



WALES AND BORDER COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL AND HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2011

Dear Member,

A very Happy New Year to everyone, I really think we deserve some decent weather for the coming show season after the ice and snow we've had to endure thorough out the winter.

AGM

The AGM was held at the Village Hotel on 20th November 2010. It was wonderful to have many of our long standing members in attendance, but please remember that everyone is most welcome to attend and to put ideas forward. We would love to see some of the newer members and show secretaries at our next AGM.

There have been several changes in the Officers, Ann Clemett is President in addition to being the Show Secretary for the Summer Show and the Foal Show. Our new Chairman is Deryn Gully and Vice Chairman is Anne Edwards. Sue James is the Handbook Organiser and Caroline Thomas is now the General Secretary and organiser of Presentation Dinner Dance. Caroline Langford remains as Membership Secretary and Points Registrar and Sooraya Cooke is our Honorary Treasurer.

Our gratitude to Mary Lewis for her many years of service to the Association as Secretary and Handbook Organiser, although now retired from the committee, we were all delighted that Mary and her family were able to come to the AGM and the Dinner Dance.

Presentation Dinner Dance

Our Dinner Dance held on 26th November at the Village Hotel was very nearly a casualty of the ice and snow. A steady snow fall which began in the morning caused havoc on the roads, with traffic accidents bringing many of the main roads and M4 motorway to a standstill, it was amazing that with great determination, nearly everyone managed to reach the venue.

The President's Cup was won by Robyn Howell, in recognition of her success in winning best overall competitor in WPCA Young Judges Competition. Robyn is also a very successful competitor in a variety of classes.

Congratulations to everyone who won trophies on the night and many thanks to all guests who braved the elements to attend the evening and make it a great success. Thank you also to the people who generously donated raffle prizes, we try to keep our ticket prices as low as possible and the proceeds from the raffle make a big contribution to the cost of the rosettes and disco.

Mac Groves

Sadly, one of our Committee, Mac Grove passed away in January. Mac had been on our Committee for many years and was a very well known and respected BSJA judge. Our condolences to his wife Lynn and son Richard.

New Trophies

The 2011 Hand book has a few new classes, Palominos now have a trophy for ridden and a trophy for in hand.

Two new trophies for ridden and in hand Mountain and Moorlands, excluding Welsh Breeds have been added and also ridden and in hand Veteran classes.

Wales and Border Counties Summer Show

Our Summer Show is on Sunday 5th June at Pencoed College. Don't forget that **double points** are awarded for prize winners at this show. We have added Gymkhana classes in addition to the Novelty classes which proved very popular at last year's show. For more information and schedules please contact Mrs Ann Clemett tel: 01446 760741 or email: a.clemett@btinternet.com

Showing Clinic

The Glamorgan Branch of WPCA are running a Showing Clinic on 9th April 2011 at Pencoed College.

Mathew Lawrence is taking the clinic, and cost is £2.50 for Spectators. The Clinic starts at 10 am.

For further details please contact Ms Laura Evans tel 07929 051603

Best wishes to everyone for the show season, and if you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of W&BCA, please give them our contact numbers.

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