



The East Anglian Carriage Driving Group Ltd

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2007.

Hi folks, doesn't time fly?? Christmas and New Year over. 'Thank God' I hear most of you utter, and now, here we are, thinking of the coming driving season.

I hope you are all having a good winter season with the Indoor Driving. As I hear that the weather is not too good at the moment. So I bet it's hard to stay warm and dry through-out the long day, waiting for your class. Chin up, the finals will come sooner than you expect. Good Luck.

On the 11th November. The AGM was held at Ashfields Carriage & Polo Centre, Great Canfield. Nr. Dunmow, Essex. This was very well attended by approximately forty of our members, and those who stayed after the AGM, were joined with friends of Terry Chambers, Wilf Bowman-Ripley and Zoe Morgan, on a very well run Bonfire Party, that was held in the evening. The proceeds of which went to the Essex Air Ambulance Service.

At the AGM the driving events were discussed at length, shuffling them around a little, as it was agreed by all, that the Euston event was far too early last season. (2006) so it was decided to try to get a later date for this season. Blandings Farm has managed to obtain more land for their events, so we can accommodate up to a three section marathon there if required. So it was decided to run a one day event with training on the Saturday again, like last year, and a two day event, later on in the year. We will be running at Ashfields, two events, plus two Crinkly Clinics/Camps, as well as the Junior Summer Camp, and our Championship Event. It was decided not to run an event at Doggett's in Rochford this year.

In the treasurer's report, Jacqui explained the re-structure of the affiliation fees to clubs, by the BHDТА. Whereas the Club use to pay a fee to the BHDТА on a sliding scale. We will now have to pay them per member. Therefore, if you are intending to become a member of the BHDТА in 2007, you will need to obtain your 2007 membership card and registration number from the BHDТА, then, send a photocopy of this, along with your membership form and fee to EACDG Ltd., Your 2006 BHDТА Card will not be accepted. Remember, by providing proof of your BHDТА membership it will entitle you to a lesser subscription to our Club:-

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP:

NON BHDТА MEMBERS WILL PAY THE CLUB ONLY A FEE OF THIRTY POUNDS. BHDТА MEMBERS WILL PAY TWENTY-TWO POUNDS FIFTY PENCE.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:

AS WE HAVE TO PAY FOR EVERY DRIVER AN AFFILIATION FEE, WE HAVE NOW HAD TO INCREASE THE FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS.

NON BHDТА MEMBERS – FIRST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WILL PAY THIRTY POUNDS – ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY, AT THE SAME ADDRESS WILL PAY A REDUCED FEE OF TWENTY POUNDS EACH.

BHDТА MEMBERS WILL HAVE REDUCTION OF SEVEN POUNDS FIFTY PENCE FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER, WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE BHDТА.

SUPPORTERS:

SUBSCRIPTIONS REMAIN AT TEN POUNDS, AS AFFILIATION DOES NOT APPLY.

It was brought to everyone's attention that any refunds for events, will only be given after the closing date, if a Certificate from your Doctor or Vet can be shown, unless, of course, there are exceptional circumstances

It was also agreed, that the BDS would be welcome to attend our events, for an organized drive and a 'play' at the cones. Venues to be arranged.

Then there was the presentation of the Trophies for the 2006 season.

A special thank you went to Stephanie Richards and her partner Nick, who have helped clear away at every event.

David Taylor spoke on behalf of Jo Meech, to inform the club that this coming season will be her last, and it would be nice if she could train someone before she left. As we all know, the Stewards play a very important part at our events, and we as a Club, would not be able to run without them. So if anyone is interested, please contact Jo Meech.

Mike Watts offered to help David Taylor with the Web site and has in fact taken over the site since the beginning of 2007. As it is a task that can only be managed by one individual. However changes and inclusions will be put before the committee before implementation.

The meeting closed at approx 4.20 pm.

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CRINKLY CAMP

11th March : South of England Driving Fair.

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7th & 8th April : Blandings Farm Training Day with Sharon & Derek Wootton & One Day Event. (Sharon Drives Tandem, both at Club & National. Derek drives and is a well know Dressage Judge.)

18th & 20th April : Pairs Training Day with Nicky Pawlson at Ashfields Carriage & Polo Centre. Gt. Canfield.

21st & 22nd April : Ashfields Two Day Event.

4th 5th & 6th May : Brighton National Event. (Pony Selection).

10th 11th & 13th May : Royal Windsor Event.

25th 26th & 27th May : Houpton National Event. (Pony & Horse Pair Selection).

26th & 27th May : Blandings Farm Two Day Event.

8th 9th & 10th June : Farleigh House National Event. (Pony & Horse Pair Selection.)

15th 16th & 17th June : Ashfields Crinkly Training Camp with Wilf Bowman-Ripley & Richard Margrave (Both are successful and well known National Pairs & Four-in-Hand Drivers).

22nd 23rd & 24th June : Catton Park National Event. (Horse Single Selection.)

29th 30th June & 1st July : Sandringham National Event (Horse Pairs Selection.)

30th June & 1st July : Sandringham Club Event.

13th 14th & 15th July : Henbury Hall National Event. (Horse Pairs Selection.)

20th 21st & 22nd July : World Pony Championships.

24th 25th & 26th July : Ashfields Junior Summer Camp. (Trainers should be Karen & Pippa Bassett & Sara Howe. But to be confirmed.)

28th & 29th July : Ashfields Two Day Event. Novice Qualifier. Inter Club Team Challenge. & the Club Championships.

3rd 4th & 5th August : Lowther National Event. (Team Selection.)

10th 11th & 12th August : Ashfields Crinkly Training Camp with Wilf Bowman-Ripley & Richard Margrave (Both are successful and well known National Pairs & Four-in-Hand Drivers.)

10th 11th & 12th August : Castle Kennedy National.

18th & 19th August : Borde Hill. Brockham Club Event.

8th & 9th September : Euston Park, Thetford Two Day Event.

14th 15th & 16th National Championships, Windsor Great Park.

For those of you wishing to go to the Crinkly Training Camp, that is being organized and will be held at Ashfields Carriage & Polo Centre, Gt. Canfield, Takeley, Essex, here are some details:-

The cost of these will be Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds for Three Days Training. This includes three lunches and two evening meals for two people. There will be a maximum of Eight Turnouts per Trainer. So please put your names forward as soon as possible, so we can arrange the trainers. Obviously the resident trainer will be Wilf Bowman-Ripley, we have asked Richard Margrave to come and train also. He is a well known National Carriage Four-in-Hand Driver.

So far it would seem to be a very popular idea to have a crinkly camp as we have provisionally sixteen names. The more the merrier but as we have to book the right number of trainers, please let us know NOW if YOU are interested.

We plan to run this Crinkly Camp along the lines of the Junior Camp, with some talks and demonstrations and fun and games for all. As we have arranged Biaflow Mangnotherapy to give a talk, along with talks from a Vet and a Dentist. These will be arranged for early evening.

All standards of driving will be catered for from absolute novice upwards.

It's now about the right time for all of you to check out your harness, ready for the new season.

Check the stitching and straps etc., also the carriage, make sure that all the bolts are done up correctly and all the places which needs a grease up, are done.

Don't forget to make sure you have your best carriage and marathon whip, your apron, gloves, bibs, lamps, etc.,

Last but no means least, check your pony over, make sure that all the vaccinations are up to date and start your circuit training, to get your pony fit for the coming season.

[Enclosed is the East Anglian Carriage Driving Group Ltd. Membership Application Form.](#)

[Please do not forget to send this with a photocopy of your BHDTA 2007 Membership for a reduction of your Club Membership.](#)

Have a good season folks