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ACPS Region I Newsletter



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Equine Affaire 2010

by Janet Chayes

Connemaras were again showcased in fine fashion by Region I at the country's biggest Equine Affaire Nov. 11-14, 2010 in West Springfield, Mass. Thousands of people were introduced to or learned more about the breed by:

- ♣ visiting our Booth in the Breed Pavilion and admiring one of several very personable ponies who rotated throughout the event in the adjacent stall;
- ♣ visiting three ponies stabled in the public Horse & Farm Exhibits (C Barn);
- ♣ watching our Breed Demo on Saturday in the venue's biggest arena;
- ♣ watching Connemaras in two jumping clinics

by Olympic veteran Denny Emerson; and
♣ chatting with our enthusiastic volunteers staffing the booth or showing their ponies.

The booth was the best ever due to the addition of the WEG display board and table arrangement which encouraged folks to peruse an array of photos with captions of our ponies in star performance mode and being adorable best friends. The big screen TV showed continuous Connemara videos – including our Breed Demo right after it occurred (thanks to our high-tech photographer Suzanne Antilla)! A new poster of Maine's Holly Rutland and *Dain's Shanchie* performing 4th level dressage complemented a

Patrick Owen and owner Mattie Burns greet booth visitors.



poster of Irish jumping star *Ballyowen Maybelle Molly*. We distributed sales and stallion literature, membership forms, booklets from WEG and fancy brochures from the Irish Connemara Society.

Our **Breed Demo** riders and ponies were excel-

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...FROM THE CHAIR

Amy Plavin, DVM

2010 was a great year for Region I and 2011 should prove to be just as great! We start off our year with a "welcome spring" tea on March 6 at the McCluskey's farm in MA.

The tea is always a wonderful outing where Connemara folks from all over come together, talk ponies and eat delicious food. I strongly encourage new members to make the effort to attend—sometimes it's easier to meet everyone when you're not hanging onto a horse!

I will bring the World Equestrian Games DVD featuring our Connemara ponies as well as some great footage of the eventing cross-country and combined driving. Both have only been shown at the national meeting thus far, so this is your chance to see them.

When you come, please bring any ideas you have for the Region. Anyone know about clinicians that will be in New England this season? One thing we would love to hold is an organized trail ride somewhere...any ideas where this could be held?

Field Day is in the works; we have a date of May 8. Our clinician this year is Sarah McRae and the topic is developing *Your Road Map to Success with Your Horse*. Sarah will work with you on developing personal goals. Riders will set goals for the day and achieve them.

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lent – and featured three teenage riders:

Catskill Keiran (age 9) owned and ridden by Katie Reuther of Vermont

Patrick Owen (age 22) owned and ridden by Matti Burns of Massachusetts

HMF Darby O'Day (age 5) owned by Hidden Meadow Farm's Cindy Fletcher and ridden by Kaitlyn Sprately of New York.

The lovely and very accomplished **Dressage Team** was:

Eight year-old **Windy Hollow Modern Millie** owned by Amy Plavin and ridden by Amy Halley of Vermont, showing their 2nd level skills with complete composure.

Greystones Stallion **Adirondack A'Herne** (age 17) was driven by owner, Cindy Fletcher and as always Harry never missed a beat.

Watch the demo online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mV-5LFL1DYI>. Another delightful video was made by Matti Burns' mom Nancy: <http://sharing.theflip.com/session/dad889e49af3caa6fb7977443a9a0f62/video/33812481>.

Pony ambassadors in the breed booth stall included four of the demo stars: **Catskill Keiran**,

Splash shares a special moment while Joe Winkler (in apt green cap) looks on



REGION I CHAIR cont.

Things like; conquering nerves on the flat or over fences, breathing exercises to calm the rider (and thus the horse), and the power of positive thinking. This is a perfect seminar for all and I can't think of any of us who wouldn't benefit from this clinic. The location is as yet undetermined but stay tuned.

Patrick Owen, **HMF Darby O'Day**, and **Harry**. Plus my **Good Earth Erin Waterfall** (Splash) and **South Ridge Aiobhinn** owned by Bernice Sullivan and family. This cute buckskin relished his new assignment as much as his adoring family liked showing him off to the onlookers.

2011 Calendars, described as "truly wonderful and delightful" by Betsy Ervin of PA, are for sale! Just \$12 each; discounts and even gift-wrapping available! Contact me, Janet Chayes, at janet@chayes.org or (413) 369-4697. Calendar sales provide most of the funds required for our participation in Equine Affaire. This year it was produced by a team from Region I: Joanne McCluskey helping me secure photo ads, Toni Card doing layout and Suzanne Antilla securing top-notch printing again.

A brochure in a stunning new design by our New Hampshire wiz Hannah

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Speaking of dates I hope everyone has seen our wonderful new brochure put together by our newsletter editor, Hannah Howard. It has all the dates for 2011 in it.

Keep warm, throw your ponies some extra hay and I'll see everyone on March 6th to welcome spring! 🍀



Left: Bernice Sullivan & daughter Nora; Lois Kessler, 2nd from right

To ALL Region I Equine Affaire Workers!

WOW! What a great job Region I did with this year's ACPS booth! It was stunning. Such creativity, all your hard work showed! I loved reading all the educational materials. It was fascinating to read what the Region envisioned and had accomplished.

It was especially exciting for me to read about the Holly Rutland/Dain's Seanachie poster, since *Nachie* is out of Stonybrook Bailiwick and our, now deceased, junior stallion, *Kingstown Joe*. I visit Holly and *Nachie* every summer when in Maine. I've been on hand to see them working hard with their trainer. I would love to have one of the Holly/*Nachie* posters if they are available to the public, and also, one of your 2011 calendars!

It was delightful to see that Connemaras and their riders were in the jumping clinic with Denny Emerson. Years ago, our daughter, Lee Webster and her Connemara halfbred worked with Denny. Having been a team for almost five years, it was heartbreaking for Lee when *Shannon's Dandy Boy* colicked and had to be euthanized several months prior to the California Young Rider Eventing Selection Trials began. It was Derek DiGrazia and Denny Emerson that jumped in to help Lee locate a viable candidate so that she could "follow her dream"—and she did, as a member of the California Young Rider Event Team!

Special kudos to Holly and *Nachie* for being such great ambassadors for the Connemara Breed. Again, congratulations on a job well-done and thank you to those who gave their time to support Equine Affaire this year by being present "on site" and participating in the breed demonstrations!

—Joanie Webster



Howard is an ACPS recruitment tool with contact info for Region's I and II. It also lists dates and info for all Region I events in 2011. Take a look on the web: <http://acps.org/news/PDFs/reg1/ConnemaraEABro2010.pdf> and bookmark it to easily find dates. Lots of printed ones are also available; if you can distribute any at your barn, tack shop, lesson facility, etc, please contact me: janet@chayes.org.

Sincere thanks to all who helped make this year's Equine Affaire effort possible including:

Set-up: Helena Ragone, Lyn Chatham, Joanne McCluskey & daughter Lenore, Janet Chayes

Take-down: Amy Plavin, Joanne McCluskey, Lois Kessler, Diane Bevan, Lin Reuther, Janet Chayes

Before & after photos, copying, design & moral support: Suzanne Antilla & Lyn Chatham

Support for Team Harry & Cindy in C Barn: Jane & Lauren DeSantis

Those staffing the booth (& we needed more of you!). And everyone else inadvertently omitted! 🍀

NOTICE! PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE MISTAKES IN THIS PUBLICATION – WE PUT THEM THERE JUST TO SATISFY THOSE WHO MAKE IT THEIR JOB TO FIND THEM!



Katie Reuther & Keiran did a great job in the Denny Emerson clinic at Equine Affaire.

Trum-Searah Farm

Connemara's and Connemara crosses were on display in C-barn stalls 25-27. Trum-Searah Farm is located at 305 and 500 Ravine Rd. in New Braintree Massachusetts. Many C-barn visitors were attracted to the end stall display (see photo below) that promoted not only Trum-Searah Farm but the Connemara breed. Raymond Searah, Lisa Morrissey or Kathy Trum-Searah were on hand to talk to visitors and hand out flyers promoting the breed and crosses. Lisa and Kathy also volunteered at the Conne-

mara booth in the breed pavilion.

Lisa owns *Searah's Ginger Snap* (Valley Creek Angileri x Wild Acres Grace O'Malley). She will be becoming very involved in the farm's future (Engaged to Raymond) and a student at UMASS Stockbridge Amherst in the Equine program. Lisa was asked to intern for a semester with the Friesian of Majesty in VT. She will be schooled in dressage, carriage driving, barn management, A.I. and embryo transfer. —Congratulations to her!!! ♣

NOTE: The date for the Connemara Tea has changed to March 6, 2011
See page 8



DID YOU KNOW?
Here is a really great idea from Liz Platais. To help your blanket repair job last longer and help to maintain waterproofing in the bargain. Stitch up the tear with a sharp leather or upholstery needle and use heavy duty button thread. Even better—use waxed leather repair thread. Then seal the seam with GO-RILLA GLUE. Let dry. The glue will bubble up and completely seal the tear. It really works!

Save the Date!

The ACPS has planned a fun filled Annual Meeting weekend for you and your family right here in New England!

2011 ACPS Annual Meeting September 15,16,17,18

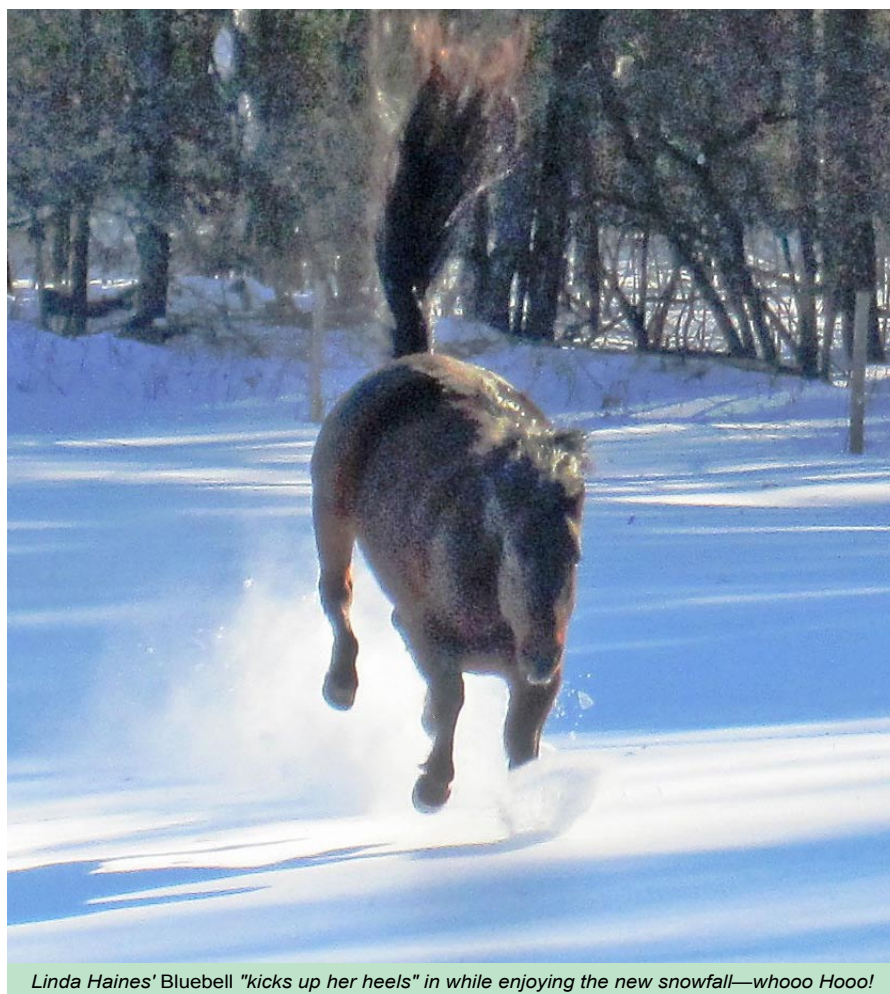
In addition to the Annual Meeting there will be a USEF judges clinic, a training clinic with Terri McClure at Bantry Bay Farm, a special Saturday night silent auction and a New England Clam Bake to be followed by the ACPS Awards presentations. In addition, a Sunday picnic at to River Road Farm will provide more fun educational opportunities.

A "Family Track" is planned for those traveling with you who might enjoy exploring Boston's historic Freedom trail, taking a Duck Tour of the city, riding the harbor ferries, or exploring the JFK and other museums. The hotel provides a free shuttle to the MBTA commuter rail.

**Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA
978-263-8701**

Early Meeting Registration Fee \$99. and Early Hotel room Rate \$99 (3rd and 4th person \$10 extra). Questions: Contact Liz platais 978-369-4380/2491. For more information on the New England ACPS Annual Meeting, go to www.acps.org. Need a reason? See page 10. ♣

**Put the 2011 Breed Show Dates on Your
Calendar...July 30 & 31**



Linda Haines' Bluebell "kicks up her heels" in while enjoying the new snowfall—whooo Hooo!

ACPS Region I Kessler Memorial Scholarship

*by Joanne McCluskey, ACPS Region I
Scholarship Committee*

The ACPS Region I Kessler Memorial Scholarship was started with funds contributed by Lois Kessler in memory of her late husband, Jack Kessler. The couple had been longtime supporters of the Connemara breed and the American Connemara Society.

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage the participation of Region I members and their Connemara ponies in activities that will increase the education of participating members, and through them, the education of the entire organization, while introducing the Connemara into a wider sphere of equine activities, thus promoting the Connemara breed.

Requirements:

- Both rider and owner must be current Region I members of the ACPS. Include copies of their membership card with the application.
- The purebred or halfbred Connemara must be registered with the ACPS and its registration number must be on the application form.
- Applicants must have volunteered their time for at least one Region I event within the 12 months prior the application due date.
- Recipients of a scholarship award agree to share the knowledge of their learning experience with other Region I Connemara members by writing an article for Region I Bits & Pieces Newsletter within 6 months of the activity.
- Applicants receiving an award from this scholarship are eligible to re-apply one year from receipt of previous award.
- Juniors must be 18 years old or younger. Adults are 19 years old or older.

Applications for 2011 must be received by April 1st 2011. (See page 15) You may use a separate piece of paper to describe how you plan to use the scholarship award. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Send to: Joanne McCluskey, 175 Warner Street, Belchertown, MA 01007 ♣

Regarding the Beryl Eddy trophy

It was not donated by Bill but by her friends in the Catamount riding club in our area. Sue Houle made a lot of the arrangements and the club donated most or all of the money for it. Bill has been very generous to the trail class so I don't want to detract from that but wanted to give the club credit too.

I was a close friend and riding buddy of Beryl and judged the class for a number of years. I still have a Connemara and a half bred. My husband is not well (alzheimers) so I have not been able to be active lately.

—Judy Thompson

The Gift of Giving

by Bette Fredrickson

Usually after the region I show I sit down and write thank you notes to all the sponsors who have helped to support our show financially. —and I will. Without them, there would be no show. To those wonderful people we thank you very much.

At this time of year I am prompted to want to thank everyone. So many unsung have volunteered their time at the show or field day. Those that spend endless hours scribing for the dressage judge, getting ponies into the hunt course in order, getting refreshments to the judges, runners, ringmasters, ribbon presenters and I could go on and on. The ribbons and trophies don't just appear out of thin air. The show program—it speaks for itself. Perhaps you have driven several hours to be part of the Connemara gathering or brought a pony or two to the show. Think what goes into planning and carrying out such a fabulous weekend—food included. When you donate an item to the auction you benefit by giving, someone goes home with something they wanted and the money goes to support the region. Support? I can only mention a few of the activities that our members volunteer for.

All year we email each other, try to help people who are looking for ponies, celebrate accomplishments, deal with losses and generally truly care about one another and ones ponies.

So you are a special bunch of people and I want to say THANK YOU and may your New Year be a happy and healthy one!



TOP TEN WAYS to get ready for the next Region I Connemara Breed Show

1. Get the new dates, July 30 and 31, on your 2011 Calendars—your work calendar, kitchen calendar, barn calendar and your personal planner.
2. Plan your B&B or other accommodations, the Woodstock area is so popular in the summer, it's good to nail down a place to stay early.
3. Line up your friends and relatives to help. It is a fun way to spend a weekend and we can all use some extra help.
4. Start a small savings account to cover cost for the whole show weekend. It's expensive when you write the check for entry fees, stalls, and the banquet. If you leave it to the deadline for entering, it can hurt and you might sign up for less than you wanted to do. We want to include everyone for the banquet dinner, it's our social connection and of course everyone needs to be part of the silent auction.
5. Use the long winter to practice your in hand techniques. Set up your pony, have him walk and trot willingly at your side.
6. Add some bomb-proofing skills to get ready for trail class. Wendy Warner has agreed to take over the design and set up for Trail. She plans to continue the versatile nature of the class.
7. Take time to learn the new dressage tests for 2011. Dressage training is of value for all ponies, take the plunge and ride a dressage test if you haven't done it before.
8. Brush up on the etiquette and attire for each discipline you will ride. Know when it's ok to use a dropped noseband or not?
9. Plan for the silent auction. What can you put in the auction?
10. Work on your ideas for the costume class. The sky is the limit and it is fun to see those dragons and deer slayers. There is a faction of our members who think the costume class is the show.

Inspections

What are they and why should I have my pony inspected?

courtesy of the ACPS website

Connemara ponies were first brought to the United States in the 1950's, primarily as children's riding ponies. The American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS) was formed in 1956. For the first years members of the newly formed ACPS acted as Inspectors and conducted inspections. But, with a growing population of Connemaras, and a vast country, the practice was slowly abandoned. Then, in 1988 an event that would provide the impetus for renewing inspections in the U.S. occurred.

The International Committee of Connemara Pony Societies, (ICCPS), was founded during a meeting of Overseas Societies in Clifden, Ireland. The CPBS was given a mandate to draft proposals for a set of International Rules governing all recognized Connemara Pony societies. The objective was to encourage continued positive development of this ancient breed without losing sight of its remarkable, hardy, native characteristics. In 1990, an ACPS Inspection Committee was formed and began working on the development of inspection policies and procedures. Sound inspection policies evolved, utilizing the input of literally dozens of people, meeting dozens of times. It was hoped that by maintaining and working through an Inspection Program, breeders would be encouraged and educated, and the ACPS would better ensure the accurate identification and preservation of the Connemara breed type in America.

The first U.S. inspections were conducted by the president of the CPBS, Eamonn Hammon and his colleague, Dermot Power. American inspectors acted as team members, learning how the Irish inspectors evaluated ponies, and sharing ideas of how best to communicate the need for an honest appraisal of breeding stock. In 2001, it was decided to establish an ACPS Stud Book listing inspected and approved ponies, separate from the ACPS Registry. This "two-tiered" system thus brought the ACPS closer to meeting all of the criteria for Approved membership status in the ICCPS. By 2004, a Stud Book composed of only inspected and approved ponies had been established. The ACPS Board of Governors also approved the following policy regarding registrations and inspections:

"All purebred Connemaras in the United States are eligible to be entered in the ACPS Registry. Purebred Connemara mares and stallions which have been inspected and approved will be entered in the ACPS Stud Book."

Thus, the Stud Book is composed of approved, registered stallions and mares, and the Registry accommodates foals before inspection, geldings and non-Stud Book mares and stallions. A very important part of the policy, one that takes

into account the probability that there will be ponies who can't practically be inspected, is:

"If an unapproved (or uninspected) mare or stallion produces offspring, that offspring will be eligible for inspection. If the offspring is approved at inspection that offspring would then be included in the stud book."

Another important provision is that ponies may be officially measured at 2 years of age by a licensed equine veterinarian. At any time, pony owners may then submit with their application for inspection, a signed affidavit of the two-year-old measurement. This provision was added since many ponies are not inspected until they are 3, 4, 5 or older.

In 2004, with these policies established, the ACPS requested Approved status in the ICCPS. In September 2005 the ACPS was granted Approved membership status in the ICCPS.



Thus, individuals who have a pony approved at an inspection in the United States and is sold to a new owner abroad, may go directly into any ICCPS country's Stud Book, thus facilitating sales to other countries. Ponies who are not inspected or not approved may still be registered with the ACPS and can be bred. Their offspring are fully eligible for inspection and, if approved, would be included in the Stud Book.

Eligibility for Inspection

All Connemaras, domestic or imported, with an ACPS Temporary Foal Certificate (TFC) or ACPS permanent registration are eligible for inspection. Connemaras presented for ACPS inspection should conform in type and conformation to the ACPS/ICCPS breed standard. The minimum age for eligible ponies is two-years-old. It is recommended that stallions be at least three-years-old. Owners of mature ponies who measure over 148 cm, or 14.2 ¼ hh, should, if possible, have credible proof of the pony's height at age two. It is generally accepted that an over height Connemara who is "pony type" in every other way, (conforming to the ICCPS and ACPS breed standard), may have been 14.2 ¼ hh, or under, at age two, and is therefore eligible for inspection. ♣

Members Pages

Paradox Update...

I have my hands full with three good mares and one very sweet yearling. *Paradox Cricket* is my riding pony this year and will be stepping up to some beginner dressage at 4.0 Farm in Stratham. Her dam, *Tower Hill's Carmody*, was too spooky to be a lesson pony in Sanbornton NH, so she is home bossing *Breeze* around or trailering to 4.0 farm to ride or hacking at home. *Tower Hill's Breeze* is in foal, on a diet, and finds a bareback stroll is enough work at this time. *Paradox Presto* (18 months) is a big and exceptionally sweet gelding who is very good at his rope halter work. Of course his friend *Celtic Blue Moon* is a great distraction for him as well!

Sally Oxnard
Paradox Connemaras, Exeter, NH



Sally on a portly Tower Hill's Breeze- 7 months in foal (can you visualize a foal the size of a beagle in there??)

Join Us for the 2011 Annual Region 1
CONNEMARA TEA
March 6, 2011 10 am to 2 pm

Meet region members and make new friends! Bring your photos, videos, and stories about your Connemaras...*we never tire of hearing about them!*
(RSVP appreciated, Please call or email me if you are coming, if there's something you'd like to discuss, and if you can bring something for the brunch)

Directions: We're just off Rt 9 in Belchertown. NOTE: Go 1 mile on Warner Rd and take the **first left** onto Blue Manor Drive, the 5th house on the right. Look for balloons. (GPS may not see we are on a private drive OFF Warner St.). Looking forward to seeing you all!

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I Made it, I Made it...

Nex year will be a blast—Thanks everyone!

This past year I baffled even myself. How was it possible that I managed to get myself into the situations I got into and injure as many parts of my body that I did? Even so, I was determined to make it to the annual show despite my limitations. Before the show, I had been able to get on a pony and walk/trot for short times for maybe three weeks. But I had to have help getting on and off my mare *Emma*. At the show Kerry Page rode *Emma* beautifully and won every class she took her in. I did try to manage showing my 2 1/2 yr old in hand.

When I got home, slept a few days, then I made a goal. One that I thought was obtainable but a long shot; to show at GMHA's fall dressage show in October. (cantering was not an option for my body). I took *Emma* to my favorite place, Kearsarge Meadows, to work on my walk trot dressage tests. I worked on all the little things that make a difference. Of course my wonderful positive, patient instructor, Kimberley Brown Edelmann, helped a lot.

At GMHA, I needed that feeling of home so I booked a room at Hyacinth House. The weather report was for freezing temperatures—I was not ecstatic since my rides were very early. When it came time to mount the temp *freezing* (33°)! My physical therapist had recommended I wear a Therma Care lower back heat pack to keep my core warm. I did and it really helped. I turned on the electricity on the TENS unit to my right shoulder and headed out to warm (ha ha ha) up.

In the end, was I pleased? Did I reach my Goal? Yes! Though it was only an Intro level test it was what I could do. I battled the cold when I would have preferred to be at home and WARM! I only forgot one movement in one test, but I got two 8's in another test for my center lines. It was confirmed that *Emma* still doesn't like those cows. But w walked away with two first place ribbons (A+B) and two second (A+B). Our scores were from a low of 59% (when my mind fogged up) to a 65.5%.

I did it.....and that was the goal!

Bette Fredrickson

Horses accompany you through life
without ever saying, "I can't be bothered."
—unkown

Janet Chayes of Conway, MA received the following...

"I'm a Connemara enthusiast from Alabama. In October I will be travelling up to Maine to visit family and am always eager to see if there are any Connemara people I can visit on my trips. I'd very much like to visit you and see Splash (Good Earth Erin Waterfall). I had admired her when Sarah Booher had her for sale years ago."

So Kelly came with her two daughters (and her parents!) and we had a delightful visit. *Splash* clearly knew this was something special. Older daughter Mariah is on board in the photo.

Later Kelly sent this note:

"You and Splash really made our day! Thank you so much for sharing her with us for a little while. She is a beautiful mare and I wish I could have a carbon copy of her!"

Kelly Windus



The 2010 USEA
Area I awarded
Lauren Ochs and
Bantry Bay's Kenny
a 1st place Year End
Award in the Training
Adult Amateur Div-
ision & the Training
Open Senior Division.

Members Pages

Classifieds

PONY WANTED

Intermediate senior woman (5'6") looking for sound and safe Connemara or X gelding for life partner. Will provide a wonderful Connemara home on 36 acres in Massachusetts. Husband also rides. We trail ride right off the farm, enjoy low level eventing, dressage and fox hunting. Have x-ctry jumping field and outdoor ring. Contact: 1-413-774-7780 or bwal44@verizon.

TACK FOR SALE

Used Jaguar XKC Dressage Saddle: Excellent condition – wiped down after every ride & stored with cover daily. Black, 17" seat, MW tree, buffalo leather (extremely soft and grippy), superb quality, deep seat, wool flocked, long billets. Asking \$2200 or BO (retails new for \$3,400).

Klimke Miller Dressage Saddle: slightly used, like new, always stored with cover. Black 17.5 inch seat, W tree, wool flocked, long billets. Asking \$900 or best offer.

Vespucci Raised Figure Eight Bridle: Like new. Horse size, brown, padded figure eight noseband. Leather behind the cheek rings protects against rubs/pinching. Oblong shaped rings hold noseband in place and helps distribute pressure. Asking \$180 or best offer (retails new for \$245).

Contact Kari VanOstrand @ bebaanne@hotmail.com or 860-933-1692.

Last minute addition:

?Why Come to the ACPS Meeting ?

by Sally Oxnard

Some of you may not already have the dates for the ACPS Annual Meeting in Boxborough MA. carved in stone in your calendars yet, so I am hoping to entice you to come. There are many reasons:

1. Meet your fellow "Connemara crazy colleagues" from more remote parts.
2. Listen to the deliberations of the ACPS Board of Governors.
3. Come to Bantry Bay Farm for a **USEF Connemara judges clinic** to learn how they judge our ponies at recognized shows.
4. **ALSO** come to Bantry Bay Farm for some other yet to be booked activity— suggestions??
5. Do not miss out on the famed **Silent Auction** for the ACPS; much bigger and better than at the Region I Show. (i.e., Summer weeks on the Maine coast or weekend getaways in Napa Valley or the Blue Ridge in VA).
6. Wait with bated breath at the **Awards Banquet** to see who wins the **ACPS Hall of Fame Awards for 2011**: Performance Stallion, Foundation Stallion, Broodmare of the Year, Halfbred of the Year, Performance Mare or Gelding Award, and Connemara of the Year. Maybe it's time for Region I ponies to win—if you nominate them that is!

The final reason to come is to chip in and help provide a great time for the ACPS folks from around the country who are coming to meet you and to see this wonderful corner of the country. The dates are Sept 16,17, and 18. Detailed agenda to follow.

Here are some photos from Rachael and David Richmond of Clary Connemaras in Jefferson, Maine. They have a small breeding program standing ACPS Woodchuck Ridge's Kirby Brown with two ACPS mares, RMF Irish Moonlight and Barleycorn. Clary Connemaras also have several halfbreds in their lesson program. Grey pony over log: Woodchuck Ridge's Kirby Brown in his first outing at Claybrook Horse Trials in Turner, Maine. Wendy Warner riding. Buckskin and little girl: Clary's Penuche Fudge as a yearling and Olivia Richmond, age 8 (at the time). Bay over fence: Moss, a halfbred gelding, with Kay Hanson schooling during a Pony Club meeting



**THE ACPS REGION 1
KESSLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2011 Application Form**

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE COPIES OF BOTH RIDER & OWNER MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Pony's Registered Name _____
Reg. # _____
Rider's Name _____
Age _____
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Owner's Name (if different than rider) _____

Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Describe the activity for which you will use the scholarship and how you will share the knowledge gained with other ACPS Region 1 members. (Knowledge must be shared within 6 months of completing the award activity)

List activities in which you or your pony has participated in that contribute to the goals of the ACPS. (Consider competitive and non-competitive events, volunteer activities for the ACPS, etc.)
