

March 2019

Dear Members & Friends

I am sure that you will all now be thinking of the driving season ahead and getting horses back into harness for the early events on the calendar.

## **AGM**

It seems such a long time ago since our AGM in December when we were at the new venue, Woodlands House Hotel, which proved to be very popular with the large attendance. Our members who went home with silverware and special awards were as follows:

Novice	Janette Watson
Open & Dressage	Pat Gillan
Marathon, Obstacle & Games	Carl Bevan
Cones & Field Class	Carol Black
Cones Challenge	Ellen Dodd
Most Travelled	Daphne Taylor
Best Sportsperson	Pam Chilton & Colin Taylor
Most Improved Driver	Iain McKendrick
Best Laugh of the Year	Drew Douglas
Champion's Groom Trophy	Steve Munro, Sophie Armstrong, Carol Black, Josieane Kirk, Frazer Ramsden

Congratulations to all who took part.

## **Membership Fees**

At the AGM it was proposed to keep the membership fees for 2019 the same:

Driving Membership	£30.00
Junior Membership	£20.00
Supporting Membership	£12.00

## **Dominoes**

Our annual domino afternoon was once again very well attended and after 20 rounds played with plenty banter and silly talk, our winner of the day was junior member Marnie McDougall.

## **2019 Event Dates**

Full list of dates and venues as follows:

May 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bladnoch Park, Wigtown
May 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dalmakerran, Tynron, Thornhill
June 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Collin, Dumfries (field directions nearer time)
July 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	Low Kirkbridge, Auldirth

August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>     Corwar, Newton Stewart  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>     Milnecroft, Kirtlebridge (Fun weekend)

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### **Electric Fence Paddocks**

With more people making electric fence paddocks at events we have to ensure that the system is not abused and also make sure that no excess damage is done to the event venue. Please can we ask competitors for their cooperation in keeping paddocks to a minimum and also bring ample feed with you.

### **Equine Flu Requirements**

Following the recent outbreak of equine flu, British Carriage Driving have asked us to ensure that all competitors horse/pony passports are in accordance with the FEI requirements below.

**FEI 2019 VETERINARY REGULATIONS 14th Edition 2018**  
**effective 1 January 2019**  
**Article 1003**  
**Equine Influenza Vaccination Requirements**

1. All proprietary Equine Influenza vaccines are accepted by the FEI, provided the route of administration complies with the manufacturer's instructions (i.e. intramuscular injection or intranasal).
2. An initial Primary Course of two vaccinations must be given; the second vaccination must be administered within 21-92 days of the first vaccination.
3. The first booster must be administered within 7 calendar months following the date of administration of the second vaccination of the Primary Course.
4. Booster vaccinations must be administered at a maximum of 12 month intervals however Horses competing in Events must have received a booster within 6 months +21 days (and not within 7 days) before arrival at the Event.
5. Horses may compete 7 days after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course.
6. Horses that have received the Primary Course prior to 1 January 2005 are not required to fulfil the requirement for the first booster, providing there has not been an interval of more than 12 months between each of their subsequent annual booster vaccinations.

It would be very much appreciated if you could send a copy of your horse/pony passports to me prior to the first event. The page which shows the horse/pony name and the vaccination page(s) should be ample.