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NESHPES NEWS



As you are sitting reading this I hope you have had a lovely Christmas with family and friends and are getting a chance to unwind a bit before 2009 is in full swing.

The committee has been reflecting on what has been a encouraging year for NESHPES. The year saw us take on a new show, hold a new social event and look towards offering a far greater range of events to service our diverse membership. I do hope you share the same enthusiasm for what we have offered. If you have anything you would like to communicate to the committee the details of the 2009 AGM are below. Remember, this is your club, and the committee is in place to do what they can for the membership. Please do come along and show your support, and if anyone would like to have a go at being on the committee please get in touch with me and we can have a chat about what is involved.

The NESHPES 2009 calendar is selling very well, and is something the committee are very proud of! If you would like to purchase the month-to-page calendar, priced at £5 including p&p please contact Susie. They will also be available at the AGM.

All proceeds go to club funds and the calendar features many of our photo competition entries. All I'm going to say is that 'Miss November' is sure to keep the mice away!

Also include in this newsletter are the results of the 2008 awards, a look at what is coming up in 2009 and a lovely story for one of our newer members!

On that note, on behalf of the committee, I would like to wish our members, families and friends all the very best for 2009! Here's to a prosperous year, a lovely summer and health to us all!

2009 NESHPES AGM
Thursday 22 January 2008
The Ardennan House Hotel
Inverurie
7 for 7.30pm start

It's that time of year again!

Come along, catch up with friends, put your ideas to the committee, and put names to faces.

You might even be contemplating having a go at being a committee member!

If you are intending to come along please let a committee member know.

2008 annual NESHPE awards

Following a great deal of snow, a chauffeur ending up in hospital and the drafting in of parents (complete with tow rope and shovels!) at the last moment, the dinner went ahead on Saturday 22 November at The Red Star Inn, Kirkton of Skene. Many thanks to everyone who made the effort to trek out on what was a less than pleasant night. Fortunately, someone was looking after us for once, and the snow held off until the early hours of Sunday and everyone got home safe and well.

I think everyone would agree that the meal was fit for the hungriest of arctic adventurers, and the Inn was the perfect setting on such a wintery evening.

The results of the 2008 NESHPE awards are below, and again I would like to thank everyone for making the effort for submitting their point sheets, and Karen for taking the time to turn all the points into prizes!

CLASHMACH SHIELD – member never to have submitted points before or never to have been placed in the awards. In-Hand points with individual pony

1st – Carol Ogilvie – Murraypark Strathbrodick

2nd – Mairi Page – Lochlands Silver Chime

3rd – Mairi Page – Ella of Craignethery

4th – Lindsay Gunn – Ceit of Gersa

5th – Mairi Page – Thea of Sherrifmuir

6th – Lindsay Gunn - Angus of Gersa

WHITEHALL TROPHY – most points in show jumping classes with an individual pony

1st – Angela Cresdee – Falcon of Forglen

2nd – The More Family – Wrestlaw Robbie

3rd – Lindsay Gunn – Ceit of Gersa

4th – Lindsay Gunn – Angus of Gersa

5th – Jenna Robson - Fraser of Folla

NESHPE ENDURANCE CUP – most points at endurance events

1st – Heather Duncan - McDonald of Wynford

THE BAKER TROPHY – most points throughout the year with a part bred Highland pony.

1st - Emma King - Brideswell Aros

2nd – Roger Searle – Forrest Hunter

THE STEWART ROSEBOWL – most points with an individual driven Highland pony throughout the year.

1st – Martha Dalgarno - Dalmunzie Baurley-Brea

THE SINCLAIR TROPHY – junior member, under the age of 18, most points throughout the North east during the year.

1st – Sarah More with Wrestlaw Robbie

2nd – Rachel More with Wrestlaw Robbie

CALLICH BHAN TROPHY – awarded by the committee to an individual for outstanding achievement or contribution to the club.

Hugh Duncan

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THE MCNAIR PLATE – most points with an individual pony in all performance awards.

- 1st – Angela Cresdee – Falcon of Forglen
- 2nd – The More Family – Wrestlaw Robbie
- 3rd – Carol Ogilvie – Murraypark Strathbrodick
- 4th – Lindsay Gunn – Angus of Gersa
- 5th – Lindsay Gunn – Ceit of Gersa
- 6th – Heather Duncan – Bain of Denmill

THE DENMILL TANKARD - most points with an individual pony in In-Hand events.

- 1st – K and R Stewart – West Lodge Alby
- 2nd – Lynne McDonald – Morven of Coynach
- 3rd – Lynne McDonald – Prince William of Coynach
- 4th – K and R Stewart – West Lodge Annie
- 5th equal – Helen Gauld – Cairntacks-Breagha May
- 5th equal – Lynne McDonald – April Mist of Coynach
- 6th – Kirsten Binnie – Glen Bruar Beinn Lasgarnach

THE MCKENZIE CUP – to be won by the exhibitor accumulating the most points with an individual pony in in-hand youngstock classes – 3 years and under

- 1st – K and R Stewart – West Lodge Alby
- 2nd – Lynne McDonald – Morven of Coynach
- 3rd - Lynne McDonald – Prince William of Coynach
- 4th equal - Helen Gauld – Cairntacks-Breagha May
- 4th equal – Lynne McDonald – April Mist of Coynach
- 5th – Kirsten Binnie – Glen Bruar Beinn Lasgarnach
- 6th – Lynne McDonald - Xander Billy of Coynach

THE DONALD GUNN MEMORIAL TROPHY - the most points In-Hand with an individual pony at the specified shows: Spring show, Fettercarin, Echt, New Deer, Banchory, Turriff, Keith, Tarland and Aberdeen Highland Pony Show

- 1st – K and R Stewart – West Lodge Alby
- 2nd equal – Lynne McDonald - Morven of Coynach
- 2nd equal – K and R Stewart – West Lodge Annie
- 3rd – Lynne McDonald – Prince William of Coynach
- 4th - Lynne McDonald – April Mist of Coynach
- 5th – Lynne McDonald - Xander Billy of Coynach
- 6th – Lynne McDonald - July Mist of Coynach

THE WHITEHEAD CUP – the most points at eligible events in the North East throughout the year.

- 1st – Lynne McDonald
- 2nd – K and R Stewart
- 3rd – Angela Cresdee
- 4th – Lindsay Gunn
- 5th – The More Family
- 6th – Carol Ogilvie

Well done to everyone for their hard work and commitment throughout 2008!

Highland Pony Society Stock Judging Competition

For those of you who are members of the Highland Pony Society, you will have read recent news that the Society is hoping to set up a Highland pony stock judging competition during the 2009 Royal Highland Show.

As an affiliated Club the committee would like to encourage members to consider having a go at this new event and being part of "Team NESHPEs"!

If we have sufficient numbers to create teams, training sessions would be organised by the Club prior to the event - providing guidelines on stock judging competitions and the Highland pony breed standard.

More information and further discussion about the event will take place at the NESHPEs AGM.

If you will not be attending the AGM, but would like to find out more about the stock judging competition please contact me ASAP.



2009 NESHPEs Dates

19 April 2009 - NESHPEs Performance Show
Fountain Equestrian Centre, Dyce

23 August 2009 - Aberdeen Highland Pony Show
Duthie Park, Aberdeen



From Lossiemouth to Strathearn

Lindsay Gunn, Emma Johnston and full brother and sister Angus and Ceit of Gersa (by Colin of Whitefield) travelled down from RAF Lossiemouth Saddle Club to compete at the Central Highland Pony Club One Day Event in September at Strathearn Eventing.

This was the first time these new NESHPEs members and ponies had competed in the One Day Event and they thoroughly enjoyed the day. Lindsay said: "There were a variety of standards of pony and competitors taking part but everyone enjoyed the day and it was great to see so many highland ponies having fun.

"Emma and Ceit of Gersa did very well to finish 6th individually in the show jumping and together with myself and Angus were 3rd as part of the team 'Gaelic Gallopers'.

"We are both planning to take part again in 2009 and would love to hear from any NESHPEs members who would be interested in making up a team with us."



Ceit and Angus in action at Strathearn Eventing.



Aye aye a'body, me here again!

I have actually been a mostly good boy lately – the wifie said I wouldn't get a Christmas present from Santa if I didn't behave, so I have been as good as gold, and hope he brings me something fine like a bale of hay or a big bag of carrots all to myself.

Talking o' food, the 4 of us have all been starving recently. There is jist nae grass in the field, though we have been getting a wee sup o' hay. Ken this, the wifie only gives us one round bale a week! Is that nae cruelty? We're a' that starving we eat it in 4 days. The wifie says we're all obese at the moment and she's been laughing at me 'cos she says I've taken a funny spurt and my back end and belly look like Mither's, while my front end hasnae grown in 6 months. I think she wis feeling sorry for us so she's gie'd us a tiny wee bit o' the next paddock, with 'lectric tape keeping us oot o the big bit. Every couple o weeks she gives us a bittie mair and we are daein an affa good job o eating up the grass. Well, one night we hid nae hay left and it wis snowing and we wis a' jist STARVING so she decided tae give us an extra bit o' the paddock. Typical wifie just disna think things through – white ground, white tape, dark night and none o us ponies have head torches, do we? So dafty Fay blunders through the tape and gets stuck over the other side with a whole half paddock full of grass all to herself! Me and Mither and Unty Oulie were all trying to get through too and the wifie is standing there holding a pathetic wee bit o tape snivelling 'o god the field gets wider, I canna tie the tape up to the fence here it's no long enough I'm going to have to unravel some of these blumming knots and my fingers are so cold and frozey I can barely move them and I can't let go or the rest'll get through and there's no sign of Ian and I hate ponies and I hate winter' I was having a rite good fun caper in the snow and pretending to be Fay 'Oooh, scarey 'lectric tape, I'm all feart of the scary 'lectric tape, keep it away from me, I'm a big jessie girly'. Every time the wifie tried to get Fay oot I wis trying to barge through too and get at all that fine grass. I tell ye', I wis near hysterical wi' laughter till the wifie went into scary mode: 'RIGHT! You Donnie, out the way, NOW!', and ran at me flapping her jaicket which I dinna really like. So I reluctantly got oot her way and she sneaked round the back o' Fay with the tape and Fay shot back through wi' us and that was all the fun over. Just before she left the field, the wifie turns to me and says, 'I know it's nearly Christmas but I am sorely tempted to deck your halls matey, and it won't be with boughs of holly'. So I bit a hole in her jaicket and I think we're pals again.

Merry Christmas A'body, see you in the New Year!!

Donnie.



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