PONIES SPARKLED IN THE SUNSHINE AT RAHEEN NA GUN FOR THE IRISH PONY SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW 2021

Beautiful sunshine greeted riders, judges and stewards for the Irish Pony Society Summer Show which took place on Saturday 17th in Raheen Na Gun, Kilkenny. This was the first competition back for many riders and they were delighted to see each other with lots of socially distanced greetings and laughter taking place. Ger O'Brien and his team at Raheen Na Gun efficiently built tracks and set up two very inviting courses for the riders and were on hand all day adjusting fences. With over 60 classes to enter there was lots to entertain the spectators. The largest classes of the day were the Connemara and M & M Classes rings with many white manes flowing in the sunshine. Anna Cashman Wyse's Illaunurra Bay ridden by Katie Wyse won the Connemara Working Hunter Championship with the Ridden Championship being presented to Aoife O'Connor's Ballylee Castle Prince ridden by Sadhbh O'Connor.

The mini ponies and riders put on a beautiful display of riding despite the heat with Mini Show Pony Champion won by Mrs Casilda Laird's Brookwater Thumbelina ridden by Max Laird with Mrs Sandra Barnwell's Valmore Reisling ridden by Henry Myers taking the Mini Show Hunter Championship. Encouragingly for the future of breeding in Ireland there were lots of entries in the In-Hand Classes with Mr Jerry Moloney's Breeneybeg Hope taking the In-Hand Championship. Jessica Murphy won the Intermediate Championship riding Mrs Melissa O'Connor's Darcy de Chanteloube and won the Ridden Connemara Championship with Rebel Mick for the same owner.

The Working Hunter track although not to full height was built to encourage all riders to concentrate and position their ponies correctly with judges Mr Peter Molloy and Mrs Paula McCarthy commenting on the standard of riding and the smiles of all the competitors. The Novice Working Hunter Championship was presented to Clare Scott's Goldengrove Juliet ridden by Annarose Scott with Open Working Hunter Championship won by Anne Doyle's Who's Jardin B ridden by Sam Doyle. The Performance Ring was busy all day with lovely little ponies enjoying the jumps in the smaller classes with riders smiling for the photographer John O'Carroll who seemed to know each child by name.

With over 350 entries throughout the day the long awaited Supreme Championship took place as the serious heat was waning. With 17 Champions in the ring the Judges Mrs Carole Adams, Mrs Mary Carter, Mr Nicholas Byrne, Mr Peter Molloy, Mrs Paula Mc Carthy and Mrs Denise Colebrooke deliberated and discussed and finally chose their Supreme Champion to be Aoife O'Connor's Imperial Tide ridden by Sadhbh O'Connor

who had won the Show Hunter Championship earlier that morning. Goldengrove Temptress owned by Aidan Williamson and ridden by Victoria Burns was presented with the Reserve Supreme title.

The IPS would like to thank all who supported the show, the Judges, Stewards and Committee and all the new members who have joined this year, the non-members who experienced IPS for the first time and all its loyal members that travel the country supporting shows and we look forward to two great days at the Championship Show which takes place on the 5th and 6th of August.

Results of the IPS Summer Show - Raheen Na Gun - Saturday 17th of July

Open 133cms Show Hunter, 1st Tara Kellly's Goldengrove Maydream (Charlotte Kelly), 2nd Marjorie Hardiman's Creganna Dancer (Lara Field)

Open 143 cms Show Hunter, 1st Emily Widger's Wycroft Gatsby (Hannah Mackey), 2nd Gillian Torrens's Romano Willow The Wisp (Julia Mulligan), 3nd Marian Judge's Waterglades Admiral Brown (Annarose Scott)

Open 153cms Show Hunter, 1st Aoife O'Connor's Imperial High Tide (Sadhbh O'Connor), 2nd Eileen Furlong's Thistletown Olympia (Eimear Furlong), 3nd Jackie Barden's Kilnaspic Lily (Hazel Barden)

Novice Show Hunter, 1st Emily Widger's Wycroft Gatsby (Hannah Mackey), 2nd Gillian Torrens's Romano Willow The Wisp, 3nd Chloe Lacey's Knightsbridge View (Sadhbh O'Connor), 4th Rebekah Rochowiak's Greannstown Vivendi Girl (Rebekah Rochowiak)

Show Hunter Champion – Imperial High Tide; Reserve Champion – Goldengrove Maydream

Beginner Ridden Show Pony, 1st Casilda Laird's Brookwater Thumbelina (Max Laird), 2nd Laura Burkes's Hazel (Lucy Sayers), 3nd Anne Marie Short's Blueberry (Alex Short), 4th Claire Howard's Tabitha Leanardo (Zoe Howard)

Show Pony First Ridden, 1st Sasha Smith's Firle Golden Eagle (Jessica McAuliffe)

Mini Show Pony Champion – Brookwater Thumbelina; Mini Show Pony Reserve – Firle Golden Eagle 123cms Show Hunter, 1st Aisling Connolly's Wychemia Polly Pocket (Ella Connolly), 2nd Imelda O'Shaughnessy's Littlecourt Jack Sparrow (Isla Coad)

Show Hunter First Ridden, 1st Maeve Kennedy's My Starlight (Andy Kennedy),

Beginner Show Hunter, 1st Sandra Barnwell's Valmore Reisling (Henry Myers), 2nd Aileen Goff's Jasmyne de Sauviat (Nessa Goff), 3nd Zoe Shannon's Tabita Mini Minx (Lennan Moloney), 4th Louise Lyons's Pentrellyd Edward (Robin Lyons Teehan)

Show Hunter Lead Rein, 1st Emiy Widger's Thistledown Gold Medal (Joe Mackey), 2nd Louise Lyons's Woodroyd Go Go Girl (Robin Lyons Teehan), 3nd Imelda O'Shaughnessy's Cwnneudwy Adnod (Nicole O'Shaughnessy), 4nd Caroline Barry's Rookery Sugar Mouse (Charlotte Rose Ferris)

Mini Show Hunter Champion – Valmore Reisling; Mini Show Hunter Reserve – Thistledown Gold Medal

Open 138-148cms Show Pony, 1st Aidan Williamson's Goldengrove Temptress (Victoria Burns), 2nd Tara Kelly's Goldengrove Maydream (Charlotte Kelly), 3nd Gillian Torrens' Highmead To Be Or Not To Be (Rianna Mulligan), 4th Gillian Torrens' Lindeth Tycoon (Julia Mulligan)

Open 128cms Show Pony, 1st Aine Brennan's Goldengrove Sunrise (Aoife Brennan), 2nd Tessa Gunn's Violet Banks Tiger Lilly (Eva Gunn)

Show Pony Champion – Goldengrove Temptress; Show Pony Reserve – Goldengrove Sunrise

Ridden Part-Bred exc 138cms, 1st Aidan Williamson's Goldengrove Temptress (Victoria Burns), 2nd Gillian Torrens' Highmead To Be Or Not To Be (Rianna Mulligan)

Ridden Part-Bred not exc 138cms, 1st Aine Brennan's Goldengrove Sunrise, 2nd Gillian Torrens' Romano Willow The Wisp (Julia Mulligan), 3nd Marian Judge's Waterglades Admiral Brown (Annarose Scott), 4th Chris Horrigan's Creevelea Little Red (Polly Horrigan)

Ridden Part-Bred Lead Rein, 1st Aisling Connolly's Wychenlea Polly Pocket (Sophie Connolly), 2nd Sandra Barnwell's Milly (Elizabeth Myers)

Part-Bred Champion – Goldengrove Sunrise; Part-Bred Reserve – Goldengrove Temptress

Young Handlers, 1st Jerry Moloney's Tyrrellspass Jewels (Holly O'Leary), 2nd Aine Brennan's Goldengrove Sunrise (Aoife Brennan), 3nd Nicola Crosby's Tabita Napoleon (Robyn Crosby Hanley), Joint 4th Claire Howard's Tabitha Leanardo (Zoey Howard), Casilda Laird's Brookwater Thumbelina (Max Laird)

Broodmare Class, 1st Jerry Moloney's Tyrrelspass Jewells, 2nd Jerry Moloney's Lady Venture

Hunter Pony 1,2 and 3 year old, 1st Jerry Moloney's Breeneybeg Hope, 2nd Breid Neill's Wilma Hazy Storm, 3nd Jennifer Staunton's Laheens Shine, 4th Orla O'Dea's Coumbrack Alan

M & M Small Breeds In-Hand, 1st Chanelle Stanford's Ballinacarrig Amelia's Dream, 2nd Carole Farnell's Shroughan Megan

M & M Large Breeds In-Hand, 1st Breid Neill's Wilma Hazy Storm, 2nd Edward Dormer's Budore Junior, 3rd Jennifer Staunton's Laheens Shine, 4th Carole Farnell's Moorland Chardonnay.

In-Hand Champion – Breeneybeg Hope, In- Hand Reserve Champion – Goldengrove Sunrise

Ridden Coloured not exceeding 133cms, 1st Marjorie Haridman's Creganna Dancer (Lara Field), 2nd Paul Deegan'a Ashill Apache (Ella Deegan), 3nd Sasha Smith's Firle Golden Eagle (Jessica McAuliffe).

Ridden Coloured not exceeding 158cms, 1st Anne Doyle's Conflicting Colours (Chloe Doyle)

Coloured Champion – Creganna Dancer; Coloured Reserve Champion – Conflicting Colours

Junior Side Saddle, 1st Lynne Hincks's Hello There (Lauren Hincks)

Senior Side Saddle, 1st Lynne Hinck's Hello There (Lynne Hincks)

Ridden Connemara Rider Under 16 yrs, 1st Melissa O'Connor's Rebel Mick (Jessica Murphy), 2nd Madeline Burns' Hazelrock Infinity (Victoria Burns),

3rd Tara Kelly's Caislin City (Penny Kelly), 4th Emily Widger's Skellorn Prairie Starlight.

Ridden Connemara Rider Over 16 yrs, 1st Sarah-Jane Sinnott's Shambo Rory (Sarah-Jane Sinnott), 2nd Hilary Williamson's Castleside Tom (Lucy Williamson), 3rd Emma Walsh's Thorndale Elizabeth (Emma Walsh).

Novice Ridden Connemara, 1st Madeline Burns' Hazelrock Infinity (Victoria Burns), 2nd Nikola Concannon's Kilnavara May (Kitty Concannon),3rd Aoife O'Connor's Ballylee Castle Prince (Sadhbh O'Connor), 4th Rose Bolger's Dunabbey (Romy Bolger)

Ridden Connemara Champion – Rebel Mick; Ridden Connemara Reserve Champion – Shambo Rory

Open Connemara Working Hunter Rider Under 16 yrs, 1st Marjorie Hardiman's Creganna Belle (Lara Field), 2nd Helena Hennessy Ruane's Clonad Rose (Aoibhinn Ruane), 3nd Yvonne Farrell's Park Fionn (Clodagh McGauran), 4th Avril Hobson's Manusmore Trump (Lucy Keane)

Open Connemara Working Hunter Rider Over 16 yrs, 1st Anna Cashman Wyse's Illaunurra Bay (Katie Wyse) , 2nd Marjorie Hardiman's Creganna Dandini (Marjorie Hardiman)

Novice Connemara Working Hunter, 1st Emma Jane Leggett's Doonreagham Oak (Emma Jane Leggett), 2nd Nikola Concannon's Vinura Buck Buster (Tazmin Murray), 3rd Hannah Horgan's Kimamara Laura (Kate Horgan), 4th Marjorie Hradiman's Creganna Kerfuffle (Lara Field)

Connemara Working Hunter Champion – Illaunurra Bay; Connemara Working Hunter Reserve – Clonad Rose

Mountain & Moorland Lead Rein, 1st Caroline Barry's Rookery Sugar Mouse (Charlotte Rose Ferris), 2nd Orla Whelton's Waxwing Pimms (Stephanie Flemming), 3nd Imelda O'Shaughnessy's Carwgwyn Finality (Nicole O'Shaughnessy)

Mountain & Moorland Beginner First Ridden, 1st Zoe Shannon's Tabita Mini Minx (Lennan Moloney)

Mountain & Moorland First Ridden, 1st Aisling Connolly's Twyford Captain Morgan, 2st Imelda O'Shaughnessy's Carwgwyn Finality (Isla Coad), 3st Tess Gunn's Erwfair Nora (Eva Gunn)

Mountain & Moorland not exc 138cms, 1st Tara Kelly's Goldengrove Maydream (Charlotte Kelly), 2nd Rachel O'Doherty's Clooneen Sile (Helena O'Doherty), 3rd Jenny Curran's Bunbury Suarez (Amira Curran)

Mountain & Moorland exc 138cms, 1st Aoife O'Connor's Ballylee Castle Prince (Sadhbh O'Connor), 2nd Dawn

Thomas' Brenig Mellitgedig (Shane McKenna), 3rd Madeline Burns's Hazelrock Infinity (Victoria Burns) 4th Nikola Concannon's Kilnavara May (Kitty Concannon)

M& M Ridden Champion - Ballylee Castle Prince; M & M Ridden Reserve Champion - Brenig Mellitgedig

M & M Working Hunter not exc 138cms, 1st Avril Hobson's Brimstone Bowman (Lucy Keane), 2nd Aisling Connolly's Twyford Captain Morgan (Ella Connolly), 3nd Maeve Kennedy's Malhem First Edition (Evie Kennedy), 4th Avril Hobson's Tynffnwd Carys (Maccron Keane)

M & M Working Hunter not exc 148 cms, 1st Emma Jane Leggett's Doonreagham Oak (Jessica Murphy), 2nd Lucy Kelly's Rowdown Archer (Ned Kelly), 3nd Marjorie Hardiman's Creganna Dandini (Marjorie Hardiman)

M & M Working Hunter Champion – Brimstone Bowman; M & M Working Hunter Reserve – Twyford Captain Morgan

Working Hunter Lead Rein, 1st Margaret Doolan's Muskerry Rolo (John Doolan), 2nd Louise Lyons's Woodroyd Go Go Girl (Robin Lyons Teehan), 3nd Trish O'Donnell's Belle (Clara O'Donnell), 4th Emily Collins's Kilbreedy Coco (Charlotte Collins).

Beginner Cradle Stakes, 1st Avril Hobson's Tynffrwd Carys (Maccon Keane), 2nd Aileen Goff's Jasmyne de Sauviat (Nessa Goff), 3nd Zoe Shannon's Tabita Mini Minx (Lennan Moloney) 4th Margaret Doolan's Muskerry Rolo (John Doolan)

Open Cradle Stakes, 1st Maeve Kennedy's My Starlight (Andy Kennedy), 2nd Louise Lyons's Pentreloyd Edward (Nancy Lyons Teehan), 3nd Cheryl Cusack's Thierry Henry (Cian Cusack)

Mini Working Hunter Champion – My Starlight; Mini Working Hunter Reserve – Muskerry Rolo Novice Working Starter Stakes, 1st Louise Lyons's Little Dolly (Nancy Lyons Teehan)

Open Working Starter Stakes, 1st Aisling Connolly's Twyford Captain Morgan (Ella Connolly), 2nd Tara Kelly's Delabunga Mandella (Charlotte Kelly), 3nd Clare Green's Horse and Jockey Clasper (Kirsty Greene), 4th Maeve Kennedy's Malhem First Edition (Evie Kennedy)

Open Show Starter Stakes, 1st Jenny Curran's Bunbury Suarez (Amira Curran), 2nd Aine Brennan's Goldengrove Sunrise (Aoife Brennan), 3nd Tessa Gunn's Vioet Tiger Lily (Eva Gunn), 4th Tara Kelly's Delabunga Mandella (Charlotte Kelly).

Starter Stakes Champion – Bunbury Suarez; Reserve Starter Stakes Champion – Twyford Captain Morgan

Intermediate Show Hunter, 1st Melissa O'Connor's Darcy de Chanleloube (Jessica Murphy), 2nd Birol Nadir's Country Strong (Lily Nadir), 3nd Aoife O'Connor's Imperial High Tide (Sadhbh O'Connor)

Intermediate Show Riding Type, 1st Rebekah Rochowiak's Greannstown Vivendi Girl (Rebekah Rochowiak), 2nd Laura Ryan's Lucky Lass Clover (Laura Ryan), 3nd Helena Hennessy Ruane's Redinagh Razzle Dazzle (Aoibhinn Ruane), 4th Fiona Furlong's Brandon Shuna (Shauna Furlong)

Novice 158cms Working Hunter, 1st Melissa O'Connor's Darcy de Chanteloube (Jessica Murphy), 2nd Fiona Fulong's Brandon Shuna (Shauna Furlong),

Open Intermediate Working Hunter, 1st Birol Nadir's Country Strong (Lily Nadir), 2nd Eileen Furlong's Thistletown Rose Royale (Eimear Furlong)

Intermediate Champion – Darcy de Chanteloube; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Country Strong

Novice 153cms Working Hunter, 1st Anna Cashman Wyse's Illamurra Bay (Katie Wyse)

Novice 143cms Working Hunter, 1st Clare Scott's Goldengrove Juliet (Annarose Scott), 2nd Marjorie Hardiman's Creganna Milady (Lara Field), 3nd Anna Doyle's Blessington Black Shadow (Sam Doyle)

Novice 133cms Working Hunter, 1st Cheryl Cusack's Edenmist Bobs Your Uncle Too (Conor Cusack), 2nd Marjorie Hardiman's Creganna Lorenzo (Lara Field), 3nd Grainne Malone's Mr O'Malley (Aileen Malone)

Novice Working Hunter Champion – Goldengrove Juliet; Novice Working Hunter Reserve – Edenmist Bobs Your Uncle Too

Open 133 cms Working Hunter, 1st Lucy Kelly's Tinnacarrig Milo (Ned Kelly), 2nd Avril Hobson's Brimstone Bowman (Lucy Keane), 3nd Cheryl Cusack's Annandale Royal Mint (Conor Cusack), 4th Marjorie Hrdiman's Creganna Dancer (Lara Field)

Open 143 cms Working Hunter, 1st Anne Doyle's Who's Jardin B (Sam Doyle), 2nd Helena Hennessy Ruane's Clonad Rose (Aoibhinn Ruane), 3nd Marjorie Hardiman's Creganna Kerfuffle (Lara Field), 4th Lucy Kelly's Rowdown Archer (Ned Kelly)

Open 153cms Working Hunter, 1st Jackie Barden's Kilnaspic Lily (Hazel Barden), 2nd Emily Widger's Skellorn Prairie Starlight (Emma Mackey), 3nd Eileen Furlong's Thistletown Olympia (Eimear Furlong)

Open Working Hunter Champion – Who's Jardin B; Open Working Hunter Reserve – Clonard Rose

Performance 50cms, 1st Zoe Shannon's Glynsylan Magellan (Lennan Moloney), 2nd Tessa Gunn's Kilvemmon Sir Bob (Eva Gunn), 3nd Avril Hobson's Tynffrwd Carys (Maccon Keane), 4th Lucy Kelly's My Mate Marely (Tristan Kelly)

Performance 60cms, 1st Maeve Kennedy's My Starlight (Andy Kennedy), 2nd Cheryl Cusack's Thierry Henry (Cian Cusack), 3nd Paul Deegan's Aghill Apachy (Ella Deegan), 4th Trish O'Donnell's Willow Wisp (Ellie O'Donnell)

Performance 70cms, 1st Anne Doyle's Conflicting Colours (Chloe Doyle), 2nd Trish O'Donnell's Willow Wisp (Ellie O'Donnell), 3nd Paul Deegan's Ashill Apache (Ella Deegan), 4th Aideen Robinson's Glenellen's Star (Kimear Keogh)

Performance 80cms, 1st Clare Greene's Horse and Jockey Clasper (Kirsty Greene), 2nd Emma Jane Leggett's Doonreaghan Oak (Emma Jane Leggett), 3nd Hannah Horgan's Moona Curragh Ted (Imogen Horgan), 4th Aideen Robinson's Glenellen's Star (Eimear Keogh)

Performance 90cms, 1st Laura Ryan's Lucky Lass Clover (Laura Ryan)

Performance 1mtr, 1st Birol Nadir's Country Strong (Lily Nadir), 2nd Cathy Cooper's Ravensdale Rossi (Ellie Rogan)

Performance 1.10cms, 1st Cathy Cooper's Ravensdale Rossi (Ellie Rogan), 2nd Birol Nadir's Country Strong (Lily Nadir), 3nd Eileen Furlong's Thistletown Rose Royale (Eimear Furlong)

Performance Champion - Ravensdale Rossi; Performance Reserve Champion - Country Strong

Supreme Champion of Show – Aoife O'Connor's Imperial High Tide. Rider: Sadhbh O'Connor

Reserve Supreme of Show -Aidan Williamson's Goldengrove Temptress. Rider: Victoria Burns