

## HIGHLAND PONY SOCIETY PERFORMANCE AWARDS ENGLAND & WALES 2008/2009

We have three new trophies to be presented this year; the Sue Giles Memorial Quaich referred to in the Scottish section (Sue competed in this competition many times with her pony Truim of Croila), the Quest of Mendick Hunt Salver presented by Mrs P Robson for the pony with the most points gained from Hunting and the Blue Gowt Sapphire Driving Trophy presented by the Grover Family (this is in memory of our foal Blue Gowt Sapphire who sadly never lived to be driven and will be awarded for the pony who gained the most points from being driven). We also have two trophies in the name of an amazingly versatile pony who won this competition with Christopher Grant three years in a row. Sadly Whitehope Morag is no longer with us.

30 cards were sold this year but only 14 returned. The top ten ponies in the competition all receive a placed rosette and the others who returned their cards all receive a special rosette. This year I have tried to be a little more imaginative and I am very pleased with how the rosettes have turned out.

The first group of ponies will therefore receive their special rosettes.

Lyncrests Rhonda Lass	Michelle Cockburn
Iona of Dykes	Kirsty Wylde
(Molly Wylde who is 4 years old has also ridden and is 4 <sup>th</sup> placed Junior)	
Aurora of Dykes	Lianne Parkin
Celia of Dykes	Judy Harwood

**10<sup>th</sup> Ialinn na Dialach Mrs. Chris Bassett 1,000 points**

All of their points have been from driving classes culminating in winning The Osborne Refridgeration Single Mountain and Moorland (exc. Welsh) Championships. After having a tip up earlier in the year they have done very well. As the only pony that has done any driving this year they have won The Blue Gowt Sapphire Driving Trophy.

**9<sup>th</sup> Billeson's Countryman Charlie Lloyd-Barlow 1,045 points**

They have competed in many ridden classes and some dressage. As Charlie is only 12 he is the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Junior rider. (3<sup>rd</sup> place will become clear later).

**8<sup>th</sup> Phebe of Dinefwr Margaret Harfield 1,323 points**

This pony has competed in many types of riding classes including fancy dress, I think, as a dragon!

**7<sup>th</sup> Balleroy Minstrel Catriona Carnegie 1,425 points**

This stallion has competed in some ridden classes and as his card was returned he has won The Claret Challenge Trophy.

**6<sup>th</sup> Ailsa of Glenlmond Sandy Mairs 1,644 points**

They have competed in mostly dressage classes with some pleasure rides, and show jumping included as well as competing in the Great Yorkshire Show Open Ridden class for Dales, Fells and Highlands with 44 in the class!

**5<sup>th</sup> Megandene Mrs. Lauren Roberts 1,742 pts**

Their points were achieved from either Pleasure Rides or Sport Endurance Rides! Some of which were at Limited Speed of 6-10mph.

**4<sup>th</sup> Stocks Ruaraidh Michelle Parkin Vaughan 1,848 pts**

Most of their points were from ridden classes including the Royal Highland Show, coming 6<sup>th</sup> in their class, as well as Riding Club Rallies.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Langley Gipsy Legend Alison Champion 2,313 points**

This pony is ridden by Rebecca Champion, who is 12 years old, as well. Out of the total points Rebecca gained 805 points so is the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Junior Rider.

They have both had a lot of fun on their pony including show jumping, pleasure rides, ridden classes and Pony Club Rallies.

As the highest placed Mare they have also won the Brownbread Rebecca Trophy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Stourton Jethro Alexy Jackson 3,294 pts**

This pony has also been ridden by Rachel Simpson but Alexy gained 2,649 of the total points by competing in many Pony Club activities as well as ridden and some jumping classes.

As Alexy is 14 years of age she is the highest placed Junior winning The Rimond Cup.

Alexy's name will also be put forward to the Scottish Awards to see if she is the overall highest placed Junior to be presented with the Sue Giles Memorial Quaich.

As the highest placed Newcomer (pony not to have been placed in the top 10 of the awards before) they have won The Whitehope Morag Salver. Alexy is also eligible for a £100.00 bursary that can be put towards lessons of her choice.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lambrigg Black Jack Christopher Grant 8,548 pts.**

The overall winner this year with 372 more points than last year is the above pony and rider.

They have won this competition 3 times and been placed 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> as well in the last six years.

As the overall winner they have won The Glenda Spooner Trophy as well as a bronze medal from the Highland Pony Society (which Christopher keeps). As Lambrigg Black Jack is the highest placed gelding he wins the Benny Trophy. Within these points scored, Christopher also gained the most points for Hunting so wins the newly presented Quest of Mendick Hunt Salver. They also gained 1,960 points for Dressage alone so they poignantly win The Whitehope Morag Rosebowl which was presented in 2008 by Jan Grant. Along with Dressage and Hunting they have competed in Ridden (including 4<sup>th</sup> in their class at the Royal Highland Show), Show Jumping, One Day Events, Combined Training and Pony Club Camp. It was a joy, to count the 14 or so pages that you presented me with! Well done.

**Karen Grover**