

BRITISH CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY  
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CHILTERN & THAMES VALLEY CONNEMARA GROUP

# OPEN SHOW

BCPS Qualifiers - NPS Qualifiers  
&  
Unaffiliated Showing

Sunday 27th May 2018

The Oxfordshire County Show Ground, Kingsey Road Thame, Oxfordshire OX9 3JL

Show Secretary

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A Paramedic Team will be present

INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

Entry closing date Wednesday 24th May 2018.  
(Late entries will be taken on the day)

PLEASE NOTE: PASSPORTS  
MUST ACCOMPANY PONIES TO THE SHOW

**JUDGES:**

In Hand and Ridden Classes Mrs Julia Woods (Suffolk)

WHP Classes Miss G Evans JP (Suffolk)

Unaffiliated Classes TBC

Championships

All entries must be registered by the closing date of entries in the appropriate section of the BCPS Stud Book, or in the Stud Book of an approved Connemara Society or in the Part-bred Register where applicable. To be judged in accordance with British Connemara Pony Society and National Pony Society rules.

## RULES

1. Where shows are affiliated to the NPS their rules for showing apply in their qualifying classes.
2. No entry fees are refundable.
3. Mares with a living foal born in the current season are not eligible to compete in ridden classes.
4. Brood mares must be four years old or over. The age of the pony is calculated from 1st January in the year of its birth.
5. **Foals must be at least 4 weeks old on the day of the show, must accompany the mare into the ring and be shown in a halter or leather head collar.**
6. No ridden pony may be shown on a lead rein.
7. All ponies in Novice Classes must be shown in a suitable snaffle bridle.
8. Whips or canes must not exceed 30" (75cm) except in dressage classes. Excessive use of the whip will be penalised and may result in disqualification.
9. Correctly secured Skull/Riding Hats that meet one of the following current Safety Standards/ Specifications **MUST** be worn by Riders of all ages. All PAS 015;VG1;BS EN1384 2017; ASTM F116304a onwards; SNELL E-2001;SNELL E2016AS/NZS 3838 2003onwards--A fall of pony or rider in the ridden phase of any class will result in disqualification. The rider must not remount in the ring. A fall of a rider in the in-hand phase may result in elimination at the discretion of the judge.
10. Spurs only allowed in dressage classes.
11. All equines must be kept within the designated areas and handlers must obey the instructions of the stewards to conform to the current Health and Safety rules. Stallions/colts may not be lead or ridden by a junior who has not attained his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on the day of the show.
12. All equines must be kept under control at all times. Any equine deemed not to be under control may be required to leave the Ring and/or Showground by any authorised person.
13. The Judges decision is final.
14. Any pony arriving late for a class may only compete in that class with the Judge's permission.
15. Exhibitors may not remove their ponies from the Ring during judging, without the Judge's permission.
16. In WHP classes, no change of rider/saddlery is allowed between phases or during a phase. Protective front boots only may be used for the jumping and ridden phases only. Bandages and protective pads on ponies' feet are not allowed. No change of rider/handler will be allowed throughout the class without the judge's permission.
17. No stallion or colt may tease and/or serve a mare on the Showground or on the show premises. All colts 2 yrs old or over must be adequately bitted. Ridden and in-hand Stallions must wear a stallion disc obtainable from the NPS or other showing society
18. No pure bred 148 cm and under may be plaited.
19. An exhibitor may not knowingly exhibit a pony bred, sold leased, produced broken, ridden or trained by the Judge, and/or his/her immediate family or his/her employer/employee or by anyone with whom he/she resides. (NB Group teach-ins and demos are exempt)
20.
  - a) A rider/Handler may not compete in a Class judged by someone for whom he/she has exhibited in the show ring within the previous 12 months, or judged by his/her immediate family
  - b) An exhibitor may not show under a judge for whom he or she has produced a pony within the previous 12 months. (An exhibitor is the owner, the lessee or the person who produces and/or shows the pony.)
  - c) An exhibitor may not show under a Judge where he or she has entered into a financial/commercial undertaking within the previous 12 months. Stud fees are excluded.
21. No invited judge is permitted to exhibit a pony at the same show.
22. The Show Committee reserves the right to alter the programme as and when necessary. The decision of the Show Committee in all matters is final.
23. Anyone wishing to lodge a protest shall do so in writing to the Show Secretary's Office and at the same time deposit £50.00. All protests shall be delivered within one hour of the incident.

**This show is affiliated to the British Connemara Pony Society and the Society's Rules for Showing apply.** Neither the organisers of this event, nor any agent or representative accepts any liability for any accident,

loss or injury or illness to horses/ponies, riders, or spectators, or any other person land or property whether caused by their negligence or breach of contract in any way whatsoever.

### BCPS Rules for Showing.

- 1. No Connemara Pony may be shown after the age of six months unless it is registered in a recognised Connemara Pony Stud Book.**
- 2. No Foal may be shown under the age of four weeks.**
- 3. No entire male may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or Registered Mountain and Moorland Ponies after the 1st June in the year in which he attains the age of three years unless he has been registered as a Stallion in the BCPS Stud Book or the Stud Book of a recognised Connemara Pony Society. Stallions registered after 1st March 2007 must be registered in Class 1 or Class 2.**
- 4. No female or Gelding may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or Registered Mountain and Moorland Ponies after 1st January in the year in which it attains the age of four years unless it has been registered as an adult pony in the BCPS Stud Book or the Stud Book of a recognised Connemara Pony Society. Mares and Geldings registered after the 1st March 2007 must be registered in Class 1 or Class 2, with the exception of Geldings registered as adults in BCPS Stud Book in 2007 and 2008.**
- 5. Unless entered in a class specifically for Over-height Connemaras, no Pure-Bred Connemara Pony exceeding 148cms in height may be shown or take part in any competition restricted to Connemara or Registered Mountain and Moorland Ponies within the jurisdiction of the BCPS.**

### **NPS Qualifiers.**

The highest placed pony in each class goes forward to the final. Where this pony has already qualified the pony standing next in line and has not already qualified, receives the qualification. Qualification goes no lower than third place. Qualifying rounds for most NPS competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members. At Breed Shows ponies can qualify for the final even if their owners are not NPS members. The owner of a pony qualifying at a Breed Show **must become an NPS Qualifying or Life member for the pony to enter the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show 31st July - 2nd August 2018**

**Designated Breed Shows** may run mixed breed classes alongside their breed classes but these will be subject to "normal" qualification rules. These are: **NPS 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 breeds are not eligible for Mountain & Moorland Classes.**

**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 31st July -2nd August 2018**

**NPS/Rosettes Direct Home Produced Ridden Championship** - Riders of Home Produced ponies (see definition in the NPS Rules Book) can wear a white arm band in classes where this is indicated. These ponies, are then eligible to qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show.

Stallion discs **MUST** be worn in both in hand and ridden classes.

**NPS Silver Medal Rosette Championships, Breed Show Rules:** These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. At breed shows Silver Medals may be won by non-members. The owner of the qualified pony must become an Adult Qualifying or Life member to enter the final. If the Champion pony has previously qualified it is still entitled to the Silver Medal Rosette but the qualification card goes to the Reserve Champion pony. The Silver Medal Rosette and the qualification card can be awarded no lower than first Reserve (third). Foals are not eligible for Silver Medal Championships.

**RING ONE: 9:30am Start**

**IN HAND CLASSES. Judge Mrs J Woods**

**PURE BRED CLASSES FOR CONNEMARA PONIES 148CM & UNDER**

Rosettes to 6th place in all classes.

Classes 1-3 inc NPS/HIGHBROOK STUD M&M In Hand Summer Championship. Please see NPS Rules 2018 for more details (Breed Show Rules). Foals are not eligible.

**CLASS 1 YEARLING COLT, FILLY OR GELDING**

Qualifier for the Tam-O-Shanter Yearling Championships  
(NB BCPS rules regarding the showing of 2 & 3 year old colts apply)

**CLASS 2 TWO YEAR OLD & THREE YEAR OLD STALLION, FILLY OR GELDING,**

Qualifier for the Tam O Shanter Two & Three Year Old Championships  
(This class will be split if there are sufficient entries).

**YOUNGSTOCK CHAMPIONSHIP**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> from Classes 1 & 2 are eligible

The highest three placings of each age group Connemara yearlings, two year olds and three year olds - will qualify for the Tam O'Shanter Breeding Championship". (9 qualifiers)

**CLASS 3 STALLION, MARE OR GELDING 4 YEARS & OVER**

Stallion discs must be worn.

The three highest placed mares, with or without foal at foot will qualify for the Tam O'Shanter Breeding Championship. (3 qualifiers)

**CONNEMARA CHAMPIONSHIP**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> from Classes 1, 2 & 3 are eligible

The Tam O' Shanter Championship will take place at the BCPS Breed Show on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at The Vale View Equestrian Centre LE18 4LX Qualification cards will be awarded in the ring and must be forwarded with the entry for the Breed Show.

**NPS / KILMANNAN STUD M&M IN HAND SILVER MEDAL ROSETTE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Judge: Mrs. J Woods

To be judged under NPS Rules 2018. (Breed Show Rules)

Judge Mrs J Woods

**CLASS 4. PART BRED AND OVERHEIGHT CONNEMARA** to be shown in hand.

Any age or sex. Qualifier for the NPS/Mole Valley Farmers Part Bred In Hand National Championship (Breed Show Rules)

## **RING 1 RIDDEN CLASSES: Judge Mrs J Woods**

### **CLASS 5 Qualifying round for THE NPS/PICTON STUD MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND NOVICE RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP. To be judged under the rules of the National Pony Society**

- A) Registered Connemara Stallion, mare or gelding four years old or over. 148 cm & under
- B) Registered Small Breeds (Welsh A & B)
- C) Registered Large Breeds (Welsh C & D)
- D) Registered Small breeds (Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland)
- E) Registered Large Breeds (Fell, Dales, Highland and New Forest)

A pony is not eligible to compete if, before 1st January in the current year, it has done any of the following:

- i) Won an open NPS affiliated mixed M&M Ridden class
- ii) Qualified for Horse of the Year Show, Olympia or RIHS Open M&M Ridden classes
- iii) Qualified for the M&M Novice or Intermediate Ridden 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).
- (iv) If a pony qualifies for Horse of the Year show, Olympia or RIHS in its second year it is immediately de-noviced and cannot compete in the Picton final

**Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.**

### **CLASS 6 Qualifying round for the NPS/PEASEDOWN & JESS TALBOT M&M INTERMEDIATE RIDDEN PONY CHAMPIONSHIP. To be judged under the rules of the National Pony Society.**

- A) Registered Connemara Stallion Mare or Gelding not exceeding 148 cm, five years & over.
- B) Registered Small Breeds
- C) Registered Large Breeds

A pony is not eligible to compete if it has qualified before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year for:

- i) The M&M Open Ridden Championship final at Horse of the Year Show or ,
- ii) The M&M Supreme Ridden Championship final at Olympia,
- iii) The M&M Open Ridden Championship Final at Longines Royal International Horse Show.

### **CLASS 7 Qualifying round for the NPS/RING SIDE STUD M&M OPEN RIDDEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. To be judged under the rules of the National Pony Society.**

- A) Registered Connemara Stallion Mare or Gelding not exceeding 148 cm, five years & over.
- B) Registered Small Breeds
- C) Registered Large Breeds

A pony is not eligible to compete if it has qualified before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year for:

- i) The M&M Open Ridden Championship final at Horse of the Year Show or ,
- ii) The M&M Supreme Ridden Championship final at Olympia,
- iii) The M&M Open Ridden Championship Final at Longines Royal International Horse Show.

## **RIDDEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from classes 5, 6, & 7 are eligible.

**The highest placed Connemara pony, not already qualified, will qualify for the Rosmeen Ridden Championship at the BCPS Breed Show on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Vale View Equestrian Centre, Melton Mowbray LE18 4LX. Qualification cards will be awarded in the ring and must be forwarded with the entry for the BCPS Breed Show. Exhibitors must be members of the BCPS before they can enter the Final.**

**NPS/The Minns Family M&M Ridden Silver Medal Rosette Championship.**

**Judge: Mrs J Woods. To be judged under NPS rules 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners from classes 5, 6,& 7 are eligible.**

## **CLASS 8 RIDDEN PART-BRED AND PURE BRED CONNEMARA OVER 148CM.**

This is also a qualifier for the NPS/Mole Valley Farmers Part Bred Ridden National Championship Mare or Gelding 4 years & over.

## **RING 2**

### **JUDGE MISS G EVANS JP**

#### **WORKING HUNTER PONY CLASSES**

##### **The following classes to be run under NPS Rules 2018**

Ponies may be measured at the judge's discretion. Rider any age, except stallions (see rules in section A 3.2). Riders may only ride one pony in each class.

**Classes are open to M & M Stallions, mares and geldings registered in the main body of their respective Stud Books.** 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. **Classes to be run under NPS Rules 2018**

#### **Class 9**

**NPS/Team Harvey WHP Training Stakes, Open to all M&M and plaited, including Part Bred and Overheight.**

**Section 1 incorporating the NPS Stevenson Brothers Rocking Horse M&M First Ridden Working Hunter Pony Qualifier.**

**Section 1** Minimum height 47cms Maximum Height 60cms Spread 47cms

**Section 2** Minimum height 55cms Maximum Height 65cms Spread 55cms

**Section 3** Minimum height 65cms Maximum height 75cms Spread 65cms

**Section 4** Minimum height 75cms Maximum height 85cms Spread 75cms

**Championship 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in sections 1 – 4**

**Two highest placed Connemara (Pure ,Part Bred and Overheight) to go forward to the Connemara Championship.**

**CLASS 10 Qualifying Round for THE NPS/AREA 25 M&M NOVICE WORKING HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to pure bred stallions, mares and geldings 4 years old and over.** To be judged under the rules of the National Pony Society. Riders may only ride one pony in this class. A pony is not eligible for this class if before 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year: it has won an open NPS affiliated M&M WHP class, won a class at an M&M WHP (HOYS or RIHS) qualifying round, qualified for the NPS M&M Novice or Intermediate WHP final at the NPS Summer Championship show or qualified for an M&M WHP final at HOYS or RIHS in previous years or in the current year.**(NB ponies can compete as novices for two consecutive years provided they do not make entry into the final in the first year Ponies must be shown in a snaffle bit.**

#### **Section 1 Ponies not exceeding 122cms**

Minimum height 47cms Maximum Height 60cms Spread 47cms

#### **Section 2 Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms**

Minimum height 55cms Maximum Height 65cms Spread 55cms

#### **Section 3 Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm**

Minimum height 65cms Maximum height 75cms Spread 65cms

#### **Section 4 Ponies exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 148cm (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction)**

Minimum height 75cms Maximum height 85cms Spread 75cms

**CLASS 11 Qualifying round for THE NPS/AREA 5 M&M INTERMEDIATE WORKING HUNTER PONY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP to be judged under NPS rules. Ponies must be five years old or over. Stallions, mares and geldings.** Riders may only ride one pony in this class. Ponies never to have qualified for the NPS M&M Working Hunter Pony (HOYS/RIHS) finals before 1st January in the current year.

**Section 1 Ponies not exceeding 122 cms**

Minimum height 50cms Max Height 65cms Spread 50cms

**Section 2 Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms**

Minimum height 60cms Maximum Height 75cms Spread 60cms

**Section 3 Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm**

Minimum height 70cms Maximum height 85cms Spread 70cms

**Section 4 Ponies exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 148cm (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction)**

Minimum height 80cms Maximum height 95cms Spread 80cms

**Class 12 Qualifying round for THE NPS/TopSpec M&M WORKING HUNTER PONY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Stallions, mares and geldings, five years old or over .**

**Section 1 Ponies not exceeding 122cms**

Minimum height 55cms Maximum Height 70cms Spread 55 cms

**Section 2 Ponies exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms**

Minimum height 65cms Maximum Height 80cms Spread 65cms

**Section 3 Ponies exceeding 133cm but not exceeding 143cm**

Minimum height 75cms Maximum height 90cms Spread 75cms

**Section 4 Ponies exceeding 143cm but not exceeding 148cm (with the exception of Welsh Section D and Dales for which there is no height restriction)**

Minimum height 85cms Maximum height 100cms Spread 85cms

**WORKING HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners from Classes (10, 11, & 12)

**Judge: Miss G Evans JP**

RING 3 UNAFFILIATED CLASSES 9.30am

Class 13 M&M Small Breed In Hand  
Section a. Youngstock  
Section b. 4 year old and over

Class 14 M&M Large Breed In Hand  
Section a. Youngstock  
Section b. 4 year old and over

Class 15 Open to all breeds In Hand (except M&M)  
Section a. Youngstock  
Section b. 4 year old and over

Class 16 Veteran In Hand 15 years and over

In Hand Championship 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed from classes 13-16 to compete

Class 17 Lead Rein. Show Pony, Show Hunter Pony, M&M and all other breed types 4 years old and over. Rider any age

Class 18 First Ridden Show Pony, Show Hunter Pony, M&M and all other breed types 4 years old and over. Rider any age

Mini Championship 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed ponies from classes 17 and 18 to compete.

Class 19 Show Pony/Show Hunter Pony. 4 years old and over. Riders any age

Class 20 Ridden Veteran. 15 years and over

Class 21 Ridden M&M (Registered/Un Registered)  
Section a. Small Breeds  
Section b. Large Breeds

Class 22 Ridden Coloured. 4 year old and over. Open to Non-Native, Native, Traditional, Gypsy, Cob)

Class 23 Ridden Cob. 4 year old and over. Open to Lightweight, Middleweight, Heavyweight and Maxi

Class 24 Riding Club Horse/Pony Club Pony (Will be split if sufficient entries)  
4 years old and over. Riders any age. Competitors will be asked to jump a small fence.

Class 25 Riding Horse/Hunter. 4 years old and over

Ridden Championship 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed in classes 19-25 to compete





