

Spring Breed Show

Stretcholt Equestrian Centre 1st April 2017

The first Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) qualifiers of the 2017 season got off to a flying start with very good numbers at the Spring Breed Show. This show is sending three qualified horses to HOYS this year, the only show of the season to be doing this, so it was no surprise that entries were high. The quality of horses shown was also very high with some regular HOYS competitors showing great form for this early in the season.



Emily Barnard's Ujenik Bantam Showers of Gold won the stallion ticket. Emily was thrilled with this win as it is the ninth consecutive year that 'Spud' has qualified, an amazing record for this beautiful stallion. 'He was really on form today, he never lets me down,' she said.

A terrific cheer went up when Jayne Holt's Silvergrace Inca Warrior was called in to take the mares/geldings ticket. Only gelded in January, Inca has also competed at HOYS several times.



Charlotte Leonard's yearling colt, Scotts Little Diamond led a large youngstock class from start to finish. His impeccable behaviour at his first show saw him through to take the championship, with Showers of Gold reserve. This championship was kindly sponsored by the Wood family with a beautiful rug presented to the winner.

The next classes were open to registered and unregistered horses and it was good to see so many entries, particularly in the broken colour class. The Open Championship was won by the winner of the solid colour class, Scotts Little Diamond handled by Charlotte Leonard with reserve coming from the spotted class, Bali Nelson and Karosel Alamos Perdita.





The Star Seeker classes are also for unregistered and registered horses but horses are not eligible if they have been placed 1st – 2nd at the Royal International Horse Show or 1st – 5th at Horse of the Year Show. There were plenty of entries in these classes with the winners qualifying for the Star Seeker Finals at the Breed Championships where they have the chance to win a place on the BMHS Studbook subject to vetting and measuring.



The champion came from the mares and geldings class 3 years old and over, Looking Glass South West shown by Carole Lindsay and reserve from the open 2 year old class, Oakleigh Twilight Sparkle shown by Moira Oatley.

As always, everyone was made very welcome, with new members showing with the BMHS for the first time really enjoying their day, as did all of us more seasoned campaigners. Thank you, Wendy and Louise at Stretcholt Equestrian Centre for such a warm and friendly atmosphere, and to Debbie Miller for all her hard work as secretary. It was a very successful spring show.