



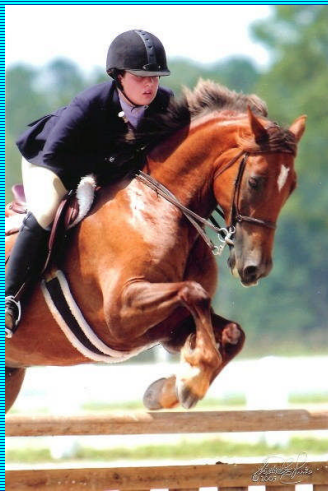
Southern Welsh Association

“You Never Outgrow A Welsh”

August 2005 NEWSLETTER

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Wyvere Alexandra
Buttonwood Farm
MS Gold Show
Jumping in Hunter Class
Photo: Steve Lasko

Mississippi Show - Gulfport

ALL THAT GLITTERS TURNS TO GOLD, GOLD, GOLD.

It was like a scene from 'Field of Dreams', '*ask and they will come*', and you did, in your droves. Ponies crammed into every spare space in trailers. Carriages on top of trucks with friends and families ready to have a great weekend!

Many extra ponies were at last minute brought out of the pasture, bathed, brushed and show sheened until they gleamed in the sunlight.

The Pony Club were fantastic, helping distribute ribbons and the concession stand was great, usually we have to bring all our own food and drink.

The Harrison County Fairgrounds were perfect and all the help that was provided for us at a moments notice was greatly appreciated, from distributing bags of shavings to putting up fences, moving cones and tables and best of all providing the most enormous fans I have ever seen.

The Judges, Janice Shaneberger and John Bates, worked tirelessly along with stewards and show secretary, Bobby Foss without a word of complaint in 100^o + temperatures.

A big thank you for all their hard work must go to Laura San Diego and Suzan Stevens who kept making trips to get extra ponies and sorting out courses etc. From the Thursday afternoon when we arrived until the Sunday evening when their last pony was put on their trailer, I don't think they stopped.

Dr. Ruth Wilburn (WPCSA President) spent most of Sunday helping coordinate the Hunter Classes and bringing out ponies for children to get experience jumping. I still don't know how the Rollingwood's team managed to get packed up, their trailer was so crammed full, nothing could possibly fall out as it was all wedged together so well.

Thanks to the brilliant effort by our President, Caroline Lacey-Freeman with all her constant e-mails to encourage people to come and join us, we managed to go **GOLD**. All SWA Officers were there plus her very good friend from the UK Lisa Dorling who all worked so hard, we had a fantastic time.

Fun and laughter, that's what it's all about and with the help of all SWA members and non members, we had a wonderful time and going **GOLD** was the icing on the cake!!

Thank You, One and All

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The Story Behind the Show

This weekend was such a success – the enthusiasm, cooperation and overall support for this show was incredible.

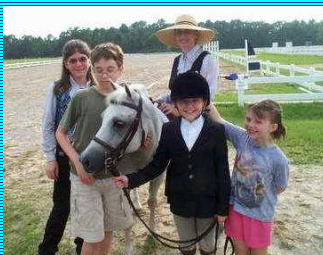
Cynthia Perkins.



Gallod Llywelyn
Under the Son Farm
MS Gold Show Winner
Gr.Champion & Res
Gr.Ch. Sec. D

A great time was had by all and I want to thank those who worked so hard to bring this all together.

Jodi Lante
Under the Son Farm



Tylwyth Enchantress
Chan and the gang.
MS Gold Show

Rollingwoods was disappointed to hear that the show in Harriman had been cancelled due to losing the venue. We always enjoy that show and that weekend is Dr. Ruth's and Sally Ross' birthday weekend! Then we heard that possibly the show would be moved to Gulfport MS at the very nice show facilities where they have a huge winter hunter/jumper circuit. So it looked like the show would go on after all!

Then the hurricanes came and everyone had to evacuate during the week the entries closed. Clara Shepherd called me and wanted to know what to do since there were only 28 ponies entered! With only 28 ponies there was no way the club needed to have the show but one hates to cancel a show if it can be avoided.

Caroline Lacey-Freeman, as the new president of the club, wanted to try and see if we could get more ponies to commit. It was agreed to waive the late fees to make it more attractive to late entries. So a tentative deadline of a week before the show was given. If we could get at least 70 ponies with a firm commitment to come, then the show would be held. If we didn't have enough ponies then we would cancel the show and hope and plan for the best for next year.

Then the phone calls and emails really began to fly! Several of the larger exhibitors that had been coming to the show in Harriman would not be able to come to the show in Gulfport. It is hard to make up numbers of ponies when you have a couple of exhibitors that bring 6 - 10 ponies and you have to replace them with exhibitors that are bringing one or two ponies. But every pony/cob counts!

I got on the phone with a friend of mine in south Mississippi who wasn't planning on coming and asked if we could borrow two of his ponies along with his daughter and niece for the weekend. He agreed and after a few phone calls more we ended up with two more of his ponies which are all of the registered Welsh that he has! We added 3 more to the ones that we were bringing.

Other people in the club (and especially Caroline our Pres.) brought more ponies, called and emailed everyone and rallied the club members. The San Diegos and Suzan Stevens agreed to empty their pastures if we needed the ponies. By Friday the week before the show a tally of the ponies from the show secretary and Caroline showed that we were right at 75! Hopefully we would make gold!

And gold we did make! Our club members rallied and the show was a success. The club proved that they can work together and work hard. Congratulations on a job well done!

By Dr. Ruth Wilburn
President WPCSA

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Tylwyth Shimmer
Primrose Welsh Ponies
MS Gold Show
At her very first show, in
the park area before her
halter class.
Shown by Margaret
Badger Blackert

Gulfport Showgrounds
A lovely county fair-
ground. HUGE arenas...
BIG covered arena with
covered waiting areas.
Several outdoor arenas, and
nice shady trees.
Picnic tables scattered
around and air conditioned
restrooms!
You know, it's the little
things that make such a big
difference. We had a great
time.
Margaret Badger Blackert



***Thornccliffe Princess**
Jadehanna Ranch
MS Gold Show
Halter Sec A Res. Ch
Photo: Steve Lasko

SWA Open 'Fall of Fun' Show

We will be holding our very first SWA Open 'Fall of Fun' Show sponsored by World Property Centre on October 15th. The prize list is done and many of you will have one enclosed, or sent to you shortly.

We will be having classes for young and old exhibitors and horse/ponies of any age/any breed. There will be 19 In Hand/Halter classes, 16 Ridden classes, 2 Championships, 1 Supreme Champion of Show and 10 'fun' games in the evening. It will be held at the Canterbury and we will be having many prizes. Our Show sponsor will be donating money so we are able to purchase 1st place prize winning trophies for all classes, we will also have ribbons 1st-6th place, Grand & Reserve Champion Trophies, Flower Garlands (donated by the President) and Trophy for the Supreme Championships. We are looking for sponsors and donations for each class and details can be found in your prize list. Please contact Caroline with any questions about the show; also check out the website (www.southernwelshassoc.com) that has some details on too. Hope you can all come along and join in the SWA 'FUN' !!

SWA T-Shirts & Hats

The SWA T-Shirts are for sale at \$12.00 S/M and \$15 L/XL in Navy, Green, Maroon and light Grey. The hats are \$15 One Size in Navy or Black. They will be on sale at the Fun Show in October. Contact Kathie Lacey-Freeman if you wish to purchase one before. The postage price will be added to the cost. The profit for these shirts/hats will be going to the SWA so buy, buy, buy.

What a Graduation Present

Our intern from Salem Academy, J.J. Wyatt and her mom, Mary G, came from Greenville, SC on June 18-19 to take home the greatest graduation gift! We should all have parents this generous! J.J. now has her Helicon Abbey Road (Country Roads x Helicon Tiddlywinks) a three year old in foal. This summer J.J. will perfect the saddle training she began in January. Plans were to lease out the mare but J.J. already has the next stallion picked out. I guess we did too well indoctrinating our pony breeding apprentice!

By Thalia Gentzel – Helicon Ponies.

JUNE - Rainy Day Blues

It is all dark and dreary outside for days at a time. You still have hurricane damage and rubble all over the place and half finished resulting repairs in progress with roofing supplies and lumber stacked up next to your house. Mud everywhere, all over your ponies or Cobs. The weeds are waist high all over your property. The ground is slippery, not great for riding.

Rain, rain and more rain, and you are in a lousy mood because you can't do much outside, the house is a total mess, and then you get a call from some people from a foreign country who are touring the US and want to come and see your Cobs on very short notice!!!

By Lynda Gillen-Smith – Solstice Welsh Cobs.

Membership Fees

Make sure all your membership monies are paid. \$20 was due 1st July 2005. All membership forms and monies should be sent to JoAnn Wilson, 5530 Hillsborough St, Wimauma, FL 33598. Membership applications can be printed from the website.

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Minutes: 18th August 2005

Minutes of a meeting held at the Canterbury Show Ground on Thursday 18th August at 7pm

Officers Present:

President: Caroline Lacey-Freeman

Vice President: Jodi Lante

Treasurer: Clara Shepherd

Corresponding Sec: Kathie Lacey-Freeman

Historian: Lynda Gillen-Smith

The President called the meeting to order. The minutes of meeting held on 16th June 2005 were accepted as a true record in print and approved.

MISSISSIPPI SHOW

A big thank you to everyone for coming to the show and going from 28-77 ponies was amazing. A really good day was had by all and the show made Gold.

NEW BUSINESS

Clara Shepherd resigned on August 2nd. She was thanked for all her hard work and JoAnn Wilson was appointed as the new Treasurer. She has helped in previous societies and will be an asset to the Club. She has lots of energy and is looking forward to starting at her new post.

It was proposed to change Banks and to have JoAnn Wilson (Treasurer) and Jodi Lante (Vice President) as signatories. Moved: Mike Smith – 2nd Sherrie Southworth

TREASURER'S REPORT

Clara Shepherd reported that there was \$4,632.18 in the Bank, including initial Show profits of \$1,113.39.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There had been a lot of good response to the format of the Newsletter, members were contributing with photos and news and sending the Newsletter by email had proved very worthwhile.

SWA T-shirts will be on sale again at the next show in October.

There had been a lot of very positive feedback regarding the Mississippi Show.

SWA OPEN 'FALL OF FUN' SHOW

Copies of the Prize List were handed to members for perusal. They will be going out shortly and it will also be available on the website – anyone is invited to enter. We are also looking for Sponsors for classes. Sponsorship names will be going on the website and will be announced on the day.

Members agreed on Trophies rather than medals with 1st - 6th place ribbons.

Jodi Lante will be donating the jumps and World Property Centre are donating \$200 towards the show for Trophies.

Jodi Lante and Cynthia Perkins are also donating an advert for the show.

There will be an event photographer, Julian Cooke. Prices for photographs will be reasonable.

A great experience, a first for my two mares and me, and I don't know where any pony/horse association could find finer friends, families and professionalism.

Mockingbird, Miss Meadows and I say thank you to all who made this great event a reality!

Bettye Benjamen
Laughing Place Farm



GF Prince Albert
Buttonwood Farm
MS Gold Show
Gallop in Ridden Cob
Photo: Steve Lasko



Emma Kennedy
MS Gold Show

'On the 8th day, God created the Welsh Pony'...and those who love and care for these noble steeds!
Bettye Benjamin

FUTURE SHOWS and SHOW GROUNDS

Details were given on Amik Run versus Canterbury with favourable outcome for possible future venue. It was suggested that we have a Gold show in Mississippi in the Spring with Suzan Stevens being Show Co-ordinator and a Double Bronze show in Georgia in the fall with Cynthia Perkins being Show Co-ordinator. Moved: Jodi Lante – 2nd Clara Shepherd.

It was also suggested that we could have a one day Double Bronze in May locally. This decision would be made at October meeting. Moved Jodi Lante – 2nd Brenda Heberling
Cynthia Perkins requested Open Driving classes at Open Shows. Agreed. Moved: Jodi Lante – 2nd Caroline Lacey-Freeman.

YEAR END AWARDS

It was agreed that Thalia Gentzel will work out the end of year points, as she had kindly offered her services. Moved: Caroline Lacey-Freeman – 2nd Jodi Lante.

It was agreed that Silver items be chosen for awards and small ribbons. Moved: Jodi Lante – 2nd Caroline Lacey-Freeman.

The date for the Year End Awards would be decided at the October meeting but would preferably be in December rather than January. Moved: Jodi Lante – 2nd Caroline Lacey-Freeman.

Next Meeting **Saturday 15th October 2005** after the show at the Canterbury.

Meeting adjourned by Caroline Lacey-Freeman.

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We'll Never Forget September 11th 2001

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS AND RETURN THEM HOME SAFE