

# Region VII

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**Sept 25—Oct 10 WEG, KY**

**Oct 22 –24 Annual Mtg , GA**

**From your Region Chair**

**The Annual Meeting** is being held in Alpharetta, GA at the Atlanta Marriott Alpharetta. I've attached a schedule and registration form for you. Also attached is a flyer about the Silent Auction. We'd love to have you come and see how your Society works. There's a General Membership meeting on Friday afternoon during which you are invited to participate in discussions. These meetings are a great way to meet your fellow Connemara owners!

As you may have read on the Connemara Yahoo site or on the ACPS website, the Midwest Pony Breeders' Show was a huge success and great fun! Gloria LaCroix and I drove up on Friday to help set up. Deb Clinch (Region VI Chair) and I set up our joint Silent Auction to benefit WEG. We met up with the Inspection team and Heather Sherratt (judge of In Hand) on Friday night and enjoyed a delicious dinner at an Italian restaurant not far from the motels. Saturday, the day of the show, offered Performance classes in one arena, In Hand classes in another, and Dressage in a third. Once the classes were completed, we were treated to a foal race and a donkey race. Much laughing, cheering, and clapping. Dinner, Irish dancing and music followed—good food and fun for all ages. On Sunday owners curried, brushed, and combed their ponies for the inspections. Tired, but very happy with my pony fix, we left Sunday afternoon for home.

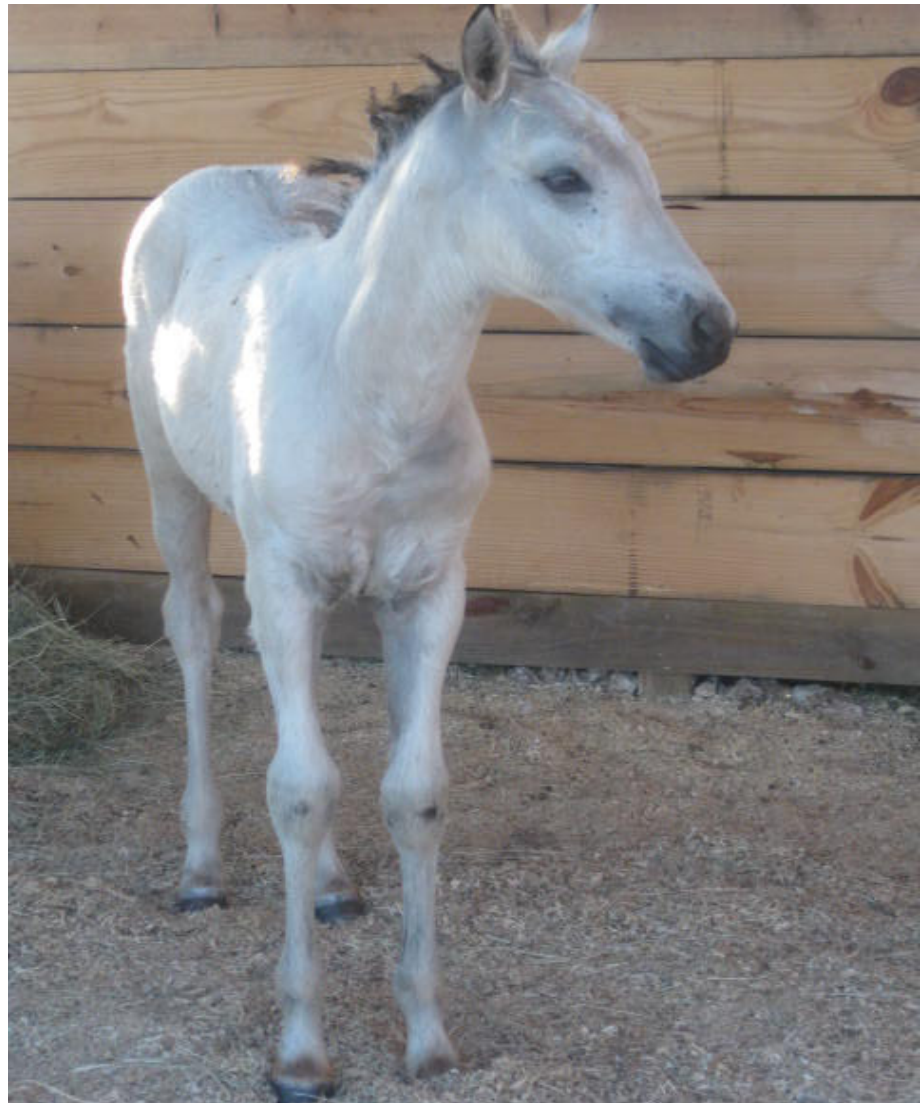
On a personal note, I made the trip to Colorado at the end of July to visit my son and his family and to watch my granddaughter ride in her first show. It was also my Cobblestone Ivy's first show. Ivy and Andi did the Connemara breed proud!

Now I'm trying to get organized for the Annual Meeting. Two fellow Board members from CA and I are driving from MO to GA. I'd love to see some of you there! *Sue*



Andi & Ivy enjoying their success after the show.

**From Texas**—This is Bonnie Wnenkowski’s foal born in April, by Thurman Clearheart out of her PB mare.



### **More news from Texas**

A half-bred Connemara mare, Fancy This GCF, competed in the USEF National Young Horse Championships in the 5 Year Old Division held at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL. She was bred by Sharon Garner of Ranger, TX and is owned and ridden by Bonnie Carter of Waller, TX. I believe this is the first time that a horse that wasn't a full warmblood made it to these prestigious young horse championships. These are the top 15 Five Year Olds in the country that have to go through a big qualification process. Below is a picture of her at the awards ceremony. She is by ES Fred Astair (Hanoverian) out of South Ridge Bliss by South Ridge Duncan's Honor (Moxley Duncan).



### **From Marilee Tussing—Oklahoma**

I am sad to say there were no Connemaras at the Celtic Horse Show. Even I was not able to go since I had to move that weekend. REALLY hope we can have good representation of the Connemara at the Stillwater show next summer.

**From Pattie Stadler—Irish Gate Farm, Kansas**

JEF Sir Lancelot, aka Lance, began competing at dressage shows this summer. At the Lake St. Louis Dressage show in June he was Res. Champion at Training level. Then he went to Mason City, IA and was the Res. Champ. Training level on Friday and Champion on Sat. At the Dressage Lite Too show on Sunday he was Champion, Training Level. This weekend at Briar Fox in Wichita he was Res. Champion. He is being shown by 18 year old Clare Krska of Olathe, KS. He's back home now and I'll be working to keep him fit for the regional championships in early October. Clare has done an excellent job working with Lance. They make a wonderful team.



**From Laura  
Balding—  
Missouri**

8 year old  
half bred by  
Tre Awain  
DeValera.  
For sale  
15.2hh  
Dark brown  
\$5000