

EDITORIAL

To begin, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and positivity throughout the past year. I feel it is fundamental that I thank Jim McNally and Jason Podmore, who took the time to travel with me to various locations across the UK to help me achieve my current position. It is with deepest sympathy that I report the loss of Sheila, Cheryl Podmore's mother, who passed away on Saturday 6th December. It is during times such as these that the support from those around us is most appreciated.

Since taking over chairmanship on 30th November 2014, it has been wonderful to receive numerous emails and phone call providing both good and bad comments, and I can only hope that we are all able to pull together in the future.

Clubs and Associations

During the past few months we have been taken aback by the support we have received. The Scottish Harness Racing Club, along with the Midlands Association, Hereford and Borders, Wales and West and Eden Valley, made us feel extremely welcome and their input and valued comments have been greatly received. Eden Valley warmly greeted us at Appleby and provided us with feedback and ideas which I can only hope to build on.

2015 Season

Next season, where possible, I hope to see more openness with regard to the running of, and decision making within the BHRC. Additionally, it is crucial the better communication among clubs, associations and most importantly license holders, prevails.

It has been exciting to see the French trotters competing, despite people's previous reservations, and I believe that they can only help the sport move further forward in the right direction.

I look forward to seeing the same high standard of racing in the upcoming season!

A general consensus suggested that change was needed in the BHRC, so it is my greatest hope that you will now support changes which have been made.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07817588770 or via email at nipsheedy@tiscali.co.uk.

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