

The Mane Thing

Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Alberta February Newsletter

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Hello Everyone,

I'm sure that we are all looking forward to the end of winter, hopefully it won't hang around too long this spring and there will be warm, sunny days and green grass soon. Of course, with the green grass comes the problem of over fat ponies.

Our AGM was well-attended, sadly poor weather conditions kept some members home but it was nice to see the enthusiasm and fellowship of those that were there. Several members came up with new ideas, Vanessa to have a pony promotion day at her place and Mary and Norma offered to guide riders on the trails in the Drumheller Badlands. Tim and Monty put up Welsh Cob and Half-Welsh Super Pony Awards and Sheila is going to plan a clinic for exhibitors, so there is even greater incentive to join and take part in things this year. Further details are in the AGM minutes and will be sent out via email and in the May Mane Thing.

High Point Awards were presented by Rachel Alves, these were sponsored by Kathleen's company Silver Eagle Concrete, Okotoks. Pajon Ponies presented the Super pony Award to Darcie Gwynne for her pony Pajon's Royal Ringmaster. In order to win this award, a pony must have competed in halter as well as at least two performance divisions. There were ten ponies competing for this award and five of them competed in all five divisions. This was not an easy award to win and thanks go to all those who did go out and show the versatility of their Welsh.

We would like to thank Sheila McLellan for her many years as President of the club; she has seen it grow and develop into one of the biggest and best Welsh clubs in Canada. Sheila has been a pleasure to work with in all our club endeavors. Our new President is Kathleen Alves, who brings many years of Welsh experience to the club. I would encourage everyone to support Kathleen as you did with Sheila.

Sadly we have to report that the ultimate Welsh Ambassador, Kiltie's Gladness died at the age of 32.

A note from our new President: Kathleen Alves

After two years of being vice president, I have been elected to be president as Sheila has stepped down. So! Big shoes to fill, I really hope to see the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Alberta continue to be an active club. The High Point program went well and will be even better this year. The annual show will be held August 9 & 10, will some really neat prizes and perpetual trophies. The judge is a well-respected breeder and judge from California, which is exciting as it will be nice to have someone who is well versed in judging a variety of classes.

A couple of our members have suggested activities with ponies, please support them and if you have any ideas it would be great to hear from you! Owning ponies isn't just showing, in fact, most would enjoy taking their ponies on any kind of outing with other pony people. Lets do this! Riding in Drumheller, up in the mountains, attending promotional exhibits like the Stampede, the Mane Event. A back yard bar b que....there are lots of things to do. Remember to read the AGM minutes and lets have a wonderful, fun year with Welsh!

Annual General Meeting 2008 Minutes

Welsh Pony and Cob Society 1999 Alberta

The meeting opened at 2:00 p.m January 20th, in Strathmore with Kathleen Alves in the chair.

Members present were: Kathleen and Rachel Alves, Monty and Darcie Gwynne, Vanessa and Lorne Quartly, Rick and Lea Kroll, Pat and Jim Clay, Tim Aiton, Brenda Harder, Mary James, Norma DeBernardo, Sherri Brandsma, Donna O'Neil. Regrets received from: Sheila McLellan, Carolyn Orton, Dave and Grace Langford, Shelley Snyder, Tracy Dopko, Tammy Cooper.

Moved by Lea, seconded by Sherri that the minutes of the 2007 meeting be approved.
Carried.

Old Business:

Brenda raised the point that our brochures were to have had a membership list inserted into them and this had been over looked. It was felt that this was important to do and we will do it for the next run of brochures.

Financial Reports:

Welsh Pony & Cob Society 1999 Alberta financial statement for 2007

Opening Bank Balance January 1, 2007	\$ 206.87
Income \$ 2,525.00	Expenses \$ 2,493.95
Closing Bank Balance December 31, 2007	\$ 237.92

All Breed Pony Show Financial Statement for 2006/2007

Opening Bank Balance October 1, 2006	\$ 6,177.55
Income \$ 9,344.37	Expenses \$8,387.66
Closing Bank Balance September 30, 2007	\$ 7,134.26

Moved by Tim, seconded by Sherri that on the 2007 membership form people be given the option of receiving The Mane Thing via snail mail or email in order to reduce printing and postage costs. Carried.

Moved by Sherri, seconded by Vanessa that the financial reports be adopted as presented. Carried.

Reports:

- President's Report: read by Kathleen (copy enclosed).
- 2007 Stampede – included with President's report.
- 2007 All Breed Pony Show given by Monty – (Copy enclosed). Suggestion was made that the bottom gate to the facilities be kept latched at all times for safety sake.
- Web Site sent by Carolyn (copy enclosed). It was suggested that the snail mail address for the club be on the site and that executive phone numbers be listed by their names. Members felt the web site was a good feature and were pleased with it.
- Bomb Proofing Clinic given by Lea (copy enclosed). It was felt that it was very successful and that we would like to have another one. Members were to have first choice of spaces. It was also thought that it might be nice to have a driving clinic following the next day. Lea will look into hosting another one at Monty's.

Elections:

Jim chaired the elections.

President – Kathleen Alves, Vice- President – Monty Gwynne, Secretary – Pat Clay, Treasure – Sheila McLellan, Directors – Sherri Brandsma, Vanessa Quartly, Lea Kroll, Tim Aiton. All went in by acclamation.

New Business

- 2007 membership fees. Moved by Lea, seconded by Sherri that the family membership fee be \$30.00. Carried.
- 2008 AEF club membership of \$60.00 has been paid.
- 2008 Club insurance of \$500.00 has been paid.
- CLRC 2008 membership of \$42.00 Moved by Tim, Seconded by Vanessa that we don't join this year. Carried.
- 2008 Stampede – Committee to be Sheila (403 852-8878) and Frank Anderson.
- 2008 All Breed Pony Show – Committee Monty and Kathleen – co-managers, Pat, Sheila and Sherri. It was suggested by Lea that for 2009 we look at adding in hand trail for ponies under 2.
- 2008 High Point Awards – It was felt that the requirement for being eligible for awards was to 1) be a member of our club and 2) must attend at least one Alberta Pony Show. This would open the award up to out of province people and encourage them to attend Alberta shows. Moved by Lea, seconded by Vanessa that the half-Welsh awards be split to 2 and under - any sex, and three and over - any sex. Carried. It was felt that we should be offering a Super Half-Welsh Award, as well as Welsh Pony and Welsh Cob ones. Tim offered to donate that award. Committee – Tracy and Pat.

- 2008 AEF representative Vanessa with Brenda and Donna as alternates.
- 2008 Mane Event by Brenda. April 25th – 27th at Red Deer. (403 782-0229) There will be one demo per day. Stall fees are \$75.00, farm brochures are \$25.00 to be placed on the table providing you are a Parkland member, \$65.00 if you are not. Our club banner will be made available again if Parkland needs it.
- Vanessa (403 224-3295) offered to host a Welsh Pony Promotion Day at her place on June 29th. This would include such things as gymkhana, other fun events with a Pot Luck supper to follow. Sherri will help and Monty will do up the advertising for it.
- Mary (403 823-3928) and Norma offered to guide anyone who wishes to explore the Badlands with their pony or horse providing it is not during seeding or harvesting time. If you are planning to go, please let all members know in order to encourage others to join in on a fun day of riding.
- 2008 Spruce Meadows – Lea (403 932-4131) reported that it is September 3rd to 7th and currently there are two days still open for the both. If you are sending her photos, they need to be done in 300 psi. Also there will be a new on-line auction as fundraiser in April.
- Moved by Tim, seconded by Brenda that the club spend up to \$80 to produce a promotional book for our booth. Monty offered to set it up and Pat will ask Sheila for club photo albums so that it can be done.
- Phone numbers for those who are working on projects to be included in minutes.
- Other events planned Bombproofing/Driving clinic and Exhibitors requirements for showing.

Door prizes donated by The Horse Community Journals Inc. were won by Lorne and Brenda.

Moved by Vanessa that we adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Many thanks go to Carolyn Orton, who due to time constraints, has had to step down as Web Master. Carolyn spent many hours setting up our web site and it is one to be proud of. Robbie Clay is taking over this project and we look forward to this excellent promotion carry on.

2008 memberships are now due. Memberships expire March 31st. Application forms are included.

Exciting news for our show exhibitors; we have added two new Novice Hunter Classes along with the Junior Novice Hunter champion and the Senior Novice Hunter Champion.

The Rosedale Stud of Wales has donated WPCS Performance Medals and ribbons for all performance champions, with the exception of the Novice Hunter Championships.

Meanwhile we have been out on our annual trophy hunt and have some very nice prizes to award.

Prize lists will be available mid-May and the show is August 9th and 10th. As usual we are looking for volunteers to help out for a few hours. Sadly some shows that had Welsh classes may be dropped due to lack of help. If you can help, please contact me and I will pass your name on to the show committee. Things that could use some help are: arena cleaning after show, in and out gates, handing out trophies and ribbons, getting lunch picked up for officials and exhibitors that require it, helping move show office to arena on Sunday, unlocking stalls for exhibitors as they arrive, helping Rick set up ponies for photos. Nothing is really major but it does help take the pressure off your show committee. Remember the show is for all the exhibitors and we don't want to burn out a few willing volunteers. And, as usual, we do need sponsors in order to help defray show expenses.

High Point changes; The biggest change here is that the Super Pony Award has changed and now there are three, one for Super Welsh Pony (A & B's), Super Cob and Super Half-Welsh. There are a few other minor changes and we ask that you read the enclosed rules and regulations carefully so that you are aware of them.

This year, you will have to take your forms to each show and have them signed by a Show Official. Last year, we were fortunate in that each show secretary sent the results in, but this year it will become the exhibitor's responsibility except for The All Breed Pony Show where our capable secretary Natalie will forward them to Tracy for you.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2007 Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Alberta

Once again it is time to sit down and review some of the activities we had with our ponies in 2007.

As you can see by our financial report, our membership has increased in 2007 and this is thanks to our busy members and our new high point awards. I hope you all had a good show season and I am sure you will all agree that the new high point awards have brought our members some great fun during the show season and you will all agree that a special Thanks goes out to Tracy Dopko for keeping track of the points and also to Kathleen Alves for her kind donation to this project. and to Pat and Sheila for contributing as well. We wish you well in the coming year.

We started the season with a very successful Bomb Proofing Clinic which was held at The Gwynne's in Cochrane. This is really helpful when one is starting out some youngsters. Kathleen Winfield does a great job with these clinics.

The Calgary Stampede was another one of our major ventures and once again the Welsh ponies were a big hit especially when it came time for the games. Hope Enders and her friend were really the stars of the show and the crowd certainly did cheer for them when they were up against some of the horses. The ponies showed everyone how to do the games. Joyce Enders and her family brought ponies in for the booth as did The Marston

Family, Judy Owad, and of course Kiltie's Glad-ness filled in on days when there were no other ponies. McCol Iles came down on two occasions and she showed everyone how to handle a pony and also how to tack her up and rode around in the Pavilion. We had lots of good comments about showing how children can handle ponies. Frank Anderson and Mary Jones along with myself built our booth and Frank also drove his Welsh team in the demonstrations.

Quite a few of our members entered the various shows throughout the province and also took in a new Pony Show in Montana. I think that the new high point awards has spurred new interest in showing as our All-Breed Pony show had one of the largest entries in a few years. Once again the show was held in Cochrane and the new facility keeps improving each year. We were able to use the new outdoor sand ring and it really was a great help especially with the driving and games. Once again a big Thanks goes out to everyone who helped with the show, especially to our show secretary Natalie. Despite having another new baby, she was able to keep things running smoothly. Thanks also to Monty for looking after the indoor events, to David and Grace Langford for their usual help, to Janet Johnstone who helped with the show events and looked after our Trail class. Of course Terry keeps the show running smoothly in the ring and I am sure that everyone who came had a good time. We certainly cannot forget the great Party that Rick and Lea put on on the Saturday night.

We hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season and will soon be getting ready for new foals and the show season.

I would like to pass along a new address for the Canadian Welsh Pony & Cob Society:
P.O. Box 119, Alliston, Ontario -L9R 1T9 -Phone: 705-435-3210 - Fax
705-435-5936 e-mail welshponyandcobsociety@bellnet.ca.

In closing I would like to say a very special Thank You to all those who have helped me over the past years. I look forward to seeing you again at the shows and Stampede.
Sheila

All Breed Pony Show Report; by Monty Gwynne

2007 had weather related problems but everyone coped very well with them realizing we were doing our best. This year should be better as the outside ring will be finished and we can hold our Saturday classes there, regardless of the weather. Sunday, once again, all English classes will be held in the arena.

We are excited to announce that Jane Fischer de Thouras from California will be judging all classes. The Rosedale Stud of Wales has kindly donated WPCS Performance Medals and Championship Ribbons for all Championships other than Novice Hunter ones.

There have been some new rules and regulations put into place, one of the main ones being that the show committee has the right to combine, split or cancel classes at their discretion. This will enable us to split large classes in a more equitable manner. Also the AEF requires different Release of Liability forms for adults and juniors so exhibitors will have to ensure they fill out the correct ones.

A couple of changes have been made to the prize list. The trail class will now be judged by the show judge and follow in its order in the program. This will avoid people trying to be in two classes at the same time. In the Novice Hunter Division a new class has been added, one for 8 –12 years and the other for 13 and over. Plus which there is a 12 and under Novice Hunter Champion and a 13 and over Novice Hunter Champion.

Prize lists for the August 9th and 10 All Breed Pony Show will be available in May, both on line and in print form.

Report on Website: March to December, 2007: by Carolyn Orton, Web Master
There were 1700 unique visitors (all different) with 2300 overall visits to the site. The majority of visitors were from US and Canada, others from Europe, Sweden, Holland, Germany and UK, even Israel. 50% of the visitors stayed on the site longer than a minute with most visitors going to the Breeders and Classifieds pages. The search words people found the site by are: Welsh Pony Alberta The site has been paid for until 2010.

What is on the site? (1) Notice of AGM, (2) information about the club, (3) listing of executive, members and breeders (4) The Mane Thing, (5) meeting minutes, (6) information on the Welsh breed. (7) All Breed Pony Show prize list and show results. (8) High Point Award program and winners. (9) Special Trophies feature (10) Special events information and clinic information (11) questions and answers (12) Equine links (13) Photo Gallery (14) Pony Tales and (15) FREE classified ads.

If you haven't been on the web site in awhile, check it out. Remember to press F5 each time you visit www.albertawelshponyandcob.com.

Report on Bomb proofing Clinic May 2007; by Lea Kroll

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Alberta spring bomb-proofing clinic held at Monty Gwynne's stable was, I think by all accounts a great success. All 12 clinic spots quickly filled and we had 4 people on a wait list if there had been cancellations. I believe the final head count was 20 or 24 people.

People joined the club to take advantage of the member rate which was a boost to the club membership as well. We had a full gallery of spectators attend cheering the participants on...ok they were rooting for the ponies more than the handlers irregardless a good time was had by all.

In Loving Memory of Kiltie's Gladness, (Ardmore Whirlwind x Gow's Golden Baroness) April 1976 – January 2008

It is with great sorrow that following a bout of colic we had to say Good-Bye to the wonderful Gladdy.

Kiltie's Glad-ness was bred and raised by the McLellan's of Dewinton, AB. From the very beginning, Gladdy had all the presence, spirit and kindness that is so desired in the Welsh Breed. At the age of two, she traveled to the Western American National Welsh show in Sacramento, California where she won the two year old filly class. Following the show, a sale of Gladdy was agreed upon, but when the intended purchasers were unable to pick her up by the next morning, she traveled back to Alberta to start her career in Harness.

The next year as a Three year old, Gladdy won both the Section A Mare Class and the Pleasure Driving class at the Calgary International Horse Show. The fall of that year saw Gladdy return to the Western American National Welsh show in Sacramento, CA where she won Grand Champion Mare (in a class of 23!) and her Sire Whirlwind won Grand Champion Stallion. Needless to say she was no longer for sale.

Gladdy's successful show career continued; with many wins throughout Alberta, the PNE in British Columbia, and Kalispell, Montana. A trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the American Welsh show saw her win her Halter class and all her Pleasure Driving classes (driven by Heather in the Junior classes and Sheila in the Adult Classes). Heather taught Gladdy how to ride earlier that year and proceeded to win the Under Saddle Class with her as well.

Over the years, Glad-ness has been used as a riding school pony, teaching many young children (including through the Therapeutic Riding Assoc) to ride and adults to pleasure drive. On several occasions she has visited seniors nursing homes, the Veteran's hospital and several schools.

For the past 29 Years Gladdy has spent ten days in July at the Calgary Stampede where she represents the Welsh Breed on display and in demonstrations. On many occasions young parents have brought their children to have them meet the pony they rode when they were youngsters. The last 5 years have also seen Gladdy represent the Welsh Breed at Aggi Days on the Stampede Grounds.

In 2006, at the age of 30, Glad-ness taught McCol Iles (9 yrs) how to drive, and together Sheila, Gladdy and McCol (in the above Photo) won the Junior Driving Championship at the Pleasure Driving Show held at Spruce Meadows. McCol and Gladdy also entered the Ride and Drive class, where as the only Pony team and youngest/oldest combination they were awarded a 3rd place.

For the past two years, Gladdy and I have been living at Cornerstone Farm in Priddis, and we have had the wonderful fortune of meeting the Iles Family where we have become a part of their family. While at the farm Gladdy has helped teach a few young children how to ride and is a very special part of the farm.

There are very few people who have been so blessed to own and enjoy such a special animal. Gladdy's generous heart, kindness and loving spirit are greatly missed. Her nicker will stay in our hearts forever.

Good Bye Gladdy, Sheila McLellan

Alberta Equine Federation AGM will be held March 15th, at the Black Knight Inn, Red Deer. The morning session, starting at 9:00 a.m. has speakers planned. Speakers are Judy Wardrope, Dr. Greg Andrews, AEF Biosecurity Committee, Alberta Farm Care. AGM starts at 1:00 p.m.

From Kobur Welsh Ponies:

I hope everyone is having a quiet winter so far, and not much longer until foals start to arrive! We are expecting six welsh foals from Morton's Prestige this year, I'm really looking forward to that. Our website will be kept updated, so start checking for baby pics, our first is due March 20!

Prestige won the High Point award for Section B stallions and was in the top two of his class every time out last year. He's such a dream to show and wonderful to have around the place. We have been riding, and hopefully will make a couple of shows under saddle this year. If there is space in the trailer after Rachel loads up all the ones she wants to take! Also, congratulations to Rachel for winning the Sportmanship award for 2007. Everyone knows she's a constant smile at the shows and tons of help, so it was wonderful to have her win that!

See you at the shows, Kathleen & Rachel

I just wanted to say thank you very much to Sheila and the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Alberta for the wonderful trophy for sportsmanship. I really appreciate it and it was fun to give out the other ribbons for high point.

Thanks again, Rachel Alves

From Prairie Sun Welsh - Good Day to All !!!!!

The AGM held in Strathmore was very interesting. Thanks so much to Jim, Pat, Lea, and everyone else that provided the food. I really enjoyed the fact that more people want to do more things with their ponies. A few fun days, or trail rides here and there would be most welcome. In the good old days, we would load up our horses/ponies almost every weekend, off to a trail ride or another yearly cattle round up for branding. It sure made good mounts out of the stock we were riding or training, they learned patience as well as not to be scared of cows, birds flying up, deer running, etc., just being around many other horses/ponies and dogs sure made them calmer.

I wish the good old days were with us still today!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are selling three ponies if anyone knows of someone looking for a pony.

Brood Mare: -Sanalta Sorrel Sunset B8867

2007 Filly -Prairie Sun Sage Affair B11028

Also, selling in the fall of 2008 as an open brood mare, Pajon's Royal Affair B10084

Hoping everyone and their ponies are doing GREAT!!!!!!

Take Care, Randy & Mary James

Coyote Run News

Brenda Harder has purchased a liver chestnut 2007 Section A filly from Lisa Shelaburger from Sheldon, N. DK. Whispering Ridge Caprice is by *Cefnfedw Senator x *Fosterhouses Xara. With her new trailer Brenda can now bring out more of her ponies to show.

Pajon Pony News

Lorraine Partridge from the Rosedale Stud in Wales was over skiing so Jim and I slipped down to Fernie for a visit and to pick up the WP&CS championship medals and ribbons that they have donated to the All Breed Pony Show.

Thanks to Kathleen Alves, Silver Eagle Concrete for donating the High Point Ribbon and Certificate that Bellringer won. This award has gone a long way in

encouraging Jim to keep showing his pony (although Bellringer is registered to me, Jim seems to have claimed him as his).

From Rocknoggin Farms

Its now almost the middle of February the worst of winter is over and an early spring is just around the corner "we hope". The first of Memory Lane's foals arrive in March: Emerald Jewel a 14.0hh 15/16th partbred Arabian and Red Lucy a 13.3hh (niece of An American Pharoah) bred to An American Pharoah and carrying a 4x Secretariat foal, have both began to udder up a bit! Flirtatious although due around the same time is taking her time showing any udder signs but is belly big like the others.

We have 10 foals due this spring if all goes well! Three Pharoah foals in late March (all mentioned above) for German Riding Ponies and 5 Kobur Fire Dragon Section B foals for 2 pure welsh and 3 partbred Welsh foals for hunter and sport ponies. One mare bred to a pure Arabian for a Welara foal and one mare bred to a Welara stallion for a paint Welara Sport pony or Arabian pony. So here is for praying for good weather in March and may my first three all foal on the weekend and a week apart. Now that's not asking much, ha !!

The 5 Kobur Fire Dragon foals are due from mid April to the first or second week in May. The other two are due in April and May!! So a busy Spring ahead with much anticipation. Annie is excited as I have relented to allow her to do foal watch with me in the nights when necessary and has all her names picked out already.

Her choices for Pharoah foals are: 1- Cleopatra 2-Sheeba 3-Delila

Fire Dragon foals: she has named two: 1- M-L Lisiter Runway Model 2-M-L Savanna

The foal from her Egyptian Rainbow: 1-Memory Lane Lil Egypt

The foal from her paint pony Pizazz: 1-Memory Lane Batches of Patches

My choices for the three Fire Dragon foals 1-Memory Lane Super Freak

2-Memory Lane Smurfette 3-Memory Lane A Dramatic Flare. This for her great 2x

*Rosedale Royal Flare heritage (reserved for a Summit Black Magic filly).

Well these are today's pick, they will likely look nothing like what we expect and will need new names but Annie has a list! Little girls and ponies got to love them.

Annie and I wish you all safe and healthy foalings. Keeping wishing for spring.

Tim and daughter Anastasia Aiton Memory Lane Ponies

**Blue Spruce Training Stable ----- Priddis
931 3500--- Gail Fuller**

Horses for Sale

Wilson Titanium- Reg. Canadian Warmblood & Canadian Sporthorse.

1998 15:3 Bay mare

Highland Dancer - Reg.with the Jockey Club

1993 15:3 Bay mare

Maddie - Reg.Canadian Warmblood

1994 16:1 grey mare

Duekota - Reg.Part-Arabian

1999 15:1 Bay mare
Rascala -(Maggie)- Reg Amer Apendix Quarter Horse
1995 15:1 black mare
Texas Ranger SSH - Reg.Appaloosa
1998 15:1 Chest. Roan over back gelding
Norma Ruth (Tobi) – Reg.Amer. Paint
2002 14:2 Tobiano mare
Arlecchino (Heartly)-Reg.Amer. Paint
2003 14:3 Tobiano gelding
Tanner - Grade Welsh x Quarter Horse
1996 13:3 Liver Chestnut Flaxen mane & tail
Callie – Grade Welsh mare 1993 grey 14:1

I am a member of the Welsh Pony & Cob Assoc. I am also a learner level Dressage Judge and am working towards my certification.

I am available to judge schooling shows. This winter I am not charging anything for the judging as I am trying to get as much judging in as possible.

I can be reached at 208-3285. Astrid Hryciuk 32 Edelweiss Drive N. W.
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Show Dates:

Western Canada Classic All Breed Pony Show, Cochrane is August 9th and 10th.

The Pony Show at Rebecca Farms, Kalispell, MT is August 16th and 17th.