Indoor Carriage Driving UK

Championships 2023

25th ANNIVERSARY

Souvenir Program



14th – 16th April 2023

Arena UK, Lincolnshire

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Correct at time of printing - may be subject to change

Friday 14th April

P & P Arena 1	8:30 am	Pony Pairs
	9:00 am	Open Horse
	9:45 am	Open Pony
P & P Arena 2	8:30 am	Intermediate Pony
	9:15 am	Pony Tandem
	9:50 am	Intermediate Horse
	10:35 am	Pony Teams
Indoor Arena	13:30 pm	Obstacles (all classes)
Arena 2	18:00 pm	Dog Show

Saturday 15th April

P & P Arena 1	8:30 am	Novice Pony
	10:00 am	Novice Horse
	10:45 am	Novice Junior
P & P Arena 2	8:30 am	Small Pony Single
	10:00 am	Veteran
	11:05 am	Small Pony Pair
Indoor Arena	13:30 pm	Obstacles (Friday P&P classes)
Indoor Arena	17:00 pm	Parade of Champions (immediately following last class)
Arena 2	18:30 pm	Raffle & Wheelbarrow Challenge

Sunday 16th April

Indoor Arena	8:30 pm	Obstacles (Saturday P&P classes)

23rd British Indoor Carriage Driving Silver Anniversary Championships

The Indoor Team welcome you to Championship Finals! It is 25 years since Indoor Carriage Driving held their first National Championships, but thanks to covid, it is the 23rd Championships!

So much has changed in 25 years, but not the friendship, sportsmanship and fun which makes Indoor Carriage Driving the most active driving community in the UK!

We extend our warmest thanks to all our Sponsors and team of helpers, without whom the Championships would not be able to take place.

Please support our charity raffle, there are some great prizes, and it is for a worthy charity – Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

We are delighted to have several sponsors for the Best Turned Out Overall. The smartness and safety of carriage driving has never been more important than it is now with the rise in awareness of social license and those wanting to remove equines from sports.

If you have any questions during the event, please find us in the Secretary office, near the entrance to the Indoor Arena, along the walkway by the Café or ask one of our amazing helpers!

We hope to see you at the Friday Dog show and Saturday Regional Wheelbarrow Challenge!

Good Luck to you all!

Rita Bundock — Championships Organiser

Julia Crockford — ICD Chairman



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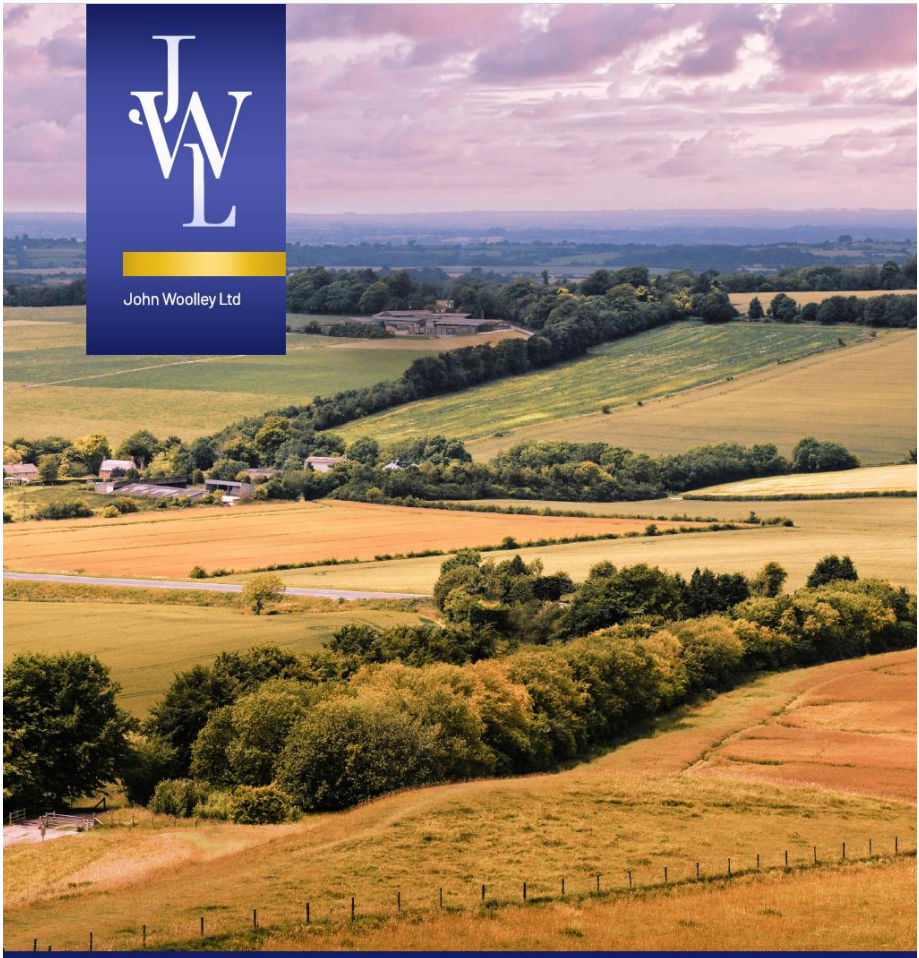
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Have all relevant information at hand:

- Name – Age – Medical history – medication if known
- Location - Arena UK, Allington Lane, Grantham. NG32 2EF

Inform family & the ICD Event office/Secretary of the situation.

Awards & Trophies	
Supreme Champion	The Dick Carey Trophy - *Presented by Mr. R.G Carey (Wheelwright)*
Overall Best P&P	The Barry & Leonie Marshall Memorial P&P Trophy
Champion Open Pony	The Lynn Harrington Memorial Trophy - *Presented in memory of Lynn Harrington.*
Champion Open Horse	The Henry of Stowell Perpetual Challenge Trophy - *Presented by Mr. & Mrs. P. Nadin*
Champion Pony Pair	Pony Pair Trophy - *Presented in memory of Snowy Cleaver.*
Champion Pony Tandem	Carey Tandem Cup - *Presented by Richard Carey*
Champion Intermediate Horse & Pony	Inter. Horse & Intermediate Pony Trophies - *Presented by Swingletree Photography*
Supreme Novice Champion	Supreme Novice Shield – *Presented by the Committee of Indoor Carriage Driving UK*
Champion Novice Pony	The Smartie Shield – *Presented by Sarah Owlett*
Champion Novice Horse	Bradbourne Novice Horse Shield - *Presented by Bradbourne D C*
Supreme Small Pony	Small Pony Supreme Champion Trophy - *Presented by Sycamore Carriages*
Champion Small Pony Single & Pair	Small Single Pony & Small Pony Pair Champion Trophies - P*resented by Mr. & Mrs. J Liles*
Champion Junior Novice	Junior Driver Trophy Amber Cup - *Presented by Sarah Owlett*
Champion Veteran	Veteran Champion Trophy
Best P&P Overall	The Barry & Leonie Marshall Vase
Best P&P in P&P1 on Friday	P&P Shield - P*resented by Carriagehouse Insurance*
Best P&P in P&P2 on Friday	JAKTAK Shield - *Presented by Ginny Ashford*
Fastest obstacle in open pony	Hartspur Trojan Perpetual Cup - *Presented by Katie Eyres*
Best Turned Out Overall	Elegance Cup – *Presented by the Committee of Indoor Carriage Driving UK*



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1st Prize - Balance Horse Feed Products
2nd Prize - Four in Hand Carriage Drive with Highsteppers in Dorset
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Novice Pony	Jeni Longley
Novice Horse	Brockham Harness Club
Intermediate Pony	Southern Carriage Driving Club
Intermediate Horse	Stormin' Norman
Open Pony	South Dorset ICD
Open Horse	Shepway Harness Club
Pony Pair	North Eastern Driving Trials
Pony Tandem	East Anglia ICD
Pony Team	Revolution Carriages
Small Pony Single	Berners Dental Practice
Small Pony Pair	Norfolk ICD
Veteran	Jack in a Box Driving Equipment
Dog Show	Dick Lane
Wheelbarrow Challenge	South East Indoor Carriage Driving
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The Why, Where and What for's
25 years of Indoor Carriage Driving.

Way back in the mid 90's, Dick Carey and six local drivers made up a Musical Drive team to perform at the Carriage Fair at South of England Show Ground and the BDS National Show, this sparked off a seed of any idea in Dick's head.

So, a 'try out' was organised at Slys Farm in Sussex. It took place on a very cold wet day that finished in blizzard conditions! It was great fun; the P&P was different to say the least! The cones course was good and easy to remember. The obstacles were wide and flowing. A lot of drivers went home, very wet very, very cold but happy having had a very enjoyable day.

This was followed by another event this time at Blue Barn EC near Ashford, Kent. The word of this new and exciting form of carriage driving soon spread across Kent and Sussex and so Indoor Horse Driving Trials began.



In late 1997 things were formalised and Indoor Carriage Driving Co. Ltd came to being. Trisha Croud had managed to obtain £750 sponsorship from Pfizers for The Shepway Harness Club's event at Godmersham Park but that was cancelled due to Foot and Mouth outbreak. SHC kindly, with Pfizers permission, donated the sponsorship to Indoor Carriage Driving and that sparked of the birth of Indoor Carriage Driving in the South East.



Rules had to be made, so the four founder members, Dick Carey, Rob Sims, Phillip de Leon and myself (Rita Bundock) sat down in a pub run by Ian and Frances Collings (Jack in a Box Driving equipment now) and worked out the rules, just one double sided A4 sheet.

Based on BHDTA (now British Carriagedriving) Rules. There would be qualifiers plus a Championship Finals. It would be a three-phase competition, the first phase being dressage with a difference, in a 20 x 50m arena. There would be two judges, - one judging paces the other judging accuracy, Precision. As we know it well today. Why two judges? Those that had super paces often had bad accuracy and vice versa. So, someone with not so good paces could make up penalties with good accuracy and vice versa.



Phase two: The cones would be of only ten gates limited by room available, to be driven to a set time, this would help drivers know the pace and speed which they were going that would help them during an outdoor marathon and especially the fast trot section (Section C) of a five-section marathon. Phase three: Two obstacles would be built, one either end of the arena allowing room between them for safety. These would be driven first, obstacles would then be reflagged and driven again to make four obstacles on the course.



1998 – 1999 winter season saw several more events take place, each with more and more entries, with the climax being the South Eastern Regional Final held on the night before the Carriage Driving Fair. Katy Eyres with her wonderful gey cob Trog flew the obstacles to become the South East Champion.

Then another seed came to Dick's mind, why not go National!?!
Back to Pfizer's who generously sponsored the sport for four years and the Championship became the Strongid – P championship. Equipment was purchased, obstacle elements were made by Dick and his team, vans were purchased and equipped.

There were just seven regions at the beginning, which rapidly spread to 20 within a few years. The ICD Co. Ltd Shareholders were local enthusiasts who became the backbone of the Indoor Team that

travelled the width and breadth of the UK, from Cornwall to Scotland, from Kent to Northern Ireland via Wales. They would set off in the middle of the night, in the vans full of equipment to the various venues, set up and run the event then travel home late into the night.



Without these wonderful men Indoor Driving would not have happened on a national scale. David Watts, Dave Skeggs, Roger Always, Mick Hooker, Mick Hazell, Andy Brazier, Nigel Pullin, Antony Petitpierre, David Starnes, Martin Holgate, Rob Sims, Philip de Leon and Dick Carey.

At the time, BHDTA (now British Carriage Driving) expressed doubts that this concept would never work as people would not come out during the cold wet winter months. How wrong they were!!

The very first British Indoor Carriage Driving Championship took place at Addington EC, after two years we moved to Keysoe where the Championship Finals took place for 18 years. Seventeen of those years the Championship was sponsored by Carriagehouse Insurance.





2019 – 2022 Covid Pandemic put a stop to most of the qualifiers and the Championships. During this time the Keysoe venue closed. After a national search Arena UK became the new venue for the British Championships in 2022 and a new era of Indoor Carriage Driving began.

Rita Bundock
Secretary
Indoor Carriage Driving UK.

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Precision & Paces Guidance

- P&P Arena's 1 & 2 are in the indoor arenas.
- Be ready to go to the Cones collecting ring straight after your P&P test - **however** you may be asked to wait if the cones' collecting ring is busy.
- When moving between lorries, stables and arenas please keep to the marked one-way systems.
- Only walk in the one-way systems.

Obstacle Guidance

- Obstacles can only be walked at the times published at the event
- Obstacles are in the main indoor arena
- Available to walk from late morning on Friday
- Available to walk from late morning on Saturday
- Sunday - Obstacles close for walking at 8.15am

Emergency Vet

FEI vet Imogen Burrows is on site for the event, please ask the Secretary's office during the competition or call 07872 507945 out of hours.

Farrier

David Matthews Jnr will be on site as of Friday morning with basic tools, however he will not have any replacement shoes. Contact number available from the Event Office.

Photographer

Paul Tarling from tt-photography will be on duty taking photos for the duration of the Championships. Your favourite pictures can be ordered from his website.
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Security & Safety Guidance

Security of Equipment

- We urge you to be vigilant and make sure that ALL your equipment, carriage and personal belongings are safely and securely locked away.
- Your security is your responsibility, Arena UK and ICD UK will not be held responsible for any loss.
- Please report anything suspicious to the Secretary immediately

Drivers - One Way System

- It is vital that you keep to the Horse Walks one-way system where signposted – the horse walks are not wide enough for two-way travel.
- At ALL times it is mandatory to follow instructions from our crew - this for your safety and that of other competitors & spectators.
- The 'provisional' one way system is marked on the site map in your pack.

Competitors Duty of Care

- Please be mindful of other competitors when warming up
- Do not canter or fast trot in the warm-up arena while other competitors are driving.
- Keep your whip in a near vertical position so that other competitors, horses and stewards are not impacted.
- Competitors may only use the P&P warm up area for 30 mins before their provisional test time – to prevent overcrowding and encourage safe driving.
- If the warm-up is overcrowded, early competitors may be asked to leave and return nearer their P&P time.
- However, if competitors are absent, you may be called for your P&P test before your provisional time.

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Friday Evening
Fun Dog Show

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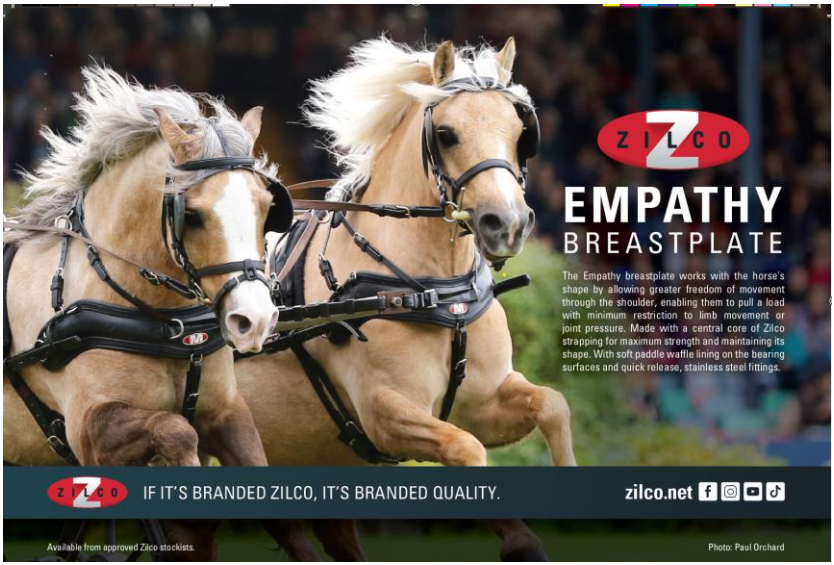


Classes

1. The dog the judge would most like to take home
2. The dog with the best trick
3. The best junior dog handler
4. The best pair of dogs
5. The best puppy.

All the class winners then go forward to “Best in Show”

ICD-UK wishes to thank Dick Lane for sponsoring the Dog Show



Saturday Evening

Wheelbarrow Challenge

In the Indoor Arena 2 will be our annual Wheelbarrow Challenge. Regions can put forward as many teams as they want for this unusual relay race.
Everyone is welcome to take part - whether a driver, backstepper, family member, organiser, helper or crew!



Each 6-man teams split into 3 pairs

- Each pair will hold one barrow handle each and then navigate their wheelbarrow through a short course of cones.
- When they cross the finish line, the next pair will take over the wheelbarrow and repeat the course - a speedy changeover of drivers will be vital!
- When all 3 pairs have completed the course, the clock stops.

We do not expect back steppers in the wheelbarrow!

Teams should register with the Secretary before 5pm on Saturday afternoon.

Good Luck!

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Parade of Champions

On Saturday night, immediately after the last class drives their obstacles there will be a parade of the champion drivers.



Open, Intermediate, Pair, Tandem, Team Classes

The Supreme & Reserve Supreme awards will be presented.

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A new award has been added to the cones competition. When a driver achieves a double clear round (exact time with no balls down), they will not only win the respect and admiration of the audience but also a goody bag presented by Equine America UK

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