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PRESS RELEASE

Exciting New Horse Classes for the 2008 New Forest Show

The New Forest & Hampshire County Show has responded to competitor requests and brought in additional equestrian classes to this wonderful Show, renowned for its high profile and variety of events. Last year the Show was highly praised for taking what the horse societies felt was a very brave step to continue to hold the Show under incredible adverse weather conditions, when so many other shows cancelled. The HOY qualifiers in particular expressed their thanks, as because of all the cancellations these classes became quite hard to find to compete in. In spite of the weather, classes were well supported with an amazingly low drop out in numbers.

The dates of the Show for 2008 – 29th to 31st July – will not clash this year with either the Royal Welsh nor the Royal International Horse Show, both of which will take place before the New Forest & Hampshire County Show, so the need to design classes in tandem with them has not been necessary this year. The three days of the Show will still be themed; Tuesday for the hunters, Wednesday for the native breeds and Thursday for the Show ponies and cobs, riding horses and the Arabs. Showjumping and various driving classes are spread across all three days

In Brief:-

New exciting Horse Classes for 2008:

- In Hand Competition Sports Pony Classes
- In Hand Part Bred Irish Draught Classes
- Ridden Irish Draught Classes:
 - Ridden Pure Bred
 - Ridden Sports Horse
 - Part Bred
- In Hand Part Bred Appaloosa Class
- Side Saddle Costume Concours D'Elegance

New Classes retained because of popularity and support from 2007:

- We have retained all HOYS qualifiers for 2008
 - Show Hunter Pony
 - Show Ponies & Leading Rein & First Ridden
 - Intermediates
 - Coloured Horse & Pony Ridden
 - Ridden Cob Classes
 - Ridden Hunter & Workers
 - Ridden Hacks
 - Ridden Riding Horse
 - Miniatures

- Mountain & Moorland leading Rein & First Ridden
- Mountain & Moorland Working Hunter Ponies
- We have retained the Olympia Qualifier for the Mountain & Moorland Ridden Classes
- New Forest Drive
- Ex Race Horse: Ridden & Workers
- Amateur Hunter

Action Taken after requests by competitors

- Driven Hackneys moved to West Ring for more space.
- Sports Horse Breeding, Hunter Breeding & Irish Draught Classes to follow on so competitor could maximise there entries.
- Private Driving Classes excluding the forest drive.
- Appaloosa, Spotted Pony, Palomino & Miniature classes retained for one more year although numbers dropping.
- The donkey parking is now at the back of Show Ring and will be over seen by their reprehensive of horse committee.
- The Hoof & Horn Challenge moved to Thursday 31st July to avoid clashes with the New Forest Classes on Wednesday 30th July

Show Jumping Classes

- Renault Jump to be retained but moved to prestigious time of 2pm on Wednesday 30th July.
- Prize Money to be won throughout the Show Jumping Classes £15,200

The Show is affiliated to

- APHC UK
- Arab Horse Society
- British Appaloosa Society
- British Connemara Pony Society
- British Driving Society
- British Horse Driving Trials Association
- British Horse Society
- British Miniature Horse Society
- British Palomino Society
- British Show Hack , Cob & Riding Horse Association
- British Show Jumping Association
- British show Pony Society
- British Spotted Pony Association
- Carriage Driving Supporters Club
- Cherif Championship
- Cleveland bay Horse Society
- Clydesdale Horse Society
- Coaching Club
- Coloured Horse and Pony Society (UK)
- Dales Pony Society
- Dartmoor Pony Society
- Donkey Breed Society
- Exmoor Pony Society
- Fell pony Society
- Group Established for Miniature Shetlands
- Hackney horse Society
- Highland Pony Society
- Horse of the Year Show
- Irish Draft Horse Society (GB)
- National Pony Society
- New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society
- New Forest Pony Enthusiasts Riding Club
- New Forest Pony Publicity Group
- Scurry Driving Association
- Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society
- Shire Horse Society
- Side Saddle Association
- Southern counties Welsh Pony and Cob Association
- Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain
- Suffolk Horse Society
- Welsh Pony and Cob Society
- Wessex Shetland Pony Group
- Worshipful company of Farriers
- Victoria Food Company

From the 1st April Schedules and entries are available online website address www.newforestshow.co.uk, entries close on the 2nd June.