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Hello All

Hope you all have a fun and successful time at the Winter Championships. I cant believe how fast this year is going before we know it the Summer Championships will be here, but first we have the International WHP competition in Ireland to look forward to. We will be hosting some fund raisers to raise money to send our teams to Ireland so please check the Team News page of the website to keep up to date with what is happening. Please note that all members and friends are welcome to come to the fund raisers, the more people that help to support the better.

On another good note our Winter Shows were a great success and our Spring show schedule is now available to download on the website www.bspswales.co.uk.

Margaret Williams has kindly written a report on the winter shows:

"The Heritage Winter Show

The British Show Pony Society (Wales) Winter Shows opened in Pembrokeshire on February 14th with the Heritage Show at Moor Farm, Haverfordwest. It was a beautiful day and the show was well supported with entries from as far a field as the Isle of Man.

The ponies were kindly judged by Mr Alan Robertson, Miss Julie Crowley and Mrs Rosemary Rees, who gave up their precious time to spend the day with us.

Lucy Parr won the Novice WHP Champion on Priestwood Superted with Amy James on Fairleas Red Flare taking Reserve Champion.

Liberty Grotta Davies won the Novice Mini Champion on Tiffwyl Mira with Jessica Thomas on Blueberry High Impact in Reserve.

The Novice Ridden Champion was won by Emma Paxford on Menai CardiLlwyd and Reserve was Abby Meyrick on Cadlan Valley Picasso.

The Mini Ridden Champion was won by Cadlan Valley Teleri ridden by Leah Mathias and Reserve Heniarth Davey Crockett ridden by Jade John.

Then at the end of the day the Open Ridden Championship was Nebo Julie Ann ridden by Catrin Reed who was also Reserve with Tyngwyn Moonlady

British Show Pony WHP & SHP Winter Show

The second of the British Show Pony Society's Winter Shows was held last Sunday at Moor Farm. It was the 50th Winter Show held in Pembrokeshire, first started by Mrs Anne Jewson twenty years ago. Unfortunately, Mrs Jewson was unable to attend but was delighted when presented with a framed photo of her three grandchildren to commemorate the occasion.

Miss Joan Lewis, Mrs Margaret Marson and Mrs Marion Thomas (who judged the first Winter Show) kindly judged the ponies.

The Novice WHP Championship was won by Lucy Parr's little chestnut pony, Priestwood Superted, ridden by Ella Gee and Reserve was Danielle Gardham's Climax Lampo who also won the Ruth Lears Novice Working Hunter.

Beth Williams won the Open WHP on De Vossebellts, with Jenna Davies on Parc Playboy in Reserve place, Jenna and Parc Playboy were later Open SHP Champions with Katie Roberts on Clemenston Charleston in Reserve place. Then in the Novice SHP Championships Katie and Clemenston Charleston were Champion and Jenna and Parc Playboy were Reserve.

The Mini SHP Championship was Caradines Foxy Lady ridden by Nicole Bowen and the Reserve was the Lead Rein Pony, Popcorn ridden by Mia Lewis.

We would like to thank our sponsors, judges, stewards, competitors and all those who gave so generously of their time to make these Winter Shows the success they are and without whose help these shows could not carry on. So thank you again and good luck in the Championships."

Time for the news from our members:

The first email I received was from Bea Meyrick, who is another one of our members to have a new ride for 2010:

"The main news here is that I have Sannan Valley Ovation (Charlie) as my 14hh WHP. I would like to say a huge thank you to Diane and Sarah for letting me have her and for all their support. I love her to bits! We have only managed two worker outings so far, the first at Badgeworth saw us winning the Open and going Champion and the second at Sunnybank where we were 4th. I am really looking forward to getting out and about with her.

Crabbswood Nutmeg (Nutty) is off to a flying start with her new jockey Grace Gibbon. They came 2nd in the open at Sunnybank first time out and the following week won the Open at our Area show. My mum is so pleased that Nutty is still with us and Nutty is so pleased that she can keep going to parties!!

Sunnybank was Danielle Gardham's first BPS outing of the year with her Intermediate Climax Lampo and what a successful day it was too, getting their qualifications for the Winter Champs in all three of their classes. They were 3rd

in the Novice WH, 3rd in the Ruth Lears WH, 3rd Open WHP and 2nd Restricted WH. They followed this with an even better day at the Area 12 Winter show at Moor Farm where they won both the Novice WH and the Ruth Lears as well as Reserve Champion Novice.

Bethan Lewendon and her 15hh WHP Wiscombe Bonita are continuing their excellent start to their first season together with 2nd in the Novice and then in the Restricted Open they were 1st and Champion at Sunnybank. They also came 3rd in the Novice at Moor Farm and were unlucky to have 1 pole in the Open at Hartpury.

Before we get onto the showing news from Gemma James I would like to say a massive Congratulations to her and Nick Rees for their recent engagement- can't wait for the wedding!!! Back to her BSPS news, Gemma took Pendley Majestic to Hartpury where they were Champion and qualified for RIHS in the Small Intermediate SRT. Luke Dawes (Debbie Thomas's groom) then rode him in the Part Bred Arab and also came Champion. Well done both of you.

Ella Gee and her new novice ride, Lucy Parr's Priestwood Superted also went to Sunnybank. This was their first show and they were clear in the novice and had a pole in the open. They then went to Moor Farm where they had a fantastic day. They came 1st and Champion Novice 13hh WHP and then decided to do the Open 13hh SHP to improve their show and came 2nd. Well done Ella, what a great start.

To finish off I thought I would include some news from Team Fudge!!! As many of you know I retired my previous ride Langarth Trilogy (Pip) last year after the Winter Champs. We then decided to put her in foal and I am pleased to announce that we are expecting a mini Pip at the start of June. Now to my new ride, as I have previously announced I have a Novice Intermediate WH. I am having a wonderful time with him so far and he is surprising me more and more each day. After jumping my first ever course with him show jumping in January and then taking part in a couple of other show jumping competitions, I then decided to try him over workers fences, so I took him to Sunnybank where we had a really good day considering his lack of experience, we came 4th Novice Intermediate and 4th Restricted and 5th Open. I then decided to try for my Winter Champs qualification at Moor Farm and we had a really good day jumping clear on both the Novice and the Ruth Lears coming 3rd and 4th respectively. Since then we were in a Riding Club novice team and at the competition we jumped a double clear and also jumped clear in the jump off helping my team win and qualify for the Riding Club Championships, which unfortunately clashes with the Winter Champs so someone else will be taking my place.

Don't forget to send me your results from the Winter Championships before April 14th.

See you soon

Kirsty