

NESHPES NEWS

March 2007



On behalf of the committee I would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who came along to the AGM - especially to all the **new members!!** For a committee it was a fantastic sight to see and gives us great **enthusiasm** for what we are doing and the way forward for the club.

In this newsletter I hope to give you a feel for what we are hoping the club will tackle this year and allow you to plan your summer! We are still in the process of confirming a couple of dates and venues but if you are interested in any of the events we are hoping to hold **PLEASE contact Susie** and I will keep you up to date - on email or the phone - so nobody misses out!!

Please also remember to fill out the membership form included if you have not already rejoined.

Included with the newsletter you will also find a **score sheet pack** for 2006/2007. This allows you to take part in our annual competition which aims **to encourage the promotion of the Highland breed** throughout the North-east, across the disciplines.

If you have never submitted points before please take a minute to have a look at the pack and if you have any questions please feel free to **contact Karen**. Last year we were pleased to welcome new members to the scheme and saw some new names on the trophies. So no matter how many shows/competitions you go to, submit you sheets at the end of the year - you might even leave the dinner with a rosette or trophy or two!!

As you know we purchased a **load lugger** towards the end of last year to act as storage/transportation and a self sufficient show unit. Following this we have applied for a **lottery grant** to assist the club with kitting out the trailer and adding to our resources in terms of jumps/dressage arena etc. We should have an answer by **Friday 13 April** - would you believe it - so please keep your fingers crossed for the club and we will give you any news in the next newsletter!

In light of it being the club's **25th anniversary**, Karen has kindly trawled through all the club records to create a potted history of the club. Unfortunately the records for the club between **1989 and 1994** appear to have gone missing. In particular we are missing committee information for **1992 and 1993**. If any member has any NESHPE files/information from that time could they please get in touch to allow Karen to complete the document. Or if you have any knowledge of the committee from that time please do get in touch!! We are hoping someone may have a forgotten box of information in their loft!!!

Phew that was a fair babble and only room for a wee picture!!! Sorry about that - promise not to babble on again! As you will see it is an exciting time for the club and one we hope you will enjoy and support! From this I am sure the club will continue to grow and diversify as it deserves to!

Unfortunately due to all my babblings I have totally run out of space to introduce the committee so you can look forward to seeing our lovely faces in the next edition!

As ever, if you have any contributions for the newsletter, any ideas for events or any feedback in general please feel free to get in touch.

Dates for your diary 2007

19 April - Quiz night - The Newmachar Hotel, Newmachar. 7 for 7.30 sharp start!!!

This popular annual event is fast approaching again! We look forward to welcoming members, friends and family along to catch up and have a lot of fun along the way.

Teams with a maximum of 5 are invited - £5 per team. Stovies are available at £4 per head for those of us rushing from work!

Please contact Susie to register your team and book your stovies by 13th April.

If you don't have a team, don't worry - come along and I am sure we will find you a friendly team to join.

20 May - Working Hunter clinic - venue and trainer tbc

Following discussion at the AGM, the committee are keen to run this event. If you are interested in this day please register your interest with Susie - details will be available asap. Venue depending - this day may also include a chance to tackle some xc fences.

10 June - Possible day at Perth Races or a distillery visit (date tbc)

The possibility of resurrecting this trip was discussed at the AGM. It is felt by the committee that the expense of running this trip may be the main down fall. The bus will cost around £16-£18 per head if full, entry for the course is £15 - excluding a picnic lunch (individuals to supply) and stopping for dinner on the journey home. **To run this trip we need a minimum of 30 people! If you would like to attended this day Susie needs numbers by 5 April to allow the committee to determine whether the trip is feasible.**

Alternative idea!!!!

If it is the case that the cost of the Perth races is out of many's reach (especially being so close to the major shopping trip that is the Highland Show!!!!) the committee thought that ***a trip to a distillery in the north of the area may be an interesting alternative.***

If you are interested in either of these trips please contact the committee **ASAP** to allow the trips to be planned and members to be told well in advance.

16 June - Annual BBQ - East Tifty Stud, Fyvie.

The BBQ moves to a new venue this year, kindly hosted by Martyn Adams. This is a great opportunity to get together and swap stories, while enjoying some great food and a wee tippie!

26 August - Aberdeen Highland Pony Show - Duthie Park, Aberdeen

See following report for details.

16 September - Fun Day - Stablesbrae Livery Yard, Durriss

This year the Fun Day is returning to its "traditional" format. The day will include fun games for both horse and dog, a BBQ/picnic and the chance to have a ride round nearby forestry at your own pace (no roadwork).

23 November - Annual Awards Dinner - Alford Golf Club

Following a fantastic night and the stunning food served the club will be returning to Alford for its 25th anniversary dinner.

During the AGM members requested a long distance ride/beach ride etc. If anyone has any ideas for a venue or would like to host a ride along these lines please get in touch with the committee.



Aberdeen Highland Pony Show

Duthie Park, Aberdeen is once again the venue for the North East's most prestigious show of Highland Ponies on Sunday 26 August 2007 from 9am onwards.

This year we have a new class for ridden veteran ponies aged 16 and over, for which Mairi Page has kindly donated a trophy. In addition the age for the veteran in hand, has also been reduced to age 16 and over.

After a false start, due to an oversight by our original in hand judge (who had also accepted to judge Keith Show the week before), we now have all of our judges in place, being:

In Hand	Gilean Docherty
Ridden	Hamish Cameron
Dressage	Marguerite Osborne
Specials	Hugh Duncan
Fancy Dress	Liz McCombie
Working Harness	Iain McCulloch



The entry schedule will be posted out early June to those who have competed in the last two years and will also be available to download from the web-site.

As always I am on the scrounge for as many helpers as possible, so if you can spare a couple of hours to help steward etc. on the day, let me know.

This is potentially our last year at Duthie Park, as the Flower Show will be held in Hazlehead Park this year, so we may also be on the move there next year, however this may mean that we will be able to hold jumping and working hunter classes as well.

There have been several restrictions on the use of the Park imposed on us by the Council, the most important of which involves the movement of vehicles within the Show area. All vehicles must be parked before 9.30 and the main gates will then be closed until 2.30pm, there is to be no parking on the show area for visitor's cars – these must be parked in the normal park car parks.

Finally as those of you who were at the AGM will know, we are presently awaiting the outcome of a Lottery Grant application to buy Jumpkins, a new Dressage Arena and to fit out our new Event Trailer. If our application is unsuccessful the Show will be making these purchases on behalf of the Club, the total cost being in the region of £3,000 so this year we will be making a special appeal for as much sponsorship as possible.

If you know of any business/individual who would like to help, sponsorship packages are now available and forms with the full details can be obtained from me at;

Karen Stewart - Stablesbrae, Durris, Banchory, AB31 6DS, 01330 811802 or stablesbrae@btinternet.com



Donnie's Naughty Corner

Weel, my human sent me to sit here a while, she says I'm a wee monster, so I thocht I'd write my NESHPEs pals a wee note.

Ah'm nearly 9 months old now, and turning into an affa' handsome lad if I say so myself. Much bonnier than they 2 big scrawny lads in the field next door. They are such jessies they have to wear RUGS when the weather is bad – imagine! I've nivver played with them yet, but we do spik over the fence. Wan of them is rite boring, like an auld mannie, but the ither een seems like a good laugh. I tried to play with them before Christmas, ah jist wriggled through the fence, but my human spotted me at it and put me back in with my Mum – BORING. After that, the human said she was pitting the lectric fence back on. I don't know whit she did, but the wire gie's me an affa dunt on the nose every time I touch it, so I'll no be doing that again.

Ye'll nivver guess what they got me for Christmas? Aye, a Big Sister! She's called Fay, and thinks she's nearly as bonny as me with her boring lang straight black hair. Huh! Mine's is much better, all stripy and curly and sticky up a' ower the place. Fay plays with me sometimes, but doesn't like ma favourite game. I call it wheelies – I bite her back legs, and she wheelies round and tries to bite mine. Great fun! I am much faster than her and can play it all day, but she gets bored after about an hour. I also like to play jumpies where I jump on her, and she walks round the field till I fall off. Fay says she disna like it and I should leave her be, but ah ken fine she's no wanting the lanky boys over the fence to see her playing wi' me in case they think she disna fancy them. Whit a showoff! Oh, and I play bities too, specially wi' the humans, they're rubbish at biting back.

Onywey, the human has been calling me a naughty monkey (and some other words I dinna understand) and making funny screeching noises when she sees me playing jumpies wi Fay. She says she's getting me castrated soon. I've no idea fit that means, but I'll let ye ken next time I'm sent here.

Bye the noo!

Donnie



Merchandise

We currently have a number of items in stock including Rugby Shirts and Polo Shirts

Rugby Shirts - £20 plus pp

Polo Shirts - £14 plus pp

We also have 2007 year planners still available for £2.50

As requested we are looking into having NESHPEs body warmers!!!

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Show dates for summer 2007

This is by no means a complete list of activities throughout the area - to do that we would need a newsletter the size of the Press and Journal!!

19 May - Strathbogie Farmers Show

27 May - New Aberdour

9 June - NPS Summer

10 June - BSPS Scottish

9-10 June - Angus

14-17 June - Burgie

16 June - Alyth

17 June - SDRS Annual Show

21 June - HPS AGM

21 -24 June - RHS

1 July - NERC Aberdeen Horse Show

7 July - Fettercairn

8 July - HPS Breed Show

14 July - Echt

15 July - Findon RC

21 July - New Deer

28 July - Nairn/ Braco/ Banchory

29 July - Ythan RC

1-2 Aug - Black Isle

3-4 Aug - Perth

5 Aug - BSPS

5-6 Aug - Turriff

10-11 Aug - Scottish Horse

11 Aug - Tarland

12-13 Aug - Keith

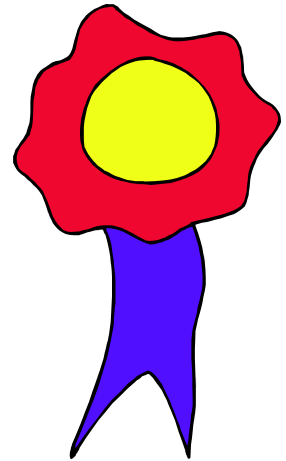
23-26 Aug - Blair Atholl

24 Aug - NPS Finals

26 Aug - Scottish Driving Championships

1 Sept - Findon RC Showing Show/ LRC Showing Show

2 Sept - Central Scotland Highland Pony Club Show



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