

## BLACK AND AMBER SHOW 2017

### RAHEEN NA GUN, KILKENNY

The Irish Association of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society held their Black and Amber Show at Raheen Na Gun Equestrian Centre on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 . Our visiting UK panel judge was Mrs Heather Banbury who kindly stepped in at the last minute after Pauline Lloyd had to withdraw due to unforeseen circumstances.

Gain Nutrition sponsored the Youngstock classes were first to start with Garnagree Chilli achieving the Championship Sash and Garnagree Golden Bravado taking Reserve.

The Black and Amber Welsh Led classes the first to start were **Section A** ponies. The youngstock results were 1<sup>st</sup> Idyllic Intricate shown by Denis Halpenny with Josephine O'Driscoll's Waitwith Wild Willow in Second place.

In the senior section A classes 1<sup>st</sup> place was Josephine O'Driscoll's lovely Waitwith Sabrina with 2<sup>nd</sup> place going to Daphne Scholtz Llanfrechfa Desire.

The Section A Overall Champion and WPCS Rosette was awarded to Waitwith Sabrina with Idyllic Intricate standing reserve.

The Section B classes started with the youngstock and one again the Gargree ponies were in the ring with Carol Power's Garnagree Golden Bravado giving a better show this time round than his stable mate with Garnagree Chilli coming second this time round.

Heather Banbury was particularly taken with Mary Carter's palomino Glynsylen Magellan and thus achieved first place in the Section B senior classes with Michaela Steyn Keating's Wian William in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Josephine O'Driscoll' Carrwood Forget-me-not in Third place.

The Section B champion and WPCS Rosette was awarded to Glynsylen Magellan and the reserve was the roan stallion Wian William.

The section C and D entries were won by Susan Drum's lovely chestnut cob, Gwynfaes Mellten and she also took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Abercippyn Melfed Ddu. 3rd position was achieved Brenig Mellitgedig, Gwynfaes Melten gained the WPCS Rosette and became overall Section D champion with Melfed Ddu taking reserve champion.

The Part Bred section was won by Margaret Green's Goldengrove Hermione with Marion Judge's Waterglades Gemini in second and Nesta Fitzgerald's Brandon Brief encounter in Third.

The Section B Champion and WPCS Rosette was awarded to Goldengrove Hermione and Reserve Waterglades Gemini.

At the end of the Led classes the IAWPCS added a class for Welsh registered brood mare and foal. It is hoped to build on this in the future. The winner Was Josephine O'Driscoll's Waitwith Sabrina with Carol Power's Kilcrene Poise in 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

The Welsh Foal championship Their foals at foot were also shown with Hollyvreek Sir Selby coming 1<sup>st</sup> and Garnagree Sorrel in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Heather Banbury chose The Overall Led champion as the Section B Glynsylen Magellan with the magnificent Gwynfaes Mellten standing Reserve Champion.

The Pure and Part bred welsh Ridden classes were hotly contested and the outstanding pony of the day was Cheryl Cusack's Muskerry Goldfinger ridden by Conor Cusack. This partnership really caught the judge's eye throughout the day as he just was foot perfect all day. Subsequently winning the WPCS Mini Performance Medal, The Brandon Stud Irish Bred Championship and the Overall Black and Amber Championship and at the end of the day they stole away the Botanica International overall ridden championship. Always hot on their heels were Tara Hudson's Seaview Romeo with Charlotte Hudson aboard. It was a close thing and these two competitors always featured. It was a great competition with Seaview Romeo achieving the Botanica International Reserve Champion.

The ridden pure bred was won by Susan Drum's section D Gwynfaes Mellten ridden superbly by Niamh Condell continuing with her earlier successes in the led showing how diverse her talents. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the talented Jordan Murphy aboard Lucifer with the lovely roan section B stallion, Wian William in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

In the Ridden Part breeds Margaret Green's Goldengrove Hermione also showing how talented she is with Toba lawless Green piloting with the Coloured mare Waterglades Gemini owned by Marian judge with Emily Lawless Green on board achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The Ridden champion achieving the WPCS performance medal was the consistent Gwynfaes Mellten with Lucifer standing Reserve Champion.

The Brandon Stud Irish Bred Shamrock Championship was taken by the pony bred by the late, great Jane Quinlan, Muskerry Goldfinger and the lovely Goldengrove Hermione stood reserve.

Heather Banbury chose her champion of the overall BOTANICA INTERNATIONAL BLACK & AMBER SUPREME at the end of the day. An impressive showing by Muskerry Goldfinger and Conor Cusack all day clinched it just ahead of Seaview Romeo and Charlotte Hudson with both ponies and their riders impressing the judge on the day.

The committee would like to acknowledge all the competitors who took part, their grooms and drivers and also to the stewards who kindly took their free time to assist us on the day. Thank you.