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Hello Everyone

I would like to start off by congratulating our Welsh WHP team on winning the Intercountry teams competition at this year's BSPS Summer Championships. Before I get into this months results I have a short editorial from Janet Rowlands, our Area Chairman, followed by a note from the WHP Chef d'Equipe Lynne Lloyd:

"Girls from West Wales lead the way.

At the recent BSPS Summer Championship show at Arena UK Grantham, four girls from West Wales beat off strong opposition from other teams from throughout the UK to win the Intercountry working hunter pony championship. The Welsh team consisted of Bea Meyrick, Danielle Gardham, Hannah Watts, and Jenny Yates, and they triumphed over teams from England, Scotland and Ireland. This is the first time for a number of years that the coveted trophy has been won by a Welsh team. To add further glory to the nation, Bea Meyrick also went on to stand Champion Individual in the Intercountry competition. The team was trained by Lynne Lloyd, who along with the girls are looking forward to next year's home international to be held in Ireland."

"In my first year as Chef d'Equipe I would like to thank all those who took part in the various teams at Grantham for their hard work representing Wales.

Premier League Teams

Lorcan Williams, Bea Meyrick, Ella Gee, Taryn Williams, Hannah Watts, Danielle Gardham, Amy James and Jenny Yate.

Inter Country Green Team

Kirsten Roberts, Taryn Williams and Jordan Roberts

And finally Congratulations to the Intercountry Red Team

Bea Meyrick, Hannah Watts, Danielle Gardham and Jenny Yate on their win, the first for Wales. Well done girls and ponies.

Next year we have been invited to send a team to Caven in Co. Caven, Eire in early August 2010, as well as to the Summer Championship so please keep me informed of your results, contact details can be found on the website www.bspswales.co.uk."

I know I'm sorry, lots of repetition there but I felt I couldn't include one and not the other!

Now to the results:

Bea Meyrick sent me a lovely email with her results on **Crabbswood Nutmeg**:

"I can't believe the Champs and Welsh Champs have come and gone. Nutty and I have had a great few weeks. We had 2nd in the HOYS 133cms at the NPS Champs. Then at the Summer Champs we were 4th in the Performance. We won the Inter Country Teams and I couldn't believe it when we won the Inter Country Championship at night, it was the proudest moment of my life!! Shame about the mix up with the Teams but we knew we had won. Well done Wales Red. We also had 3rd in the Premier League Red Division and 3rd in the Desert Orchid with a pole. I have qualified for the Dessie for 4 years now so it was great to finally jump it, what an awesome course.

Just when I thought things couldn't get better Nutty won the last HOYS qualifier at the Welsh Champs, I thought the course was brilliant in the big ring, it was more like Hickstead than Hickstead!! My mum and I were a bit sad travelling home as it was my last outdoor show on Nutty as I'm out of class. She has been the most amazing pony. Anyway we are looking forward to HOYS now."

Jenny Yate has had yet another busy month with her many rides. Jenny took **Sannan Valley Sequence** to the Pembrokeshire County Show where they won the Mixed Height Restricted WH and 2nd in the Open Intermediate WH. At the Summer Champs Jenny and **Sannan Valley Sensation** came 1st and Reserve Champion in the Intermediate Desert Orchid, 4th Premier League Red Division Intermediate WH and 5th Open Intermediate WH. **Sannan Valley Sequence** came 2nd Novice Intermediate WH, 7th Intermediate WH Horse and 9th Premier League Blue Division Intermediate WH. **Sannan Valley Hero** came 3rd in the Challenge. Jenny's final ride at the Summer Champs was on **Sannan Valley Showman** and they came 6th Pretty Polly 138cms M&M WHP and 9th Premier League Blue Division 138cm M&M WHP. Jenny's last ever outdoor show doing Intermediate's was the Welsh championships where she won the Mixed Height Novice on **Sannan Valley Sequence**, and on **Sannan Valley Sensation** she won the Intermediate Open WH and the HOYS Intermediate WH, finally gaining her HOYS ticket.

Danielle Gardham also sent me an email with her results over the last month: "At Hayscastle Show **Climax Lampo** (Rambo) came 1st open Intermediate and Champion. At Pembrokeshire County Show **Bellevue Royal Prince** (Prince) was 1st Open 15hh and Champion. Summer Championships **Rambo** was 6th Challenge Intermediate, 4th Gold Cup Dressage. **Prince** was 1st Intercountry teams 15hh, 1st Gold Cup Dressage, 10th Gold Cup WHP, 4th Gold Cup Overall, 3rd Pretty Polly 15hh WHP, 6th Performance 15hh WHP. He wasn't right on the Thursday so decided not to jump Friday and Saturday, which was a bit gutting, as it's my last year. At the Welsh Champs Rambo was 4th Mixed Height Novice and had 1 pole in the restricted"

Emma Hollingsworth and **Wych Hill Bee Dazzle** had a couple of fantastic shows. They went to Equifest where they were 1st and Champion Part Bred Arab and 2nd Equifest Large SRT. Then, at the Welsh Championships the combination came 1st and Reserve Open SRT, 1st Ridden Part Bred and 4th HOYS SRT.

Congratulations also to **Sophie Curry** and **Parkhill Cantona** who qualified for HOYS at the New Forest Show.

Finally, I have a result of my own this month as I rode Daisy O'Halloran's Intermediate WH **The Navigator II** at the Summer Champs and came 2nd in the Joan Gibson Equitation Challenge. Thank you so much to Daisy and Sandra for the ride, I thoroughly enjoyed it and it felt so good to be back competing again after a whole summer off!

Well done to everyone this season you have all done exceptionally well and I hope those of you that were lucky enough to qualify for HOYS had a wonderful time. Now the season is at a close it is time for you to fill out your Points Cards. Michelle Lewendon is in charge of the points this year so please contact her. Also don't forget to check out the website as I am hoping to get a points card on there for you to download.

To finish off I feel I should mention something about our Welsh Championship Show. Thank you to all our Sponsors and to those who helped with the organising and the running of the show. I hope everyone enjoyed the new venue and see you there same weekend next year.

Kirsty