



# NPS Scotland

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The official Newsletter of the National Pony Society – Scotland

## Chairman's Report

The year has started the same way that 2010 finished, alternating between snow, frost and rain. The biggest bugbear has been the frost. I have never known a time when so many people have had to endure frozen pipes not only within buildings but also their mains water supply. It adds considerably to the daily work load having to fill buckets and then get the water to the animals at least twice a day, whilst negotiating the slippery conditions underfoot.

Looking forward we have the A.G.M. in March, a training day also in March and the Spring Show in April at Ingliston Equestrian Centre. This is the third year that it has been held at Ingliston. Any member who has any news or information, Kirsty is always looking for relevant items for the News Letter as is Sheila for the Web Site. Member's photographs are also welcome for the Web Site. On the subject of photographs The Scottish Field in their January issue published a full page of photographs taken by Tom Best at the Golden Jubilee Lunch. I would like to wish everybody involved in the Scottish N.P.S. a Good and Trouble Free New Year.

***Robbie Robertson***

## NPS Scotland Youngstock Show

Regrettably, our Youngstock Show scheduled to take place at The Gleneagles Equestrian Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010 fell victim to the adverse weather conditions experienced during December which was disappointing for all concerned. May we take this opportunity to thank all entrants who very kindly donated their entry fees.

## Membership Renewal

All members are reminded that their membership of NPS Scotland was due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011. Please complete the enclosed Membership Renewal form when returning your subscription.

To enable us to keep continual rising costs to a minimum we would like to communicate more with our members through email when and where possible and would ask that you complete your joining form carefully and fully to enable us to put this form of communication into action.

Those who do not have email or still wish schedules, newsletters etc to be sent out by post should request this on their joining form.

All schedules, updates, newsletters etc will be available and updated regularly on our website – [www.npsscotland.co.uk](http://www.npsscotland.co.uk) – schedules will now **NOT** be automatically sent out to the membership.

Anyone not renewing membership by the end of March 2011 will be deemed to be a lapsed member and be liable to pay the joining fee in addition to their annual membership to cover administration costs.

Please remember that your membership does represent good value for money, especially when you take into consideration the concessions available on entry fees. As well as the obvious financial benefits that you receive as a member, others include the fact that you are eligible to compete in NPS Scotland competitions and finals, receive regular newsletters and participate in our other events and activities.

2011 NPS Scotland Membership rates are as follows:

NPS National Members	£15.00
NPS Scotland only	£20.00
NPS Scotland Associate	£15.00
Joining Fee	£5.00

If you have any queries, please contact Alicia Hay.

## Prize Draw

To encourage Members to re-join NPS Scotland prior to the AGM, we will once again be having a prize draw.

The names of all fully paid up Members by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 will be entered into a prize draw with the lucky winner being presented with a mixed case of wine. The draw will take place at the AGM, but don't panic if your name is drawn out and you are not present – it will be in safe keeping until arrangements can be made for it to be delivered to you or collected from a convenient point.

If a free case of wine sounds tempting, remember to renew your membership now!

## Committee Nominations

If you would like to join the Committee, nominations are now sought from fully paid up members of NPS Scotland. The nomination form requires to be signed by a proposer and a seconder, both of whom must also be NPS Scotland members, plus a brief personal profile. This will be used in the event of more candidates being nominated than there are vacancies available. In this situation a voting paper will be drawn up and sent out to all members, with a return date to an independent scrutineer. The results of the ballot will be announced at the AGM.

Prospective candidates should complete the enclosed form and return it duly signed to the Secretary on or before the deadline of 12 noon on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

## **NPS Scotland AGM**

The NPS Scotland Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011** at Garvock House Hotel, Dunfermline. We hope this change of venue will prove more accessible and central and encourage more members to attend

Tea and coffee will be served from 10.30 am with the AGM commencing at 11 am followed by the presentation of the Performance Awards. A finger buffet lunch will follow on at 12.30 pm.

Members are welcome to attend either the lunch and/or the AGM as separate functions, although the Committee anticipate that most will want to support both. Friends and family will be most welcome to attend the lunch, although the AGM is open to NPS Scotland Members only.

Lunch tickets must be pre-paid and the cost this year will be £10. Please complete the enclosed form and include a stamped addressed envelope with you application for the return of your tickets.

### **Performance Awards**

As already mentioned, the various winners of the NPS Scotland Performance Award Scheme will be announced at the AGM.

If you do not use this competition yourself do remember that it is open to non-members. Please pass it on and spread the word to

help promote the performance recognition of all our native breeds.

## **NPS Scotland 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations culminated with a very successful, enjoyable and sociable lunch at the Garvock House Hotel, Dunfermline on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010. This was attended by over 80 current members and we were delighted to see a number of founder members, who indeed got the ball rolling for NPS in Scotland, in attendance too along with the current President of NPS, Mrs Elizabeth Mansfield-Parnell.

A Silent Auction was held raising £300 which has been split equally and donated to the Weipers Centre and to Grass Sickness Research.

Our Caption Competition was won by Mrs Gillian McMurray and the Guess Who Competition by Mrs Mary MacPherson.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet**

We still have a number of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklets available depicting 50 years of NPS in Scotland. It is in full colour with numerous photographs taken from NPS events over the years. If you would like a copy, please contact Kirsty Miller (see back page for contact details). The cost is £7.00 plus £1.00 postage.

## Training Day

We are planning to run another Training Day following the success of previous years' sessions on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

As per last year LR/FR training sessions will be run along with sessions for Novice/Open Ridden and WHP. The training will be held once again by kind permission of Gordon Bailey, at Tillyochie Mains, by Kinross. James Munro has kindly accepted to come and instruct for the day.

If you are interested in taking part in this training day, please phone or e-mail Alicia Hay at [secretary@npsscotland.co.uk](mailto:secretary@npsscotland.co.uk) before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011.

Places will be given on a first come, first served basis, so please don't delay. The cost will be £20.00 per person, per lesson. Non-members will be very welcome if numbers allow.

## Additional Training Day

We are keen to offer and run an additional training day for members and invite suggestions for an alternative suitable venue and instructor. Please contact Alicia Hay with any suggestions.

## M&M WHP Teach-In

The Scottish Connemara Group have kindly invited NPS Scotland members to a M&M WHP Teach-In with Bridget Millington which will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Kingsbarns Equestrian Centre at Falkirk.

The cost is £20.00 per pony and non-connemara ponies are most welcome if numbers allow, but must be a mountain and moorland.

For full details and to book a place please contact Liz Claxton on 01250 884779 before Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

## Spring Show

Our first show of the season will be held on 2nd April 2011 at Ingliston Equestrian Centre.

## Summer Show

We shall once again be returning to the beautiful setting of Strathallan Castle for our Summer Championship Show on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011. We are delighted to say that once again, BSPS Scotland will hold their Championship show the following day, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at the same venue which makes for a wonderful showing weekend for all.

## NPS Scotland Competitions 2011

Once again we shall be running our NPS Scotland M&M Novice Ridden, M&M Open Ridden, Hunter Pony/Riding Pony In Hand, M&M In Hand, Mini LR/FR and M&M Open Working Hunter Pony Competitions, with the Finals being held at the Bowmore Blair Castle Horse Trials on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2011. **NB Please note the much earlier date this year.**

We are grateful to our sponsors for their continued support of these

competitions – Kilmannan Stud for the Novice Ridden, Baileys Horse Feeds for the Open Ridden, Clarendon Planning & Development for the M&M In-hand and also to our sponsor of the Mini Championship who wishes to remain anonymous.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to Dignity Caring Funeral Services UK for their generous sponsorship of the RP/HP In Hand Championship and to Lynch Homes for the M&M WHP Championship in recent years and wish them continued success in the future.

May we also take this opportunity to welcome Kingfisher Building Products on board as our new sponsor of our M&M WHP Championship for 2011.

## **Your Chance to Choose the Judges!**

It is becoming increasingly difficult to select different judges for our shows and we would like to give you, the members of NPS Scotland, the opportunity to put forward your own suggestions.

Obviously, judges must be eligible and from the correct judging panel, but we would like to see some new faces and names appearing in schedules so now is your chance to have your say. A nomination form for you to fill in is on the back page of this newsletter and return to Alicia Hay. Please don't feel you need to complete every section, only the ones you wish to give proposals.

We do work a year ahead, therefore, these are suggestions for our 2012 season. This is not an easy task for the Committee, and we feel members should have an input into the proposal of judges. We look forward to receiving your suggestions, and seeing some new faces.

## **Interested in Sponsorship?**

We are currently looking for a new sponsor for our NPS Scotland Riding Pony/Hunter Pony Championship the final of which is held at Blair Atholl in August with numerous qualifying shows held throughout the forthcoming year. If anyone is interested, or knows of someone who may be, please contact Alicia at the earliest or Mrs Joan McCallum, our Sponsorship Co-ordinator on 01292 442738.

Details of shows holding qualifiers will be circulated at a later date.

## **Olympia and HOYS Finalists**

We would all like to say a huge well done to all our Scottish Members, Breeders and their ponies who competed at either HOYS and Olympia or indeed both of these prestigious events with considerable success. It is a huge achievement to qualify for these events and one of which you should all be very proud.

## Olympia Changes

As you are probably aware, major changes have taken place and the NPS/Baileys Horse Feeds M&M Supreme Ridden Championship will no longer take place at Olympia in London as from 2011, but at HOYS in October in a slightly different format.

Please see continued updates and rules for the new format on the national body website  
[www.nationalponysociety.org.uk](http://www.nationalponysociety.org.uk)

## Diary Dates 2011

27<sup>th</sup> February – NPS Scotland AGM, Garvock House Hotel, Dunfermline

12<sup>th</sup> March – NPS Scotland Training Day, Tillyochie, Kinross

27<sup>th</sup> March – Scottish Connemara Group M&M WHP Teach-In, Kingsbarns Equestrian Centre

2<sup>nd</sup> April – NPS Scotland Spring Show, Ingliston Equestrian Centre

11<sup>th</sup> June – NPS Scotland Summer Show, Strathallan

12<sup>th</sup> June – BSPS Scotland Summer Show, Strathallan

19<sup>th</sup> August – NPS Scotland Finals, Blair Atholl Horse Trials

## NPS Scotland Office Bearers and Committee Members Contact List

We are here to run your society so, please let us have your thoughts and suggestions on how to improve this Society for your interests. Following are the full Committee. Should you have any queries, ideas or suggestions, they are waiting to hear from YOU!

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## NOMINATIONS FOR JUDGES FOR 2012

SECTIONS	PROPOSED JUDGE & LOCATION
M&M OPEN RIDDEN	
M&M NOVICE RIDDEN	
M&M LEAD REIN, FIRST RIDDEN	
CONNEMARA In Hand	
DALES, FELLS, & NEW FOREST In Hand	
DARTMOOR & EXMOOR In Hand	
HIGHLAND PONIES In Hand	
SHETLAND In Hand	
WELSH A,B,In Hand	
WELSH C & D In Hand	
HUNTER PONIES In Hand	
RIDING PONIES In Hand	
PART BRED In Hand	
M&M NOVICE WHP	
M&M OPEN WHP	
BSPS WHP	
BSPS RIDDEN Show Ponies & SHP	

