
Geographyagain...

Posted by QQH - 2008/07/01 07:03

OK, so we already know you can't please all of the people all of the time.....and that those enthusiasts to the north have a difficult time finding shows, trainers etc that are within a reasonable drive. But now I am lead to understand that yet ANOTHER show is to be held at Horse Creek Farm - AQHAUK National is apparently going there too.

So that makes it, QH2000, Eastcoast Circuit, BR shows and now AQHAUK - I wonder if David will start renting permanent pitches with hookups :ohmy: - if we are going to show, I will be spending so much time over there I might as well live there!!!:unsure: :P :laugh:

I suppose with rising fuel costs as they are, I will have to get riding my boy and start showing WES, just to afford to show.

Hopefully the AQHAUK National will at least move venues each year to ease the cost on those not within the 100 mile radius of March.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Tracy - 2008/07/01 09:24

Unfortunately until such time that we in the UK have more than 1 arena which can accommodate all western disciplines I fear that this will be a common thread. Maybe Bodiam may now be an option for future as it has an outdoor arena.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by hunterrookie - 2008/07/01 09:39

Yeah, we have very mixed feelings about the breed show being at March...love the arena, love the SQH team, love the atmosphere.

Hate the journey (altho we're reasonably central and probably shouldn't moan too much!) and not keen on the stables which get very wet if it rains a lot and threaten to take off if it is windy!

We're still very committed to attending...just hope the weather is kind...

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Muffin - 2008/07/01 09:43

Yes its the old story - if anyone out there knows of suitable arenas - let the show organisers know.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Bulweilian - 2008/07/01 09:51

Regarding shows.I understand that the Quarter Horse Shows run at a loss, I am also led to believe the majority of Q H's are in and around Cambridgeshire and adjoining Counties,would you suggest they move the shows to a less QH area and lose even more money?

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Muffin - 2008/07/01 09:56

No that is incorrect - its as simple as needing a suitable venue. For example - it needs 2 large arenas - at least one

under cover - pref both, stabling for over 100 horses or a site for temporaries. Parking - nd a suitable surface - alright the surface is mostly for the reiners - but you need everyone there for a successful show.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by rosie - 2008/07/01 10:02

:blink: i didn't realise that the breed show is moving to march! its just as far for us in the south east as for you west country folk! i just hate the m25 and m11, used to like going to towerlands though! i think we all complain too much about david's, he's done such a great job and we all should appreciate him and his team more!!!! i know everyone wants good surfaces and says its mainly for the reiners, but that's not true - i certainly don't like the surface at the main english venues and i think in time they will realise the problem too.
at least we do have really good shows and we get prizes too!
so come on everyone, start saving and enjoy.
rosie

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Shiny Mole - 2008/07/01 12:36

The AQHA UK website is still saying the breed show is at the Hand?

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by QQH - 2008/07/01 12:48

Wasn't complaining about David's - on the contrary - I choose to make the journey there and choose to have my horses trained over that side of the country....I have never ridden at any western show and have not walked into the arena as a competitor since 2004. Perhaps this year will still be the year:ohmy: :lol:or possibly next year.:) :whistle: :whistle: I choose to go to shows in Yorkshire because of the atmosphere and the social occassion. Merely using this forum to point out that geography is and always will be an issue for us and was hoping, as I know others were too, that the National might return to at least in the Midlands if not 'out west'.

Why does any thread which holds any suggestion of an open discussion on a point that genuinely affects us all i.e. location of shows and fuel costs - have to be taken as a derisive comment about the event organisers or location owners?

Like I said at the start, you can't please all of the people.....but we shouldn't be made to feel as though we are not supporting or not doing our bit if we CHOOSE not to spend the money and go because of distance and cost. Oh, and undercover is nice, but isn't really a necessity is it - it doesn't guarantee a show going on or continuing, rather leaves you with a venue and few competitors due to them choosing not to show up but with no insurance redress as 'you could have continued with the show' rather than it being called a total washout???

Thankfully there are more venues being opened up and significant refurbishment taking place to existing venues around my way and on this side of the country, I would hope one of them might keep all the disciplines happy.

I just thought it would be nice to have a Northern, Central, Southern and Western venue to attend.....if the surfaces/venues were available.....we used to do this with the dog shows in Aust, and with the Appaloosa National - it rotated around the big cities - you knew if you qualified you would be travelling to - well Perth, Adelaide, Newcastle, Canberra etc - in some cases 1000's of miles. Still I am now dreaming out loud.....of to work errr study. :laugh: :laugh:

J.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by LizSwitzer - 2008/07/01 13:40

awwww.... I was looking forward to the champ show next year... the bar floor at the Hand is so slide-able...:evil:

I realize most of you don't know what I am talking about.... those that do... well, as we said then, I say now... what happened at the Hand, stays at the hand. ;) :sick:

oh and -
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TRACEY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! :side:

still miss ya'll.
but my 'gator boots are gonna make it easier to bear for a while...:woohoo:
xx

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by libby - 2008/07/01 14:13

Muffin :) are you trying to say pounds shilling and pence wont count with fuel prices rising it seams only common sense to hold them in the area where the majority are.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Muffin - 2008/07/01 17:02

Hi - no I'm saying that it incorrect that all the quarter horses are in cambridge - or even most. There are quarter horses throughout the country and thick pockets is some areas apart from Cambridge. What I am saying is that if people want a choice of venues that they need to help source them for the show organisers. Having been involved with organising quarter horse shows I can tell you that people travel a very long way indeed wherever the show is. Did you know, for example, that at the Breed Show, that if you have to travel further than a certain distance (I can't remember if it was 150 miles) that you get your stable free? I was just trying to explain for the benefit of those people for whom March is a long haul, why they are all there. Not that these people are being sidelined.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by rosie - 2008/07/01 17:10

:woohoo: hi there muffin. i don't think anyone is being sidelined. it just happened that david's arena is very suitable. we have to travel a long way and it costs a lot(my other half is always complaining of the cost) but i must say that i definitely prefer the western world even if we have fewer shows than the english lot. i say quality over quantity every time.
rosie

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Muffin - 2008/07/01 17:19

It just seemed to me that someone was bemoaning the fact that all the shows were in Cambridge - doesn't matter that much to me where they are - I will travel - but I can see the sense in be able to offer shows around the country.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by mejopa - 2008/07/01 17:48

Just interested to know how far people will travel....the breed show is now out for me as it is 300 miles away. I accept that travelling is a necessity to compete, but 200 miles is about our limit as that takes 5-6 hours, plus fuel costs then do

become prohibitive.. So yes, some people have been sidelined by the move. Scotland gets a breed show, what about Wales?

On the plus side, please remember the new WES show at Abergavenny on 14th September. Virtually every class has been sponsored - almost £800 worth of cash/vouchers/prizes in kind, plus a jackpot prize for the best all-rounder.

Post edited by: mejopa, at: 2008/07/01 18:49

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by billywhiz - 2008/07/01 18:46

First off, a big thanks to both David and the Bodiam (Rossane, Francesca, Doug) for having the foresight to put the investment into what is becoming two great venues. Dont forget John Calder (Mendip Stud) for all you West Country folk.

Without these people we would have nowhere.

People travel regular 8-15 journeys across Europe and the States. We are just so lucky over here;)

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by rosie - 2008/07/01 19:52

hi, not all the shows are at march. there are going to be two shows at the mendip stud and i see that wes are holding a novice amateur show at the wes championships. so lets hope many people attend so that these venues can continue. we managed to attend one of the mendip stud shows last year and had a great time so would recommend that whoever can, go and have fun too!

rosie

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by QQH - 2008/07/01 21:07

Now Liz.....who knows WHERE the breed show will be NEXT year.....? Not I certainly - and don't get me started on 'gator boots :evil: :woohoo:

Welsh show.....brilliant idea I say.....as I am not exactly west country.....closer to Birmingham than Bristol but then, what do I know about Geography - I'm a bleedin' foreigner.

Oh, regards travel - depends entirely on cost vs benefit - I love going along even if just to watch, but pounds are fewer these days so perhaps I will make some cutbacks - Archer is coming home shortly as I can no longer afford the trips to Newark to ride all the time.

We are visiting Bodium but not exhibiting, nor will we be at Fall East Coast Show with horses.....we will be at both West Coast Shows, and will be at clinic in West Mids too, plus Hartpury and WES show in Sept in Wales.

Jude

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by billywhiz - 2008/07/02 06:29

Jude you are in denial (probably because you have move from a big Island to a small one). Definately more West Country than Black Country.

I think you have hit it on the head though, cost. We are all feeling the pinch, well most of us. It is a shame that the show

has moved from the Hand centre, but truefully it has moved for the right reasons. May be John Calder can bid for it next year?

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by QQH - 2008/07/02 07:09

Denial? Me, never.....:P Only a stones throw from the forest you know.....:woohoo: You know I went to Lancs once when I meant to go to Lanarkshire.....says it all really:whistle:

Agreed.....don't much worry about where it is, but the bank manager certainly does!

Hope to see you at Bodium..

J:blink:

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by billywhiz - 2008/07/02 07:17

Well, I might not be at Bodiam (family wedding I am trying to get out of). loking at all the connatations. Show in Kent, Wedding in Hull. Big drive on Saturday? Show only to Friday and then leave? Show only on the Sunday? Upset the family?

Will be at Hartpury, West Coast and then we will see if we have any coins left. All donations kindly accepted.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Shiny Mole - 2008/07/02 13:03

I never repeat, no never repeat myself, but can anyone confirm where the Breed show will be in September, as I have had my transport quoted and booked it, so if it has moved I might have to cancel!

I know we are lucky having the mendip down here in the westcountry, but when you only have one class you can enter its just not cost effective to pay for transport!!

Roll on my lottery win so I can attend them all!!!!

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Caz - 2008/07/02 13:57

<http://www.aqha.uk.com/content/view/813/199/>

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by rosie - 2008/07/02 15:54

hey shiny mole, why can you only enter one class at the mendip? i thought it had lots of classes?
rosie

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by miss_ccb - 2008/07/02 16:39

I agree that we're very lucky to have facilities such as Bodiam, Davids, The Mendip etc but with the rising fuel costs sadly the locations of these shows will limit people (myself included). It used to be good when we used Arena UK, Towerlands etc and the shows were more spread out across the country. For me (Shropshire/N.Wales border) everywhere is a trek for me so i just appreciate the great facilities we have when i finally arrive!!!

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by flashjac - 2008/07/02 18:13

Hi everyone

Such a shame the breed show has been moved, although i know that SQH has great facilities.

We were going to the Hand and have booked accommodation near clevedon, i guess now that's useless!!

We're not going to be able to go to cambridge and i have two horses in the futurity scheme.....what a waste.

Wouldn't it have been better to have kept it at the Hand this year and moved it for next year?? At least it could be planned for better.

I know this is becoming a westcountry vs. everyone else, but we ALWAYS have to travel. The breed show last year was well attended from all over wasn't it?

Post edited by: flashjac, at: 2008/07/02 19:14

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by billywhiz - 2008/07/02 19:16

its a long way for 80% of people no matter where you go.

I used to either hire fully kitted out horse boxes or stay in hotels.

I now sleep in the trailer and drive more economically, I suppose it depends on how much you really want to show.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by campbh - 2008/07/02 20:19

I'm really pleased it's moved (and not because it's nearer, the Hand is only one hour from home!) I am not a great rider and I don't have the best horse by any means - but shows to me are recreation; and I truly get to enjoy that recreation when I can really RIDE my horse; ditto when I know my horse can SHOW himself to the best of (our!) ability, as he can at SQH, TMS and no doubt Bodiam too, if I ever got good enough and had enough time off work and earned enough :evil: ever to be able to go there! I was really looking forward, however novice I may be, to last year's show at The Hand but I had a miserable weekend on my horse because he just couldn't get going, on the warm-up surface, particularly. I'm not interested in going to venues which don't cater for the horses. It was that experience that made me realise that, if I want to show, I've got to get up and travel for the privilege. And as CCB says, it's great once you're there (rain permitting!!) Although I'm mightily looking forward to the WES shows at Hartpury/Moreton Morrell, and the Mendip shows to at least show the bank manager that I'm not completely off my trolley yet!!

I do appreciate, however, that if you own a youngster and can only do, say, two in-hand classes, showing across big distances is a huge investment?

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Sally House - 2008/07/02 20:34

Hi

It is a shame they have moved the Breed Show to SQH. I know the facilities are great and they have thought what the western riders want but there are three shows in September, The East Coast Circuit Championship, The BR Championship and The Breed Show all at SQH. We are desperate in the West Country for an indoor arena with a good all round surface, to cater for the pleasure horses and the reining horses. For now, we can just dream!

Post edited by: Sally House, at: 2008/07/02 21:50

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by elkay - 2008/07/03 20:16

It's not just the West Country people who always have to travel -try living on Anglesey!

The AQHA circuit simply is not possible from here for an amateur travelling horse alone - I would realistically have to take 2 days each way to get to Bodiam, for instance; and a 2 day show, arrive back more knackered than I started and have used up a week of annual leave.

It simply isn't feasible for me, which is why we're competing English this year and having to forget the western, hopefully temporarily.

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Shiny Mole - 2008/07/03 21:06

I only had one class at the mendip because my boy is only three, and while I have recently backed him he is not ready for ridden classes, dont want to rush him for a show date - so there is just an in hand gelding class for us...which makes hiring a box a very expensive endeavour!

I am noticing a few new posters who's locations are westcountry and Devon, if any of you want to share transport to a show it could make the travelling much more feesible - pm me if you are interested! I just have the one boy and he is a great traveller and very friendly/submissive with new horses!

Its a shame the Devon Western Riding club have not managed to secure a decent reining surface down here, but until our sport gains momentum the demand wont be there for people to spend megabucks on the surfaces we need..its growing all the time though!

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by Roland - 2008/07/03 21:52

:P Maybe we should all move to the fens;) or just the horses perhaps ;) say it costs me £40 there and back to SQH in my tiny van about £120 in the lorry:sick: there seem some well priced houses, some with land:) people seem nice and guess there would be jobs over that wayB)

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Re:Geographyagain...

Posted by QQH - 2008/07/04 10:21

Wouldn't have been the first time I consider that move.....B)

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