

Scottish Sports Horse National 3Yrs Pony Loose Jumping Championship 2009

Twelve three year old ponies came forward for the Pony Loose Jumping Championship which took place in the evening at the close of the first day of the prestigious Junior BSJA Show held on October 16TH at Ingliston House Equestrian and Country Club, Bishopton, Nr Glasgow .

Rotherwood Signature, a beautiful grey 128cms colt bred by Mrs. M.E. Mansfield and owned and produced by The End House Stud, Lancashire, won the prize for the best turned out. He was the second competitor on the night finishing with an overall score of 151/200 for conformation, movement and jumping ability maintaining the lead until the ninth entrant, Hanleen Stud's 148cms impressive grey filly, "Just Blue" who finished in spectacular style to take over as the well deserved winner of the £250 Championship scoring 162 points out of a possible 200 and also picked up the additional £50 prize for the highest placed Scottish bred pony.

Just Blue, was bought as a youngster by Harry Aird from breeder Shirley Brown, Balfron, and was produced on the night by a delighted young Hannah Aird. Being "A chip of the old block" Hannah is already one to have a bit of a flutter and two years ago she purchased the Champion Sports Pony Foal at the SSH North of the Border Foal Show, "Miami Goldrush" a stunning palomino colt bred by Hugh Paterson from Newton Stewart. Hannah is now looking forward to next Spring when "Just Blue" is due to produce one of his first offspring!

Third and fourth places went to Hugh Patersons "Miami Bubblegum" and Miami Tutti Frutti. Miami Bubblegum by Kerry's Boy out of Miami Bubbles by Solway Cruise full brother to the very successful Cree Crusier. Bubblegum's grandam Miami Gold was a Gold Medalist in Italy on the British Eventing Team. Always a good supporter of this event Hugh's ponies were good workman like performers, both showing a lot of potential to go on to be great jumping ponies.

Fiona Reed from the Puddledub Stud in Fife collected the fifth prize with Puddledub Tapestry a homebred filly by her own TB stallion Bollin Terry. This pony showed a lot of scope and technique.

Sixth place went to the Balcormo Stud's Betty Boo, a homebred filly by Harry Aird's Connemara jumping pony stallion "Crookey Blue" out of a Secundus mare, again showing good jumping potential.

Very generous sponsors of the event were Mr. W. Morris , Helical Industries, St Helens, Lancashire and Debbie and Ed Maas from the Scholland Equestrian Centre, Colinsburgh, Fife.

Wendy Sabine from The Courtyard Studio, Fife, for the second consecutive year very kindly sponsored the Championship in the form of a portrait of "Just Blue" which she will present to The Aird Family from The Hanleen Stud.