



## NORTH EASTERN DRIVING TRIALS LTD NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

Here we are, fast approaching the end of yet another year with indoor events to keep us ticking over in the winter months. Results of those held so far are on the website. Remaining dates are:

**Askham Bryan:**  
16/12/2018  
20/01/2019  
17/02/2019  
03/03/219

**Croft Top**  
12/01/2019  
09/02/2019  
16/03/2019

**Catterick Garrison**  
23/03/2019

You can find entry details on the website at [www.nedtl.co.uk](http://www.nedtl.co.uk) by simply selecting 'Events' on the top menu bar, then 'Calendar' and simply clicking on the yellow event details on the date/event you're interested in.

### Membership:

Don't forget that membership falls due on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Once again, we are making no change to the cost of any membership. So joining as a full member, taking out an 'indoor' membership for the year, or even joining as a Supporter, will cost exactly the same as it did last year. I have included a membership renewal form with this newsletter or you can download one from the website. Payment by BACS is preferred and you can, if you wish, fill in the form in Word format on line and email it to Mary Longbottom, whose details are on the form.

### Dates for 2019:

Most of the club dates are now confirmed for 2019 as below, with the exception of Arena Challenges which we will update you on as soon as they are fixed.

3 February	-	Helper's Lunch, East Keswick
14 April	-	Sponsored Drive, Escrick Park (for Yorkshire Air Ambulance)
27/28 April	-	Escrick Park 2DE NQ
11/12 May	-	Ripley Castle 2DE
15/16 June	-	Nidd Hall 2DE
20/21 July	-	Allerton Park Club and Regional 2DE
3/ 4 August	-	Witton Castle 2DE
21/22 Sept.	-	Escrick Park 2DE



All the details will be on the website calendar and you can also download a comprehensive list of all NEDTL, other club and National dates from a link on the front page.

### Entries in 2019:

Please note that for all events from 2019, we will be operating a **strict No Fee-No Entry** policy. This means that you will have to have your entries in by the closing date for EVERY event you wish to compete at. You can pay either by BACS or cheque, but it must be accompanied by the relevant entry form, and sent to entries secretary Kim Usher. This will hopefully end the process whereby someone – usually someone who is themselves trying to compete – has to go around at each event to collect missing money actually on the day! So, for next year, if you haven't managed to send the correct fee and an entry form by close of entries, your name will not be added to the list of competitors. Thank you all in advance for your help and co-operation in this matter.

### New for 2019:

We will be bringing in some changes next year which we hope will help both encourage new members and also support our existing ones.

1. The first of these is that at those events where it is possible, we will be leaving a dressage arena in place so that competitors can make use of it before and during the competition. Obviously, this will also be dependent on the ground conditions being suitable – ie, not soaking wet!

2. Cones will also hopefully be left up where we can and we would hope that when it comes to clearing everything away back into the trailer, those that have availed themselves of these facilities will be around to help.

3. For newcomers to driving, i.e. those entering the Introductory class, we are amending the club rule to allow for grooms/back-steppers to read out the dressage test to the driver as they perform it, just as a 'caller' does in ridden dressage. This will apply to both outdoor and indoor events but is limited to reading the test only and NOT giving instructions on HOW to drive the test better!

4. And for those competing in the Introductory and Novice classes, from 2019 Angela Flanagan has indicated that when she is judging dressage at our club events, she would be more than happy to speak to competitors at the end of the day and give feedback. It is essential of course that this is done in the spirit of mutual respect.

All of these items will be discussed at the upcoming member's forum which follows the AGM.

#### **Dinner Dance:**

As well as points trophy winners, who were announced in a previous newsletter, Special Award winners received their trophies at the dinner dance as follows:

Best Dressage – Leslee Wilkinson  
Best Marathon – Jane Wilson  
Best Junior – Daniel Stafford  
President's Trophy – Alwin Harrison.

It was gratifying to see just what a wonderful reception Alwin got when his award (kept in great secrecy until the night!) was announced. He received a spontaneous and heart-felt standing ovation for his outstanding contribution to the club, which was indeed well deserved!

For next year's Presentation Dinner Dance, your committee has made the decision not to return to The Bridge at Walshford and are actively engaged in looking for an alternative venue for 2019 – watch this space!

#### **Class Promotions:**

Only one person is being promoted for 2019 and that is Ginny Ashford, who moves up from Novice Pony to Intermediate Pony. We wish Ginny the greatest success as she proceeds up the ladder!

#### **AGM and Member's Forum:**

The AGM will be held at The Bridge Hotel, Walshford, near Wetherby on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10am for a prompt, 10.30 start, coffee, tea and biscuits on arrival. All necessary paperwork will be sent out to you at the beginning of the New Year. This will be followed by the Member's forum and we very much look forward to seeing you all there. Remember to send any topic you wish to be discussed to Sue Oddie in good time before the meeting.

In the meantime, it just remains for me to wish you all, on behalf of your committee, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jane Wilson  
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