



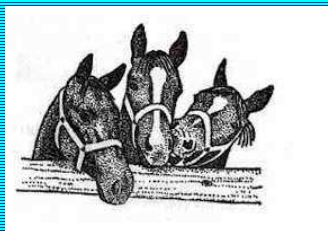
Southern Welsh Association

“You Never Outgrow A Welsh”

June 2005 NEWSLETTER

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Election Time

A great time to carry the SWA onto even more enjoyable and exciting times. Your Association, your Officers. This is how the voting went and who will be working hard to promote the SWA for the next two years.

New Officers

President: Caroline Lacey-Freeman

Dear Members, I would just like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone that voted and have the confidence in me that I will do a good job. I will do my utmost to carry out my position and help to improve the club and move it on to bigger and better things!

Vice President: Jodi Lante

I would just like to express my gratitude to everybody who voted for me. I look forward to getting to know old and new members at our meetings and shows and serving as your Vice President over the next two years.

Treasurer: Clara Shepherd

A big thank you for voting me back in for a further 2 years. Thanks to all the help with the past shows. Celia bringing cones and Dwight contributing. Mike did a great job announcing and with all the support from everyone in the club the shows went great.

Corresponding Secretary: Kathie Lacey-Freeman

I will endeavour to keep you all informed of what is happening with the Association and to update Members regularly. Send me your news and pictures and I will try to include as much as possible in the Newsletter.

Historian: Lynda Gillen-Smith

I shall be asking members for contributions such as pictures, articles and things of club interest. I have been a member since the very beginning and attended almost all of the meetings and shows over the years. Hopefully, that makes me somewhat qualified historically I suppose, so things are meant to be and, “the rest is history”. I shall make sure I bring the Book to meetings so members can have a look once in awhile.

Junior Representative: Emma Kennedy

I was very excited to learn that I have been elected to be the Jr. Representative for the SWA. I look forward to becoming more involved with the Association. I hope to be an ambassador to other juniors to get more interest in Welsh ponies and the many opportunities these wonderful ponies provide. Again, thank you for this opportunity to become more involved in the Southern Welsh Association.

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Outgoing Members

Sadly for us Dick Washburn is moving to Illinois, we wish him all the very best and thank him for all the hard work over the last 2 years.

Thanks also to Mike Smith and Leah McFarlin for all their hard work. I am sure they will continue to work just as hard for the club and with Lynda as the new Historian, Mike will be taking lots of photos and updating the SWA History Book and website.

Mississippi WPCSA Gold Show

The Mississippi Show is nearly upon us. Prize lists have now gone out, if you haven't received one, please email Clara. If anyone wants to volunteer for any duties at the show, email in advance or see Caroline or Clara at the show – anything helps!

Good Luck to everyone. We have beautiful horses and ponies, let's do our very best and come away with lots of ribbons. Take lots of photos, have a great time and we can all enjoy the triumphs of our fellow Members.

SWA Open Fun Show

We will be holding an Open Fun Show in September (date to be confirmed). We will be having classes for young and old exhibitors and horse/ponies of any age/any breed. It will be held at the Canterbury and we will be having many prizes. World Property Center will be sponsoring the show and this will enable us to purchase 1st and 2nd prize winning medals for all classes, we will also have ribbons 1st-6th place and Grand & Reserve Champion flower garlands for the in-hand (halter)/Ridden and Supreme Championships donated by the President. Please contact Caroline with any ideas for the show; also, the website will have the prize list on soon! Hope you can all come along!!

New Foals

Many of us have had foals this year. If you can send a photo and a little information on each one to Kathie via email, it would be interesting to watch and follow the champions of tomorrow.

Photos coming for the following foals:

Helicon Surprise Notice – GlanNant Country Roads x Rollingwoods Gin-N-Tonic.

Helicon Charmed I'm Sure – GlanNant Country Roads x Patchwork Dragon Charmer.

Helicon Hallelujah! - *Smoke Tree Silver Dragon x Helicon All Smiles.

New Ideas

Send your ideas through to Kathie. We need to know what Members want. These ideas need to be on the **Agenda at Meetings**. I will need them a week before each meeting.

Donations

Any donations of equipment, jumps etc to the club would be most appreciated and if anyone would like to make a sponsorship for i.e. ribbons, cones, general prizes etc. Please contact Clara or Caroline.



Jadehanna El Diablo
*Thorncliffe Princess
x
*Springbourne
Eldorado



Solstice Lady of the
Knight
Trefaes Belladonna
x
Solstice Blaque
Knight

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Website

As you are aware we have a SWA website www.southernwelshassoc.com let's make full use of it. We would like your input regarding some of the links on the website for example:-

Upcoming Events – This page will be updated with any upcoming events that we have, or hear of that includes Welsh Ponies.

Show Schedules – We should have the show prize lists for any upcoming shows on here for you to be able to click on and print off.

Newsletters – All Newsletters will be on this link for you to print off.

For Sale – Let's get some ponies and pony items on there. We will need a photo of your horse or item with a short description and price. Email this to Kathie.

Other Links – Email links to your websites so other people can have the pleasure of reading about your ponies.

We're Too Good – Email all your achievements that you are proud of and we will endeavour to get them on this link.

Contact Us – Updated email addresses for all the Officers, which will also be listed at the end of every issue of the Newsletter. It is important that a member should be able to get in touch with any Officer if they have a certain issue. Feel free to email any one of us at anytime.

Members & Officers – We will be updating this link with all the current members and the 2005-2007 Officers.

Constitution & By-Laws – When you get time, please read these, they are quite useful.

Membership Dues

Make sure all your membership monies are paid. \$20 is due 1st July 2005. All membership forms and monies should be sent to Clara Shepherd at 9990 NW 64th Terrace, Chiefland, FL. 32626. Membership applications can be printed from the website.

Megastar Going To The UK

Some of you may know that our senior stallion, Minyffordd Megastar, is out on lease to Wendy Ying and Sterling Graburn, as of last February. Wendy and Miggy have been training together and building a partnership while competing in the east coast CDE's. They have recently based up north out of Trout Walk Farm in New York and continued their training and participated in clinics at Gladstone, N.J. Due to unfortunate circumstances with other competitors, injuries, etc., Wendy and Megastar have been invited/selected, to participate as an alternate, for the Pony Driving World Championships, at Catton Hall, in South Derbyshire, UK, coming up in July. Needless to say, we are thrilled. Megastar will be making the journey back to his homeland for this occasion.

Megastar's daughter Nova, out of a TB mare, Savannah, trained, shown and driven by Bill Peacock, competed in, and won Preliminary Single Pony at our own Black Prong Treasure Coast CDE and repeated the victory at CAI Live Oak this past spring. We are very proud of her and Bill as well. Well, we could say that this sort of thing runs in the family, but as we all know, it runs deep in our wonderful breed and these accomplishments are just another example of what Welsh can do.

By Lynda Gillen-Smith

“They say princes learn no art truly, but the art of horsemanship. The reason is, the brave beast is no flatterer. He will throw a prince as soon as his groom”.

Ben Johnson (1573-1637)



Minyffordd Megastar
Good Luck in UK

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Minutes: 16th June 2005

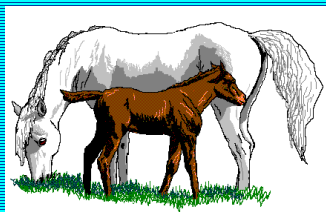
Minutes of a meeting held at the Canterbury Show Ground on Thursday 16th June at 7pm

Officers Present:

President: Dick Washburn

Vice President: Mike Smith

Treasurer: Clara Shepherd



The President called the meeting to order. The minutes of meeting held on February 26th 2005 read and approved.

TREASURY REPORT

Clara Shepherd reported that there was \$3,483.79 in the Bank. Balance and Profit and Loss sheets from Jan-June 2005 were produced for members to see. She explained that the profit from the show at the Canterbury in April was low due to the expenses incurred, i.e. show ground, judges etc. Moved by Jodi Lante, 2nd Mike Smith.

MISSISSIPPI SHOW

Clara Shepherd reported that details of the show were coming together well. Printing of prize list and show details were with printers. The Pony Club offered their services with running the concession stand, general help from their young members and also transportation for the judges.

At present there are 25 rooms available at the Crystal Inn Hotel for approx \$80 + tax. Mention SWA for these prices. Contact Clara if more rooms required.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

NOMINATION AND NEW ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Voting forms were given out with nominees names on, Lynda Gillen-Smith was added to list and nominations were closed. 10 members attended and voted. Here are the results:-



<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Moved</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	C Lacey-Freeman	D Washburn	M Smith
Vice President	J Lante	D Washburn	C Shepherd
Treasurer	C Shepherd	J Lante	C Evans
Corresponding Sec.	K Lacey-Freeman	C Shepherd	M Smith
Historian	L Gillen-Smith	M Smith	J Lante
Junior Rep.	E Kennedy	C Lacey-Freeman	M Smith

Dick Washburn thanked all the members and congratulated the above on their new posts and Clara for continuing with the position of Treasurer. He wished them all good luck for the future.

Next Meeting **Thursday 18th August** at the Canterbury.

Meeting adjourned by Dick Washburn.

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COMING NEXT NEWSLETTER . . .

- News from Mississippi
- ‘What a Graduation Present’
- More Foal Photos
- News About Our Open Fun Show
- More from Our Members

“When I appear in public people expect me to neigh, grind my teeth, paw the ground and swish my tail – none of which is easy”.

Princess Anne (1950)