



NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY

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Dates for your diary

2nd November 2013

Judges seminar at Stanley Grange Stud, Great Ayton, Middlesbrough at 1.30pm, Guest Speaker Jenny Loriston Clarke who will speak on 'The Way of Going' – open to all.

3rd November 2013

Judges assessment at Stanley Grange Stud, Great Ayton Middlesbrough – Private event

16th November 2013

'Meet the Trustees', a number of trustees will be available to discuss your suggestions/concerns/observation in an Open Forum at Baginton Village Hall, Coventry, CV8 3AE from 7pm Free Entry – with Tea & Cakes available. Please confirm your attendance to management@nationalponysociety.com the event will also include a speaker from the BHS to talk about the 'Friends at the End' initiative and Welfare generally

20th November 2013

Closing Date for submissions to the NPS 2014 Review

14th February 2014

Area Chairmans Meeting, Stoneleigh

22nd February 2014

AGM & Judges seminar at British Racing School, Newmarket

12 – 13th April 2014

NPS Spring Festival, Addington Manor

14th April 2014

NPS Dressage Finals, Addington Manor

5th – 7th August

NPS Summer Championships, Three Counties Showground, Malvern

Dear Members,

The feed-back that I and the Council received after the show was very positive. We are already planning for next year and we will return to The Three Counties Show Ground with the dates set as Tues, 5th, Wed.6th and Thursday morning of 7th August.

The Spring Show will be at Addington on 12 – 13th April, with the NPS Dressage final on the Sunday.

An exciting development is co-operation with the BHS on training Area NPS Welfare Officers. They will receive the same training at the same time as BHS Welfare Officers at no cost to the NPS. We are very grateful to the BHS for this and hope we will be able to also offer help for them should it be needed at any time.

Something else which is proposed is that instead of serving on Council for three years only, which is proving rather disruptive, Council Members should be able to offer themselves for re-election after three years, then be able to stand for a further three years before a mandatory year off. We will be asking members to approve this at an EGM immediately before the AGM and we do hope you will see the sense of this arrangement. We are losing 5 members of Council next Spring who are doing extremely valuable work and we shall miss them. It naturally takes anyone some time to understand how things work and to fulfill their potential to contribute to the maximum. Just when they are fully conversant and able to contribute the most - they are gone!

We hope you will support this idea.

We hope you feel that we are trying to increase the way in which the NPS fulfils its charitable objectives and we are also trying to provide the Competitions you enjoy.

Joanna MacInnes

NPS SCOTLAND NEWS

This past season has proved to be a busy one for our members in Scotland. First of all with our Spring Show in April at the Scottish National Equestrian Centre, followed by the Summer Show in June at the beautiful setting of Strathallan Castle, and lastly our finals at Blair Castle International Horse Trials.



The Spring Show was a resounding success with considerably more entries than usual, mostly down to running on a later date when ponies are further forward in condition and coats.

After much deliberation the committee have decided to stick with the later date and run a two day show at SNEC on the weekend of 26/27th April 2014. The first day will be allocated to in hand and ridden classes, with the potential to run more qualifiers. The second day will be all WHP classes, with hopefully RIHS Qualifiers for flat and WHP M&M's if we are awarded them. This will be a big undertaking for the committee, but after feedback from our membership wanting more classes this is what we have come up with. Our Summer Show was again a great success, we were blessed with good weather and perfect ground conditions. The showfield at Strathallan must be one of the most attractive locations to run an event, and our southern judges remarked how impressed they were both with the high standard

of entries and our beautiful venue. Paul Brightwell, the President of the National Pony Society, very kindly attended the show and thought the standard of our Scottish ponies and in particular our riders, were exceptional.

The Finals at Blair were held in late August, and on the whole it went pretty well. We had a completely new layout with changed rings and different lorry parking. There were a few teething problems with the new set up but the new rings were well received and a great improvement on the previous ones. Also there seemed to be much more atmosphere being more in the centre of activities.

The Smith Family ran a superb stock judging and open day at their Bracklinn Stud at the end of June, which was hugely enjoyed by the considerable amount of people that attended. Tom Best very kindly judged the event and gave a very informative talk on conformation.

The show season is drawing to a close but we will look back on it as a very much better experience than last year with the monsoon conditions and the many cancellations.

Best wishes

Tweetie Nimmo

Forum / Meet the Council

On Saturday 16th November, members are invited to meet the Council at Baginton Village Hall, Near Coventry from 7pm.

The idea of the evening is allow members to talk openly with members of the council – sharing ideas and concerns, and helping to form a solid plan for the future of the NPS.

The event is a pilot, which we would hope to take to different areas of the country if it proves popular – if not, we will re-think!



The event will be free to attend, with tea/coffee and cakes available on the night.

Also speaking on the evening will be the BHS, talking about welfare issues across the country and also introducing our members to the 'Friends at the End' scheme.

If you are able to attend please let the office know either by phone or e.mail to management@nationalponysociety.com

Area Chairman's News

The area chairmen had their second meeting of the year on September 4th at Stoneleigh. The earlier than usual meeting was tabled to bring information and comment from the membership, via the all important area chairs. The feedback on the year, prior to the council meeting where decisions on the events, rules, qualifiers and so forth for 2014 are made, was invaluable.

The areas are extremely important to the NPS and the council welcomes, indeed needs useful, relevant communication from the membership. Following the reorganisation of the office, as area chairmans representative, I believe that using your own 'area chairman' as a conduit for your ideas, suggestions, plaudits or gripes is a much more useful and powerful mechanism for

communicating with council, than perhaps it has been previously.

So if you have something to say, seek out your area chairman or secretary and they can ensure that your message gets heard.

Can I also invite all members to support the area officers, help running the area events and shows is always needed and absolutely always appreciated. If you have a particular skill, trade or qualification which could be utilised please come forward' Your Area Needs You ' !

Kind Regards

Elizabeth Launder

NPS Raffle

**Nomination to Kellythorpes Sire of the Year,
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NPS/Baileys Horse Feeds and More! HOYS 2013

Suffolk's very special equine judge Gill Evans and M&M enthusiast Roger James set to judging a marathon of seven classes over two days. For the first time the New Forest breed enjoyed its own class. These ponies have tended to compete in huge numbers in their native Hampshire but few have ventured beyond however it was Northern bred ponies who made their mark! Winning the class was the bay stallion Mallards Wood St Peter introduced to ridden classes by Lucinda Craven and presented here by his owner Victoria Edwards-Sonnex who qualified her pony at Cheshire County. Mallards Wood St Peter was bred by Robert Maton and is by the legendary Peveril Peter Piper out of Mallards Wood Goddess. Yorkshire based Kate Baxter's Marleydene ponies dominated proceedings with three offspring of her mare Wayland Prima Donna filling top ten places. The Olympia bound NPS Spring Festival and dressage winner Marleydene Nashaal well ridden by Caroline Saker took the runner up spot whilst Alex Hawkins and Marleydene Shiraz stood third.

The Connemara section proved to be a battle between HOYS Champion sires! The class also witnessed history with its first bay winner. This was the season's biggest winning pony, the bright bay Chilham Aquarius, who followed in his sire HOYS Supreme Ridden Champion Castle

Comet's footsteps to take his place in the M&M Championship. Bred by Comet's owner/rider Vanessa Compton this lovely pony has been home produced throughout by the Campion family who run the Mrs Candy showing clothing stand. Northants producer Kay Marriott-Payne took second place with the consistent Haselor Cormack who is by NPS Council member Jackie Webb's dual Olympia champion Bunowen Castle Ri whilst third place went to Amy Smith's consistent Oaklands Satyricon.

NPS Dressage stars dominated the Dales and Fell section where the twelve year old grey Fell breed show winning stallion Murthwaite Windrush owned by Jenny Crane took the show by storm in his first season under saddle. This charismatic fellow cannot be missed as he has "Big Hair" and is "Persil" white in colour. Such is his charisma that since HOYS he has been produced as a cuddly toy by the Wellykim company! It takes his producer/rider three hours and plenty of purple potion to prepare him for his classes but Cheshire based Steph Wheway has enjoyed every minute. In just a handful of shows Windy has qualified for HOYS and finished his season Reserve Champion! More delight was in store as second to him was the Scottish Horse Show qualifier Dipna Damask Rose by Lowhouses Black Magic ridden by Dales Pony Society PR and Publicity Officer Anna Pennell who is another popular NPS dressage enthusiast to have enjoyed a fantastic season. Alex Bates trotted into third place with her mother's RIHS winner Townend Candyman originally produced by the Newbury based Follywood Show squad. Alex so nearly lost her pony to colic last year but he has fought back to the top of his breed.

The might of the Highland breed was recognised with a new class and the worthy winner was the home produced stallion Moss-Side McClaren bred by Mrs Ralston and then owned by NPS Scotland Eventing enthusiast Rose MacPherson who sent him to stand at the Puddledub Stud in Auchtertool in Fife. This consistent pony has provided considerable pleasure to the Buckinghamshire based Bright family qualifying for HOYS in each year of their ownership and also for Olympia. Always foot perfect the dun fellow added to his rider Bobby Bright's already impressive HOYS CV. Runner up was another stallion Strathleven Drumochter owned by Clare Fitch with the yellow ribbon going to a thrilled Lizzie Rowley aboard

Rhinns Point Domhnul Hendie who had taken the final ticket at Moreton in Marsh show.

The Welsh Section C's have grown into one of the most popular sections since they left the Section D's to trot on alone. These versatile ponies pulled the crowds. Coming out on top to start a great day for black ponies of this breed was the consistent Yrallt May Day Surprise ridden by Maggie Simons. This pony started his ridden campaign in Scotland and having stood Supreme at the Scottish Spring Show a few years back returned to his homeland and to the Simons family in South Wales. Runner up to him was Nicole Musson's Popsters Tommy Cockles who has won many titles under saddle and in-hand whilst third spot went to the Abrahall and Jordan team's well established campaigner Wyken Romeo. Whilst the C's saw long time exhibits come out on top the Section D's saw a new face hit the heights. Here the unbeaten Eldrick Rocco thrilled his huge group of supporters who had travelled to cheer him on his first trip to the NEC. The eight year old by Synod Replica is owned by Bobby Blacklock who sent him to his Burnley based jockey Beverley Neal to break and show. Fiona Cork gave owner Beth Simons even more to smile about when her seven year old dun stallion Ballynacoy Prince stood runner up ahead of Lord Stephen Woollands' Brynmeillion Del Boy by Glantreath Jack Daniels owned by the Camalsa Stud.

M&M classes took place over two days. The Small Breeds day started with a historic victory which had owner and breeder dancing down the isles! Ann Nichols and Jackie Webb's delightful Exmoor mare Blackthorn Blush Rose by Jackie's big winning and much missed Siskin became the only Exmoor ever to have won twice at HOYS! She also added to the unbeatable run of breed wins by her jockey Katy Marriott-Payne who had piloted the Olympia winner Stowbrook Jenny Wren to considerable success. Second place went to the 2012 class winner Dartmoor stallion Treworgan Sandpiper ridden by Catherine Hudson.

The Dutch bred Welsh Section A winner Broekland Allesandro by Dukeshill Magnum and imported and owned by Sussex based Rowfantina stud proprietor Mandy Burchell-Small claimed his breed title with Becky Penny who has only recently recovered from a sport threatening back injury. He was followed into second place by Pantycoed

Silver Charm who runs the Welsh hills each winter. Interestingly Silver Charm was the only mare to have qualified in 2013. This was a considerable achievement for a first season pony partnered by her First Ridden jockey Tori Thomas from South Wales who is trained by her parents and producer Debbie Thomas.

Top of the Section B's was another young jockey Lexi Trodd-Bohin riding the palomino gelding Gigmans Pizzaz bred by Sue Easton and owned by Lexi's grandmother Cynthia Trodd of the Romany River Stud. Pizzaz provided Lexi with plenty of success in First Ridden M&M classes before the

pair graduated to the Open section. Runner up was the liver chestnut stallion Moelview Chieftain by Eyarth Tomahawk owned by Richard Jones, ridden by Chloe Chubb and produced by the East Grinstead based Burchell-Small team from NPS Area 20.

The International Arena provided spectators with an awesome view of the season's finest ponies and there was as much shock shown by one mother as excitement expressed by the crowd and her Welsh chums when the Section C winner Yrallt May Day Surprise stepped forward as NPS/Baileys Supreme Ridden Champion!



Mini M&M results were to prove increasingly influential as the show progressed. Taking the Lead Rein title was the well prepared Team Harvey threesome of the palomino Welsh Section A Nynwood Fantasia, five year old Henrietta Rogers and producer/leader John Harvey! As with all truly magical combinations these three were only seen by the lucky few this summer. But as with all of the

best things it was worth waiting for and Henrietta - who concentrates so hard on watching the other competitors - was never going to disappoint. She walked into HOYS determined to win her class and win she did! The Mini championship however went to another young jockey Morgan Starkie who won the competitive First Ridden section on his trusty black Dartmoor mare Wenden Choice owned by Victoria Wharton.



These combinations and their Open counterparts were joined in the M&M Supreme Championship by the breed athletes from the WHP division. Champion here was the former Cuddy Supreme in Hand winner Waitwith West Wind owned by Sussex based Debbie Barr of the Firle Stud. West Wind has formed a strong partnership with Shetland Grand National specialist Gemma Pallett who also rides SHP's and show ponies for Team Harvey and Team Jago. The large height section winner and Reserve Champion sash went to the Connemara gelding Action Humbug ridden by Zoe Love. These ponies had stood above two top Connemara "foxes" in the form of the 133cm winner Silver Fox II who has taught so much to both Sophia Scott whilst based with Allister Hood and more recently to his present and appreciative

Kent based jockey Scarlett Worrow and the 143m winning Knockadalteen Fox piloted by Daniella Johnston. The M&M Supreme is judged as a separate class by a separate judge and the honour this time fell to Mrs Elizabeth Mansfield-Parnell breeder of top Section B's, Welsh Part bred and British Riding Ponies. Each pony performed a show before Liz pulled forward the smallest pony Nynwood Fantasia as Overall M&M Champion making sure of their place in the Pony Supreme on the final night of the show. Little was she to know that her choice would be Olympic Champion dressage team members Carl Hester and Charlotte Dujardin's HOYS 2013 Supreme Pony of the Year!

Stephanie Fitt

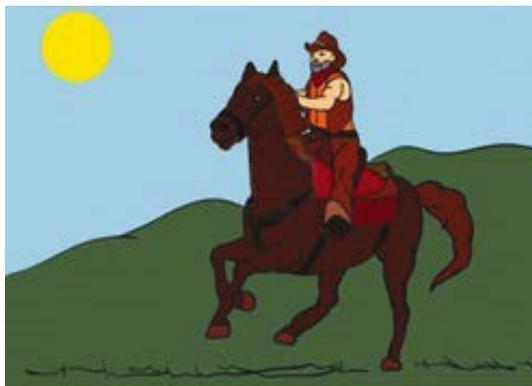
Your NPS Needs You!

We know it is several months before the 2014 AGM, but we will have a number of vacancies for council (5) so would ask members to start to think about who they would like to see join council and to encourage them to stand for election. Nomination papers will be available in the new year.



NEW CLASS AT THE SUMMER CHAMPS

Members in the 50 and over range should keep their eyes open for information about the forthcoming Veteran Riders Invitation Class to be held at the NPS champs in 2014. The class is still at the early stages of development but as it has now has a sponsor it is well under way with the planning. Riders have to be 50 before the NPS champs and must not have ridden in the ring in the last 10 years!!! Yep 10 years. If you fall into this category and would like the opportunity of taking part in the class



(no entry fee) then watch out for further information on the website or FB. The outline plan is for the judging to take place in the afternoon (preliminary) on one of the championship days and the final during the evening performance. The winning judges from the "young judges" competition will hopefully have the daunting

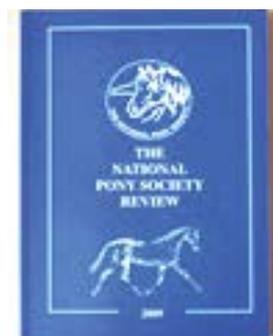
task of judging the old timers. Watch out for more detailed information when it becomes available.

NPS 2014 Review

The forms for the 2014 Review are now available on the website. Please note the closing date for submission is the **20th November**, directly to Jayne Stuart, Starlyte Stud, Bromson Hill Court, Ashorne, near Warwick, CV35 9AB.

For 2014, if you place a full page stud advert you will also receive a further complimentary page to give stud news etc... Please speak to Jayne for full details.

Your support for the review would be gratefully received and remember it has a wide coverage overseas giving ponies and stud maximum exposure.



WANTED

The NPS would be interested to hear from any member that might be able to help with pulling future newsletters together. Perhaps it is an opportunity for a 'Communications/PR/Marketing' student looking for experience as part of a gap year or course.

We are open to all ideas around presentation and format, particularly now that the majority of newsletters go out via e.mail. If you are interested and you feel you have the necessary skills to help us with this please contact Stephen Howard on 07946 873797 or by e.mail at Stephen@bostonstud.co.uk



SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

In 2013 the Spring Festival moved to Addington which has proved successful with the members. The Spring Festival will remain there for 2014 with exciting new competitions including Show Jumping on the Friday night. There will be four classes divided by height, two for Juniors and two Open, these classes are kindly sponsored by Top Spec and will include a mark for style and performance.

The Summer Championship Show will remain at Malvern for 2014, following on from the very successful 2013 Show the time tabling will be

altered with more start times.

There will be some alterations to rules and competitions for 2014 and Silver Medal Rosettes will again be presented in the ring on production of your 2014 membership card. In most competitions the rule will revert back to the first pony qualifying going no lower than third place. Also the Home Produced rules have been revised so would members please acquaint themselves with all new changes.

Jackie Webb Show/Competitions Chairman



We are considering adding a 'for sale' section to future newsletters and would be interested to hear from members whether or not they might use it. If you have any thoughts/comments please send them to Stephen Howard at Stephen@bostonstud.co.uk – if we get enough interest we will pilot it in the 'Spring News'

Members were informed in the last newsletter that we would start to email out the newsletter, unless a paper copy was requested. Hopefully you will like the new format and should you know anyone who missed the change to email and needs a paper copy please do let us know.