



## ***The Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society***

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*Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society*

Dear Members

I hope this newsletter finds you all with better weather and healthy foals. I have been very lucky so far with 3 filly foals and 1 colt, with just 3 more to go.

The Council meeting held in April was attended by 17 Council Members, the constitution was discussed and debated at length and resolutions to amend the existing constitution in line with recommendations from the Society's legal representatives MMS will be presented to you all with the notice for the SPSBS AGM.

Council has voted for the 2010 AGM to be held on the evening of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Reading Shetland pony sale auction mart, by kind permission of Thimbleby & Shorland. I hope as many of you as possible will attend and support the SPSBS. Usually the SPSBS AGM is held at the annual Breed Show but as this year this is to be the International Shetland Pony Show at Hickstead, it is not appropriate to hold an AGM at an International Show.

The Judges panel was also considered, as a result the Judges list is to be closed for a period of three years. We have an excessive number of judges on the SPSBS panel and it was felt that judges should only be replaced as places become vacant. With several probationer judges mid way in the current scheme, who will continue under the old rules, this was agreed to be the best way forward. The Judges scheme will remain on the agenda for the foreseeable future and will be discussed thoroughly in sections at each future Council meeting. When the judges list is re-opened in three years time a new and thoroughly considered probationary scheme will be in place and notified to all Members. Members are invited to write to Council during this period with any views or ideas that they would like Council to consider regarding the judges panel.

I would like to make you all aware that from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010, all transfers will be increased to £12 per pony regardless of age or sex. The office is now in a position to offer on-line transfers using Pay-Pal and details of this will be placed on the Society web site shortly.

There seemed to be some confusion over the import of pedigree Shetland ponies as stated in the last newsletter. To be clear, as long as any pedigree Shetland pony can verify that its pedigree can trace back directly to any SPSBS stud book and meets all other rules of entry, it will be registered by the SPSBS. This is to protect the purity of the SPSBS studbook and is the very reason the Society was formed. Some ponies in other countries do not have the ability to trace their lineage back to any of the SPSBS stud-books because they have gaps in their pedigrees or have been crossed with other breeds of ponies, therefore it is imperative before anyone buys a "pedigree" Shetland pony they actually verify the pedigree. I hope I have explained this clearly.

I attended the Reading Spring Shetland Pony Sale, this was a disappointing sale, but we are in the grip of a recession and even the Shetland pony is not immune to this. I believe the situation will improve given time and am heartened by the many members I talked to who remain stalwart supporters of the incredible Shetland pony.

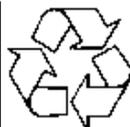
I hope to see as many of you as possible at events during the summer and wish you all well.

Kind regards

*Sue Bowling  
President*

## Registrations

Anyone wishing to sell foals at any of the Society's autumn sales must submit their foal registrations no later than 4 weeks before the sale closing date. This will ensure that the office has enough time to process the registration, enter the details on the database (so the Auctioneers can check the entries) and for the passport to be issued to the breeder in plenty time for travelling to the sale.



*The Society would appreciate it if those members paying annually could return their old plastic membership cards to the office, so that we may recycle them. Cards can be handed in to a member of staff at Society sales or posted along with any paperwork you happen to be sending in.*

## ANNUAL SOCIETY TROPHIES

As previously advised any Breed Show trophy winner 2009 must return these to the Shetland office as they cannot be awarded at the International Show.



## INTERNATIONAL SHOW

A new additional link will be on the Society website to keep latest news available as arrangements progress - do keep checking for any information and help that you require.

The Show Committee would like to thank all groups, members and friends for their generosity in donating funds and sponsoring classes etc., their help is much appreciated.

**Online Stinting certificates** will soon be available. Details will be published on the Society Website.

## EXPORTS/IMPORTS

**Council would like to remind any members importing ponies to be cautious. The pony's lineage must trace back to the mother stud-books. It is up to the person importing the pony to prove the pedigree. Ponies must now be micro-chipped before they leave/enter the country.**

## TRANSFERS

Sellers are reminded that when selling a pony, the passport and a signed transfer form **MUST** be given to the new owner. It is the new owner's responsibility to pay for the change of ownership and to send the paperwork in to record the transfer. Purchasers are also required to pay for the transfer fees of any ponies they purchase at Society sales.

## BREED SHOW 2011

Class sponsorship is available at £25 per class. Please contact Janet Murray, Lochiel Farm, Monikie, Broughty Ferry DD5 3QH Tel: 01382 370208 email: lochiel.farm@virgin.net

**OR**

Brenda Laing, Eynhallow, Westown, Carse of Gowrie, Perth PH2 7ST Tel: 01821 670359

## UP TO DATE REGISTRATION FORMS

Please note as from 1st January, old registration forms **WILL NOT** be accepted. Anyone submitting foal registrations on old forms will have them returned. Forms are available from the Society website or from the office.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

If members have a query regarding Society Accounts for Annual General Meetings please address this to the Society accountants:- Miller McIntyre & Gellatly, Chapelshade House, 78-74 Bell Street, Dundee DD1 1RQ for the attention of Mr John S. Gellatly, **14 working days** prior to the AGM in order that they may receive an individual response.

## Council Nominations

Anyone wishing to stand for Council is reminded that nomination forms **MUST** be in by 1st May each year. Forms are available from the Society office.

## Electronic Newsletters

Those wishing to receive newsletters electronically, should contact the office via the email - [enquiries@spsbs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@spsbs.co.uk) - stating clearly the email address they wish to have it sent to.

## 2010 PRICE LIST

### Subscriptions

Individual Annual	£30.00
Joint Annual	£50.00
Junior	£10.00
Family	£70.00
Life	£500.00
Annual Crofter	£20.00
Life Crofter	£200.00
Associate	£20.00

### Joining Fee

(except Junior & Associate) **£15.00**

### Registrations (Late = Double fees)

Colt/Gelding Foal	£6.00
Filly Foal	£16.00
Female Pony over 12 months	£25.00
Male Pony over 12 months	£20.00
Mare (when registering first foal)	£13.50
Gelding (previously registered as colt)	£7.00

### Passports

Foals and ponies over 12 months	£9.00
Passport application (for ponies born prior to 1998)	£25.00
Amendments to existing passport	£5.00

### Transfers

Transfer (ALL ponies)	£12.00
Export / Import	£25.00
Keeper registration (where no signed transfer can be obtained)	£15.00

### Miscellaneous

Prefix	£50.00
Show Affiliation	£25.00
Show Affiliation (Best Shetland Only)	£5.00
Additional Rosettes	£1.50
DNA Kit	£45.00
Voluntary Vet Examination	£65.00
Examination only	£15.00
Microchip	£5.80
Priority service (payment by card only)	£15.00

## SHOW RESULTS CARD

As not all affiliated shows return results to the Society, it has been decided to issue results cards to be used by members who wish to make sure their ponies receive all points earned. These cards must be signed by the judge and the show secretary on the day of the show. Cards can be obtained from the office by sending a stamped addressed envelope with a request for the number of cards required. Cards will also be available from the Society website. Completed cards should be returned to the office.

## 2010 SALE DATES

**Builth Fri. 24th September**

Tel: 01568 611 166

**York Sat. 25th September**

Tel: 01904 489 731

**Carlisle Sat. 2nd October**

Tel: 01228 406 200

**Lerwick Fri. 8th October**

Tel: 01595 696300

**Aberdeen Mon. 11th October**

Tel: 01467 623700

**Bridgwater Thurs. 14th October**

Tel: 01278 410 250

**Reading Wed. 20th October**

Tel: 0118 950 8611

**Members please note that on Society sale days the SPSBS will not be answering the office telephones due to staff attendance at Society sales.**

## BOOKS FOR SALE

Shetland Pony Stud-Books from 1990 - 2007 as new £250. Tel: 01360 850368

## PONIES FOR SALE

**Goytre Jack of Hearts AK0458, licenced stallion** 12.04.2000 grey 32", long mane. Friendly, easy to catch, box & trim. Good home required. **Also miniature mares and filly foals for sale.** Please contact tel: 01643 851475

## Central Scotland Shetland Pony Group

The committee have had a busy start to the year looking for venues for our 3 shows this year. The Junior Day Show will be held on Sunday 30 May at Teen Ranch Ballindean by Inchture. This day is dedicated to our Junior Members.

Main Show will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August at Long Rigg Farm Coalsnaughton. Judges will be Standard Blacks - Mrs K Gibb, Standard Colours - Mr I Spence and Miniatures will be Mr J.N Blackburn.

There are changes to Championship where the Overall Novice and Overall Open champions will compete for Supreme champion of the show.

Youngstock show will be held on 20 November, venue and Judge to be confirmed

If you are interested in joining the Group, please contact Janet Murray, Secretary, Lochiel Farm, Monikie, Broughty Ferry. DD5 3QH or Telephone 01382 370208 or email [lochiel.farm@virgin.net](mailto:lochiel.farm@virgin.net)

## Parklands Spring show 2010

In spite of the wonderful weather we were treated to on April 18<sup>th</sup> the entries for the show were down 40%. As I write this report we are really no wiser as to the reason. In the week a couple of our regular supporters rang to advise of prior engagements and would not be able to join us, fair enough, but that only accounts for two ! Having spoken amongst ourselves the committee feel it is perhaps a mix of ponies not being far enough forward in condition with the bad weather we have had this winter and fuel prices. Enthusiasts may be looking to compete closer to home as in truth we our selves have cancelled our intentions to travel to some of the further events, The Royal Welsh to name but one, so we will be studying other shows to see how they fare throughout the season and glean some input from the group members we are sure to bump into along the way.

However, those that did make it were as enthusiastic and competitive as ever and for the third year running Ann Page's black standard stallion **Dewland Silver Star** took the **Parklands Supreme Championship** and the **Telstar Trophy** adding the *Stallion class* and the *S.P.S.B. Society Standard Championship* along the way. She also took *Reserve Std. Champion* with her mare **Somahouse Holly** after a first in the senior *coloured class*.

Brenda Twining, having made the long journey down from Rugby, Warwickshire with **Pinglewood Puzzle**, her coloured miniature stallion, having taken a second in the *Stallion Class* made their trip totally worth while by taking home the *S.P.S.B. Society Miniature Championship*. Success also came her way with her other home bred ponies **Pinglewood George & Pinglewood Indiana** both being well placed in other classes during the day.

Winner of the *Youngstock Miniature 2/3yrs, Miniature Gelding, S.P.S.B Society Best Gelding, Somahouse Pip Squeak* also took the *Youngstock coloured class* before going on to win the *S.P.S.B. Society Miniature Junior Championship*. As if this was not enough the lad took on the seniors and was rewarded with *miniature reserve show champion*. A monumental effort by this young pony for the Cross family who arrived at the show ground so early they thought they had come on the wrong week.

Ann Page also did well with her youngster **Buxted Exotic** taking a first and second on her way to being awarded the *S.P.S.B. Society Miniature Reserve Junior Champion*.

The *S.P.S.B. Standard Youngstock championship* was very much a family affair with Emma Payne and Roger Cook whose chestnut ponies **Dryfesdale Damson** and the homebred **Slades Easter Tide** who took Junior Champion and Reserve respectively after featuring very prominently in the results all day.

The black standard mare Thrandeston Vera May being shown as always by one of our founder members Rita Russell once again featured in the results with a win in the *Black* and a third in the *Mare* classes. Their loyal support should be almost allowing them to cover a wall at home with Parklands rosettes by now!

Our 'chairperson' Val Sedgebeer as well as helping out with the show managed to compete with two of her ponies with the help of granddaughter Kayley. They were rewarded with four top three placings, so the pair of them were more than pleased with their day.

A number of people took advantage of their visit to renew subscriptions and as I write this report our membership stands at a healthy 43.

With the future in mind we took considerable advantage of a sale (50% off) of trophies just recently which has set the group up for the next two years not to mention saving on annual cost increases.

Bottom line, not a bad start to the year considering the funny times we seem to be living in at the moment.

**Report compiled by Christine Boyle – Parklands SPSG Secretary**

# Northern Shetland Enthusiasts

## Spring 2010 Newsletter

As we, hopefully, approach better weather and lighter nights then thoughts will stray to foaling and showing and what a welcome distraction from all the concerns of weather and fodder!

There is no doubt that the harsh weather put pressure on feed supplies and hay was definitely scarce and prices increased. Add to this the slow start to spring grass and no doubt people will be so pleased to get ponies out to grass when it grows.

Those who have tried to sell ponies have had mixed success but one thing is agreed by most of them and that is that prices have been low and ponies have been difficult to sell at a price that represents their value; thus they have often brought them back home.

We have also had one or two members who have had health concerns over the winter and we wish them well for the future.

You may recall that last year we were invited to participate in a show at Beamish Museum? We did think that we might have had the opportunity to assist in organising a Shetland only show however, the museum has a full programme and so this year we are finalising our involvement as part of the 3 day agricultural show at the museum in September. If we can then we will try and arrange the Sunday after Egglestone show and seek a fuller programme. More details will follow but this would be the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

We will be trying to sort out an event for the group before the summer shows but in the meantime there will be a Horse and Camel Race Night at Trevor and Carol's at Whitehill Farm Pelton on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – all are welcome and the proceeds will be for charity and possibly Lanchester Show. The Labradoodle Show is on the Sunday and again all are welcome. As always with Trevor there will be a few “eccentricities”.

The Yorkshire Show Group had their show on the 11<sup>th</sup> April at York .

We have been asked if there is anyone looking for a companion pony on loan – give me a call if you need the details.

This year it is the turn of the mother stud book to host the International Shetland Show and this will take place at Hickstead on August the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> see the Society web site.

This is the last year that we will not be asking for a subscription so enjoy the giveaway at a time when others are planning to take more of your hard earned cash.

We are trying to organise a visit by the President of the Society to one of our gatherings and when a date is agreed we will let you know.

It is so long since the last communication it seems a lifetime since several members of the group went to the breed show on the Shetland Islands. Briefly, it was well worthwhile with great hospitality from our hosts and a well organised show. Everyone seemed happy with the results and the sea journey did not cause the “upset” that many people feared, although the return journey did threaten to spoil the party. It was probably a fitting end that an Island pony took the Supreme. Lets hope it is not another hundred years before they hold another Breed Show on the Islands.

Congratulations are due to Karen Nixon and the Pink Machine (wait until you see her wagon!). Her team of young riders and well prepared ponies achieved a first in terms of the Shetland Grand National and it has almost gone un-noticed. Karen went to Olympia at Christmas with FIVE qualified riders. This is the first time this has been achieved and then each day the ponies performed so well that they picked up ticket after ticket – a great achievement and one that has had a reward. Karen is now getting calls from around the country to produce ponies for other owners. **Well done!** Those who saw her team in Shetland agreed that they were well behaved and well turned out and a real credit to Team Knix. It is good to see someone prepared to take nine, **yes nine**, young riders out each week and give them this experience.

So, some of the events that have been happening and some reminders of what is to come.

Best wishes to everyone for their foaling, showing and playing in the months ahead.

Regards

*Keith*

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## GROUPS DIRECTORY

### SCOTLAND

#### **Central Scotland Group**

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#### **North of Scotland Group**

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#### **Pony Breeders of Shetland (covers Shetland)**

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email: sonja.flaws@talk21.com

### ENGLAND & WALES

#### **Chiltern Group (covers Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire & adjacent areas)**

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#### **East Anglian Group**

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#### **GEMS (Group Established for Miniature Shetlands)**

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#### **North West & Borders Group**

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#### **West Midlands Group (covers Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, W. Midlands, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, N. Wales)**

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#### **Yorkshire Group**

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#### **Shetland & Riding Pony Club N.I.**

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### PERFORMANCE

#### **Driven Performance Awards Scheme**

Mrs W. Keeley, 51 High Street, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, Staffs WV7 3JF Tel : 01902 372238

#### **Ridden Performance Awards Scheme**

Mrs S. Bearcroft, Ropers Farm, Longdon Hill, Evesham, Worcs WR11 6RP Tel : 01386 446097

**Closing date for adverts  
for the next newsletter is  
Friday 25th June 2010.**