



**North Eastern Counties Welsh Pony & Cob  
Association**



# Autumn Newsletter

## Editor's ramblings

As another showing season comes to an end, I think we can look back on our four events with some pride and satisfaction. Being able to run a Silver Medal show was obviously the highlight of our showing calendar, even if the weather was atrocious! You have all been unstinting in your support for the Association and I hope that we have provided you with shows that were (reasonably!) well organised and a pleasure to attend. We certainly do our best, but are always more than willing to listen to complaints, comments and suggestions in order to improve our events. As far as the Young Achievers awards are concerned, I have not included the usual form as it is really too small to list the numerous achievements attained by our ever growing number of younger members! More on that subject inside. I had been fortunate to have an old friend show Prydwen for me last year but Elaine was rushed into hospital early March this year, with a life threatening infection, and it took over three months before she was fit enough to return to the ring. We had just made plans for the season ahead but they went totally out of the window, as best laid plans often do. Fortunately she has now been given the all clear and can now concentrate on getting back to full fitness. It brought it home to me, if ever I needed reminding, that this showing lark is a real team affair. Without my OH keeping the old wagon running and driving us to shows, and Elaine around to help with the actual preparation and running some of my ponies, I would be unable to compete. Although that is obviously only a minute part of my passion for our welsh ponies, it has given me the opportunity of meeting some great people and having a lot of laughs and fun along the way. The year was not without its other dramas, including having to be towed back from the NCPA Pony of the Year show! A heck of a way to save diesel and not to be recommended, but wagon, passengers and Pryd all arrived safely back home. Am just dreading the increased premium we will doubtless have to pay next year but that palls into insignificance when you think of the retrieval cost we would have had to find without breakdown cover.

Can you believe we are already nearly ten years into the new millennium? Judges are all picked for next season and show dates confirmed. We have had some new faces gracing our show rings this year and I am still amazed at the difference it has made having our own website. Not to forget the equestrian forums, which help to bring our shows to the attention of those enthusiasts who live farther afield, but are still prepared to make the trek to our venues.

# FOAL & YOUNGSTOCK SHOW – Report & results

My thanks go to Margaret Wardropper who ‘popped in’ to the office and offered her help if we needed it. That enabled me to release my granddaughter from the stewarding task I had given her so that she could man the office for me. Ruby offered to stay to the end, which meant I could get away in time for my evening job!

Even with an extra Judge, we still started the ridden classes much later than I had anticipated and so we are going to investigate the possibility of having a separate Ridden Show next year. We would also run Working Hunter qualifiers at the same show, leaving our ‘normal’ Foal & Youngstock event to be ‘in hand’ only. With the considerable increase in entries, we feel that is the only way forward at a time of year when daylight is so short. Now that the main arena has been extended, we can run two rings at the same time. To allow for plaiting, we would ideally run the HPB, PBW and RPB classes in one ring, followed by the Section B ponies, and the Section A ponies in the other. We could then have the M&M and Special classes in the second arena. As soon as the main ring became free, we would open it up for the two Cob Sections, followed by the Supreme Championships. We could also offer other classes but will give you all an opportunity to have some input at our AGM.

Our Section D entries were well up on last year and, although the Section C entries remained about the same, there was full attendance in every class. The Section A entries were just a few short of our previous Foal show, but all other classes were considerably increased. What can I say about Waitwith Golden Dream. He won both Section A Foal and Youngstock Championships, then went on to take all three Supreme Titles!!! Our Section C Youngstock Champion, Popsters Tommy Cockles, had a ten hour round drive to attend our show and will be returning the trophy she won next year she assures me! Mrs Fell brought another Brynseion Cob to repeat her success of last year. Eden Marshall took his Section B foal, Talgoed Eryr Aur, into Foal Championship spot with Sally Potter’s Whisperdale Gold Dubloon in reserve. Carl Costello ran Rangerview Radius into the Section C Foal Championship ring and took the title with his usual aplomb. Mr Rutherwood did the same with his Section D Foal Champion, Lanteu The Gambler. Always a pleasure to see the cobs running so free, especially with all the extra space now available.

If it wasn’t for the continued support of RPB/HPB enthusiasts like John & Julia Fox, Christine Duke and Anneliese Stonehouse, we would seriously have to consider if it were worth running these classes. However, their support is unfailing and even Julie Devenney had two ponies entered this year, so I guess the RPB/HPB Show will go on! We may not have the quantity of entries, but no one can deny the quality of these exquisitely turnout out ponies.

At least the ‘hairies’ have no apologies to make regarding their appearance. Our adjudicator was most impressed with one particular foal who took the Foal and Youngstock M&M Championships. Mrs Walker’s Rackwood Annie certainly took her eye. The Manorian Dales stud took Reserve Youngstock Champion with Manorian Melanite, who has had a very successful season this year. The Roberts and Fairclough partnership took Reserve Foal Champion with their Shetland pony, Brandubh of Langley.

In the ridden classes, Anna Tuer took both the Mini and overall Supreme Ridden Championship with Joshua Walker Reserve Mini Champion and Rebecca Rawlinson Reserve Supreme. Both Joshua and Anna rode Uppacott ponies which is not the first time the same stud has featured in the Championships

Our full list of worthy champions and reserves are as follows:

Section A Champion Foal	Mrs G Farrow – Waitwith Golden Dream
Reserve Foal	Mrs S Prior – Waitwith Wind Dance
Section A Y/S Champion	Mrs G Farrow – Waitwith Golden Dream
Reserve	Mrs L Hampson – Penjrefelin Playmate
Section B Champion Foal	Eden Marshall – Talgoed Eryr Aur
Reserve Foal	Mrs S Potter – Whisperdale Gold Dubloon

Section B Y/S Champion	Mrs M Randall – Llandar Prydwen
Reserve	D A Wilson – Hilin Osprey
Section C Champion Foal	Costello Family – Rangerview Radius
Reserve Foal	S & A Walker – Popsters Mi-Amore
Section C Y/S Champion	Miss N Musson – Popsters Tommy Cockles
Reserve	S & A Walker – Cyntaf Destiny
Section D Champion Foal	Mr K Rutherwood – Lanteu The Gambler
Reserve Foal	Suzie Bennett – Nunthorpe Yorkshire Rose
Section D Y/S Champion	Mrs C Fell – Brynseion Bendigo
Reserve	J K Robson – Gwenside Bodecea
Champion Welsh Foal	Mrs G Farrow – Waitwith Golden Dream
Reserve	Costello Family – Rangerview Radius
Supreme Champion Foal	Mrs G Farrow – Waitwith Golden Dream
Reserve	Mrs C Duke – Greenbarrow Prince of Thieves
Supreme Champion Welsh Y/Stock	Mrs G Farrow – Waitwith Golden Dream
Reserve	Mrs C Fell – Brynseion Bendigo
RPB Champion Foal	Mrs C Duke – Greenbarrow Prince of Thieves
Reserve	Julie Devenney – Julmar Diamond
RPB Champion Y/Stock	Mrs C Duke – Greenbarrow Prince of Thieves
Reserve	Julie Devenney – Julmar Charisma
HPB Champion Foal	Mrs M Randall – Llandar Mimosa Sunset
Reserve	Samantha Wallace – Oakville Paris
HPB Champion Y/Stock	Samantha Wallace – Oakville Touch of Class
Reserve	Mrs M Randall – Llandar Mimosa Sunset
Welsh PB Champion	Mrs C Duke – Greenbarrow Prince of Thieves
Reserve	Anneliese Stonehouse – Charters Meade Gypsy Mai
M & M Champion Foal	Mrs E A Walker – Rackwood Annie
Reserve	S Roberts & J Fairclough – Brandubh of Langley
M & M Champion Y/Stock	Mrs E A Walker – Rackwood Annie
Reserve	Mr & Mrs I Thompson – Manorian Melanite
Mini Ridden Champion	Anna Tuer – Upacott Chassagne
Reserve	Joshua Walker – Upacott Cote Rotie
Supreme Ridden Champion	Anna Tuer – Upacott Chassagne
Reserve	Rebecca Rawlinson – Clarmount Star

# FAYRE OAKES SALES REPORTS

One of the benefits of selling at the sales is that a copy of the catalogue is sent to you as part of the entry fee, so I had mine quite early. Had no intention of buying, of course, but I still marked off every palomino in the book, regardless of age or sex! Just 'cause that is part of the whole FO experience. Travelled down in style with the Hepple family and took Sophie to her luxurious stable on the Friday to await Sunday's sale. Managed to inspect some palomino entries as they also arrived early but decided they would be too rich for my blood and anyway, I wasn't buying was I??? Did like one of the Telynau babies in particular but suspected it would go for a lot of money. (Which it did) By the time the pens were full on Saturday, I had dragged Karen round to just have a look at one or two I had earmarked as possible residents at the Llandar Stud. But I wasn't buying of course, just looking. One mare did go through the ring way over my 'limit' but I had another cream filly to see, that was due in later that morning. When we arrived at the pen, she was hiding behind a chestnut filly so we asked to see her run out. Totally unshown, she was reluctant to move well, but I decided that she was just overwhelmed by it all and I would have to bid for her. Even with the auctioneer trying to persuade the under bidder to increase his offer, I did purchase Honey for the exact amount I had set myself! So she was destined to come home with me wasn't she??? She is now part of the Llandar herd and will be making her showing debut early next year. Sophie was sold to a Danish family and has now settled down with their other sale purchases and home ponies. As I expected from such a laid back mare, she took the whole Fayre Oaks experience in her stride and was totally unstressed by the whole event. So a happy outcome for all concerned, but I promised my OH I will stay home next year. Right!!!

## *Committee Members & A.G.M. etc.*

*Our A.G.M. will be held at Sedgefield Village Hall on Saturday 27th February 2010. If you wish to have specific issues discussed, please submit them in writing by the 7<sup>th</sup> February so that they can be added to the Agenda. I have included all the necessary paperwork for the AGM.*

## YOUNGSTOCK SHOW – IMPORTANT CHANGES!!!

This will be held on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2010** and will incorporate some changes. The main alteration will be to the ridden classes, which will take place in one of the outdoor rings after the M&M in hand classes, probably starting at 10.30am which will give plenty of time for the first classes to warm up. The other outdoor ring will have the two Cob sections, starting at 9am, but will be available for the ridden folk when those have been completed. Obviously that is very much contingent on the weather, but our April Show has been kind to us in the past so we are hoping, and praying, that pattern will continue. More details on Plan B, should it be needed, later! In addition, we have included three P(UK) Dalkeith Young Riders Qualifying classes. We will also run RPB & HPB Classes, so will split the main arena in half for the two pony sections, then open it up for the Supreme Championships. RPB etc. will be in the main ring before the Section B ponies. Ring 2 will be used as a collecting ring for in hand classes. All in hand rings to commence at our usual time of 9am. This will also be the first of two Equifest Qualifying Shows for their Summer Championships. Just a note to confirm that this event will revert back to the first SATURDAY in April from 2011.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

My roving reporter has just rang to tell me all about our festive fling last night! Apparently Coxhoe Working Men's Club really rocked and to say, 'a good time was had by one and all' was a gross understatement. Many of our newest members came all the way down from the nithering heights of Northumberland to join in the fun and brought a positive plethora of raffle prizes with them to boot. In fact so many were donated by our generous members and friends that a larger table had to be hastily provided to house them all. Kathryne had organised games for the children early in the evening and the DJ was great and really threw

himself into the proceedings and made sure every table went home with a prize. The food was a veritable feast and my RR confessed to the fact that she and her OH had consumed twenty profiteroles between them, just to prevent them being wasted of course! No one was allowed to avoid the dance floor and I do believe Santa's double was spotted boogying down to 'Dancing Queen'. Kathryne and Jane did a fantastic job organising the event and we will most definitely be repeating it again next year. Thanks to Rowland for providing the venue free of charge and to everyone who made the party such a raving success. It was a great way to celebrate the end of the showing season with like minded, and totally mad, friends and family.