



PBSA Newsletter Spring 2015

The Shetland Pony Needs You!

Due to the reconfiguration of the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society council, following the changes to the constitution, Shetland/Orkney will be requiring two SPSBS Council members for a 3 year period commencing 1 January 2016 as both Janice Priest and Ingrid Dickie will have finished their terms at the end of this year.

Anyone interested in becoming a SPSBS Council member can get in touch with either Carole Laignel or any of the current Shetland/Orkney directors if you require more information or have any questions. Current directors are Roselyn Fraser, Ingrid Dickie, Janice Priest or Steve Rendall who is currently Vice President. It can be a very rewarding and interesting experience.

In order to be eligible to become a Council member you need to be at least 21 years old and have been a member of the Shetland Pony Stud Book Society for a minimum of five years. Nomination forms are available either through the PBSA or alternatively directly from the SPSBS Office. Completed nomination forms must be received at the Society Office by Friday 1st May 2015.



Board Room, Shetland House

Foal Registrations

In order to help identify ponies the SPSBS Council has made the decision that silhouette drawings must now be completed when registering foals. Please ensure that you complete the silhouette before submitting your registrations forms as any forms received which do not have the silhouette completed will be returned. The deadline for submitting foal registration forms is 31st October. All registrations received up until this deadline will appear in the stud book for that year, those received after 31st October will go in to the next years stud book.



When registering your new foals please remember that there has been a price increase effective from January 2011 and the new style registration form MUST be used, as the Society will not accept the older type. Forms and an up-to-date price list are available to download from the Society website. Many breeders are

Inside this issue:

2014 Pony Sale & Members Article	P 2—3
Awards Schemes & SPSBS Update	P 4—5
SPES & Youngstock Show	P 6—7
Milk Bank & Dates for Your Diary	P 8—9
Steuch & Sundance	P 10
Stallions in Holland	P 12
Hollywood Glamour	P 14
Olympia, Viking & Burra Riding school	P 16—17

under the impression that microchips must be ordered through the Society and forwarded to a nominated vet; this is not the case, microchips can be obtained from your own vet at the time of implantation. Foal names must not exceed the maximum of 35 digits long including any prefix, spaces or apostrophes. Anyone selling foals at a Society Sale must remember to submit their foal registrations no later than 4 weeks prior to the sale closing date.

2014 Pony Sale

The 55th Annual Lerwick Shetland Pony Show and Sale was held on Friday 3rd October 2014 at the Shetland Agricultural Centre. The Pony Breeders of Shetland Association (PBSA) in conjunction with Shetland Livestock Marketing Group (SLMG) and Aberdeen and Northern Marts (ANM) once again hosted a successful sale of registered pedigree ponies. There were 133 ponies entered for the sale a rise of

29% on last year but unfortunately there were only 108 forward on the day, hugely disappointing for prospective buyers but still a good number of ponies. The ponies began arriving on the Thursday afternoon and exhibitors and potential buyers were invited to socialise together and enjoy a super spread of home bakes and sandwiches laid on by the PBSA. The Friday morning commenced at 9am with the show of ponies to be sold and there were good entries in all classes. New this year was a beautiful Trophy to be presented to the Show Champion. The trophy was kindly donated by the Tour Guides of Shetland Association in memory of the late David Robertson, of Trondra and Gott studs, who is sadly missed by all. The Judge for this year's show was Mr David Hodge who travelled from Devon. He remarked on the good quality stock which came in front of him and he also complemented the exhibitors on how well handled the foals were and praised the efforts of the Pony Breeders of Shetland. Best Colt Foal at the Show was the standard piebald Robin's Brae Spiggie from the Burgess Family, Dunrossness, and Best Filly Foal, Champion Foal and Reserve Overall Champion at the Show was the standard dark bay Loanin Shireen from Mrs J Roberts, Unst. Overall Show Champion was the 39" Black 3 year old filly Jo-Jo Av Bergli from the Bergli Stud in Walls.



2014 Champion – Jo-Jo Av Bergli, Best Colt Foal – Robin's Brae Spiggie, Best Filly Foal & Reserve Champion – Loanin Shireen

After successfully trialling the I-bidder Online Auction system last year those involved were hopeful of another good response from buyers unable to attend the sale. Photographs and details of the lots for sale were available to be viewed online for several weeks prior to the sale to generate interest and give buyers a chance to choose their purchase. On the day a live audio and video feed of the show and sale was streamed online enabling the whole world to watch. This year's I-bidder sales were more than double those of last year going from 23 ponies sold to 56 ponies sold, 52% of ponies forward being sold through I-bidder. After a slow start the sale



picked up with average prices up on last year. The leading prices were; Filly foals: Clibberswick Selsey 540gns K Grant, Orkney. Trondra Kerus 360gns A. Mclennan, Orkney. Colt foals: Robin's Brae Spiggie 300gns J Ramsey, Tyne & Wear. Robin's Brae Storm 200gns I-Bidder. Fillies: Jo-Jo Av Bergli 950gns Unsold. Hestigeo Gunhilda 400gns P Hunter, Unst. Mares: Merkisayre Be-Bo 460gns I-bidder. Loanin Vivid 380gns I-bidder.

Entire Males: Merrylees Nuggett 650gns Unsold. Merkisayre Calvin 400gns I-bidder.

Thanks to SLMG, all our Sponsors, Northlink, Promote Shetland, Harbro, Mark Donaldson and everyone who sponsored classes. Particular thanks to all who put in the hard work to make the sale a successful one!

Principal 2014 Sale Show Results:

- Miniature Filly Foal
- Miniature Colt Foal
- Standard Filly Foal
- Standard Colt Foal
- 1,2 & 3 Year Old Fillies
- 1, 2 & 3 Year Old Colts & Geldings
- Mares 4 Years Old & Over
- Stallions 4 Years Old & Over
- Best Filly Foal entered in the Sale (Kiora Shield)
- Best Colt Foal entered in the Sale (Kiora Shield)
- Champion Foal
- Overall Champion (David Robertson Memorial)
- Reserve Overall Champion
- Best Foal from Unst (Milne Cup)
- Best Filly Foal from all Shetland Shows (Stranduff Cup)
- Best Colt Foal from all Shetland Shows (W. Irvine Cup)

- 1st Loanin Flame
- 1st Gue Preston
- 1st Loanin Shireen
- 1st Robin's Brae Spiggie
- 1st Jo-Jo Av Bergli
- 1st Benston Scallyway
- 1st Clivocast Orelia
- 1st Merkisayre Vaspar
- Loanin Shireen
- Robin's Brae Spiggie
- Loanin Shireen
- Jo Jo Av Bergli
- Loanin Shireen
- Loanin Shireen
- Loanin Shireen
- Robin's Brae Spiggie

The Wisdom of Norman!



The first sales were established way back in 1958 by Mrs Cox (Marshwood/Gletness Studs) and the then secretary Mr Tom Myles who arranged the sales in Baltasound and Lerwick. At the first Baltasound sale the buyers had to leave Lerwick on the "overland bus" at 6 o'clock in the morning then 2 ferry crossings – more bus travel to Baltasound arriving at around 10 am.

The first sale was out in the open air, in typical Shetland rain with the buyers forming the ring. Top price was 116gns. A few years later the sale moved into a nissen hut with both ends open just to let the cold wind blow in with the ponies being sent in 1 by 1 for auction. Following on from the Baltasound sale the

islands then had the Lerwick sale making it a 2 day trip to purchase ponies.

At the height of the pony sales in 1972 a total of 839 ponies went to auction in Baltasound and Lerwick, how that has changed now. Look at the shipping costs in 1972 and what it is now. Freight is killing the pony sales in Shetland. I remember purchasing 6 foals in 1965, 5 fillies for 169gns and 1 piebald colt foal for 5gns – shipping Baltasound/Lerwick and onwards via Aberdeen on the St Clair/St Ninian to Leith, Edinburgh. Total shipping costs was under £4, sadly the shipping to Leith stopped some years later.

I remember buying foals for as little as 25p to £1 each many years ago and coloured ones at that, how things have changed over the years.

Year ago the studs I followed were Pinehoulland, Grunivoe, Housabister, Burland, Berry and Crosbister. They always seemed to have tiny foals, mini ones as we now call them. In more recent years a lot of the foals are leggy – a result of putting mini stallions to mares over the height – which the market did not want hence the low prices. Dealers have come and gone over the years too buying cheap ponies hoping to make a quick return. Most of the have never returned. The most consistent buyers over the years have been myself, the Butterfields, Jill Radford and a few other hardy souls who venture north every year to the motherland. How the numbers at the sales have fallen for years now – what is going to happen? Ponies will always be on Shetland I hope as part of the islands heritage. Long may they continue to eat the grass.

From Norman Taylor "Gilsland Wells Stud", Edinburgh. I have been coming to the pony sales on Shetland since 1964 – lots of fond memories and tales to tell, see you all in October 2015.

SHIPPING

M.V. Earl of Zetland leaves Lerwick for Baltasound at 5.00 a.m. on 18th October returning to Lerwick that evening.

At Baltasound all buyers on completing their purchases are requested to give numbers and destination and sign shipping notes with the Shipping Company's representative.

Buyers are also requested to reserve shipping space, stating numbers and destination of their purchases at the Shipping Company office in the Steamer Shed, Victoria Pier, immediately after the conclusion of the Lerwick Sale on Thursday, 19th October.

The M.V. St. Rognvald will take ponies consigned to Aberdeen and will leave Lerwick on the afternoon of Thursday, 19th, via Kirkwall for Aberdeen. The vessel will discharge at Aberdeen after 8 a.m. on Saturday, 21st October.

A limited number of berths are available on this vessel and air transport can be arranged between Sumburgh and Kirkwall on Thursday, 19th, after the Lerwick Sale. All booking must be done as early as possible through the Shetland Marts Limited.

FREIGHT AND CHARGES	FOR PONY SALES 1972		
	Baltasound to Aberdeen	Shetland Marts to Aberdeen	Baltasound to Lerwick
	Ponies Foals	Ponies Foals	Ponies Foals
North Isles freight	0.85	0.55	—
Baltasound charges	0.38	0.38	0.93
South freight	3.05	1.95	0.38
Lerwick wharfage	0.10	0.10	—
Lerwick watching	0.05	0.05	0.10
Aberdeen wharfage	0.10	0.10	0.05
Lerwick cartage	—	—	0.25
	£4.53	3.13	1.46
		3.50	2.40
			1.16

Under no circumstances will new marks be made on ponies when penned on Victoria Pier or on the Shipping Company's vessels.

Only staff of Shetland Marts Ltd. or the Shipping Company will pen or move ponies on Victoria Pier.

Shetland Pony Ridden, Driven & Young Exhibitors Awards Schemes

Young riders, drivers and handlers from throughout Shetland have once again done themselves proud in the SPSBS Awards Schemes. Although they face stiff competition from riders, drivers and handlers from throughout the UK, the Shetland youngsters continue to do very well. Results:

LEAD REIN M&M

4th Hollydell Royal Command
10th Ulverscroft Midnight Red

FIRST RIDDEN M&M

6th Ulverscroft Midnight Red
9th Shoormal Vik

OPEN RIDDEN M&M

7th Hollydell Hazard
9th Clothie Night Idiot

WORKING HUNTER PONY

5th Hollydell Hazard
9th Clothie Night Idiot

GENERAL PURPOSE

5th Hollydell Hazard
9th Hollydell Royal Command

LEAD REIN GYMKHANA

1st Hollydell Royal Command
2nd Ulverscroft Midnight Red

OFF LEAD GYMKHANA PONY

1st Hollydell Hazard
2nd Ulverscroft Midnight Red
3rd Shoormal Vik
4th Clothie Night Idiot

PONY CLUB PONY

3rd Clothie Night Idiot
6th Shoormal Vik
6th= Hollydell Hazard
6th= Ulverscroft Midnight Red

NOVELTY PONY

1st Hollydell Royal Command
2nd= Ulverscroft Midnight Red
2nd= Shoormal Vik
7th Hollydell Hazard

IN HAND-SHOWING

7th Hollydell Royal Command
9th Ulverscroft Midnight Red
10th Clothie Night Idiot

HANDLER 8YRS & UNDER

1st Nina Fraser
2nd Keiva Roberston
5th Simone Anderson

HANDLER 9-14YRS

1st Rebecca Fraser
4th Kelsey Arthur

CHAMPION RIDER 6-8YRS

3rd Nina Fraser
4th Keiva Robertson
9th Simone Anderson

CHAMPION RIDER 9-10YRS

6th Kelsey Arthur

CHAMPION RIDER 11-14YRS

1st Rebecca Fraser

OVERALL CHAMPION PONY

11th Hollydell Royal Command
12th Ulverscroft Midnight Red
13th Hollydell Hazard
15th Clothie Night Idiot

BEST RIDER IN SHETLAND

1st Rebecca Fraser
2nd Nina Fraser
3rd Keiva Roberston
4th Kelsey Arthur
5th Simone Anderson



SPSBS Driven Scheme

Driven Trials

2nd Clothie Flyn & Bronagh Goodlad

Exercise Vehicle

3rd Clothie Flyn & Bronagh Goodlad

Junior Whip –David Snowdon Trophy

1st Bronagh Goodlad



SPSBS Young Exhibitors Scheme

8 – 10 years

2nd Bethany Dickie
3rd Connie Dickie

14 – 16 years

2nd Leanne Spence

Overall

3rd Bethany Dickie



SPSBS Update



Society Book Keeper Angela Houston has now left the society to pursue other things and we wish her well. Victoria McAinsh will be taking over some of her duties.

Mrs Jill Jones of Buxted stud has been unanimously elected to serve as Vice President from 1 January 2016.

The trainee judges scheme will be reviewed again following issues which arose from the substantial number of applications received last year.

The 2015 Breed Show venue has had to move from Yorkshire to West Sussex and will take place on Sunday 2nd August. The 2016 Breed Show will be held in Wales. 2017 & 2018 locations are still to be confirmed and the 2019 Breed Show will be held in Shetland.

The International Show will be held in Finland on Sunday 17th August.

Calling all Young Handlers - PBSA Young Exhibitors Scheme



The PBSA recognises that the young handlers of today are the future of In Hand showing. To encourage and support the young talent we have in Shetland the PBSA is introducing a young handlers' awards scheme. The scheme will be split into 2 sections; 9 years & under and 10 – 16 years.

It's free, simple and easy to enter. Just email, phone or Facebook message either June Brown or Roselyn Fraser with your/ your child's results. All shows in Shetland qualify starting with Serrang Equestrian's In Hand show this Sunday. Any In Hand

Showing or Young Handlers classes apply as long as you are showing a registered Shetland pony.



Points from throughout the year will be collated and awards presented at the end of the year.

We are also looking for sponsorship for the 2 sections at £30 each so if you are interested in supporting the future of In Hand showing in Shetland then please get in touch with either June Brown (01595 860302 shoormal@btinternet.com) or Roselyn Fraser (01806 566479 roselyn.fraser@btinternet.com).



Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme 2014



The 2014 Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme took place on the 26th & 27th July last year, with Mr Ian Spence, Miss Zoe Bell and Mr Jimmy Wilson as judges. The weekend took place at Gott Farm for the final year and saw more mares than stallions forward for evaluation, achieving 1 Gold award, 2 Silver awards and 2 Bronze awards. The stallion numbers were down on previous years and produced 3 Silver and 1 Bronze award. There were 2 ponies forward for Long Rein Performance Test on Sunday, both achieving Silver awards. The 2015 Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme will take place on 25th & 26th July. Mr Ian Spence has completed his 3 year rotation as a judge and

will be replaced by Mrs Sandra Seward. This year there is a change of venue, where we plan to hold the first day of Evaluations in Unst on Saturday 25th July. The second day of Evaluations will be held at Seafeld Equestrian Park in Lerwick, on Sunday 26th July and we ask that anyone interested in putting forward a mare or stallion, on either day, gets in touch with our SPES Area Organiser for more information and to request an application pack. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 30th June and must be accompanied by all paperwork including DNA parentage reports and vetting forms. We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone wishing to attend the scheme either as an exhibitor or a spectator. Spectators are always welcome, from near and far, so please feel free to come along and see what it's all about. Some of the benefits of the Scheme to your stud are:

- Shetland ponies bred in Shetland from evaluated parents, will be a quality mark for ponies in Shetland.
- Evaluated ponies and their progeny will be accepted by studbooks out with UK.
- Provides you with information about the quality of your mare or stallion.
- Helps you to improve the quality of your stud and/or selling potential to other countries and gain recognition for producing quality stock.
- Helping to protect Shetland's reputation for producing true Shetland ponies from Shetland.

We would like to thank Marlene Robertson and family for allowing us to host the 2014 Evaluations at Gott Farm and many thanks to everyone who has helped with fundraising and given their continued support to the scheme. Your help and support is very much appreciated. If you would like any further information on the scheme, please do not hesitate to contact the PBSA SPES Area Organiser on the following details: Leona Smith, Bretta, Dunrossness, Shetland, ZE2 9JG or

spesareaorganiser@hotmail.co.uk



The Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme is run by a sub committee of the PBSA which reports to the full committee. The committee consists of Leona Burgess, June Brown, Stephen Rendall, Roselyn Fraser and Irvine Burgess.

PBSA Committee

Following a very successful AGM in November 2014 we are delighted that the ranks of the PBSA committee have grown with the addition of several very committed and enthusiastic members keen to see things happen. The current committee consists of; Chairperson Irvine Burgess, Vice Chair Barbara Tait, Secretary Carole Laignel, Treasurer Olga Smith, Committee Members - Eva Smith, Myrna Flaws, Helen Thomson, Lorna Burgess, Stephen Rendall, June Brown, Roselyn Fraser, Janice Priest, Ingrid Dickie, Leona Smith, Rosemary Cross, Sheena Anderson and Amanda Slater. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you would like more information about what the PBSA does or if you would like anything brought to the attention of the committee.

2014 Youngstock Show



Champion Hollydell Hesitation

The 3rd Annual PBSA Youngstock Show was held on Sunday 2nd November 2014 at the Shetland Pony Riding school indoor arena in Burra. Sadly, due to ill health, Mr Shearer Pitcairn was unable to travel to Shetland to undertake his judging duties but thankfully he has made a full recovery and the PBSA would like to wish him well for the future. Thankfully Mrs Jem Roberts from Unst was able to step into the breach and did a very good job on the day so our sincere thanks to her for letting the show go on!

Show Results:

Colt Foal

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Breckenlea Scenario | Breckenlea Stud |
| 2. Bergli Roseman | Bergli Stud |
| 3. Gue Prosecco | Gue Stud |
| 4. Solheim King James | Solheim Stud |

Best Foal: Koistie April Storm

1yr old Colt/Gelding

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Hollydell Harken | Hollydell Stud |
| 2. Hjaltland Thorvald | Koistie Stud |
| 3. Nortwick Tammie | Nortwick Stud |

Best Yearling: Hollydell Harken

2 yr old Colt/Gelding

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Bergli Dreamcatcher | Bergli Stud |
| 2. Lunna Denby | Lunna Stud |

Best 2 yr old: Hollydell Hesitation

3 yr old Colt/Gelding

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Merkisyre 9 Carat Gold | Merkisyre Stud |
| 2. Mayday Av Bergli | Bergli Stud |

Best 3 yr old: Clivocast Vanna

Young Handler

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Connie Dickie | Gue Norah |
| 2. Bethany Dickie | Gue Olivia |
| 3. Ailis Morgan | Merkisyre Dior |

Filly Foal

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Koistie April Storm | Koistie Stud |
| 2. Robins Brae Serena | Robin's Brae Stud |
| 3. Lunna Dolly | Lunna Stud |
| 4. Gue Paloma | Gue Stud |

1yr old Filly

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Tiwa II of Berry | Eva Smith |
| 2. Gue Olivia | Gue Stud |
| 3. Bydance Springs | Jackie Syme |
| 4. Gue Opal | Gue Stud |

2 yr old Filly

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Hollydell Hesitation | Hollydell Stud |
| 2. Grutness Phyxix | Myrna Flaws |
| 3. Lignite Dusky Beauty | Robin's Brae Stud |
| 4. Robins Brae Quartz | Robin's Brae Stud |

3 yr old Filly

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Clivocast Vanna | Robin's Brae Stud |
| 2. Bergli Hera | Bergli Stud |
| 3. Elson of Berry | Eva Smith |
| 4. Scatness Bounty | Gordon Douglas |

Best Miniature: Lignite Dusky Beauty

Best Standard: Hollydell Hesitation

Champion: Hollydell Hesitation

Reserve Champion: Grutness Phyxix

Best Exhibitor Bred: Hollydell Hesitation

Shetland Foal Milk Service



Thordale Shetland Stud started The Shetland Foal Milk Service a few years back when we heard of a Shetland pony breeder having to sit outside the Co-Op in the wee small hours waiting to buy goats' milk for an orphan foal. The National Foaling Bank supplies an Emergency Kit – (a few days' supply of mare's milk replacer, teats, sterilizing tablets and feeding instructions) to Shetland and Orkney and is available to anyone anytime for £10.00. The kit contains all you need to get a foal back onto its feet if, for whatever reason, your mare has no milk.

We can also supply silver space blankets, feed bottles, extra teats and FoalStim (a specially designed nutritional supplement of colostrum with a pre-biotic that can buy you time if your foal is slow to respond). This scheme is run purely for the benefit of all equine breeders on the Northern Isles – it is not financially profiting. It is not aimed to replace the skills of a qualified vet.

The success stories make it all worthwhile. We try to help anyone who asks, day or night.

Yes, it is more expensive than a bullet, but then every foal that is deliberately bred deserves the best chance, in our opinion. For more information or help, phone Thordale Stud on 01595 809 432 and ask for Frances or Jo on 01595 870 759 or 243.



We keep an Emergency Kit with a supply of mare's milk replacer, tested & recommended by
The National Foaling Bank
at Thordale Shetland Stud in Walls
& we will do what we can to supply the kit as & when necessary.

When the worst happens – you can find us!
(*cut this out to keep in case of foaling emergencies*)

CONTACT: Frances Taylor or Jo Tonkinson; 01595 809 432 or 01595 870 759

Or email frances@fstaylor.co.uk for more information

Kits: rubber teat, sterilising tablets, mare's replacer milk powder with full emergency feeding instructions. Extra feed bottles, teats, foal replacement colostrum and prebiotic paste available too.

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 31st May	The Great PBSA Bake Off & Sunday Teas, Skeld Hall
Sunday 21st June	Whalsay Riding Club Show
Fri 10th—Sun 12th July	Shetland Pony Performance Show, Malvern
Sat 25th & Sun 26th July	Shetland Pony Evaluation Scheme
Saturday 1st August	Voe Show
Sunday 2nd August	SPSBS Breed Show, West Sussex
Saturday 8th August	Walls Show
Wednesday 12th August	Cunningsburgh Show
Sunday 16th August	Closing Date for Sale Entries
Sunday 16th August	Viking Show
Saturday 29th August	Unst Show
Saturday 5th September	Yell Show
Thursday 1st October	Pre Sale Social Evening, Lerwick Marts
Friday 2nd October	Shetland Pony Show & Sale, Lerwick Marts
Sunday 4th October	Shetland Pony Sale Show, Aberdeen Marts
Monday 5th October	Shetland Pony Sale, Aberdeen Marts
Sunday 1st November	PBSA Youngstock Show

Shetland Pony Research Under Way



After a long wait I am finally up in Shetland to start my research. I have rented a cottage on Whalsay and am busy unpacking and exploring this beautiful place. I had a wonderful time visiting Shetland during the shows this summer and am looking forward to catching up with some of the breeders I met there. Thank you to everybody who contacted me after the last PBSA newsletter, I will be in contact soon to arrange to meet up. My research focuses on the history of the Shetland pony breed and the roles the pony plays in Shetland lives and landscapes today. I will be living in Shetland for about a year and a half. While here, I hope to spend lots of time with pony breeders and enthusiasts to learn as much as possible. So if anybody would like to share their knowledge and introduce me to their ponies or would like to hear more about what I am doing please contact me on 07734925772 or 01806566365 or email r02cm14@abdn.ac.uk

Pony Breeders of Shetland Association &
 Shetland Livestock Marketing Group
 In Association with Aberdeen & Northern Marts



Show and Sale of Registered Shetland Ponies

Shetland Rural Centre, Stoneyhill, Lerwick, Shetland, ZE1 0NA.

SHOW: Friday 2nd October 2015 at 9.00am
with SALE following at 11.00am
 (Entries close on Sunday 16th August 2015)

On-line bidding available using the i-bidder.com system.
 Contact Alan Donald on 01467 623753 for more information









2014 Champion – Ju-Ju As Begli
 Best Coll Fowl – Robin's Snow Spiggle
 Best Filly Fowl & Reserve Champion – Lauren Shires

Catalogues available to download at www.shetlandponybreeders.com
 or £5 by post from Monday 14th September
 Telephone: 01806 556479 Email: roselyn.fraser@btinternet.com

 Find us on Facebook

Steuch and Sundance!



Summer 2013, a beautiful, still, light night, sitting at the kitchen table, discussing the days highs & lows, I come across an email enquiry about our foals. We've had quite a few enquiries from out with the UK about our ponies but this delightful enquiry made me sit up & take note. I courteously replied giving details of the foals available for sale, their prices & some up to date photos, as you do. I had a few questions too i.e. how much land is available, any facilities, etc. Not wanting to get my hopes up, I logged out & got on with, well, life. A couple of days later, I logged into my

email. Much to my delight, I had received a reply from the enquirer. I read the email a couple of times before it really sank in. A ranch style house with land, stables, loose pens, trekking, beach, other horses, various other animals, adults & kids. Photos included too. Wow, when do I go?! Oh, it's the ponies they want...shame! After a few emails back & forth, the enquiry was from a family in Orrs Island, Maine, USA! I looked it up & did the usual Google search to find out a bit more about the area. Well, maybe the ponies would need to be escorted all the way from Shetland to USA?

A few months passed & 2 foals were picked – a piebald colt foal named Benston Steuch by Merrylees Nuggett out of Benston Orianna & a skewbald colt named Benstonholm Sundance by Romany Konrad out of Benstonholm Nia. In October Sundance & Steuch were introduced. After a bit of capering around, they settled down & were soon to be inseparable. Little did they know what was ahead of them. November came all too soon. A bittersweet time saying goodbye to the kind natured, innocent faced, fluffy pair. On a cold but dry day they were loaded onto the Northlink boat with full bellies for transport to Aberdeen with headcollars & passports in tow. The following morning, I was delighted to hear from the transporter, Owen Jones (Nebo Stud, Wales), that it had been an excellent crossing & they had both travelled like pro's. They walked off the ramp of the GLT in Aberdeen & onboard the state of the art horsebox which was to be their stalls for the road trip to Wales. Late evening, I got a call to say they had arrived in Wales safe & very well. A fuzzy photo was attached with 2 sawdust covered furry friends – I guess they liked their stable & the necessary roll to christen it.

3 weeks on & having become the talk of the town (not just the stables), following extensive blood tests, worm counts, vet check-ups, disease free declarations, etc, etc, they were given the all clear to travel. An email arrived from Owen Jones with a photo attached with all the stable hands huddling around the 2 foals prior to them leaving. I have to say, both Steuch & Sundance looked quite at ease with all the attention! Loaded onto the lorry they left Wales & made their way by road & boat to Amsterdam. Another long day for the 2 youngsters but came off the lorry as cool as cucumbers & unfazed at stables just outside Schipol Airport where they would spend at least one night (depending on how they were after clocking up so many miles). A settled night was had by them both (except the essential roll in the sawdust!). Another vet check in the morning confirmed them fit & health enough for the next leg of their journey so they were booked on the evening flight from Amsterdam to New York. Again, many selfies with the staff were had & shared. Loaded into a well appointed container & put into the hold of the plane, the 2 little jewels were soon flying high & on their way to another continent.

The following day I received an ecstatic email from the purchaser advising the 'ponies had landed' & both were scampering around a pen to stretch their legs. The staff at the holding centre gave her almost hourly updates on their antics. Although both Steuch & Sundance had a clean bill of health, they had to have secondary checks on their arrival in the USA. Poor little souls must have thought they were pin cushions with all the blood tests & samples they had. All necessary I'm afraid.

The mandatory 6 days at the holding centre outside New York, had been highly entertaining for the staff. Steuch & Sundance had given them hours of fun & frolics, not forgetting cuddles.



Day 7 in the USA saw the arrival of a pickup & a trailer to take them on their road journey to Orrs Island. After many more selfies & goodbye hugs, they jumped into the back of the trailer (very few trailer ramps in use, mostly a low step!) they immediately started devouring the pony mix & hay which had been sourced for them, they headed north on the highway. 6 hours later, they arrived at their new home. Family & friends came to meet them. The new owner described their arrival as a 'awww' moment. Their coats all dry & their manes merely moving in the light breeze (not like what our ponies have experienced this winter!) the spectators escorted them to their stable. Their first stable mate was a beautiful chestnut filly who towered over them. After few squeals & snorts the pair settled down for a restful night. The days that followed have been filled with happy owners, delighted kids & 2 very content Shetland bred Shetland ponies.

Needless to say, these 2 foals fell on their feet & I'm delighted that their new home keeps in contact with photos & diary like snippets. It makes life as a breeder so much more enjoyable to know that people appreciate your ponies & although they all have their faults (haven't seen a perfect pony yet – seen a few ones close to it though!) they are making some ones day brighter & more enjoyable. I sit chuckling to myself when their owner describes events relating to the 2 ponies. Steuch now called Scallywag & Sundance now called Rumpus says it all!!!

It's testament to the Shetland pony as a breed that they are able to deal with almost anything life throws at them. Their stamina, character, strength of body & mind, stature, presence & adaptability, quite simply an amazing equine, truly a treasure to behold.

Mari Williamson, Benston Shetland Pony Stud

www.shetlandponiesfromshetland.com/benston.html

www.facebook.com/benstonshetlandponystud

Facebook - Benston Shetland Pony Stud

PBSA Facebook Page



Everyone please remember that the PBSA has a Facebook page. There are currently 594 members from all over the world. The page gives an opportunity to post questions, photos and create events for the PBSA. Bringing news of Shetland's native ponies direct from their homeland. It is an ideal way to meet and make Shetland connections. Find the page using the following link if you are logged into Facebook;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/126452947487302/>

Please note that this is an advert free page. Paid up members of The Pony Breeders of Shetland Association can advertise their ponies for sale/lease on the association's website www.shetlandponybreeders.com Please spread the word so all members are aware. We also have the Lerwick Shetland Pony Sales page with 239 members, which proved invaluable in the run up to the 2013 and 2014 pony sales and we hope to maximise on this again for the 2015 sale. Alan Donald from A&NM is one of the page's administrators and is happy to answer any questions regarding ibidder, transport, shipping etc.

Stallions in Holland by Irvine Burgess



Overall Champion

This January I took the opportunity to visit the National Stallion Show in the Netherlands where over 150 Stallions were expected to enter. As you know it is rare in the UK to see large numbers of stallions in one class so I was looking forward to it. From what I can gather having spoken to local Dutch breeders, each area or district has just one main show and there is one National Stallion Show in January each year which follows on from a show in December where new stallions are presented for Approval for the breeding program.

I learned that in December preceding this year's Stallion Show 129 Stallions were forward but

only 27 stallions were approved with one further stallion approved at this show. In the UK if your stallion meets certain criteria it will automatically pass however that is not the case in Holland. The pedigrees of the Stallions to be put forward are carefully scrutinized by the judges in November looking at how siblings have performed etc exploring both sire and dam bloodlines and they will have a good idea which lines they are looking for to compliment the stud books gene pool. If a Stallion has an unknown pedigree but receives a first premium in December he may well be approved but his produce will be closely monitored. Passing such a small ratio means in theory only the top stallions progress and also means the market is not flooded which keeps prices quite high.

The Show is situated in a large indoor arena near Raalte just under 2 hours from Schiphol Airport. It is well organised and the committee very friendly to visitors. The first classes at the show are for Stallions who did not get approval in December or were unable to attend. Stallions come in to the large indoor arena one at a time and perform their show. Once each has been shown individually all the stallions in their class come back in and go around the arena before they are placed. In the first three classes for those that had not attended in December two miniatures, one middle size and two large stallions were forward however none were approved for the breeding program. The next section was for stallions who had been in December, one large and three miniatures. Only the first placed mini stallion was approved to the breeding program and he was then eligible to appear in the later class relevant to his age and size. The Judges also rate each stallion as either first premium, second premium or third premium, some stallions may not achieve either but from what I saw that would be rare.

Classes are split by age and into four height ranges in centimetres which equate to: Mini (under 33.8"), Small (up to 36.2"), Middle (up to 38.5"), and Large (38.5-42"). As a lot of stallions are approved in the December show when they may only be two and a half years of age it is likely that some may have grown beyond their official height in the show catalogue. In addition to the normal classes there is the presentation classes for stallions that have gone through the breeding programme and are to receive their life licence. To achieve this they must be have a foal index rating of a certain level and their offspring must be of a certain standard. Therefore the offspring must be shown for this to happen however they don't have to win just receive a 1st or 2nd premium award. The incentive to show each year and to maintain a premium standard is that no one will want to send mares to your stallions if it is not a premium stallion approved on the breeding program. Many Stallion owners may not own mares and mare owners tend not to have stallions.

I felt the on the whole the Judges did a very good job and showed no bias on colour or size but it was clear that the large black is the most prevalent height and size and there was considerable strength and depth in this category. The classes are accompanied by a commentary in Dutch and English and bursts of music which contribute to the party atmosphere. In addition to a Champion for each size category there are prizes for the best 3 year old and 4 year old. There is an Overall Champion chosen who then competes against previous winners for the honour of Show Champion. Any Stallion who wins Overall Champion will then enter a special class for previous winners in subsequent shows where they will be graded but there are no placings in this class.



Small Champion - Amigo v St v Aschberg

I believe this system has been in place since 1937 and evolved into today's format and while totally different to what we are used to here it clearly works for them. There is a clear type and if uniformity is the aim, particularly in the blacks, then they seem to be doing a good job. It is difficult to see just how much bone they have as they have their full winter coat on but they do seem to have more bone than I was expecting. The quality of the miniatures was slightly better than I expected though it was the top stallions in the country on show. On the whole they were



Best 3 Year Old - Fantom St v Aschberg

not as strong as our miniatures and would be very light and narrow in comparison however the overall miniature champion was a really nice black with excellent movement. I also saw in the mini class for stallions 8-12 years two ponies with island breeding. A piebald Yankee V. Stal Ankeveen who's maternal grandsire was Orion of Brindister and black Unique v.d. Buxushof who's maternal grandsire is Speckle of Berry. They were 2nd and 3rd in the class both receiving 1st premiums. Overall Champion was Caz v Stal Nieuwemoed a 7 year old 41" Black Stallion. Overall a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable experience!

PBSA Facebook Auction



Following the success of our 2014 PBSA Mid-Summer Facebook Auction, £1612.57, we have decided to hold another one this year and it will run from 10th June until 8pm on the 20th June.

The last auction created a great buzz on our Facebook page and some amusing "banter" between rival bidders, with several people getting into a real bidding war over some of the more popular items on offer. The original handcrafted lots were especially sought after so hopefully some of our very talented members will get their thinking caps on over the next few months and produce something for this auction.

We already have three items and the promise of a couple more but any other donations between now and June would be very much appreciated. If you would be willing to make or donate an item for the auction please contact June at shoormal@btinternet.com Tel: 01595 860302 or via the PBSA Facebook page.

Hollywood Glamour by Charlotte Polson

This time last year I had a phone call wondering if I would like to do a bit of film work with some Shetland ponies in traditional gear loaded up with peats. Having done a couple of bits and pieces for documentaries and magazines in the past I agreed thinking it would be a fine way to spend a few days.

It turned out to be a big step up from a couple of photos or a quick interview for a magazine and before we knew it we were dealing with a major American TV company making an episode for a popular American game show.

I was given a date for the following week where some of the production crew were coming to Shetland and wanted to meet me with two ponies rigged up in the gear to get an idea of what they would be filming. So as anticipated a very cold,

windswept but enthusiastic taxi full of Americans turned up. Nothing brightens up a winters afternoon quite like watching an American TV producer buxin through the hill wearing nothing but suede shoes, beige breeks, a designer jacket and of course the compulsory fake tan... and then disappearing up past their knees in a bog!

Despite the rude introduction to the weather and the terrain! They decided that this was something they wanted to go ahead with so wheels were set in motion for the Shetland themed game show they hoped to create. The filming dates were set for the beginning of June and my main task was to try and get together a group of ponies and train them to work with the old style klibbers and branks.

After some changes, and then some more changes and eventually realising you can't mail order a pony the size, shape and colour you want it! The team decided they needed seven standard Shetlands. The week before filming was spent rounding up the ponies I'd managed to beg, borrow and steal (well maybe not the steal bit!). All the ponies were turned out together as they were going to need to get to know one another. They all settled in fine and we did some bomb proofing work. They were all bathed and spruced up for their five minutes of fame.

The klibbers and branks had to be specially made so that they were all the same. Meanwhile June Brown was working her magic, making pads and all the webbing and rope extras that would turn the bare klibbers into something useable that could be safely and comfortably worn by the ponies and used to cart peats around the hill... oh and look bonny for the American crew who were becoming a bit excited.



The rehearsal day arrived and true to type it was a bonny morning on the sunny Wastside. Forty five minutes later and we had arrived at the filming location and it was steekit mist. We just brought three ponies for the rehearsal day as they just wanted an idea of how the day would run and which angles they would film from. However once the pony was 20 meters away from the camera it disappeared into the mist anyway so the rehearsal day was short and sweet, if a little soggy. The three ponies used for rehearsal were kept near the location overnight to save two horsebox trips the next day. The rest of the day was spent making finishing touches as requested by an increasingly excitable film crew. And June worked some more of her magic, tweaking and adjusting klibbers, chopping bits and sewing bits all with a cheery smile and squeaky clean language... obviously!

I think it's fair to say at this stage in the day the Americans appeared to be running as short on their decaf lattes as we were on patience, sleep and humour among other things!

For a mercy the next day was better, the mist had burnt off and left a fine warm morning.

A 3.30am start at home had everything (and everybody) loaded up and ready to arrive and get organised for a 7.30am start on location. By 8am all hell had broken loose and there were ponies, folk, peats and cameras everywhere. Under duress I was packed into my 'ald crofting wife' rig out complete with peenie and headsquare and we were ready for action!

We had to do a couple of sound checks and other strange technical things nobody had ever heard of and I was starting to feel totally out of my depth (without armbands)!

All the ponies were waiting patiently tied up sporting their klibbers and then the radio call came through...

'Standing by for the chopper in five'

Chopper? as in helicopter???

Oh yes was the reply, we want some aerial shots didn't we mention that?

So there I was in a floor length skirt and a headsquare wondering how I hold onto 7 ponies with two hands in the middle of the hill when the helicopter swoops down from the heavens! Holding some of the younger ones and crossing fingers and toes that the older ones would stay put we survived the 'chopper' saga in relatively good style.

Soon everybody was hidden down behind a peat bank and it was show time! The ponies excelled themselves, showcasing everything the breed is renowned for. Picking the best path up through the hill, being patient and performing well under pressure with quiet, calm and considerate handling from the contestants. And putting the not so considerate contestants firmly in their place... their place being on their backside in the hill with a pony making in the opposite direction! Apparently the thrills and spills aspect made for good footage so we had a moment to breathe, and to laugh, just a peerie bit!

A few hours of filming was over in a flash and the producers disappeared in a blur of fake tan, designer claise and top of the range phones... for all that signal they couldn't find.

Peace was restored and after waiting for the all clear from the remaining team we were allowed to pack up and start to make for home. The rest of the afternoon was spent delivering some very sleepy ponies back to their respective homes and tidying up.

It was a long week and a serious eye opener into the showbiz world. Certainly a different pace of life to the one we're lucky enough to have hom about. It was an amazing experience and fascinating to see how much work and effort goes into creating one peerie bit of an episode within a whole TV series. However I don't think Hollywood will be putting us on speed dial anytime soon and that's something I think I'm really quite blyde about!

Any opportunity to showcase the fantastic breed that belongs to Shetland is a privilege and something to be taken advantage of but at the end of that week there was nothing better than sitting in the park among some of the ponies watching them happy in their natural habitat.

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who helped out in any way throughout the process, especially June for all her help and all the work she did, and for just generally doing her thing! We are also eternally grateful to everybody who trusted us with their ponies for the filming, they were (for the most part) model citizens!



Olympia 2014



13 year old Rebecca Fraser from Whalsay and her Shetland Pony Clothie Night Idiot returned to Shetland, on Christmas Eve, from taking part in the finals of the Shetland Pony Grand National at the London International Horse Show, Olympia, London. The pair set off on their adventure on the 11th December following a slight weather related delay. Following the arduous journey down the country both were on good form with Idiot spending a lot of his time at Olympia bouncing! During the week the combination took part in 8 races and Rebecca was delighted to be well placed in them all with a 1st, 2nd, 3rd

and four 4ths. The week culminated with another dramatic 2nd place finish in their final race on the Monday afternoon.

There was also plenty to see during the week they were there, including witnessing another world record Dressage performance from Olympic Gold Medal holders Charlotte Du Jardin and Valegro. There was also great excitement to be stabled next to the Ukranian Cossack display team who demonstrated death defying acrobatic skills on horseback each day. Other highlights of the experience



were meeting the Duchess of Cornwall as well as the experience of accompanying Poppy, the Shetland Pony Grand National mascot, around the private boxes during the intervals, and a chance to ride one of the horses from the Metropolitan Police Musical Ride, all 17hh of him as well as being interviewed by the BBC.



Chatting to the Duchess of Cornwall, Patron of the SPSBS

In addition to the competitive side of the Shetland Pony Grand National the young jockeys also play an important part in raising funds for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. This year another fantastic total of £20,000 was raised bringing the total since 2013 to a whopping £40,000, which will go towards the £50,000 needed to build a Post Anesthetic Care Recovery Bay; this will be on a special unit within the hospital that will care for day surgery patients while they recover from anesthetic. The room will be specially designed for a parent or carer to be by their child's bedside as they wake up.

Rebecca said it had been an experience of a lifetime and she had been pleased to be able to go all that way to represent Shetland and the fantastic Shetland Pony in addition to being the only Scottish rider to have made it through. She is already planning another busy year ahead, more determined than ever to qualify for Olympia again! Rebecca and Idiot would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who supported them and made it possible for them to make it to Olympia. Including Shoormal Shetland Pony Stud, Kingswood Shetland Pony Stud, Clothie Shetland Pony Stud and Hollydell Shetland Pony Stud.



2014 Viking Show



The 2014 Viking Shetland Pony Show took place on Sunday 17th of August with spectators enjoying a good turnout of ponies. The weather was kinder than predicted, with more sunshine than was forecast, allowing the majority of the classes to be judged in dry conditions. In the Standard Ring Mrs Linzi Cave found her Reserve Champion in Laaward Stud's black yeld mare Laaward Incognita with Merkisayre Stud's chestnut stallion Merkisayre Kelvin taking Champion. Junior Champion in the same ring went to Robin's Brae Stud's 3 year old piebald filly Clivocast Vanna with the Reserve Junior

going to Hollydell Stud's Hollydell Hesitation a 2 year old black filly.

In the Miniature Ring Mrs Fiona Hammond had some very keenly contested classes and after some deliberation found her Reserve Champion and Junior Champion in the 2 year old chestnut filly Gue Norah from the Gue Stud. Reserve Junior Champion and Champion Foal went to the skewbald Breckenlea Giocoso of the Breckenlea Stud. The eventual overall Miniature Ring Champion was Snelsmore Karisma owned and exhibited by the Bergli Stud. In the Performance Ring Ms Gill Wright was delighted with the standard of her ponies and most of the classes were well contested. Her Reserve Champion was the 15 year old black gelding HRE Dollar ridden by Iona Leslie with the Overall Champion being the 5 year old piebald gelding Hollydell Royal Command ridden by Keiva Robertson. Best Driven pony was HRE Aladdin driven by Kirsty Budge.

The eventual overall Supreme Champion went to Standard Ring champion Merkisayre Kelvin. Reserve Supreme went to the Miniature Ring Champion Snelsmore. The three judges who had all travelled up from England commented on both the high quality and good presentation of the ponies forward at the show. It was also noted that the handlers were all very well turned out until the oilskins had to make an appearance!

Show Secretary Ingrid Dickie said, on behalf of the Viking Show committee, "I would like to express our gratitude to everyone involved in this year's show. It takes many individuals to pull a show together and we appreciate your help. Too many to list individually and I don't want to miss anyone out but you know who you are! Well done every one and many congratulations to all the winners"

Shetland Pony Riding School , Burra by Maya Whittal



On the weekend of 6 & 7 December 2014, the Shetland Pony Riding School in Burra Shetland, rounded off a successful year by celebrating their riders abilities with a Christmas Fun Day.

Riders demonstrated their skills with an in-hand and ridden display. Keeping a relaxed and enjoyable feel, all the children were awarded with a rosette ranging from 1st to 3rd and some suitably coloured specials - in fact there may have been some swapping of rosettes for the 'right'

colour! Ponies were appropriately dressed, some welcoming the tinsel and antlers whilst others made sure they weren't to be confused for a reindeer and staying true to their nature, shook them off and carried on! All kids and ponies behaved impeccably and all thoroughly enjoyed the day, keeping warm with fresh pancakes, soup and sandwiches made by 'mum' of the school, Barbara Tait.

As the afternoon came, it was time to gather the kids together and test out their singing voices. They were told if they sang jingle bells loud enough, Santa and his sleigh may just turn up. Singing at the top of their voices, they welcomed Santa who came to deliver a small gift and certificate of achievement for all the children. After a quick picture with Santa and a shot of sitting in his sleigh it was time to round the day off with the ever-popular Fancy Dress.

Despite the winter chill, kids transformed themselves into princesses Elsa to Brave, to Clyde the mascot, as well as those who kept it more Christmas themed....there was even a miraculous birth of the baby Jesus! Don't worry though no children or ponies were harmed in the 'staged performance' but it gave us all a good laugh to end a fantastic weekend and year on!



Pony Breeders of Shetland Association

Carole Laignel, Secretary,
Habbigarth, Dunrossness,
Shetland, ZE2 9JG.
Tel. 01950 460570

Email: admin@shetlandponybreeders.com

The aim of the Pony Breeders of Shetland Association is to improve communications amongst island breeders in Shetland, encourage projects which can improve the quality of Shetland's ponies, to promote them within the Islands and world-wide and to look after the interests of Island breeders.

We are on the web!

www.shetlandponybreeders.com

Facebook Captions Just For Fun!



"Where does the teddy bear keep her picnic?"



"Oh me...I shudna had that curry last night!"



"Go flat out to win you said!"

Shetland Pony Stud Book Society Performance Schemes



The aim of the SPSBS Performance Schemes is to promote the use of the registered pedigree Shetland Pony as a performance pony. There are a series of Annual Schemes for various classes focussing on ponies and handlers in ridden, driven and in-hand disciplines. The organisers would like to encourage anyone who is interested to get involved. If you would like any further information please contact:

Performance Scheme - Mrs S Bearcroft, Ropers Farm, Longdon Hill, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 7RP, Tel. 01386 446097. Driven Scheme - Mrs Willowe Keeley, 51 High Street, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, WV7 3JF, Tel. 01902 372238. Young Exhibitors Scheme—SPSBS, Shetland House, 22 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EH, Tel. 01738 623471.

Membership

The membership subscriptions for 2015 are now due.

£20.00 - Full Adults (16 yrs +)

£7.50 - Full Juniors

£15.00 - Adult Associate

£5.00 - Junior Associate

£35.00 - Full Family

£25.00 - Associate Family

(A family membership may consist of junior members with a maximum of 2 adults)

Membership forms are available on request. Once completed it should be returned with the fee to Carole Laignel, Secretary, PBSA, Habbigarth, Dunrossness, Shetland, ZE2 9JG. Support the Shetland pony in Shetland and make use of free stud advertising facilities on the PBSA website.

Help Us Out!

We are always looking for photos and articles for the PBSA newsletter and website so we would like to encourage everyone to send in their news/stories/articles/items of interest etc.

Email: admin@shetlandponybreeders.com