

## Royal Highland Show (20 June 2015)

The Highland Show next to Edinburgh Airport is the biggest show of the year in Scotland with several classes for all types of turnouts and the only qualifier in Scotland for the driving class at The Horse Of The Year Show. The judge for the driving classes this year was Mr Mark Broadbent from Taunton in Devon.

The day stayed fine and dry and a large crowd gathered around the Thistle Ring to watch proceedings. Unfortunately the first class for multiple turnouts only had one entry who was not forward on the day so the first class in the ring was the Over 13.2hh class for single turnouts. With a varied selection of six very different turnouts on display Mr Broadbent found his winner in the part bred welsh, Brookeborough Black Bob driven to a Lawton Defender by Andrew Hamilton Rhodes, with Jeff Osborne and his coloured cob, The Poacher in second place.

Next in the ring was the Single, 13.2hh and under class with two turnouts forward. Gillian McNinch and her new coloured pony, The Longhouse Glam Rock, took first place and Ray Townsend with the Welsh Section C, Gems Cock Of The North in second place and also receiving the Welsh Pony & Cob Society Rosette for the best pure bred Welsh Pony.

This was followed by the Shetland Pony driving class. Unfortunately Kendall Young driving Balgay Way No Way were the only turnout forward on the day to win first in this class and the John W Hannay Perpetual Trophy for the best exhibit in The Shetland Pony In Harness Class. Following the Shetland class was the Highland Pony class with two turnouts forward and Chris Bassett driving Staffin Peigi Of Castlegreen was Mr Broadbent's choice for the winner and they also received the P Alston Arbuckle Memorial Trophy and The Highland Pony Society Rosette for the best Highland Pony Exhibit and Julia Whitaker and Heather of Glenshian were in second place.

The next class in the ring was the Exercise Vehicle Class with five turnouts forward Carol MacAllister and Craigwell Holly were Mr Broadbent's choice for first place and Claire Cameron and Jim Bob in second place. This was followed by the Donkey and Mule class with four turnouts forward where Kendall Young and the mule, Small Person took first place and Claire Armet and Jools in second place.

There were then four turnouts forward for the Pleasure Driving Class where Miranda Saunders and Falconmarsh It's A Cracker took first place and Julia Whitaker and Heather of Glenshian taking second place.

The first and second place turnouts from all the classes then gathered for the Championship where Andrew Hamilton Rhodes driving Brookeborough Black Bob took the Championship, The J D Dawson Perpetual Challenge Silver Cup for the best driving exhibit (excluding Hackneys) and Horse of the Year Show qualifier with Gillian McNinch driving The Longhouse Glam Rock as Reserve Champion.

### Class 2 PRIVATE DRIVING SINGLES CLASS (Over 13.2hh)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Hamilton Rhodes	Brookeborough Black Bob
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeff Osborne	The Poacher
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annie Rushton-Green	Michael
4 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Watson	Llanarth Tango
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Bulmer	Ridgewood Phire Cracker
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Pearson	JD's El Dorado

### Class 3 PRIVATE DRIVING SINGLES CLASS (13.2hh and under)

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gillian McNinch	The Longhouse Glam Rock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ray Townsend	Gems Cock Of The North

### Class 4 SHETLAND PONY IN HARNESS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kendall Young	Balgay Way No Way
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Class 5 HIGHLAND PONY IN HARNESS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Bassett	Staffin Peigi Of Castlegreen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julia Whitaker	Heather of Glenshian

Class 6 TWO OR FOUR WHEEL EXERCISE VEHICLE CLASS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carol MacAllister	Craigwell Holly
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Claire Cameron	Jim Bob
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alison Chaffe	Maxamillion
4 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Whitaker	Heather of Glenshian
5 <sup>th</sup>	Miranda Saunders	Falconmarsh It's A Cracker

Class 7 DONKEY AND MULE OPEN CLASS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kendall Young	Small Person
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Claire Armet	Jools
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheena McConnell-Ferrie	Sydney
4 <sup>th</sup>	Judith Webb	Ned

Class 8 PLEASURE DRIVE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Miranda Saunders	Falconmarsh It's A Cracker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Julia Whitaker	Heather of Glenshian
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Claire Cameron	Jim Bob
4 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Chaffe	Maxamillion

<u>Champion</u>	=	Andrew Hamilton Rhodes driving Brookeborough Black Bob
<u>Reserve Champion</u>	=	Gillian McNinch driving The Longhouse Glam Rock