



WALES AND BORDER COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL AND HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2011

Dear Member,

I hope that everyone has had a successful and enjoyable show season, unfortunately St Mellons Show cancelled, but thankfully the majority of shows went ahead.

W&BCA SHOW

Our show on June 5th held at Pencoed College was well supported in most sections.

The novelty classes which were added to the schedule for the second year, again were very popular but several other sections including the hunter classes and Sec A classes had good entries.

The Supreme ridden championship was won by Lauren Wilson riding the Section D Mountain and Moorland Maes Brithdir Melody and the reserve was awarded to Lauren's younger sister Mia riding Mini Mountain and Moorland Champion Cefnllwyd Snowdrop. Well done to the Wilson family for this considerable achievement.

The Supreme in-hand championship was awarded to David Roberts leading Romany River Charade with the reserve going to Abbeyfield April Rose who had earlier won the Welsh championship.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the show, especially Ann Clemett, our Show Secretary and the team who worked so hard to make the day a success, a special thank you to our generous Sponsors, and all the people who were involved with the catering, entries, commentating, judging, stewarding and those who set up the showground beforehand and were still working long after the competitors have left. A special thanks to Wayne Isaac and team for his hard work and generosity in providing the excellent working hunter fences, it is very much appreciated.

POINTS CARDS

Please remember to send your completed points cards to our Points Registrar Caroline Langford (whose address is in the hand book or on our website) The cards should be received by the 30th of September. The cards don't have to be signed by the show secretaries, but please do make sure they are received as soon as possible, all the points on each card have to be carefully checked and verified before the list of winners is compiled in readiness for the AGM.

AGM

We have a change of venue for our AGM, it is being held at the Bethel Baptist Church Hall, Heol Miskin, Pontyclun CF72 9AJ on Wednesday 19th of October at 7.30 pm. The AGM is in the Minor Hall, followed by a social evening with refreshments to be held in the Coffee lounge. All members are most welcome to attend. Tickets for our Presentation Dinner Dance will be on sale after the meeting from Caroline Thomas.

Please remember that all trophies must be returned by the AGM, (please clean them before returning). It creates a real problem when cups are brought back on the Presentation evening. Not only does this delay proceedings but it makes added stress for Caroline Langford and helpers when trying to put the trophies in order (especially when we have to don the rubber gloves and whip out the Silvo to clean them as well !)

PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE

The Dinner Dance is being held at the Village Hotel, Cardiff on Friday 25th November. The ticket price is £26 for adults and £13 for children (14 years and under).

Please book your tickets early for this function, it is usually a really enjoyable night and so bring friends and family and dance the night away!

The Village Hotel is reserving 10 rooms at a special rate for our function, so remember to ask for the discounted rate if you want to book one.

Tickets from Caroline Thomas Tel: 07967 185985

GARETH COURTNEY

Sadly one of our Life members, Gareth Courtney, recently passed away. Gareth was a Committee member of the W&BCA for many years and was very well known on the show circuit. He was a steward at the Royal Welsh Show, past chairman and committee member for the Area 6 Side Saddle Association, and was joint secretary, with his daughter Emma Courtney-Roberts, of the Pontardulais Agricultural Show. Gareth will be greatly missed and we send our sympathies to his family.

MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENTS

Good luck to all our members who have qualified for the HOYS.

Congratulations to Ann and Tony Clemett who have two homebred First ridden ponies qualified, one still owned by themselves.

Well done to Dr Wynne Davies for the Ceulan ponies which have qualified for ridden Sec A and Mountain and moorland class.

A special mention to Anne Edwards who reached the final of Search for a Star Steward of the Year and Bethan Hooper for her success with Ceulan Canon Lan who was reserve in the Cuddy Qualifier in Royal Cornwall Show.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM, and please remember to return your trophies

Also please send any information or articles of interest you want included in the future newsletters to Caroline Thomas.

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