



**The Fell Pony Society - Midlands
West Support Group**



‘Festival of Fells’ Spring Show

Saturday 8th April 2017

to be held at

Radfords Equestrian Centre, Lower House Farm, Llanymynech, Nr.
Oswestry, Shropshire, SY22 6LG
(www.radfords-equestrian.co.uk)
(Show **WILL** be well signposted off the A483)

Inhand & Ridden Judge: Mrs J Crane

Working Hunter Judge: Ms S McCormack & Dressage Judge: TBC

Versatility Judge: Mrs H Morris

**In hand, Ridden, WHP, Dressage & Versatility classes for registered
Fell ponies & including a MWSG qualifier for the prestigious**

‘Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter-area Challenge’

(Final of which to be held at the Southern Fell Pony Society Breed Show 2017)

Our Beautiful Show Rosettes & Sashes made by Shropshire Rosettes

Official ‘on the day’ event photographers **PM Imaging** in attendance for all your show memories

Show caterers in attendance – ‘Twist and Snout’ – www.twistandsnout.co.uk

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Ring One: (Indoor) 9.30am Prompt Start. Judge – Mrs J Crane - Registered Fell Pony – In hand

Class 1: Novice In hand Pony – Any age, never to have won a FIRST prize. (This class is designed for totally novice ponies who need experience in the ring – PLEASE DO NOT ABUSE THIS – Thank you) (Kindly sponsored by the Midlands West Support Group)

Class 2: Stallions. (ALL Stallions to be bitted) (Kindly sponsored by P M Imaging)

Class 3: Two & Three year old Colts - ALL 2 & 3 year old Colts to be bitted

Class 4: Yearling colt, filly or gelding (Kindly Sponsored by Mrs A Rodger)

Class 5: Two old filly or gelding (Kindly Sponsored by Mrs A Rodger)

Class 6: Three old filly or gelding (Kindly Sponsored by Mrs A Rodger)

(Please note – subject to entries, Youngstock classes may be amalgamated with 'Specials' awarded to the highest placed pony of their age group)

Class 7: Mares – 4 years old and over (Kindly sponsored by Ms Mary Longsdon MBE)

Class 8: Geldings – 4 years old and over

Class 9: Veteran Inhand - Ponies 15 years and over (Kindly sponsored by Diane Key & Barry Stamp)

Bewcastle Boy Blue Inter-area Championship Qualifier – Highest placed MWSG member from each in hand class to compete. Overall winner of the Qualifier to go forward to the Southern Show. (Please note – If you are a MWSG member (fully paid up for 2017 season) and wish to compete at the Finals at the Southern Show please ensure that you wear a red armband showing your willingness to attend). **MWSG membership can be taken on the day of the show**

Youngstock Championship – 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 1 (if Young pony is 1st or 2nd) 3, 4 – 6 to compete. (The Stoneybank Shropshire Lad Memorial Perpetual Cup kindly donated Mrs L Weston)

In hand Adult Championship – 1st & 2nd prize winners from classes 1 (if Adult pony is 1st or 2nd) 2, 7 - 9 to compete. (The Trefarclawdd Perpetual Shield kindly donated by Mrs D Roberts-Jones)

Overall In hand Championship – Champion & Reserve Youngstock & Adult to compete. (The Gowborrow Perpetual Cup kindly donated by Mrs R Eastwood) (Rosettes Kindly Sponsored by Highbrook Stud)

****LUNCH BREAK****

Ring Two: (Outdoor) Not before 2pm - Registered Fell Pony - Ridden

Class 10: Traditional Ridden (walk and trot only) (Kindly sponsored by Midlands West Support Group)

Class 11: First season Novice Ridden (snaffle bridles only – NEVER to have won a 1st prize in a ridden class. Bronze, Silver & Gold rosettes offered in lieu of 1st - 3rd for 'de-novicing' purposes) (Kindly sponsored by Mrs J Dimelow)

Class 12: Novice Ridden (any suitable bridle) (Kindly sponsored by Mr and Mrs K R Dorman (Scotgate Stud)

Class 13: Open Ridden (Kindly sponsored by Native Ponies Online)

Class 14: Veteran Ridden – Ponies 15 years and over (Kindly sponsored by Diane Key & Barry Stamp)

Ridden Championship – 1st & 2nd prize winners from 10 – 14 to compete. The Native Ponies Online Ridden Cup kindly donated by Mrs D Key & Mr B Stamp

Overall Supreme Fell Pony Championship – In hand, Ridden & WHP Champions & Reserves to compete. The Vin Toulson Trophy kindly donated by Dr E Whitley

Ring Two (Outdoor) 10am Start –Working Hunter Classes - Judge – Ms S McCormack

(Please note: There may be some jumps over coloured poles)

Class 23: Novice Working Hunter (Kindly sponsored by Mrs H Moss)

Class 24: Open Working Hunter (Kindly sponsored by Mrs H Moss)

Working Hunter Championship (Kindly sponsored by Mrs H Moss) – 1st & 2nd from classes 23 – 24 to compete & Perpetual Trophy kindly donated by Mrs H Moss

Once the classes have completed, the WHP course will be opened up as a Clear Round for approximately one hour, height to suit yourself.

Ring Two (a) - 12 Noon Start – Fell Pony Versatility Classes Judge – Mrs H Morris

(Please Note – These classes can be entered ON THE DAY – Provided you have already pre-entered at the show)

Class 15: Best turned out – Inhand or Ridden

Inhand

Class 16: Young Handler – 16 years and under - Hard Hats MUST be worn (Kindly Sponsored by Mrs M Williams) (NB – No stallions, colts or ponies under 3 years old permitted in this class)

Class 17: Adult Handler – 17 years and over

Ridden

Class 18: Lead rein – Children 10 years and under

Class 19: Junior Ridden – Children 16 years and under – (Kindly sponsored by Mrs M Williams)

Class 20: Trekking Class - A class designed to promote Riding and Road Safety, please display how you would prepare yourself for hacking/trekking safely along roads and tracks

Overall 'Fun Classes' Championship – 1st and 2nd from classes 15 - 20 to compete

DRESSAGE CLASSES (Pre-entry only)

Ring One : Dressage – 1.30pm Start - Judge TBC

Starting at 1.30pm until 3pm and will operate as a 'drop in' timetable

Class 21 – Intro C - Walk/Trot Dressage

Class 22 – Prelim 7 - Walk/Trot/Canter Dressage

SHOW RULES – FELL PONY SOCIETY RULES APPLY

COMPETITORS GENERAL RULES

- 1 A competitor may speak to a judge **outside** the ring when judging has been completed. There is **never** any justification for questioning a judge on his judging of the class or making comments on other ponies in the class, whilst in the ring. **This is strictly forbidden.** The Society will take very firm action against any competitor whose behaviour in this respect is reported in writing and the complaint upheld.
- 2 The judge's decision is **FINAL**.
- 3 A judge may require a pony which constitutes a danger to leave the ring.
- 4 Ponies **must** be registered and entered, at any show, in the name of the legal owner.
- 5 All ponies exhibited must be entered in the name under which they have been originally registered with the Fell Pony Society or National Pony Society.
- 6 Fell Pony Society Pony registration number must be entered on the entry form.
- 7 No substitution or nominated entries permitted.
- 8 An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony bred, sold, leased or produced by the judge, his/her immediate family or his/her employer.
- 9 A rider may not ride in a class judged by someone for whom he/she has ridden in competition during the current year.
- 10 An exhibitor may not show under a judge for whom he/she has produced a pony in the same year.
- 11 The organising committee reserve the right to amalgamate or split classes and alter or amend the running order of classes.
- 12 **Exhibitors must take into consideration that classes may clash. If this occurs, they must nominate which class they wish to compete in.**
- 13 Exhibitors must enter the ring wearing the number allocated for that class.
- 14 Entry fees will not be refunded unless a medical certificate or veterinary certificate can be provided. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure their entry is correct, eligible and to be available when called for their class.
- 15 Any objection or complaint must follow the outline of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure.
- 16 In the event of a show being cancelled, entry fees, less a deduction for administration charges, will be refunded.
- 17 If any exhibitor, his employee, assistant, or other person having charge of any animal or animals, shall refuse to obey any directions of the stewards, or any of the Society's officers, such animal or animals shall be immediately disqualified from competing further and be asked to leave the venue.
- 18 The organising committee accept no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, injury or damage to any person or their property whilst on the showground, car parks or approaches.
- 19 The mucking out of horse boxes/trailers is not permitted on the show ground and a penalty will be incurred.
- 20 Exhibitors are advised that all ponies should be **insured for public liability**.

RULES FOR RIDERS/HANDLERS/EXHIBITORS

- 1 A correctly secured and fitting current BSI standard skull cap/riding hat must be worn at all times when riding.
- 2 Riders should be correctly attired for Ridden Mountain and Moorland classes, with a correctly fitting hard hat. (A tweed jacket and beige jodhpurs for example, are usually recommended.) Whilst there are no written rules regarding turnout, it is generally felt that tack similar to that befitting a hunter is most suitable.
- 3 It is not appropriate to have brightly coloured brow bands, numnahs or reins. Plain leather is all that is required.
- 4 Only traditional English style riding tack is permitted. (i.e. not Western style).
- 5 Spurs or dress spurs must not be worn.

- 6 Show canes and whips are not to exceed 75cms. (30"). If mis-used, in the opinion of the judge, an exhibitor may be sent out of the ring and may be reported to the Fell Pony Society Show Committee.
- 7 A fall of pony or rider in any class will result in disqualification and they must leave the ring dismounted.
- 8 Body protectors may be worn.
- 9 Riders or handlers may only compete with one pony in any one class.
- 10 In Lead Rein classes the leader must be 18 years old or over and may only lead one pony in a class. Whilst in the ring, ponies must be led at all times by the handler.
- 11 Riders must have attained their third birthday on the day of the show.
- 12 Competitors shall not ill treat ponies at any time whether by mis-use or excessive use of a whip or bit or any item of saddlery or in any other way whatsoever and shall not cause or allow a pony to jump any hand held obstacle or be rapped.
- 13 Competitors are responsible for the actions of any non-competitor employed by them or assisting them or representing them or otherwise acting on their behalf and any action or conduct of such non-competitors.
- 14 **Exhibitors and their grooms must, at all times, present themselves in the show ring neatly and smartly dressed.**
- 15 All competitors under the age of 18 years must wear a hard hat to the current standard when showing in hand.

RULES FOR PONIES

- 1 Ponies must be shown unplaited and untrimmed, including head, mane, feather and tail, which should not have been previously plaited as the hair should be straight and silky.
- 2 Eye make-up, hair dyeing or hair extensions are not allowed.
- 3 Clipping of winter coats on working ponies whilst not encouraged, for showing, is not debarred.
- 4 Ponies will not be penalised if they have been freeze-branded.
- 5 Brood mares with foals at foot will be eligible for entry in hand. Foals may accompany mares into the ring but must be haltered and under control of a competent handler.
- 6 Foals must be a minimum of 21 days old on the day of the show.
- 7 Foals must only be shown in a halter or leather head collar. No foal to be shown in a bit of any type.
- 8 Ponies may be shown shod or unshod.
- 9 White rope or webbing halters may be used to show youngstock. Brood mares, geld mares and geldings may also be shown in rope or webbing halters or in a bridle. **Yearlings may not be shown bitted.**
- 10 Brood mares suckling foals are not to be shown under saddle or harness.
- 11 Ridden ponies will be judged 50% conformation and breed characteristics and 50% ride, manners and presentation in the ring.
- 12 Ponies must be four years old and over in all ridden and driving classes. The age shall be calculated from 1st January in the year of its birth.
- 13 All stallions and 3 year old colts must hold a current licence, and MAY NOT BE ENTERED in any young handler or junior ridden class.
- 14 In Young Handlers classes, all ponies must be a 4 year old or over mare or gelding.
- 15 Stallions and colts must be adequately bitted and under the control of a handler aged 14 or over. Stallion tack is optional.
- 16 No ridden pony shall be shown on a leading rein except those exhibited in classes confined to leading rein ponies, or unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
- 17 Only mares and geldings of 4 years old or over are eligible in junior, lead rein and first ridden classes.
- 18 First ridden ponies must be shown in a suitable bridle.
- 19 In leading rein classes, the lead rein must be affixed to the noseband only. The reins must go directly from the bit to the rider's hands. Must be shown in a snaffle.
- 20 In first ridden classes ponies must not be cantered except in their individual show.
- 21 In Novice Ridden classes snaffle bits must be used.

- 22 Bit-less bridles are not permitted. Any suitable bridles may be worn in working hunter classes.
- 23 Protective leg boots of a plain colour may be used for working hunter classes only and are not permitted for any other classes. No bandages, over reach boots or protective pads on pony's legs or feet are permissible. Normal shaped plastic stick-on shoes are permissible.
- 24 **All ponies must be attended at all times.**
- 25 Exhibitors should be aware that rules for other Societies and shows may differ from the above and they should be conversant with these rules if they are competing in Shows organised by other Societies.

RING DISCIPLINE

- 1 The class is closed for judging and ponies will not be allowed into the ring:

In Hand – when the last pony has done its individual trot

Ridden & Driving – when the class goes into trot

WHP – 5 minutes after the last pony has jumped
- 2 Once a class has begun, there must be no substitution of rider or handler without the judge's permission.
- 3 Competitors are not allowed to leave the ring or withdraw from any class in progress without the judge's permission.
- 4 If an exhibitor leaves the ring for any reason, they must not re-enter without permission from the judge.
- 5 The class ends when the judge, via the steward, dismisses the class.
- 6 No person other than the judge, and the official course builder appointed by the show committee, is permitted to alter the course in working hunter classes.
- 7 Consideration must be shown to other riders and competitors at all times.

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