



Summer Newsletter

Message from the Editor

Three down and one to go! There are some changes to our Foal & Youngstock Show, which we hope will not only give us an earlier finish, but also make for a safer environment. I have always been concerned that Ring 2 was not a great place for the two cob sections, especially as they did not have much room to actually enter the ring, so they will now have the whole of the main ring to themselves. That does mean we have had to move the Section A classes to the second ring but there won't be any cobs flying around so that should be a bonus! The M & M in hand competitors will follow the mountain ponies as well as the three special classes. Hopefully, there will then not be too long a wait before the Supreme Championships can be held. With the increased number of entries generally over the past couple of years, we have decided it would be beneficial to have two judges for the pony classes. We do try to appoint new judges wherever possible for at least some of our events. Catryn Bigley may have only just acquired her Section B status but is hardly a newcomer to Welsh Ponies and we are delighted to make it a family affair with Ann taking on the Section A classes. To my knowledge, Miss L Booth, from the Stainsby Stud in Derbyshire, has never graced the show rings of the North East, so I do hope we can give her some good entries in the two Cob sections.

From next year we will be offering qualification tickets to the Equifest Showing Show, which will be held from 19th - 23rd August 2010 at the East of England Showground. We will still hold P(UK) Winter Qualifiers, as there is a minimal cost involved, and also qualifiers for their Summer Championship at Youngstock and Spring Shows.

Our Christmas Party will be held earlier this year on Saturday November 29th so we hope it doesn't clash with too many other Festive arrangements!

We are very pleased to welcome two new members to the committee. Deborah Robinson and Ruby Williams will be a great addition to our little band!

SUMMER SHOW REPORT

After a phenomenal number of entries for last year's summer show, it was back to normal this year! With entries officially closing on Monday 3rd August, I had received less than 80 by the Thursday night, with the very real possibility that the event would have to be cancelled. Fortunately the envelopes started arriving thick and fast on the Saturday so I breathed a sigh of relief and rang around to organise stewards. Mandy Mitchell is almost becoming a permanent fixture in the cob ring but I think she regretted not bringing her Section A pony on the day, so we must expect her to decline at some point. Deborah Robinson took charge of the Section A and Ridden Welsh ring with Anne Bale-Williams. Ross De Lap joined Norma Thompson as she judged the M & M in hand and ridden classes, and Catherine Gallagher was ensconced with Dawi Evens in the hastily erected ring for the rest of the ponies. Leslie De Lap joined me in the Secretary's tent and was my very efficient PA for the day. Many thanks to Wendy Hepple, who was a great help sorting out the catering. When it looked as if we would take a loss on the show, unless we did without the tent and sound system, John agreed to donate the latter and Geoff Hepple got together with a few other kind members and donated most of the money needed for the tent. Carl had arranged to erect the rings the night before, but our usual ring just by the gate still had cut hay on it, so the only place I could realistically run the pony ring was next to the Cobs. Many thanks to the early arrivals who helped to put it up! With the in hand M&M's complete, the lead rein competitors started their show but we had to hastily move them when the farmer turned up to start baling the hay! With only a matter of a few feet separating the competitors from the action, we took advantage of Peter Gray's break and moved everyone to the safety of the cob ring. Fortunately, by the time the Lead Rein and First Ridden classes had been completed, and their Mini Championship decided, the machinery had moved onto an adjacent field and normal services could be resumed! I have to commend Peter Gray for his excellent adjudication of the Young Handler Classes. He made it quite clear to all the competitors that he was judging them and not the quality of their ponies, just as it should be, but too often isn't. The classes were not rushed and he insisted on tying several places, so that they all had a 'proper' rosette and not the specials we usually award below 4th place. As he pointed out,

these children are the future of our showing world and need all the encouragement we can give them. Max Atkinson took the Young Handlers championship, with Christopher Stansfield in Reserve. Our Section C entries were very thin on the ground, but the larger Cobs gave Peter a little more to do and he was pleased to give Ann Fawcett's colt foal the Overall Youngstock Championship, with Carl's Stallion the Overall title. Chris Stansfield and his father shared the honours in the Millcroft Gelding Championship, only this time Christopher took the top spot. (Better dust off that showing Jacket Mr S!) Their two Section A ponies were also reserve Section A Youngstock and Overall reserve Champion, so Chris's winning ways continue. He is having a tremendous second year on the showing scene and has notched up an impressive number of wins at top level events. Mr Degnan had overall success in both Section A and Section C championships. Kim Money's home bred Palamino Mare took the Section B Championship with Dora The Explorer in reserve. Milford Fair Breeze then went into the Supreme Championship ring and took Reserve Overall. Natalie Vincent took the Welsh Performance Medal on her Section D, Ffoslas Welsh Express. Our M & M in hand champion, Dunedin Rhuann, also took the M&M Ridden and Overall Supreme Ridden Championships. I seem to remember he also did rather well at our Spring Show! Highlands do seem to be enjoying renewed popularity at our events, which is good to see. Little Jessica Dowson gave her usual accomplished performance on Waitwith Cuddles to take the Mini M&M Championship. Our Riding Pony, Hunter Pony Breeding and Part Bred classes were not particularly well supported but eventual champions were Mr & Mrs Duke's Greenbarrow Queen of Hearts, Smantha Wallace's Oakville Touch of Class and Mrs Pease's Lemington Marzelle respectively. Our thanks also go to our Judges, especially those who asked that their expenses be ploughed back into the Association. We do not expect that to happen, but it is always very much appreciated when it does!

SUMMER SHOW RESULTS - 9th August 2009

Section A Y/Stock Champion	Glynffynnon Pedr	Mr & Mrs Degnan
Reserve	Sollers Crescendo	Chris Stansfield
Section A Overall Champion	Glynffynnon Pedr	Mr & Mrs Degnan
Reserve	Sollers Crescendo	Chris Stansfield
Section B Y/Stock Champion	Dora The Explorer	L A Bones
Reserve	Llandar Prydwen	Mrs M Randall

Section B Overall Champion	Milford Fair Breeze	Kim Money
Reserve	Dora The Explorer	L A Bones
Section C Y/Stock Champion	Pennal Master Harri	Mr & Mrs Degnan
Reserve	Brynnebo Stardust	Miss E Ransome
Section C Overall Champion	Pennal Master Harri	Mr & Mrs Degnan
Reserve	Pantyfid Bright Light	K Hepple
Section D Y/Stock Champion	Treforrest Showman	Mrs A Fawcett
Reserve	Tardebigge Dana	Mr M Hancock
Section D Overall Champion	Brynithon Royal Knight	Mr C Nee
Reserve	Treforrest Showman	Mrs A Fawcett
<u>Millcroft Gelding Champion</u>	Sollers Crescendo	Chris Stansfield
Reserve	Sarum Whirlwind	Chris Stansfield
<u>Supreme Y/Stock Welsh</u>		
Champion	Trefforrest Showman	Mrs A Fawcett
Reserve	Pennal Master Harri	Mr & Mrs Degnan
<u>Supreme Welsh Champion</u>	Brynithon Royal Knight	Mr C Nee
Reserve	Milford Fair Breeze	Kim Money
Riding Pony Champion	Greenbarrow Queen of Hearts	Mr & Mrs Duke
Reserve	Pennwood Penny Black	Amanda Wallace
Hunter Pony Champion	Oakville Touch of Class	Samantha Wallace
Reserve	Millford Honey Bee	Kim Money
Mountain & Moorland		
Champion	Dunedin Rhuann	L Dawson
Reserve	Nipna Roxglove	Amanda Wallace
Part Bred Welsh Champion	Lemington Marzelle	Mrs Pease
Reserve	Squire of Cranstown	Sophie Metcalfe
Young Handler Champion	Yaverland Skylark	Max Atkinson
Reserve	Sarum Whirlwind	C Stansfield
<u>Welsh Ridden - Performance Medal</u>		
Champion	Ffoslas Welsh Express	Natalie Vincent
Reserve	Tillybo Mercury	Olivia McDonnell
<u>M & M Mini Championship</u>		
Champion	Waitwith Cuddles	Jessica Dowson
Reserve	Tillybo Mercury	Olivia McDonnell
<u>Supreme Ridden Championship</u>		
Champion	Dunedin Rhuann	Chris Grant
Reserve	Rivervalley Lygon	Emily Alice Stobbart

“DORA THE EXPLORER”

This is the heart warming tale of how two local Section B studs on either side of the Trimdon hills, contributed to the breeding of a little boy's pony, who he named after the cartoon character he loves. Billie bought the mother as a young filly from his niece, Linda Wallace of the Oakville Stud for his granddaughter. He used to have trotters but has now retired. The Stewart's stud at Tursdale was next door to one of his trotting pals and Billie decided to cover the mare with their stallion, Elvet Challenger, so that his young grandson could have the foal. Dora is the result of course, and I suppose you could say that Kevin Stewart has produced her this season, as he has made her ready for the show ring and even run her when he hasn't any ponies of their own in the same class. Like a lot of ponies in County Durham, Dora and her mother live on a large allotment where pigeon lofts, chickens and even the odd goat or two, all live among the more usual plots of flowers and vegetables. That is where you will find a group of Billie's fellow retired friends on show days, eagerly waiting for Dora's return to hear how she has performed. As it happens, she has performed very well lately, taking a Reserve Championship at Sedgefield Show before her success at our own. In fact, because Kim Money's mare had already medalled at the Border Union Show, Dora will be the recipient of our Bronze Medal. Wonder what they'll make of that in the Principality!!!

TROPHIES

It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep track of the trophies that have either been donated to the Association at some point, or purchased by ourselves. We have replaced the ones that were missing prior to 2007 but that does mean we have lost all the history that went with them. To top it all, one trophy that was definitely returned on show day was the Rawcliffe Trophy. However, it was not available to give out at the end of the show and I can only assume someone was given it by mistake! If you did receive a trophy at the Summer Show, would you please look and see if it is indeed the missing one. In view of the cost of replacing trophies, we feel that if any go missing in the future, we may well have to take the decision to take it off the trophy list for that particular show.

YOUNG MEMBERS

I have been contacted by Gail Butler, our Young Ambassador Elect, to ask if any younger members would be interested in joining an email database. You would have access to all the relevant 'happenings' for people of your own age, and can contribute articles etc. I know we don't seem to have had much success at involving you all through our own Association, so perhaps this would be an even better way for you to feel part of the Welsh Pony & Cob world. It is obviously also available for parents and careers to see just what is going on nationally. If you are interested, please e mail Gail direct on gailmegan_92@hotmail.com

FOAL SHOWS IN THE AREA

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH NCPA Brenda Gray 01325 315277

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st SNWPCA Jean Redpath 01207 570793

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH NECWPCA Mags 0191 3771928

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH NPS Norma Thompson 0191 3778771

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15th Lanchester Mrs C Cliffe 0191 3734568 (to be confirmed)

FOR SALE

NEW HEAVYWEIGHT TURNOUT COMBO RUG - 5'3" - £45

NEW STABLE COMBO RUG - 5'3" (WILL FIT BROAD COB/PONY) -
£30

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