



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY PERFORMANCE TRIALS
AND
REGISTERED NATIVE PONY PERFORMANCE TRIALS
ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26th 2010

AT LINNEL WOOD, HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND
By kind permission of The Charlton Family

The principle aim of this event is to provide an enjoyable day of competition for people with native ponies. We will do our best, with your help, to create a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Some competitors may compete in affiliated dressage and be able to jump 3ft with ease, others will be worried whether they can get the correct leg in the dressage, can jump the smallest jump or get on and off at the slip rail, but the event is open to all and there will be more of the latter than the former. So come and have a go, and enjoy your pony, in a wonderful setting. Spectators are very welcome, and a Refreshment Van will be on hand to give you sustenance. For new competitors, this event has run for many years with just Fell Ponies, for the last few years we have welcomed all other Native Breeds with a growing number coming to enjoy this wonderful day out. We will only be running two dressage arenas with Fell Ponies taking the priority; this will limit the entries to a maximum of 60 ponies. 30 in each arena. The day is a very relaxed and informal fun day out for all. We hope all new competitors will enter into the spirit of the day, which is fun!

The event is run along the line of a one-day event, with dressage, cross-country and show jumping. In all phases marking will be with 'positive' scoring, i.e. points scored, not faults incurred. There will be one class for Registered Fell Ponies and two classes for Registered other Native Breeds; one for Small Breeds and one for Large Breeds. The Dressage Judges will be Mrs Gail Williams and Miss Helen Copeland. The Dressage Test will be Preliminary 10. Copies of which can be sent out after receipt of entry, and a stamped addressed envelope. Dressage times will be available on Friday September 24th between 4.00pm and 9pm on 01434 673 262. Dressage times will also be on display at 8.00am on the morning of competition. Dressage Tests will commence at 8.30am. The cross-country start will commence at 12 noon. The cross-country course will open for walking at 9.00am that morning. On the Cross Country course no one is eliminated for failing to negotiate a jump or obstacle. Each jump will have a choice of two or three heights, varying from 1ft to 3ft, scoring 10, 20 or 30 points. 5 points will be lost for each refusal, and after 3 refusals at one numbered fence the competitor must move on. The course includes a water splash and a small timed section; the timed section will include a Slip Rail (to be negotiated dismounted), a gate to be opened and closed, and one jump.

The Show Jumping phase will start within 30 minutes of the final cross-country competitor completing the course. The Show jumping phase will have two or three different heights depending on height of the ponies entered. Competitors must nominate which height they wish to jump before this phase begins. 3 points will be lost for a refusal, after 3 refusals you must move on to the next jump. No points will be scored for a knock down. 5, 10 and 15 points will be scored per jump, jumped clear, depending on which height competitors chose. Competitors' event numbers will be available on the morning of the event

JUMP JUDGES are a most important part of this event; if every competitor could find a Jump Judge for the cross-country course we would be extremely grateful. Experience is not necessary but they do need to be over the age of 16. Please see the end of your entry form.

RULES

- 1 The event is open to Pure Bred Registered Fell Ponies, and Pure Bred Registered Native Ponies only. All must be within their breeds societies height limit.
- 2 Owners of Fell Ponies must be paid up members of The Fell Pony Society. Owners of other Breeds must be paid up members of their relevant societies.
- 3 **For the Dressage Test** competitors may use a plain jointed or straight bar snaffle, a flash, drop or cavesson noseband, a neck strap, breastplate or crupper. They **may not** use a bridoon bit, double bridle, pelam, kimbewick,

- or dutch gag, a martingale, boots or bandages. Riders must wear gloves and may carry a whip or use spurs. The Dressage Test may be 'Called'. Ponies should 'warm up' in the same tack as that in which they compete. Failure to comply with any of these stipulations will result in a penalty of 10 points for each discretion.
- 4 On the cross country course, failure to cross the water splash mounted will count as a refusal. In the event of a scoring tie in this section, positions will be decided on the timed section.
 - 5 **Small Breeds Class:** Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor and Welsh A & B. **Large Breeds Class:** Connemara, New Forest, Dales, Highland and Welsh C & D (excluding Fell). Riders of any age.
 - 6 No Lead Rein. Competitors with assisting runners are most welcome and will be considered depending on entries but must compete HC. Please contact the Secretary.
 - 7 Riders of Small Breed stallions must be 12 or over. Riders of Large Breed Stallions (including Fells) must be 14 or over.
 - 8 **Protective headgear to BSEN 1384/PAS 015** with chinstrap must be worn by all riders when mounted. It is also strongly recommended that body protectors and medical armbands be worn for all jumping phases.
 - 9 Any competitor who approaches a judge or jump judge in any of the sections to question a decision, or allows a supporter to do so will be disqualified.
 - 10 Any appeal against the decision of a judge in any of the sections must be accompanied by a £10 deposit, which will be forfeited if the judge's decision is upheld. The event organiser's decision is final.
 - 11 All Dogs must be kept on short leads at all times.

Rosettes will be awarded in all sections 1st to 4th. Rosettes 1st to 4th over all.

Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to The Best Fell - Overall, Dressage, Cross-country, Junior and Newcomer. Perpetual Trophy for the Best Highland.

Other Trophies and Shields for all other Native Breeds are slowly being arranged. Anyone wishing to donate Trophies for other breeds they would be most gratefully received
Clear Round Rosettes for the Show Jumping.

Fell Pony Trophy called **The Brackenbank Megan Memorial Trophy** has been presented by the Wilkinson Family and donated by Amanda Coates for the Best Fell Mare in memory of the mare they lost to Grass Sickness.

TEAM COMPETITION – SPONSORED BY The Kerbeck Fell Pony Stud. Open to all breeds, so you can mix or match your team. Teams of four, with the best three scores to count. (Teams of three will be accepted). Entries will be taken on the day or on the entry form They must be made at least 15 minutes before the first team member begins their dressage. Please nominate a team captain. Please name your team. A special rosette will be awarded to the team with the best or most appropriate name. All team members must be already entered as individual competitors. Entry Fee £8 per team.

A **REFRESHMENT VAN** will be on site all day please support it to make it worthwhile them coming for a small event.

For details of overnight stabling and details of local B&Bs. Contact Bob or Sarah Charlton 01434 673 262.

Please complete the Entry Form – one per pony please. Send with appropriate entry fee and SAE if confirmation of entry and/or Dressage Test Required. Cheques should be made payable to **The Fell Pony Society** and sent to:
Mrs Sarah Charlton, Linnel Wood, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 1UB
Tel Number 01434 673 262 (**no calls after 9.00pm please**)

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 13th September. Late entries will always be considered please ring Sarah Charlton on 01434673262