUSTER HANOVER, FEAR THE DRAGON & BEAT THE GREAT FOILED AGAIN.

**"HE WAS AN EXTREMELY FAST ATHLETIC HORSE, WITH MASSIVE GATE SPEED"**

JASON BARTLETTE - CHAMPION DRIVER

**"HE WAS A CLASSY, SMART & GUTSY, TOUGH HORSE. THEY DONT COME LIKE HIM ANYMORE"**

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DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO BREED FROM PACING ROYALTY  
A 3 GENERATION FAMILY OF WORLD CHAMPIONS AND HALL OF FAMERS

# CROWN MANHATTAN

**1.55.8**

**Northern Luck - Wild Proposition - Laag**



**He held FIVE  
track records  
at the same time**

**BHRC Hall of Famer and Sire of multiple winners including:**

**TALAVARY JEWEL IHRA 3 & 4 year old of the year**

**TALAVARY MOTAVATOR 2.02 as a 2 yr old and 2:02.8 in 2019 on grass**

**KENTUCKY ROAM 14 time winner with WBCRA**

**Standing at Stud in Hereford**

**Service Fee £350**

**07773 557215 / 01981 510231**

# FORAFEWDOLLARSMORE



**THE PANDEROSA**

**WESTERN HANOVER**

**DAISY HARBOUR**

**ARTSPPLACE**

**OH MY DEAR**

**ROBIN ALMAHURST**

***From 54 starts in a career spanning 2008-2014 Forafewdollarsmore notched up 27 first places, 12 second places and 7 third places in the U.K. and Ireland, consistently recording sub two minute times on hard tracks.***

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***Numerous and varied achievements included being victorious in The Famous Musselburgh Pace, SAC's Crock of Gold, York's 3yo Championship, the Scottish 3yo Grass Championship and winning a star studded FFA at Dunstall Park, Wolverhampton.***

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***He was voted British Harness Racing Club's Overseas Horse Of The Year in 2008, 2012 and 2013.***

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***Progeny include LOOSECHANGE, LADYFORD DOLLAR, LADYFORD BUCK and AYR VICTORIA. These have all been multiple winners and many successes have also been returned in the VDM, Breeders Crown and BNRC Grades 1 & 2 races.***

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**Stud Fee - £600**

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**Standing in Coleraine  
Please Ring Walter : 07723538214 or,  
Carmel : 07891005707**

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***Grass keep available for limited numbers - please request details.  
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**BNRC SIRE STAKES NOMINATED**

# FORECLOSURE

## SIRE OF:

- Oakwood Initowinit P 5, 1:50.1F \$411,964
- Oakwood Anabella P 4, 1:49.2 F \$212,960
- The Gypsy Queen P 6, 1:51.1F \$151,031
- Oakwood Paddy P 5, 1:50.3M \$135,695
- Churchview Frankel P 5, 1:52.2H \$119,095
- Oakwood Vegas P 5, 1:50.3M \$72,655
- Newtown Jody P 5, 1:55.7H £33,000
- Oakwood Dynasty P 4, 1:56.2H \$29,913
- Allbetsareoff P 4, 1:59.4H €17,112
- Oakwood Denver P 3, 1:56.3H €16,000

## AVAILABLE

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Nominated to:  
Breeders Crown UK/IRL  
BHRC Sire Stakes  
Irish Sire Stakes

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Standing at Oakwood Stud, Greenhills Rhode, Co Offaly.

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# HASTY HALL



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# HENRY HILL

P1.50 16HH

Roll with Joe x Bliss N Vinegar

I SHOT THE SHERRIFF P1.58

COALFORD GOODFELLA P.159



COALFORD TOPGUY P1.59



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Winner of 12 races and over £30,000 at 3 & 4. Winner of the BHRC National Pacing Derby, Little Welsh Dragon, Ceredigion High Grade Final & Crock of Gold.

**SIRE OF 29 HORSES IN 2 MINUTES OR FASTER INCLUDING;  
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**STANDING AT STUD IN BUILTH WELLS, MID WALES**

**SERVICE FEE- £650**

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Grass keep - Marest - £5/day. Mares & Foals- £7/day.

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ROCKIN MAMBO  
1.56.1 @ Tir Prince

Rocknroll Hanover OO  
Western Mambo



\*\*\*\*\* £500.00 STUD FEE \*\*\*\*\*

Standing with John & Sue Thompson for 2024  
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\*\* Breeders crown & Sire Stake nominated, also  
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ROCKIN MAMBO in his own right is a multiple  
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Showing great speed, amazing turn of foot, he is  
good gaited, has perfect confirmation with  
impeccable manners. EXCEPTIONAL VALUE FOR  
MONEY £££££.

# SEE AND SKI

by: *Somebeachsomewhere*  
out of: *Must See*

Service Fee: £950  
*Limited Book*

**John Wright**  
**RHYDS STUD**

07949 951208



*Sire of the winners of multiple Group and Stake races. His standouts include*

- ✓ *Rhyds Scoundrel*
- ✓ *Somemanyouare*
- ✓ *Onefortheroad*
- ✓ *Rhyds Seequin*
- ✓ *Rhyds Romance*
- ✓ *Rhyds Dude*
- ✓ *Rhyds Applered*
- ✓ *Rhyds Superfly*
- ✓ *Coalford Ski*
- ✓ *Ayr Beach*

*His full brother So Surreal is the sire in 2022 of Racine Bell p 1:47.2. and Splash Brother p 1:48.4*

*Resulting foals eligible for entry into:  
BHRC Sire Stakes, Breeders Crown and STAGBI  
British Championships*



# TOM HILL

rt p1.49.3 p 1.50.2

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| American Ideal | Western Ideal    |
|                | Lifetime Success |
| Baberhood      | Real Desire      |
|                | Babe Watching    |

Full brother "HE'S WATCHING" - undefeated 2 YO and fastest ever 3 YO at the Meadowlands in 1.46.8.

Producing great conformation, temperament, speed and desire to win.

Sire of MONEY HILL  
Fastest 2 YO colt ever in the UK.

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## FIRST TWO CROPS INCLUDE...

### MONEY HILL

- 🏆 Breeders Crown 2 YO Colts & Geldings Final 1 - GROUP 1
- 🏆 Junior Welsh Dragon
- 🏆 BHRC Sire Stakes 2 YO Colts - GROUP 2
- 🏆 SHRC 2 YO Colts & Geldings - GROUP 2
- 🏆 VDM 2 YO Colts & Geldings Heat 1
- 🏆 VDM 2 YO Colts & Geldings Final - GROUP 1

### CHASING THE STARS

- 🏆 VDM 2 YO Fillies Final - GROUP 1
- 🏆 BHRC Sire Stakes 2 YO Fillies - GROUP 2
- 🏆 SHRC 2 YO Fillies Futurity - GROUP 2
- 🏆 Junior Welsh Dragoness - GROUP 1
- 🏆 Breeders Crown 2 YO Fillies Final 1 - GROUP 1

### BORN IN ISOLATION

- 🏆 Breeders Crown 2 YO Colts & Geldings Final 2 - GROUP 1
- 🏆 Tommy Hopkinson 2 YO Pace
- 🏆 SHRC 2 YO Colts & Geldings - GROUP 2
- 🏆 BHRC Sire Stakes 2 YO Colts - GROUP 2

Other winners include Imperial Flame, Stateside Buggy, Strictly Tyler and more.

# Introducing: Warrawee Will

CAPTAINTRACHEROUS WARRAWEE QUICK SPORTSWRITER

CAPTAINTRACHEROUS

SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE

WORLDLY TREASURE

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GREAT MEMORIES



WARRAWEE WILL is an outstanding individual, a \$200,000 yearling purchase at the Lexington Select yearling sale. He is by the most expensive pacing sire at stud today Captaintreacheros who stands at Hanover Shoe Farms for \$30,000 with a full book each year, on the dams side he is a grandson of hall of fame broodmare Great Memories who is the dam of Warrawee Ubeat (winner of over \$2million and world record holder for 2yo fillies 1.48.4), Warrawee Needy (winner of \$1.2million ,winner in 1.46.4) Warrawee Vital (winner of \$690k, also a winner in 1.46.4) and crucially Warrawee Wills dam Warrawee Quick.



With his handsome looks, great confirmation and pedigree he is set up for a stellar career as a successful stallion.

**Contact Jody Foody**  
**07817026864**

INTRODUCING

# WILD BILL

p 1:49.1, 1.51.1h, bt 1:48.4

**SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE - WILD WEST SHOW**

**STUD FEE £950**



## **SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE**

p, 2 1:49.2; 3 1:46.4 (\$3,221,299)

- 2008 Breeders Crown Champion
- Sired winners of more than \$203 million.
- Sire of 29 millionaires.

## **FULL BROTHER TO HUNTSVILLE**

P, 2, 1:49.0; 3, 1:47.4 (\$1,704,242)

- Currently ranking as fourth leading money winning sire of 2 and 3 year old performers in the USA.

## **WILD WEST SHOW**

Western Hanover - Sweet On Art (Artsplace)

- 2017 USHWA Pacing Broodmare of the Year.
- Produced winners of over \$3.7 million.
- Maternal family has produced winners of more than \$8 million and five notable sires in three generations with progeny earnings over \$90 million.

# 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 divisions: **3yo Fillies, 3yo Colts & Geldings, 4yo Fillies and 4yo Colts & Geldings.**

There is **no nomination or sustaining fees** and **£100 Breeder's Bonus** to each winner. Entry fee **£100** (via BHRC entries close 7 days before the race)

**Minimum purse of £2,500 per race.**

Conditions:

- Eligible horses to be sired by a STAGBI registered stallion standing in Great Britain at time of breeding.
- For horses aged three and four 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 determined by BHRC rating (preferred draw)
- Owner to be a STAGBI member

## STAGBI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP RACES 2024

### 3yo Races

Tir Prince 20<sup>th</sup> July

Amman Valley 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

Haugh Field 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

### 4yo Races

Haugh Field 16<sup>th</sup> June

York 13<sup>th</sup> July

Amman Valley 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

If you are unsure if your horse is eligible, then a full list of eligible 3 & 4yos can be found in on the STAGBI website or if you are can the STAGBI office.

*...And please don't forget the STAGBI British Championship Supporters Club where you can support the series and you yourself could win £4,500!!*

*Tickets cost £100 and are available via STAGBI office*





# STAGBI AWARDS 2024

For 2024 STAGBI will once again be rewarding support BRITISH BREEDING through Premium and Bonuses.

## BREEDERS PREMIUM

The STAGBI Breeders Premium is a National Breeders Premium and will be awarded to the **Breeders** of the top 5 females (Mares/Fillies) and the top 5 Males (Horses/Colts/geldings) by number of wins. To be eligible for the Breeders Premium the horse will be British Bred (i.e. conceived and born in GB); STAGBI registered and Breeder to be current STAGBI member. Each winner will receive £200 each.

## INTERNATIONAL BREEDERS PREMIUM

The International Breeders Premium will be awarded to the **Breeders** of the most successful (as deemed/voted by the STAGBI Directors) that has been exported. To be eligible, the horse will be British Bred (i.e. conceived and born in GB); STAGBI registered and Breeder to be a current STAGBI member

## BRITISH BREEDERS BONUS

This Award is presented to the **breeder** of the winner of specific named races. The races shall be selected ahead of the Racing season by the STAGBI Directors. To be eligible for the Breeders Bonus the horse will be British Bred (i.e. conceived and born in GB); STAGBI registered and Breeder to be current STAGBI member. The nominated races for the 2024 season the Breeders of the winners of the following nominated races will be rewarded as listed opposite:

- £500 – BHRC Sire Stakes 2yo
- £500 – BHRC Sire Stakes 3yo
- £500 – VDM 4yo
- £250 – Jimmy Muirhead Final, Haugh Field
- £250 – High Grade Final (Pact Meeting, York)
- £100 – All STAGBI British Championship Race
- £100 – Golden Girls Final Winner

## BHRC SIRE STAKES LEADING SIRE

The Leading Sire of the BHRC Stakes will be awarded a STAGBI Bonus of £250.

# STAGBI MARES' RACES

### RACE DATE & VENUE

Amman Valley - 2 June

York - 15 June

Amman Valley - 23 June

Tir Prince - 20 July

York - 27 or 28 July

Tir Prince - 21 Sept

**GOLDEN GIRLS FINAL YORK 28 Sept**

### Conditions for STAGBI Mares' Races

- Open to current STAGBI registered mares 4yrs old or over
- Gate position to be determined by BHRC Rating
- To be run over a distance of 1 mile
- Minimum of 6 entries
- In the event of too many entries, preference will be given to top handicapped mares entered
- Minimum 1st Prize money of £500
- Mare owner to be a current STAGBI member
- Entries via BHRC on line entry system

Remember for you to be eligible for these awards or to enter STAGBI BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP or STAGBI MARES RACES Your MEMBERSHIP needs to be UP TO DATE

MEMBERSHIP is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> April Annually

Contact the STAGBI office to make your payment 01570 429361 / 07581 438805



# STAGBI British Championship



The following horses are eligible for the 4yo British Championship Races

## 4yo COLTS & GELDINGS

|                    |                    |                    |                     |                       |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Anglesey Jonesey   | Howards Chilledout | Tejays Spirit      | Equuleus            | Noahs Pandora         |
| Anothergrey        | I Shot The Sheriff | The Enforcer       | Evenwood Dry Ice    | North Star            |
| Apache Sam         | Ifonlybitofwhite   | The Mad Hatter     | Evenwood Kidyounot  | Northern Flame        |
| Apollo Fire        | Imapreacher        | Thepartysonfire    | Evenwood Ohsogood   | Oakwood Dynasty (IRE) |
| Ayr Corleon        | Imperative         | Tigger             | Evenwoodbittasweet  | On The Rocks          |
| Ayr Harbour        | Imperial Dynamite  | Time To Burn       | Fairlight Bolero    | Overarch              |
| Ayr Pavarotti      | Imperial Warlord   | Times R Changing   | Fire Angel          | Painted Roxanne       |
| Ayr Zac            | Isolation          | Tom Jones          | Fire In The Vains   | Petty Cash            |
| Be Kind            | Joes Real One      | Tommy Rocket       | Flaming Bullet      | Porterstown Rhian     |
| Beluga Bear        | Kings Knight       | Toreador           | Go Go Bonny         | Princess Tilly        |
| Big Joe            | Lexies Nonsense    | Travel In Hope     | Go Lucy Go          | Red Cash              |
| Big Johns Desire   | Lexies Ollie       | Trick Or Treat     | Golden Stakes       | Rock My Heart         |
| Blytheview Toppy   | Lonestarr          | Union Jack         | Greenhill Reeah     | Rocks Diamond         |
| Born In Lockdown   | Louboutin          | Vincent            | Greentree Mystique  | Royal Girl            |
| Bowershield Flame  | Lyons Stashtecash  | Vinnie Camden      | Helia Fire          | Sammies Girl          |
| Brockfield Hoopy   | Madonnas Flame     | Wellfield Apache   | Hilltop Blaze       | Sams Girl             |
| Buster Bradie      | Mahogany Empire    | Wellfield Archie   | Homegrown Alligator | Seaside Sweetie       |
| CarrieonCaptainTom | Matisse            | Wheels On Fire     | Howards Real Sexy   | Shelwick Solitaire    |
| Carronside Legacy  | Mattys Virtue      | Winnal Moss        | Im A Star           | Shes A Belter         |
| Cedar Fire         | MC Ronnie          | Yankee Fire        | Imperial Flame      | Showtime Argentina    |
| Coalford Bambino   | Messiah            | Young Jim Boy      | Incline Justine     | Showtime Saigon       |
| Coalford Billybats | Mick The Dart      |                    | Jans Dream          | Siennas Firefly       |
| Coalford Goodfella | Millstream Panny   | <b>4yo FILLIES</b> | Jenny Camden        | Soots Ace             |
| Coalford Henry H   | Moonbeg            | Absolute Chaos     | Joanna Best         | Southview Edition     |
| Coalford Hitman    | Noahs Dragon Fly   | Amira Mae          | Kick On Hyacinth    | Stamphill Shadow      |
| Coalford Jimmy G   | Noahs Super Fly    | Angels Desire      | Kick On Verona      | Star of The State     |
| Coalford Mademan   | Paddy The Greek    | Anglesey Julie     | Kick On Volution    | Star Royal            |
| Coalford Oneofus   | Pin Ball Wizard    | Antisocial         | Lady Keltic         | Starsabootie          |
| Coalford Topguy    | Red Regal          | Blackfield QT      | Lanehouse Meg       | Stateside Ideal       |
| Colorados Kid      | Redford Smalltalk  | Blizzard Sand      | Llwyns Electric     | Storm In A Teacup     |
| Dangerous Boy      | Rhyds Applered     | Blytheview Victory | Lockdown Lady       | Sympathy              |
| Desire XL          | Rhyds Dude         | Bucklands Isabella | Lucky Shock         | Talk About Me         |
| Desires Boy        | Rhyds Shady Affair | Caenwood Rainbow   | Lyons Lyndale       | Tarawood Annie        |
| Ernie Will         | Rock Steady Eddie  | Candy Rock         | Magic In Me         | Toreras               |
| Eternal Bud        | Rocknroll Fire     | Caraghs Smile      | Mahogany Ebony      | Valentina Flame       |
| Eugene Silver      | Royal Tommy        | Cardigan Beaut     | Mahogany Enable     | Wait For Me           |
| Evenwood Itchyfeet | Rts Franky         | Carmel Fire        | Martinis Princess   | Wasocuring            |
| Evenwood Scarface  | Rush On Doon       | Cedar Beach        | Mary Brows          | Wellfield Diamond     |
| Family Guy         | Samboys On Fire    | Chloes Dream       | Matadora            | Westley Fern          |
| Forensic           | Siennas Rockstar   | County Harmony     | Mayhem Queen        | Westley Hustle        |
| Full Package       | Simon Camden       | D Jays Picasso     | Melroque            | Westley Speed         |
| Glenfield Thomas   | Soot Fire          | Dashforcash        | Mercers Shiralee    | White Rose            |
| Harringtons King   | Star Boy           | Dernol Doonray     | Milliondollarream   | Wild Child            |
| He Can Rock        | Stateside Bugsy    | Dernol Hasty       | Millstream Art      | Wildartic             |
| He's All That      | Stateside Lockdown | Desires Girl       | Miss Pandemic       | Wildlife              |
| Highbrooks Dakota  | Storm Home         | Desires Risingstar | Moana               | With All My Heart     |
| Highbrooks Nevada  | Strictly Tyler     | Dream Girl         | My Eli Angel        |                       |

# STAGBI British Championship



The following horses are eligible for the 3yo British Championship Races

## 3yo COLTS & GELDINGS

|                      |                    |                    |                     |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| A Hard Days Night    | Howards Golden Boy | Ryans Dream        | Chasingthestars     | On Fire Abia       |
| Albert               | Howards Rock On    | Sams Bad Boy       | Cinderellaswildone  | On Fire Abriella   |
| Alcantara            | Ibelieveicanfly    | San Rabbie Burns   | Coalford Outtowing  | On Fire Amo        |
| Alwayson Overdraft   | Imnotsobad         | See The Patch      | Coalford Sugarboo   | On Fire Amsterdam  |
| Ayr Bada Bing        | Jail House Rock II | Shaneador          | Coalford Turnitup   | On Fire Annabelle  |
| Baby Bad Lad         | James Dean         | Shotgun            | Dangerous Girl      | On Fire Ashling    |
| Bayrigg Draco        | Jimmy Jones        | Showtime Hope      | Dernol Surprise     | On Fire Asia       |
| Big Jack             | Jimmy The Sniff    | Sleepy Joe         | Dickinsonsrealdeal  | On Fire Aspin      |
| Billy No Mates       | John Brice         | Slottie            | Dream Talk          | Orchids Talant     |
| Bold Warrior         | Jollys Frankie     | Solway Henry       | Effies Dragon       | Our Bev            |
| Born In Isolation    | Kikis Prince       | Solway Jack        | Evenwood Helloagain | Paid In Silver     |
| Brooklyn Dodger      | Kings Ghost        | Somemightsay       | Evenwood Laughagain | Pandoras Wild One  |
| Brynlllo Cpt Tom     | Kings Soldier      | Standleys Tomjones | Evenwood Realsilver | Power Fire         |
| Call Me Ted          | Ladyford Clint     | Stateside Phoenix  | Expecto Patronum    | Precious Fleur     |
| Cam Alert            | Lane House Jack    | Symlog Aneirin     | Firealarm           | Princess Nazeem    |
| Captain Tom          | Lexies Rainbow     | Talavary Samuel    | Firebird            | Prof Anna          |
| Cash Direct          | Little Bill        | Thomas Wild One    | Greenhill Lucy      | Quickstep Vicki    |
| Check On Paddy (IRE) | Locked and Loaded  | Three Amigos       | Gypsy Fire          | Rain Stops Play    |
| Coalford Getiton     | Lucifer            | Tillys Flame       | Gypsy Power         | Rhyds Kandyapple   |
| Coalford Letitrain   | Lyons Texas        | Time Matters       | Harley Quinn        | Riverboat Star     |
| Coalford Letitride   | Mahogany Flying By | Vics Wild One      | Hasty Rosa          | Roseador           |
| Coalford Littlebob   | Mahogany Frankie   | Wee Lewis          | Hazmatt Star        | Roxy Mary          |
| Cole Fire            | Mattymay Tom       | Wellfield Aidan    | Highbrooks Emily    | Sam Boys Rova Girl |
| Conn Man             | Mayfellden Kane    | Wellfield Nick     | Howards Emily       | Sammies Best       |
| Cool Strider         | Mels Freddie       | Wensum Alert       | Howards Getaway     | Scarlett Rose      |
| Cues Flame           | Mitchells Prince   | Westley Gun Fire   | Howards Goldengirl  | See The White      |
| Dais Silver Talk     | Moneyhill          | Westley Wilder     | Imitation Game      | Sendmetheinvoice   |
| Days of Thunder      | Moorside Stardust  | Wild Blaze         | Isabella Fly        | Sexy Socks         |
| Dernol Lucky Strike  | Mr Boogy Woogy     | Wild Dreams        | Itsnotforme         | She Will Do        |
| Desert Warrior       | Navidi             | Wild Trooper       | Keeva Camden        | Showtime Faith     |
| Dick Dastardly       | Next In Line       | Woods Fire         | Kings Duchess       | Siennas Splash     |
| Don Bobby            | On Fire Apollo     | Yewtree Dominator  | Kings Princess      | Smack That         |
| Dooster Wild         | On Fire Archie     | Yewtreedoubtfire   | Kings Savannah      | Snowing Cash       |
| Dylans Dragon        | On Fire Armani     |                    | Lane House Millie   | Southview Sansa    |
| Esthers Blue Boy     | On Fire Asher      | <b>3yo FILLIES</b> | Legs Flame          | Storm Check        |
| Evenwood Gringo      | One Man Band       | All Good Colors    | Lets Go Baby        | Sweet As Honey     |
| Evenwood Mr Perfect  | Onefortheroad      | Amazon Queen       | Lets Nash Lady      | Tillys Girl        |
| Evenwood Redneck     | Rasputin II        | American Spirit    | Little Annie        | Top of The Bill    |
| Ffarlap              | Red Outlaw         | Atlantas Hill      | Mahogany Fantasy    | Tothebarandback    |
| Flame On The Beach   | Red Phoenix        | Aura Sing          | Mahogany Fleur      | Wellfield Eclipse  |
| Fly Me To The Moon   | Rewrite The Stars  | Ayr Beauty         | Mayhem Delight      | Wellfield Sabila   |
| Freddie Camden       | Rhyds Sandman      | Bambi              | Melldoons Star      | Wellfield Victoria |
| Freddys Boy          | Riley Camden       | Best of Three      | Millie Camden       | West End Delight   |
| Freshoffthehill      | Rock N Roll Flame  | Black Shock        | Millstream Esmee    | Westendenchantress |
| Garths Doonbar       | Rockets Mambo      | Blue Miakoda       | Money Talks         | Whinberry Desire   |
| Ggs Hall of Fame     | Rojo               | Bonnie Hill        | Mothers Pride II    | Wild Blizzard      |
| Gotta Hit The Road   | Rollofthunder      | Bowers Dynasty     | My G and T          | Wild Firefly       |
| Highbrooks Tetrick   | Run A Smile        | Camstella          | Naked Attraction    | Writeon Cue        |
| Hillbilly Jackson    | Running Jack       | Caraghsmattic      | Nellys Dream        | Young Maria        |

# MAHOGANY CHARMER

Mahogany Charmer isn't normally a horse you would associate with being a headline feature in the calendar but Charmer, as he is better known, isn't just a normal horse to owner trainer Jessica Dyer. He's a lot more than that. He is like her best friend, an absolute gentleman who has taught her a lot on and off the track who she couldn't imagine life without. The spring heeled 10-year-old has just had his best season of his career going to the winner's circle on 5 occasions in 2023 those victories saw him voted horse of the year in Wales and West at their recent awards dance where team Dyer went away with 5 awards on the night.

So where did it all start - it was simply love at first sight as Jess was scrolling through Facebook back in May 2014 she came across a photo on local Talgrwn Stud Services page of a 10 day old first foal out of FFA winning mare Mahogany Dream by The Preacher Pan and she knew that the young black colt had to be hers, so she quickly made in roads contacting Henry Bulman of the Mahogany stud and as they say the rest is history.



10 Day Old Mahogany Charmer

Charmer was lightly campaigned in his freshman and sophomore campaigns before going on to become a very consistent horse who would keep picking up rosettes and prize money throughout his career but as the year changed and he turned 9 he would prove that connections were right to have faith and patience with him and prove that he is ageing like a fine wine.

Recently I took the opportunity to ask Jess some questions on Charmer and also the other horses in her stable who gave her the best year of training so far and also people connected with his success.

## **What makes Charmer special to you ?**

Charmer has always been a special horse to me no matter what he races like on the track. He's an absolute gentleman to drive and he's taken many people for their driving tests. He's just genuine and safe! It's hard to come by horses like him that don't pull and look after their drivers.

## **What were your hopes and expectations leading into the 2023 season?**

To be honest I didn't have any expectations I usually take every week as it comes. The main goal is to have fun and if we pick up winners along the way then that's a bonus. I personally feel this is something that has gone out of the sport a little over the years and that the main objective that everyone is connected to the sport is in fact to have fun and enjoy going racing, meeting up with not just existing friends but also creating new ones and making memories of which we can talk about in 20/30 years time like the older generation are able to do just now.

In the 2023 season as mentioned above Charmer would take his first strides into a new adventure of his career and race under saddle, something that is done quite regularly in the trotting world and on the European continent. His first race would be at Presteinge where he would come up with his worst result of the season when finishing third. From then on he would go on to have a second place finish at golden valley before taking home the red rosette at Talsarn as well as the prestigious meeting at the highlight of the Wales and West calendar at Aberystwyth.

## **What was the reason or had you planned to change discipline to compete in the saddle races?**

No, there was no plan behind this whatsoever.

Wales and West HRA had put the schedule out for Presteigne races and I saw there was a saddle race so it came to the week before and I spoke to Fern Williams and asked her if she fancied a ride on Charmer for a go around and she said yes. Charmer had only been sat on around the yard and walked before this but he's a laid back character and accepts anything so I knew he would take to it. Fern was also top monte jockey 2022 and we'd been to France as a group for the Prix D'Amérique and she was the only one of us who could ride the riding simulator with ease so I knew she was the safest choice lol.



**Fern Williams with Charmer on a victorious day at Almeley**

**Fern Williams you've had experience in the saddle races before. How do you think Charmer took to it and was he able to develop with experience ?**

The first thing I did was ask Jess how he likes to run and she said charmer likes to chase them down and pick them off. Charmer had never raced under saddle before and I knew I needed to build his confidence. It took a couple of weeks for us to get used to each other and once he knew what he was doing he took to it like a duck to water, winning the last three saddle races. He is a lovely horse who always tries his heart out and I am very grateful to Jess for trusting me to ride him.

In my opinion what Jess is trying to say here is that if you were compare saddle racing to thoroughbred racing, if you were going to go for a big race you would want the likes of Frankie Detori on your horse to give you the best chance of succeeding. It would definitely be a positive

thing if more meetings throughout the UK had more saddle races, a lot of which have held them in the past including York, where Evenwood Sonofagun paced 1.57.5, and Appleby. It would also be great if other meetings like Tregaron open up to the idea of a saddle races.

On the day where Charmer had his first win in the saddle he would go on to win in the sulky a mere 5 races later, breaking a record in itself where previously he was only able to win with Jess.

**Before 2023 you were the only person able to win with Charmer, did you have the believe that he would win with another driver as you handed over the reins for the majority of his races?**

Before this year he just didn't seem to want to get his nose in front for anyone else and would be beat on the line! This year he's been a totally different horse in general and really enjoying his racing! I always knew he'd win with another driver, especially my brother and Fern. He'd gone well with them both in previous weeks before winning. He actually came 2nd for both of them before winning on the same day for both at Talsarn!

As asked in the previous question Jess, the usual driver of charmer, had decided to take a step back from driving this season to concentrate on training and the duties of a trainer on a race day.



**Jay Matthews and Mahogany Charmer winning at Talsarn**

**In 2023 you mainly took to the sidelines to concentrate on training. What was the reason behind that?**

I've just really enjoyed the training side of things

more than ever this year. I train them and sit behind them all week so it's nice to see them go from a different angle. It's been a real thrill watching them from the sidelines. I have my brother and mum who really enjoy driving so altogether it works and we made a good team!

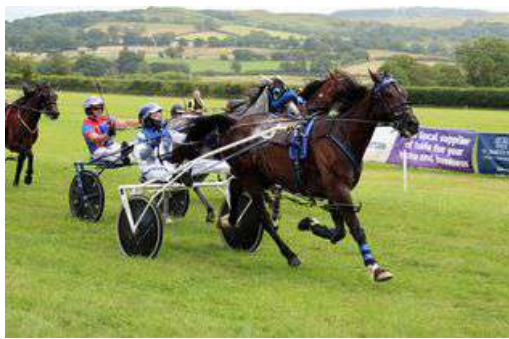
**What is your favourite meeting of the season?**

My favourite meeting of the year would definitely be Tregaron. It's where the best horses from all over the country come together to race for one of the biggest handicaps of the year! I also love Aberystwyth so I'm very happy to see that back and hopefully to a two day meeting like the good old days!

And what else do you expect in the year of firsts for the Dyer stable than low and behold stable favourite Mahogany charmer would go and win the top heat of the group 2 Strata Florida at the Tregaron festive one of the biggest goals for the young welsh trainer to have a winner and only 6 days after his double at talsarn.

**One of your biggest goals was to have a winner at Tregaron. Was Charmer your first at the festival and how did it feel?**

Yes, Charmer is my first festival winner. I've had a few wins at the spring meeting but there is nothing like winning at the Festival! It felt incredible to have a winner at Tregaron festival especially with it being Charmer. I got very emotional when he crossed the line in front. There was no holding back the tears! Everyone aims for winners at Tregaron no matter what race it is so to get the win there meant a lot.



Jay Mathews and Charmer winning the top heat Tregaron. The cart would go on to win a final that day not the strata florida but a legendary running race where jess and her two cousins would be victorious over rivals from near and far.



Jess and Charmer at Appleby competing along side cousin Kelly on American Hustle who was born at the same place and just a mere 8 days after Charmer

**Along with Charmer you had a successful season with the rest of your stable notably winning the final at Talgarreg. What do you think is the reason behind that?**

I think it's definitely to do with picking the right races that suit the horses. I did a lot more of that and entered horses where I thought the races would suit rather than just racing every week. It's definitely horses for courses! Charmer is more of a stayer so I kept him mainly to the grass tracks and it seemed to do him well! But I can't take all the credit as even though I'm the licensed trainer it's definitely a family affair. We all play a part whether it's owning, driving or being a groom on the day. Me and my mum do all of the training/jogging through the week but we do get help on race days and everyone will muck in when it's needed.

This was apparent when Charmer was not only entered at the big spring Appleby meeting with traveling companion Manhattan Gangster then he was also entered at the Brough meeting where he would come North with the stables highly rated 3 year old pacer Mahogany Empire.



Jess with stable favourite Mahogany charmer at Appleby

Charmer would end his season at Wolverhampton 6 days after his second double of the season at Aberystwyth, the track where he had his first start. His unplaced finish at Wolverhampton was a huge milestone in his career with that being in 100th time he has faced the starter. As winter sets in the thoughts now go the 2024 season and Chamer's second century of racing

### **How did it feel when Charmer was named horse of the year at the Wales and West ball?**

Very proud! I did feel a little emotional but so happy the hard work and patience paid off in the end.

### **What are your hopes for the 2024 season with Charmer?**

I'd like to think I can continue with his form and if he runs half as good as he did this year I'll be over the moon! I think the handicap system where it allows for older horses to get a point drop is something that will keep Charmer competitive as he will receive a 10 point drop which will see him start off the season on a rating of 40.

### **Which horse are you most looking forward to training this season?**

I have a few lovely horses to train next year but if I had to pick one I'd say Tarawood Will. He's a horse I've always admired and wanted to train. He's got his problems and he's out of form but you've got to have faith and follow your heart! Hopefully I can get him back to being his old talented self.



Charmer and Jess having a break from that hard work.

### **You work full time but still have a single figure stable. Have you considered training full time?**

I love training and racing my family's horses so to be a public trainer I'd have to cut them down which I don't think I'll be able to do. I adore them all and enjoy doing them alongside working full time. It's a hobby to me and it's nice having a licence to train so I can have a little bit of both!

### **Which horse would you most love the opportunity to train?**

I'd have to say Evenwood Sonofagun. He's an absolute superstar! Everyone dreams of having a horse like him! He's won nearly everything and set so many records. He's raced all over and is still competing at the highest level. He's an iron horse!  
**What would be the one thing you would like to change in the BHRC?**

If there was one thing I would change about something in the BHRC it would be the prize money. I'd like every race to be £500 minimum to the winner. I know times are hard but I look back at old records and we race now week in and out for the same money we raced for 15-20 years ago. Everything else has gone up so hopefully one day we can get the prize money there.



Jess collecting one of 5 awards for her stable this one being her award for Horse of the year from chairman Gareth Bevan

### **Mahogany Charmer has competed in 100 races, 3 countries over 21 different tracks and also had a total of 9 different drivers (not including fern in the saddle) so if you were to choose a 10th driver for your favourite boy who would it be?**

I'll be honest I don't really look for drivers for Charmer. There's always been a reason behind each driver and it's just happened that way. If anyone was stuck for a drive or needed a confidence boost, he was the horse to take them around. If I had to pick a 10th driver it would be Steve Lees Snr. Stevie Jnr got a 2nd place with him this year so it would be good to see if his dad could go one better after coming back out of retirement!

Another person who has always loved charmer is my little cousin Mali who is the same age as Charmer so I'm hoping he is still going strong when he's 14 so she can jump on his back for a saddle race and if he is still himself maybe have a reprieve from retirement and allow her to take her test when she turns 15.

Everyone at the BHRC would like to wish this true war horse a happy return to racing in 2024 as he starts his second century of racing and defending his crown as HORSE OF THE YEAR in Wales and West and the proposition of a hopeful date with one of the greatest ever drivers to bless these shores.

# INTEGRITY UPDATE

In 2023 we tested in total 135 pacers both in and out of competition, qualifiers, race winners, and non-race winners. This number was slightly less than 2022 (but still within the ITA guidelines), and are broken down as follows:

|                       | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|
| <b>Full Blood</b>     | 106  | 97   | 92   |
| <b>Blood Gas</b>      | 59   | 66   | 43   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | 165  | 163  | 135  |
| <b>Positive Cases</b> | 6    | 8    | 3    |

## UPDATE ON CASES FROM 2023

### Positive Test: Greentree Legacy, Hellifield 25th June 2023

Further to the test result received by BHRC from LGC for analysis of the sample taken from the horse Greentree Legacy at Hellifield on 25th June 2023, whereby a positive test was returned for the prohibited substances COBALT, LIDOCAINE and PROCAINE which under BHRC rules are identified in the Uniform Classification Guidelines for foreign substances as a Class 3 Category B, a Class 2 Category B and a Class 3 Category B 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 John Murphy admitted to be in breach of Rules 1 (for each of the 3 substances), 15a, 16 and 17, and was also found (by the external panel) to be in breach of Rules 3, 4 and 14 and as such:

All of Mr Murphy's licences will be suspended for a total period of 5 years from the start of the 2024 season.

Mr John Murphy as trainer (Responsible Person) of the horse fined the sum of £10,500.

Mr John Murphy to pay the sum of £2648.40 to the BHRC for all costs incurred in relation to this matter.

The horse Greentree Legacy will be disqualified from the races of 25th June 2023 and all prize money forfeited and that the handicap penalties incurred on the day be retained on the handicap allocated to the horse.

The horse Greentree Legacy will not be allowed to run until the costs order has been paid (as per rule Q18), and 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

### Positive Test: Coalford Edge, Haugh Field 3rd September 2023

Further to the test result received by BHRC from LGC for analysis of the sample taken from the horse Coalford Edge at Haugh Field on 3rd September 2023, whereby a positive test was returned for the prohibited substance COBALT, which under BHRC rules are identified in the Uniform Classification Guidelines for foreign substances as a Class 3 Category B, 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 Leo Arnett was found to be in breach of Rules 1, 14 and 15a.

All of Mr Arnett's licences will be suspended for a total period of 3 years from the start of the 2024 season.

Mr Leo Arnett as trainer (Responsible Person) of the horse fined the sum of £4,500.

Mr Leo Arnett to pay the sum of £2648.40 to the BHRC for all costs incurred in relation to this matter.



The horse Coalford Edge will be disqualified from the races of 3rd September 2023 and all prizemoney forfeited and that the handicap penalties incurred on the day be retained on the handicap allocated to the horse.

The horse Coalford Edge will not be allowed to run until the costs order has been paid (as per rule Q18), and 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

### **Positive Test: Acrophobia, Aberystwyth, 17th September 2023**

Further to the test result received by BHRC from LGC for analysis of the sample taken from the horse Acrophobia at Aberystwyth on 17th September 2023, whereby a positive test was returned for the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE which under BHRC rules are 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 follow penalties have been applied in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the BHRC.

### **Penalties**

Mr Watson Harrop Snr admitted to a breach of Rules 1 and 5.

Mr Harrop's Training licence will be suspended for a total period of 3 months commencing from 2nd April 2024.

Mr Harrop as trainer (Responsible Person) of the horse fined the sum of £750.

Mr Harrop to pay the sum of £1296.80 to the BHRC for all costs incurred in relation to this matter.

The horse Acrophobia will be disqualified from the races of 17th September 2023 and all prizemoney forfeited and that the handicap penalties incurred on the day be retained on the handicap allocated to the horse.

The horse Acrophobia will not be allowed to run until the costs order has been paid (as per rule Q18).

All findings are for this case only

### **Out of Competition Testing**

This year we have carried out, as planned, a number of out of competition tests. These tests will continue in 2024, any of our geographical areas could be targeted, and any category of trainer.

### **Train the Trainer**

In 2023 any new trainer, or a trainer returning after a gap in holding a licence or upgrading their licence have had to undergo a Train the Trainer module. This involves 30—45mins zoom call with one of the Integrity Team, where they will step through the expectations of a trainer, ensuring they have a full understanding of their responsibilities.

### **Treatment and Medication Records**

The introduction of the Medication Record books in 2023 and desk-based sampling is helping to improve the robustness of our Integrity Programme, and has been commented on by our External Panels. In 2023 we carried out a monthly desk-based sample of approx. 10 trainers across all three categories of licence

### **And for 2024**

We have contracts in place and will continue to use the laboratories in both England and France. We will continue with out of competition as well as race day testing, carrying out tests of racehorses as well as qualifiers, winners and non-winners. We thank all trainers for their support with this.

There has been a muttering, from one non-licence holder that we have been taking samples and NOT sending them away. This is a slanderous comment, and we categorically deny this. However, with this in mind, this year we will be giving the Responsible Person a copy of the form completed when a sample is taken, this has the test number on – this corresponds with the number on the spreadsheet which has always been updated and made available on our website.

This year we will also make available upon request from the Responsible Person, proof from the laboratories (England or France) of receipt of samples.

We thank all those involved in integrity and their pursuance

# Horses To Follow For 2024

## Emma Langford - Leading Trainer in Wales 2023

**Coalford Goodfella** - He put in some good tough runs last season and I think he will improve another year on.

**Naked Attraction** - Bred by myself, was looked after and not pushed for her 2YO campaign. She's really nice gaited will definitely improve this season as she's developed.

**Mahogany Empire** - Lovely 3YO last season, put in some really tough runs. The yard wasn't too hard on him this year and there is definitely more to come from this horse.

**Born In Lockdown** - Lovely big horse who caught my eye last season and looking forward to seeing him run in 2024.

**Oakwood Hey Miki** - A horse that has taken a while to come but when he did come he was very impressive last season. It goes without saying that with this horse's breeding and what he's shown us so far he's going to be up there at the top table.

## Ronald Grieveson - BHRC Leading C Class Driver 2023

A horse I think will improve from last year due to maturity and run some good races is **Always B Miki G**. He put up some good runs last year but unfortunately for his owners hit an age group where quite possibly we could have seen the best two 2 year olds ever run on our tracks; Moneyhill and Tothebarandback.

**Solway Jack** is an unraced 3 year coming out of the Laidler stables, he is another horse to keep a lookout for. I was a big fan of his dam Springhill Ruby and Henry hill is a proven sire so he has the ingredients to be top class.

A horse I would have like in my stables this year for some good local sport racing is **Ayr Emperor**. I think he is a good race horse that never had much racing luck last year but always seemed to involved in his races. We're not expecting a busy racing year this year but out of our own stables we looking forward to seeing our 2 year old filly **Churchview Lilly** out on the track. She has not seen a track since she was broken in by the Lord family but she is working really nice at home on the beach and taking everything well within her stride.

## John Smart - Smart Bookers

**Ayr Dave** - Very well bred, showed progression right through his two year old campaign, ended his season on a high winning the graduate in a very fast time despite showing greenness. Looks very capable of competing at the highest level in all the top races this year as a 3yo and beyond.

**Battle Fever** - showed promise last season, was impressive winning at York then ran a solid race at Wolverhampton for such a lightly raced 3yo, with that first season experience behind her she is on a rating where she can prove to be much better than and will be one to follow over the next couple of seasons.

**Top Dollar** - good solid straightforward horse who has run with the best at 2 and 3yo. I think going up in distance will suit him rather than hinder him and could be one to watch in grass handicap heat and final off his current rating, he will probably switch between 4yo races and handicaps and should have a good season with Appleby Spring meeting probably falling at the perfect time in his career path.

**Toreador** - Came out and showed up well competing at the highest level against the very best 3yo colts in the country despite a lack of experience and trackcraft. He ended his season on a high winning the STAGBI 3YO Championships at Haugh Field in a good time. He looks to be an uncomplicated versatile horse in terms of he could run on grass or hard and be able to adapt to most circumstances pretty much like his sire Matador Hall. He certainly has a few big handicap chances in front of him as well as having the option to race in 4yo only events.

**Quest For Fame** - Had his first season racing last season, progressive horse. Very well bred, his mother improved with racing and I think over the 2024 season he can prove he is far better than his current racing. Has showed enough speed and ability that there could be some big days to come in the next couple of seasons.

# Gary and Debbie Wakefield – Our Racing Story

Continuing the stories of racing people in Wales who I have known since my family started with the BHRC back in the very early 1980's, Debbie was good enough to give me a telephone interview and I was, conscious of her driving, along with her sister Anji, since they were both teenagers. In fact Debbie was 15 when she first started, and she won't mind my saying that she is now 54. She hasn't race driven recently but she is still heavily involved at home.

Their Mum and Dad, Betty and Peter Dyer, still follow racing and are still based in Cardiff, and they first caught the bug from good friend Trevor Knott, who is also still involved in racing and has recently given sponsorship to Amman Valley. The stables of both families used to be close to each other and so it all started.

Debbie remembers the first horse she drove with any success but her first actual drive was slightly less positive – at the Three Counties show ground



**Debbie sitting her driving test on board Valentino followed by sister Angie**

(Worcestershire) where we used to do racing demonstrations. She drove a horse called Valentino and embarrassingly got tipped out of the cart!

Early on she loved riding in saddle races, and she was pleased to see that after a few lean years there seem to be more races under saddle, though Debbie would love to see more horses taking part too. So come on trainers, let's get those horses broken to ride! This also gives retired Standardbreds the chance of a second career once they have finished racing.

As everyone in the Welsh racing community knows, Debbie is married to farrier Gary Wakefield and like so many racing couples they met at a track, in fact it was Wormelow – yet another great place where we used to race every summer and sadly is no longer on our Wales and West grass track list.



**Debbie and sister Angie working out on Valentino and Roberty Lee**



**Pictured right Debbie driving Coalford Earl**



**Debbie in America taking part in a USA Vs Britain driving series in 1997**

A few years ago we had a long chat, and Debbie was instrumental in my decision to foster looked after children. She has done it for about 9 years, and when she recently decided to stop fostering, this was a hard decision only made because she adopted a two year old little girl, now their daughter. Many of these children have been introduced to a love of horses by riding pacers at home, and Debbie has her own cob that she still rides.

All the family are involved, down to Gary and Debbie's 2 grandchildren, and at home over the winter Debbie and one of her daughters Kelly broke in no less than 4 young horses. Kelly and son Lee both race drive, and so the all-consuming hobby continues. When Debbie told me that this year, between them all they have no less than 9 horses in training (8 pacers and 1 trotter) I was stunned and am not sure how they fit it all in. Everyone has jobs outside the home, there is a 2 year old toddler to care for but they still manage all of it and further more seem to love every minute.

Carol Jenkins



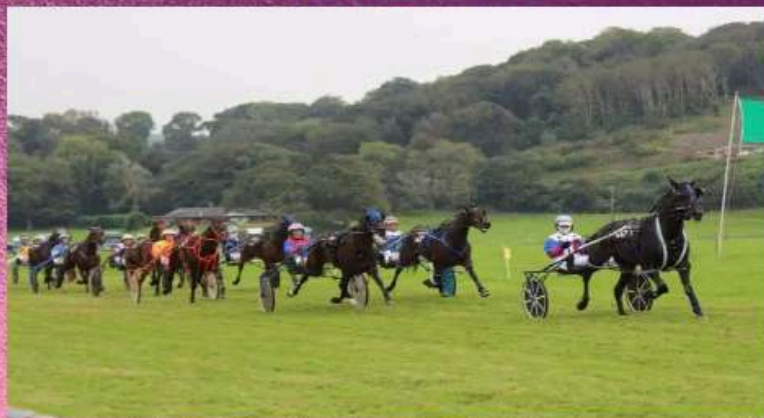
There is no stopping Kit Bousfield!

At 101 he is the BHRC's oldest licence holder and still training his stable of horses from Holme Farm.

His 102 birthday will be celebrated at the Kit Bousfield meeting at Appleby on Thursday 8th of August.

# QUEEN OF THE TURF

MARES SERIES



**Leg 1- Presteigne**

**19th May**

**Leg 2- GoldenValley**

**16th June**

**Leg 3- Hellifield**

**23rd June**

**Leg 4- Haughfield**

**14th July**

**Leg 5- Lampeter**

**4th Aug**

**Leg 6- Haughfield**

**17th Aug**

**STAGBI Queen of the Turf final**

**In memory of Delwyn Thomas**

**Almeley 22nd September**

**Nominations close 5th May**

**Nomination fee - £100**

# W&W 4&5yr old conditioned series

**NOMINATION  
FEE: £100**

For 4 & 5yr olds with less than £1000 lifetime earnings at time of entry

**Leg  
1**

**Presteigne**

**19th  
MAY**

**Leg  
2**

**Ivington w&w**

**30th  
JUNE**

**Leg  
3**

**Ivington**

**21st  
JULY**

**Leg  
4**

**Boughrood**

**18th  
AUG**

**Leg  
5**

**Almeley**

**15th  
SEPT**



**Final at Almeley  
22nd Sept**



# Juvenile Payment Dates 2024

## May

- 1st BHRC Futurity 2YO - £100
- 1st BHRC Oaks/Derby 3YO - £100
- 1st BHRC Pacing Classic - £100
- 1st North Wales 2/3/4YO - £50
- 1st York Graduate Series - £75
- 1st York 2/3YO Championships - £150
- 31st Breeders Crown 2/3/4YO - £150

Tregaron 4YO Senior Dragon - Race Fee £100  
to be paid at close of entries Tregaron

SHRC 3YO Derby/Oaks - £50 Race Fee  
to be paid at close of entries

## June

- 1st North Wales 2/3/4YO - £50
- 1st York 2/3YO Championships - £150

## July

- 1st BHRC Futurity 2YO - £100
- 1st BHRC Oaks/Derby 3YO - £100
- 1st BHRC Pacing Classic - £100
- 1st North Wales 2/3/4YO - £50
- 1st Tregaron Dragon 2YO - £50
- 1st Tregaron Dragon 3YO - £100
- 27th Breeders Crown 2/3/4YO - £250

## July

BHRC Sire Stakes - £50 Race Fee to be paid at close of entries for York

Ivington 3YO Conditioned Pace - £20 Race Fee to be paid at close of entries for Ivington

## August

Haugh Field 3YO Conditioned Pace - £20 Race Fee to be paid at close of entries for Haugh Field

Tregaron 2/3YO Dragon - £50 Race Fee to be paid at close of entries for Tregaron

## September

SHRC 2YO Futurity - £50 Race Fee to be paid at close of entries for Haugh Field

BHRC Sire Stakes 3YO - £50 Race Fee to be paid at close of entries for York

## October

York Graduate Series - £50 Race Fee to be paid at close of entries for York

# BHRC Fixtures 2024

## APRIL

Sun 21st Amman Valley (Workouts)  
Sat 27th York (Qualifiers/Workouts)  
Sun 28th April Amman Valley (Qualifiers/Workouts)

## MAY

Sat 4th York  
Sun 5th Amman Valley  
Fri 10th Haugh Field (Qualifiers/Workouts)  
Sat 11th Middleton One Row@ York  
Sun 12th Tregaron - Senior Welsh Dragon  
Fri 17th Haugh Field (Qualifiers/Workouts)  
Sat 18th York  
Sun 19th WWHRA Presteigne  
Sun 26th Amman Valley  
Sun 26th **APPLEBY**  
Mon 27th **APPLEBY**  
Fri 31st Haugh Field - SHRC Derby & Oaks

## JUNE

Sat 1st Middleton One Row@ York  
Sun 2nd Amman Valley  
Sat 8th Tir Prince  
Sun 9th Talgarregg  
Sun 9th Wolsingham  
Sat 15th York - 3YO Championships  
Sun 16th WWHRA Golden Valley  
Sun 16th Haugh Field - STAGBI 4YO Championships  
Sat 22nd Tir Prince - NWHOA 2/3/4YO  
Sun 23rd Amman Valley  
Sun 23rd Hellfield  
Sat 29th Middleton One Row@ York  
Sun 30th Haugh Field  
Sun 30th WWHRA Ivington

## JULY

Sat 6th ABERYSTWYTH  
Sun 7th ABERYSTWYTH  
Sat 13th York - Sire Stakes 2YO & STAGBI 4YO  
Championships  
Sun 14th Haugh Field  
Sun 14th Ivington - 3YO Conditioned Pace  
Sat 20th Tir Prince - STAGBI 3YO Championship  
Sun 21st Appleby (New Fair)  
Sun 21st Ivington  
Wed 24th Amman Valley  
Sat 27th York PACT  
Sun 28th York PACT - 2YO Championships

## AUGUST

Satu 3rd Middleton One Row @ York  
Sun 4th Haugh Field - 3YO Conditioned Pace  
Sun 4th Lampeter  
Thur 8th Appleby (Kir Bousfield)  
Sat 10th **Wolverhampton - VDM**  
Sun 11th Ivington  
Sun 11th **Wolverhampton - VDM**  
Sat 17th Haugh Field  
Sun 18th Boughood  
Tues 20th Tir Prince - Breeders Crown  
Sun 25th Appleby (Brought)  
Mon 26th Amman Valley  
Tues 27th Kilsney Show  
Sat 31st **TREGARON** - Junior Welsh Dragon

## SEPTEMBER

Sun 1st **TREGARON** - Little Welsh Dragon  
Thu 5th Longnor Sports  
Sat 7th Wolsingham Show  
Sun 8th Amman Valley - STAGBI 3 & 4 YO  
Championships, British Pacing Classic  
Sun 8th Haugh Field\*\*  
Sat 14th Stanhope  
Sat 14th **HAUGH FIELD** - SHRC Futurity  
Sun 15th WWHRA Almeley  
Sun 15th **HAUGH FIELD** - STAGBI 3YO  
Championships  
Sat 21st Tir Prince - BHRC Futurity/Derby/Oaks  
Sun 22nd WWHRA Almeley  
Sun 22nd Wolsingham  
Sat 28th York - Sire Stakes 3YO  
Sun 29th Amman Valley

## OCTOBER

Sat 5th Tir Prince  
Sat 12th **YORK (SALE DAY)** - Graduate 2YO  
Sat 19th York

**\*\*Haugh Field contingency date, may be used if one of the previous six meetings are cancelled**