



# Scottish Carriage Driving Association

## Newsletter - January 2009

**A** Happy New Year To everyone and lets wish for a long, dry(ish) warm summer, where we can all indulge our passion for driving without requiring either water wings or winter clothes!

**Please remember to get your entries in as early as possible** this season as all entries for our Scottish Points Events will close **three weeks before each Event.**

At some events, late entries will be accepted by the organiser, but the entry fees will be **doubled.**

### Have you made your New Year resolution?

Why not do what a fellow competitor does and send all your entries at the beginning of the season with post-dated cheques? That way, event organizers will not be left biting their nails at the last moment and hopefully no events will need to be cancelled through lack of numbers by the closing date.

### Club Points and GrassRoots Event Dates 2009

April 19	Lunan Bay	Grassroots
April 25-26	Dalmeny	SPL
May 2-3	Eglinton	SPL
May 16-17	St Fort	SPL
May 29-31	Hopetoun	National HDT
June 7	Cothal	Grassroots
June 13-14	Falkland	SPL
July 4	Thornton	Grassroots
July 18-19	Barskimming	SPL
August 16	Lourin Fair	Grassroots
August 29-30	West Newton	SPL / Regional
Sept 5-6	Blair	SPL
Sept 11-13	Windsor	Nat. Champs.

### Scottish Club Points Scoring 2009

A new system of scoring has been introduced for the 2009 season. It is based on the BHDТА model and will be an incentive for all drivers to feel that they are able to earn points in the league. Drivers will be awarded ten points for first place, down to one point for tenth place, with the best four results being taken into account (there being seven SPL events in 2009). In addition it was agreed that for the West Newton Regional event, SCDA members competing in the club classes will qualify for Scottish points, while those SCDA members who choose to compete in the Regional classes will receive a flat rate bonus of ten Scottish points.

### Young Drivers

The following rules apply to all Young Drivers taking part in SCDA events. Scotland has legal requirements in relation to horses being driven on a public road.

*The minimum age of a driver is 10 years on the day of the event. Drivers under 14 must be accompanied by an experienced adult, aged 18 or over, who is able to drive the turnout on any sections of public road. The minimum age for grooms is 14 years old (he or she may take part in an SCDA club event at any time during the calendar year in which he or she reaches his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday), and any groom under 18 must be accompanied by a competent adult driver of over 18.*

### Ruth Skinner

Congratulations to Ruth Skinner, of Strathorn Farm Stables, who was made an MBE for her services to Riding for the Disabled and to the community in Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

### Webmaster

We welcome Philip Brown as the new webmaster. He is busily working with the Secretary and the Directors to update the contents of the website. The web-site [www.scda.co.uk](http://www.scda.co.uk) operates a free advertising service where you can post "wanted" or "for sale" items and reach a wide audience quickly.

### James Simpson

Congratulations to James Simpson who came second in the Fenix Carriages competition to design an obstacle and won a lesson with Mark Broadbent.

### BHDТА Clinics

#### Judges

7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> March - Unicorn Trust (Dr. Vetter)

#### Club TDs and Cones CD

5<sup>th</sup> March - Penrith

(Jean Lane and Carol Meredith)

#### Stewards

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Leeds/York area (Philip Bateman)

#### Club Dressage Judges

28<sup>th</sup> March - Unicorn Trust (Sarah Garnett)

#### Club TDs and Cones CD

29<sup>th</sup> March - Unicorn Trust

(Jean Lane/Carol Meredith)

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### Indoor Events

March 1	Fountains (Aberdeen)
March 7	Greenlands (Carlisle)
Sept 27	Fountains (Aberdeen)
October 18	Fountains (Aberdeen)

Please contact Campbell Bosanquet for the Fountains events and John Nisbet for the Greenlands events.

All details are also on the Indoor Driving Trials website: [www.indoordriving.co.uk](http://www.indoordriving.co.uk)

### More Trainee Scorers Needed

SCDA are still needing more volunteer trainee scorers. There are plans for a training clinic shortly, so if you are computer literate, and numerate and would like to spend one or more of the events training as a scorer please contact the SCDA secretary to add your name to the list.

### SCDA AGM

The AGM and lunch will take place on Saturday February 28th at the Blair Drummond Community Hall, near Doune, Stirling. FK9 4UX. The hall is situated at the junction of the A84 and the A837 and is the same venue as last year.

**10.30 a.m.** Tea and coffee – If you have paid your subscription prior to this day, or you pay on the day, you will be able to collect your Omnibus in person.

**11.30 a.m.** Tom Best, the well known Waxwing Stud pony breeder and judge is the guest speaker.

**Lunch.** This is a thank you to helpers, stewards and drivers, courtesy of the SCDA. Please let Simon know that you are attending to help with the catering arrangements.

**2 p.m.** SCDA AGM.

### Colin Wallace

It is with great shock that we heard of the sudden death of Colin Wallace, Anneke's husband. He was always so supportive to Anneke, whatever she was doing, and we all owe a debt of gratitude for the amount of work that he put in behind the scenes at Hopetoun, and previously at their own Brideswell event. He was always cheerful, helpful and a true gentleman to everyone he met and will be missed by all on the driving, sailing and farming circuit. Our condolences go to Anneke and her family.

### Bill Bryson and Mark Headden

Both Bill and Mark are in hospital at present and I am sure that members would like to send them best wishes for the future and hope that they each make a steady recovery.

### Hopetoun 2009

#### Hopetoun needs YOU!

In these more difficult financial times why not join with a friend or two to become a joint sponsor at Hopetoun.

Can you not see your name emblazoned on a toilet which you have sponsored?

“Pee at the pleasure of... (*your name here*)!

What a thrill it would be for you to know that you had helped to make a lot of event goers more comfortable!

There are seventeen toilets still awaiting your donation of £50.

The 2009 event is also needing Class Sponsors at £100 per class and Obstacle Sponsors from £1000 per Obstacle. Sponsorships ranging from £100 to £1000 are also needed for the Main Arena, Ceilidh Band, Friday Reception, Generator and Fuel, Helpers Lunch Packs, and Marquees.

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### SCDA Down Under!

The last newsletter travelled to Australia via e-mail and our Secretary received the following from Philippa Gammell. Hopefully this one will make it also!

*Hi Simon,*

*Just thought you might be amused to know that we picked up the newsletter email and the extra bits in Australia so the news travels far and wide. Well done. This is a carriage driving free zone but two years ago I rode a quarter horse stallion fully trained for cutting, a truly extraordinary experience, it is like riding on a fully trained collie dog, with the agility of a cat, and it needed no direction from me at all. Loose reins, stay centred and hang on like hell. Sensational. Philippa*

### BHDTA National Points League

Congratulations to the 22 Scottish competitors who competed at National BHDTA competitions all over England, Scotland and Wales, clocking up many hundreds of miles between them. Well done to Susan Don and Faith Szczuka who each won their respective classes; to Ian Bertram, Audrey Barron and Janet Pilling who were second in theirs; and to Andrew Moodycliffe and Owen Pilling who came third in their classes.

Novice Horse	Jane Isaac	7 <sup>th</sup>
Novice Pony	Andrew Moodycliffe	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Novice Pony	Katrina Smith	5 <sup>th</sup> =
Novice Pony	Mike Walsh	5 <sup>th</sup> =
Intermediate Horse	Jane Isaac	5 <sup>th</sup>
Intermediate Horse	David Hewat	13 <sup>th</sup>
Intermediate Horse	Jock McFarlane	14 <sup>th</sup>
Intermediate Pony	Susan Don	1 <sup>st</sup>
Intermediate Pony	Mike Walsh	7 <sup>th</sup>
Open Horse	Helen Hunter	6 <sup>th</sup>
Open Pony	Janet Pilling	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Open Pony	Andrew Mylius	10 <sup>th</sup>
Advanced Horse	Ian Bertram	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Advanced Pony	Audrey Barron	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Horse Pairs	Owen Pilling	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Horse Pairs	Louise McCutcheon	7 <sup>th</sup> =
Horse Pairs	Diana Lindsay	11 <sup>th</sup> =
Pony Pairs	Anne Gilbert	7 <sup>th</sup>
Pony Pairs	Mary Kusin	9 <sup>th</sup>
Pony Pairs	Amanda Nisbet	15 <sup>th</sup>
Horse Tandems	Carol Boswell	5 <sup>th</sup>
Pony Teams	Faith Szczuka	1 <sup>st</sup>

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