

September 2008

NESHPE NEWS

Firstly I would like to thank everyone – from committee members, friends, family, competitors and spectators – for playing their part in yet another extremely successful **Aberdeen Highland Pony Show** at Duthie Park! The show continues to evolve and grow and the new NESHPE Championship class is testament to this. The show had a fantastic turnout of ponies and handlers from Orkney to the Borders with all the classes well supported. Thank you to the individuals and companies who continue to sponsor the show, without you it wouldn't be possible!

Well done one and all and huge thanks to Karen Stewart for her continuing hard work as secretary! Hey, we even managed to get a great day of sunshine!!

Recently we held a **social night** – which I think everyone agreed was a fantastic success. Following this we are fast approaching our next get together which is detailed below. Please do let us know if you are coming along so we can ensure we cater accordingly.

Then, I can hardly believe we are looking towards the closing date for the **photo competition** and the **annual performance awards** - get in touch if you have misplaced any forms. Where has 2008 gone!

The 2009 NESHPE calendar will be launched at the awards dinner. If you would like to pre-order one please do get in touch.

Finally, I would like to welcome those receiving their first NESHPE newsletter to the club. On behalf of the committee I hope you enjoy being part of our wee club!

Driving - from breaking to showing

SATURDAY, 4TH OCTOBER 2008

Arbroath, 11am start

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Audrey Barron, HPS past president and numerous winner across driving disciplines throughout Britain, will lead a demonstration on everything you need to know about driving at every stage.

The day will start in the comfort of the indoor school with ponies being put through their paces. Members will see everything from lunging, long reining, pulling a tyre to fitting a driving harness, putting the pony into carriage and finally

People will then get the chance to tour the Kincardine ponies!

A light lunch of soup and sandwiches will be provided.

We are extremely privileged that Audrey has agreed to give up her time and welcome us to her yard and allow us to view her ponies. Please come along to what is a rare opportunity and one which we are extremely grateful to Audrey for allowing us to do.

Members, family and interested friends are more than welcome to this event.

Members - £3, members guest - £4

Please contact the committee to book your place.

SOCIAL NIGHT

Around 20 people gathered at the St Andrews Hall, Inverurie on Friday, 12 September for a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

Thanks to Karen Stewart, we were treated to a very interesting cheese and wine tasting - with a bit of a challenge along the way! I wouldn't say it was a high scoring night!!

After a great deal of debating and tasting we all tucked in to some lovely sandwiches - provided by "The Fly Cup" - some refreshing tea and coffee and polished off the samples!

Once we were all refreshed and raffles had been bought, everyone took their seats for a beetle drive.

Thanks very much to everyone who came along - we might look at holding the evening again in 2009 to give everyone a chance to sample some lovely Scottish produce!

Annual Awards Dinner

Saturday, 22nd November 2008

The Red Star Inn, Kirkton of Skene
7 for 7.30pm

3 course festive meal and welcome drink
£15 per person

Please note the dinner is taking place on a SATURDAY!

Tickets from Susie - final numbers MUST be with Susie by Sat 15th November



WANTED TO BUY!

Nice 3-4 year old gelding preferably unbroken.
Must be show quality and a prospect for 2009.
5 star experienced home awaits the right pony.
Please contact Helen on 01358 743108 or email helen.gauld@hotmail.co.uk

Following the Aberdeen Highland Pony Show, NESHPEs was asked to supply a "Queen Victoria and John Brown" for Duthie Park's 125th anniversary celebrations. Duncan McArdle, Chris Pollock and Marnonwells Stroma certainly looked the part. Thank you very much to them all for their help!

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