**NPS Area 12 Working Hunter Pony Festival**

**To be held at**

**Prestige Equestrian Centre (was Summerhouse)**

**Hardwicke, Gloucestershire, GL2 2RG**

**(Located on the B4008, next to M5 Junction 12)**

**Thursday 3rd June 2021**

**The NPS/Supreme Products M&M Working Hunter Pony Longines RIHS Championship**

**The NPS/Area 5 M& M Intermediate WHP National Championship inc. Equifest qualifier**

**The NPS/NAF M&M Novice WHP National Championship inc. SWPA qualifier**

**The NPS/ Team Murphy M & M Junior WHP National Championship**

**The NPS/ Stevenson Brothers Rocking Horses M & M First Ridden WHP National Championship**

**Clear Round WHP class to start the day.**

***£50 & The Daphne Peddie Memorial Trophy to the Supreme Champion***

**All Entries Online via Entrymaster link on www.npsarea12.com**

**Entries close 11:45pm Monday 31st May 2021.**

**Photographer - Food Available - First Aid**

**Rings on all weather surfaces (not grass)**

**Course designed & built by Simon Grundy**

**All equines must be covered for equine influenza and have been vaccinated within the last 12 months but not within 7 days of the show.**

 **A Drawn Order and a list of Back Numbers will be displayed on our website and facebook page by lunchtime, Wednesday 2nd June. No numbers will be given out, so please bring your own – bridle number disks are ok.**

**The highest placed pony, if owned by an NPS member, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified. Owner’s membership card to be shown in the ring.**

**The 2021 Rule book is on the National Pony Society website** [**www.nationalponysociety.com**](http://www.nationalponysociety.com/)

**Riders may only rider one pony in each class apart from the clear Round. Riders any age, except stallions (see NPS rules) and where specified otherwise.**

**Commencing 8.00 a.m.**

**Working Hunter Pony Training Clear Round**

Entries will be limited to the first 15 received in each height section and can be entered in advance as well as on the day. A rider may ride more than one pony in each height class or one in each section. Numbers dependent.

Class 1 Height of fences 46cms to 55cms

Class 2 Height of fences 55cms to 75cms

Class 3 Height of fences 75cms to 99cms

**Open to mares, geldings and stallions four year old and over, in possession of an equine passport but no specific registration or breed society criteria**. Rider any age except stallions (see NPS rules.)

 PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL COMPETITIONS AND THE CLEAR ROUND COMPETITORS WILL JUMP IN DRAWN ORDER. THE DRAW WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND PUT ON FB PAGE ON TUESDAY EVENING BEFORE THE SHOW.

**The NPS/SUPREME PRODUCTS M&M Working Hunter Pony Longines Royal International Horse**

**Show Championship Qualifier**

Judges: Robert Parker Jones(Jumping) and Roger James (Conformation)

Class 4 Ponies exceeding 143cms but not exceeding 148cms( with the exception of Welsh Section D's and Dales for which there is no height restriction.)

Class 5 Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 6 Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 7 Ponies exceeding not exceeding 122cms

Open to pure bred registered M&M stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over. **The owner must be a Qualifying or Life member of the NPS for the pony to enter this competition**. Riders may only ride one pony in each class. **The highest placed pony from each class to qualify for the final at Hickstead. Qualification may pass down to third in the event first and second have already qualified.** At the final **riders must also be NPS members**.

**The NPS /STEVENSON BROTHERS ROCKING HORSES M AND M First Ridden WHP National Championship**

**Judge: Mrs Janet James**

**Class 8. Mares and gelding 4 years old and over,not exceeding 128cms registered in the main body of their respective Breed society studbook.**

**Rider over 5 yrs but under 12 years and must not have qualified for HOYS OR RIHS WHP Championship before January 1st in the current year.**

**The NPS/ TEAM MURPHY M&M Junior WHP National Championship**

**Judges. Mrs J James ( jumping) Mr R James ( conformation)**

**Class 9. Ponies not exceeding 128cms . Rider under 14 years**

**Class 10 . Ponies exceeding 128cms but not exceeding 138cms. Riders under 16.**

**Class 11. Ponies exceeding 138cms but not exceeding 148cms (with the exception of Welsh D's and Sales) Riders under 18**

**Rider rules re stallions apply.**

**A Championship for the juniors and first Ridden 1st and 2nd prize winners will take place after class 11. First Ridden and Junior competitor's are NOT ELIGIBLE for the Daphne Peddy Championship.**

**The NPS/Area 5 M&M Intermediate Working Hunter Pony National Championship Qualifier**

Judges: Mrs Cheryl Frith (Jumping) and Mr Rodger James (Conformation)

Class 12 Ponies exceeding 143cms

Class 13 Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 14 Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 15 Ponies not exceeding 122cms

Open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over. Riders may only ride one pony in each class. . A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has Qualified for an M&M WHP final at Horse of the Year Show or RIHS.

Competitors will jump in drawn order

**The NPS/NAF M&M Novice Working Hunter Pony National Championship Qualifier**

Judges: Mrs C Frith (Jumping) and Mrs J James(Conformation)

Class 16 Ponies not exceeding 148cms apart from Welsh Ds and Dales

Class 17 Ponies exceeding 133cms but not exceeding 143cms

Class 18 Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms

Class 19 Ponies not exceeding 122cms

This class is open to registered pure bred M&M stallions, mares and geldings, four years old or over.

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year (Please note any results from 2020 are exempt), it has done any of the following:

1. Won an open affiliated M&M WHP class
2. Qualified for Horse of the Year Show or RIHS Open M&M WHP classes

iii) Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate WHP final at the NPS Summer Championship show (N.B. Ponies can compete as novices in this competition for two consecutive years provided they do not submit an entry to the final in the first year). 2020 is excluded when calculating consecutive years.

iv) If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year Show or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Novice WHP Final.

See rhe NPS rules for details.

 **THE DAPHNE PEDDIE SUPREME WHP.**

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

Judge:  TBC

FIRST AND SECOND PRIZE WINNERS FROM ALL CLASSES ( Except First Ridden and Junior )

 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUPREME WHP CHAMPION OF THE SHOW

To be judged on suitability for the hunting field, competitors must be prepared to gallop.

**£50, Sash and Trophy to the Winner**

**Entry Fees**

Classes 4-7 £40.50 Includes £9.50 RIHS levy

Classes 8 - 19 £18

Clear Round £8.50

**Plus £3 contribution per rider towards First Aid**

**NPS Mountain and Moorland Qualifying Rounds**: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. Ponies must be registered in the main body of their respective Mountain & Moorland Stud Books. Part-breds are not eligible, except in classes 1-3.

Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members but only ponies owned by adult NPS Qualifying or Life members are eligible to qualify for the final of the competition at the NPS Summer Championship Show at Malvern from 3rd - 5th August 2021

**The highest placed pony, if owned by an NPS member, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified. Owner’s Membership Card to be shown in the ring.**

**RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

The National Pony Society Area Committee, any of its officers, servants or assistants, shall not in any way be responsible or accountable for any loss, injury or damage to any person, animal, vehicle or property in connection with or arising out of this show.

Each exhibitor shall abide by and except as final the decisions of the judges and referees who shall have power in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion to withhold any prize whatsoever for want of merit or lack of competition in any class or otherwise.

Any persons either riders or their grooms, family members or assistants who are rude and abusive to fellow competitors, officers, stewards and judges will be asked to leave the show and their entries will not be refunded.

Any person wishing to lodge a protest having reference to any person or exhibit shall do so in writing whilst the class is in the ring and at the same time deposit a sum of £50.00. If on investigation by the Show Committee the protest is not sustained the deposit shall be forfeited to the funds of the show.

Public Liability Insurance, which is strongly recommended, is the responsibility of the individual exhibitor.

Please do not tie horses/ponies to the outside of a wagon, trailer, any other vehicle or any other structure and leave unattended. This show is a qualifier for the NPS Summer Championships and will be run under the rules of this society. Please note that no spurs or training aids are allowed in classes or while working in.

**RIDDEN STALLIONS**

Junior riders must have attained their 12th birthday by 1st January in the current year to ride a Small Breed Native Pony Stallion, i.e. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A and Welsh B. Junior riders must have attained their 14th birthday by 1st January in the current year to ride a Large Breed Native Pony Stallion, i.e. Connemara, Dales, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Welsh C and Welsh D.

**BEHAVIOUR**  Any animal, which constitutes a danger, will be asked to leave the show ring.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY** Any competitor or spectator who suffers any injury whatsoever, whilst on the showground, is responsible for informing the first aid personnel in attendance on the showground. The organisers accept no responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to any person, animal or property whatsoever.

Entries are accepted on the assumption that exhibitors have read and understood these rules.

**Your personal data**

You will need to provide the NPS with certain personal information relating to you. Your privacy is extremely important to the NPS so we want you to know exactly how we will use that personal information. Out full privacy notice setting out detailed information about matters such as what personal information we use, for what purpose we use it, what our legal basis for doing so is and who we share your personal information with, can be viewed on the NPS website www.nationalponysociety.com.

**COVID 19**

**KEY COVID INFORMATION**

**• Full Covid protocols will be in place in line with the Government Guidlines. Please abide by the rules set out by the venue.**

**• Anyone who is symptomatic or suspects they have been exposed to the virus should not take part in any activities and must remain at home.**

**• No entries or substitutions will be accepted on the day. Pre-entries only.**

**• It will be necessary to remain in your bubbles and to take all necessary social distancing measures required under the government guidance. This will be monitored and any competitor found to be breaching the social distancing guidelines will be asked to leave the showground.**

**• No animals will be stripped for conformation except in RIHS qualifiers.**

**• In RIHS qualifiers Grooms may only enter the ring at an appropriate time to play their role when indicated by the steward; Grooms should not remain in the ring any longer than is absolutely necessary. Only 1 groom may enter the ring per exhibitor. The groom must wear a face covering at all times when in the ring.**

**• In the line up all competitors must remain 2 metres apart.**

**• All one way systems on the showground must be adhered to.**

**• No equipment should be shared on the day between exhibitors or officials.**

**• Competitors are asked to remain in the vicinity of their own lorry when not competing and to leave the showground as soon as possible after the completion of your class and championship.**

**• Competitors must take all their litter home due to the risk of contamination.**

**• A Rider must not ride for multiple stables at a single show.**

**• When social distancing is not possible, face coverings MUST be worn i.e. stewards, medical teams, grooms who do not reside with the rider.**

**Track and Trace Form to be completed.**

**WARM UP AREAS – Please note that you will only be able to enter the designated warm up area 30 minutes before the start of your class. No access to the warm up area will allowed before this time.**

**Classes will be jumped in drawn order. The drawn order is designed to ensure the smooth running of all classes and minimise the number of competitors waiting in the collecting area. No jumping out of order will be permitted. An allocated Official will be based in the WHP warm up area to raise and lower the practise fence as required. This is to ensure minimum contact with the equipment.**

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**STRIPPING - In order to minimise the number of people entering a ring and to help the stewards ensure social distancing is maintained at all times, it has been agreed that no ponies will be stripped for conformation assessment in NPS qualifiers and Finals for 2021 only. This includes both flat ridden and WHP qualifiers. Ponies will be assessed for conformation with their saddles on (mounted) and this should include boots if worn. Please note that in HOYS and RI qualifiers it is mandatory for all ponies to be stripped.**