



# Scottish Carriage Driving Association

## Newsletter - January 2010

**A** Happy New Year To everyone and may we have a long, warm summer, where we can all enjoy the events without living permanently in wellies, waterproofs and thick jackets.

**Please remember to get your entries in as early as possible** as all events close their entries **three weeks before their event.**

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

### Club Points, GrassRoots and SCDA Indoor Event Dates 2010

March 7	Fountain	Indoor
March 21	Fountain	Indoor
April 11	Lunan Bay	Grassroots
April 24 - 25	Eglinton	SPL
May 1 - 2	Dalmeny	SPL (Provisional)
May 15 - 16	St Fort	SPL
May 28 - 30	Hopetoun	National HDT
June 5	Cothal	Grassroots
June 12 - 13	Falkland	SPL
June 19 - 20	Blair	SPL
July 10	Thornton	Grassroots
July 17 - 18	Barskimming	SPL
Aug 22	Lourin Fair	Grassroots
Aug 28 - 30	West Newton	SPL / Regional
Sept 10 - 12	Windsor	Nat. Champs.
October 10	Fountain	Indoor
October 24	Fountain	Indoor

*All contacts and schedules are in the Omnibus.*

### Scottish Club Points Scoring 2010

*(With contributions by the SCDA Secretary)*

- Only SCDA members will be eligible to gain points in the Scottish Club Points League.
- For points to count, the member's SCDA subscription must have been paid prior to the event.
- Points will be awarded from 10 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup> place, irrespective of the number of SCDA members in the class.
- The placings of competitors who are not SCDA members will be disregarded. Thus for the purpose of the Scottish Club Points League, the highest placed SCDA member in the class will be considered as coming first and will receive 10 points, the next

placed SCDA member receiving 9 points, and so on.

- The maximum number of events that will count towards a member's Scottish Club Points League placing in 2010 will be 2 less than the number of events taking place. A competitor's best placings will be counted if more than the maximum number of eligible events have been completed.
- A member's points will count irrespective of which horse or pony they are driving in a particular class.
- If a member competes in a different class, then separate points will be awarded for each class.
- In the event of a tie for first place in the Scottish Club Points competition, the marathon scores of all mutually contested events will be taken into account, and the competitor with the lowest score will be placed first.
- There will be no 'flat rate' points at West Newton in 2010 – Regional and Club entries will compete together in the same class, with points available as above to SCDA members.
- The Braxfield Jack Trophy will this year be awarded to the driver in the Pairs Class with the best three Dressage Scores.
- The Graham Murray Trophy will this year be awarded to the highest placed Open Pony who competed at the Combined Scottish National events (Hopetoun and West Newton Regional.)
- Thank you to Ian Bertram who is again kindly sponsoring the I B Horseboxes Scottish Points League this year.

### Lorry Training Course – 3.5 ton upwards.

*(Contributed by Louise McCutcheon)*

The Road Haulage Association in conjunction with the BHS and Horse & Hound are running a Horse Transport training course covering "the various legal requirements affecting the transportation of equines in larger vehicles. The Scottish course is being run in Edinburgh on 8 March 2010. The course lasts for three hours and costs £75 + Vat.

Contact the RHA for more details and to book places: [www.rha.uk.net](http://www.rha.uk.net) or 01733 261456

## BHDTA Clinics

### National Training Clinic

27 and 28 Feb - Unicorn Trust. To facilitate an exchange of information between the various different officials needed to successfully run horse driving trials, the Training Committee has organised a 2-day joint clinic.

Invited speakers are:-

Barry Marshall – Judging,

Johan Jacobs, Netherlands - Course Design

Philip Bateman and Ian Douglas – T.D.'s

### Club Clinic (North) - Dressage / Club Judges

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Croft Top Equestrian Centre, Accrington, just north of Manchester. BB5 2DP (Trainer - Sarah Garnett) The workshop is for club judges and drivers who wish to have a better understanding of the judges' point of view and who may be prepared to judge at club events in the future or gain a deeper understanding of what is required in the test. The clinic will start at 10 a.m. and finish at approx. 4 p.m. Cost - £20 including light lunch. *Car sharing to this clinic and the following one is possible.*

### Club Clinic (North) - Course Builders

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Croft Top Equestrian Centre, Accrington, BB5 2DP, just north of Manchester. Trainer Mark Ingham is an International Candidate Course Designer and has a wealth of experience at National Events. The clinic is for existing club course designers as well as interested newcomers. It will start at 10 a.m. and finish at approx. 4 p.m. Cost - £20 including light lunch.

*For information and booking places on the above please contact:-*

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## 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, please give your name to Eileen Cornish. We would also appreciate if you know of someone outwith driving who may be willing to learn to score and officiate at a couple of events.

## Hopetoun 2010

### Hopetoun needs YOU:-

- to help to paint the obstacles. Meet 10 a.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Blue Gate.
- As Class Sponsors
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- As Other Sponsors
- As Programme advertisers
- As Stewards

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## SCDA AGM

The AGM and Lunch will take place on Saturday February 20th 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

**11.30 a.m.** George Bowman and Tommy Fawcett, are the guest speakers. A treat lies in store for those attending – this double act have so many stories from their respective driving involvements, that you will be fascinated, entertained and amazed by their escapades!

**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. *(Event Organisers – please invite your stewards – if they are not members they will not know that we wish to thank them)*

**2 - 3 p.m.** SCDA AGM

## A Review of the Website

*(With contributions by the SCDA Secretary)*

The webmaster is Philip Brown, who gave a presentation at the Conference. For the site to be more lively and dynamic, Philip requested that members draw his attention to snippets of news and photos that others would also find interesting. Philip has added further headings in the forum area at the request of members at the Conference.

The web-site [www.scdaco.uk](http://www.scdaco.uk) also operates a free advertising service where you can post “wanted” or “for sale” items and reach a wide audience quickly.

Philip also made the following points in his demonstration:-

- Access to the forum – over 70 members have registered; there does need to be a registration process, simple as it is, to prevent intruders entering.
- Philip will make it easier to switch between the For Sale and Wanted advertisement sections, though they will remain separate.
- Placing the archive material, results etc, from the former site on to the new one is work in progress.
- Philip demonstrated that the website appears high on the Google page with a variety of search word combinations.
- Philip welcomed any contributions to the site in the form of stories or photos – any member’s contributions would enrich the site which does, after all, exist primarily to entertain/inform the membership.
- Philip and Simon explained the policy about links to and from other sites, designed to keep out commercial links, and the judgements they make about the content and origin of any advertisements which are submitted – essentially to allow non-members to advertise if the content is thought to be relevant to carriage driving and of interest to members, and to keep out anything commercial.

### Young Drivers Championship 2009

Congratulations to the following Young Drivers who competed at Escrick Park in September 2009.

13 – 14 years	Megan Noble	7 <sup>th</sup>
National	Ollie Dernie	5 <sup>th</sup>
National	Andrew Moodycliffe	7 <sup>th</sup>
National	Becky Pflanz	9 <sup>th</sup>

Would any young drivers interested in training with a view to competing as part of a Scottish team in 2012 for the Junior World Trophy, please contact Eileen Cornish. [ejcornish@btinternet.com](mailto:ejcornish@btinternet.com)

For training opportunities this year see [www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk](http://www.horsedrivingtrials.co.uk) – go to Young

Drivers and Driving Clinics pages where you will find details of training clinics, a Summer Camp and the Junior Championships for young drivers.

Details of the TASS scheme (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) in England are outlined – Scottish young drivers would possibly be eligible if applying through SCDA and SEA.

### The I B Horseboxes Scottish Points League 2009

Single Horse	1	Ian Bertram	30
	2	Joan Martin	29
	3=	Jane Isaac	27
	3=	Jock McFarlane	27
	5=	Lyndsey Brown	24
	5=	Helen Hunter	24
	5=	Ann Rushton-Green	24
Single Pony	1	Audrey Barron	30
	2	Janet Pilling	29
	3	Susan Don	28
	4	Anna Grace	24
	5=	Andrew Mylius	21
	5=	Mike Walsh	21
Pairs	1	Mary Kusun	29
	2	Ian Gilbert	29
	3	Owen Pilling	28
	4	Ewan MacInnes	23
	5	Diana Lindsay	16
	6=	John Farmer	15
	6=	Diana Ferguson	15
Multiples	1	Carol Boswell	10
Small Pony	1	Elinor Bosanquet	30
	2	Shirley Macgregor	27
	3	Pat White	18
	4	Barbara Foti	7
Club Novice	1	Michael Brown	30
	2	Jackie Lammie	28
	3	Ruth Martin	25
	4	John McNaughton	23
	5=	Margaret Lupton	9
	5=	Margo Smith	9
Young Drivers	1	Megan Noble	30
	2	Jodie Noble	19

### Lowther 2009 by Chris Atkins

*(Editor's Note – this article was written prior to it being announced that the Lowther Driving Trials were not taking place again.)*

What? you may ask – we thought it had been cancelled. Well, this wasn't the usual Country Fair and three day Event but a drive out on the Estate.

The weekend didn't have a terribly good start with severe winds forecast and the trip was quite exciting on the motorway. Parking was on the Lowther concrete so there was no fear of sinking or need for tractors.

Saturday afternoon's drive was around the Estate roads and part of section E. The weather was dry even if it wasn't too warm. It was good to see how well the Estate has recovered since August last year.

That evening saw a mad group gather for a BBQ which didn't go on late as the squalls became too much. This resulted in some crowded caravans whilst others retreated for an early night.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, although you needed your jackets. More turnouts arrived and 10.45 saw us depart. Another drive round the Estate roads and tracks, this time part of sections A, D and the road past the water obstacle, this then brought us to Askham Green and the Queens Head for quick refreshments and then on up onto the Fells. The day was clear so the views were superb. 11 miles or thereabouts in all were covered. It was an enjoyable way to see Lowther without the pressure of the competition.

Hopefully the Event will take place next year and improvements are already being planned. Sadly the brisk weather kept quite a few participants away but maybe next year folk will keep it in mind for a gentle end of season wind down.

Many thanks to Paul Gregory for organising the weekend.

### More Trainee Judges Needed

There is a shortage of BHDTA qualified judges in Scotland, which leads to those we have being very overworked. It is suggested that a Day Clinic would be run shortly for interested people who have the skills and experience to learn what is required to judge at Grassroots and Club Events. An ideal candidate would be a person who is an experienced driver who is perhaps not competing much this season. We have a couple of volunteers already, but it would be good to

have more, so that the Club will have a greater pool of judges.

Please contact the SCDA Secretary if you wish to volunteer yourself, or you know someone to suggest who might be suitable and willing.

### Holker 2010 - 6 to 8 August

By kind permission of Lord and Lady Cavendish, Holker Hall is returning to the National calendar after a break of 13 years. It will run on the Lowther weekend of 6 - 8 August and all classes will be Qualifiers for the National Championships. This follows months of work by the Competitions Committee, and in particular its Chairman Ian Gilbert.

The venue is about 30 minutes from Junction 36 of the M6, with dual carriageway and 'A' class roads to get you within 5 miles of the Estate. Holker Hall boasts beautiful scenery where the picturesque marathon course will take competitors along the edge of Morecambe Bay, and across the Parkland, with the Lakeland Hills as its backdrop. The schedule will be available in the year book, and is now on-line.

Offers of help gratefully accepted, particularly with course building and stewarding. Please contact the Organiser:-

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### BHDTA National Championships 2009

Novice Pony	Ollie Dernie	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Novice Pony	Margaret Lupton	9 <sup>th</sup>
Int. Pony	Andrew Moodycliffe	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Open Pony	Janet Pilling	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Open Horse	Helen Hunter	7 <sup>th</sup>
Open Horse	Jock McFarlane	6 <sup>th</sup>
Adv. Single Horse	Ian Bertram	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Open Horse Pairs	Diana Lindsay	1 <sup>st</sup>
Adv. Horse Pairs	Owen Pilling	8 <sup>th</sup>
Pony Teams	Faith Szczuka	5 <sup>th</sup>

10 competitors travelled to Windsor for the National Championships with Diana Lindsay rounding off a very good season by becoming Open Horse Pair Champion.

**BHDTA National Points League 2009**

Congratulations to the 25 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 Janet Pilling and Faith Szczuka who each won their respective classes; to Lyndsey Brown, Hamish Reid, and Margaret Lupton, who were second in theirs; and to Anna Grace and Diana Lindsay who came fourth in their classes.

Novice Horse	Becky Pflanz	9 <sup>th</sup> =
Novice Pony	Andrew Moodycliffe	15 <sup>th</sup> =
Novice Pony	Margaret Lupton	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Novice Pony	Ollie Dernie	9 <sup>th</sup> =
Novice Pony	Anna Grace	4 <sup>th</sup> =
Novice Pony	Michael Brown	15 <sup>th</sup> =
Int. Horse	Lyndsey Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Int. Horse	Hamish Reid	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Int. Horse	Jock McFarlane	8 <sup>th</sup>
Int. Pony	Andrew Moodycliffe	11 <sup>th</sup> =
Int. Pony	Mike Walsh	7 <sup>th</sup> =
Int. Pony	Patsy Muir Simpson	9 <sup>th</sup> =
Open Horse	Helen Hunter	7 <sup>th</sup>
Open Horse	Jock McFarlane	12 <sup>th</sup>
Open Horse	Jane Isaac	13 <sup>th</sup>
Open Pony	Janet Pilling	1 <sup>st</sup>
Open Pony	Susan Don	6 <sup>th</sup>
Open Pony	Mary Kusin	9 <sup>th</sup> =
Advanced Horse	Ian Bertram	10 <sup>th</sup>
Advanced Pony	Audrey Barron	8 <sup>th</sup>
Open Horse Pairs	Owen Pilling	7 <sup>th</sup>
Open Horse Pairs	Diana Lindsay	4 <sup>th</sup> =
Adv. Horse Pairs	Louise McCutcheon	13 <sup>th</sup> =
Adv. Horse Pairs	Owen Pilling	6 <sup>th</sup>
Open Pony Pairs	Mary Kusin	12 <sup>th</sup>
Open Pony Pairs	Ian Gilbert	7 <sup>th</sup>
Horse Tandems	Carol Boswell	6 <sup>th</sup>
Pony Teams	Faith Szczuka	1 <sup>st</sup>

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