

Application for Membership/ Renewal of Membership 2008  
continued:

Please answer the following questions: (\* if certificates are not in records the membership sec will request copies)

Do you hold BDS qualifications?	Y / N	*(see notes)
Have you been assessed by an Affiliated Club	Y / N	* (see notes)
Do you require assessment by the Club? <i>please contact an assessor -see Rule Book</i>	Y / N	<i>(if yes</i>
Have you competed at a National Event?	Y / N	

I enclose my cheque for £.....

Payable to Great Western Harness Club

Signed ..... Date.....

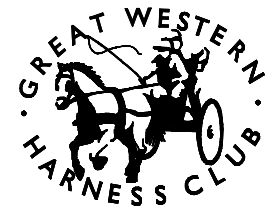
Send to: **GWHC Members Sec, Samarkand, 25 Broad Park Road,  
Bere Alston, Devon PL20 7AH**

Family Membership - Two adults plus two juniors under 16 living at the home address

Adult.....	BHDTA fee £8.25
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Junior.....D of B.....	BHDTA fee £8.25
Junior.....D of B.....	BHDTA fee £8.25

# THE GREAT WESTERN HARNESS CLUB

NEWSLETTER January 2008



## Chairman's Report.

Let me start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year, I hope you all had a great Christmas, but the new season is approaching fast and we have lots of different events planned this year which I hope you will support. See forthcoming events page for a full list ,and the website will be updated regularly as more events are finalised.

The AGM is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February and as in previous years there will be a second hand sale and lunch after the AGM. I hope you will all come and join us for a social get together in what seems to be a never ending winter! On a more serious note the committee have proposed some constitution changes so that in the future the club can remain flexible in its subscription rates as these are governed by the BHDTA affiliation fee. There are also two proposed rule amendments that require approval. I hope to see you there, don't forget the Points Championship, The Helen Clements Memorial Trophy, The John Etherington Memorial Cup and the Netty McAlpine Grooms Award will be presented at the AGM. Could YOU have won one of the above? You'll have to come along to find out....

You may also have heard that the Newsletter will be sent via email from now on [ see committee news for more ] I hope you will embrace this change and I have to say that feed back so far has been great, but for those for you with no computer access please could you telephone me or one of the other committee members so that we know you require a copy by post.

I'd also like to draw your attention to the Bangers and Mash Supper that our juniors are holding [full details else where in newsletter]. This is to raise funds towards sending a team of British juniors to the Junior World Trophy in Stadlpaura, Austria. This promises to be a great evening with guest speakers Margi Hawkins and Mark Broadbent, I hope you will all come and join us for what should be a great evening. We have a very talented group of junior drivers in our club who trying hard to raise funds, their profile and gain sponsorship towards getting a team to Austria, and we have a very real chance of our club being represented at this world class event, if you can help in any way at all please give one of the Campbell or Walters-Symons families a call.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about and wish you a prosperous fun filled New Year. **Mark**

# CARRIAGE DRIVING TRIALS SUPPER

A delicious supper combined with an entertaining insight into the sport of carriage driving.

Holbeton Village Hall, Saturday 23 February 2008, 7.00pm

Three Holbeton junior carriage drivers have been short listed for the British team for the Junior World Trophy 2008 in Austria.

Come to supper and hear first hand about the action packed sport, experience the speed and excitement, watch the precision and skill, and listen to stories from our local national and international competitors. We look forward to seeing you - book your tickets and bring your friends

Profits from the supper will go to help fund the costs of sending the British team of 8 young drivers and their ponies to Austria in July 2008.

7.00 Welcome - complimentary mulled wine 7.30 Presentation by junior drivers

Followed by supper:

### MENU

Bangers & Mash (local sausages), Organic vegetables & onion gravy

Homemade desserts, Coffee & chocolates

Bring your own glasses and alcoholic drinks (soft drinks on sale)

### After dinner speakers:

Margi Hawkins - South Hams based international horse pairs competitor

Mark Broadbent - Fenix Carriages, Tiverton, 1984-1986 pony team champion, coaching specialist, carriage builder

Please complete and return the tear off slip below by 15 February 2008

Any queries: Anne Walters Symons 01752 830154 or Mary Jane Campbell 01752 830221

To book your tickets fill out this slip and return it to MJ Campbell, Ramsland Farm, Yealmpton, Plymouth PL8 2ES with your cheque and a stamped addressed envelope.

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone number.....

Please send me ..... (number) tickets at £8.50 each of which .....(number) are vegetarians

I enclose a cheque for £..... made out to M J Campbell

# Great Western Harness Club

## Application for Membership/ Renewal of Membership 2008

(Please use Block LETTERS)

Full Name & Title.....

Address.....

Post Code.....Telephone Number. ....

Fax Number.....Mobile Number.....

Email address.....required for newsletter/ mail outs

We/I have access / ability to access Club WEB Site Yes / No

I wish to apply for membership/ renew my membership of THE GREAT WESTERN HARNESS CLUB (GWHC). I agree to abide by the rules of the Club. I understand that I must have valid Third Party Insurance Cover to attend all driving events run by the Club. I also understand that, with the sole exception of training days, I must either obtain BDS qualification stage 1 or above, or undertake an assessment through the Club, prior to entering a turnout for a GWHC Event.

I wish to become/renew my:-

- Adult Membership £ 25 + BHDTA fee
- Family Membership £ 55 + BHDTA Fee per family members (complete over-leaf)
- Junior Member £ 15 + BHDTA Fee
- Supporter £12.50 (NO BHDTA fee payable)
- BHDTA Fee £ 8.25 (Payable for every member including all members of a family membership)

**The BHDTA fee is deductible if a copy of your 2007 BHDTA membership card (with number) is provided ( categories deductible are BHDTA Full / BHDTA Associate / BHDTA Young only)**

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### Newsletter- Website

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Email [gwharnessclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gwharnessclub@hotmail.co.uk)

## OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

James Campbell	(01752 830221)	Website / Newsletter editor
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## Indoor Round-up.

We've had four events so far in the Devon and Cornwall area with the first event on the 21<sup>st</sup> October. In the combined pony class Marita Wakeham won by less than a point from Liz McQueen both driving half of their pair, best of the novice ponies and third overall was Marshall Collins with new member David Whitfield less than a point behind, David was driving his children's pony Sonny who had never done anything like this before and showed huge promise, one to look out for. BDS Cornwall area commissioner Brian Ball's daughter Tracey was 5<sup>th</sup> driving a very smart chestnut that is more often seen in the show ring. Mary-Jane Campbell won a large combined horse class while still being a novice herself, husband James was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ed Kirwan driving Anne Sheldrake's lovely palomino was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Another new member with a new young horse, Liza Phillips drove beautifully to finish 4<sup>th</sup>. It is worth mentioning that all these drivers are novices competing against open drivers.

The November event brought a different winner in the pony class, Anne Walters-Symons. She beat daughter Roseanna into 2<sup>nd</sup> place driving her Dartmoor pony Lightning. Marita was 3<sup>rd</sup> with Claire Campbell driving a new pony 4<sup>th</sup>. Marshall Collins was 5<sup>th</sup> this time and Liz 6<sup>th</sup> due to a forgetful moment. There were 8 in the horse class with Frank Campbell winning from Mum MJ, 3<sup>rd</sup> was brother Roger, home on a flying visit from college. Christina Woolacott was 4<sup>th</sup> with a young horse she is bringing on slowly, with Anne WS and Anne Sheldrake bringing up the rear.

The December event was great fun, we had mince pies and mulled wine for all the competitors and spectators and a fancy dress competition. Every one made a huge effort and the pictures can be seen on the GWHC website. Fancy dress winners in the pony class was Roseanna and boyfriend Mark dressed as snowmen. Liz and Marita de deserve a mention. Dressed as carol singers, they sang during the dressage which although they thought would help, didn't improve their dressage marks!!!!!! Horse winners where the Three Queens, that's Ed Kirwan, Roy Sheldrake [ who kept showing his panties to everyone!] and Queenie the horse. Have a look at the website! Anyway who won this time round? Roseanna again topped the ponies chased all the way by Frank Campbell driving Trisha Luxton's pony Merlin. Bev Troutt came a close 3<sup>rd</sup> with her stunning cob Toby. In the horses the Campbell's carried on their winning ways but it was Roger this time, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Liza Phillips with her improving Hackney. Anne WS was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The 13 th January was our latest event and the weather was terrible, competitors dropped like flies!!!! In a very competitive pony class Frank Campbell, 4<sup>th</sup> after dressage, went up to 3<sup>rd</sup> after cones and drove the obstacles beautifully to snatch victory from Roseanna by the narrowest of margins. Bev Troutt was best of the novices in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Clare Campbell, who is bringing on her new pony carefully was 4<sup>th</sup>. Roger Campbell again won the horse class, this time driving Ibby, Mum MJ was 2<sup>nd</sup> with his Granny Nell Beale in 3<sup>rd</sup>!! A real family white wash! Anne Sheldrake was 4<sup>th</sup>. Full results can be found on the GWHC website.

# Committee News



January 2008

This will be the last newsletter that you receive by post until this time next year, the reason behind this decision is that with postal and printing costs escalating plus increases in BHDTA levies, to sustain the newsletter as well we would have had to increase membership fees by a large amount. { see elsewhere in newsletter for membership increases/breakdowns ]

We realise that some people do not have email and we would ask those members to contact one of the committee members to let them know so that we can still post you a hard copy. As we will have everyone's email address on file it will be very easy to keep the membership informed and up to date with any

## Grooms Award.

Its that time of year again and the Great Western Harness Club committee are asking for your nominations for the 2007 Grooms Award.

Do you have someone take you cannot manage without?

Do they go above and beyond the call of duty?

Are they out with you come rain or shine?

Are they great fun to be around as well as being a great help and you just want to say thank you?

Write down why the committee should pick your special helper and you never know, they may win!!!

Send your entries to Maxine Ingham.

Budges Shop Bungalow

Trerulefoot

Saltash Cornwall

PL12 5DA

## Proposed GWHC Constitution changes 2008

The committee are proposing some changes to the GWHC constitution. These are the proposals for agreement at the AGM 2008.

Black text = What will remain.

Crossed through text = Proposed to be removed.

CAPITALS = New wording.

### Membership.

Family membership is open to 2 full members and any (TWO) junior members living in the same household.

Associate (SUPPORTERS) membership is open to non-driving members.

### Subscriptions.

The level of subscription for each category of membership shall be considered annually by the committee and any variation considered necessary shall be put to the members for their approval at the next Annual General Meeting.

5.2 THE LEVEL OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR EACH CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE ANNUALLY AND AMENDED AS IS DEEMED NECESSARY. MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT SUBSCRIPTION YEAR.

### Rules.

11.2 The rules must be sent (MADE AVAILABLE) to every member on joining or on amendment and are binding on all the members. THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA THE GWHC WEBSITE.

## Proposed GWHC Rule change.

GWHC Rule 9. GWHC has fewer restrictions on the type of vehicle that may be used at Events. (IF A COMPETITORS VEHICLE IS NOT NATIONAL WIDTH, THE GWHC WILL ALLOW COMPETITORS TO RUN OUT OF CLASS ORDER WHENEVER POSSIBLE.)

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 11:00 am

Clyst St Mary Village Hall, Nr Exeter.

## AGENDA

Apologies.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.

Chairman's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Appointment of Auditor.

Annual Subscription increase.

Election of Committee.

Proposed Constitution and Rule changes.

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Any Other Business.

## Training, Practice, Have a go.....

### Sign up for a good start to your season

Andrew Counsell clinic Sat 22nd March. At The Duchy College.

At Andrew's suggestion we will be offering morning sessions for either 3/4 hour or 1/2, and then optionally and in addition, shared in pairs, afternoon sessions driving indoor type obstacles. Should be a good all round early season practice/schooling work out for the 2008 competitor. £10 deposit secures your place. For prices and booking ring Gail 01837 810350

Taster Day Sun 6th April At Easter Hall Park 10.00 am - 3.30 pm

This will be an informative and fun day for novice drivers and beginners or would serve as a refresher. Will be particularly helpful for those people contemplating purchasing their own turnout. The day will include a driving demonstration and the chance to have a go. Also how to fit harness with a look at different types and the pro's and con's. Looking at different vehicles ie. 4 wheelers as opposed to 2 wheelers and the pluses and minuses. £8 per person, booking in advance please ring Gail 01837 810350

Training/Fun Day/Weekend At Easter Hall Park Sat 10th and/or 11th May

This event will offer lots of flexibility, firstly you can come for 1 or 2 days and you can camp over if you wish. You can come with or without your own turnout.

We hope to offer a pre-season warm up for the more experienced competitor with obstacles, cones course, dressage arena and instructor available [weather permitting].

We can also offer training for all the above topics, for those drivers ready to start getting to grips with horse driving trials. Anyone interested in taking their competency test could come for training and possibly a test as well.

Onlookers welcome, come and see what its all about.

To discuss your particular needs so as to plan sessions tailor made to your requirements plus prices please ring Gail 01837 810350