

Connemara Connection



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This season Fall for a Connemara!



2011 Annual Meeting

A Great Success!

I hope you all had a great Summer with you ponies and are able to enjoy some Fall riding! As the leaves change it reminds us that winter is approaching & that we better enjoy all the nice days riding we can!

This September I attended my first ACPS Annual Meeting. Region I did a wonderful job hosting the event in Boxborough, MA. There was a very educational speaker on Melanoma research, meetings of various committees, a great dinner at an Irish Pub, an Awards Banquet, and a visit to Bantry Bay Farm with a talk on Connemara Type given By Sarah McCrae and other National Inspectors.

The Region chairs met to discuss concerns and issues through the country. One topic discussed was member involvement especially for junior members. There are great scholarships being offered annually (and possibly semi-annually in the future) for junior connemara riders- they just need to apply! So encourage any young members you know to become active!

The Awards Banquet was quite a success for Region II this year!! Check out the photos on following pages to see some of our regions honored ponies. All in all the ponies in our region were greatly recognized and represented and Region I hosted an excellent lobster dinner!

The trip to Bantry Bay Farm was wonderful and very informative on Connemara Type. There were some gorgeous ponies there and it was great to see how different full siblings can look! Something every small breeder should consider- the variation of possible outcomes when breeding. There were some outstanding examples of connemara type!

Overall the meeting was a very positive experience. Members of Region II that attended the meeting were: Heather White, Pat Norton-White, Ginny Winkler, Joe Winkler, Pam Liddell, and Melanie Trimper. Cindy and Gene Fletcher, Carol Kozlowski, and Mary Lou Thall attended the awards banquet (If I am forgetting anyone- I apologize!). The next meeting is in Cincinnati Ohio for Governors & Chairs in January at the USEF Annual Meeting.

As winter approaches what are your plans with your pony? In upstate NY without an indoor, the ponies at Catskill Connemaras enjoy some down time to play in the snow and go on the occasional winter hack. The cold months in the North East are a good time to reflect on the past year and plan for the upcoming season whether it be breeding, training, showing, or just enjoying your ponies at home. I look forward to hearing all of your goals for the 2012 season and I hope you all have a great holiday season!

As always-keep pampering your ponies!
-Heather White

Please enjoy the following photos from the Annual Meeting in Boxborough, MA





Year End Awards

Greystone McErrill

TOOREEN LADDIE - Outstanding Stallion Through Offspring
2011 *Toreen Laddie Award Winner

- * Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris
- * Awarded to an outstanding stallion which has made a positive influence on the breed through his offspring
- * Candidates must be over the age of 25 or deceased
- * Candidate must have produced at least 20 purebred foals
- * Ponies must be registered with the ACPS
- * Owners must be current members of the ACPS



We are all honored by Greystone McErrill's selection as the 2011 Toreen Laddie award winner.

I am the most honored because I was there at his birth that lovely April twilight—when he stood tall and nearly black—his huge eyes wide open—I saw the magnificence—and he trotted through his long life with that ever so royal but unassuming, gentle self. I was but his keeper and care-taker...and it's a role I shall cherish forever.

-Marianne Alexander, Breeder

Mary Lou Thall, Owner, is pictured accepting the award



Year End Awards

Greystone's Adirondack A'Herne

Winner of the Golden Shamrock Award and the Connemara of the Year 2011

- * Recognizes a Purebred or Halfbred Connemara that has done something special to attract attention to the breed, either competitively or non competitively, in the past year
- * Chosen by the Leaders of the Awards Subcommittees
- * Pony must be registered with the ACPS
- * Owner must be a member of the ACPS



Harry was honored as Connemara of the Year for his exceptional contributions to the breed including: WEG participation, Equine Affaire demonstrator, and for starring on Martha Stewart in March 2011.

Pictured is his owner Cindy Fletcher accepting his award



Year End Awards

Take Time

TRE AWAIN HALFBRED TROPHY - Outstanding Halfbred Achievement
2011 Tre Awain Halfbred Trophy

- * Donated by DJ Moore and Laura Balding
- * Awarded for a career of outstanding achievement, both competitive and noncompetitive, for a halfbred Connemara
- * Candidates must be over the age of 15
- * Ponies must be registered with the ACPS
- * Owner must be current member of the ACPS



Take Time was awarded for outstanding Halfbred Achievement.

Accepting the award was her owner as well as her rider Carol Kozlowski.





Annual Meeting Motions Passed

Boxborough, MA

The Annual General Meeting of the ACPS was held on Saturday, September 17 at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough. Many items of interest to the members were discussed.

The following two particularly important motions were made and passed.

1) the Awards Committee will accept, in lieu of a signed paper from show management, printed records from any official results from National Equestrian Organizations or from any show that posts results on-line. The form may be submitted and affixed to the ACPS application form.

2) the ACPS recommends a yearly filing of EVA test results or vaccination record for breeding stallions.

Note: EVA, or Equine Viral Arteritis, is a disease that can be transmitted sexually by stallions and can result in fetal death. There is an antibody test for it and also a vaccine. The test determines if the stallion has ever been exposed to the disease while the vaccine will prevent it. However, after the vaccine is administered the test for exposure to the disease is no longer valid. There is some disagreement as to whether it is better to vaccinate or test yearly. The ACPS will leave that choice up to the individual stallion owner.

In addition to the many items of business that were discussed, new officers were elected. They are Kathy Lucas, President, Deb Norman and Megan Harris, Vice Presidents, and Cathy Blackmon, Treasurer.

Dressage at Devon Connemara Results

IBC: Connemara

1 Pam Liddell Kynymont Kerrianna USDF DSHB
Stock In-Hand 77.000%

2 Pam Liddell Kynymont Cooper O'Grady USDF
DSHB Stock In-Hand 71.900%

3 Nancy Bissinger Glendale's Wedding Bells USDF
DSHB Stock In-Hand Adult Amateur 65.500%

4 Nicole Haas-Perin Erin Terra's Dream Believer USDF
DSHB Stock In-Hand 62.700%

5 Scott Perin Erin Terra's Morning Star USDF DSHB
Stock In-Hand 53.500%



*Kynymont Kerrianna owned by Pam Liddell.
Photo by SCrowers*



Member Farm News:



Catskill Connemaras

We have had a busy summer this year! Our filly Liberty has kept us on our toes and is coming along quite nicely. In September we attended the annual meeting in MA and had a wonderful time. Our visit to Bantry Bay Farm was great and we made many new friends, and connected many names to faces. We are bunkering down in preparation for winter. All the ponies are doing great and enjoying every sunny fall day we have left!

Heather White & Pat Norton-White
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Kynynmont Connemaras

While we still have quantities of ponies, the big news this year is that they are getting trained and shown and some have actually been SOLD! Our three big sales have been two to California, and one to Wisconsin. The one to Wisconsin was to the cutest 11-year-old boy, who had just competed and won his division at Lendon Gray's Dressage for Kids Festival. He is quite a talented young rider, and wants to do dressage and eventing. Kynynmont Shenigans is one of my best, and I am so happy to have found him such a fabulous home. We have a new dressage trainer and assistant trainer at the farm, who have ten of the ponies in training. They are the best thing that has ever happened at Kynynmont Connemaras. I ride and train another three or four, and a friend and her daughter, who bought Kynynmont Keegan several years ago and board him here, train another six to eight. That is a lot going on! We have been showing the ponies at both recognized and schooling dressage shows, and they are making quite a name for the farm. Two of the ponies, Kynynmont Kerianna and Kynynmont Cooper O'Grady just took first and second, respectively, in the Connemara In-Hand class at Dressage at Devon. Another three have been out for training at an eventing barn, and two of those are sold. The other, Kynynmont Indelibly Irish ("Indy") competed

at the American Eventing Championships, which were in Georgia this year. He came in fourth in the Novice Division, a finish we are quite proud of. He had moved up to Training Level, but qualified for Championships at Novice. We head to the BLM Region II Dressage Championships next week with four of the ponies. I did not breed any mares for this year or next--time to pause on the breeding front in order to focus on the training and sales end of the business. I have a crop of five Gunsmoke babies who are three this year. They are all fabulous, and it has been fun to get them trained and showing. The superstar among them is Kynynmont Cooper O'Grady, a colt out of my competition mare, Kynynmont Moira. I will probably stand him at stud either next year or the year after. My new niche market is dressage ponies/small horses for middle-aged, small women who want to be safe and not have to push a big warmblood around the ring. It is amazing how many of these women are out there, and know exactly what they are looking for. Connemaras bred for dressage are the answer! Dressage makes a great foundation for a jumping pony, as well, so that is how we start all the youngsters. Since I like to have all four of my mount's feet basically on the ground, this is formula that is working for me.

-Pam Liddell, Kynynmont Connemaras

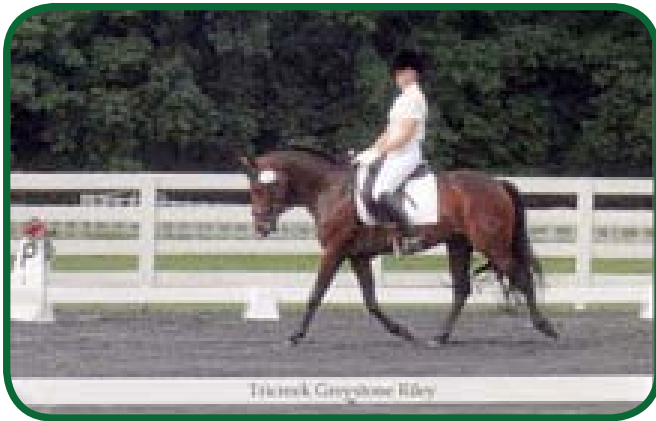
Member Farm News:



Good Earth Farm

Good Earth Sandman (aka Bouncer), in his second outing as a four year old, completed his first Horse Trials in September coming in third in the Intro Horse Division at Williamsburg Farm, near Gasport, NY with rider/trainer Jean Donnan up. Bouncer is a dun purebred gelding 14 hands 2 1/2 inches tall bred by Good Earth Farm in West Sparta, New York and is looking for a life partner who will continue to compete him.

Submitted by Sarah Booher



Triple Creek Farm

Winfield, NY: Mary Lou Thall writes, “Just wanted to let you know that both Tricreek Greystone Riley and Tricreek Greystone Connor, two purebreds by Greystone McErrill, competed at the Qualifying Breed/Dressage Show at Maplewood Warmbloods in Middletown, New York on August 6th and 7th. Both boys did very well with Riley getting first place (68.919) in First Level , Test 2, out of 13 horses, most of which towered over his 14 hands. He had scores in the 60’s with two more firsts and a third. Connor also received three scores in the 60’s. He’s schooling SecondLevel.”

Editors Note: Greystone McErrill, Connor and Riley’s sire, was honored this year with the Toren Laddie award for life-time achievement as a stallion.



Member Farm News:

Sugarbush Farm

It has been a very quiet summer at Sugarbush Farm in Spring Mills, PA. I have again been fighting with health issues so the ponies have had lots of vacation time and needing to wear grazing muzzles. We were looking at having to move to the Lancaster, PA area as my husband took a new job there. We haven't found anything that could compare with our farm here. So, for now, we are staying here in central PA.

Sugarbush Blue Shannon spent August at a local training barn working on refining her wonderful skills. The trainer asked if I'd sell her because she wanted a Pony Club horse for her daughter. I said that Shannon was my "keeper" pony and not for sale. Shannon did begin to look like she was becoming a "Western Reining" prospect with a sliding stop and a spin. That would be a new job for a Connemara pony. I don't think I'm ready to give up jumping to switch to riding western.

Sugarbush Adare was purchased by Whitney Greenawalt who has been riding with me for a few years. So, Derry is sold but not gone. Whitney has started Derry under saddle this summer and they are looking very good. Derry thinks any sort of training work is another word for getting attention so she's been happy to do anything she's been asked to.

Sugarbush Blue Mist is still down with Marynell Eyles in Virginia. Misty is for sale and would be a wonderful pony for any discipline. If you know of anyone looking for a sweet and willing pony, please let them know about this special pony.

Wellspring Wakerobin has been enjoying the summer even with her grazing muzzle. It would be wonderful to have more foals from this mare with her great bloodlines but the economy has made us wait to re-breed her. I miss having the babies around. If any of you are interested in a foal out of Robin, please let me know.

Tower Hills Megan is still with us. She turned 31 years old last April. She is definitely a character. She insists she is retired, except when there are little people involved. She is ever patient with giving pony rides and getting attention from children, especially if apples or carrots are involved. Megan will follow the other ponies around the pasture at all three gaits and I even saw her try to buck a little one day. I'm glad she didn't strain anything. She usually puts up with the other ponies and their jockeying for status. But, if she really wants something, the others will move out of her way if she swings her rump around. I'm sure she couldn't kick one of them if she tried, but it's a good bluff.

So, here we are with the beautiful fall weather upon us. I was able to take a short ride today for the first time in a couple of months. I hope you all will be able to enjoy getting out and taking advantage of the fall colors and crisp days.

Shawn Markel
Connemara Ponies
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American Connemara Pony Society Region II

**As most organizations we are finally on Facebook!
LIKE us and get updates on ACPS Region II News.
Meet other members and share photos, classifieds, & more!**

Classifieds



For Sale at Hideaway Farm

Hideaway's East Cork: 2008 half bred filly. Affectionately called Joey after Dr. Joseph O'Dea, former Olympic Veterinarian who stood her TB sire, West Cork. Joey is out of GoBragh's sister, Hideaway's Irish Blanket.

Hideaway's Padraig GoBragh: Lovely 2011 colt. The last of GoBragh's. Padraig's dam is an impressive 16.3 hand TB mare with a wonderful temperament and lovely conformation. email bharris62@aol.com



Lovely Connemara Gelding

Ian McDuff, 8 year old Connemara gelding, by Tre Awain Dobh McDuff, out of a Greystone McErrill mare. 14.3 hands. Ready to go compete! Beginner Novice eventing, First Level dressage, very fancy on the flat and cute correct jumper. Perfect for child rider, or a small adult. Hacks out alone or in company. \$8500 obo. Horseheads, NY. Videos available on youtube search for Ian on Chill1229 channel. Please call Cat at (716) 863-0442.

Good Earth Farm offers:

Bouncer is a dun purebred gelding 14 hands 2 1/2 inches tall bred by Good Earth Farm in West Sparta, New York and is looking for a life partner who will continue to compete him.

Sarah Booher

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Post your **free** Connemara
Purebred & Halfbred
Classifieds here!

email: hrwhite423@yahoo.com



Region Business & Planning

Equine Affaire

CALL OUT FOR PONIES!!!!

Again, Region II will be helping Region I with Equine Affaire. We still need Demo ponies!! If you have a seasoned pony that would like to meet many new faces and show off how fantastic the breed is please contact

Amy Plavin, Region I Chair at:

whconnemaras@gmail.com

Please show your support at the Breed Booth. Stop by & say hi!!

Calendars

Region I & II Calendar is for sale again! A great calendar showcasing the Regions ponies is being offered for sale. They will be for sale at equine affaire or for \$15 dollars (including shipping) by contacting:

lyncct@aol.com (203) 984-8087

Make checks payable to: ACPS Equine Affaire, and mail them to:

Lyn Chatham,

2 Jangling Plain Rd.

Newtown, CT 06470

January USEF Meeting

The USEF annual Meeting will be held in Cincinnati Ohio this year in January. The ACPS will have a meeting at this event.





Region Tea

Pam Liddell of Kynynmont Connemaras has offered to host the Region II Tea at her farm in PA in April of 2012! This would be a great opportunity to meet other Region members, and possibly some northern Region III members! Pam has one of the largest Connemara Breeding operations in the US and recently had ponies compete at Devon. This will be a wonderful chance to see some great ponies and visit with new friends. Please email Heather at hrwhite423@yahoo.com if interested!

Region III members- you are welcome to attend!!



ACPS Objectives

-  To assist and promote the breeding, registration, training, exhibition and general use of the Connemara.
-  To preserve the unique qualities of the breed.
-  To assist and promote equestrian competition.
-  To keep members informed of all matters concerning Connemaras.

