

# *Glamorgan Welsh Pony & Cob Association.*

## *Spring Newsletter – May 2009.*

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### **March Meeting**

I am certain everyone in attendance at our March meeting thoroughly enjoyed the reminiscences, recollections, views anecdotes told by Geraint Jones of the Nebo Stud to whom we are very grateful for bringing our series of Winter meetings to a close on a real high.

### **Annual General Meeting**

We will be holding our 2009 Annual General Meeting at Pontyclun Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009. All members are welcome with the Meeting followed by refreshments.

### **Young Judges**

Any Glamorgan members wishing to take part in the Young Judges Competition at Shrewsbury should, in the first instance, contact Caroline Langford (01443 224371 or 07828 155652) who, with the support of Steve Williams will be co-ordinating the training and selection of prospective competitors from our Area.

### **Spring Medal Show**

I am delighted to be able to report that this years' Spring Show held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Pencoed College attracted record entries to the extent that a number of the yearling classes had to be split. The quantity of entries in no way impacted on their quality and all of the

class and medal winners were worthy recipients.

Dukeshill Darcy (K & J Sheil) was awarded the Section "A" championship by Mrs. Jocelyn Price (Courtway) who awarded the Section "B" championship to Sianwood Amelia (J & A James). The same exhibit also won the reserve ridden championship.

Mr. Cemaes Evans (Cathedine) presented the Section "C" championship to Rangeview Rhiannon (D & D Conti) who went on to take the Supreme Championship on what was her first outing to the show ring.

He awarded the Part-Bred championship to Cupidhill Calvados (A Pritchard-Simmons).

Mr. Meurig Thomas (Cruglwyd) attracted very strong entries to the Section "D" classes he judged; his Champion was Penstrumbly Norma Jean (Prater Family) which also went on to stand Reserve In-hand Champion.

The large number of ridden entries and classes were judged by Mrs. Sue Cooke (Marl) who awarded the Mini Championship to Penllyn Plover (H & Y Davies), with the open Championship going to Haighmoor Gwenllian (J Evans) who went on to stand Reserve Supreme.

A far more comprehensive show report complete with photographs is on the WPCS web-site at

[www.wpcs.uk.com/society/glam09.html](http://www.wpcs.uk.com/society/glam09.html)  
Many thanks to all competitors, judges, stewards, sponsors and everyone else who contributed to make the Show the undoubted success that it was.

## Sales Information

The first official WPCS Sale of the year, the Spring Sale of Welsh Ponies & Cobs, will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells.

This will also be the venue for the Fayre Oaks sale of Welsh Ponies on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September (entries close 27/07/09).

The largest Official Sale of the year is the Autumn Cob Sale, at the same location, held on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October (with entries closing 13/08/09). There are also a number of unofficial sales including: Easters Court Spring Sale of Welsh Ponies and Cobs at Leominster on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (entries close 07/05/09) and Hay-on-Wye Breeders Sale on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October (entries closing 03/09/09).

## Points Award Scheme 2009

All members are entitled to one free entry in the 2009 Points Award Scheme; forms are available by request or downloadable from [www.glamorganwpca.com/pointscard2009.pdf](http://www.glamorganwpca.com/pointscard2009.pdf)

Where full details of qualifying Shows, as well as competition rules can be found.

## Stud Visit

Advance notice to members that we a provisional date of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2009 for a visit to the Attrell's Danaway Stud in Kent.

Given the relatively long distance involved we are intending to organise a coach and, depending on numbers may amalgamate with another Area Association on route.

As precise details and likely costs become available they will be circulated but we wanted to publicise the date and

hosts to members at the first opportunity.

## Judging Assessments 2009

The WPCS will be holding this years' Judging Assessments for the In Hand and Ridden Panel over a period of two days on 31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 at Hartpury College in Gloucestershire.

Application forms are available from the WPCS Office.

## Have Your Say

Members are invited to give feedback on what type of activities they would like to see their Area Association run; for example:

Where (and maybe when) would members like a Christmas Dinner and Presentation evening held?

What would encourage more members to take part in the Points Award Scheme?

Do members enjoy the Summer Supper? If so, where (and when) would they like it to be held?

Would members like more interaction with other Area Associations in the form of joint activities?

Are Stud Visits something that members enjoy? Would members like more Stud Visits and/or trips to events organised on their behalves?

What type of guest speakers do members most enjoy at our Winter Meetings?

The Committee and I are really keen to deliver what the membership wants and feel we could do with suggestions from the membership.

Hopefully this will trigger enough feedback otherwise we will try a little bit more formally by circulating a questionnaire but hope we can avoid the cost of doing so.

So, let me or any Committee Member know what you want!

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