

Hopetoun Horse Driving Trials

28th – 30th May 2010

Dear Competitor

Thank you for your entry for the 2010 Hopetoun Horse Driving Trials.

The Stabling field is **not open until Wednesday 26th May**. There will again be some designated parking zones for large lorries, so please report to the Stable Manager before parking and follow his instructions.

You can collect your paperwork from the Event Office from 12:00 noon Thursday. Please bring your Declaration Form and Start Fee if outstanding.

DIRECTIONS For map see: Competitor information on www.hopetoundriving.co.uk

Hopetoun is situated along the Firth of Forth between South Queensferry and Linlithgow. Access is from the **A904** near the village of Newton and will be signposted from **Junction 2** on the **M9** and from the Roundabout just south of the Forth Road Bridge on the A90/A8000.

NB - Do NOT follow the signs to Hopetoun House through South Queensferry as entry to the show field is **NOT** through the main “Hopetoun House” entrance but through the back entrance into the Deer Park known as the ‘Blue Gate’, and sign-posted with white and blue signs.

SAT-NAV The Post Code for the Blue Gate is EH30 9SL and the Grid Reference is NT 083 786. **BEWARE** Hopetoun House has the same Post Code so your **Sat-Nav** may send you in completely the **WRONG** direction and you would be required to turn round. Furthermore when coming from the North or East your Sat-Nav may tell you to turn right before passing through Newton – this would take you along very narrow rough roads with an awkward turn. Ignore its pleas and pass through Newton before turning right, as indicated below.

Coming from the South and West – M6 – M74 – M73 From **M73** going north, turn onto **A80/M80** (direction Stirling), at Exit 5 take **M876** then onto **M9** (direction Edinburgh). Exit **M9** at Junction 2 (signposted Hopetoun House) and turn left from the slip road. At T-junction turn right onto **A904** (signposted Hopetoun House). Turn left at ‘Hopetoun Carriage Driving’ sign, just before the village of Newton.

From the Edinburgh Ring Road Leave the ring road on the **M8** for Forth Road Bridge and Glasgow. Leave the **M8** at Junction 2 and join the **M9**. At Junction 1A take the **M9 Spur** for the Forth Road Bridge, join the **A90** briefly before taking the next slip road signposted for Bo’ness and South Queensferry. Take first exit (**A904**). Follow **A904** west to Newton and take first turning right after village (sign Hopetoun Carriage Driving).

From the North /Forth Road Bridge Take first exit (**A8000**) immediately after the bridge to the roundabout beside the Brewer’s Fayre. Take 3rd exit (**A904**) follow **A904** through village of Newton and take first right, signposted Abercorn and ‘Hopetoun Carriage Driving’ sign.

Final Approach The approach is along a narrow, winding lane. Entry to Hopetoun Deer Park is through a stone gateway on the right beside a gatehouse, which needs to be negotiated with care. This **Security gate** will be manned most of the time or have a number posted to phone. In case of problems it is possible to walk through the little gate and contact the Security guard or Stable Manager to let you in. The gate next to it may have the chain loosely wrapped but unlocked and allow access for smaller vehicles.

ONE WAY SYSTEM Throughout the duration of the event a one way system will be in operation along the approach and exit roads to the Blue Gate for Competitors’ lorries and cars. Local residents will still drive both ways.

DOGS The Estate has stipulated that **all** dogs must be on the lead and no dogs are allowed in the woodland areas.

EVENT OFFICE PHONE NUMBER from Tuesday 25th May is **07919 675058**
or phone Jane Isaac on **0799 061 2781**

SHOWERS There will be two showers on site, one in the Stable area and one behind the Main Marquee.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS You will be expected to carry a suitable fire extinguisher for your lorry and caravan.

MOTORISED VEHICLES Section A and D will be driven blind. No motorised vehicles will be allowed on the course. To inspect the Obstacles cars may be taken up the hill on the hard track to the Forward Car Park.

PARKING The area around the Main Arena and the Marquee is **strictly pedestrian only** except for disabled competitors. There is a car park near the Main Arena and only “Priority” cars are allowed beyond this point.

STABLE MATS AND GROUND CONDITIONS The estate is in an environmental scheme and to limit ground damage we would ask Competitors, if at all possible, to use matting, clear up your stabling area and rake up all bedding. **Please put dung in the marked heaps and household rubbish only in the skips.** We ask you to be sensible in keeping the use of cars on the stabling field to a minimum.

CATERING 'Highland Cuisine' will again be providing their excellent catering service and we hope you will make full use of their facilities.

Their Carvery unit with small adjacent marquee will be in the Stable area offering filled breakfast buns, bakery, hot drinks.

Lunch and dinner will be available in the Main Marquee. There will be a minimum of 3 hot dishes each service in addition to fresh salads, sandwiches, bakery products, hot & cold drinks and confectionery.

Highland Cuisine will also have bread rolls & milk for competitors to purchase.

THURSDAY

Stables Van: Noon – 6pm

Restaurant: Dinner 6pm – 9pm Bar 6pm – 11pm

FRIDAY

Stables Van: 7am – 11am

Restaurant: from 10am for Coffees and Snacks

Lunch 11am – 2.30pm Dinner 6pm – 10pm Bar 11am – 1am

SATURDAY

Stables Van: 7am - 10.30am then 11.30am – 4pm at Obstacles

Restaurant: from 10am for Coffees and Snacks

Dinner 6pm – 10pm Bar 11am – 1am

SUNDAY

Stables Van: 7am – 10am then 11am – 4pm by Arena

Restaurant: from 10am for Coffees and Snacks

Lunch 11.30am – 3pm Bar 11am – 5.30pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday evening 7.30 pm – Reception in the Main Marquee. All Competitors and partners, Judges, Officials, Stewards, Volunteers and Sponsors are welcome. Meals and a Bar will be available again after the Reception.

Saturday – Ceilidh free and open to everyone on site with Complimentary stovies at midnight courtesy of 'Highland Cuisine' starting at 9pm. This is preceded by the Prize Giving for Dressage & Marathon Rosettes at 8.30pm

Friday 28th May – DRESSAGE TESTS and Provisional Approximate Starting TIMES

ARENA 1 (100 × 40)	Test	Approx Time		ARENA 2 (100 × 40)	Test	Approx Time
Adv. Single Pony	FEI 9 (2008)	09:30		Open Single Horse	FEI 7a	09:15
Adv. Single Horse		10:00		Open Single Pony		09:45
Pony Tandems	BHDTA Test 1a (2009)	11:15		Interm. Single Horse	BHDTA Test 1a (2009)	10:45
Adv Pony Pairs	FEI 10	11:45		Interm. Single Pony		11:15
Pony Fours-in-Hand		12:00		Open Horse Pairs		11:45
Horse Fours-in-Hand	FEI 8a	13:30		Open Pony Pairs		12:00
Adv. Horse Pairs	FEI 8b	14:30				

We wish you all a successful and very enjoyable weekend.

Jane Isaac