



## Scottish Carriage Driving Association Ltd.

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### SCDA NEWS December 2017

## AGM and Helpers' Lunch - Saturday 17 February 2018

**Blair Drummond Community Hall, Doune, FK9 4UX.**

*The Blair Drummond Community Hall lies on the A84 Doune to Stirling road, about 200 metres north of the junction with the A873 to Aberfoyle. The Hall car park has limited space, and once it is judged to be full, a parking steward will direct members to the large free car park at the school, only a very short walk from the Hall.*

**Please visit <http://www.scda.co.uk/membership/membership.htm> to renew your membership online and pay by Bank Transfer (BACS).**

**OR print out the form and bring cash or cheque made out to SCDA, to the meeting with you.**

**Your Omnibus and Membership Card** will be available to collect at the AGM if you have already paid your 2018 membership fee, or print out the form and pay on the day. If you are unable to attend please arrange for another member to collect your card and Omnibus or they will be posted to you during the week after the meeting.

10.30 Arrive – meet friends new and old, pay your membership, collect your Omnibus and membership card, and enjoy complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits.

11.15 A round-up of the 2018 events.

12.00 **Guest Speaker – Debbie Lush BD (British Dressage) List 1 Dressage Judge and Trainer** who will give a 'thru the eyes of a judge' talk with the aid of some driving videos.

12.45 Complimentary lunch, courtesy of SCDA Ltd.

2.00 AGM. Non-members are welcome to stay for the AGM, or take their leave prior to the meeting, as they wish.

## CONGRATULATIONS - National Championships Participants

Congratulations to all the SCDA members who travelled to take part in the National Championships, and thank you to all our members who helped to run and officiate at the event.

Rebecca Boswell	1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate Pony
Patsy Muir Simpson	7 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Pony
Susan Don	5 <sup>th</sup> Open Single Pony
Anna Grace	2 <sup>nd</sup> Open Pony Pairs
Tony Mould	6 <sup>th</sup> Open Pony Pairs
Ian Gilbert	Eliminated – Open Pony Pairs
Mary Kusin	Retired – Pony Four in Hand
Margo Smith	4 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Horse
Carol Boswell	4 <sup>th</sup> Open Horse
Sanchia May	HC – Evolution Pony
Ian Bertram	2 <sup>nd</sup> Young Horse

## CONGRATULATIONS - BC Fenix Carriages and Howden Insurance Driver of The Year 2017 Participants

Rebecca Boswell	4 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Pony
Patsy Muir Simpson	2 <sup>nd</sup> = Intermediate Pony
Susan Don	5 <sup>th</sup> Open Single Pony
Ian Gilbert	3 <sup>rd</sup> Open Pony Pairs
Anna Grace	4 <sup>th</sup> Open Pony Pairs
Tony Mould	7 <sup>th</sup> = Open Pony Pairs
Faith Szczuka	4 <sup>th</sup> Pony Tandems
Mary Kusin	8 <sup>th</sup> Pony Four in Hand
Margo Smith	9 <sup>th</sup> = Intermediate Horse
Carol Boswell	4 <sup>th</sup> = Open Horse
Susan Henry	11 <sup>th</sup> Open Horse
Miranda Saunders	11 <sup>th</sup> = Novice Pony
Sam Fawcett	11 <sup>th</sup> = Novice Pony
Alasdair Govan	4 <sup>th</sup> Novice Horse
Sanchia May	2 <sup>nd</sup> = Evolution Pony
Claire Cameron	12 <sup>th</sup> = Evolution Pony
Elinor Steven	15 <sup>th</sup> = Evolution Pony
Sheila McNeill	1 <sup>st</sup> Evolution Horse
Ian Bertram	2 <sup>nd</sup> Young Horse

## CONGRATULATIONS to our 2 promoted Judges and Thank You to our BC and SCDA Event Officials

### Promoted BC Judges

British Carriagedriving Council have approved the recommendation by the BC Judges Committee that **Sanchia May** and **Mary Bryson** are promoted from List 3 to List 2.

(Judges who are List 3 may only judge Singles and Pairs classes, while List 2 judges are eligible to judge all classes at a National Event.)

### BC Judges

They join Carol Boswell, Jane MacInnes, Helen Rogerson and Joyce Simpson as List 2 judges, while Jane MacInnes and Joyce Simpson are also approved to be **Presidents of the Jury**.

**Our BC Approved Course Designers** are Ian Bertram, Ian Gilbert and Colin Smith, the latter also being an FEI 2\* Course Designer and probationary Technical Delegate. Bobby Simson is also a Probationary Course Designer.

Mike and Louise McCutcheon are **BC Official Scorers**, while Campbell Bosanquet, Tommy Fawcett and Colin Smith are **Official Safety Officers**.

**SCDA members owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all these officials who give up huge amounts of their time, energy and expertise to ensure that our National and Club Events run so well.**

**Also the Club Judges, Officials and helpful volunteers who are heavily involved in Club and Training Events – without this army of people our events could not happen.**

*Thank you to you all.*

## Do you fancy training as a Club Course Designer, Judge or TD?

**SCDA is running out of Course Designers and needs new, younger, (or not!) people (male or female) to plug the gaps!!**

**The following clinic will help you on your way.**

The National / FEI combined clinic at Unicorn Trust Equestrian Centre, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire GL54 1JZ on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Course Directors are: Judges - Joaquin Medina (ESP), Technical Delegates - Philip Bateman (GBR), Course Designers - Wolfgang Asendorf (GER) and Stewards - Jan Devaere (BEL). At the end of this, there will be a Safety Clinic which all delegates are invited to attend.

**SCDA will give a grant towards the cost of the clinic and travel expenses to SCDA Members who take part.**

Many of our Judges, Course Designers and Technical Delegates will be attending so you will be among friends if you decide to take the plunge!

Please contact Eileen Cornish so that your grant application can be added to our list of those attending.

## CONGRATULATIONS to all our SCDA Members who won Trophies and Rosettes at the Annual SCDA Prizegiving 2017

<b>Bellcrown Small Shield</b>	Best Intermediate at Hopetoun and Raehills	Patsy Muir-Simpson
<b>Braxfield Jack</b>	Awarded for the best three dressage scores in the Open Horse class.	Jane Isaac
<b>Buddy Trophy</b>	A tankard awarded by the directors to the person who has done most during the season to help newcomers.	Carol Boswell
<b>Archie Donald Memorial Trophy</b>	Presented to someone who has been of immense help or service to the SCDA.	Richard Darby
<b>Fun and Friendship</b>	Given by the Rome family in memory of Vivienne, to someone 'who has made a light-hearted contribution or has lent a helping hand'.	Patti and Keith Atkinson
<b>Graham Murray</b>	Awarded to the best Scottish competitor from the combined Scottish National events in the Pony Tandem class	Faith Szczuka
<b>Melville Trophy</b>	Awarded to the most improved driver during the 2017 season.	Sharron Vass
<b>Single Horse</b>	Points League Class Winner	Ian Bertram
<b>Single Pony</b>	Points League Class Winner	Susan Don
<b>Horse Pair</b>	Points League Class Winner	Ewan MacInnes
<b>Pony Pair</b>	Points League Class Winner	Anna Grace
<b>Small Pony</b>	Points League Class Winner	Elinor Bosanquet
<b>Multiples</b>	Points League Class Winner	Mary Kusin
<b>Club Novice</b>	Points League Class Winner	Sharron Vass
<b>Young Driver</b>	Points League Class Winner	Katie Cameron

## New Event for 2018 – Bywell Park – August 25/26

**Patti Atkinson has taken on the role of Event Organiser and writes:**

*A stunning venue for a new Regional event, Bywell Park (by kind permission of Lord and Lady Allendale), will be open for competition in 2018. Bywell is located an easy 2 miles from a major dual carriageway, 13 miles west of Newcastle upon Tyne, and only 2 roundabouts north of London! There are massive areas of flat land for parking, dressage and cones and fabulous tracks around woodland and fields with lovely views over the Tyne Valley for Section A. Obstacles are being built, all differing in design and construction, in an undulating field close to the box park. I cannot stress how amazing this venue is. It has the potential to be one of the best in the country. The event is to be held in 2018 on Saturday 25 (dressage and cones) and Sunday 26 August (marathon). The huge flat box park (as big as Cirencester –10 acres) will be open from Thursday with at least one practice arena and an exercise route available. Competitors can stay on site until Monday 27 if they wish allowing ample recovery time after the marathon. An adjacent 10 acres will hold the two dressage arenas and the cones course with lots of flat room to spare. Although a new venue for driving it is also used for the Northumberland County Show – one of the largest, if not the largest, one day county show in the UK with over 30 thousand spectators. We are taking a stand at that show to promote carriage driving and our event. As an experienced driver I know what competitors need, and possibly more importantly what they would like. This is what my team and I are trying to achieve. Cooked meals will be available on Friday and Saturday nights so even your cook can have a fun weekend! Bywell is a super venue with great facilities and we are working hard to make it a great event. We look forward to your support.*

## CONGRATULATIONS - New BC Council Member - Patti Atkinson

One of SCDA's 'best friends' - Patti Atkinson - has been elected to the British Carriagedriving Council and joins Jane Isaac, who is the only member from Scotland, on Council. Patti is from Durham and will be organising the new Regional Event at Bywell Hall in August.

## NEW for 2018 Northern UK Points League and Championships

**Full details coming soon**

This is a new competition particularly, though not exclusively, for Club competitors in the north of the UK.

The following events are likely to be part of the League – **but there may be amendments.**

The League Championships will be at the new Bywell event near Newcastle.

May 25/26/27	Hopetoun, Edinburgh	BC National/Club
July 21/22	Allerton Park	NEDTL Regional and Club
July 28/29	Raehills, Dumfries and Galloway	SCDA Regional and Club
August 4/5	Onley, Warwickshire	MC Regional and Club
August 10/11/12	Lowther	BC National (No Club Classes)
August 25/26	Bywell Hall, Newcastle	NEDTL Regional & Club + League Championships

## EVENT DATES 2018

<b>SATURDAY February 17</b>	<b>Helpers' Lunch and AGM, Blair Drummond Hall</b>	<b>SCDA Social</b>
March 11	Fountain, Aberdeen	SCDA Indoor
March 18	Coxhill, Falkirk	SCDA Grassroots
April 1	Fountain, Aberdeen	SCDA Indoor
April 7	Strathorn Try Driving/Training day (Ruth Skinner)	BDS Training
April 4 or 11 (Tbc) (Wednesday)	Young Driver Training day at Maryculter (Jane MacInnes)	BDS Training (Please note dates are in school holidays)
April 22	Dunbog	SCDA Indoor/Outdoor Grassroots
May 5	Training at Maryculter (Jane MacInnes)	BDS/SCDA Training
May 12/13	Auchlishie, Angus	SCDA Club
May 24	Hopetoun Qualifier for RDA Driving Groups	RDA Disabled Driving
May 25/26/27	Hopetoun, Edinburgh	BC National/ International/Club
June 2	Cothal, Aberdeen	SCDA Grassroots
June 23/24	Falkland, Fife	SCDA Club
July 7/8	Dalmeny, Edinburgh	SCDA Club
July 15	Netherby Hall, Longtown, Carlisle	BDS Tandem Meet
July 21/22	Allerton Park	NEDTL Regional and Club
July 28/29	Raehills, Dumfries and Galloway	SCDA Regional
August 4/5	Onley, Warwickshire	MC Regional
August 10/11/12	Lowther	BC National
August 18/19	Biggarshiels, Biggar, Lanarkshire	SCDA Club
August 19	Lourin Fair, Aberdeenshire.	SCDA Grassroots
August 25/26	Bywell Hall, Newcastle	NEDTL Regional & Club
September 14/15/16	National Championships	Venue tbc
Sept 23/24	Townfoot	SCDA Club
October 14	Coxhill, Falkirk	SCDA Grassroots
October 14	Fountain, Aberdeen	SCDA Indoor
October 28	Fountain, Aberdeen	SCDA Indoor

## SAFETY REMINDER

**Please do not embarrass event organisers** by arriving at an event without your back protector or hard hat for the marathon/obstacle phases. They will be obliged to send you home without you being allowed to compete since you would invalidate the event's insurance cover.

### British Carriagedriving Rule

#### ***Dress in Marathon and Combined Marathon/Derby - Article 928.2.2***

"Athletes and grooms must wear securely fastened protective headgear and a suitable back/body protector on the marathon or Combined Marathon/Derby<sup>1</sup>. Infringement will incur Elimination. Any athlete / groom who continues on the course without a hard hat or a suitable body/back protector after Elimination, will be disqualified. "

#### **Notes for Guidance - Article 928.2.2**

British Carriagedriving considers that it is the responsibility of each Athlete and their Groom(s) to determine what form of back/body protection is most suitable for them, taking into account the risks inherent in the marathon competition and the characteristics of their turnout including size, shape and experience.

*The following are not, however, considered to be suitable and do not comply with the requirement of article 928.2.2:*

- a. Any back or body protector that has not been certified as being suitable for use in equestrian sports or another sport or activity which, in the opinion of the Athlete/Groom, involves comparable or equivalent risks;
- b. An air jacket unless worn with an additional back/body protector which is suitable.

**This rule applies to all SCDA Club Points Events and Grassroots that have a marathon/obstacle phase.**

## UKCC Coaches/HorseScotland

SCDA are hoping to obtain grants from Horse Scotland to progress our training of officials and drivers. If you intend running a clinic under the umbrella of SCDA please contact the Secretary as soon as possible to gain approval for the event from the SCDA Directors.

Grant applications need to be with Horse Scotland long before the event takes place. Once approved by the Directors your request for a grant will be progressed by our SCDA/Horse Scotland liaison Director –

Sheila McNeill (07770 870630 / [sheilamcneill533@btinternet.com](mailto:sheilamcneill533@btinternet.com) )

It would help enormously if all UKCC coaches in Scotland were registered with HorseScotland. Registration for the Coaches Register is free of charge for one year.

<http://www.horsescotland.org/coaching/coaches-register/join-our-coaches-register/>

## SAFEGUARDING EQUESTRIAN SPORT

### **SCDA Safeguarding Officer – Jane Isaac**

As an affiliated club of British Carriagedriving we follow their Safeguarding policies. British Carriagedriving has adopted the British Equestrian Federation's '**Safeguarding Equestrian Sport**' policy, which is available for download from [www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk](http://www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk)

BC and its Affiliated Clubs are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for children, young people and adults at risk.

Whether involved in Competitions or any other Events organised by British Carriagedriving or by Clubs affiliated to British Carriagedriving, including activities such as training and coaching events, courses, assessments and professional development days, all these participants have a right to be safe and protected from harm.

**The British Carriagedriving Safeguarding Lead is:**

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John covers safeguarding at national and club level. He will be happy to discuss any queries regarding referrals, training m

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Sanchia May (SCDA Director) kindly adds the official **SCDA Facebook** posts and is happy to help everyone to use it. There is no need to be a Facebook member to read the posts – just click on the logo on the SCDA website front page.

**We wish all our members and helpers a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe 2018 Driving Season.**



**Eric taking Father Christmas to a local Garden Centre with his friend, and driver Carol Boswell.**