



Premier Groom 2008 FULL REPORT

Doors opened at 8:30am for registration and the competition began with pre judging at 9am. Some very nervous competitors soon settled into their stride helped by the very warm welcome from the Groom Team England committee and they were soon put at ease by the friendly and professional manner of the judges.

Joanne Angus, Groom Team Co-ordinator, gave an opening speech thanking all the sponsors, competitors and judges and everyone else concerned for their generous donations towards all areas of the competition. Joanne also gave a brief outline of what to expect throughout the day.

The first class started at 9:30am with a frenzy of clippers and scissors and the judges observed all the competitors closely looking for style and technique and also handling skills. At the end of the competition time, after much deliberation, the judges announced their top three choices of competitors from each class but in no particular order.

After a welcome break for lunch pre judging for the afternoon competition began at 1pm followed by another tense and exciting couple of hours. During the judging of these classes, the raffle was drawn and the winners of the silent auction and the programme draw were announced. The judges then decided, in random order, the top three competitors from each class.

Also, throughout the day there were various seminars and demonstrations expertly managed by Diana North. These sessions proved extremely popular with rooms full to overflowing in all cases. The trade stands were busy all day with people spending their hard earned money and taking advantage of the available expertise.

At 4:30pm the three successful competitors from each class took centre stage in the arena to be presented with their prizes and to pose for official photographs. At 5pm, to the sound of the James Bond music, the judges were re-introduced and presented with their commemorative awards. They then observed the five class winners entering the ring individually to rapturous applause from the audience. The tension really began to build as the judges deliberated their choice for Best in Show to the sounds of Goldfinger!

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Finally the judges reached their decision. They had one final walk along the line up and as the Space Odyssey 2001 theme music reached its' climax

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Groom Team England and Red Cape would again like to thank all those who contributed to the competition and to the many people who gave up their weekend to help ensure the smooth running of the day and also huge congratulations to [Click here for Best in Show](#)



Groom Team England look forward to seeing everyone at the next Premier Groom in August 2009. Please see the website for more information www.groomteamengland.com
