

May 2009

# NESHPES NEWS



The first half of 2009 has proved to be a very interesting and promising start for NESHPE and many of our members.

We already have a successful quiz night and a fantastic performance show under our belts, as well as organising a couple of teams for the Highland Pony Society's stock judging competition at the Royal Highland Show. If you are about on the Friday afternoon (and still have the energy!!) please stop by and support team NESHPE!

The next date in our diary is detailed below, and we hope to see lots of you taking advantage of this kind invitation from Sue Knowles and her family. Remember it is important that you register your interest so that we can get in touch should there be any changes to the day.

We are already looking to the Aberdeen Highland Pony Show and hope to fit in a social BBQ and a demonstration/information day before we stare winter in the face again!

If you have any suggestions or have a 'wish list' of what you would like to see the club doing please do get in touch with any of the committee.

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a warm, dry and successful summer whatever your discipline or pace!

## **NESHPE annual pleasure ride Saturday 09 May 2009**

Overhall  
By Premnay  
Insch  
AB52 6PX  
From 10.30am

We are very lucky to have a fantastic venue for this years ride, by kind permission of Sue Knowles.

This off road ride is suitable for all levels and abilities and will be split into groups if need be.  
Non highland companions most welcome!

Ride to last around 2 hours.

Please bring picnic lunch to eat on return.

Contact the secretary to register your interest and get further directions.

## **Quiz Night review 27 March 2009**

For those of you who didn't make it along to our quiz night I can certainly say you missed a fantastic night - but then again my team did win!

Alan, our independent quiz master, did a fantastic job of testing our brains and our friendships throughout the night with a diverse range of questions - from a round of dingbats to sport and general knowledge (wish I had watched dancing on ice more closely now!!).

Nine teams of members, friends and family joined us for the evening, making the most of some much needed refreshments along with a mountain of sandwiches and crisps.

I can certainly say that my team is looking forward to next years quiz already and I am delighted to say that Alan has agreed to put up with us all again!

Lets make next year a bumper night!

Lesley Carnegie

## NESHPEs annual spring performance show

Sunday 19 April 2009 saw the club embark on its second annual spring performance show, and who would believe that we were blessed with a cloudless sky again!

Around 60 ponies entered the show at Fountain Equestrian Centre, Dyce, ranging from seasoned in hand ponies to youngsters, dressage divas, speedy showjumpers and lofty part-breds!

From the feedback we have received, I can safely say that everyone left with a smile on their face and thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of the show - although I think some ponies didn't think the trees around the dressage arena were that friendly!

Pat Gray kindly tackled the in hand and ridden sections and was faced with some very strong classes.

The in hand championship went to Lynne McDonald with Morven of Coynach with Carol Ogilvie and Murraypark Strathbrodick taking reserve.

The ridden section was topped by Nicola McLean with Newton Cherry with Julie-Ann Davidson taking reserve with Kincardine Heather.

This combination also braved the sparkling white boards and scary trees in the dressage arena to take the champion title with Emma Johnston and Ceit of Gersa taking reserve.

Topping the working hunter section was Kate Lines with Magnus of Brathens while Emma Johnston took the red rosette in the open showjumping with Ceit of Gersa and Shonagh Lawson taking the top title in the combined training.

### Full results included with the newsletter.

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who competed, spectated, lent a hand throughout the day or just came and said thank you! You made a very tired committee very proud on the Sunday evening!

Here's to 2010!!!



### Aberdeen Highland Pony Show

Sunday 23 August 2009

Duthie Park, Aberdeen

Sponsorship information now available from Karen Stewart - schedules available from late June.

If you can help at the show please get in touch!



Remember to keep those points sheets up to date for the annual NESHPEs awards.

You don't have to be out every weekend to be in with a chance of winning a rosette or even a trophy!



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