Connemara Pony News

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Calendar:
Deadline for next newsletter: June 15
Region III Show: August 27-28

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Come Join Us!

The Warrenton Pony Show Connemara classes will be held Sunday afternoon, July the 3rd. Our own Marynell Eyeles will be judging. For the past few years, an informal group of Connemara fans has gathered to share lunch and to cheer on the ponies. We have a nice spot to sit in the shade, a great view of the ring, and easy parking because most of the other competitors are on their way home. Connemara classes are the last of the show, and do not start before 1pm. Please join us, bring something to share and enjoy the show.

Stork Report

Glendale Farm has two new dun foals, one a filly named GDF Queen of Diamonds (*Fernville Matchmaker x GDF Peach Fuzz) and the other a colt called GDF Jack of Hearts (Foothills Field Marshall x GDF Brooks and Dun.)

Noble Outfitters Performance Moisture Wicking Polo Shirts with Embroidered Connemaras Do It All Logo. Grey with Blue or Pink with Grey. Small, Medium, Large, XLarge $40.00 Shipping Additional.

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GDF Queen of Diamonds and friend!
Marilyn Cheek reports from Sycamore Ridge Farm in Warrenton, Virginia, that two foals have been born, both by S.R. Irish Envoy, aka Joey. “The colt, born May 18, is out of La Sorpresa Querida, an Andalusian/Quarter Horse mare who won numerous breed awards for performance and movement. He looks like he is going to be a gray like his Momma and Andalusian grandaddy, and he has some of the Andalusian conformation, but his personality and sweet temperament are all like his Connemara daddy's. He doesn't stand still much for pictures yet.

The filly, Joey's first, is out of Tsunami, a draft cross mare of uncertain pedigree. She was born just before daybreak on May 28 and is a tall, elegant girl, also with a sweet temperament. It has been about six years since we had a foal of our own on the farm so we are greatly enjoying the antics of these two babies.”

Pinner Hill Farm announces the birth, on May 17th, of the first foal sired by their stallion Willow’s Art of Kells, a halfbred colt out of TB mare Pretty Woman. He is well-named: Gallo’s Opening Act.

Another half-bred was born at Balmullo Farm near Richmond, Virginia on June 9. Balmullo's Moon Dancer (Foothills Field Marshall X Rivendell's Summer Moonlight -- ID/TB.) Donna Duckworth says he is “perfect.”
**Hollymead Farm** in Taylorsville, North Carolina let us know last newsletter about the birth of a colt out of *Elphin Chickadee*. We now have a picture and a name: **Hollymead Harrier**. Sue Holland is expecting one more foal in late summer out of **Balmullo’s Azalea**.

Please send pictures and a birth announcement of any more blessed events for publication in the next newsletter to Kim Harrison, vaharrisons@verizon.net.

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**New ACPS Members**

Chris, Nicole, Emily, and Kyra Williams (the three girls are juniors) of Selma, NC

Following is the story of how the family became Connemara fans:

*Hello my name is Emily Worth. I live in a house with my Mom, Dad, and two sisters. We have three inside dogs and five inside cats. We live on a self-run farm with goats, chickens, a cow, horses, one outside dog and three barn cats. I ride English and do Eventing.*

*My first horse was an Arabian gelding named Joey. He was great for western and trail riding. Occasionally, he would buck in the canter, but because I was in a western saddle, I could sit it.*

*Then my preference changed and I wanted to jump. In an English saddle, I couldn’t sit the bucks and I came off, at one point blacking out and going up into the air. He had to go because he wasn’t safe for me anymore. He had shaken my confidence.*

*After we found a new home for Joey, and after many weeks of looking for horses, we leased a medium pony named Casey. He was very rude on the ground, but was great under saddle. He allowed me to build my confidence back, bit by bit. I took lessons and started jumping. We had Casey for about a year, and then decided that I was ready to move on.*

*Eventually, it all came down to a trip to SC. We were heading down for the weekend to look at 6 horses. We looked at 3 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. Two of the horses on Saturday were possibilities. On Sunday, the first 2 were no go’s. Then we met Raisa. She is a 5-year-old*
Connemara mare and her father was Ard Celtic Art. We watched Ms.Pippa ride her and then I got on. I was in love in the first minute. I felt so comfortable on her; it was like I’d been riding her for years. I also got to ride her cross country that day as well and she was amazing. We scheduled the vet check for about 2 weeks later. When the day came, my mom, my dad and I drove the trailer down to Ms. Pippa's farm. Raisa passed with flying colors. We drove home with lighter pockets, a heavy horse trailer, and a happy kid.

I didn’t get to ride her the first week we had her because that was the same week that I was taking Casey to Camp Millstone. After we got back, we sent Casey packing and I started riding Raisa. I did my first combined test with her at Portofino, two weeks later, where I take lessons with my trainer, Aaron Stuckey. We rode at the maiden level, and had a blast. What Raisa and I have to work on is jumping the fence at the right time, not too soon, not too late. I also have to work with her on bending and rounding for dressage. To help with that, I lunge her with side reins. One other thing we have trouble with is water obstacles on the CC course. Raisa doesn’t like to get her feet wet, so she needs some extra encouragement. I have taken Raisa to the War Horse event series at CHP (Carolina Horse Park), and at the last one we slept in the trailer! I’ve also gone to Running Start for XC schooling and a horse trials and Sharon Oaks for a combined test.

Also, I went to the Heart of the Carolinas 3-day in SC. I competed in the BN assisted horse trials division. I had a lot of fun, and we got to watch the Kentucky Derby! I want to come and do the actual 3-day event with Raisa. We are having some trouble with the occasional refusal, but on every road there are bound to be a few speed bumps. As for future shows, I have officially moved up to BN.

We bought Raisa’s half-sister to train and sell. Her name is Ennis, short for Knockmas Ennis Free. She was in Florida, about 9 hours away. We bought her sight unseen, going solely on the fact that she was sired from Art. At 14’ 1 hands, she’s a pony and an absolute doll, an in your pocket pony! I am assisting with her training, working with my trainer, Amanda Miller. We have had such a good experience with Raisa that we decided to take a chance. Raisa is kind and loyal, she trusts me and I trust her. She is out going and strong, thanks to her dad. I love the way she is built and the way she rides. She can read me like a book, and occasionally I get a bit of that Connemara stubbornness, but that’s what makes her so amazing. I could not have asked for a better horse. I love her, she’s my missing puzzle piece.

I have loved eventing since I went over my first xc jump. I definitely like it better than the hunter ring, no disrespect, it’s just not for me. I hope my story was of some interest to you and that you enjoyed reading it.

Emily and Raisa

Pony Tales

Just more proof that Connemara's Do It All - Katie Zube's Grendel McVai got good ribbons at the James River Hunt Horse Show in Spotsylvania, VA on Saturday and then stepped in to the dressage ring on Sunday (for the first time ever) and earned a very respectable 65.5%
and 1st place in Intro C and a 65.43% in Training 1 and 2nd place. Katie's sister Sarah had the ride. Gotta love these ponies.

Alice Fitzgerald and Marilyn Cheek recently purchased Jean Clagett’s little mare, *Landsdowne Promise of Summer*, to become a hunter pony for Alice granddaughters, Ellie and Brady Fitzgerald, and their driving pony (as soon as they acquire sufficient skill to drive safely). Summer has been getting some professional schooling from Rosemary Thomas and at her first judged show over Memorial Day weekend, she won the Pleasure Pony Division. She was shown by ACPS member Taylor Foard, who will also be showing her at Upperville.

**Show Results**

**2016 Spring Fling Welsh Show, May 7**

M&M Geldings 2 and under
2nd place MLC Invictus, PB Connemara, Shannen Sullivan
3rd place Blackertor Huccaby, Connemara/Dartmoor, Teresa Trimble Catlett

Geldings 3 and over
1st place Circle H MacKenzie, Highland, Judy Brescia
3rd place Sandby Marquis, Highland, Judy Brescia

M&M Champion Circle H MacKenzie, Judy Brescia

Connemara Geldings 2 & over
1st place Thurman Kemp, Shannon Sullivan

Connemara Mares 2-7 yrs
1st place Thurman Sileach, Barbara Byrd

Connemara Mares 8 yrs & over
1st place Thurman Sienna, Christine Chatham

Connemara Ch & Res Thurman Sileach and Thurman Kemp

Connemara Pleasure Under Saddle, 1st place Thurman Sienna, Res. Thurman Sileach

**Upperville Colt and Horse Show**

The Connemara classes at the Upperville Colt and Horse show in early June were well filled, with more than a dozen entries in the purebred under-saddle class. The eventual winner of that class as well as the hunter hack class was *Oakfields Jameson*, while *Thurman Sileach* was the in-hand champion. *Grendal McVai* was the winner of the half-bred classes. Complete results can be seen on the horseshowonline.com website.

**Region III Show**

Remember, our region show will held the last weekend in August at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia. Volunteers are always appreciated. There is a job to fit any size ambition. Contact Marynell Eyeles to get an assignment.

Kim Harrison has an idea to lead an informal pre-show trail ride on Friday evening. The trails at the VHC are very nice and go down to the Maury River; Kim knows them well. If you are able to arrange your travel plans to get to the VHC by late afternoon, come out and stretch your pony’s legs. Contact Kim to make plans to meet.

Remember also that there will be an exhibitor dinner in air-conditioned comfort at the show on Saturday evening.
Show schedule and entry forms will be sent out via e-mail closer to the show date.

### Classified Ads

**BALMULLO FARM OFFERS:**

Uproar is looking for a new home!! **Balmullo’s Uproar**, aka "Pinky", is a seven-year-old bay 13.3 hand mare. She is out of Wildwych Clio by Castle Baron. Her sire is CR Roaringwater Bay. (Sire of the lately famous Azalea!) She has been ridden for the past two years by a now 12-year-old young lady, but young lady has recently graduated to a slightly larger pony (Connemara of course) so we are offering Balmullo’s Uproar for sale. Pinky has lots of ribbons from schooling hunter shows...she qualified in first place for the Pony Club Show Jumping rally and has done a little eventing. And she always wins the pony puissance at our end-of-camp show! She is very easy…totally uncomplicated. She would make a perfect pony club pony, hunter pony, or broodmare. Email balmullofarm@gmail.com for further information. VERY reasonably priced!

**Tullymor's Clementine Rose** wants her forever home. WTC, jumps. A little shy until she gets to know you. Is purebred but registered a halfbred due to no fault of her own. 10 years old, has had one foal. Special this month only, $2500. balmullofarm@windstream.net

For Sale: Tullymore’s Clementine Rose

For Sale: Balmullo’s Uproar, (“Pinky”)

Offered at Stud: **Foothill’s Field Marshall** (*Gunsmoke x Foothill’s Maybee*). Cooled, shipped semen, only. $850. For further information call 804-507-0269.
CADY O’DALY FARM OFFERS:

Cady O’Daly Tinker - 5yo, 15.2 Connemara x Hanoverian/TB mare by Tre Awain Goldsmith. "Tink" is a striking palomino with tons of chrome. She has a wonderful personality, is a beautiful mover and excellent jumper. Shown locally--will excel in any direction, though we can see her as a dressage or eventing performer. Perfect for adult amateur or junior. Currently eventing Beginner Novice, showing 2'6-2'9, doing hunter paces, and hilltopping. Recently showed at the Region III show and got some great ribbons. $15K, negotiable to perfect home.

Also standing at stud: Tre Awain Goldsmith (Tre Awain Ginger Blue x Tre Awain Golden Lily) - 15.2, 1999 dun stallion with an impressive competition record. Winner of the 2015 ACPS An Tostal Award. Known for passing along his lovely temperament, athletic jump, and beautiful movement to his offspring. N/N for HWSD, $800 Located at Cady O’Daly Farm in Lynchburg, VA. Contact us at www.CadyODalyFarm.com; CadyODalyFarm@gmail.com, or call 571-271-9441. Lynchburg, VA.

GLendale Farm Offers:

We will once again stand Rattle 'n Snap Laddie Boy (Moy Hazy Cove x Castle Strange Sparrow). Stud fee is $800 which includes a $250 booking fee.

Also standing at Glendale Farm is *Fernville Matchmaker (Fredericksminde Hazy Match x Ross Castle Moya [Abbeyleix Owen]), imported from Ireland. He is a 2006 14.2 grey pony with excellent bone and movement. Stud fee is $600 which includes a $250 booking fee.

Glendale’s Boot Camp (Camper). Five-year-old bay mare, 15’1”+. Big bodied. Really nice. Brave, smart, quiet, a lovely mover. She has spent 1.5 years in Ocala with Elliott Blackman who events Training-Intermediate. Lots of flat work plus trail ridden. Out of a TB mare by Rattle ‘n Snap Laddie boy. I cannot say enough nice things about this mare. She has no limits as to discipline. $12.5K

Glendale’s Macadam Road (Mac). Four-year-old purebred dark bay gelding. 15+ hands. Also big bodied. Has been trail riding in the Blue Ridge Mountains for a year. Has done a couple of hunter paces. He W/T/C in the ring but has not done a lot of flat work while he was trail riding but we are riding him daily on the trail and he is wide open and completely capable of going forward. He just needs his person. A lovely little horse. Out of a Denver mare (Glendale’s Brooks and Dun) by an Ian McVai stallion (SR Irish Envoy). $ 8500.

Glendale’s Marylebone (Marley). (*Fernville Matchmaker x GDF Mayday by * Rattle ‘n Snap Laddie Boy) 4-year-old purebred gelding. 14.2-14.3 hands. Bay with chrome. Trail ridden a lot this summer. Very brave, cute, happy. Loves his peeps. He just needs a person and a job. . $6500.

Two 3-year old fillies:

GDF Match Point (aka Peony)
By Fernville Matchmaker
Out of GDF Rock the Boat (by Rock Point- TB) $5500.
Bay w/blaze and a couple white feet

GDF Matchless (aka Iris)
By Fernville Matchmaker
Out of Annie- TB. $5500
Plain dark bay
Both will be over pony size

All of these "ponies" w/t/c in the ring and have been trail ridden. Call if you need more particulars.

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