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A Welcome From Your Club President

Dear Members

We are once again at the end of another successful year for MHCGB. This year just seems to have flown by!

The club has hosted training days with major US trainers, a larger number of shows, given displays at major county shows, hosted judges seminars and of course our grand finale, the championship show judged by top AMHA World Judge, Wayne Hipsley.

Let us look forward to 2006, our first Major Show is the Spring Show, 16th April, at the superb Stainsby Grange, a top venue for the show jumping fraternity. Once again Catherine Marshall, our Show Manager, has appointed a World Show judge, Mr Lee Crutchfield from USA, himself a breeder and trainer of Miniature Horses. With his wealth of experience in the mini world Lee has offered to conduct a training clinic for the club which is to be held the day following the Spring Show, I am sure this will be extremely popular. Please support the club, if not by entering then perhaps take a look at one of our sponsorship packages on offer. We plan to make this a spectacular event and hosting events like these is a major expense but one we feel brings credibility to our shows.

I hope you have all had chance to have a look at our newly designed and very professional club website, a big thank you to club member Chris Hadfield for her tireless efforts with our site. Shows and events are being added almost on a daily basis at the moment so don't forget to keep checking back.

We say goodbye to club Treasurer Patti Leighton. Patti has not been in the best of health lately so we say a big Thank You Patti, for your time with the accounts and hope you are feeling much better soon.

Driving is our big cause for 2006. We have a whole host of new driving classes on offer, something for everyone, Country Pleasure Driving, Single Pleasure Driving, Scurry Driving and to start everyone off who is new to driving we have the Novice Class. We will also be offering driving clinics to help anyone wishing to have a go.

On behalf of myself and the committee we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Successful 2006

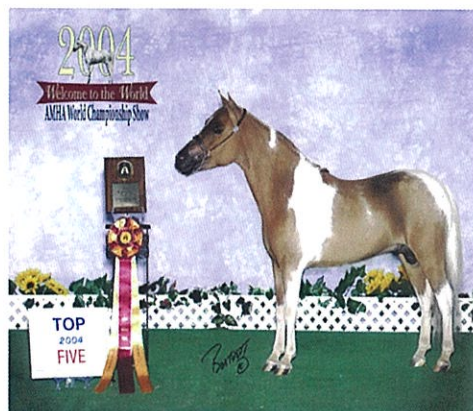
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AMHA National High Point Champion 2005
National Yearling High Point Champion 2005



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MHCGB AMHA
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Stallion 2005

AMHA National High Point
Stallion 2005

AMHA National Reserve
Grand Supreme Horse 2005
(our filly taking Supreme)

Scott Creek Mystical Magnum



MHCGB National Driving High Point Champion 2005
MHCGB National Performance Champion 2005

The MHCGB National Qualifier incorporating the AMHA UK Spring Show 2006

To be held on Sunday 16th April at Stainsby Grange Equestrian Centre, Thornaby, Cleveland.

*We are pleased to announce an even **BIGGER** and **BETTER** Spring Show in 2006. Not only will there be beautiful trophies, prizes, sashes and stunning rosettes on offer, we will also have a staggering 53*

CLASSES to suit **ALL** our members!!!!

NEW CLASSES will be...

British Bred Miniature Horse

Scurry Driving

Country Pleasure Driving

We are also privileged to bring you 'yet another' eminent USA Judge from the 2006 Worlds List.

*In 2004 we brought you **Joyce Swanson** (AMHA 'Worlds' Judge 2004)*

*In 2005 we brought you **Wayne Hipsley** (AMHA 'Worlds' Judge 2005)*

*In 2006 we bring you **Lee Crutchfield** (AMHA 'Worlds' Judge 2006)*

And for our September Championship Show...

Mike McCabe (AMHA 'Worlds' Judge 2006)

Lee Crutchfield will be judging at our Spring Show. Lee is renowned world-wide as a National Champion Professional Miniature Horse Trainer and Producer. Lee will also be hosting a clinic for us. This is a unique opportunity to learn from one of America's Best!

Don't forget you will also earn points for our illustrious National High Point Championship Awards! This really is going to be a fantastic Show...So Don't Miss it!

If you would like to sponsor any of the classes at this Prestigious forthcoming show, we are offering a variety of packages (see below). We are producing a catalogue for the show and sponsors will also be invited into our hospitality V.I.P designated area.

Bronze Package £10 one class, sponsor gets name on the Ribbons, refreshments.

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Or, you can sponsor a trophy for £25 with your name on it !

We would like to thank our previous sponsors for their generous support which enables us to put on the prestigious shows MHCGB has become renowned for. We hope we can look forward to your continued support in the future.

In the Next Mini Review a judges profile for our Spring Show and National Championship Show plus further announcements...

Member in the Spotlight

We have decided to feature one of our members and put them 'in the spotlight' in each mini review. It is always interesting to read about other peoples horses and their goals, achievements and ambitions. I am sure the mhcg member's will have some very interesting stories to share. So if you would like to be put in the spotlight please send us your story (and a photo too if you can), we would like to know about your horses, your breeding programme, your plans for the future, anything really, so please send articles to: - info@hailstoneminis.com

Conundrum Miniature Horse Stud

Jane Parker

I have always ridden, hunting being my passion for many years. In 1995 I found myself down to one horse, I had a pretty scary fall, in the process of which I discovered sadly that I didn't bounce back anymore. This was the beginning of the process of my not riding so much and I decided that my mare could do with a companion. I thought I would go to Melton Market and see what there was in the way of something small that would do the job and sure enough I came home with a miniature Shetland. Almost the very next day I was looking through a magazine and there was a picture of a miniature spotted pony.

I have always had a big soft spot for spots (no pun intended) so I went off to the Wantsley Stud and came home with a leopard spotted mare (Wantsley Molecule) and a weanling filly (Wantsley Tympani) I found another companion for the Shetland and thought that was it, I had a couple of girls who would look pretty whilst acting as a companion for my mare.

The next thing I know I am going off to spotted shows, not taking the mares, just looking. Well of course that is fatal and before long I was coming home from the Tanzivan stud of Dorothy Spalding with a most beautiful colt, Tanzivan Tai La Paris Gold. He was a very nice showy little person and grew up to be the most charming of horses. I registered him with BMHS and IMHPS (he was registered BSpPS) and we attended a few shows, he was always in the first couple of placings and took a few championships along the way.

By this time I had discovered Miniature Horses as well and was fatally attracted these gorgeous small equines. I bought some stock from Tikki Adorian with US breeding behind them and decided I was going to breed myself something to show. I am an internationally renowned Terrier Kennel and my affix is Conundrum, so I registered this with BMHS, IMHPS and BSpPS. Having set all this in place, I then discovered that I had little time to show as I was doing the championship show circuit with two terrier breeds and also judging here and abroad. So for a couple of years I bred a few foals and sold some to show and some to companion homes.

I bought a typey little buckskin stallion from the Texas breeders Jane and Randy Walls, 'Showcase Davy Crockett', he mated only one mare for me before tragically dying of a twisted gut. This happened so fast, he was ok in the morning when I fed him, by mid-morning I had the vet out and an hour later we put him down, a lesson never, ever to leave a colic.

Paris by this time had proved himself a wonderful colour producing stallion, covering his mares quietly and confidently both in the field and in-hand and producing refined little horses with good colour, type and movement. He has produced several champions for me and others including the spotted gelding 'Conundrum Hand Painted' (winner of the colour championship at MHCG Spring Show and also the Gelding Incentive) now in the ownership of Lindy How; Conundrum Tai Dreamcatcher owned by Bev and Wendy at Pitter Patter Ponies. Also, Conundrum Gold Sparkle owned by Wendy Lees she won MHCG High Points Two year old filly. The spotted filly Conundrum Kissed in the Mist owned in partnership by myself and my sister, enjoyed a winning 2004 ending with the spotted championship at Jane Davenport-Lister's All Miniature Breeds Show. He has other stock that have qualified for HOYS.

In 2003 I bought a delightful and tiny US bred stallion from the Birchwood UK Stud off Kim Birch, 'Birchwood UK Painted Colours'. We had a great time showing him and he was remarkably successful however, I wanted to drive and he is really tiny, I was persuaded to sell him and he now lives in the lap of luxury with Lindy How and her other mini's.

I bought a stunning stallion 'Bepettons Sirs Hot Topic', a son of reserve national champion 'Cross Countrys Call Me Sir', a top winner and producer in the States, his dam is also bred out of the purple. He is a silver dapple minimal pinto with extreme style and grace of movement. 2005 has been a good year for my stud with 'Frank' (Hot Topic) being Reserve Supreme Champion at the MHCG national championship show in April and going on from there with many championships at County and Breed Shows. He ended the year with High Points Two year old stallion.

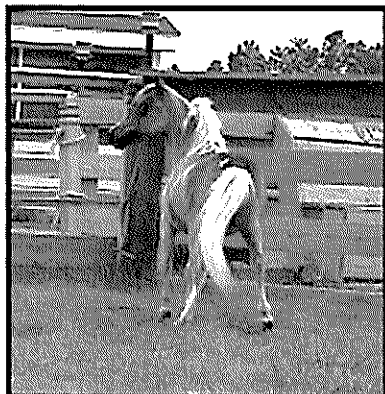
Frank has covered four mares this year and I look forward to the 2006 foaling season with much anticipation. I believe he will give my British and Part-bred mares a gift of extravagant movement and presence. Although I am very enamoured of good American stock, I will always keep my British stock alongside, I feel they can be blended to enhance both types and I relish the thought of the next few years.

Conundrum is this winter starting three horses to drive, this is a new venture for us and we are having fun, hopefully next year will see us driving in competitions. The horses are certainly taking to it with their usual 'can do' attitude. Gemma Hawkins my future daughter-in-law will be our number one driver.

At Conundrum, Miniature Horses we hope to continue to improve our stock by careful breeding and blending of bloodlines that compliment each other. We hope to continue producing horses that can win in the show-ring and also have the temperament to do the many different performance events that we find at our shows nowadays.

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Many Thanks to Jane for sharing her Story!



Bepettons Sirs Hot Topic



Conundrum Colin The Pirate

MHCGB Show List 2006

(Full list will be available in the next issue)

16th April 2006 M.H.C.G.B. Spring show, Stainsby Grange Equestrian Centre, Thornaby.

Secretary Catherine Marshall 19 Whitestone Close, The Ings Redcar, TS10 2PS Tel : 01642 511330
catherine.marshall2@ntlworld.com

30th April to 2 May. LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY SHOW –Sec: Mr JA Hardy-Smith, Leicestershire Agricultural Society, Show Office, Dishley Grange Farm, Derby Road, Loughborough LE11 ...

(entries will close early for this show so please obtain schedules asap so you dont miss out for our new prestigious show)

8th, 9th & 10th June. 2006 Royal Cornwall Show. Mr C P Riddle, The Secretary, Royal Cornwall Showground Wadebridge Cornwall PL27 7JE Tel: 01208 812183 Fax: 01208 812713 info@royalcornwall.co.uk www.royalcornwall.co.uk

Sunday 25th June 2006. Derbyshire County show Light Horse Secretary:- Mrs Kay Godson Bushy Cottage Grassy Lane Burnaston, Derby DE65 6LN

Sunday, 23rd. July, 2006. West Wales Shows, Summer Show is Sunday Venue - The United Counties Show ground, Carmarthen. Entries Close - Sat. 10th. June, 2006. Secretary -Mrs. M. Scale, West Wales Shows, Benton Farm, Burton, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. SA73 1PE Tel: 07793-581448 or 01646-600343 (7pm - 9.30pm).

27th August 2006 MOORGREEN COUNTY SHOW Chris Graham (Mrs) Light Horse Secretary for MOORGREEN COUNTRY SHOW more details to follow.

September 2nd 2006 Moreton in the Marsh show. Tim Gardner, MRICS, FAAV. Secretary, Moreton-in-Marsh Show Society, Show Office, Oxford Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0NA. Tel. 01608 651908; Fax. 01608 651878

**9th September 2006 MHCGB National Championship Show.
Sheepgate Equestrian Centre, Lincoln.**

The 2006 National High Point Awards

The MHCGB National High Point Awards have now become one of the most illustrious titles your miniature horse can win. What a fantastic way to round off the showing season by receiving one of these most prestigious awards. Winners are the envy of everyone when they receive a fabulous rosette as well as a beautiful trophy to grace their sideboards. As always we try to continually improve the prizes our members can win which is why MHCGB leads the way. Our Points Awards are no exception when this year 2005, we added the individual performance categories of jumping, driving, halter obstacle, liberty and showmanship in addition to the overall performance points champion. This way we feel it opens up the performance section to all of our member's, especially to those of you who don't drive. So now you have no excuses it really is open to everyone.

Cards will be on sale for a limited period only, so please purchase them before the deadline which is 30th May, you WILL NOT be able to buy cards after this date so make sure you don't miss out. Please also make sure we receive completed cards before 30th

September, as cards will not be accepted after this date.

Points will be awarded from any MHCGB classes.

The Categories for 2006 will be: -

<i>Yearling Filly</i>	<i>Yearling Colt</i>
<i>Two year old Filly</i>	<i>Two year old Colt</i>
<i>Three year old Filly</i>	<i>Three year old colt</i>
<i>Four Years + Mare</i>	<i>Four years + Stallion</i>
<i>AMHA Mare</i>	<i>AMHA Stallion</i>
<i>AMHA Part-Bred</i>	<i>AMHA Gelding</i>
<i>Falabella Mare</i>	<i>Falabella Stallion</i>
<i>Solid Colour</i>	<i>Broken Colour</i>
<i>Spotted/pintalosa</i>	<i>Any other Colour</i>
<i>British Bred</i>	<i>Best Senior Handler</i>
<i>Driving</i>	<i>Halter Obstacle</i>
<i>Liberty</i>	<i>Showmanship</i>
<i>Jumping</i>	<i>Overall Performance</i>
<i>Best Junior</i>	<i>Newcomer</i>

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Yearling Colt - NCF Into The Red owned by Tracy Squires

Two Year Old Filly Conundrum Gold Sparkle owned by Wendy Lees

Two Year Old Colt Bepettons Sirs Hot Topic owned by Jane Parker

Three Year Old Filly - Three Year Old Colt - Ujenik Alfie owned by Louise Armitage

Four Years & Over Mare (no entries)

Four Years & Over Stallion— Looking Glass Baby Rocco owned by Janice Goudie

AMHA Mare - Knells After Dark Desires owned by Hailstone Miniatures

AMHA Stallion - Aprina In Ovations Mashena owned by Hailstone Miniatures

AMHA Part-Bred - Czars Drop Dead Red owned by Hailstone Miniatures

Falabella Mare Looking Glass Wild Scarlet owned by Janice Sandford Goudie

Falabella Stallion Looking Glass Baby Rocco owned by Janice Sandford Goudie

Falabela Part-Bred Darkhorse HiLight owned by Tracy Squires

Driving Champion - Scott Creek Mystical Magnum owned by Hailstone Miniatures

Halter Obstacle - Darkhorse HiLight owned by Tracy Squires

Liberty Tie for three horses all owned by Janice Sandford Goudie

Performance Champion - Scott Creek Mystical Magnum Hailstone Miniatures

Best Spotted—Aesthete Pied Piper owned by Louise Armitage

Best Broken Colour -NCF Little Miss Sweetheart owned by Laura Bias

Best Newcomer—Jessica Morris

Best Junior -Emma Armitage

Best Senior- Lindy How

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***Many Thanks to Patrick for his photography at MHCGB National
Championship Show***

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Area 1 Scotland. Julie Hodgson Tel: 01466 751113 Email: starmyresfarm@aol.com,

Greetings to everyone from Area 1

Our march meeting for "mini" owners went very well, we had 12 people attend and swapped ideas for future activities. We have attended a couple of shows in Scotland and came home with rosettes, this we hope will be the beginning of lots more shows. I shall keep you all posted via my website.

The Turriff show was held in July, but as yet there are not enough mini's in our area, plenty of shetlands!, although I have met another falabella owner further north from me, so we are trying to get something together. I think word of mouth is a great thing as the news travels fast with regard to our miniatures. So watch this space.... Good luck everyone.... Julie Hodgson.

Area 2 Northern England, Northumberland, Cumbria, Durham, Yorkshire and Lancashire

Jill Robinson, Tel: 01642 534544 Email: jrnewclose@aol.com

Hi area 2 members

We held a driving clinic at Newclose Farm, on 27th November, which was well attended despite the threat of snow. We went through various stages of breaking your horse to harness, from biting and long-reining, to actually hitching-up with a cart. I think everyone enjoyed the day and it was nice to see people and chat in relaxed surroundings, rather than at a show. We also had an Area 2 Christmas night out, a meal at the Crathorne Arms, those who managed to make it had a good time and it was a nice way to round off the year. If anyone is interested in any activities over the winter please get in touch we can accommodate and organise most events quite quickly. Hope the short days and long dreary nights aren't getting you all down too much :-)...Jill

Area 3 Midlands. Cheshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Shropshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire. Jane Parker Tel: 07773295342 Email: pp@conundrum.fsworld.co.uk

First, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

Before we know it we will all be getting our horses ready for the first shows!! Crikey, time flies!!

Not a lot happening in the Midlands this winter, we do not have the Rosedeen shows that kept us on our toes last winter, and despite trying to find a cheap venue for a Christmas show, they were all either booked, or way too expensive.

The high Points night and the AGM were once again held at the Appleby Inn, the rosettes and trophy's were superb, it was good to see the prizes being shared among so many members. The AGM had its share of controversy, but part of the reason for an AGM is to discuss the good and bad. The MHCGB will go from strength to strength and the committee are trying hard to give us a great club that has super shows with plenty of variety.

At this time of year I imagine we are all carefully watching our field horses. Although we here in the Midlands have plenty of grass, there is no goodness in it, just what I call "fill belly", Make sure they have good quality hay, a good vitamin and mineral lick, and a source of fresh water that either does not freeze, or if you are like me, that you have to break once or twice a day when it is icy. A few times already this winter I have checked the horses in the morning and they have a covering of frost on their backs, as long as they have their natural coats and have a good bit of fat on them, this is fine, they are toasty underneath.

I want to poll people on whether or not they would like a show preparation day in the Midlands, can you please let me know if you would be interested. I am thinking of late February or very early March. If there is enough response soon, I will get it organised.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the first shows of the year, or maybe before that if we manage to sort out the show prep day.

Jane Parker

Area 4 Wales. Jill Duke Email: jill@dukespalaminos.fsnet.co.uk

Hi Everyone,

Looks like you have me to try & report from Wales.

I will try & tell you a bit about myself. I have been breeding & showing part bred Arab Palominos for many years, I have had Champion Palomino at the Royal Welsh show in hand, Have won three times & second once in the Ridden, & last few years we have won the youngstock class two years running.

I am on the Palomino Society Judges panel & also am an inspector.

A few years ago I was given a Welsh section A mare, then collected a few more mares (like one does) & started breeding Palomino A's.

I had always wanted a really small one, but Shetland was not what I was looking for, & so my search started, the more I looked the more hooked I became, I found one,, then I met up with Eileen Yaxley, I have to thank her for a lot of introductions, help, & always there for advice when needed.

I now have six dear little horses, & still looking, I cant leave them alone, I wish I had gone into them years ago.

Enough about me, all those people in Wales or near, who have minis why not get in touch with me? I would love to hear from you. If I know where you all are we could try & have a get together & get more shows to have Mini classes, or even think of our own show, so waiting to hear from you.

Have a lovely Xmas everyone

Jill Duke

AREA NEWS AREA NEWS AREA NEWS

Area 5 Eastern England. Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire.

Pat Englund, Tel: 01205 871 970 Email: mariebeel@hotmail.com

Hello again. The season is now over and I hope it has been a successful one for you all. Despite good publicity the classes at the Crowland Show were very poorly attended with the refined only having 3 entries and the draught section being comprised of nearly all mini shetlands from the shetland classes. I realize it may have been difficult for most as the Derby County Show was the following day. Mr Phillip Brown and Mrs. Bridget Barlow took top honours in their respective classes. The Gorefield Show was better attended according to reports, regrettably I didn't make it after putting the date wrong in my diary and turning up the following day!!! Crowland Show has invited us back again next year. Now for something special. One of our younger members and her family has done more for the mini cause dispelling the myth that minis aren't capable or strong enough to do anything. Samantha Middleton, her mother and the rest of the family should feel extremely proud of themselves and their achievement. On August 7th 2005 they entered their cracking British Miniature mare "Matriarch Miss Independence" in the driving class at the Revesby Country Fair. A class of 20 plus turnouts were in competition for the 2 prizes on offer. The Private Driving and the Exercise Driving. First came the preliminary judging with individual show, then the 7 mile marathon show drive. (They only had to do 5 miles), then the final judging with show in the main arena, with "Matriarch" showing no signs of flagging or sweating much to the delight of the crowd. "Matriarchs" class had about 15 + entries. She was placed 5th. against Gelderlanders, Hackney Cross, Welsh Cob, Dartmoors and others. I think this was a superb achievement adding the fact she only started in harness in May this year. Congratulations to the family and every success for the future.

Thanks, Pat.

Area 6 South East, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, E.Sussex and London.

Linda Lumley, Tel: 07810207117 Email: lumleyjim@aol.com

Hello everybody, well here we are already at the end of another showing season, I hope you have all had a good time at the shows with your miniatures, and for those of you that breed the miniatures I hope everything has gone well. As you know we had our show (at Basildon Showground over the bank holiday) we could have done with a little more support , however those that attended all said what a good time they had and would like more shows in the area next year. It is just a pity that it clashed with one of the Bigger miniature shows, still we will get them going again. Over the last couple of months two of my miniatures have been doing a bit of fund raising for local charities, Macmillan Cancer Research, attending the dog walk, the next was at a carnival meeting lots of people , and three other carnivals, for Macmillan, Little Havens, and a mixture of local charities meeting a lot of senior citizens, and disabled people. The horses love it the fuss and attention they get, one of the carnivals we attended was an illuminated procession and as they are so well behaved a few people actually asked if they were real !!! We have found that these little people love to be around people especially children and at Christmas they have been invited to join the local rotary club Christmas procession for the second year running, if & when we get some of the pictures back I will send some to the club. How about putting together a calendar of miniature horses showing some of the things they can do ?? Well I'm afraid that is it...Bye for now

Linda

P.S. if anybody out there has a miniature needing a home, pref female please contact me many thanks

Area 7 Southern England, We are looking for a representative for this area if you are interested please get in touch.

Area 8 West Country, Devon, Cornwall, Somerset.

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The summer and showing season all seem so far away now, with the horses all relaxed and in their winter woollies. In the South West we had our last Crealy, Exeter show in September and again we're very grateful to Rusty Hughes the secretary, for faithfully putting classes on for us.

We were fortunate this year to add a new date to our calendar as the Dorset County Show at Dorchester put mini classes on for the first time, on Sunday 4th September. We were given a warm welcome and have been informed classes will be included in 2006. I would ask South West member's particularly to support this show as not only is it a prestigious venue, easy to find and ample parking facilities but the Prize money is exceptionally generous. 1st £40, 2nd—£25 etc, cash paid on the day. I don't know of any other County show that can boast this. There is also a challenge trophy awarded to the champion. Make a note in your 2006 diary now to end maybe your next show season there.

Lincolnshire County Show Display

This year the MHCGB was pleased to be invited back to the Lincolnshire County Show. The club gave a twice-daily display in the Countryside Ring and the Show very kindly provided a tent in which to display and promote the miniature horse. The weather was glorious, hot and sunny for the whole of two days and the crowds were unbelievable. I have never seen such a packed stand especially the first day where the tent was full, all day long. The main attraction being the horses and foals who stood patiently in their pens for the public to see (we did rotate them regularly!) and they all behaved beautifully.

A full crowd eagerly awaited the display given by the club and the horses looked superb. The driving horses created such a stunning picture especially with the sun shining on their polished harnesses and carts, it was a wonderful sight and a perfect opportunity to show so many people what the mini's can do. There was Jill Robinson driving Shooter, Sally Hunter driving Joe Berry, Myself with Magnum and we were also joined by Sammy Middleton and her friend Kirsty, driving their horse who had only been broken to harness just four weeks before, so well done to them for taking part in their first display and doing such a splendid job of it. Also, thank you to Bridget Barlow for bringing her horse along and taking part in the display and to Stephen Johnston for doing the commentary. We also gave the crowd a quick scurry driving competition just to set pulses racing and finished with a jumping demonstration. Overall, it was a fantastic two days and very worthwhile in terms of promoting the club and the horses,. So if anybody would like to take part in any of the display's next year please get in touch, you will have a great day out at some of the country's leading show venues.



One of the many visitor's to the MHCGB stand, Linda Taylor, meeting one of the horses on display 'Knells After Dark Desires'.

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Championship show 2005

17th September 05

Judges: Wayne Hipsley AMHA senior judge USA

Class 4. Yearling filly, colt or gelding, *draft type*. champion of 2005

1 st	Aesthete Crystals Dragon Slayer	L Armitage
2 nd	NCF Dream on Magic	L Armitage
3 rd	Conundrum Dot to Dot	J Parker
4 th	Peppa Pot Spot	S Hunter

Class 5. Two & three year old, filly, colt or gelding, *draft type*. champion of 2005

1 st	Looking Glass Simply Magic	J Goudie
2 nd	Barnley Tom Tit	P England
3 rd	Cranleigh Lightning	P Matthews-Brown
4 th	Ujenik Alfie	L Armitage

Class 6. Four years and over, mare, gelding or stallion, *draft type*. champion of 2005

1 st	Looking Glass Baby Rocco	J Goudie
2 nd	Pinball Wized	B Robinso
3 rd	Matriarch Miss Independence	S Fairburn

Class 7. Yearling, colt or gelding, *refined type*. champion of 2005

1 st	Aesthete Midsummer Knights Dream	J Davenport-Lister
2 nd	NCF Berrys Love Potion	G Jones
3 rd	NCF Into The Red	T Squires
4 th	Asils Picasso	P Matthews-Brown
5 th	Conundrum Colin the Pirate	J Parker
6 th	NCF Mystical My Key T	G Jones

Class 8. Yearling filly, *refined type*. champion of 2005

1 st	Knells After Dark Desires	Mr & Mrs Johnston
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Class 9. Two & three year old, colt or gelding, *refined type*. champion of 2005

1 st	Conundrum Hand Painted	L How
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Class 10 Two & three year old, filly, *refined type*. champion of 2005

1 st	Scott Creek Monarch Mocha	J Robinson
2 nd	NCF Little Sweetheart	L Bias
3 rd	Looking Glass Mesmerize	J Goudie
4 th	Looking Glass Wild Scarlet	J Goudie
5 th	Mainstar Nevada	B Barlow

Class 11 Four years and over, stallion, *refined type*. champion of 2005

1 st	FLF Stars Lunar Eclipse	J Robinson
2 nd	Aesthete Prince Charming	J Davenport-Lister

Class 13 John Morfield gelding Incentive champion open Champion of 2005

1 st	NCF Into The Red	T Squires
2 nd	Peppa Pot Spot	S Hunter
3 rd	Darkhorse Hilight	T Squires
4 th	Conundrum Hand Painted	L How

AMHA SECTION

Class 14 AMHA Registered Junior stallions

1 st	Birchwood UK Painted Colours	J Parker
2 nd	NCF Mystical My Key T	G Jones

Class 15. AMHA Registered Senior stallions

1 st	Aaprina In Ovations Mashena	Mr & Mrs Johnston
2 nd	FLF Stars Lunar Eclipse	J Robinson
3 rd	Aesthete Prince Charming	J Davenport-Lister

Class 16. AMHA Registered junior mares & geldings

1 st	Knells After Dark Desires	Mr & Mrs Johnston
2 nd	NCF Into The Red	T Squires

Class 17. AMHA Registered senior mares & geldings

1 st	Scott Creek Monarch Mocha	J Robinson
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Class 18 AMHA Part-bred Stallion

1 st	Aesthete Midsummer Knights Dream	J Davenport-Lister
2 nd	NCF Berrys Love Potion	G Jones
3 rd	NCF Dream on Magic	L Armitage
4 th	Orlando Moon	S Hunter

Class 19. AMHA Partbred Mare/gelding any age.

1 st	Mainstar Nevada	B Barlow
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Falabella Section.

Class 20. Falabella yearling

1 st	Looking Glass Masquarade	J Goudie
2 nd	Looking Glass Supremo	J Goudie

Class 21. Falabella 2 & 3 year old

1 st	Looking Glass Mesmerize	J Goudie
2 nd	Looking Glass Wild Scarlet	J Goudie

Class 22. Falabella 4 years and over.

1 st	Looking Glass Baby Rocco	J Goudie
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Class 23. Falabella partbred stallion any age.

1 st	Supreme Dreams Inspitaional Black Knight	G Jones
2 nd	Aesthete Prince Charming	J Davenport-Lister
3 rd	Looking Glass Simply Magic	J Goudie
4 th	Ujenik Alfie	L Armitage

Class 24. Falabella partbred mare/gelding any age.

1 st	Darkhorse Hilight	T Squires
2 nd	NCF Little Sweetheart	L Bias

Colour section

Class 25. Broken colour, any age. To be judged on 80% colour, 20% conformation.

1 st	Matriarch Miss Independence	S Fairburn
2 nd	Aesthete Prince Charming	J Davenport-Lister
3 rd	NCF Little Sweetheart	L Bias
4 th	Ujenik Alfie	L Armitage
5 th	NCF Mystical My Key T	G Jones
6 th	Looking Glass Masquarade	J Goudie

Class 26. Spotted/Pintaloosa, any age. To be judged on 80% colour, 20% conformation.

1 st	Aesthete Pied Piper	L Armitage
2 nd	Peppa Pot Spot	S Hunter
3 rd	Pinball Wized	B Robinson
4 th	NCF Into The Red	T Squires
5 th	Conundrum Hand Painted	L How
6 th	Looking Glass Wild Scarlet	J Goudie

Class 27. Solid Colour (bays, blacks, chestnuts, palamino) any age. To be judged on 80% colour, 20% conformation.

1 st	Looking Glass Simply Magic	J Goudie
2 nd	NCF Berrys Love Potion	G Jones
3 rd	Supreme dreams Inspirational Black Knight	G Jones

Class 28. Other Colour (silvers, roans, dilutes) any age. To be judged on 80% colour, 20% conformation.

1 st	NCF Dream on Magic	L Armitage
2 nd	Cranleigh Lightning	P Matthews-Brown
3 rd	Aesthete Midsummer Knights Dream	J Davenport-Lister
4 th	Mainstar Nevada	B Barlow

Class 30. Foal/weanling champion of 2005 *

1 st	Supreme Dreams Inspirational Black Knight	G Jones
2 nd	NCF Miss Mystical Moonlight	J Johns
3 rd	Orlando Moon	S Hunter
4 th	Conundrum Gold Sir Galahad	J Parker

Class 31. Category B youngstock (1 to 3 years) open to horses exceeding 34" and not exceeding 38" at maturity. *

1 st	Aesthete Polly Flinders	J Davenport-Lister
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Class 32. Category B 4 years and over open to horses exceeding 34" and not exceeding 38" at maturity*

1 st	Shirrford Isis	P Engla
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Class 33. Get of Sire * (two or more horses by the same sire)

1 st	Aesthete Midsummer Knights Dream	J Davenport-Lister
	Aesthete Crystals Dragon Slayer	S Armitage
2 nd	NCF Mystical Moonlight	J Robinson
	Orlando Moon	S Hunter

3rd	Conundrum Colin the Pirate	J Parker
	Conundrum Hand Painted	J Parker
Class 34. Produce of Dam * (two or more horses by the same dam)		
1 st	NCF Little Sweetheart	J Goudie
	NCF Berrys Love Potion	G Jones
2 nd	Aesthete Polly Flinders	J Davenport-Lister
	Aesthete Pied Piper	

Class 35 Best two horses by one owner.		
1 st	Looking Glass Baby Rocco	J Goudie
		J Goudie
2 nd	NCF Mystical My Key T	G Jones
	NCF Berrys Love Potion	

Class 36 Best two horses with the same stud prefix		
1st	Looking Glass	J Goudie
	Looking Glass	J Goudie
	NCF Berrys Love Potion	G Jones
2nd	Looking Glass Masquarade	J Goudie
3rd	Looking Glass Baby Rocco	J Goudie
4th	NCF Mystical My Key T	G Jones
5th	Aesthete Crystals Dragon Slayer	L Armitage

Class 38 best head female		
1 st	Scott creek Monarch Mocha	J Robinson
2 nd	Looking Glass Mesmerize	J Goudie
3 rd	Mainstar Nevada	B Barlow
4th	NCF Little Sweetheart	L Bias
5th	Aesthete Polly Flinders	J Davenport-Lister

Class 39 Best movement		
1st	Looking Glass Baby Rocco	J Goudie
2nd	NCF Mystical My Key T	G Jones
3rd	Pinball Wized	B Robinson
4th	Looking Glass Mesmerize	J Goudie

Class 40 Concours d'Elegance In Hand (to be judged in the evening after class 49)		
1st	NCF Berrys Love Potion	G Jones
2nd	Looking Glass Baby Rocco	J Goudie
3 rd	Peppa Pot Spot	J Hunter

Class 41 champion TB/Arabian Type of 2005 not exceeding 38"		
1st	Aesthete Midsummer Knights Dream	J Davenport-Lister
2nd	NCF Berrys Love Potion	G Jones
3 rd	Mainstar Nevada	B Barlow
4th	Looking Glass Mesmerize	J Goudie
5th	Aesthete Polly Flinders	J Davenport-Lister

Class 42 Champion Hunter Type of 2005 not exceeding 38"		
1 st	Looking Glass Simply Magic	J Goudie
2nd	NCF Little Sweetheart	L Bias
3rd	Conundrum Dot to Dot	J Parker
4 th	Barnley Tom Tit	P England

Class 42a Champion Cob Type		
1st	Looking Glass Baby Rocco	J Goudie
2 nd	Pinball Wized	B Robinson
3 rd	Matriach Miss Independence	S Fairburn
4 th	Peppa Pot Spot	S Hunter

Class 43. Showmanship * open will be split to junior 16 years and under and adult over 16 years if entries warrant.		
1st	Matriach Miss Independence	S Fairburn
2 nd	Scott Creek Monarch Mocha	L Robinson
3 rd	Aesthete Thumberlina	L Armitage
4 th	NCF Mystical My Key T	D Wright

Class 44. Halter obstacle *		
1st	Darkhorse Hilight	T Squires
2nd	NCF Little Sweetheart	L Bias
3rd	Barnley Tom Tit	P England
4 th	Aesthete	L Armitage
5 th	Matriach Miss Independence	S Fairburn
6th	Shirrford Isis	P England

Class 45. Jumping *		
1st	NCF Little Sweetheart	L Bias
2nd	Matriach Miss Independence	S Fairburn
3 rd	Aesthete Thumberlina	L Armitage

Class 46. Single pleasure Driving *		
1st	FLF Stars Lunar Eclipse	J Robinson
2nd	La Vista Really Remarkable	C King
3rd	Matriach Miss Independence	S Fairburn

Class 47. Scurry Driving *		
1st	Matriach Miss Independence	S Fairburn
2 nd	Scott Creek Mystical Magnum	Mrs Johnston

Class 48. Liberty * Please bring own tape 1 1/2" minutes.		
1 st	Looking Glass Simply Magic	J Goudie
2 nd	Looking Glass Wild Scarlet	J Goudie
3 rd	Looking Glass Mesmerize	J Goudie
4 th	Looking Glass Baby Rocco	J Goudie

Class 49 Mini decorated 'shire' draft type class (please contact Pat Englund for details).		
1st	Matriach Miss Independence	S Fairburn
2nd	Barnley Tom Tit	P England
3 rd	Pinball Wized	B Robinson

Class 50. Concours d'elegance driving turnout champion of 2005		
1st	FLF Stars Lunar Eclipse	J Robinson
2 nd	La Vista Really Remarkable	C King

OUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP **WINNERS 2005**

MHCGB National Draft Champion 2005
Looking Glass Simply Magic
Reserve Aesthete Crystals Dragon Slayer

MHCGB National Refined Champion 2005
FLF Stars Lunar Eclipse
Reserve Knells After Dark Desires

MHCGB National AMHA Champion 2005
Knells After Dark Desires
Reserve Aaprina Inovations Mashena

MHCGB Part-bred AMHA Champion 2005
Aesthete Midummer Knights Dream
Reserve NCF Berrys Love Potion

MHCGB National Falabella Champion 2005
Looking Glass Baby Rocco
Reserve Looking Glass Mesmerize

MHCGB Part Falabella Champion 2005
Supreme Dreams Inspirational Black Knight
Reserve Dark Horse Highlight

MHCGB National Colour Champion 2005
Aesthete Pied Piper
Reserve Matriach Miss Independence

MHCGB Category B Champion 2005
Aesthete Polly Flinders
Reserve Shirford Isis

MHCGB National Supreme Champion
FLF Stars Lunar Eclipse
MHCGB National Reserve Champion
Knells After Dark Desires

The John Morfield Gelding Incentive Fund

In 2005 the MHCGB took the pioneering steps of bringing to you the Gelding Incentive Fund, the only one of its kind in the UK for miniature horses. Our very kind sponsors John Morfield Ltd put £1,000 CASH into the fund, which was awarded at our three main shows. We were delighted to be able to offer our members the chance to win such huge prize money for what we consider to be a very important issue. 2006 will see a change to our Gelding Incentive Fund in that we shall try and give everybody an opportunity to take part. We are now going to award points to geldings in all MHCGB classes at any show, so the more times you compete with your gelding the more points you will win. The points gained from all the classes will be added together at the end of the year and rosettes and cash prizes will be given to the Top Five geldings. This will take place at the MHCGB National High Point Awards Evening.

Special bonus points will be awarded to horses that have been newly gelded (see back of points card for further details). So you DO need to buy a point's card for your gelding to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize. If you would like to donate to the gelding fund please send a cheque payable to MHCGB and marked 'gelding fund'. The winner will be featured in our Mini Review.

*Introducing this year's winner
NCF Into the Red owned by Tracy Squires*



Some words from Tracy Squires on why she decided to geld her horse...

I saw him as a tiny foal, a little chestnut guy with white socks and a little extra—I couldn't resist! Due to his breeding it was a possibility he could spot out (sorry folks, I'm not a spotty fan), he did and I had to forgive him, the decision to geld is a hard one, or is it? I agree, a stallion has more presence and a more developed muscle structure than a mare or gelding but we need to consider what sort of life a colt will lead should you keep him entire. Unless in a large stud, a colt/stallion lives a very solitary life. Their natural instinct is great, be it to get the girl or show the boys who's got it...the X Factor! Imagine the stress of being on stage every night, so for me it wasn't a difficult decision to make. I have no mares, do not breed and my geldings live very happily together. NCF Into the Red, had a wonderful first season winning many classes, championships and standing supreme champion. He ended the season by winning the John Morfield Gelding Incentive Championship, the High Point Gelding Champion and the yearling Gelding Champion. I am so pleased I gelded my horses and I'm looking forward to next year.

Tracy Squires

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SHOWS

ROYAL CORNWALL RESULTS

We are pleased to report there was a very good turn-out in the MHCGB Classes (held jointly with IMHPS), at one of the country's most popular shows. RCS went to great lengths to welcome the miniature horses, not only was the prize money very generous but they also presented a beautiful hand painted bone china plate to the champion and there were plenty of extra rosettes to be won in each class for Best Solid Colour, Broken Colour, etc. The classes were also held in the Main Ring and so had a very captive audience. We hope that this show will be well supported again next year and hopefully attract even more entries.

Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding.

1st Knells After Dark Desires Owner: Mr & Mrs. S. Johnston
2nd Palace Majestys Lady in Venus Owner: Mrs. E. Yaxley
3rd Blackertor UK Orions Call Me Apache Owner: Mr. D.A. Hodge
4th Birchwood UK Bay Bee Buckeroo Owner: Mrs. J & Miss. K. Richards

Two Year Old Colt, Filly, Gelding

1st Blackertor UK Quicksteps King Dragon Owner: Mr. D.A. Hodge
2nd Knells Obviously After Dark Owner: Miss. K. Broad
3rd Seahorse Gold Melodys Tiara Owner: Mrs. J&Miss. K Richards
4th Kilcummer Alfie Owner: Miss. Z.E Stevens

Three year old Colt, Fill or Gelding

1st Aprina In Ovations Mashena Owner: Mr & Mrs. S. Johnston
2nd Equitots Cookies N Cream Owner: Mr.D.A. Hodge

Four years and Over Colt, Filly, Gelding

1st Birchwood UK Sapphire Owner: Mr. D.A. Hodge
2nd La Vista Brilliant Remark Owner: Mrs.j &Miss.K. Richards
3rd Broomalls Sunup Owner: Mrs. V.A. Jones
4th Faith Farms Prince of Hearts Owner: Miss. K. Broad

Champion Knells After Dark Desires
Reserve Birchwood UK Sapphire

Basildon Show 7 August.

Judge Mrs V. Abbott .Essex

Class 1) 1, 2 & 3 years old

1st. Spotlights Night Shade Mrs. K.Milroy
2nd.Kinsky Dear Little Daisy Mrs L.V Lumley (handler Claire Blaber)

Class 2) 4 years and over

1st. Shadowplay oh my Golly Mr John Milroy
2nd. Barbie Miss D. Milton
3rd. Toyhorse Co Co De Mer Mrs L.V Lumley (handler Claire Blaber).

Class 3) Paints Spots & Palominos

1st .Shadowplay oh my Golly Mr J. Milroy
2nd. Barbie Miss D Milton
3rd. Toyhorse Co Co Der Mer Mrs L.V. Lumley (handler Claire Blaber)
4th. Falabella Montgomery Mrs K Milton

Class 4 Solid Colours

1st. Spotlights Nightingale Mrs. K Milroy
2.nd. Kinsky Dear Little Daisy Mrs LV Lumley (handler Claire Blaber)...

Class 5 .Colts , Stallions & Geldings

1st. Shadowplay oh my Golly Mr J Milroy
2nd. Gogtre Kody Miss Humphries
3rd. Toyhorse Co Co De Mer Mrs L.V. Lumley (handler Claire Blaber)
4th. .Mr Rocky Master George
5th. Falabella Montgomery Mrs K Milroy

Class 6th Fillies and Mares

1st.... Spotlights Nightingale Mrs K Kilroy
2nd Kinsky Dear Little Daisy Mrs L.V Lumley (handler Claire Blaber)

United Counties Show Results

Class 313. Yearling, Filly, Colt or Gelding not exceeding 34" at maturity.

1st Seva Kelt owned by Pauline J. Braddock
2nd Brenrallia May Blossom owned by Mr Emyr Edwards
3rd Seva Kandy owned by Scintilla Shetlands
Only 3 forward

Class 314 2 and 3 year olds

Two entered but no entries forward on the day

Class 315 4 years old and over

1st Llancarro Spotty Junior owned by Mrs Helen Underwood Thomas
2nd Mistake in Judges Book which is being investigated.
Only 2 forward.

Class 316 Broken Coloured and Spotted

1st Llancarro Spotty Junior owner as above
2nd Mountain High Ginger Snap owned by Mrs J F Duke
3rd Arden Acres Simply Devine owned by Mrs J F Duke
Only 3 forward

Class 317 Solid Colour

1st Benrallia May Blossom owned by Mr Emyr Edwards

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PRESS RELEASE

Leather Harness for Miniatures

To compliment the range of Two and Four wheel carriages that Bellcrown Carriages produce for Miniatures they have now American Leather Harness available from their new Cheshire Showroom.

The harness is the "Essential Leather" by Driving Essential of Pennsylvania, USA. It is a black breast collar set with Patent Leather Trim and with a choice of Brass or Stainless Steel buckles, with stainless steel tongues on all buckles. Priced at a modest £475 per set (inc. vat) this represents excellent value and quality.

Russett brown leather is also available to order and costs £57/set extra.
A full collar in place of breast collar is available, complete with harness for an extra £400/set.

A set of breast collar pairs "Essential Harness" costs from £1400 (inc vat).

Zilco synthetic harness is of course also available from Bellcrown, mini sets are presently £469.

For Full Details Contact Martin Johnson at Bellcrown Ltd.
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PRESS RELEASE

British Carriage builders Bellcrown Carriages have moved to new premises on the outskirts of the delightful Cheshire village of Tattenhall, 7 miles South East of the Roman City of Chester. The new premises offer improved facilities including a larger showroom displaying many of Bellcrown's range of 2 & 4 wheeled models plus Tedman and Zilco harness.

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Driving Your Miniature Horse

The MHCGB are focusing on driving in 2006 and just to get the 'wheels in motion', we are introducing some new classes at our shows starting with the MHCGB National Qualifier and AMHA European Spring Show on 16th April. We are also planning to put on more driving clinics and will hopefully be able to announce in the next news letter a clinic by an internationally renowned Top Driving Trainer.

Member's in Area 2 have already had an 'introduction to driving' day which gave a rudimentary run through of the various stages of breaking your horse to harness. We do hope that all those member's who are practising over the winter and breaking their horse to harness will be confident enough to have a go in one of the classes at the Spring Show. It is always a little nerve-racking to enter in something new, particularly where driving is concerned as you do feel as if all eyes are on you, but please do join in and help to make these driving classes bigger and better then ever before. We are trying very hard to offer something for everyone no matter what stage of training you are at and to suit whatever type of horse you have. We will have beautiful rosettes and sashes, as well as prizes donated from our kind sponsors, so it really will be worth entering the classes, as well as being fun of course.

Just to give you an idea of what to expect in these different classes, below is a brief description but if you require any further information please get in touch with one of the committee.

Single pleasure driving: *In this class horses will be expected to show distinct paces between a collected trot and a working trot, the working trot must show a lengthening of the stride and not just simply a faster pace. The horse will also walk with an up-beat pace and rein back for at least three strides. The horse will perform on both reins and all transitions should be smooth. Attire: smart/elegant turn-out and a show type harness will best show off your horse, as points are awarded for turn-out as well as manners and way of going.*

Country Pleasure Driving: *the horse will be expected to perform the above paces but will not be expected to show such an exaggerated stride in the working trot. The aim is to give an overall picture of a smooth obedient, responsive horse suitable for driving in a country park. Attire: smart but can be more casual, country tweeds for example, harness does not necessarily have to be a show harness.*

Scurry Driving: *a fast paced obstacle course is set where the driver will negotiate a series of cones with a ball placed on top. The winner will be the fastest time to complete the course with no penalties, or least number of penalties. Penalties are given each time a ball is dislodged from a cone. This class is suitable for any type of horse and any type of cart or harness. Cantering is of course permitted in this class, the horse is not judged on manners.*

Novice Driving: *This class is for novice horses and so ideal for the newcomers who have just started. No special requirements are placed on turn-out or harness the important thing is to simply have a go.*

Concours D'Elegance: *judged on the most pleasing and elegant turn-out and the horse should be well-mannered. Evening dress is permitted.*

Judges Clinic Given by Wayne Hipsley

The MHCGB were very privileged to have one of the most eminent judges in the miniature horse industry share his expertise and knowledge in a full day seminar on judging miniature horses.

We were very pleased with the turn-out from judges and member's who were interested in judging or who just wanted to gain an insight from a judges perspective. Mr. Hipsley gave an overview and slide show on the different types of miniature and the characteristics which are most desirable as well as looking at some conformation flaws identifying which were minor and which were major.

As a club we are very much aware of the importance of consistent judging at all our shows, we can only do this by trying to educate our judges by providing valuable seminars from experienced senior judges from the AMHA panel, who have many, many years experience in judging miniature horses. We will be offering more clinic's in the future for those of you who may be interested.

The MHCGB is committed to ensuring that our shows have the best overseas judges, and that no contact is permitted between the committee and the elected judge. We employ a show manager who neither owns nor shows miniature horses and therefore remains completely unbiased. She is responsible for the arrangements and hospitality to all our judges. Not every society can boast this much impartiality! Our AMHA sanctioned shows follow the stringent rules as laid down by the AMHA regulations.

NEXT ISSUE 2006 STALLION FEATURE

Our next issue will include our popular stallion feature for the 2006 forthcoming breeding season. Place your advert early and make sure you don't miss out on promoting your stallion at stud. Small advertising space is free to member's, But if you want to make the most of your stud, your foals and your farm why not take advantage of our special spring discount off all colour full page adverts, please get in touch for further details and to reserve your space!!! Please let us have your advert as early as possible and certainly no later than February 10th 2006.

The MHCGB News Review is widely circulated around the country and on our stand at major County Shows so it really is worth placing an advert.

Also in our next issue...Articles from overseas...some of the worlds top Breeders and Trainers, show news, member's news and much, much more...!

Member's Gallery & News

Congratulations!



To member Laura Bias on her marriage to Richard Defty. We wish them a long and happy future together.



Julie Hodgson our Area Representative in Scotland meets one of the Emmerdale Cast, the young actress who plays Vicky Sugden, at a show in Scotland

Please send any pics that you would like to be included on this page to: info@hailstoneminis.com Make sure you put your name to them please



Gill Jones who showed her own yearling colt "NCF Berrys Love Potion" bred by Jill Robinson to win Supreme Champion Miniature Horse at IMHPS Miniature Horse Of The Year Show. (This was the second year running an NCF horse has won this title last year was "NCF Little Sweetheart" half sister to this years winner) Simon Hall who handled Janice Goudie's 4yo Falabella stallion "Looking Glass Baby Rocco" bred by Angie Allison to take the Champion Miniature Horse of Great Britain title at this years Royal London Show. Sent in by Janice Goudie.



This picture was also sent in by Julie Hodgson taken at the same gala in Scotland

Barnley Tom Tit as Reserve Champion in-hand at the Sheepgate Supreme show, owned by Pat Englund and 'Stay Bewildered' at Ten Weeks Old. Sent in by Pat Englund



Darkhorse Hilight sent in by Tracy Squires.



Photo courtesy Natural Expressions

This lovely picture was sent in by Joan Baker. (there was somebody holding the baby they just got wiped out for the pic... In case you were wondering)



Sent in by Julie Hodgson



Starmyres Midnight Mist

Reader's Letters Page

We have introduced this new reader's letters page and would like to know your views and opinions, so please send in your letters. Email to: info@hailstoneminis.com

Dear MHCGB,

I would just like to say I think you all do a good job running the Club when you have busy lives already. I know from being on different committees what a thankless task it can be. People demand and take but are not prepared to offer help and are very quick to complain. I am only too pleased to be asked to help out when needed 'whenever'!! Living in the 'outback' and working full-time keeps me from being more closely involved, but I am grateful for all the help and training you have given over the years since being in the MHCGB. I for one will be renewing my membership and will look forward to seeing you all next season. Winning is not the 'B' all of life!! As you know I enjoy showing but I equally enjoy meeting 'friends' that share my interest and having a good laugh at the same time. Please keep up the good work!! Joan Baker

Hello Everyone,

Just thought I would warn all mini owners to please take care when changing pastures. I had a very nasty scare when some of my horses escaped into the adjoining farmers field. They'd only been grazing for little more than an hour, but one of my yearlings got colic. Luckily I called the vet out straight away and after a few hours she was fine—could have been much worse though. I don't mean to sound patronising as I'm sure most of you owners know about the perils of colic, I myself have had horses (big ones) over 30 years and I'm lucky enough to be able to say none of mine have ever had it. However, I did not realise that a mini could get colic just from grazing on what I would have thought pretty much the same grass, since it was only next door, difference being of course, the grass in the next field had been grazed by cows and therefore, much richer. So do be careful when making any sort of change to their diet. Alison Johnston

Ask The Panel

We are adding this new feature to the magazine in the hope that we can help some of our member's whether old or new. We will try to answer any questions you have, or help with any problems you may be experiencing with your miniature and if we do not know the answer we will try and find out for you. So please email with your questions, could be anything from showing, breeding, foaling, training, or even just where to buy mini tack and items.

Where can I buy miniature horse carts in this country and what is the difference between the American Cart and the British cart?

A. Bellcrown Carts actually have an advert in this issue so you could try them. For the American Jerald Cart there is a UK distributor based in Scotland email: davewilsonharness@hotmail.com. The difference is basically to do with the wheels, or specifically the tyres. British carts generally have the solid metal, or wooden spoke wheel, whereas the Jerald cart has a pneumatic tyre. It is a matter of personal preference which cart you choose but you do need to consider what your ambitions are for the future i.e. with which society you intend to drive, as different rules may apply which may affect your decision.

Can you tell me what the difference is between the British and American harness?

The main difference is the use of either a side-check or an over-check on the American harness, these are absent on a British harness and would not be used under BDS rules. However, the AMHA rules state that one of these must be used.

The other main difference is the use of the Breeching Strap on the British harness, this acts as a brake when the horse is going up or down hill. Breeching straps are not considered necessary for show driving AMHA style and they can tend to cover a lot of the horse so do not 'show off' the horse as much. As show driving is generally on a flat surface the need for breeching is not considered necessary.

Before considering any harness purchase you should decide what you are most going to use it for, if it is single pleasure driving classes with the mhcg, then a show harness style will most enhance your horses appearance and look stylish. For scurry driving or general purpose you may want something more robust and easy to clean such as the none leather types.

More information on driving will be featured in the next issue.

NEWS PAGE

British Classes are being introduced at the clubs three main shows. These classes will be open to British bred horses who do NOT have a sire or dam of AMHA or Falabella breeding. Horses of Unknown breeding are eligible to enter.

Show News...we are asking all member's when showing their horse in the ring to stand in front of your horse and not to kneel down. This is for two reasons; firstly, it is actually quite dangerous to kneel in front of your horse should they strike out. Secondly, it looks more professional to stand up in front of your horse and it gives the judge a better opportunity to see your horse.

*****Don't forget to keep checking the club website for an up-to-date list of shows for 2006 see Events Page, new shows are being added all the time*****

Thank you to Dave Raper for all his help in Editing and Producing the past two club magazine's and for his assistance with the issuing of passports. Dave carried out both tasks admirably for the club, however we have now decided to take both of these in-house for logistical reasons.

NEW...MHCGB Classes at Leicester County Show...!!!!

We are delighted to have been given classes for 2006 at this most prominent show. We have also secured sponsorship for the classes with a World Renowned Major Company 'Donaldson' who will be donating sashes and trophies to the prize winners.

New for MHCGB Classes at all affiliated shows will be the awarding of Best Draft and Best Refined Rosettes in each class. We hope this encourages all horses to come forward in the classes.

********New Rule for Supreme Championships ********

In future at MHCGB Shows Judges will be given a card when judging the Supreme Champion, each judge will submit a card with their choice of horse and no conferring between the judges will be allowed.

For Sale and Announcements

Due to other commitments Celebrations Lucky Royale will be spending the 2006 showing and stud season at Brookside Miniatures, Stockton. Email enquiries to Patti Leighton at brookside165@aol.com or Cheryl at minarahalters@aol.com

Caring pet home required for 30" bay miniature mare, 7yrs. An ulcer at birth led to the removal of her right eye at 1 day old. Kind natured and good to do. She has a foal at foot, but can be available from Oct/Nov. A very difficult decision, but threat of loss of grazing forces rehoming. Home more important than price. Contact; Joan Baker, 01723 870517 (Scarborough).

Please check out the club website for more adverts and announcements.

Anyone wishing to place an advert in the next issue please email to: info@hailstoneminis.com

Adverts are free to club members.

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