

My personal congratulations go to Susan McKinlay for winning the Senior Points Scheme. She is a very deservent of winning this together with Guardsman, as they have put in a tremendous effort in 1993. It is also good to see a driving pair of ponies doing so well in competition, namely Hazel Hindmarch's Swindale Rose and Rackwood Rose and of course Jane Brindley's Edenview Moonstroller, who at the age of 24 years, rising 25, is quite a character and we look forward to seeing him continuing to do well in the points scheme. It is the second year running that Ruth Ward and Vicky Johnson have taken 1st and 2nd place respectively in the Junior Scheme and it is good to see some new Juniors taking part. Very well done to you all. I think it's true to say the points scheme is an incentive to get out and do things with your ponies but the miles travelled and the effort taken by each competitor is highly commendable. To obtain Junior Points competition rules and score sheets, please contact Mrs C Robinson, 6 Crossgates, Lamplugh, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 4TU. Senior Points Scheme details are available from the Secretary, Mrs Rachel Bell (address at front of newsletter).

NEW YOUNGSTOCK, STALLION & MARE AND PONY PERFORMANCE AWARDS 1993

Premiums of £25 each are offered to the four youngstock age groups - Foals, Yearlings, Two and Three year olds. The Sire and Dam of each winning pony also receive £25 each. The winning performance pony, aged 4 years and over receives £50 and it's Sire and Dam also receive £50 each. Further details of the Awards are given below.

Results of the new Premium Awards are appended:

(There is insufficient space to print all the results in the newsletter but the full list of results will be on view at the AGM and Stallion Show.)

Winning Foal with 75 points:

CARROCK MONTY - Owner Mrs G M Cockbain
Sire: Townend Ross - Owner Mrs H Hindmarch
Dam: Carrock Pollyanna - Owner Mrs G M Cockbain

Winning Yearling with 80 points:

SUNNYBROWE JACK - Owner Mrs S Prior
Sire: Tarnmoor Prince - Owner Mrs J Hutchinson
Dam: Redhouse Donna - Owner Mr J Mawson

Winning Two Year old with 70 points:

HELTONDALE LOFTY III - Owner Mrs E Whitley
Sire: Tebay Campbell Ton Victor- Owner Mr W S Noble
Dam: Heltondale Lucky IV - Owner Mr & Mrs J W Langcake

Winning Three Year old with 85 points:

PETSAL PELE - Owner Mr J M Rawlinson
Sire: Townend Flash II (Dead)
Dam: Lowmoat Fanny III - Owner Mrs J L Hill

Winning Performance Pony with 190 points:

ESTHER MAREE OF INGLEGARTH - Owner Mrs B A Hodgson
Sire: Townend Flash II (Dead)
Dam: Sleddale Rosette XI - Owner Mrs R H P Bell

Our Chairman, Mrs Ball, has kindly offered a perpetual trophy, which is to be given to the breeder of the winning Performance Pony. The 1993 winner is Mr R Houston.

The Premiums are only awarded to live ponies. The points are accrued to the pony, therefore if a pony is sold during the show season, the points accrued to date are transferred to the new owner (if subsequent points are gained). The 'current' owner is deemed to be the person who gained the last points with that pony by 30 September and any further transfers of ownership after this date would not entitle the new owner to the Premium.

1993 was the first year for these Premium Awards and the selected shows were chiefly FPS events, which are mainly in the north of England. However, in the 1994 season this list of shows will be extended in order to assist those members who are not within easy reach of the majority of FPS events. The list of approved shows is given below.

FPS Shows & Events: (Where appropriate in-hand, ridden and WHP sections will apply to all of the following) Stallion & Colt Show, Windermere Fell Pony Show, Barningham Fell Pony Show, Lowther Fell Classes, Breed Show, Southern Show, Linnels Spring Trials and Blawith Autumn Trials.

KEY: R = Ridden; WHP - Working Hunter Pony; IH = In Hand. In total there are 11 Ridden, 16 WHP and 7 In Hand Shows, as follows.

4-7 July ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND, National Agricultural Centre,

IH Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warks. Tel: 0203 696969

NPS Affiliated Shows:

- 2 Apr COTTENHAM SHOW Sec: Mrs A Doughty, The Old Rectory House, Wilby,
WHP Wellingborough, Northants, Tel: 0933 229394 Venue: Cottenham Racecourse, Cambs.
- 5-8 Apr SOUTH OF ENGLAND SPRING SHOW Sec: Mrs J B Wyman, Chilling Street Cott,
WHP Sharpthorne, Sussex. Tel: 0342 810281 Venue: South of England Showground.
- 2 Apr NATIONAL STALLION SHOW GLASGOW Sec: Mr S Gilmour, 24 Beresford Terr,
R,WHP,IH Ayr, Scotland. Tel: 0292 266768 Venue: United Auction Mart, Kildean, Stirling.
- 2 May BROCKENHURST HORSE SHOW Sec: Mrs C V Bunch, Walnut Cott., Marbrean
WHP Close, Fordingbridge, Hants. Tel: 0425 654893 Venue: New Park, Brockenhurst.
- 22 May NPS AREA 20 SHOW Sec: Mrs J Salmon, Spring Bank, Henley Down, Catsford, Battle
WHP Sussex. Tel: 0424 830391 Venue: 10 Acre Field, Kent County Showground, Detling.
- 4-5 Jun EAST ANGLIAN NATIVE PONY SOC SHOW Sec: Miss S Hannah, 44B The
R,WHP,IH Orchards, Sutton, Ely, Cambs. Tel: 0353 776398 Venue: To be arranged.
- 9-11 Jun SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW Sec: R G Rutherford Esq, South of England Ag Soc,
WHP Ardingly, Haywards Heath, W Sussex. Tel: 0444 892700 Venue: Ardingly
- 11 Jun NPS SCOTTISH SHOW Sec: Mrs H Morrison, Broomiebank House, Westruther,
WHP Gordon, Berwickshire. Tel: 0578 740200 Venue: Alloa.
- 12 Jun NPS WESSEX AREA SHOW Sec: Mrs C Webb, 9 The Meadows, Furzehall Avenue,
WHP Fareham, Hants. Tel: 0329 231140 Venue: Rare Breeds Centre, Gillingham.
- 14-16 Jun THREE COUNTIES SHOW Sec: Mr L M Downes, Three Counties Ag. Soc., The
WHP Showground, Malvern, Worcs. Tel: 0684 892751 Venue: Malvern.
- 19 Jun NORTHERN COUNTY FAIR & HORSE SHOW Sec: Mrs E Watson, Sleningford
R,WHP Grange, North Stainley, Ripon, N. Yorks. Tel: 0765 635252 Venue: Newby Hall,
Skelton on Ure, Ripon.
- 19 Jun NPS AREA XI & BSPS AREA 6 SHOW Sec: Miss C M Phillips, 2 The Dale, Wootton
R Wawen, Solihull, W Midlands. Tel: 0564 792925 Venue: Solihull Riding Club.
- 25 Jun NPS AREA 5 SHOW (CHES & LANCS) Sec: Mrs E Sington, Mendips, Liverpool Rd,
R,WHP Neston, Cheshire. Tel: 051 336 1972 Venue: Witton Park, Blackburn.

- 12 Jul NPS SOMERSET & AVON AREA Sec: Miss A Nicholls, Hillside Cott, Old London
WHP Road, Wootton-Under-Edge, Glos. Tel: 0453 843804 Venue: Taunton Racecourse.
- 14-16 Jul KENT COUNTY SHOW Sec: Mrs F Day, Kent County Ag. Soc., County Show-
R ground, Detling, Kent. Tel: 0622 630975 Venue: County Showground, Detling.
- 23 Jul BRACO SHOW Sec: Miss MM Jackson, Gateside Cottage, Fortevoit, Perthshire.
R Tel: 0764 684371 Venue: Lodge Park, Braco.
- 26-28 Jul NEW FOREST & HANTS COUNTY Sec: Mr P Shanks, The Showground, New Park,
R,WHP,IH Brockenhurst, Hants. Tel: 0590 22400 Venue: New Park, Brockenhurst.
- 31 Jul CHARD SHOW Sec: Mrs V Butler, Woodlands, Sandpits, Broadwindsor, Beaminster,
WHP Dorset. Tel: 0308 868319 Venue: Lower Stockham Farm, South Chard.
- 3-4 Aug NPS SHOW MALVERN Sec: Mr R F Constant, Willingdon House, 102 High St,
R,IH Alton, Hants. Tel: 0420 88333 Venue: Malvern.
- 28-29 Aug CITY OF LEICESTER HORSE SHOW Sec: Mr A J Fitzherbert, The Old Forge,
R,WHP,IH Barkestone-le-Vale, Notts. Tel: 0949 42237 Venue: The Oval, Abbey Park, Leics.
- 17-18 Sep NEWBURY & ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKS Sec: Mr J A Bines, Newbury Show-
R,IH ground, Priors Court, Chieveley, Newbury, Berks. Tel: 0635 247111 Venue Newbury.

STALLION & COLT SHOW The Show will again be held at Dalemain, by kind invitation of the McCosh family, on Saturday, 14 May 1994. The Judge for this year's Show is Mr T H Harrison, Thorney Bank, Shap. Schedules will be sent out to everyone who exhibited in 1992 and 1993. Will others please apply to Mr B Allen, Tarn Bank, Arnaby, The Green, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5HZ, or collect a schedule at the AGM in March. Entries to be returned to Barry Allen. The Stallion Show will commence at 11.30 am. All ponies of 3 years and over must be licensed and will be measured in the morning by the vet in attendance - please arrive in good time for your class, as the vet will only be in attendance for a couple of hours. Show numbers will be handed out at the measuring stand by the Steward - Miss B Walker. Stallions entered in the At Home Premium class will be required to parade - please submit, either with your entry or in the Secretary's tent, some details of your stallion for a short commentary during the parade.

SPRING PERFORMANCE TRIALS & N.P.S. MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND

W.H.P. CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

TO BE HELD AT LINNEL WOOD, HEXHAM.

These events will be held on Sunday 26 June 1994 at Linnel Wood, Hexham, again by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs R B Charlton.

The Qualifier will commence at 10.00 am and is open to registered stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over. Exhibitors need not be members of the National Pony Society nor ponies entered in the Competition Record. The Qualifying exhibitor must however become a member and the pony be entered in the WHP Competition Record within seven days for the qualification to be valid. At the Final riders must be members of the NPS.

The height of the jumps is increased for ponies exceeding 13.2hh. It is therefore essential that you have an accurate assessment of your pony's height. Qualifying ponies may be measured at the Final unless they can produce a current JMB Height Certificate.

The winner of the Qualifier will go forward to the semi-final to be held at the NPS Annual Show, Malvern, in August, and the Final is held at the Horse of the Year Show, Wembley. A copy of the full rules will be made available to all Qualifier entrants. The judge will be Mr M Allen, Kendal.

The Spring Performance Trials, for those new to the event, this is completely separate from the Qualifier. It is run along the lines of a normal one day event with dressage, cross country and showjumping phases. The main differences are the manner of scoring (points scored rather than faults deducted) and the choice of jumps available in the cross country and showjumping sections. The intention is to provide courses challenging enough for the experienced and sufficiently encouraging for the less experienced or novice combinations.

The dressage section will commence at 12.00 noon and competitors will be given individual starting times for this and the cross country phases before the event. There will be no competitors' briefing session; instead full details will be sent to each competitor in advance. Anyone with a problem on the day is of course welcome to discuss it with the organisers. The main object is to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable day - with the spice of competition thrown in.

Details and entry form are available from Barry Allen, Tarn Bank, Arnaby, The Green, Millom, Cumbria, LA18 5HZ. (large SAE please). Anyone thinking of entering for the first time can have their concerns eased by speaking to Barry on 0229 774528.

There is a £10 allowance for competitors travelling over 100 miles, and details of stabling and accommodation can also be obtained from Barry. Jump judges and stewards are always in short supply and anyone wishing to help will receive a very warm welcome.

WINDERMERE FESTIVAL FELL PONY SHOW This will be held on Sunday 3 July 1994, at the National Park Visitor Centre at Brockhole, Windermere. Judges will be Mr E M Wilson and Mrs G Cockbain. New classes intended for this year's show are ridden pairs and novice working hunter. 1993 competitors will be pleased to hear that the grass will be cut this year! Schedules will be sent to recent competitors and will be available at the AGM. Enquiries to Barry Allen (0229 774528).

BARNINGHAM FELL PONY SHOW To be held on Saturday, 9 July 1994, at Barningham Park, Richmond, by kind permission of Sir Anthony Milbank. Schedules will be available from Mrs Margaret Wilson, Townend, Haltcliff, Heskett-New-Market, Wigton, Cumbria. Tel: 06974 78638, and Mrs N Earnshaw, Hawkstead Farm House, Barningham, Richmond, N. Yorks. Tel: 0833 21261.

LOWTHER FELL CLASSES To be held on Saturday, 6 August 1994, by kind invitation of Lowther Horse Driving Trials & Country Fair. The Judge is Mr E M Wilson. This year the classes will be re-arranged with the ridden class being judged between 9.30 - 10.30 am in the main ring and the in-hand classes being judged from 10.30am - 12.20 pm in a side ring. The in-hand classes will be split as follows: (a) Yearlings; (b) 2 & 3 year olds; (c) 4 years and over (Specials for brood mare and foal). We will then come back to the Main Ring at 12.30 pm for 20 minutes, when the Championship will be judged, ending with a parade of all the entries. With extra judging

time the youngstock classes can now be split and therefore Lowther will now qualify as one of our events for the Youngstock and Pony Performance Premium scheme.

Show schedules will be available at the AGM and Stallion Show and will be sent to last year's exhibitors, others should apply to the FPS Secretary, Rachel Bell (SAE please).

BREED SHOW Our **25th Anniversary Show** will be held on Saturday, 13 August 1994, at Brougham Hall Farm, Penrith, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs A Helme. There are some new Show Rules in the schedule - please read *carefully*. Schedules will be available at the AGM and the Stallion Show, otherwise please send a s.a.e. to Mrs Molly Laing (address at front of newsletter) or Mrs Margaret Murray, Park House Farm, Baldersdale, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham. Schedules will NOT be automatically sent out to last year's exhibitors. **Entries close 28th July** and they **MUST** be with the new Entries Secretary, Miss Dawn Ford, by that date.

PLEASURE RIDE 1993 Details of venue and date are yet to be finalised. Suggestions are welcome and further discussion will take place at the AGM. Due to the disappointing turn out over the last two years, it may be decided not to hold the ride the day after the Breed Show but instead choose a date in the autumn. Anyone interested in taking part in the ride should contact Mrs G Cockbain, Rakefoot Farm, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4TE. Details and an application form will be sent out in due course.

SOUTHERN FELL SHOW The sixth Southern Show will again be held at Shotover House, by kind permission of Sir John Miller, on Sunday 11th September. We are pleased that Miss Sheena Lawson and Mr Peter Lawson will be judging our main classes. We have one new class this year, called the 'Generation Game' - the pony is to jump a short course with one rider and to do a ridden section with another rider. There must be at least 20 years between the age of the riders! This should demonstrate the versatility of a Fell Pony for all the family.

We now have 30 classes, which offers scope for everyone, so we are hoping for a bumper entry this year! Schedules will be sent to previous exhibitors, will others please apply to Miss M G Longsdon, Orchard Cottage, Cucklington, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 9PT. Tel: 0963 33343.

AUTUMN PERFORMANCE TRIALS Pict Hall, Blawith, Nr Ulverston, will again stage this event, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs R Baxter, this year on Sunday, 18th September. Last year saw encouragingly increased entries and it is to be hoped that support for this excellent day out can be maintained. Details and entry form from Barry Allen - see Stallion Show details for address (SEA please).

BEWCASTLE STUD FELL RIDE (Somerset) We are planning a 'picnic' ride on Saturday, 24th September - entry fee £5 in aid of the Southern Show. This will be approximately 15 miles and mainly on tracks and forestry starting 11.30'ish and ending up here for tea! All members will be most welcome, we hope this will be a jolly day to end the show season! If you are interested, please 'phone 0963 33343 by 14th September. **Mary Longsdon.**

GIBSIDE COUNTESS was bought with others by Mrs Joan O'Brien and exported to Canada in 1990. Recently, Countess has been bought by a friend of Joan's, Mrs Erica Brunner, who is a new member of the Society, who writes to say how delighted she is with Countess:

"Countess has a very definite, funny character - ready for any adventure. Safe to go through streams, bumping into deer, following abandoned railway tracks. Doing a dressage test, remembering them better than I, after doing them a few times! Just loves to do 'hazards' in combined driving ('Training Division' as she is only 4 years old). Refusing to go faster than 12 km/hour! Only in hazards does she canter - so fast I forget which gate is next! In short I love her. Last summer I found her with front feet in the water trough, just cooling off! We also go riding, she has keen sense to avoid groundhog holes - we have plenty of them." (*Not many of those at Gibside, I shouldn't think!*) "And traffic is a 'fun thing' for her, she never gets scared. Well enough said!!"

E Brunner, Canada

Whilst on a Canadian theme, I thought the following might be of interest. It is a poem written in 1927, by a relative of mine, who emigrated to Canada - this part of my family still remains in there. The author was my grandfather's brother. The poem is not about Fell Ponies but it holds a message and I think it is worthy of print. **Rachel Bell.**

A Dream. 1924.

*I've owned a lot of horses, boys,
Since first I tilled the land,
And sometimes I was kind of rough;
For I didn't understand.
But, boys, one night I had a dream;
I saw a pasture wide,
And there were horses I had owned
All feeding, side by side.
There was faithful Joe and old Jim, too,
Who'd had the broken knee,
And Billy was there and old Brown Doll,
Just happy as could be.
And while I stared, I heard a voice
(Now boys, this story's true,)
The measure you meted out to them,
Shall be meted out to you.
And now, if things don't go just right,
When working with the team,
I stop and think before I strike,
Of the warning in my dream.*

Valleau S. Squire. 1927.



NEWFARM VALENCIA FP2443

This newsletter has a slightly more 'International' flavour about it, as we have news from three different countries - Holland, U.S.A. and Canada. May 1993, saw the arrival of Mary and Lyle Nygaard's, (Florida, U.S.A.) first foal - and the U.S.A.'s first Fell foal! - NEWFARM VALENCIA, a lovely black filly, by their stallion Tarnbeck Lightning and out of Lownthwaite Orange Blossom.



GIBSIDE COUNTESS FP1794, foaled 1989

Sire: Gibside Danny Boy 6458; Dam: Waverhead Dawn 16551

FELL PONIES AND DRESSAGE Of course your Fell Pony is perfectly capable of performing well in dressage! All it requires is regular schooling, patience and persistence in overcoming the natural cunning of the beast. Elaborate hardware is not necessary and it is quite possible to achieve a good, balanced test on the bit in a simple snaffle. Some movements are more difficult for Fells than for other breeds and extension is always a hard goal to reach but most dressage judges do take this into account, despite some who persist in describing the trot as 'hurried', when they are really bemused by all the feather flying around!

It is gratifying to see in the ridden classes at the Breed Show that well-schooled ponies are now being given their true position in the line and there are less trotting-race paces and nose poking in evidence. Although starting late with our Fell, Jossgreen, after several struggles he has turned out to be a very good dressage pony at the age of 14 years. Not only has schooling paid off to place him top in the Junior Section at Linnels last year, but he consistently wins open dressage competitions. In 1993, he came 6th out of a massive field at the NPS Centenary Show at Malvern and was in the winning Area Dressage Team of Cumberland Foxhounds Pony Club, qualifying for the National Championships at Weston Park. In the last event, he was the only Fell in over 50 competitors, ranging from show ponies to intermediate dressage schoolmasters and he also managed to obtain 4th individual position of the day.

Your fat hairy may never make the Spanish Riding School, but why not aim for Elementary or Intermediate Levels in Dressage?

Ruth Ward

***STOP PRESS* — IMPORTANT NEWS ON FOAL FATALITIES**

As this newsletter goes to print the following letter has just been received from Mr Paul May, BVMS, MRCVS, of Barr & Partners, Crown Square, Penrith:

“Following a rather disappointing foaling season last year, I feel we must take steps to improve the situation for this year. During the spring and summer of 1993, we attended several ill Fell foals, typically falling ill at around two to three weeks of age. The foals were dull, lethargic and pale and often showed signs of secondary infection such as loose droppings or a persistent cough. They soon lost the desire to suckle and weight loss became a problem requiring tube feeding. There was a high mortality rate amongst affected foals.

All the foals we attended were from mares grazing on improved, enclosed pastures with few problems reported from fell land. Anaemia was the main problem, some of the later cases responded to Vitamin E if they were seen early enough. Vitamin E is required by the body for many purposes and for several of these selenium will perform a similar function. Selenium levels, however, were normal in some of these foals. We assumed that these foals were born with inadequate stores of Vitamin E from deficient mares. Owners who think they have susceptible mares should consult their Veterinary Surgeon well before the foals are due so that action can be taken in time”.

Yours sincerely , Paul May BVMS, MRCVS

MISSING/STOLEN — MURTHWAITE MAYDEW

Mare, 6 years old, black with small amount of white in off hind heel (not easy to see). Ear mark: half moon bit out of right ear, on the inside (nearest forelock). Believed in-foal. Last seen on Ravenstonedale Common on 11.1.94 and gone by 15.1.94. Telephone (Capstick) 0931 714656 or (Potter) 716267.



LUNESDALE REBECCA FP2026

LUNESDALE REBECCA, has enjoyed a fantastic amount of success in her short life to date. Home bred at Roundthwaite Farm, Tebay, she was foaled in 1991 (by Lunesdale Henry, out of Lunesdale White Rose). In the last two years she has won numerous championships including The Royal Show (twice), the Breed Show, the Southern Show, the Cleveland County Show, Barningham Show, Cumberland County Show, Cartmel Show and the N.P.S. Centenary Shows at both Malvern and Harrogate. As well as her physical attributes (she matches very closely the standard laid down by the FPS) she has a very sweet and placid nature and takes all in her stride.

Despite her show ring success she still lives as a native pony to a large extent, being on the fell until the 1st April '93, prior to the start of the show season.

Mr & Mrs A W Morland



Hi-Ho 'Silver' - or should it be 'TARNBECK TOPPER'! Owner Graham Jackson, Nr Blackpool, treated Thurham and Glasson CE School pupils to a day out with a distinct 'Western' theme to it. Topper, a winner in his own right, enjoyed the attention and limelight - taking the day in his stride!



LOWNTHWAITE MARES & FOALS, owned and bred by Mr H F Wales, Lownthwaite, Milburn, Penrith. His stallion Heltondale Duke IV FP227C is producing prizewinning stock.