

# *Glamorgan Welsh Pony & Cob Association.*

## *Winter Newsletter – January 2008.*

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### **January Meeting**

Our first evening meeting for 2008 will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Heol yr Orsaf, Pontyclun.

Our January meeting will take the form of a quiz open to teams from our Area Association and invited teams from our neighbouring Area Associations. You may come as a team or join other members to form a team on the evening – all are welcome.

The quiz will be hosted by a celebrity quiz master with a range of topics to entertain as well as stretch those seasonally dulled brains.

There will be prizes awarded to the most successful teams.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

As well as taking this opportunity to wish all our members a happy, healthy and prosperous 2008 I would like to remind you that 2008 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Area Association's formation.

The Committee are working hard on a number of events to mark this auspicious anniversary and, as well as relying on the support of the membership, would welcome any suggestions *from* the membership on how this milestone can be celebrated.

### **Dinner & Presentation Evening**

We (those of use who can remember clearly) had a very enjoyable Christmas Dinner and Presentation Evening at the Grove Golf Club in Porthcawl in early December. We were honoured to be joined by the Society's president, Mrs. Mansfield and her husband, who, as well as being very good company, gave us an insight into the journey the Society has embarked on and the future direction in which they intend to travel.

The number of members in attendance was slightly disappointing and, mindful that a mid week date is not convenient for everyone; we have provisionally booked a date for next year. It has also been suggested that maybe a post Christmas January date may be worth considering. It would really useful to have member's feedback on date, venue and format of the evening and what needs to be done to appeal to a wider cross section of the membership.

### **2008 Journal**

The Society have been stricter than ever before with their deadlines for the 2008 Journal, as a result there seems to be a general air of confidence about being able to distribute this years Journal with the Society's January Newsletter and Council voting papers in late January.. I am not aware of any Glamorgan Association member standing for election to Council this year although one of our prominent members, Edwin

Prosser, is due for re-election. As always, I am convinced that part of the success of our Area Association is due to the prominence of our members, and consider it in all Glamorgan Area Association members best interests to maintain as much influence on Council as possible.

### **WP&CS AGM 2008**

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society will be holding its 2008 AGM at the Hilton Metropole Hotel, Birmingham NEC, Birmingham on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

It is the intention of Council to hold an EGM in the morning to ask members to consider the proposed changes to the Society's governing document.

I will canvas opinion nearer the time and try and establish if there is sufficient interest to organise a formal trip or co-ordinate car-sharing amongst Glamorgan members interested in attending.

### **Young Judges**

The Society holds an annual Young Judges competition for members aged between 12 and 18; entries are taken through the Area Associations. If there is any interest in taking part, or just finding out some more, please let me, or any of my colleagues on the Committee know.

I am certain that with our Area Association's wealth of judging experience we could impart some of that knowledge to our younger member's and generate some highly competitive entries (as well as giving our young members a head start in better understanding judges criteria in the show ring).

### **Dates for 2008**

Our meetings for 2008 will continue on February 8<sup>th</sup> when we are hoping to have a very special guest speaker from Ireland – full details will be published in the next newsletter.

Our March meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> for which we also have a highly entertaining speaker pencilled in – details will be circulated as soon as it is confirmed.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Show, for which we have applied for medal status, will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>; we are hoping to be able to secure sponsorship and a full range of attractions to make a memorable day.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> and as well as the Committee reporting back to the membership will be an opportunity for members to express their preferences for the next 25 years of our Association.

### **Membership Renewal**

Please find enclosed your annual membership renewal forms; the small number of people who have already paid or who paid in advance during the course of last year may ignore them. Those outstanding may either post their remittance or bring it to next weeks meeting – many thanks in anticipation for what must be the best value membership subscription bar none.

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