

# WIGTOWNSHIRE DRIVING CLUB

BDS AFFILIATED ANNUAL SHOW  
SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2017

BLADNOCH PARK, WIGTOWN,  
NEWTON STEWART, DG8 9AB

CLASSES START AT 10.30AM

JUDGE. MR R ROBERTSON

Classes 2 and 3 are qualifiers for the Osborne Refrigerators BDS National Championships at Driving Addington on 23 September. The highest placed turnout owned and driven by a BDS member and eligible for the following type-sections disregarding those already qualified down to 6<sup>th</sup> place (10<sup>th</sup> place for type-sections (n)-(o) ) in the class will qualify for the 2017 Semi-Finals at Driving Addington. The Championship will immediately follow the Semi-Finals.

Private Driving Turnouts Division Type-Sections.

- (e) Country Turnout – single, pair or tandem.
- (c) Single non-hackney type(excluding purebred Registered Welsh)over 13.2hh.
- (d) Single non-hackney type(excluding purebred Registered Welsh) 13.2 and under.
- (i) Pairs and Tandems – Open – any height.

Exercise Vehicle Turnouts Division Type Sections.

- Single, pair or tandem driven to a four-wheel exercise vehicle, open, any height.

Young Drivers Division Type-Sections.

- (n) Single turnout driven by a junior driver 10-14 years old
- (o) Single turnout driven by a junior driver 15-17 years old.

**BDS Rules appertaining to Young Drivers and also the wearing of hard hats will apply**

**CLASS 1. CARRIAGE HORSE OR PONY CLASS.** Inhand class for horse or pony suitable to be used for carriage driving. Animals to be shown in full harness and judged on suitability and turnout of animal, fitting and cleanliness of harness. Animals may be presented without harness in bridle only but will be judged separately within the class.

**CLASS 2. PRIVATE DRIVING CLASS.** Horse or pony of 4 years and over driven to a traditional or traditional type vehicle. A traditional vehicle means a vehicle of a traditional profile and identifiable type to resemble the design of a carriage built prior to the First World War. The vehicle may be made from modern materials but must have traditional springing and carriage lamps. Pneumatic tyred vehicles, trade turnouts and show wagons are not eligible. (Osborne Refrigerators Qualifier above for type sections (c) (d) (e) (i).

**CLASS 3. EXERCISE VEHICLE CLASS.** 2 or 4 wheeled vehicles, open to horses and ponies, 4 years and over. A single, pair or tandem driven to a carriage of non-traditional type design and includes those with pneumatic tyres specifically designed for carriages (i.e. not car tyres). Lamps need not be carried. Judging will include general cleanliness, safety of turnout, correct fitting of harness and vehicle suitability. (Osborne Refrigerators Qualifier above for type sections (m) .

**CLASS 4. CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE.** Open to singles, pairs or multiples in a Town, Country or Exercise Vehicle. The essence of the class is 'elegance' and the winner will be the turnout which in the opinion of the judge presents the **MOST PLEASING PICTURE**. The judging will take into account horse or pony, vehicle, drivers, grooms and passengers. No fancy dress or period costume allowed. Judging will take place from a distance and will be judged by an independent judge to be chosen on the day. To be driven at park pace.

**CLASS 5. STYLE AND PERFORMANCE.** Competitors will be asked to enter the ring singly and will have 2 minutes to perform a show for the judge, this should include the most commonly used driving paces and changes of direction but is not a dressage test.

**CHAMPIONSHIP.** First and second placed drivers from classes 2-4 will take part in a Championship for The Cairnpat Trophy, to be held for one year.

**LUNCH. 45 mins**

**CLASS 6. JUNIOR WHIP.** This class will be divided up into 2 sections, under 12 years of age and 12 years upto and including 17 years to be judged separately. Under 12's may drive with dual reins. All juniors must wear hard hats and be accompanied whilst on the carriage by a suitably experienced or competent adult. Both driver and groom must have their feet on the floor of the vehicle or on a fixed foot rest.

**CLASS 7. SMALL PONY CLASS.** Open to ponies 4 years and over, under 12hh of any breed. Single, pairs or tandem. To be driven in a traditional or non-traditional vehicle. These vehicles will be judged on equal merit. Judging will be on the suitability and obedience of the pony, fit and cleanliness of the harness and vehicle as well as the drivers ability.

**CLASS 8. PLEASURE DRIVING CLASS.** Pleasure Driving classes are intended for the newcomer or those who rarely take part in showing classes and are not intended for those who show in Private Driving classes. Open to horses, ponies, donkeys and mules, 4 years and over. Driven as single, pairs or tandem and in a vehicle capable of seating 2 or more people. Traditional or non-traditional vehicles are permitted and they will be judged on equal merit. To be judged on general cleanliness, safety of turnout, correct fitting of harness and vehicle suitability. Pneumatic tyres specifically designed for carriages (i.e. not car tyres) are allowed. Lamps need not be carried. To be judged 15% vehicle suitability, fit and cleanliness, 15% harness suitability, fit and cleanliness, 70% driver and groom, horse/pony way of going and suitability as a family pleasure animal. Competitors may be asked to perform extra tasks to show their skills such as a halt between 2 pairs of cones, or other specific movements to execute in their show.

All competitors in Class 8 will receive a special rosette presented by Carriage Driving Magazine.

**CHAMPIONSHIP.** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed drivers from the above 3 classes will compete for the Heiland Laddie Trophy to be held for one year.

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## **General Regulations.**

1. In all cases the judge's decision is final.
2. All horses, ponies, donkeys, mules must be 4 years old or over.
3. A judge may require any turnout that they consider a safety risk or potential hazard to leave the ring.
4. Exhibitors may not leave any class before its end without the judge's consent.
5. In all classes, it is the responsibility of the competitor to arrive in time for the start. Latecomers may only enter the ring at the judge's discretion.
6. Exhibitors and grooms must present themselves in the show ring correctly attired for the class.
7. Classes may be divided, amalgamated or cancelled if thought necessary by the organisers.
8. The organisers reserve the right to refuse or cancel entries, and any person deemed acting in an abusive, cruel, unpleasant or offensive manner may be asked to leave the show ground.
9. Any complaint must be lodged in writing within one hour with the secretary together with a £10 deposit. The organiser's decision is final, and the fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
10. All horses/ponies, other animals, helpers, guests and belongings are considered as being the responsibility of and in the sole charge of the exhibitor.
11. Neither the organisers, nor any representative of BDS Galloway, accept liability for any damage, loss or injury occurring at the event to animals or belongings, competitors or spectators owing to accident or any other cause.
12. No horse(s) to be tethered or tied up whilst still attached to the carriage. When the horse(s) is in harness and attached to the carriage a driver will be on the box seat and in control of the reins at all times. The driving bridle must not be removed whilst the horse(s) is still attached to the carriage.

BDS regulations:

### **Young Drivers**

The driver must be aged 10 years or over on the first day of the show at which they are to compete. A driver **under the age of 18 must be** accompanied in the vehicle by a competent and responsible person aged 18 years or over, . Proof of age will be required if necessary.

It is the responsibility of the owner/driver (if **over** 18 years) or the responsible adult (if the owner/driver is **under** 18 years) to ensure that his/her groom(s) is/are competent for the purpose of attending to the turnout and aged 10 or over on the day of the show.

When in the vehicle grooms, passenger/s and driver must have their feet firmly on the floor of the vehicle or use a suitable fixed footrest.

This Young Driver regulation applies at all times and in all areas on the showground.

### **Hard Hat Ruling**

Drivers/grooms/passengers who are **under** the age of 14 years and who are participating in any British Driving Society officially organised event or activity will be required to wear a hard hat, correctly fitted, whilst on any horse drawn vehicle and this will include grooms who have dismounted to assist with the horse.