**Clydesdale Horse Society – Secretary Blog – June 2021**

As it is over a month since we were last in touch in this way I thought that an update would be in order. So here are a list of ‘little snippets’ which I hope will be of some interest.

**2020 Stud Book**

The 2020 Stud Book is now available for sale at £15 per copy (including postage in the UK) . Payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer and our bank details remain as – Bank of Scotland – Sort Code: 80-02-78 and Account number: 00604757, if you would prefer to transfer the funds directly. For postage costs outside the UK please send me an email and I can tell you how much it will cost to post to you.

**2021 Foal Registrations in the UK**

I am happy to report that we have now had a few registrations come in for foals born earlier this year. A reminder that costs for members for foal registration this year are £50 for a colt and £105 for a filly (to include cost of DNA test). For non-members registration rates are £100 and £210, respectively. I am pleased to say that this is the 6th year that I have been Secretary and that with the continuation of the Rare Breed grant we receive from the Horserace Levy Board, it has remained possible for us to hold these charges in place with no increase!

Please note that following Brexit and the new procedures required to send animal ‘hair’ to Europe, DNA tests are taking 4 / 5 weeks to come back from Weatherbys in Republic of Ireland. Hopefully, this time gap may improve with the passage of time.

**Royal Highland Show**

Keep up to date with all the latest about ‘The Highland’ on their website:

[www.royalhighlandshow.org](http://www.royalhighlandshow.org)

A note for your diaries too that the Clydesdale day is 16th June, and you can view the classes and the judging online.

Please don’t turn up unexpectedly on the day – you won’t get in.

**Blair Castle Horse Trials -** [www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk](http://www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk)

Following my last blog Morag Snow (great so see that Morag will be in the Judge team at Blair this year after her recent trials and tribulations) contacted me. Let me just quote from Morag’s email

“Just a note in response to your blog. There is definitely a ridden Clydesdale class at Blair this year and it is open as you rightly say due to lack of qualifiers. However this is NOT the HOYS class as it will be open to all heavy breeds.  I only know this because I  am ride judging the Clyde class, but Carol has another girl riding the HOYS one.   I’m just mentioning as having read your blog I thought it read as if there was just the one class and didn’t want people to be under false expectations. Morag”.

I am so grateful to Morag for clarifying (and correcting) my misunderstanding here and I hope this is helpful to everyone!

**Best of Breed Rosettes**

Last year we invested in a stock of rather nice ‘Best of Breed’ Rosettes which we can supply especially to non-affiliated shows running mixed breed Heavy Horse Classes where the show wants to allocate a small award to the best Clydesdale in their show. Secretaries can contact me for more information about the supply of these.

**Facebook**

In the last month, the numbers following us on Facebook reached the awesome number of 6,000 folks and as I write this today this number has increased to 6,050. Thank you to everyone who follow our page – the success of which is down to you and all those folks who give us features to share.

We are happy to share your Clydesdale news on Facebook so please email (email always preferred) anything you feel others would benefit from us sharing and I am more than happy to process this for you. Features received on any day will usually find their way on to Facebook the next morning.

**Transfers of Ownership**

Following my recent post on Facebook about transfers of ownership I have received a fair number of passports in for updating. Please keep to the law by ensuring that your Clydesdale’s passport is properly registered in your name. The cost of transfer of ownership is £25 reduced to £15 for members of the Society.

**2022 Calendar / Photographs**

I could do with getting some more entries in for our photographic competition to assist with the production of our 2022 Calendar.

In addition to the overall winner, which is sponsored by Shona Harrison in memory of John Zawadzki, there are the following classes this year:-

1. Best picture of a turnout;
2. Best photo of an agricultural cart or ladies cart (prize sponsored by Capt. Jim Anderson);
3. Best Ridden Clydesdale (prize sponsored by Arradoul Clydesdales);
4. Best Clydesdale in the snow;
5. Best 2020 born foal;

There will also be prizes for the best photographs from under 18-year-olds sponsored by Hazel and I . The final deadline date is extended to 30th June 2021 to give time for the 2022 calendar to be created and printed.

A more detailed explanation of the competition was included with the Spring Newsletter which was issued a month or two back.

**2022 World Show**

Last night Hazel and I booked our hotel for the 2022 World Show being held in Aberdeen at the P & J Live from 20th – 23rd October 2022.

The show’s website has been updated so why don’t you have a look and see what’s there on [www.worldclydesdaleshow2022.com](http://www.worldclydesdaleshow2022.com).

I think that’ll do for this month – see you again soon!

**Ian Roy**

**3rd June 2021**