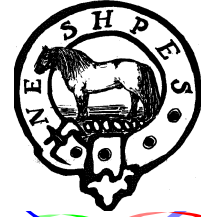




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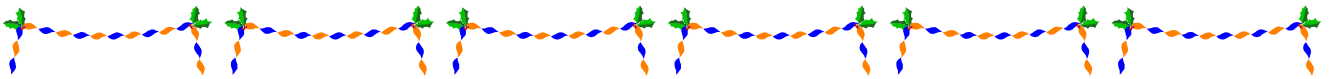
October 2007

Thank you to everyone who has support the club and its activities during what has been a rather soggy year - and none soggier than our Fun Day that's for sure!

Now we are looking towards the long winter months and moving in door - both humans and animals! Some of us will be gearing up for winter leagues on frosty mornings while others will be sorting out winter quarters for those who are being turned away to be hairy and happy for a few months. Whatever you are doing, we hope the winter is kind to you!

It is now time to think about getting your points in for the club trophies and digging out your photo albums (if anyone still has them these days!) for the photograph competition. An entry form is included with this newsletter.

Sadly, Heather Duncan has had to step down as Vice-Chairman due to family circumstances. On behalf of everyone at the club I would like to thank Heather and her husband Charlie for her devotion and time to the club and wish her all the best. In the meantime Lesley Carnegie has "agreed" to step up to acting vice chairman.



## **Annual Awards Dinner and Birthday Party!!**

**Friday 23rd November 2007**

**Alford Golf Club - 7 for 7.30pm**

**Tickets £17.50 per head including a welcome drink**

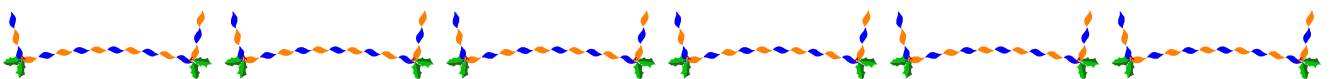
Following a fantastic night last year we are heading to the Alford Golf Club for our annual prize giving and 25th Birthday party!

The annual points results will also be announced on the night adding a bit of excitement to the evening!

Due to the popularity of the venue and the special occasion, **numbers are limited.**

**Tickets will be sold to members on a first come first served basis.**

Please contact Susie by 9th November at the very latest.



## **Scrutiny Night and Trophies**

Since we are speaking about the dinner it must be time to speak about the annual awards too!

I hope you have all been filling out your **score sheets** and are getting ready to get them into

**Karen by 4th November** to allow them to be considered for the competition.

There will also be a **scrutiny night** to allow members to view the score sheets on **Thursday 15th November** between 7.30 - 9pm at Susie's - East Brachmont, Durris. If you are hoping to go along please **contact Susie** before hand so she knows how much munchies to buy!

So if it is time for the awards then it must be time for me to pester last years winners to **return their trophies** to a committee member. Please, please do this by the **start of November.**

## The NESHPEs “not so much” Fun Day

Well what can we say about the weather, that was the torrential downpour on Sunday 16 September 2007.

Not to be deterred we started about preparing for the day setting up the course and blowing up balloons – the new club load lugger worked superbly, we just drove into the field and started unloading the club equipment, in preparation for the games.

At about the 11am start time the rain was really chucking it down, so we all stood about, under the awning, wondering if anyone would arrive – we thought that this would be highly unlikely and that the already soaked committee were all going to have run about for a while getting even wetter, then eat the tons of food from the BBQ.



However members started arriving from as far away as Keith, so we took the decision to hang around for a while to see if conditions improved – they did but only if you happen to be a duck!

After a while an executive decision was taken, on safety grounds, not to go ahead with the games, but instead all those on ponies would go for a hack in the forest, while those who had come along on foot would stay and get the hot soup and BBQ going.

After a huge lunch of soup, burgers, ribs and salads – Robin set off to take everyone on a tour of the Coulnacraig and Westlodge ponies – in 4x4's and complete with umbrellas.

Thank you to everyone who came along despite the weather, and who helped turn a potential disaster of a day into a surprisingly enjoyable one, where we all sat around enjoying a good gossip and food. Everyone went home with a wee thank you from the committee - we really did appreciate you getting out of your beds on such a dreich day!

At least we now have heaps of rosettes for next year!

### Club merchandise

We have a few rugby and polo shirts left:

1 small forest green rugby

1 small sky blue polo shirt

1 large black rugby

1 medium forest green polo shirt

1 large black and green strip rugby

We decided to give the year planner a break for a year and hope to be able to offer you all some different items in 2008!

## Aberdeen Highland Pony Show

Sunday 26 August 2007

This showcase event again proved to be a fantastic day for all involved with the show, the breed and the club - although maybe not for the club marquee!

Weren't we lucky at Duthie Park this year! The weather was kind to us for once - apart from the evil wind which saw the end of our lovely marquee! The ponies looked their best and showing conditions were first class - everyone has a part to play in making the day such a success.

Huge thanks must go to all who exhibited and those who came along to spectate. It is very gratifying to see so many people interested in the breed - without you there would be no show! Special thanks must be given to the judges, stewards, commentator, generous sponsors and those who worked behind the scenes setting up the show. There is a great deal of unseen work involved in the preparation of such a show.

Our gratitude must also be extended to Aberdeen City Council for the use of Duthie Park and to the Lord and Lady Provost who take a keen interest in the show.

Huge thanks must again go to Karen, the show secretary, for her dedication and commitment to the show.

Lets hope that the show continues to grow in popularity at this first class venue.

Hugh Duncan  
Chairman

Full results from the show are included with the newsletter.



Champion and Reserve of the ridden section at the prize giving



In-hand Champion



Ridden Champion



Reserve Champion In-hand



Best dressed handler!

