



The Newsletter of the East Anglian Carriage Driving Group Ltd for members and friends

Sandringham 29th-30th June

The Jewel in the Crown of Horse Driving Trials?

This year's event saw a large entry of 54 combinations. The national and club events ran alongside each other as usual with camaraderie running high between the camps.

In the club field there were celebrations for Deirdre Luff and her mixed tandem of black and grey ponies in her distinctive pink cross country attire; tandem driving commands much respect from fellow drivers (often termed the 'suicide' combination) due to nature of the extra rein handling of course. One competitor describes the main skills as being knit one, purl one, prayer mat! There was hot competition in the large Novice Pony class eventually won by junior driver Megan Wheeldon who held the lead after the dressage and a double clear in the cones.

Pre-Novice Pony drivers Ellis Shelton and Emily Viller were neck-a-neck. With Emily's dressage tipping the balance for the win.

World Horse Welfare Yogi Bear stormed round with fastest marathon of the day to take the Open Pony.



Deirdre Luff with daughter Sarah on the backstep in the pink at Obstacle One.



Alysha Lane gets muddy!

Did you know..?

If carriage lamps are used they should always contain candles pre-lit. Candles lit before are much easier to light in a hurry.

Before extendable axles, cones widths were altered for every competitor!

False breaching is a strap attached between shafts, doing the same job as normal breaching but the horse doesn't have to wear it.

Interesting?

Liz Harcombe, Editor

Blandings 31st August-1st September

Thanks to Louise Andraesen for another Blandings weekend with superb arenas and organisation as ever.

Many turnouts were practising for the BC National Championships giving a different line up. As always new faces were very welcome and hopefully felt supported by club members.

Sara Simmons from Sussex produced a stunning test of 27 penalties to give her a good run before leaving for Duerne with other British team members. Local farrier Alan Clarke and his beautifully matched pair of bay Welsh ponies achieved the lowest score of the event to take the pony pairs class. Kent farrier Ben Edmed in the pony tandem led all three phases. This lovely venue saw warm weather and long evenings and the usual relaxed and supportive atmosphere of the East Anglian Club team.

Ashfields Club Championships

21st –22nd September

The final event of the EACDG calendar was as exciting as ever with a competitive streak running throughout. Great to see Wendy Embleton competing with a different horse and but for three cones would have taken the championship though all credit to David Taylor for his win. Amy Last and Cardi's retirement swansong was a good one with a top score in the Open Pony. Not bad for a pony she and Bernie were advised could never be driven!

Emily and Ellis shared the two top spots in the Pre-Novice Pony with Emily succeeding this time. Interesting to see growing classes of multiples at the club and putting up some great scores.

The ground held up well despite wet weather and a pounding from the National Championships the week before. All credit as ever to Wilf and Zoe for putting together two events in quick succession.



Alison Tyas and the veteran Red enters the Blandings dressage arena with Ruth White on the back..no doubt smiling!



Chris Patrick, winner of 2013 points league for Novice Horse.



Sue Hargreaves and her new pair of Arab x Friesian horses.



Jane Carter, Lorna Ingram and Sue Hargreaves sharing the moment!

Below, Janet and Derek Seaman with Jack.



EACDG Ltd - Notice of AGM

New date! Sunday, 8th December, 6pm for 6:30

At Ashfields Carriage Driving Centre in the clubhouse

Open to all members and helpers - join us for a free meal!

Please contact Zoe Morgan to let her know you are coming and would like a meal
07770 944868. Apologies to the Secretary, below.

Championship and Points League Awards and a Quiz follow the Annual General Meeting— find out next year's programme and meet your new committee.

If you won a trophy last year , please get it engraved with your name and return it to a committee member before the AGM!

Fiona Powell, EACDG Secretary – 01473 735732

2013 Points League Winners

	Pony	Horse
Pre Novice	Emily Viller	Carolyn Parkin
Novice	Grace Smith	Chris Patrick
Open	Liz Harcombe	Goldie Francis/ Stephanie Richards
Tandem	Fiona Powell	David Taylor
Pair	Alan Clarke	Chris Smith
Small pony	Linda Hill	
Team	Helen Cruickshank	

Thank You!

Lorna Ingram has worked hard to secure some super extra prizes this year which were really well received



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Stewards

No-one is under any illusion that events could run at all without stewards and volunteer helpers. Nina Snow has coordinated our willing, able and amazing team smoothly and efficiently and arranged upwards of sixty volunteers for every event. Thank you indeed to her and to everyone who has given their time for all our competitors to enjoy their sport.

Next year stewards co-ordinator will be Ginny White before the events and to this end there will be contact sheets available at the AGM and in the yearbook for stewards to express their interest and hopefully continue helping at EACDG events.

