

BNFOY 2010 SHOW REPORT

Thermals and warm clothing were much appreciated for the staging of our eighth Show, on a bitterly cold November day and hot drinks the order for early starters, with classes beginning in both rings at 8.30am prompt. Entries were surprisingly higher than expected in the current economic climate when most breeders have cut back on the number of foals they produce, many having wisely stopped breeding, until the current market improves

Coloured/Spotted foals came first under the watchful eye of Judge Leanne Wilson who chose her champion from the exceeding 148cm class, Sophie Wilcox's homebred **Sweet Armani** (Hindles Razzmatazz/Striker Do'r, standing ahead of Gentleshaw King Of Colour, a charming blue and white diminutive colt

Carol Lee ably judged the eight very well supported classes before her for Amateur Home produced foals. The pony section being headed by Julie Barnes homebred **La De Dah** (Little Reflection/Tickety/Boo) with Reserve Championship awarded to Leamvalley Fawsley Rose, maintaining the form she had shown earlier in the season. The Horse classes in this section resulted with the tricolour awarded to Leander and Tim Barn's **Jannah's Prospect** (Madoc/Maybe Just Maybe) who was much campaigned and later stood Reserve Champion Riding Horse and Sport Horse, before rounding off her successful day when gaining Reserve Supreme Horse Champion under a trio of Judges. Reserve Champion in this section was awarded to Limepark Lasoreli

Show Riding Horse foals came under the keen eye of John Bourne who found his champion from the exceeding 164cm class, a stunning iron grey filly **Who Dares Wins 11** (Phanten/Who Dares Wins) This outstanding filly, certainly possessed the X factor, having size, scope and beauty in her favour. The writer, like many others, had hoped she would end the day Overall Supreme Of Show. It was not to be!! However, she did find favour when also claiming the Sport Horse Championship She delighted owners, Margaret and William Simpson, who had hand reared the filly when her dam Who Dares Wins died, when the foal was just a month old. Reserve Champion Riding Horse was the above mentioned Jannah's Prospect, who repeated her win when again standing reserve to **Who Dares Wins 11** in the following Sport Horse section, officiated by Mrs Swinnerton

Due to the extreme cold Paul Stringer offered to Judge the Sport/Competition Ponies for Mrs Swinnerton. Entries in this section were good and Paul set about the task of assessing and placing the exhibits. In the event, both his Champion and Reserve Champion came from the 153cm class. His final choice being first placed End House Stud's **Imperial High Order** (Aimbry Chester/All At Sea) showing exemplary manners and gave a polished performance for handler Mark Carswell. This colt had earlier, stood Reserve Hack Champion under a different Judge. Reserve Champion was the second placed grey La De Dah, bred and exhibited by owner Julie Barnes. A super sort, with excellent conformation, good bone and limbs, showing elevated elastic paces, who looks capable of a good days work when he is mature

Hack Judge, Sophie Judges found favour in Geoff Grace's homebred Large Hack filly **Renelles Royal Salute** (Stanley Grange Royal Appointment/Renelles Sparkling Romance) who was awarded the Championship, again repeated, in the Anglo/PBA Horse section. Reserve Champion was End House Stud's small hack colt Imperial High Order, ably shown by Mark Carswell. Owner, Trudie

Goulding was further delighted when the colt also claimed Sport/Competition Pony title and Light Horse Supreme Championship, before rounding off a very successful day when standing Reserve Overall Supreme Of Show

Anglo and Part Bred Arab Horse classes were again disappointingly low on entries forward, though not lacking in quality. One wonders why these classes which used to have double line ups of superb quality horses, with the looks conformation and action capable of competing in any competition discipline, (when the writer used to exhibit in the 70`s to mid 90`s) now seem to be evermore dwindling Judge, Jane Stuart quickly found favour and awarded the Championship to Geoff Grace`s **Rennells Royal Salute**, with Messrs Whitehead-Shepherds Magniks Prince Charming taking Reserve Champion Part Bred Arab Pony classes were better filled and gave Jane more time to deliberate before calling forward Mark Buckley`s **Marcoise Secret Star** (Sudden Finality/Strinesdale Silver Star) from the 138cm class, exhibited by Mark Carswell, to stand Champion. Reserve Champion was the striking mahogany bay, larger height pony bred by Messrs Sandison and Eccles, namely **Bankswood Clematis** (Comberton Cadet/Chiddock Poppy) one who certainly looks to make a top class 148cm Show Pony in the future

Pure Arab Entries were up this year, with several not forward on the day, one or two exhibitors having arrived late The writer was pleased to note foals seemed more relaxed and happy without bridle chains or long schooling whips carried by handlers, strictly not allowed at this show. Fiona Grant-Chivers found her Champion and Reserve, bred and owned by the Stimpsons, who were clearly delighted Both colts came through from the senior foal class. **PA Soleiman** (Jaayad/Seattle) standing above PA Somali in the final order

Due to recent hospitalisation Mr P R Cook was unable to Judge and nominated his Sister to stand in for him and Judge the Mountain and Moorland section, much depleted in entries, this year. However, a worthy Championship winner came from Fells, Dales and Highlands class in the form of silver dun Highland filly **Finches Fairytail** (Whitefield Lord Anthem/Lucinda Dene) Bred, owned and exhibited by F McWilliam. Standing reserve to Fairytail was Exmoor, Alyssa for Breeder, Owner J Churchill and shown by S Wharton

Welsh Part Bred classes were very well supported giving Judge John Careless much to consider in finding his Champion in this section. **Barkway Sweet William** (Barkway Bubbling Fun/Barkway Sweet Pea), from the 128cm class found favour and was duly stood ahead of affairs, with Marcoise Secret Star runner up. Barkway Sweet William later went on to take the Supreme Pony before ending his day Overall Supreme Of Show.

Show Hunter Pony classes were well represented with Judge Mrs Coates having pleasing line ups for her scrutiny. Her winner and Champion coming from the 133cm class, the very correct and true to type liver chestnut **Leamvalley Fawsley Rose** (Wedgnock Comet/Bunbury May Morn) maintaining previous form having taken the same title and Reserve Supreme at the recent NPS Festival. The filly moved beautifully and gave a very mannerly show, to the delight of breeder owner, Julie Beasley. Mark Carswell again produced a polished performance with the 143cm silver dun Goodenbeach Goldfinch, awarded Reserve Championship for owner breeder D Denninson

Next in the ring, came the delights of the always well subscribed Shetland classes under the watchful eye of Mrs R C Davenport. Miniature Shetlands seem ever more popular in these classes of recent years, adding colour and interest, with rather less standard Shetlands forward. However, the Judge found preference with the Standard exhibits. Her Champion and Reserve Champion awards presented to the chestnut **Claydons Golden Finale** (Abbotsbury Zac/Claydons Princess Isla) gaining the red/white/blue Rosette and Sash for owner/breeders Messrs Arden & Sanadin and Reserve to Mr & Mrs Britland's black, Melland Jackson Jive

Eight classes for Welsh Breeds were officiated by Judge Danielle Waller, who had large classes to assess. First in the ring were the Section 'D' fillies and it was from this class that the outstanding jet black **Karadam Mercy** (Fronarth Victor/Cavyl Sweet Charity) the first section 'D' cob, owners Karen and Adam Fletcher had bred, excelled, winning her class, before claiming the Welsh Championship, later, going one better, being Judge Monica Beeston's choice for Supreme Champion Pony honours. Welsh Breeds Reserve Champion to Karadam Mercy was Ilston Cream Boy Section 'D' cobs and geldings came next with success for John Llewellyn-James colt **Avonvalley Tiger Bay** (Avonvalley Cardiff Arms/Thorneyside Flyers Charm) taking the red ribbon. Second and third places awarded to D Joseph's Ilston King Solomon and Len Bigley's Llanarth Magestic respectively

Sadly there were no entries forward in the Section 'C' filly class. However, Section 'C' colt and geldings gave a good account of themselves. The aforementioned **Ilston Cream Boy** (Dannaway The Jackal/Tallow Bobby Dancer) expertly produced and shown by Jack Bowerman, for owner breeder D Joseph called first, followed by C Edwards Ringside Kings Random and Oakwellyns Bohs Silver Dragon for C Llewellyn, in second and third places. Ilston Cream Boy went on to stand Reserve Welsh Breeds Champion to Karadam Mercy

Section 'B' fillies were forward in good numbers. Mr & Mrs L Bigleys aptly named, outstanding grey, with amazing paces, certainly lived up to her name, **Llanarth Glamour** (Douthwaite Signwriter/Llanarth Galaxy) gaining top honours, with second and third placings awarded to Cadlanvalley Cashmere and Wortley Seniorita respectively. Next, the Section 'B' boys entered the ring in lesser numbers. Here, Saltre Stud's Saltre Lysander was Daniell's preference, standing ahead of second placed Wortley Rio for Owner exhibitor K Allen with Pinglewood Golden Glory third placed

A good class of Section 'A' fillies were presented resulting in a win for A Franklin's **Sarum Rhiannon** (Vohermanhof Nicholas/ Saran Rosebud) followed by Fieldon Llwywdin and Chetwynd Amanda. Section 'A' colts and geldings were then forward for Judging. Here, A G Jeffries **Dargale Alfred The Great** (Three-B Playboy/Dargale Andromena) claimed the red rosette, Littlewern Inky and Chetwyn Jasper respectively placed second and third

As previously stated, Karadan Mercy claimed section Championship with Ilston Cream Boy Reserve

The afternoon continued and another change of Judge to assess the Show Pony section, Mrs Bramwell overseeing affairs clearly preferring her not exceeding 122cm class winner, the previously mentioned **Barkway Sweet William** for Championship Honours, with 138cm winner, Renelles Royal Angel, awarded Reserve Champion for owner Debbie Tyler-Davies and exhibited for her by Jeff Grace who has exhibited successfully at all our previous Shows.

Finally , evening arrived after a very long freezing day with both rings busy, Exhibitors and Spectators brave enough to have sat out the cold hours, eagerly awaited the Judging of Supreme Championships The Light Horse Supreme Champion qualifiers were first forward, to be Judged by Paul Stringer who deliberated for some time to a hushed audience, before he finally called forward End House Stud's **IMPERIAL HIGH ORDER** who again gave a polished foot perfect performance for Mark Carswell much to the approval of ringside connections

Reserve Supreme Light Horse Champion was awarded to the delighted Walton- Barnes's homebred, having been much bedecked during the day, **JANNAH'S PROSPECT** The filly's full blood brother Daiquiris Prospect, himself, having been awarded the same honour at our 2006 show

Monica Beeston surveyed the Supreme Pony Championship qualifiers before her, taking time to ensure she was satisfied with her choice, before calling forward Adam and Karen Fletchers stunning black Welsh 'D' filly **KARADEM MERCY** to take top honours, to the spectator roar of approval.

The diminutive liver chestnut colt **BARKWAY SWEET WILLIAM** again displaying perfect manners with a fluent stride, was awarded the Reserve Supreme Pony Sash and Rosette, much to the delight of producer handler Jimmy Rice Taggart and owner June Wilkinson

Ring one was now prepared for the ultimate accolade THE INDUSTRIAL VALVES LIMITED OVERALL SUPREME BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPION OF THE SHOW, whilst qualifying exhibits left the ring to remove all previously won sashes and rosettes, before returning to be judged. The winner to receive the truly superb Presidents Gold Cup, the Eternal Elegance Trophy, Sashes and Rosettes befitting the honours and also prize monies which totalled £700 and £450 respectively depending on results from the Supremes, which, in all totalled £1500

A dropped pin could be heard, total silence, whilst Judge Len Morgan pondered and pondered whilst seeing all exhibits show their paces and lining up in front of him for closer scrutiny He again walked slowly up and down for a final assessment and further consideration...which seemed to last forever, as spectators and connections held their breath. Finally..... **BARKWAY SWEET WILLIAM** was called forward for the ultimate honour with **IMPERIAL HIGH ORDER** receiving the Overall Reserve Supreme Sash, Rosette and Silver Salver

There was no concealing the sheer delight of Sweet William's handler Jimmy as William was bedecked with a sash and rosette, and with that huge gold trophy, altogether making him look like a toy pony. The final accolades were presented much to the approval of the audience, and so ends the eighth staging of our British National Foal Of The Year Show

Wishing all our Judges, Exhibitors, Spectators, and Show Officials, a happy and VERY WARM Christmas and hope to see you again next year on 20th November at Solihull

Babs Ray
5th December 2010

