



# American Connemara Pony Society Region II Connemara Connection

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**Region II "Tea"**

The first Region II get-together of 2006 was an afternoon "tea" on February 19<sup>th</sup> at Journey's End Farm, the home of Ginny and Joe Winkler in Gardiner, NY. Eleven members and guests attended and there was delicious food, much of it prepared by Joe plus some tasty desserts brought by those who came. The lively conversation about ponies and ideas for Region II provided a wonderful break in the winter doldrums. Thanks to the Winklers for their hospitality!

Minutes from the meeting that was held are in this newsletter.

**Region II Get-Together for the PA & NJ members!  
(NY & Ontario members are welcome too)  
Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 pm**

Where: Nicole Perin's Sunny Slope East in Coplay, PA (very close to Allentown)

What: Meet other members in our proximity and plan future events

What to Bring: Your favorite appetizer or dessert to share, pony photos and some ideas to get some activities going in our neck of the woods!

Fellow member Cate Stoltzfus has already generously said we can use her indoor arena for a future Region II Get-Together. We can also plan a trail ride in an area that would be good for everyone, get some Connemara classes going at shows in the area, plan some clinics with local trainers and/or visit other pony farms in the area, the list is endless.....brainstorm about what you think would be fun to do and involve other Connemara lovers!

Please email me at [sunnyslopetwh@aol.com](mailto:sunnyslopetwh@aol.com) or call 610-261-4444 to let me know you will be coming and if you will need detailed directions to the farm. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Nicole Haas Perin  
ACPS Region II Assistant Chair

**Financial Contributions Needed!**

Region II's treasury has been sorely stressed in recent years with newsletter costs and donations toward area events, including the Equine Affaire and class sponsorship at the Region I show. These are worthwhile causes we would like to continue supporting. To achieve this goal, we are asking members to consider making a freewill contribution to Region II. Thanks in advance to anyone willing to help. Checks can be made out to ACPS Region II and donations sent to:

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**Region II Trail Ride**

Cyndy Sisto, Region II Treasurer, is working on organizing a June Trail Ride near Fabius, NY. A very successful ride was held there two years ago and you won't want to miss this one! (All breeds of ponies/horses are welcome!) Details will be announced by e-mail as they become available. For more information contact: Cyndy Sisto [Loughreafarm@aol.com](mailto:Loughreafarm@aol.com)



## Hideaway's Prodigy A Difficult Decision

Prodigy was very athletic and very difficult. The poor fellow lost his eye before he had reached a year of age. He was rushed off to Cornell, his first trip in a trailer, but they could not save it and performed an enucleation. I knew at that time that my mother in law trusted me because she then gave me that young pony, a full brother to GoBragh.

Prodigy would never let you touch his ears and barely his face. He would rear when putting on a halter or bridle. He feared water and was terrified of clippers. Basically, Prodigy trained me very well to what was and was not acceptable.

I always buckled and unbuckled the reins rather than sliding them over his head. But once at a Pony Club event I thought that he had matured enough (at the age of six) where I could attempt such a feat and remount. Prodigy at the mere height of 14.3 hands overtook me by rearing and lunging. Off he went in the direction of home. When I returned home, however, he was not there and his family of ponies were also looking for him. Then a phone call came and it was discovered that Prody was hiding behind Sally Wood's house. When I retrieved him, he came peacefully and was happy to be reunited with his herd family. Prodigy would jump the moon and he loved to hunt, but he also hated to wait. He had no patience for a slow field taking their time over a coop and he would perform beautiful lavades. I recall one hunt where there were horses refusing and riders refusing to make way for others to pass. Prodigy made his best performance two, three, four times until at last he refused to come down. That was when I made a less than graceful dismount and off he went, jumping the coop in perfect form.

I, with a broken hand ran on to find Prodigy caught by Gerald Young. My pony stood quietly in Gerald's hand and I asked Gerald how he managed to quiet him. Gerald told me that he simply said that if he wasn't quiet, he'd put the other eye out.

Prodigy's talent far surpassed his behavioral issues. I learned to school where, when and how long I should and he never let me down in his performance abilities. He placed well in Training level at Stuart, Hunted well with The GVH from the age of four to nine and carried our son Sean for great rides with the utmost care. Two years ago, I greedily took my good friend to a jumper competition. He cruised around that 3'6" course with ease. The following day he came up lame. After two years of lameness, several "weight watchers" fences being taken out, multiple scars from removing three diet muzzles, I put my obese and good friend to rest. I think that I made the right decision. I hope that I saved him from a worse fate of founder and boredom.

My apologies to my good friend and I hope that he is enjoying very green pastures.

(I send to this you in hopes that I can comfort or reassure someone else who has had to make this difficult decision.)

-Beth Anne Harris

### Inspections

Region II is in the process of scheduling ACPS Inspections for 2006. If you have ponies you would like to have inspected and/or you are willing to host an inspection please contact Region Chair Pat Norton-White (contact information on page 1 of this newsletter). Information she will need will include the age and sex of your pony, your location, how far you are willing to travel with your pony for inspection, and if you are willing to host an inspection.

An inspection site must draw at least 10 ponies for it to be finalized. At this time, a site has been secured in central New York with four ponies already signed up. More sites around the Region can be organized if they meet the criteria.

More information about inspections is available at the ACPS web site at <http://acps.org/> and choosing "Inspections" from the "About the ACPS" menu at the left.

Nomination forms can be downloaded there or obtained by writing Inspection Chair:

Donna Duckworth  
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Alachua, Fla. 32615

### ACPS Website

If you haven't already visited the exciting new ACPS website, be sure to do so!

The website is now offering FREE text ads to paid SENIOR members. There is a \$15. fee for photos. This is a \$25. reduction in price.

<http://acps.org/>

### Stallion Directory

There is a possibility of the creation of a Stallion Directory for Regions I and II. It is in the planning stages right now, so no more details are available, but if you would like more information or might be interested in advertising your stallion, contact: Dianne Crane

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### ACPS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ACPS, each Region is being asked to donate a basket of "goodies" to be raffled off at the annual meeting in September. To contribute to the Region II basket, please contact Pat Norton-White.

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## Region II Polo Shirts

*Order yours today!*

Promote ACPS Region II while wearing this attractive, comfortable polo shirt! Funds from the sale of these shirts will replenish our treasury and allow us to continue with future activities.

Shirts are available in Ladies' or Men's sizes and will be light green with dark green embroidery of our Region II logo. The cost is \$32.50 per shirt.



Note: These photos do not illustrate the embroidered logo

## Last Chance for the 2006 Region II Stallion Raffle! Drawing will be April 10<sup>th</sup>

Win a breeding to  
**Ballywhim An Luan**  
\*Rocky x Hideaway Legacy

*Many thanks to Maura Johnson  
Bittersweet Farm  
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania  
for donating a breeding to  
"Lou"*

1993 stallion, 15 hands high, he is the first Connemara stallion to be inspected and approved by the International Sporthorse Registry N.A., Sport Pony Division. See him at

**[www.QualityDressageHorses.com](http://www.QualityDressageHorses.com)**



Chances to win are \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00. This is a marvelous opportunity to win a valuable breeding, while supporting Region II! Tell your friends...the raffle is open to everyone, it's not necessary to be a member of the ACPS or Region II. Just send your name address, telephone number and e-mail address, along with a check or money order made out to "ACPS Region II" to:

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### Order Form

Please note the quantity of each size:

#### Ladies:

\_\_\_ Small (4-6)                      \_\_\_ Medium (8-10)

\_\_\_ Large (12-14)                      \_\_\_ X-Large (16)

#### Men's:

\_\_\_ Small                      \_\_\_ Medium                      \_\_\_ Large

\_\_\_ X-Large                      \_\_\_ XX-Large

**I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_ for \_\_\_ shirts @ \$32.50 each**

*Please make checks payable to **ACPS Region II***

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### 2006 Stallion Raffle Ticket

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Please specify:*    \_\_\_ tickets @ \$10.00 each

                             \_\_\_ 6 tickets for \$50.00

### **About A Boy**

I have a five year old grey Connemara Stallion named Ripleigh. His bloodlines are Hideaway's Erin Go Bragh and Tre Awain Toura Loura. Like all the Connemaras he is safe, sound, sweet and with his parentage, potentially awesome. He passes these things along, as do they all. I think he is wonderful and hope others will find him so as well. He has four children out there and another on the way: Phoebe (3, TB X), Flannagan (2, TB/Standard-bred X), Brady (2, TB X) and Connor (1 TB X full brother to Phoebe). They are dreamboats as Connemara crosses usually are.

According to the Connemara people I have met this is exactly what I should expect of my stallion and his offspring. They, like their ponies, are charming, eccentric and incredibly friendly and accepting. In fact, this is the first association I have ever wanted to join and to participate in (a big step).

I never wanted a stallion, never knew a thing about Connemaras and certainly would never have expected to be getting into the breeding business. If you had asked me I would have entertained you with a long tirade of there being too many horses and babies blah blah blah. Well, here I am where I said I would never be and it is all Anne Frey's, Marynell Eyles', Laura Balding's and the Harris family's fault.

About ten years ago I was posing for Anne Frey while she was busy making another one of her wonderful sculptures with me as her model. During a break I noticed the Connemara magazine on her art stand and asked her about it. "Take it" she says and in it was the picture of everything I have ever, ever, EVER wanted from horses. From the moment I first breathed, this was the experience I had searched and worked for but had never found and believed impossible. It was the picture of Marynell's daughter riding Denver bareback, bridle less in a canter through the snow. HEAVEN!

"I WANT THAT!"

And so began the journey that has led me here.

I have the prototypical hot, "crazy" big red thoroughbred mare that sends so many mare owners to this breed. Say no more; every Connemara stallion owner knows the look and tone of these people when they say 'I am breeding my mare to...' that of Desperate Hope.

I happened to meet Anouk Schmitt at about the same time Denver galloped into my dreams. At the time she was riding Laura Balding's Devereaux in David's Circus Flora and she recommended checking him out. In the car I get and drive from NW Connecticut to St. Louis to Virginia and back in two days. This is what Connemaras will do to you. Give you courage, passion and endurance. Some just call it craziness.

Now I liked Denver and Devereaux but sadly they were not doing A.I. at the time. But Hide-away farm would happily provide me with cute little packages of Erin Go Bragh in a thermos.

Much stress, vet bills and education later... no baby.

So back to Marynell's, this time with mare and handmaiden in tow. The live cover didn't go so well (sorry about that kick in the chest Denver) so another try at A.I. and three months, some more vet bills, a bottle of regumate later and... no baby.

A few thousand (well much more) dollars in debt, a crazy red mare, a contract to Erin Go Bragh and no baby- so much for the dream. But In steps the get-it-done attitude of these wonderful women and suddenly Laura is offering me the use of her mare, Toura Loura, the Harris' extend the contract for another year and 11 plus months later... a baby boy (Ripleigh).

Turns out this baby boy was the only intact purebred colt of Go Bragh's around. So in spite of the fact that Ripleigh was mounting the round bales and our sow when she was in heat (she loved it and he was happy that she didn't bite and kick like those mean mares. I can't speak for the round bale but it looked pleasantly disheveled) we decided to keep him intact.

Happily, and with the two mares help, he gave up the round bales and the sow and became an incredibly well mannered gentleman. So much so that the crazy big red mare (Zephyr) found him of sufficient quality and decorum that she allowed him to breed her when he was 15 months old. NO money, no stress, no regumate but a lot of education later... a beautiful filly named Phoebe.

So now I have a Connemara stallion and his daughter, (Phoebe) and his son (Flannagan) who give me everything that I saw in that picture of Denver and more than I ever knew was possible.

Ripleigh and his kids are all that Connemara people have said they would be. They may even be able to follow in Go Bragh's footsteps. With them I may be able to jump a big Irish bank, perform a Prix St. George, ride the Tevis cup or drive through the water obstacle at Gladstone. It would be great and a dream come true to do half of any of the above. But to tell the truth, I wouldn't care if I don't ever do more than see their big heads looking for me- even though they aren't hungry and I don't have carrots. It may be the breed. It may be just that Ripleigh is mine and gives so much of himself to making my dreams come true. It doesn't really matter why because I (at 40) have what every little girl has ever wanted: a pony that loves just her.

This to me is what Connemaras are really about. Because when you get right down to it there is only one thing that makes all the mucking, expense, time and effort worthwhile: the mutually satisfying and loving relationship between you and your horse.

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### **About a Boy** *continued*

Above all, Connemaras love their people. And so I am 100% hooked on my Ripleigh and thus the breed.

So thank you Anne, Marynell, the Harris family and Laura. You have given me a dream come true and his name is Ripleigh Go Bragh.

Renee Vaughn

### **Everything Equine**

The regions one and two participation in Equine Affaire in Massachusetts last November was so well received that we have decided to put the booth up at Everything Equine in Essex Junction Vermont.

Everything Equine is a relatively new event modeled on Equine affaire. It is a two day (April 29 and 30) Trade Show, full schedule of clinics, seminars and booths promoting every ones favorite breeds. Last year nearly 40 thousand people attended! The booth is ready and now it is time for volunteers to sign up to help man the booth. We will not have a stall for a pony ambassador so it will be much easier to organize. I will need four helpers over the two days. This will allow everyone to have time to enjoy the exhibits and to promote the connemara. I can put people up at my house and we will have a 40 minute drive but no hotel bills! A future thought is that they also produce an evening extravaganza that is really quite good. Maybe next year?

Sales lists and stallion information can be mailed or e-mailed directly to me. It is very important especially for breeders to get their information out. The dead line to be included in these lists is March 30<sup>th</sup>. We are very happy to get this information out to the public. Our booth is always very busy, there is always lots of interest in pure and partbreds, but we need your participation getting this together. Please do not procrastinate.

Thank you all for your help and support of our continuing promotion of the Connemara Pony.

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Editor's note:

the Everything Equine Website is

[http://www.cvfair.com/default.cfm?content\\_id=35](http://www.cvfair.com/default.cfm?content_id=35)

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Judy Sheil at [jsheil@mhicable.com](mailto:jsheil@mhicable.com)

### **Minutes of the February 19, 2006 Meeting**

Members and Guests present: Ginny Winkler, Joe Winkler, Pat Norton-White, Cindy Fletcher, Anne Frey, Renee Graham, Judy Sheil, Carol Gerty, Allie Tomson, Kathleen Hull, Katy Donaruma

After enjoying a delicious lunch at Ginny and Joe Winkler's, Region II Chair Pat Norton-White called the meeting to order.

Pat told the members that in observance of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ACPS, each region was being asked to assemble a basket of items for a raffle at the annual meeting. Members will be asked for donations to the basket.

Region II's financial status was discussed and the fact that the treasury is low. Recent expenses have been costs for printing and mailing the newsletter, donations to the Equine Affaire and sponsoring classes at Region I's annual show. Ways of saving/making money were discussed. The stallion raffle is a current fundraiser. The newsletter is being made available electronically to as many members as possible, but still is mailed to those who aren't able to receive it in that manner. Polo shirts with the Region II logo will be available for ordering this month and members offered opinions of what should be charged for them. There was discussion about Region II's donation to the Equine Affaire and decreasing that donation. A motion was made by Judy Sheil and seconded by Cindy Fletcher to commit to donating \$100.00 instead of matching last year's \$200.00, with the option of adding additional monies later in the year if the treasury is strong. It was also decided to ask members for general donations to Region II. More ideas for fund raisers will be explored.

The need to bring Region II members together and promote the Connemaras was introduced. It was decided to offer awards at a regional level for both purebreds and crossbreds. The awards would reflect the versatility and special accomplishments of ponies that were nominated, not necessarily in formal competition. A minimal nomination fee would be charged. Renee Graham will work more on the details, including categories that will be offered.

Pat said that Cyndi Sisto would probably be organizing a Region II trail ride in her area later in the year. It was emphasized that it will not be necessary to be riding a Connemara to participate. Details will be announced as they are available. The meeting was adjourned.

Judy Sheil  
ACPS Region II Secretary



### A Visit to the Clifden Show

Although we are in Ireland twice a year, this was the first time we were able to attend the Clifden Show. It was a wonderful day! The showgrounds are right in town and the whole community is involved. You can walk downtown, have a pub lunch and walk back to the show. Vendors of all kinds line the streets; you are likely to make slow progress.

The show is first rate! We have never seen so many "quality" ponies at one venue. It was a grand, sunny day; we met several friends and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. On entering the showgrounds, we encountered a pen holding weanling twins. They were perfectly healthy, attractive, strong babies (filly and colt). I had never before seen identical twin ponies or horses!

We both enjoyed the Stallion Classes and the Mare and Foal Classes the most - sometimes, they became very entertaining! While we watched the Ridden Stallion Class, a Dog Show was in progress right next to the ring. At the end of the day, we walked into a local pub. It was packed, so we shared a table with some very amiable men who, coincidentally, had ponies for sale.

The next day, we went to the Pony Sales at the Clifden Mart. Cars seemed to be abandoned rather than parked, so we did the same! On arrival, we met our friends again. I saw nothing of the Sales Ring. Don't even bother if you're 5 ft 1. Huge men drape themselves all over the gates, and the bleachers are packed. My husband, Don, had a grand view of everything! I spent my time looking in the pens and talking to everyone. Then I noticed ponies that were not going through the Sale. People apparently just brought them (beautifully groomed) and had children riding and jumping in the area outside the Sales Ring. A very economical way to put your pony through a sale!

We'll be back in Ireland this Spring (our usual travel time), but I know we'll make another trip in August before too long.  
Sheila Larkin

### Promotional Ad

After attending a ACPS/USEF meeting where there was discussion of national promotion of the Connemara breed, Mary Yeager decided she would like to do an ad for perhaps the Chronicle and possibly, in the future, other national magazines.

Her idea is to design a page with a few "generic" pictures from the archives of the various disciplines and highlight the ACPS and the breed, listing farms from different areas of the country in the ad as contacts. If enough people are interested, the cost of the project can be split. This is to be a "breed" ad and not specific individual farm or pony ads, just the name and contact info for the farms.

For more information please contact:

Mary Yeager  
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440-834-0234

### Farm News

#### Catskill Connemaras

Heather White riding Catskill Keiran  
(known to his friends as "Pele" in recognition of his expertise with a soccer ball!)



#### Good Earth Farm

Happy New Year to all Connemara friends. The last few years and especially Bob's accident in Sept 05 have taken big chunks out of our physical strength. Although Bob is recovering very well, we decided in 2005 to change our business plan from raising half-bred sport horses to raising purebred ponies. While clearly pony raising require more mental discipline we hope it might fit our physical capabilities better. We retired our founding TB mare in 2002 after fourteen beautiful and perfect foals. Though **Go and Buy** (1980) loved having foals, retirement has been good for her and she still plays a vital role on the farm. Being the resident expert, "Auntie" Go and Buy patiently helps every new weanling, gently herds the young stock and disciplines any adolescent needing better social skills.

Our barnyard includes a new group of young fillies including **Good Earth Victory Go Bragh** (2005 Bonnhenry Sandpiper X Hideaway's Erin Go Bragh), **Glendale's Mayday** (2005 Glendale's Mary Magdalene (Aladdin) X Rattle 'N Snap Laddie Boy) purchased from Deb Norman (Berryville, Va.), and **Jillian's Mahogany Surprise** (2004 Clove Annagh (Bantry Bay's Dillon) X Greystone An Laurens) purchased from Cindy Rosen, Pine Bush, NY. **Good Earth Morning Star** (1999 ½ tb X Greystone Sir Charles) is in foal to Greystone An Laurens for a 2006, ¾ bred foal. Broodmare **Bonnhenry Sandpiper** (1990 Thornhill Shanachie X Grange Finn Sparrow), and my trusty steed, **My Dear Watson** (1987) ½ bred gelding by Concord River Roaring Water Bay, rounds out the Good Earth Farm Connemara roster. Best to Everyone in 2006.

Robert & Sarah Booher

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### **Journey's End Farm**

I went to Region I Winter Tea at Liz Platais' River Road Farm. It was snowing lightly and Liz didn't expect may to travel for the tea. 24 people showed up from Maine, New Hampshire, Conn, Mass, and myself from New York. It was a lovely tea with everyone bringing a dish and of course pictures of their ponies. It was good seeing horse people at this time of year. Then Liz showed everyone her ponies and everyone headed home.

I have decided to cut back 2 years ago now and have sold 4 of my babies, but as they grow up and get trained there are still more to go. A lot of my ponies are seniors that will not leave. My sale ponies are on the ACPS website under my farm

Ginny Winkler



### **Sunny Slope East**

Our year ended on a great note: Thurman Irish Peach went In Hand Grand Champion at the Region V show and not to be left out, Erin Terra's Dream On also won his 2 YO & Under class. We've taken a break from showing at the moment but will hit the USEF Hunter Breeding ring in the spring with Erin Terra's Dream On and Erin Terra's Bewitched. Good luck to everyone and their ponies in 2006!

Nicole Haas Perin

## **Classified: Ponies for Sale**

**Catskill Connemaras:** Cobweb Allison (Aladdin's Denver X Greystone Irish Moss) 1989 purebred Connemara mare, bay, 13.1hh, in foal to Tre Awain Dobh McDuff, both mares and stallion ACPS inspected and approved. **SOLD!** due 5/06. \$4500. obo for mare and foal package. Good home a must. Photos available. Contact Pat Norton-White at (607) 538-9669 or [connemara@dmcom.net](mailto:connemara@dmcom.net)



**Darrah's Donovan**, a dusky black gelding, born 1 June 2002. He is by Kilfenora Windy Isles and out of Tre Awain Golden Lily, a lovely example of the connemara pony. He has been backed and does Parelli games, loads, is good for the farrier, etc, etc. Last summer he attended boot camp at Top of the Ridge, so you can ask the Eyles about him. He will soon be ready for some serious work, which he loves and you can bet your four leaf clover that he'll be excellent at what ever job you ask him to do. Right now he is being kept in line by one filly and three mares, one of which is Blue Hills Egan, a very tough disciplinarian! Jackie Doherty 717-573-4214 or [chuckjd@frontiernet.net](mailto:chuckjd@frontiernet.net). South Central PA.



### **Elphin Mountain Connemaras**

**2006 Youngstock from 2004 An Tostal Award winner, Maplehurst Michael MacDaire (Gilnocky Ard-Righ MacDaire x \*Abbeyleix Bluebird), from inspected and approved mares.**

#### **Purebred Connemaras**

**Elphin Mayflower.** 2003 purebred filly, bay turning grey. By Mick out of Aluinn de Haoine (Baluis Brannigan). May will finish large pony. She is a correct type pony with substance and quality. Great performance or broodmare prospect with a sweet temperament. \$4500US.

**Elphin Amhran.** 2003 purebred dark dun filly by Elphin Song Sparrow (Maplehurst Michael Macdaire x \*Scottsway Lullaby) and out of SP Mils Braeban (Aladdin's Owen). This filly will finish large pony and has the best of imported and North American bloodlines for breeding and performance. Her dam and grandsire both excelled at eventing and she has the attitude and conformation to follow them. \$4500US.

**Elphin Skylark.** 2004 purebred bay colt by Mick and out of \*Scottsway Lullaby. With his incredible temperament, wonderful bloodlines, and great substance and conformation, Sky is a perfect stallion prospect. He will finish under 14.2hh. \$4000US.

**Elphin Kookaburra.** 2005 purebred bay filly by Mick and out of \*Scottsway Lullaby. Kookie has the wonderful temperament and conformation of all Mick and Abby's foals. \$4000US.

**Elphin An Ceann Beag.** 2005 bay turning grey colt by Mick and out of Aluinn de Haoine. \$3000US.

**Elphin Glasdrummon.** 2005 bay colt by Mick and out of South Ridge Chloe. \$2500US.

#### **Halfbred Connemaras**

**Elphin Gaelic Celebration.** 9-year-old chestnut TB cross gelding. 16.1hh. Ceb has evented to novice level and has the potential for intermediate. He is only for sale as his owner is in Australia. Perfect for young rider or upper Pony Club level rider. \$7000US.

**Elphin Galaxy:** Four-year-old chestnut QH/Connemara filly. 14.1hh. Beautiful movement and sweet temperament. \$3000US.

**Elphin Silver Anniversary:** Three-year-old bay TB/Connemara filly. Will finish about 15.2hh. \$3000US.

**Elphin Celtic Festival:** 15.3hh twelve-year-old bay mare. TB/Connemara. Great broodmare. \$2000US. Currently has 2005 bay colt by TB Nias (Secretariat). \$3500US or \$5000 for both.

Elphin Mountain Connemaras

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**Century Hill:**

**Century Hill's Love Me Good**

2004 ~ black going grey purebred gelding. 14.2½ hh and out of our mare \*Tatham's Ballinanna x Century Hill's Fredrick McTeague. Fantastic attitude, beautiful movement, supple and **very showy**. Will make a fantastic mount for anyone in almost any discipline. A real pleasure to work with! \$6000.00 firm



**Century Hill's Freedom Battle**

2005~ Bay going grey purred colt. Will stay pony size, out of our mare \*Tatham's Ballinanna X Irish Park's Caraway Finn. Very correct and compact but can cover the ground with ease. Very fancy mover! Has a good attitude, easy to work with and handled every day. Will make a great mount for child's pony club, dressage, jumping or driving. Fantastic bloodlines in dressage and eventing. \$4000.00 firm



**Century Hill Connemaras**

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**Hideaway Farm** Hideaway Farm has some lovely half bred Connemaras by Hideaway's Erin GoBragh for sale. Please call to make an appointment for a visit. 585-243-4299.

Our website is:

<http://www.hideawayconnemaras.com>

**Good Earth**

**Good Earth Morning Star** - Connemara half-bred mare seven years, 15.3 hand bay out of a TB mare by Greystone Sir Charles. In foal to Greystone An Lauren for a ¾ connemara foal in 2006. Very pretty, dark bay, with star and one white foot. Loads easily, excellent ground manners for baths, farrier, vet. Well started, adaptable, very pretty mover; introduced to trail riding, jumping, and dressage. Brave, sensible, aptitude for dressage, but also great potential as a show hunter. Completed novice and training level dressage tests in the ribbons. Not available until foal weaned in October/Nov. of 2006. Asking \$12,000. Contact immediately if interested in reserving the right to buy in Oct. 2006.



**Two half-drafts for sale - Jet** Belgian-TB cross gelding, 16.2 chestnut 5 year old. Good confirmation, excellent disposition, very nice mover, comfortable gaits, started over fences, hunter-paces, introduced to fox hunting. Great potential for dressage, eventing, fox-hunting. \$5,000 or best offer



**Annie** Percheron-Standardbred mare, 15.3 hands, 13 years old. Gorgeous dark bay, great trail horse, sensible, good mouth, lively, comfortable gaits, loves being out, lots of stamina. \$2,000



**Good Earth Farm, 585 335 5094.**

[Gefbooher@stny.rr.com](mailto:Gefbooher@stny.rr.com)





**Devon Ridge Benita**- 1999 13.3h Reg'd grey purebred mare by Bien Mallin's Little Ben and out of Avenns Golden Legacy.ACPS approved.Benita is an exceptional broodmare and has had 3 lovely correct fillies. Sweet natured and quiet. Started under saddle this winter,going w/t/c. Very willing and straightforward. \$3500



**Devon Ridge Nuala**- 2003 Reg'd black purebred mare by Bantry Bays Dillon and out of Devon Ridge Benita. Very correct and flashy. Will finish large pony. Lots of potential as well as exceptional breeding prospect. \$3000



**Crosswinds Irish Connection**(Molly)- 2003 Reg'd grey purebred mare by Hideaways Sebastian and out of Loughins Leighseach. Balanced loose easy way of moving. Very feminine with lovely head and eye. Will finish large pony. Great performance prospect and a great addition to your breeding program.\$3000.

Contact: Fiona Rhodes [f\\_rhodes@hotmail.com](mailto:f_rhodes@hotmail.com)

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### Breaking News!

*Received as Newsletter was going to print...watch for more information in e-mail notifications and future newsletters.*

- Region II considering Awards Program
- Pat Lyne Invited to judge the Region I 2006 Connemara Show, August 12 & 13
- Region I planning Stallion Raffle for 2007 breeding to Caraway Finn

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**"Willow Tooreen"**, 1998 registered  $\frac{3}{4}$  Connemara gelding by Kerrymore Madison (x Tara, HB by Erin Tooreen), dappled gray with white face and near hind sock. Willow has had professional training, clinics and lessons, 4-H, and last season Pony Club with 14 y.o. intermediate rider, schooling 2'6" and shown 2'3" earning champion baby green. He is great with cross country riding, ridden in the hills of western MD. Willow is a handsome boy, has a good sense of humor, loves horse shows, is great to pony your youngsters from, and is very sociable. More pictures by e-mail and video available. Asking \$8500.00, trial period considered with terms.

Contact Theresa Hannibal, MD  
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### Would you like to host a Region II gathering?

We are a very large Region geographically and it is not always possible to travel to every meeting or event. Why not think about getting together with other ACPS members in your area for a social event, trail ride, clinic, or other activity! It's revitalizing to spend time with other Connemara enthusiasts sharing anecdotes, experiences, accomplishments, problems and ideas.

We can help you reach other Region II members, as well as offer publicity and other support for your plans. Just contact a Region II officer and we'll get things started!

### Next Newsletter Deadline:

June 10<sup>th</sup>

### Classified Ad Rates:

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All contributions of news, articles and photos for the

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