

Glamorgan Welsh Pony & Cob Association.

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Micro-chipping Seminar

Our series of Winter Members Meetings will be supplemented by an Open Micro-chipping Seminar in late November / early December. The objective is to promote an understanding of the scope and requirements of the forthcoming legislation requiring micro-chipping of horses prior to the issuing of passports. As soon as venue and exact details become available they will be circulated.

Journal Advertisement

Any member wishing to have their details included in the Glamorgan Area Association's advert in the 2009 W.P.C.S. Journal should complete the attached form and get it back to me by the 22nd October 2008 in order that I can get the advert submitted by the deadline. For information the Society's deadline for the submission of all adverts is 24th October 2008.

Points Awards 2008

With the cancellation and postponement of so many shows this summer we have found our list shows which generate points for our Points Awards Scheme somewhat decimated. However, points gained at the relevant shows that did go ahead will still count and should be submitted to the Points Registrar no later

than 15th November 2008 with awards being made at the Christmas Dinner and Presentation Evening on Saturday 6th December 2008 at the Grove Golf Club (full details and menu choices in due course).

Foal & Yearling Show 2008

Please find enclosed a schedule for our Foal & yearling Show being held in Pencoed College on Sunday 2nd November 2008.

The college have asked us to make members aware of a number of cases of ring worm which have affected a small number of recent visitors to the college; there is no particular cause for concern but awareness and compliance with standard bio-security measures will reduce risk of infection.

If anyone has been affected, I understand, our Chairman has a patented remedy he may be prepared to share the details of.

Wales & Border Foal Show 2008

For anyone who may not be aware, the Sunday (9th November) after our show, the Wales & Border Counties Agricultural Society will be holding their Foal Show in Pencoed college.

2008/09 Meeting Dates

Our meeting dates for 2008/09 are as follows:

14th November 2008;

9th January 2009;

13th February 2009;

13th March 2009;

With our A.G.M. scheduled for 15th May 2009.

Education & Welfare Seminar 2008

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society are holding an Education & Welfare Seminar on Sunday 23rd November 2008 between 1.00 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. at Gelliaur, near Carmarthen. The Seminar, open to members and non-members, is designed to promote the welfare of equines and to pass on details of new legislation that may affect persons who own or are involved in horses and ponies. Guest speakers who are experts in their own fields will be present at the seminar.

There is a limit on the number that can be accommodated and tickets, which are free of charge, will be issued on a "first come – first served" basis.

Tickets may be ordered from Ms. Hayley Tandy at the W.P.C.S. office at Aberystwyth.

HOYS

Congratulations to Molly-Ann Rees and Team Rees/Cousins who's Treowen Rhys achieved a 6th place in the Brineton Mountain & Moorland First Ridden class at the Horse of the Year Show. The successful pairing have been prolific winners in the region and delivered the goods again at the very highest level.

Fayre Oaks Sale 2008

I suspect trade at the 55th Annual Fayre Oaks Sale would be best described as "patchy"; quality as ever sold well, mediocrity struggled a bit and the bottom end of the market was poor.

The sale-topping ridden section A gelding, Rosmarche Huckleberry, returned the vendor, Scott Arrowsmith, £11,000 which was equal to the record price transaction achieved at the 2006 Sale.

Of the 790 lots consigned, 499 (63%) sold for a total of £364,595, an average of £730.

It will be interesting to see if the forthcoming Cob Sale achieves a significantly higher average price and sale success rate or if the uncertain economic times that the media are constantly reminding us of has a negative affect on trade.

Transporter Competency Training

During the Summer recess while I had my feet up a number of members took the opportunity to undertake Transporter Competency Training. Kindly hosted by Fiona Leadbitter, the course involved a classroom session, practical training and an assessment.

My insider reports that not all the delegates were quite as focussed as possibly they could have been.

There were reportedly some pre-assessment nerves in evidence but I am delighted to be able to congratulate all the delegates who sat the test because they all passed and are now officially competent to transport their (or anyone else's) livestock on journey's of up to eight hours.

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