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This year's annual grading and show took place once more at the College EC at Keysoe. Once again Patsy and Simon Bates went the extra mile for the show and provided first-rate facilities.

Although the showing entries were down on last year the grading entries were up to last year's level with some cracking mares forward. Out of 20 mares forward the two German visiting judges; Prof Geriet Mueller, Fr Wiebke Rosenthal assisted by English society judges Mr Paul Attew and Mrs Janet Lorch-Scollay were able to select three premium mares. These were Holme Grove Fiji, a nine year old sports mare by Holme Grove Solomon who went on to become champion of the grading, Anna Koch's Venedis a 4yo Sauvignon daughter and Offerte by King Arthur, the youngest of the bunch at 3 and owned by Godington Stud. All 20 mares forward were successful in their grading.

Erhart Schulte and Lady Victoria von Wachter took over the judging of the mare Performance Test assisted by young international Izzy Taylor in the ridden phase. Success at this procedure is a necessity for any Premium mare to be confirmed in her premium status. All the mares forward were German bred and all were successful with Venedis confirming her premium on the day whilst State Premium mare Prettiness (by Van Deyk) owned by Godington Stud confirmed her breed society premium along with Woodcroft Stud's Diore by Chronist who put up a stunning show to become Performance Test Champion .

The showing classes on Sunday were disappointingly small except for the foal classes. In these the young stallion Contis stationed at Godington Stud had no less than three out of the four Champion foal contenders. In the end the foal Championship went to Holme Grove Kiribati, an exquisite little daughter of Prokoviev who charmed the judges leaving the Contis son Woodwalton Falgrove Conduit owned by Irene Beech as Reserve. Kiribati went on to take the reserve supreme championship.

Erhard Schulte and Izzy Taylor brought in Holme Park Kaskade as Champion riding horse, which came as no surprise given that Kaskade is selected for the international squad . Khloe Klassische, owned by the Paynes was a last minute replacement well worth the trouble, coming in at reserve champion in the riding horse classes.

Holme Park Lucy owned by Claire Moore took the young stock Championship with Michelle Dawson's Woodcroft Kristabelle taking the reserve.

The top honours of the day went to the impressive Diore, Champion of her Performance Test and Supreme Champion of the Show.