

Chairman – Dave West

President – George Spencer



## **MIDLANDS CARRIAGEDRIVING**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Another good year for Midlands Carriagedriving**

It was another good year for Midlands Carriagedriving (MC), as reported at its AGM and Competitors' Conference held on 25 November at the LORUS Professional Development Centre in Leicester.

Chairman Dave West commented that 2018 had been a strange year, having had to cancel one early event as the ground was too wet and, later in the year, cancelling another because the ground was too dry, causing serious cracks in the driving areas.

Membership was down – although this appears to be a trend across the country due in part to a more favourable insurance deal for competitors – although entries were similar to 2017 and finances remained sound. There had been a good entry to ensure a fitting farewell to Catton Park in April and Thorseby Park was welcomed back on the competition diary.

August saw MC hosting the first Regional event at Onley Grounds, the same venue being the scene of the club's championships the following month. The season rounded off well with several members enjoying success at the British Carriagedriving (BC) National Championships and MC awarded the BC Club Points Championship for the second time in three years.

2019 heralds a fabulous new venue in Locko Park, east Derbyshire (June) while the Onley regional event sees the return of the British Young Drivers' Championship. MC will be holding various training sessions, kicking off with a Judges' Workshop on 9 February at Arena UK, Grantham, to which drivers are welcome to attend. For further details visit the MC website: [www.midlandscarriagedring.co.uk](http://www.midlandscarriagedring.co.uk) or email Angela Flanagan at: [amflan1@hotmail.com](mailto:amflan1@hotmail.com).

Dave West completed his report with a plea for new blood to become involved in running events. Full training and mentoring will be given; for more information contact Dave on: soudley@btinternet.com.

To complete the day's proceedings, MC President George Spencer presented club championship trophies and points league rosettes to successful competitors while Dave West awarded the Chairman's Trophy to Emma Burton for all her hard work in keeping the website up to date and assisting with event scoring.

**ENDS**

*Editors' Note:*

**2018 Trophy Winners:**

<b>Novice Champion</b>	<b>Sandra Jackson</b>
<b>Intermediate Champion</b>	<b>Nicola Corby</b>
<b>Open Pony Champion</b>	<b>Granville Styler</b>
<b>Pony Pairs Champion</b>	<b>Megan Wheeldon</b>
<b>Horse Pairs Champion</b>	<b>Clare Marley</b>
<b>Tandem Champion</b>	<b>Anne Chambers</b>
<b>Team Champion</b>	<b>Angie Smith</b>
<b>Novice Dressage</b>	<b>Rosemary Armstrong</b>
<b>Intermediate Dressage</b>	<b>Nicola Corby</b>
<b>Open Dressage</b>	<b>Granville Styler</b>
<b>Standing Presentation at Club Championships</b>	<b>Rosemary Armstrong</b>
<b>Best Marathon at Catton Park</b>	<b>Megan Wheeldon</b>
<b>Chairman's Trophy</b>	<b>Emma Burton</b>

**2018 Points League Winners:**

<b>Pre-Novice</b>	<b>Mary Fuller</b>
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Sandra Jackson</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Nicola Corby</b>
<b>Open Pony</b>	<b>Granville Styler</b>
<b>Open Horse</b>	<b>Gemma Owens</b>
<b>Pony Pairs</b>	<b>Emma Burton</b>
<b>Horse Pairs</b>	<b>Clare Marley</b>
<b>Tandems</b>	<b>Anne Chambers</b>
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Angie Smith</b>

*Image: 2018 trophy and points league winners Credit Kingswood Associates*

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