

# VICE CHAIRMAN'S VIEWS

As I write this editorial, the final leg of the Inter Dominion has just been completed and Meadowbranch DJ will be the one on his way to Australia. I am delighted at the publicity that this event has brought the sport, both in the UK and Ireland, and I am convinced that a good showing by this horse down under will lead to even further sponsorship. Congratulations to the winner and to all the participants for turning this into such a successful series.

Since taking the role of Vice Chairman, I have been taken aback at the sheer amount of effort put in by the promoters and race organisers. This year it feels as though everyone has stepped up their game. From the smallest to the largest meeting s the effort put in by people has been enormous and for this I thank you.

Due to the health problems with a dear friend of ours, Mandy and I have been unable to attend as many meetings as we would have hoped to, but nonetheless have enjoyed reading the many race reports that are now supplied to the BHRC by an army of volunteers around the tracks. I would especially like to thank Bill Hutchison for his help on this matter. Before he leaves for home I have asked him to relay his views to the

Council on every facet of the sport in this country and see if we can continue to improve what we do. Much of his work has been involved in opening doors for us, giving me introductions to people who can help in the future and I look forward to him returning next year.

Next up is the PACT weekend at York and I am really looking forward to this one. Tony McCoy attending a Harness Race meeting is a wonderful idea and perfectly sums up the way this season is going with surprise after surprise and prize money starting to reflect the effort put in by everyone.

Thank You!

*Jim McNally*