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Region March Meeting

Our annual St Patrick’s Day meeting will be
held at Glendale Farm, the home of Deb and
Dave Norman, 1318 Old Charles Town Rd, in
Berryville, Virginia on Sunday, March 18th at
noon. We will be holding elections for region
officers, thankfully a mere formality as all
current officers are willing to continue serving
for another year. The Boutique will be open for
business. Wear your green, and bring something
yummy to share with your fellow pony fanciers.

We also have the honor of having artist Jean
Clagget joining us. She has been commissioned
to create a new trophy for the ACPS Broodmare
award, and she will let us have a sneak peak, talk
about her work, and show some other
Connemara inspired art she has made.
Mark Your Calendars

Upperville Horse Show: Monday June 4th – Sunday June 10, 2018
Connemara classes are Saturday

Warrenton Pony Show: June 27th-July 1st, 2018
Connemara Classes are Sunday afternoon

Region III Show: July 29-30
Fun all weekend!

Pony Tales

From Donna Duckworth:

Foothill’s Field Marshall (*Gunsmoke X Foothill’s Maybee) earned an Award of Excellence in Eventing this year. Since I missed the deadline for the magazine I ask your forbearance whilst I brag about him just a little.

Bruiser and Elliott

Foothill’s Field Marshall, aka Bruiser, is owned by Balmullo Farm but lives in Indiana where he is evented by Elliott Timmons, who is 100% responsible for his success. Foothill’s Maybee, his dam, now owned by Elaine Meihlan, is by Balmullo’s Beacon who is by Aladdin. We are lucky to be able to watch Maybee’s jumping feats at all our Region shows where she is a regular winner both in hand and in the performance classes. In 2017 she was Reserve Connemara of the Day at the Region III show.

Bruiser came into our lives quite by accident. While I was still living in Florida, Vanessa Morgan sent me Maybee, in foal to *Gunsmoke, to have her foal as she was due in early January and Vanessa was afraid it would be too cold in Tennessee. So late in January, 2008, on a frigid Florida day (probably colder than in Tennessee) I went to the foaling paddock early in the morning to see how Maybee was doing and was quite surprised to see two horses standing there looking at me. The smaller of the two was so big that I thought one of the yearlings had crawled through the fence to be with Maybee. But it was not TOO long before I realized that Maybee had had her foal. He was a huge furry bay thing that walked right up to me and gave me a friendly nuzzle. I loved him from that very first minute. Long story short, when Vanessa came to pick him up I somehow managed to convince her to take my two-year-old gelding, Balmullo’s Catfish, back home with her and leave me baby Bruiser. Sometimes I feel like I stole him but Vanessa says she is very happy that we have him; I hope that is the truth!!

He is super talented, both in dressage and jumping with cross country his absolute favorite. He was trained by Luke McLaughlin, now assistant trainer at Lyndon Rife Dressage in Dallas, who showed him to great success. At his first Connemara show at Pine Top Farm in Georgia he won the high-point dressage award with a score in the 70’s. At next year’s Region IV show in Florida, he was the Grand Champion In Hand as well as dressage star. At his next two shows, USDF recognized Dressage shows, he won every class he entered and qualified for the Regional Championships in Georgia where he was 12th out of 27.

When Luke left Florida for Texas, his training was taken over by Elliott Timmons, an event rider, who also rode and trained another stallion
by *Gunsmoke, WH Top Gun. At Bruiser’s first horse trial, he beat all others in his division by some 20 points and had clean stadium and cross country rounds. He has continued that success becoming Reserve Champion at the USEF American Eventing Championships in the Beginner Novice Division in 2013, and placing 10th (out of 25) in the Novice Division at the Championships in 2014. Just this past September he finished his first long-form 3-Day Event at the Kentucky Horse Park. He finished in 6th place, only 1.8 points out of 1st in the T3D Division, and was one of only 8 out of 29 to end the day with no time or jumping faults.

I have lost track of the number of foals he has had, not because it is so many but because I have a bad memory. But they have all been beautiful and kind, including Windy Hollow Elijah, the first Connemara embryo transplant foal, Foothills Brouhaha, whose dam Tullymor Blush was the Grand Champion at the Region IV show in 2017, and Balmullo’s Irish Moss, who just needs to grow a bit more before she is bred to ArdCeltic Art for a dynamite eventing pony….we hope!

After a rather lazy winter, Bruiser is now looking forward to this breeding season and to carrying on his career at Preliminary.

Classified Ads

For Sale: 2015 Old Soul, beautiful dun gelding. VSH Devine Tullaigh (New Hearts Dancing Winds x Tullymors Ned Devine) 14h to finish 14.2. Tully is loving, sane, and packed with potential. He has wonderful conformation and superb manners, with a blue ribbon at Warrenton to prove it. Flat kneed hunter mover with sweep. Tully Tacks up and stands quietly for mounting, gone on bareback barnyard hacks, ground drives and ponies. Carefully started and well prepared to find his person and start life together! Come meet this unflappable, good looking youngster in Powhatan, Va $6500 Margaret Long 804-380-1022

“Bruiser”
For Sale: Far Mountain Taner  Big athletic gray Connemara colt (Tullymors Ned Devine x Windy Isles Maid Marian) DOB 05/06/17. Has interacted daily with people since born. Fearless jumping ditches, banks, and boulders. His Dam ‘Maddie’ is (at 5 yrs) 15.1h and Taner should mature over 15h. Super smart with a big personality. Weaning now. Ready for someone to share adventures with. $4,500 or Private Treaty to the right home. Joyce Anderson (307)765-9977, farmountainjoyce@gmail.com

Balmullo Farm offers for sale: outstanding half-bred yearling by Foothills Field Marshall aka Bruiser. Balmullo’s Moon Dancer is out of an ID/TB, Rivendell’s Summer Moon, and was bred to event. 15.1 hands at a year, he promises to be large and athletic. He has been well handled, and leads, loads, and stands for bathing and the farrier. For further information email balmullofarm@gmail.com

Balmullo’s Moon Dancer

Foothills’s Field Marshall

BALMULLO FARM OFFERS:

Standing at stud:  Foothills Field Marshall (*Gunsmoke X Foothills Maybee), outstanding eventing stallion, now competing at Preliminary. Many beautiful babies on the ground. $850 stud fee includes $200 booking fee. Cooled shipped semen only.... shipping and collection costs paid by mare owner. Further information, balmullofarm@gmail.com
For further information call 804-507-0269.
For Sale or Lease:  **Tre Awain Tinker’s Moon** (Tre Awain Ginger Blue x Tre Awain Ballydoon Beauty). 16 year old mare. Has had two foals. She has foundered (although now is ok) so probably should only be considered for breeding. Further information, balmullofarm@gmail.com

**CADY O’DALY FARM OFFERS:**

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; 571-271-9441
Cady O'Daly Charlotte: 15.3, 5yo bay mare sired by Tre Awain Goldsmith and out of a nice Hanoverian/TB mare. Winning at Beginner Novice and unlimited potential to move up the levels. Would also excel in dressage/foxhunting as well. Very sweet personality, lovely mover and bold, athletic jumper. A wonderful all-around package! $14K.

2018 Youngstock for sale: We are expecting 3 foals this year and all are sired by Tre Awain Goldsmith and will be for sale. Prices starting at $6,500. 1.) Out of Ridgetop Cady O'Daly (Aladdin's Denver x Blue Hills Egan). Premium mare with an unparalleled performance record on the line and in eventing. Incredibly talented and correct. One of a kind! Her many foals have been every bit as successful as she has. 2.) Out of Northern Divide (Aluinn Durango x premium mare Tre Awain Ballydoon Beauty). Beautiful, oversized typey mare. Full siblings are successful eventers. A fantastic example of a Connemara! 3.) Irish Sport Horse mare Kinsale's Rebel Las (by Dandelion Diamond Rebel out of a TB mare). A tall, gorgeous, athletic and incredibly kind ISH mare with hunting experience.

Contact Cady O'Daly Farm - 434-665-9876; www.cadyodalyfarm.com; cadyodalyfarm@gmail.com

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 [Abbeyleigh 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.

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. Deb Norman, 540-955-1995 or deb@glendalefarm.com,