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### Council Meeting

**T**he next meeting of the BHDTA Council takes place after the AGM although the date has not been finalised as we go to print.

### 2012 Clinic Dates

To enable forward planning, we can now confirm that there will be there will be an International Clinic on **Thursday and Friday March 1-2**, followed by a combined National Judges, Course Builders and TDs Clinic at the Unicorn Trust. More details will be available nearer the time.

### Farewell

It is with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Peter Munt, a legend in coaching circles and accomplished international competitor in horse driving trials. We have also lost Ricenda Chambers who competed with a single horse for many years and worked in the BHDTA office.

*Karen and Hugh Scott-Barrett, Open Horse Pairs National Champion 2011*

Both will be greatly missed. More detailed obituaries are published on the BHDTA website.

### AGM and Conference 2011

The AGM and Conference take place on **Saturday October 15**. Voting papers for the Council election have been sent with a copy of the September Office News which contains further details of additional meetings. Dame Kelly Holmes will be addressing the conference. You will have the opportunity to hear about the implications of the new anti-doping rules and speak to people on a one to one basis at the special interest tables.

### Job Opportunity - WANTED

Our Treasurer, Jan, is due to retire in October 2012 and we need someone to be ready to take over this position by then. If you can find you way around a spreadsheet, are comfortable with numbers and are interested in the future of the sport, this would be an ideal opportunity for you to make a significant contribution to the successful operation of the BHDTA.

Initially you would be co-opted onto Council and you will take part in all council

meetings, as well as meetings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Within three years you would be expected to stand for election as an elected Member of Council.

As the job involves a bit of a learning curve, we would like you to make contact and start getting involved with the operations of the BHDTA as soon as possible. Conveniently you could meet with Jan at conference and learn more about the role there. You can also get more information by writing to: [treasurer@horsedrivingtrials.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@horsedrivingtrials.co.uk).

### Vetting and Barring: the current position

This brief report summarises the current position of the Government's 'Vetting and Barring Scheme' which will change the rules on checking those people who work with vulnerable groups in society, and could have the effect of requiring many more people to register with a government agency.

The scheme was commenced by the previous Government as a result of the 'Soham' killings. A central feature of the Government's action was to set up the 'Independent Safeguarding Authority' for



Photo: Dickey Jim



England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Scottish Government has equivalent provisions in place.

The aim for the UK was that these agencies should then create a register of everyone who was likely to work with 'vulnerable' groups. Some 10 million people were expected to have to register before they could work, or continue to work, with those groups defined as vulnerable. Registration will require a criminal record disclosure and a registration fee.

The system builds on that which will be familiar to those, for example, employed as teachers, doctors or nurses, and, within our sport, those who have gained the UK Coaching Certificate.

From our perspective, the impact would be on work with young drivers and some of our disabled drivers, plus grooms/backsteppers. Crucially, the register was to cover volunteers, not just paid employees. We have been monitoring the development of the scheme to see how the sport might be affected, and if it could cover helpers at competitions and training events, for example.

The General Election in 2010 caused a change in the Government's position. The new Government stated that they were to 'review the operation of the vetting and barring scheme and scale it back to common-sense levels.' This was expected to reduce significantly the number of people who would need to register, but the detail of exactly who was to be 'in' and who was 'out' was left for the review.

The detail has still not been finalised. The changes are contained in the 'Protection of Freedoms Bill' which is currently in the middle of its path through Parliament. It may be early next year before it becomes an Act. So we are still several months away from knowing exactly how the vetting and barring scheme will operate.

In the meantime, there is still the need for clubs to operate checking processes within their own child protection policies. It is worth remembering that the BHDTA has adopted the British Equestrian Federation 'Equity and Child Protection Policy.' The BEF website has a very useful information and guidance document in support of this policy, which the BHDTA endorses. Clubs which need information and support can also contact the BHDTA's own child protection officer, John Anslow (phone 01252 781044; email john@anslow.co.uk).

## Events

### National Championships

The first year of the Championships with Rita Bundock at the helm ran smoothly as expected as she has been a successful event organiser for many years. There is a full report of the Championships on page 28. Once again we are indebted to Karen and Hugh Scott-Barrett for their generous



Photo: Jill Holah.

support. Competitors had the added incentive of a £100 cash prize for the fastest through obstacle 6, Hugh's Hurry, in each class.

On Friday night the David Broadbent Memorial Trophy was presented to the steward of the year 2011, Andy Brazier. He started his driving career in private driving but soon moved onto driving trials as both competitor and steward. He performed stewarding duties many times at Brighton and Royal Windsor then went onto refereeing with many a good story to be told. He has been a stalwart of Brighton HDT since 1983, coping with all the jobs from loos to Chief Steward.

He has been with Indoor Horse Driving Trials since its conception and spends many

*Tony Bache making the presentation to Andy Brazier:*

weekends during the winter driving the IHDT van, full of equipment, the length and breadth of the country to set up, help and score at qualifiers. This is often at short notice after a Thursday evening panic phone call! He is always cheerful and after nearly 30 years, still has great enthusiasm for our sport.

A presentation was made to Sheila Hawking from stewards and competitors in recognition of her dedication to the sport through the supporters. She has also recently taken on the role of organiser of the BHDTA Young Drivers and Para Equestrian Championships.

### Training for Trials

We have provisionally arranged two sessions of Training for Trials:

Ashfields 26/27 November - organisers  
Zoe Morgan and Wilf Bowman Ripley

Sparsholt 22/23 October - organisers  
Martyn Willis and Naomi Harbach.



*Sheila Hawking was recognised for her dedication to the sport.*

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