

Strengthening Pointing's Grassroots

NEW FOR 2018 - 2019 PPORA MEMBERS' AWARDS

With the 2018 - 2019 Season now under way we'd like to share news about our new **PPORA Members' Awards.**

There will be 5 **PPORA Members' Awards** linked to point scoring in **PPORA Club Members Conditions Races, and in races at the 3 Point to Points "supported by the PPORA" in 2018** - 2019 (College Valley and North Northumberland, Lamerton, and Golden Valley).

Awards will be made in the following categories:

Leading Owner of Family Ridden Horses - for the Dick Woodhouse Award Leading Owner Leading Keeper Leading GB Horse PPORA Champion Novice Rider

The winners of each of these contests will be invited to join us at the 2019 PPORA

Grassroots Awards Lunch to receive their award.

There will also be 4 **PPORA Race Winner Awards.** We've divided our PPORA Club Members' Races into the following groups: Group 1: Races between November and end of February Group 2: Races in March Group 3: Races in April Group 4: Races in May - June

One PPORA Race Winner Award will be made to a winning owner* randomly selected from each group.

Each Group winner will receive a stunning original watercolour similar to the picture shown, featuring their horse and racing colours, painted by acclaimed artist David Dent *(image courtesy and copyright David Dent)*.



In addition to this, novice riders contesting the Harley Racing PPORA National Novice Riders' Championship will have the opportunity to score bonus points in all PPORA Club Members'

Conditions Races that have a novice rider condition attached.

We have also changed the rider qualification criteria for our £1000 PPORA Novice Riders' Final at the Grafton's Edgcote Meeting on May 19th. To qualify for this race novice riders must finish in the first 4 officially past the post in ANY PPORA Club Members' Conditions Race up to and including Sunday May 12th.

All of the above have been introduced to offer additional benefits to our members and supporting the meetings hosting PPORA Races. They also form part of the **"Road To Stratford"** the PPORA's 2018 - 2019 programme of contests and awards - find more information in the Road To Stratford section at <u>www.ppora.co.uk</u>

Please remember that to enter a horse in a PPORA Club Members' Conditions Race owners must have purchased PPORA membership by the deadlines specified in the Planner (details in individual race listings and on page 38). There is more information on this, and some reminders about general race conditions, regulations and insurance below.

We wish you exciting racing over the coming weeks

The PPORA Membership Team



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING OWNER MEMBERSHIP DEADLINES FOR PPORA RACES

Please remember that the deadline for owners entering a PPORA Race to become a PPORA Member has changed. Owners must now be members either by **5pm on the Friday prior to close of entries** or **alternatively must purchase membership when**

making an on-line entry for the race.

The Point to Point Racing Company will check eligibility following close of entries and regrettably any ineligible horses will be removed from entry lists. **Unfortunately the BHA** will no longer allow us to offer a window of opportunity for owners to complete membership after the close of entries, so if in doubt please join when entering.

We will refund duplicate payments - however please note that this will be done on request at the end of the 2018 - 2019 season.

If you have not already done so, the **quickest and easiest** way to purchase your PPORA Membership for the 2018 - 2019 Season is direct from the PPORA by <u>clicking</u> <u>here</u> By joining this way **your membership is instantly created** and y**ou will receive an email confirmation** giving reassurance that your membership is live.

HORSES IN MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP

Please note that:

a) If a horse is registered in the name of a group / partnership / syndicate e.g. "Nearly A Winner Partnership (Mr A Brown)" it is the named person i.e. Mr A Brown who must be a Owner, Rider, Life of Honorary Member of the PPORA in order to satisfy the Race Condition

b) If a horse is registered in multiple names e.g. "Mrs P Brown, Mr T Evans, Mrs M Smith" the owner membership condition is satisfied provided one of the name individuals is a PPORA Owner, Rider, Life of Honorary Member.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING RIDER MEMBERSHIP DEADLINES FOR PPORA RACES

The deadline for riders to purchase PPORA membership before riding in a PPORA race remains unchanged i.e. prior to declaration. We recommend owners to ensure that their intended rider is aware of, and satisfies, this Race Condition.

Insurance, Regulations, Race Conditions

Please note the following information:

INSURANCE COVER

Owner Public Liability Insurance: The cost of your Hunter Certificate includes Public Liability Insurance for whilst the horse is at a Point to Point <u>click here for the "Key Facts"</u> (KFIs) relating to this cover

Rider Insurance: £203.35 of the cost of your RQC is used to provide you with Public Liability and Personal Accident Cover whilst you are at a Point to Point <u>click here for the</u> "Key Facts" (KFIs) relating to riders' public liability cover.

Details of riders' personal accident cover will be available soon we have requested details from the Point to Point Authority who manage the scheme and will add a link to the PPORA website as soon as this becomes available

We advise all owners and riders to satisfy themselves of the adequacy of the cover provided and its suitability for their needs

If you have any queries about the insurance cover linked to your Hunter Cert or RQC please contact the Point to Point Authority: 01793 781990

REGULATIONS

The season's new regulations have been published - <u>they can be seen by clicking</u> <u>here</u> Please remember it is your responsibility to be aware of and comply with the current regulations. Failure to comply with regulations could invalidate the insurance cover mentioned above

Chifneys/Bridles - we'd like to draw your attention to regulation 115 vii:

"Owners, or their authorised representatives must ensure when a horse is being led in any area used for the purposes of a Point-to- Point meeting, that the horse is fitted with a bridle or a headcollar fitted with a chifney to enable it to be properly led, and an individual may lead only one horse at any time."

A breach of this regulation may result in a £50 fine, and in the event of an accident could invalidate the public liability cover included in the cost of your Hunter Cert.

If you have any queries about Point to Point Regulations please contact:

Lucy Price at the BHA lprice@britishhorseracing.com / 0207 152 0049

RACE CONDITIONS

We've been asked to remind all members of the importance of reading the Race Conditions published in the Planner before entering a race. The BHA and PPRC have released the following announcement:

Non-Qualified entries will not be given the option to be moved to alternative races this coming season

Non-Qualified Horses after Entries have Closed

Regulation 90 states:

Entries shall close at the time advertised in the programme and no entry shall be admitted on any grounds after that time, unless the Minimum Fixture Entry Threshold has not been met.

If a horse is found to be ineligible for a race in line with the conditions it must be removed from the list of entries as it is not qualified to run. Under no circumstances can the horse be moved to another race as this is in effect entering the horse after close of entries and therefore contravenes the above Regulation 90."

If you have any queries regarding this announcement.Please contact the Point-to-Point Racing Company on 01933 304795 / <u>info@pointtopointracingcompany.co.uk</u> or Lucy Price at the BHA (contact details above)