



# Ponies Association (UK)

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## **Davina Whiteman Chairman of Ponies (UK) reports the Best Deal yet for Members.**

The very successful season of summer events for the Associations members appears to be an age ago as your office team has been busily beavering away to ensure that you all have the best opportunities for 2010.

We are confident that this Association will be offering their members simply the best value for the broadest programme available.

Maintaining standards of events at prestigious locations without increasing the cost of membership has been a serious challenge, which the Board decided to support during this difficult financial period which I am sure you all appreciate.

The opportunity to perform individually to music before a capacity crowd of eight thousand people in the magnificent NEC arena is the prize for the Ridden Winter and Summer National Champions, in the finals of the P (UK) Super League 2010. This is the result of the association's policy to encourage showing competitors to display to the public that showing is enjoyable to watch and enjoyed by every level of the rider.

**This is a unique Opportunity only available to P (UK) Members.**

The last chance to qualify will be at the 2010 Winter Northern and Southern Championships. If you have not already qualified, make haste and support the winter qualifiers before you put your animals to bed for the Christmas holidays.

I am excited that by continually highlighting the enormous challenge M & M first ridden jockeys faced to announce that they will now be rewarded with their own RIHS Championship on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

The 20 qualifiers for this will be announced before Christmas. All details are included in the press release published today on the Association's web site [www.poniesuk.org](http://www.poniesuk.org)

Amateur Riders and Home Produced Families will continue to enjoy their own Winter and Summer Pollyanna Championships with new categories for the Confined Novice Championships, plus an exciting Hack National Championship with finals at Newark August 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The Riding Club Masters will continue to develop on Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> at Newark. If your Club is not registered, please badger them to contact the office for details.

Burghley Event Pony Finals will continue at The Land Rover Burghley International Horse Trials, Pony Club Riders will continue to enjoy a final for the Burghley Mini Event Pony.

The Elite Riders programme of appraisals and training will continue through the winter with a showing camp on April 13-15<sup>th</sup> at Laughton Manor, Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

## **P(UK) Young Riders M&M Ridden Championship**

**Owners, Riders & Ponies must be current members of P(UK) before the date of the show in order to compete in these classes.**

Open to Mountain and Moorland Ridden Stallion (Intermediate class only), Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Connemara, Dartmoor, Dales, Exmoor, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh A, B, C and D. All ponies that qualify for the final must have a valid & current JMB Height Certificate. First & second placed competitors in each class at the final must compete in the P (UK) Young Riders M&M Ridden Supreme Championship or their prize monies will be withheld.

**The only ponies eligible to compete in the final are those that have been the highest placed exhibit not already qualified within the first five at one of the qualifying shows, agreed between P(UK) and RIHS**

- ◆ M&M Small Breeds – Mare or gelding 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A or B. Rider not to have attained their 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday before the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year.
- ◆ M&M Large Breeds – Mare or gelding, 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Welsh Section C or D. Rider not to have attained their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday before the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year.
- ◆ Intermediate M&M – Stallion, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old & over Registered in their approved Pure Breed Society stud books of Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fells, Highland, New Forest, Shetland, Welsh Section A, B, C or D. Rider not to have attained their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday before the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the current year. (See Rule 7 of the current P(UK) Rule Book).

### Rule 7 of current P(UK) Rule Book

7. Any pony stallion not exceeding 138cms OR Small Breed Mountain & Moorland Stallions – i.e. Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh A & Welsh B - may NOT be ridden by Juniors who have NOT attained their 12th birthday before 1st January at any show affiliated to Ponies Association (UK). Stallions exceeding 138cms or Large Breed Mountain & Moorland stallions – i.e. Connemara, Dales, Fells, Highlands, New Forest, Welsh Section C & Welsh Section D – may not be ridden by any Juniors who have NOT attained their 14th birthday before 1st January at any show affiliated to Ponies Association (UK)