



# NPS Scotland

WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS A SUCCESSFUL SHOW SEASON - MARCH 2018

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Welcome to our first NPS Scotland newsletter of 2018. It is quite frightening that another show season will soon be upon us all.

NPS Scotland rounded off 2017 with our In Hand Show at Netherton in October and training with Erik Mackechnie at Champfleurie in November. Our In Hand Show was a good day, but entries were sadly a bit thin on the ground. The Committee have decided that we will run this show again in 2018, but if it isn't well supported, we will have to reconsider whether it is something we should continue with. We are going to be offering some M&M Blair In Hand Qualifiers in the hope that this will encourage more entries.

2018 started with our AGM, Harbro Performance Points scheme and SPOTY presentations and pre-season lunch at Huntingtower Hotel, Perth in early February. We had an excellent turnout and it was an excellent opportunity to catch up with folk. Well done to those who were placed in our Points Scheme and sincere thanks go to Harbro for their continued sponsorship. We do appreciate their support and a full list of winners is detailed further on in this newsletter. To our SPOTY winners—congratulations. It was quite a mathematical challenge working this out, but we had two very worthy winners in Gwen Rae's Nicholwalls Graceson (In Hand) and Lynn Robertson's Pumhill Tirella (Ridden).

We have a pretty full programme coming up from a Stewarding Day, to training with both Erik Mackechnie and James Munro, young judges training, our Spring, Summer and In Hand Show and Blair Finals. Again, you will find more details overleaf.

We are also looking to take advantage of 2018 being Scotland's Year of Youth and hope to encourage some of our younger members to help at our events so they can see what we do. At the end of the day, we need younger people to keep the Society moving forward. We are fortunate to have an enthusiastic membership, and assistance for an hour or so would be excellent.

Wishing you and your ponies a successful 2018.

*Fiona Roebuck*  
*NPS Scotland Chairman*

**Points of Interest**

- \* Welcome from our Chairman
- \* NPS Scotland Points Awards Winners
- \* NS Scotland SPOTY Winners Announced
- \* Dates for your diary
- \* Your Committee

## NPS SCOTLAND MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are now due for 2018.

One of the advantage of membership is reduced entry fees at our shows, so join now before the season kicks off (all memberships not paid by 1st April 2018, will incur a re-joining fee of £5)

Full NPS Scotland Membership        £23

Associate NPS Scotland Membership   £18

National Qualifying Membership       £18

Memberships can be paid online with Entrymaster or if you have any questions please contact Alicia Hay directly via email [secretary@npsscotland.co.uk](mailto:secretary@npsscotland.co.uk)



## NPS SCOTLAND STEWARDING INFORMATION AND TRAINING DAY

NPS Scotland is pleased to be hosting a Stewarding Information and Training Day within the Boardroom of RHASS's Ingliston House this weekend. Well known and respected Judge and Steward, Debbie Spears from Buckinghamshire is to be leading the day and it will be both information and entertaining.

## NPS SCOTLAND TRAINING DAYS

We are delighted to have secured two training days this Spring, one with Erik Mackechnie and the second with James Munro. We expect a high demand for both these trainers, so if you are interested please let our Secretary know as soon as possible.

19th March 2018        Training with Erik Mackechnie at Netherton Equestrian Centre, near Perth

24th March 2018        Training with James Munro at Seaforth Riding Centre, Dingwall

## **NPS SCOTLAND AGM, PRE-SEASON LUNCH AND HARBRO POINTS PRESENTATIONS and SPOTY WINNER REVEALED**

Following our AGM in February, were our Harbro Points Presentations and a huge well done goes to our winners and all those who took part. This competition is open to anyone and for further details for 2018 please contact Louise Oliphant, details at the back of this newsletter.

Prize winners were as follows:

### **Treasure Island Trophy for most points in Ridden M&M Classes**

- 1st Tahuna Caramel and Maisy Duncan (Welsh Section A)
- 2nd Rushfield Milton Duff and Christine Anderson (Dartmoor)
- 3rd Corkhills Lennon and Sarah Jane Crichton (Welsh Section B)
- 4th Trailtrow Lille and Gillian McMurray (Highland)
- 5th Lomondside Jade and Pat Rennie (New Forest)
- 6th Barhill Marigold and Gail Whetter (Exmoor)

### **Lady Fairfax Lucy Trophy for overall Performance**

- 1st Tahuna Caramel
- 2nd Rushfield Little Gem and Lindsey Mundell (Welsh Section C)
- 3rd Zara Lady and Melanie Scott (Connemara)
- 4th Leeshill Lord and Lesley McNaughton-Wells (Dales)
- 5th Glenmore of Roisbheinn and Sophie Beaumont (Highland)
- 6th Aithernie Hynod and Evie Horisk (Welsh Section A)
- 7th Lyndhurst Breeze and Jodie Craig (New Forest)
- 8th Moulzie Thunder and Rebecca Chalmers (Highland)
- 9th Duntarvie Antony and Shirley Mellieas (Welsh Section B)
- 10th Legerview Charlotte and Shanyyn Wilson (Welsh Section A)

### **Chesterhill Cup for Best Part Bred**

Roandale Saxon and Lesley McNaughton-Wells

### **Driving Trophy**

Llanarth Tango and Caroline Watson (Welsh Section D)

### **Toffee Cup for Dressage**

Aithernie My Hopes and Evie Horisk (Welsh Section A)

### **Shreddie Cup for Jumping**

Zara Lady and Melanie Scott (Connemara)

## **Harbro Points prizes winners continued**

### **In Hand Trophy**

Trailtrow Lille and Gillian McMurray

### **Junior Cup**

Tahuna Caramel and Maisy Duncan

### **Youngstock In Hand**

Roandale Saxon and Lesley McNaughton-Wells

### **Best of Breed Results**

#### **Welsh Section A**

Tahuna Caramel and Maisy Duncan

#### **Welsh Section B**

Duntarvie Antony and Shirley Mellias

#### **Welsh Section C**

Rushfield Little Gem and Lindsey Mundell

#### **Welsh Section D**

Llanarth Tango and Caroline Watson

#### **Dales**

Leeshill Lord and Lesley McNaughton-Wells

#### **Connemara**

Zara Lady and Melanie Scott

#### **Dartmoor**

Rushfield Milton Duff and Christine Scott

#### **Exmoor**

Barhill Marigold and Gail Whetter

#### **Fell**

Greenholme Emblem and Gwen Rae

#### **Highland**

Glenmore of Risbheinn and Sophie Beaumont

#### **New Forest**

Lyndhurst Breeze and Jodie Craig

Well done to all competitors and many thanks once again to our sponsors of this competition Harbro.

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Double winner of the Treasure Island Trophy for most points in ridden M&M classes and the Lady Fairfax Trophy for overall performance, Maisy Duncan and her pony, Section A, Tahuna Caramel receiving her prizes from Kirsteen Smith of Harbro, our generous sponsor of this competition.

*Congratulations!*



## NPS SCOTLAND—SPOTY WINNERS & PRESENTATION

The results of our inaugural NPS Scotland—Scottish Pony of the Year Award (SPOTY) were announced at our AGM in February. The results are calculated by points gained at our three main show, Spring, Summer and Blair. Congratulation to both our inhand winner and ridden winner who both received a canvas print of their respective winning ponies presented by Tweetie Nimmo.

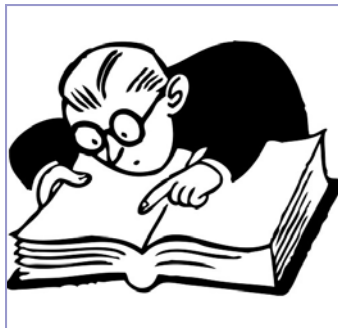


Gwen Rae receiving her canvas of Nicholwalls Graceson , In Hand SPOTY winner, from Tweetie Nimmo.

The ridden SPOTY was Lynn Robertson's Dartmoor lead rein pony PumPhill Tirella.



## PLEASE, PLEASE READ RULE BOOKS



We are sorry to keep repeating ourselves, but with showing season soon upon us, can we please still remind you all to read rules and regulations before entering and/or competing. It is your responsibility to be aware of all rules and regulations regarding class criteria so please ensure you are all conversant which in the long term avoids any confusion, embarrassment and disappointment on the day of competition.

## NPS SCOTLAND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

NPS Scotland and the NS acknowledge the importance of the internet and social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, home web-pages, chat rooms, BBM and all other forms of electronic communication and the role which “social media” plays in the day to day lives of members.

This policy note is to remind NPS Scotland members that the Rules of the NPS apply when using social media and the internet. Failure to adhere to this policy note could lead to disciplinary action being taken.

### USING SOCIAL MEDIA

You should be aware that NPS Scotland and the NPS may from time to time carry out internet searches to identify postings which include reference to NPS Scotland, the NS and its members.

NPS Scotland and NPS produced images are the subject of copyright and should not be copied or used in social media save as provided in the NPS Scotland website user terms and conditions.

You should ensure that any material that you transmit or post to social media is clearly stated to be your personal view and is not held out to be, or could be mistaken as, the view of NPS Scotland or the NPS.

You must not post or transmit any material which could damage the name or reputation of NPS Scotland, the NPS, its members or former members, or which is derogatory to the character of or prejudicial to the interests of NPS Scotland and the NPS.

- That is threatening, defamatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, liable to incite racial hatred, discriminatory, menacing, scandalous, inflammatory, blasphemous, in breach of confidence, in breach of privacy or which may cause annoyance, distress or inconvenience; or
- Which constitutes or encourages conduct that would be in breach of the NPS Scotland or NPS rules, or constitutes a criminal offence, or which could give rise to civil liability, or otherwise be contrary to the laws of, or infringe the rights of any third party in, the UK or any other country in the world.

Any on-member competing in NPS Scotland (Blair) Qualifying Rounds is subject to the NPS Scotland social media regulations and if found to be in breach of them will not be accepted as a NPS Scotland Member and will therefore be ineligible to compete at our finals.

Email correspondence or Facebook comments between NPS Scotland and a member or non-member are intended solely for the recipient) and are not for copying or further distribution.

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Any breach of this policy note may constitute a breach of NPS Scotland and NPS rules and could also lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings being brought against you.

### **DISCLOSURE UNDER LAW OR REGULATION**

You should be aware that NPS Scotland and the NPS will fully co-operate with any law enforcement authorities or court order requesting, or directing NPS Scotland or the NPS to disclose the identity or locate anyone posting any material in breach of this policy. If we are requested by Police or any other regulatory or government authority investigating suspected illegal activities to provide your personal information, NPS Scotland and the NPS is entitled to do so.

## **NPS SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS & SILVER MEDAL FINALS JUDGES AND COURSE BUILDERS FOR 2018**

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| Mrs Hoyle, Lancashire                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPS Scotland/NFU Mutual Insurance Riding Pony/Hunter Pony In Hand Championship</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| TBC                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud M&amp;M Novice Ridden Championship Final (R)</li> <li>• NPS Scotland/Kilgraston School M&amp;M Lead Rein and First Ridden Championship Final (R)</li> </ul>                                                                        |
| Mr Erik Mackechnie-Guire<br>Stirling          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud M&amp;M Novice Ridden Championship Final (C)</li> <li>• NPS/The Minns Ridden Silver Medal Rosette (Scotland) Final</li> <li>• NPS Scotland/Townhead Pet n Pony M&amp;M In Hand Championship Final</li> </ul>                       |
| Mrs R Brown,<br>Bucks                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPS Scotland/Kilmannan Stud In Hand Silver Medal Rosette (Scotland) Final</li> <li>• NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds M&amp;M Open Ridden Championship Final (C)</li> </ul>                                                                                    |
| Mrs A Nicholls<br>Gloucestershire             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products M&amp;M WHP Championship Final (C)</li> <li>• NPS Scotland/Baileys Horse Feeds M&amp;M Open Ridden Championship Final (R)</li> </ul>                                                                                 |
| Mrs H Banbury<br>Cornwall                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPS Scotland/Kingfisher Building Products M&amp;M WHP Championship Final (J)</li> <li>• NPS Scotland/Kilgraston School M&amp;M Lead Rein and First Ridden Championship Final (C)</li> <li>• NPS /The Minns Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship</li> </ul> |
| Mr P Baxter and Miss S A<br>Stoker, Co Durham | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHP Course builders</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



## NPS SCOTLAND YOUNG JUDGES—UNDER 25?

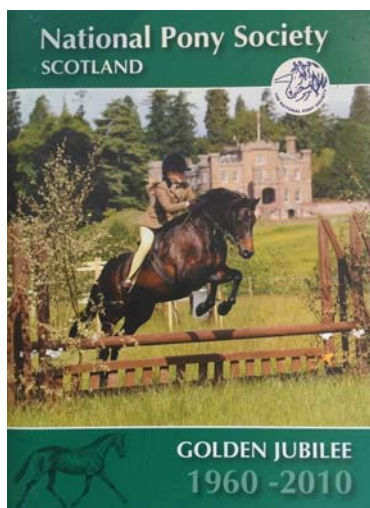
2017 was an amazing start for our NPS Scotland Young Judges with the team winning the Jenny Seymour Trophy for the M&M Section, along with our two youngest team members being individually placed..

It is our intention to field more teams this year for the competition which shall take place at the summer champs from 3 pm onwards on Monday 30th July 2018 at the Three Counties Showground.

Throughout the year it s our intention to hold training as if our young judges were actually becoming panel judges and organise stud visits to help their training. Please let Julie Aitchison know if you know of any youngsters keen to get involved.



## GOLDEN JUBILEE BOOKLET



For any new members to NPS Scotland, you may not know that in 2010 NPS Scotland celebrated its Golden Jubilee.

To celebrate this we put together a small booklet recording the history of NPS in Scotland spanning the 50 years.

We have a small number of these books left so if you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Kirsty Miller (details at the back of this magazine) by sending an A5 or larger SAE and cheque for £5.00

It is an interesting read and full of lovely colour photographs taken over the years.

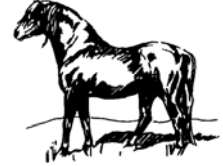
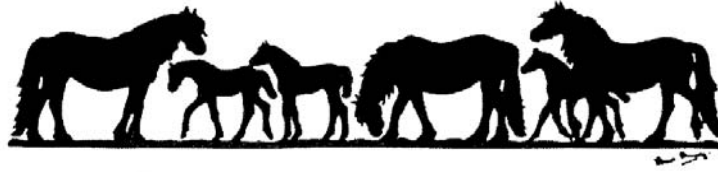


## CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR SO?



Apologies for constantly repeating ourselves, but we are always in need of stewards and volunteers to help us out at shows, even for a few hours, We are always on the look out for anyone who can help with Stewarding and would urge everyone to give it a go at some point, even if you can spare an hour or two, your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you think you could help out in any way please contact Alicia. Any help offered is very much appreciated.



## Study Day

(open to Panel Judges, Probationer Judges and anyone interested in becoming a Judge)

At Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria. CA11 0AH  
Sunday 15th April 2018  
10.30am to 3pm

The Fell Pony Society and The Northern Dartmoor Group have joined together to organise a Judges' refresher day to remind Judges and other interested parties on breed type, characteristics and conformation. There will be an extra section on judging a Worker Hunter pony class.

Open to all NPS Mountain & Moorland, BSPS Heritage and Breed Panel Judges, probationary and potential Judges. We also warmly invite anyone who has an interest in our breeds, whether showing inhand/ ridden or breeding.

There will be no charge for current Panel or Probationer Judges. Other interested parties are most welcome to attend and a donation of £5, to cover some of the cost, would be most appreciated.

### Programme and Speakers

#### The Fell Pony

Alistair Smith and his family have been breeding Fell Ponies for over thirty years (Bracklinn Stud), he has an extensive knowledge of the breed, winning at the FPS stallion show four times, and last year he qualified his homebred stallion for the prestigious Cuddy In-Hand Championship at the 2017 Horse of the Year Show. Alistair is on the Fell and Dales pony Judges' panels. On the back of his 2017 Cuddy attendance, who better to share his knowledge with us by giving a breed talk on type and conformation.

#### The Dartmoor Pony

Madge Taylor is a renowned breeder of Dartmoor Ponies (Langfield Stud), and is an NPS Judge as well as being an A panel breed Judge. In 2017 Madge judged the M&M WHP at the Horse of the Year Show and has had great success in the past including winning the overall M&M title at Olympia with Langfield Canth. She has an extensive knowledge of the breed and shows in-hand and ridden to the highest standard. We are very lucky to have Mrs Taylor to come and present to us.

### **Judging a M&M Working Hunter Pony**

Russell Sutcliffe and Peter Boustead have both been renowned Judges of M&M NPS Worker Hunter Pony classes and championships for many years. Who better to give us a talk and answer questions on this topic? We look forward to gaining more knowledge about Fell and Dartmoor ponies from Russell and Peter, whilst learning about the key elements to remember when competing in a WHP class.

Please would you email your intention to attend by **Saturday 7th April 2018** to:

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**DIARY DATES 2018**

10th March 2018	Stewarding Information & Training Day, Royal Highland Centre
19th March 2018	Training with Erik Mackechnie, Netherton Equestrian Centre
24th March 2018	Training with James Munro, Seaforth Equestrian Centre, Dingwall
21st/22nd April 2018	NPS Scotland Spring Show, SNEC
9th June 2018	NPS Scotland Summer Show, Howe
24th August 2018	NPS Scotland Finals & Silver Medal Championships, Blair Atholl
21st October 2018	NPS Scotland In-hand Show, Netherton Equestrian, near Perth

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