DBS NI Regional Report

Another summer has all but passed, Covid unfortunately still dictating how and when people can gather which has sadly effected the region once again.

On a positive note The Whip and Collar club managed to run its spectacular show on Saturday the 3rd July at the Meadows. The regions members didn’t need to be asked twice an quickly filled the show ring with exhibits to be proud off once again.

When finally we thought we had nailed down Cultra Donkey weekend and everything prepared unfortunately the weather struck and the event had to be postponed due to dangerous ground conditions however Cultra are keen for the society to return at a later date.

Jill Castles turns out to be the regions Queen of inspiration when it comes to ideas of what to do with your donkey. What else would you do on a hot summer day but take not one but three donkeys down to the beach for a dip!

Balmoral show this year is set for full steam ahead and with all new donkey classes in September. A good entry for Scottish judge Robert Cunningham are being reported and hears hoping the weather holds.

🏆 The Julie Donnell Memorial Trophy🏆

Some committee met with the late Julie’s family who presented the DBS NI Region with the beautiful trophy pictured below. Julie’s love for donkeys in particular her mare Dolly was unquestionable. Julie once said Dolly provided her with an escape from the stress of work hours of grooming provided stress relief and in return Dolly had a gleaming coat. While Julie supported many shows she also promoted donkeys in her own quiet way attending many community events and generally taking Dolly out to different public places. The trophy kindly donated by Julie’s family will be awarded at the annual AGM to a member of the DBS NI region who in the eyes of the committee is following in Julie’s footsteps promoting donkeys to the public in their own little way. Julie was a great friend to us all and we all miss her. Pictured below is Dolly with Julie’s niece Emily and nephew Samuel.

Unfortunately another great follower of the region passed this week. Willy Doran father of Sinead was a keen supporter of all his family done and achieved with the donkeys an the region wishes to pass on its condolences and support at this difficult time.

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