

Ayr Country Show (Friday 8th May 2015)

The driving season continued with a very welcome return to Ayr Show after no driving classes being held last year due to restructuring of the show. There was a fantastic turnout with four traditional turnouts and five exercise turnouts coming forward which was very encouraging for the season ahead. There was a mixture of newer turnouts as well as the more regular competitors with experienced turnouts which was good to see.

The driving classes started off with the Concours D'Elegance Class which was judged on this occasion by Mrs Susan Harper. This class had five turnouts forward. There were both traditional and exercise turnouts for the judge to admire and her choice of winner for the Concours D'Elegance Class was Kim Pearson driving her Welsh Cob X Stallion JD's El Dorado put to a 1902 Beaufort Cart, in second place to Kim was Caroline Watson driving her Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango driven to an 1890 Dogcart by Mulliners of Birmingham.

The classes then carried on to the Private Driving Class with Mr Robert Robertson taking over judging duties where after several turns round the ring on both reins, a thorough inspection of each turnout and individual shows performed by each turnout he found his winner of the Private Driving Class in Caroline Watson driving the Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango with Kendall Young driving Aileen McDonald's Shetland Pony, Balgay Way-No-Way to a Stick Back Gig in second place also receiving the "Single Non-Hackney Type (Excluding Purebred Registered Welsh) 13.2hh & under" section Osborne qualifier .

The exercise vehicle class was next with Mr Robertson finding his winner in the Welsh Section C, Merioneth Tymesti Ap Storm driven by Ruth Martin to a Bennington 4 wheel exercise vehicle who also received the Osborne qualifier for the "Single, Pair Or Tandem Turnout Driven To A Four-Wheel Exercise Vehicle" Section with Gillian McNinch in second place driving her new coloured pony The Longhouse Glam Rock to a 2 wheel Bennington exercise vehicle.

The first and second place turnouts from the Private Driving Class and the Exercise Vehicle Class were then called back in for the Championship. After a good turn around the ring the four turnouts were called into the centre of the ring where Mr Robertson pulled forward Caroline Watson and Llanarth Tango as Champion and winners of the Pirnhall Inn Championship Trophy and also to receive the Victoria Foods Championship Qualifier and Kendall Young and Balgay Way-No-Way as Reserve Champion.

Everyone had a great day and it was good to have so much space and time for the classes and a very large flat ring and it was fantastic to see so many turnouts out competing.

Concours D'Elegance Class

- 1 = Kim Pearson driving JD's El Dorado
- 2 = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango
- 3 = Mirren Wilson driving Heather of Glenshian
- 4 = Iain McKendrick driving Cairnshore Felix
- 5 = Claire Armet driving Jools

Private Driving Class

- 1 = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango
- 2 = Kendall Young driving Balgay Way-No-Way
- 3 = Kim Pearson driving JD's El Dorado
- 4 = Iain McKendrick driving Cairnshore Felix

Exercise Vehicle Class

- 1 = Ruth Martin driving Merioneth Tymesti Ap Storm
- 2 = Gillian McNinch driving The Longhouse Glam Rock
- 3 = Carol MacAllister driving Craigwell Holly
- 4 = Julia Whitaker driving Heather of Glenshian
- 5 = Claire Armet driving Jools

Champion =

Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango

Reserve Champion =

Kendall Young driving Balgay Way-No-Way



Kendall Young and Balgay Way-No-Way

Caroline Watson and Llanarth Tango



Claire Armet and Jools



Ruth Martin and Merioneth Tymesti Ap Storm

Carol MacAllister and Craigwell Holly



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Gillian McNinch and The Longhouse Glam Rock

Kendall Young and Balgay Way-No-Way



Kim Pearson and JD's El Dorado

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Reserve Champion - Kendall Young and Balgay Way-No-Way

Champion - Caroline Watson and Llanarth Tango