

Drivers of the year rewarded



Time to speak up and let us know your thoughts on combined pairs classes, and send in your nominations for Council. Head to page 32 for a full report of the National Championships as pictured below.

OFFICIAL NEWS Council Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the British Carriagedriving Council is Monday 7th October. Council always welcomes, and takes into account, feedback received from members, so if there are any matters or issues which you would like Council to consider, please send an e-mail to the British Carriagedriving office no later than Monday 30th September to allow time for the papers for Council to be prepared and circulated.

A.G.M. and Conference

The AGM and Conference take place on 16th November in the Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth. There has been a recent thread on Facebook with many comments and views aired. While Council are aware of these discussions, it is not possible to respond on social media. If you have an idea which you feel has merit, and you wish discussed by Council in more detail, please send this to the BC office. If you wish it to be aired to a larger audience, please send it to the BC office as an item for discussion at the Conference. Even if you are unable to attend, this is an excellent forum for members' views to be heard and discussed by the membership.

Council Elections

The deadline for submitting nominations for Council is approaching fast so please give some thought to anyone you may wish to propose (with their permission of course) to this office. There are 4 vacancies and Council would love to hear from anyone willing to put their name forward to take an active part in running British Carriagedriving. The dates and venues for meetings will be organised to suit the new Council. The existing Council members are happy to chat about what is involved so please approach them for further information or contact the BC office.

The relevant forms which require to be completed by each candidate are on the website www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk. If you are

unable to download or print these, please contact the BC office to request a copy sent by post.

Nominations close on Monday 14th October 2019 to enable an election to take place before the AGM if required.

EVENTS Attention Novice Drivers

Have you claimed your 3 FREE Start Fee Vouchers? Remember that there will be a flat rate of £40, irrespective of the turnout, introduced for 2020. To offset the additional cost of this to Novice drivers, anyone submitting a Competence Card will be issued with 3 vouchers for free start fees. This can be for Novice or multiples classes and will not have an expiry date. If you submitted a Competence Card in 2019, you can still apply for the free vouchers even if you have already entered a National or Regional event. Please email all applications to the BC office.

Pairs Drivers: We need you to contact Council

There are many drivers expressing views but not through the BC office. Council need you to email your views to the BC office (which will be treated in total confidence, so not even the Council members will know the identity of who sent comments). With any new initiative, there will inevitably be some who like it and others who do not. At their next meeting this month, Council will decide whether or not to continue with the combined classes for pairs and whether or not this should be extended to Singles. Please speak up and let BC know if you liked the combined classes this year or not. A recent Facebook thread once again had many suggestions regarding combining classes but this was part of the event structure review and questionnaire sent to all members 12 months ago. The outcome confirmed everyone

wanted change so, Council agreed to trial combined classes for one year with the Pairs and will consider extending it to the Single classes in 2020. If no feedback is received, Council will be left to make a decision without the members' views being known. Please ensure you send your views to the BC office by the end of September and remember it's totally confidential.

Inter-Club Championship

Since its inception in 2016, the Inter-club Championship has been dominated by two clubs although others have come very close. Midlands Carriagedriving were the winners in 2016 and 2018 with East Anglian Carriage Driving Group taking the honours in 2017 and once again this year with medals presented at the National Championships. The drivers who nominated EACDG on their membership form and whose scores therefore counted towards their club's points total are: Gail Bain, Sue Botley, Wilf Bowman-Ripley, Harriet Bradford, Heather and Malcolm Brown, Alfie Budd, Charlotte Chard, Margaret Collins, Helen Cruickshank, Liz Harcombe, Anna Jackson, Alysha Lane, Tom McGregor, Christine McLeod, Chris Patrick, Amelia Roose, Chris Smith, Grace Smith, Kevin Smith, Debbie Tatton, David Taylor, Lesley Tilbury, Mick Ward and Wendy Wyatt.

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Presentations at the National Championships

The Howden and Riding and Harnessstuff Drivers of the Year received their awards and rosettes at the National Championships. Congratulations to all worthy winners.

Howden Novice Driver of the Year

Class	Champion	Points
Novice Pony	Sally Bullar	27
Novice Horse	Heather Brown	19

Riding and Harnessstuff Driver of the Year

Class	Champion	Points
Intermediate Pony	George Wood	35
Intermediate Horse	Harvey Clegram-Brown	31
Open Pony	Gary Brown	38
Open Horse	Vicky Irwin	45
Advanced Pony	Rosanna Walters-Symons	39
Advanced Horse	Lynda Christian	40
Pony Pairs	Averina Snow	49
Horse Pairs	Chris Smith	31
Pony Tandem	David Taylor	50
Horse Tandem	Margo Smith	30
Pony Fours	Angela Smith	44
Horse Fours	Dick Lane	43



Liz Harcombe 2019 Pony Tandem Champion



Right: Patti Atkinson