

The Cowichan District Riding Club All Pony Show provided a full, fun and safe day of friendly competition for ponies very small (32 inches tall) to largest allowed (at 58 inches tall). Young (6yrs) and older (70yrs) participating in riding, cart driving, English, Western and halter classes. Three generations of the Mathieson Family (Grandmother, daughter and granddaughter) participated, all riding New Forest Pony *Spa Creek Orange Peel* in a variety of classes! Barrel Racing and Pole Bending, both ridden and driven, finished off the day with spectators cheering everyone on.

Forty- three exhibitors, their families, coaches and supporters from Saanich in the South to Campbell River in the North gathered at the Cowichan Exhibition grounds June 26. Judges Tina Knott and Peter Holmes, both of the Cowichan Valley, brought many years of experience and expertise to their respective roles and provided excellent feedback and insight especially to the many exhibitors who were new to competition. Eighteen volunteers from local Riding and Driving clubs organized and ran the event.

Sponsors and donors made the event possible and provided many wonderful award prizes and two scholarships to deserving participants. Purica, Top Shelf, Buckerfields, Shar Kare, Sweet Meadows, Greenhawk, and Just Sew Embroidery were a few of the key local businesses who continue to provide excellent services and merchandise to the Equestrian Community. Farrier Alex Hamilton provided a bag of treats for every equine. The winner of the Riding School Award received an HCBC First Aid Kit.

Individual class Rosettes were handed out in forty-three classes.

### **Rider/Driver High Point Awards**

Adult – Sarah Lindstein, Victoria,

Junior – Katie Sletmoen, Duncan,

Novice Rider – Mackenzie Lee, Saanich.

### **High Point Pony Awards**

Supreme Champion Halter Pony – Rainbows End Jeaways Ryder, Welsh Pony handler Vicky Johnston

Riding School Pony – TP Cody's Flame, Gem o' the Isle Riding School: Cobble Hill

Very Small Equine Pony – Cherry Pie, Rachel Eldred: Duncan

Small Pony – Minke, Sophie Leamy: Cobble Hill

Large Pony – Tony the Pony, Katie Sletmoen: Duncan

Versatility Pony: Minke, Sophia Leamy: Cobble Hill

Riding School Award: Garry Oaks Meadows – Adrienne Mauriks: Nanoose

**Youth Scholarships:** Katie Sletmoen: Duncan, Max DeNardi: Duncan. Criteria: Youth 10-18 years of age. Based on Sportsmanship and Horsemanship.

### **Special Awards**

Oldest Pony 26yrs old – Cyty Girl, Smallest Pony – Pumpkin Pie, Best Family Pony- Tony the Pony, Best Dressed Pony – Starlights Zara, Best Cared for Pony – Northern Silver Charm, Most Venerable Rider/Driver – Jennifer Brownlow