

10th CIAT Bernried June, 29th 2019

Bernried, the Pearl at the Lake Starnberg shimmered in a very special light during the weekend of June, 28th /29th /30th. The turnouts arrived on Thursday and Friday and occupied quarters at the *Hofgut* in Bernried and the drivers, grooms and guests plunged into the lake for their refreshment. Later, at 7 pm, they were welcomed by the organizers of the event, the *Fahrkultur und –sport Club im Pfaffenwinkel*, at the country inn *Drei Rosen*. Following this warm ceremony there was the briefing for Saturday, the day of the drive. Besides the considerable number of ‘old hands’ who had been to Bernried before, the organizers were glad to welcome a number of newcomers. This year the jury was formed by B.J. Bekkering (NL), Bernard Puteaux (F) and Nigel Whiting (G).

The weather forecast had promised hot midsummer days for this weekend therefore, the speed of the drive was reduced by agreement between the technical delegate Boris Kapfelsperger and the chairman of the jury Mr Bekkering.

At nine o’clock on the dot the first turnout arrived in the historic court of the Bernried convent followed at 6-minute intervals by a further 24 well turned-out carriages. The jury had a close look at them before they were entertainingly introduced to the public with amusing comments from Anette Mezger, and Josef Steigenberger who is mayor of Bernried and President of the AIAT Deutschland. One could clearly see the interest and passion of the public who could hear and understand for the first time the well-considered criteria used when judging historically correct turnouts.

Following the presentation, the turnouts started for the 14,3 km routier again at 6-minute intervals. Even participants who had taken part in this event many times before couldn’t help becoming emotional when they experienced the wonderful drive along the shore of the Lake Starnberg, through woodland, and meadow landscapes. Strollers along the way stepped aside and waved in a friendly manner. There were three obstacles to negotiate during the drive. The drivers had to drive precisely and brakes were forbidden even in steep places. Here well-trained horses and able drivers were a must for any chance of success, otherwise, penalty points were noted down by very competent deputy judges. Besides the obstacles the drivers had to keep to the average speed in order to be neither too early nor too late at the finishing post, which was in front of Höhenried Castle. There, friendly ladies waited to fill out the turnouts’ timecards. Other ladies, no less friendly, filled up glasses of champagne and offered snacks to them. The way back lead the turnouts past the ‘*Buchheim-Museum*’ to their nearby stables. Then there was a long break for lunch followed by the cone driving. A few drivers succeeded in making clear rounds and keeping to the maximum time. As the weather was so hot the price giving ceremony was not held at the show ring but, as a special exception, at the Hotel Marina that evening. Here the participants and organizers celebrated success with a fine meal, good music, and a great view over the lake at dusk.

The winners of the various were:

Singles:	1 st	Heiner Staub (CH)
	2 nd	Bruno Cotic (I)
	3 rd	Renzo Pezzutto (I)
Pairs:	1st	Bernd Schnur (D)
	2nd	Katrin Wunderlich (D)
	3rd	Günther Drumm (D)
Unicorn:	1st	Jürg Stettler (CH)

Teams: 1st Dr. Anette von Gleichenstein (D)

It is certain that

- it was a cheerful event among like-minded friends
- a high level of quality and style was achieved
- the weather at the event this year was remarkably fine
- the event was run without accident
- the organizer-in-chief, Günter Ortner, and his numerous busy helping hands were pleased