

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 Wigtownshire Driving club held their annual BDS show on Bladnoch Park, Newton Stewart.

The weather stayed bright allowing the competitors to fully enjoy the wide range of classes judged that day by Mrs Joyce Simpson.

The First class of the morning was the Carriage horse or pony which was judged inhand based on the suitability of the horse or pony for driving. The winners of this class was Ms D Hatcher and Boo Boo.

The first of the driving classed was the Private driving. In this class horses are driven to a traditional vehicle which must have carriage lamps and traditional springing. Once these smart turnouts had come forward the decided winner was Ms K Pearson and JD'S El Dorado.

Next up was the Exercise Vehicle class which is judged on the cleanliness, fit and suitability of the carriage and harness and the turnout's driven performance. The winners were Greg and Clancy driven by Ms M Dickson-Hood.

Ms K Pearson and JD's El Dorado were also the winners of the Private Concours d'elegance class, which was driven at park pace and judged on the style and elegance of the turnout. The Exercise turnout winners were Miss J Watson and Dollar.

The Style and Performance class asked drivers to complete a two minute show which must include all the most commonly used driving paces. This was won by Ms M Dickson-Hood with Greg and Clancy who performed the most polished show on the day.

First and second place in these classes were then called forward for the championship. Champion was won by Ms K Person and JD's El Dorado with Ms M Dickson-Hood taking reserve.

The Junior whip came next which was divided into under and over 12 years of age. The young junior driver winner was Miss L McClymont driving Felix and the over 12s was won by Miss A Vance and Opal.

In the small pony class best shetland was won by Ms M Dickinson Hood and Strathlene Leo and best small pony was Mrs L Lyall's Twist.

Lastly Pleasure driving, a class suitable for newcomers and young horses and ponies, was won by Mrs P Gillan and Tommy.

Mrs P Gillan was also champion of this section with Miss A Vance and Opal as Reserve.



