



North Eastern Counties Welsh Pony & Cob Association

Spring Newsletter

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Message from the Editor

Now that I am collating the catalogues from scratch, I am wondering how Gale ever managed the task with her heavy work schedule and family commitments! Apart from oversized envelopes not having sufficient postage, and having to be collected from the PO depot at additional cost, there are also registration numbers omitted and SAE's too small to return the numbers! I am the last person to criticize anyone's handwriting, but Welsh names are difficult to interpret at the best of times without the added complication of unclear letters. That can also be a problem with Post Codes, and now e mail addresses. I suspect that the reason certain mailings go astray is that I have not read either correctly! E mails are notorious for requiring great precision in their execution so I am sure several will be returned by the PMG when I initiate the first electronic mailing run. However, it is the way forward and I am sure any kinks in the system can be quickly fixed. It is great to have so many exhibitors now discovering us via our website and there are many new ponies now gracing our show rings. Full show reports are inside and you will also find the Summer Schedule either in an envelope or on your e mail site. This will obviously be our last Bronze Medal Summer Show but we are still hoping for our usual great support from you all. To make life easier for our miniscule working committee, we are employing someone to set up the rings at our Streatlam events and yet another gentleman to man the gate. This is why we have increased the first aid etc. charge by 50p. Just a small amount from every exhibitor but it means these extra costs can be funded without eating into any profit we can make. Running costs only move in one direction and we want to be able to plough surplus funds into increased classes and championships etc. for the benefit of all our members and exhibitors.

YOUNGSTOCK SHOW 4TH APRIL 2009

Firstly, I must comment on the number of entries for this year's event! Nearly 30% up on last year, which we had thought was pretty good at the time. In light of this increased interest, we have decided to appoint two pony judges next year for the two Richmond shows. We will start the morning with Section A's and Part bred classes in Ring 2 and the Section B's, and RPB –HPB, when they are included, in Ring 1. Once these classes have been completed, this ring will be opened up for the Cobs, followed by the Supreme Championships. This will certainly be safer as there won't be cobs, ponies and spectators, competing for warm up space etc. We will bring back M&M in hand classes for the Youngstock Show next year, as a means of testing the waters, and they can take place in Ring 2 once the Part-bred classes have been completed. If there is insufficient interest, they will not appear in the 2011 schedule. Obviously this should mean all the in hand part of our programme will be over well before lunch and we will be able to start the ridden classes earlier.

Which brings us back to this year's show. A great atmosphere and only one small difference of opinion! I am aware that a couple of people missed their classes, but cannot emphasise enough that we cannot be responsible for this regrettable situation. We did not have the PA working as it didn't seem to be that successful last year. If you have friends or family watching, it would be a good idea to keep in touch by mobile phone or allocate someone to go back to the wagon/trailer to let you know when you should be in the collecting ring. As I have said before, don't trust the catalogue!! Many entries do not turn up on the day and that makes a considerable difference to the timing. If there is a problem, let the steward or myself know and we will try and accommodate your situation. We did have a lot of first time exhibitors, which is always exciting, and we always try and give them extra support, as we do want everyone to enjoy our events.

Our riders had a long wait until they were able to commence their campaign, but entries were encouraging and our younger members gave us all great entertainment. Our adjudicator, Mrs Wray, was very concerned when one young child's pony became a trifle over enthusiastic when the class was asked to canter round, and decided to pull her into the centre of the ring. To the little girl's credit, she was completely unfazed by the whole affair and didn't even wobble! However, safety must be our main concern, and Mrs Wray was quite right to take action to prevent a possible problem. The competitor concerned then completed her individual show, exhibiting a maturity far beyond her years! Our mini champion was Zara Collins on Bala Goldcrest with Jessica Dawson on Waitwith Cuddles in reserve. Our supreme ridden championship was well contested with two Rivervalley ponies taking top spots. Supreme Champion was Emily Alice Stobbart on Rivervalley Lygon, who also won the only Young Handler class, with Rivervalley Lou-Lou, ridden by Hannah Atkinson, in reserve.

Julie Devenney had a great show, taking both Section A Filly and Colt Championships and the Bronze Medal. Pennech Welsh Doll, from the Pennech Stud, stood reserve to her throughout the day. Our Section B Male champion was a stunning three year old colt, Thistledown Alhaarth, produced by Craig Ellenor, who stood reserve B Champion to Stephen Howard's striking dun yearling filly, Boston Bride to Be, who was also Reserve Supreme Welsh Youngstock Champion. In the Cob ring, Richard Miller awarded the Section C Filly Championship to Linda Atkinson's Maenan Regina with Mr & Mrs Walker's Yearling Filly, Cyntaf Destiny in reserve spot. His male champion was another cob from the Walker's stable, Glebedale Ding Dong with Lis Hampson's Kirkhamgate Game On reserve. Overall Section C championship and Supreme Welsh Youngstock Champion went to Glebedale Ding Dong with Maenan Regina reserve section champion. When the Section D cobs had finished, Mr & Mrs Degnan's Pennal Pure Model stood champion female with Dwayne Keenleyside's Keenleyside the Temptress in reserve. Male champion was Scott Gibbons Tymore Kauto Star who also took the overall D championship. Reserve male championship and overall Section D championship went to McNeal's Kylebeck Morgan.

Our Millcroft Gelding Champion was Sollers Crescendo, ably run as usual by young Christopher Stansfield. Reserve was Brynnebo Stardust, exhibited by Elaine Ransome.

Section A Female Champion Reserve	Mrs J Devenney Pennech Stud	- Blackhill Imogen - Penech Welsh Doll
Section A Male Champion Reserve	Mrs J Devenney Pennech Stud	- Haverford Imp - Penech Bellucci
Section A Overall Champion Reserve	Mrs J Devenney Pennech Stud	- Blackhill Imogen - Penech Welsh Doll
Section B Female Champion Reserve	Mr S Howard Mr T Kersey	- Boston Bride to Be - Gipsyville Egyptian Gold
Section B Male Champion Reserve	Thistledown Stud Mr S Howard	- Thistledown Alhaarth - Boston Bulgari
Section B Overall Champion Reserve	Mr S Howard Thistledown Stud	- Boston Bride to Be - Thistledown Alhaarth
Section C Female Champion Reserve	Mrs L Atkinson Mr & Mrs Walker	- Maenan Regina - Cyntaf Destiny
Section C Male Champion Reserve	Mr & Mrs Walker Josh Hampson	- Glebedale Ding Dong - Kirkhamgate Game On
Section C Overall Champion Reserve	Mr & Mrs Walker Mrs L Atkinson	- Glebedale Ding Dong - Maenan Regina
Section D Female Champion Reserve	Mr & Mrs Degnan D Keenleyside	- Pennal Pure Model - Keenleyside The Temptress
Section D Male Champion Reserve	Mr S Gibbons R G McNeal	- Tymor Kauto Star - Kylebeck Morgan
Section D Overall Champion Reserve	Mr S Gibbons R G McNeal	- Tymor Kauto Star - Kylebeck Morgan
Supreme Gelding Champion Reserve	Christopher Stansfield Elaine Ransome	- Sollers Crescendo - Brynnebo Stardust
Supreme Welsh Champion Reserve	Mr & Mrs Walker Mr S Howard	- Glebedale Ding Dong - Boston Bride to Be
Part Bred Welsh Champion	S Kersey	- Littlebriars Hullabaloo
Mini Ridden Champion Reserve	Zara Collins Jessica Dawson	- Bala Goldcrest - Waitwith Cuddles
Supreme Ridden Champion Reserve	Emily Alice Stobbart Hannah Atkinson	- Rivervalley Lygon - Rivervalley Lou Lou

SPRING SHOW REPORT - 4th May 2009

About the only positive comment to make on the weather was that the rain held off until the Supreme Championships! Noticed quite a few spectators rugged up in their equine blankets, trying to keep out the bitterly cold wind. (Hope they were spares!) I would have been disappointed if the number of entries had not exceeded last years' event and it was proved to be so with in excess of forty more. As with our Youngstock Show earlier, we did have a great number of competitors who were showing with us for the first time. Our membership is almost up to 150 already with another two shows to go, so will definitely exceed previous years. With an almost abundance of help offered me on the day, the show seemed to flow well and I must commend everyone who managed to complete their classes with the minimum of announcing from MOH. Unfortunately, we did not have our walkie-talkie equipment, which did make it difficult for him.

Mrs Pease was given nearly thirty in hand entries to judge overall and chose a Highland for her champion. Christopher Grant then took Dunedin Rhuann into Reserve Supreme Ridden spot later in the day.

The Cob entries were most encouraging, especially the Section D's where Carl Nee took the overall section championship. We certainly will need those numbers to be maintained if we are to keep our Silver Medals. (I noted on Saddlesoap that the Costello's were rather pleased with their weekend in various show rings, culminating in our Section C Silver Medal!!)

Sandy Anderson had no hesitation in awarding his championship to the Stewart's Semicon Viola, with his Youngstock Champion, Robert Hensby's Laithehill Czarina in reserve. Samantha Wallace's very aptly named, Touch of Class, took reserve Youngstock, having already taken the Reserve HPB championship!

Mrs Pearce had a very long, cold day as she had six good size ridden Welsh Classes to adjudicate before she even started on the Section A ponies. We are somewhat limited when selecting our Welsh Ridden judges, especially for the Silver Medal Show, as not everyone is on the ridden panel. However, pausing only to add some warmer layers, Mrs Pearce steadily worked through the classes and then joined Mr Anderson and Mr Jones for the Supreme Championships. Understandably, there were not many horse boxes left on the field by that time, but I was delighted to see all Section champions had remained and the Overall Supreme Welsh Championship caused our three adjudicators quite a headache. By this time the rain had started and our handlers were looking increasingly frozen.

After a long discussion, the eventual winner was Mrs S McLagen's Section A Champion, Tame Valley Serena. This pony went right through the card, taking her 3 year old filly class, the Section A Youngstock Championship and overall Section A Championship, then the Supreme Welsh Youngstock Champion before the Overall! I don't think this has ever happened at one of our events before, although I am quite prepared to be challenged on that. (Already have, sorry Mr Hepple!)

In Reserve Overall Supreme spot was a Section B pony who had not only won the Brood Mare class but the Veteran as well. Eighteen year old Semicon Viola proved that you don't have to be in your first flush to succeed in the show ring. (Hope for us old ones yet Mr C!)

When Christopher Stansfield qualified two of their ponies for the Gelding Championship, his father took one into the ring and duly walked off with the Championship! Christopher had to settle for Reserve but I guess he won't be too disappointed.

Our very grateful thanks to our tireless stewards, Mandy Mitchell, Margaret Wardropper, Tom Barron and Mrs Pearce's husband, Alan. Leslie and Ross were also a great help in the secretary's tent and my long suffering husband was a tower of strength, as usual! We also really appreciate our sponsors' contributions, especially those who sponsored the medals for this show and the Supreme Championship. Gary and Sarah Atkinson have already committed to sponsoring this for the foreseeable future.

On a more serious note, it was reported that one competitor had left the ring before the individual shows had taken place without asking permission and, apparently, without a valid reason. We obviously do not have a 'rule' for this, but it is the height of bad manners and not in the spirit of competition.

Section A Y/Stock Champion	Tame Valley Serena	Mrs S McLagan
Reserve	Pentrefelin Playboy	Mrs C Willis-Burton
Section A Overall Champion	Tame Valley Serena	Mrs S McLagan
Reserve	Glenrose Red Ribbon	Mr S Greenwood
Section B Y/Stock Champion	Laithehill Czarina	Mr R Hensby
Reserve	Oakville Touch of Class	Samantha Wallace
Section B Overall Champion	Semicon Viola	Jane Stewart
Reserve	Laithehill Czarina	Mr R Hensby
Section C Y/Stock Champion	Cyntaf Destiny	Mr & Mrs Walker
Reserve	Ellington Siriol	David Heys
Section C Overall Champion	Rosetta Hywela	Costello Family
Reserve	Cyntaf Destiny	Mr & Mrs Walker
Section D Y/Stock Champion	Brynseion Bendigo	Mrs C Fell
Reserve	Aberloglin April Rose	Katie Nee
Section D Overall Champion	Brynithon Royal Knight	Carl Nee
Reserve	Gwenside Danielle	John Bennett
Millcroft Gelding Champion	Sollers Crescndo	C Stansfield
Reserve	Sarum Whirlwind	C Stansfield

Supreme Y/Stock Welsh Championship

Champion
Reserve

Tame Valley Serena
Brynseion Bendigo

Mrs S McLagan
Mrs C Fell

Supreme Welsh Championship

Champion
Reserve

Tame Valley Serena
Semicon Viola

Mrs S McLagan
Jane Stewart

RPB Champion

Reserve

Greenbarrow Prince of Light
Colandra Inspiration

Mrs C Duke
Mrs L Parfitt

HPB Champion

Reserve

Chartersmeade Sir Digby
Oakville Touch of Class

Annelise Stonehouse
Samantha Wallace

Part Bred Welsh Champion

Reserve

Chartersmeade Sir Digby
Greenbarrow Prince of Light

Annelise Stonehouse
Mrs C Duke

Mountain & Moorland Champion

Reserve

Dunedin Rhuann
Waterside William II

Miss A Mitchell
Mr & Mrs I Thompson

Welsh Ridden Mini Championship

Champion
Reserve

Rhoson Sionic
Greenbarrow Princess Royale

A Walton
Isaac Thomason

Welsh Performance Medal

Champion
Reserve

Rivervalley Lou-Lou
Nandywyll Pwyll

H Atkinson
Mrs J Crane

M&M Mini Ridden Championship

Champion
Reserve

Heniarth Cockatoo
Waitwith Cuddles

Mrs S A Potter
Jessica Dowson

Supreme Ridden Championship

Champion
Reserve

Rivervalley Lou-Lou
Dunedin Rhuann

H Atkinson
Christopher Grant

SUMMER MEDAL SHOW

As you will see from the schedule, we have re-instated the in hand M&M classes, due to popular demand. At least we hope that is the case and we have good entries. We aim to please but need feedback if you have any special requests. For instance, we have been asked on several occasions to have a M&M Ridden Championship and will be including one in our Summer Show for the first time. Of course that does mean that only the M&M Ridden Champion and Reserve will contest the Overall Supreme Ridden Championship, together with the Welsh Ridden Champion and Reserve. This is also the only show where we do not have P(UK) Qualifiers, as the entries for their Summer Championships close sometime in July. If there are more ridden classes you would like us to put on, please let us know. It would be preferable to put requests in writing as I don't always remember what people ask me on show days. If you would like to steward one of our rings, please let me know! Luncheon and other refreshments provided of course. Will you also please note the very slight increase in First Aid.

The post offices seem to sell envelopes that are just slightly oversized for a normal 2nd class stamp so please check in case it needs one of the large ones! Any problems, please e mail me as I am not great at picking up telephone messages but am always, always on the computer.

COLOUR GENETICS

I am sure most of you are familiar with the Equine Forums, notably Saddlesoap and Horse Gossip. They are full of interesting observations and general chat about the horses and ponies that we find so addictive! As I would quite like to breed a palomino filly someday, I have been following the thread concerning colour with great interest. Only problem is, I get totally bamboozled when they start talking about dilutes, and double dilutes and homozygous and heterozygous! I know that grey ponies are often born chestnut, as I have had several myself, but also know that some are born pally before turning grey. It is a fascinating subject but of no interest whatsoever to those of you who breed just for type or height etc., irrespective of the colour of the pony. Of course I know that conformation, movement, temperament and type etc, are the most important factors when breeding, but if the 'perfect' pony just happened to be palomino??!! Even within the definition of cream/palomino, there are so many variations. Karen Hepple has a perfect example of the colour I prefer and her filly, Karnarth Dolly Parton, had the wow factor for me from the day she was born! Dolly is out of a black mare, so she must be a dilute. My palomino mare, Fairywood Mimic, is apparently a smokey palomino, as she has a lot of black in her

mane etc. Her colt foal last year, by a chestnut stallion, has a milky white mane and tail with darker cream top half and a milk chocolate colour on his legs and rump! Goodness knows what he will look like as a mature pony, but he does look quite striking at the moment.

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SHOWS AROUND AND ABOUT

It would be great if members could up date us all on other shows in our area. I can only comment on the ones I attend but have to say it was a real bonus to travel to the Hambleton Show and be greeted by warm sunshine. Especially after the Siberian conditions we had to endure at Streatlam earlier in the month! Amanda Cockerton and her team put on a great, and very extensive, equine event and it was just a pity that the Grass Sickness Show had been arranged for the same day. Not the first 'double' this season and, with so few shows around here anyway, to have to chose one to enter is unfortunate. Wendy Marsden-Hendry had a great day, taking the Sec A medal and going on to stand Reserve Supreme Welsh Champion. The Grass Sickness Show also enjoyed summer conditions and Semicon Viola continued her winning ways taking the Overall Supreme Championship with Samantha Wallace's Oakville Touch of Class standing Reserve. The warm weather held into the Bank Holiday Monday at Richmond, where the Scottish & Northern Association held the first of their two shows of the year. The McNeal's stallion took Supreme Welsh Championship with Karen and Gordon's Section B filly in Reserve. A number of exhibitors had chosen to go down to the West Yorkshire Association's Spring Show on the same day, so there were some notable, familiar faces missing. I believe the Karnarth Stud did rather well down there though!

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