December meeting

Our Region III December meeting was held in Lexington, Virginia on December 2, at the home of Vicky Kruse, and was hosted by Donna Power. In addition to some great eating and catching up, we discussed the request by the president of the ACPS, Cathy Blackmon, to hold the 2019 ACPS annual general meeting in our region. Deb Norman and Marilyn Cheek volunteered to head up a team to look into locations and dates. After lunch we were treated to a tour of the farm, which houses two separate equine enterprises, both of which have Connemara connections. Also on the property is the beautiful Bare Cabin on the banks of the Maury River which Vicky rents out to visitors. It would make a fine spot for some of us to stay for the region show weekend, as it is only a few miles from the horse center.
Our March meeting will be held in Warrenton at the home of Les and Marilyn Cheek. Details next newsletter.

The following is taken from the ACPS website, and outlines the procedures for hosting the annual meeting. It is reproduced here just to let our region members know what is involved. Deb Norman is acting as our chairperson for organizing this event. Contact her or Marilyn Cheek with any ideas, help, or questions you have to contribute. Photos are simply to break up the large areas of text!

ACPS NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

I. Purpose: To assure that the membership will meet annually for the purpose of carrying out the business of the American Connemara Pony Society. This meeting will also seek to educate the membership in areas directly effecting the development and promotion of the Connemara pony breed.

II. Strategy:
1. The location of the ACPS annual meeting will be determined by vote at the meeting of the new ACPS board of governors, which is held immediately following the ACPS annual meeting of that year. If no decision can be made at that time the board of directors will research selected meeting areas and report a decision at the January meeting.
2. The ACPS past or newly elected president will select a chairperson for the annual meeting.
3. The chair of the previous ACPS annual meeting will assist the new chairman throughout the coming year.

III. Responsibilities of the Chairperson of the ACPS National Annual Meeting.
1. Select committee members to assist in planning the meeting
2. Identify a host hotel and secure facilities to include:
   - Meeting room to accommodate up to 60 people. The Friday meeting room for the ACPS Board of Governors meeting should be set up as a hollow square to accommodate 30 people with additional seating for guests away from the table. The room set up for AGM may be modified to include a head table for the Executive Board and classroom seating for the general membership.
   - Banquet facilities for up to 100 people
   - Hospitality room fro Thursday, Friday and Saturday, preferably with VCR/DVD available.
   - 30 hotel guest rooms should be reserved in one block, convenient to the Hospitality Room. The hotel will usually hold rooms for up to 30 days prior to the meeting at a group rate.
3. Negotiate Contracts
   - All contracts must be signed by the ACPS President or Treasurer
   - The chair will request payment of the required deposit from the ACPS treasurer
4. Coordinate meeting agenda and date with the ACPS President.
   - The president determines the agenda and assures that time is allowed to complete all scheduled ACPS business including committee meetings
5. Identify airport access and ground transportation.
6. Meals
● Thursday night: recommend an alternate restaurant (Dutch treat)
● Friday night: plan welcome reception / dinner
● Saturday night Awards Banquet: usually held at the hotel. Banquet style buffet works well due to many vegetarians and often the extra cost of a split menu.

7. Financial
● All financial matters to be processed through the National ACPS treasurer
● The regional treasurers are not responsible for the financial matters of the annual meeting.
● An annual meeting budget should be submitted to the President and Treasurer by July 1 for approval.
● All incoming checks are to be made out to “ACPS” and submitted promptly to the national treasurer.
● Receipts for all miscellaneous expenditures must be submitted before or at the annual meeting whenever possible
● A full financial statement must be submitted from the meeting chairman to the national treasurer within thirty (30) days following the annual meeting.

8. Publicity
● Information about the Annual Meeting must be forwarded to the Magazine editor and Webmaster to be published.

IV. Weekend agenda:
● The meeting chairman must closely coordinate this with the ACPS President to avoid any overlap or crowding of the agenda.
● It must be understood that the Board of Governors meeting and committee meetings are the priority and that a member serving on the board of governors may not be able to attend alternate activities scheduled for the same time.
● Suggestions for meeting activities: ○ Educational Speakers supported in part by the ACPS Educational Foundation ○ Horse Events coinciding with the week before after or during the annual meeting. ○ Clinics /demonstrations ○ Group trip to local event: i.e. Spruce Meadows

V. Miscellaneous
1. Coordinate transportation for those without cars.
2. Registration Packets: (these are usually folders yet may often be canvas bags depending on the approved budget.) Registration packet should contain:
   ● Meeting schedule and agenda
   ● Welcome letter from the committee
   ● Any pertinent maps
   ● Free coupons or discounts at local tack shops.
   ● List of Attendees
   ● Meeting evaluation Form with suggestions for next year
3. Hospitality Room: This room should be available at all possible times. Members who are not staying at the hotel need a place settle in and meet new friends. Everyone looks forward to sharing their videos on the VCR, pony pictures and small talk.
   ● Volunteers assure that this room is open at designated times and that hospitality items are made available to members. (Snacks, maps, sewing kits, first aid) It is for the comfort of the membership and it is not to be used for committee meetings.
4. Banquet decorations / centerpieces / token gift: These can be very simple.
6. ACPS National Meeting Raffle: This is optional yet usually proves to be fun for everyone! Dollars raised will help to defray miscellaneous expenses of the meeting.

VI. ACPS National Store:
1. The National ACPS Store may be set up at the ACPS National Meeting at designated time. Table space will be provided at no charge as requested by the national store chairperson.
2. The National ACPS Book Store may be set up at the ACPS national meeting. Table space will be provided at no charge as requested in advance.
3. Regional ACPS Stores: Regional store managers may request table space and bring items for sale to the national meeting that do not duplicate items of the national store. Regional Store Manager must:
   a. Inform the National Store chairperson that they will be selling items at the meeting and what they intend to bring for sale.
   b. Request adequate table space from the National meeting Chairman (1/4, 1/2, whole table space)
4. Fees: National ACPS Store: None National ACPS Book Store: None Regional ACPS Stores: a. All regional stores selling at the ACPS Annual Meeting will pay 10% of all gross sales to the national treasurer to contribute to the cost of the meeting facility, table set up, etc. b. All items using the ACPS copyrighted logo pay 10% of gross sales to the ACPS National Store in addition to the annual meeting facility fee.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Rides and Drives!
Mega Luck, 2005 halfbred mare by Minyffords Megastar (Welsh Cob) out of Balmullo’s Matilda. 14 hands, dark bay with chrome, big mover in a small box, with bone and class.
Update: After some investigation I have found “Meg” was Region IV halfbred in-hand champion as a two year old, then was broke to drive. This spring she restarted under saddle, and has done a great job of learning new skills. She was half bred green reserve champion at our region show, and won the trail class. She hacks out alone or in company, always with dogs, jumps around little courses, and could handle anything a pony clubber might want to try. I also have taken her hunting. Contact Kim Harrison 804-639-0881 or vaharrisons@verizon.net

Newsletter and Classifieds:
Classified ads are FREE in the newsletter, can have pictures and as much text as you wish, just send copy to Kim Harrison: vaharrisons@verizon.net
Send your pony tale news, too!
Oakfields Offers:

Connemara Ponies (Mares and Geldings) For Sale with Unlimited Potential suitable for Show, Hack, Dressage, Hunting, Children and Adults.

Please contact: Chanda Boylen 434-282-7252 or Jenny Daly 434-996-3823


Dunclare: halfbred 15.0 hands (2003) bay mare (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x TB) Lightly shown, ridden consistently on the farm, comfortable, Could do anything. Price: 9,000

Oakfields Jade: purebred 14.0 (2006) bay mare (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x *Templebready Ruby x *Ashfield Storm Cloud) USEF 2012 Purebred Connemara Hunter (National Champion), USEF 2013 Purebred Connemara Mare (National Champion), needs experienced rider. N/N Inspected and passed by ACPS. Price: 15,000 (negotiable)

Oakfields Spring Sparrow: purebred 14.1 ¾ (2011) dark bay mare (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x Oakfields Maria Sparrow x *Grange Finn Sparrow). Hacks out in a field with company and has done ring work – “kick ride”. N/N Inspected and passed by ACPS. Price: 4,000

Oakfields Coralee Finch: purebred 13.3 ½ (2013) mare (*Grange Finch x *Cohra’s Dream x *Castleside Carrig) some ring work, comfortable hacking out alone or with another, foxhunted, sweet, easy, naturally balanced, big step, good lead change, scopey jumper, and goes in a snaffle with a soft mouth. Price: 10,000

Oakfields Gold Finch: purebred 14.3 ½ (2014) grey/dun gelding (*Grange Finch x *Cohra’s Dream x *Castleside Carrig) some ring work, comfortable gaits, enjoys hacking out, easy, “born broke”. Vice: cribs. Price: 10,000

Oakfields Rock Sparrow: purebred 14.1 ¾ (2014) bay gelding (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x Oakfields Maria Sparrow x *Grange Finn Sparrow) some ring work, friendly and enthusiastic, comfortable hacking out with another. Price: 7,500

Oakfields Blue Finch: purebred 13.3 ½ (2015) roan mare (*Grange Finch x *Cohra’s Dream x *Castleside Carrig) Winner of the ACPS Region III Yearling Futurity and overall Region III Yearling Futurity, lightly backed, lovely canter, athletic, more education planned (this summer). Price: 5,000 (will increase with training)

Daystar Farm Offers:

Daystar’s Ronan: Purebred Gelding
Ronan is that hard to find, uber desireable oversized gelding! By Blue Ridge Donnelly (Moxley Duncan) and out of a Briarpatch Mac mare (Balius Brannigan) He is a lovely bay roan with a very kind, sweet eye and pony face. Green under saddle. Contact Margaret Long 804-380-1022

Daystar’s Ronan
Daystar’s Jack O’Lantern: Halfbred gelding
Be in the ribbons with Jack! At just under 14h, Jack is a small bundle of greatness.
Professionally started and placing in each of his classes at Pony Pleasure. Jack is an eyecatching dun roan paint with a beautiful head and eye, and chrome to spare. He is a "look at me!" pony.
Margaret Long 804-380-1022

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: outstanding half-bred gelding, coming 3, 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

Foothill’s Field Marshall

Balmullo’s Moon Dancer
For Sale: Friendliest pony on the planet!
**Balmullo’s Winter Wind** aka Winnie (Foothill’s Field Marshall X Tullymor’s Gracie Gray). Coming yearling (March). Will stay pony size and have springs on her feet! $4000

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Tre Awain Tinker’s Moon

(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 Tag will be standing in Lexington, Kentucky for the 2019 season.. Contact Emily at [www.CadyODalyFarm.com](http://www.CadyODalyFarm.com); for more information. 571-271-9441

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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](mailto:balmullofarm@gmail.com)
For Sale:

Cady O’Daly Henry 2018 purebred gelding by Tre Awain Goldsmith, out of Ridgetop Cady O’Daly. Henry is an exceptional, typey colt from performance bloodlines who will be a fabulous athlete. With his temperament, he’d be well-suited for an amateur but will also have enough talent for a professional as well. He is sweet, curious, smart and has lovely athletic gaits and could be a stallion prospect. His sire, Tre Awain Goldsmith, is an ACPS An Tostal winner and has produced dozens of purebred and halfbred foals who have gone on to be successful in eventing, dressage, jumpers, Pony Club and foxhunting. His dam, Ridgetop Cady O’Daly (by Aladdin’s Denver) is a premium mare and winner of the 2018 Camlin performance trophy who evented through Training level and has an incredible performance resume. Henry is expected to reach 15h (or thereabouts). Recent clean vettin. Priced at $6500.

Cady O’Daly Pippa 2018 purebred filly by Tre Awain Goldsmith and out of Northern Divide. Pippa is a sweet, very correct and gorgeous filly. We expect her to reach at least 15h. With her wonderful temperament and athletic ability, we think she will be an exceptional performance horse, and future broodmare. Her sire, Tre Awain Goldsmith, is an ACPS An Tostal winner and has produced dozens of purebred and halfbred foals who have gone on to be successful in eventing, dressage, jumpers, Pony Club and foxhunting. Her dam, Northern Divide, is sired by Aluinn Durango (by Aladdin’s Denver) and out of the premium mare Tre Awain Ballydoon Beauty. This line is well-known for their athletic ability, big movement and gorgeous type. Her dam’s siblings have gone on to excel in numerous disciplines, including up to Preliminary eventing. Priced at $6,500.

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

GLENDALE FARM OFFERS:
Deb Norman debnorman@mindspring.com

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 [Abbey leix 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.

*This one is fancy!*

https://vimeo.com/240419832

**HANNIGAN.** Conn/TB mare. 4 yo. Grey. 15’1”. She is a full sister to above Iris. This one is fancy. She also has the most lovely personality. She loves her “peeps”. Easy, quiet, ready to go, with unlimited potential. She has been trail ridden a lot. Ridden in the ring. Jumped. She is just waiting to go and do … and she too will be quite happy about that.

$12K.

*Four 3-yr-old crosses by Laddie!*

**CHICKADEE.** QH cross filly out of my fox hunting paint 16’ QH mare, Roxie. Buckskin, big star, sweet, easy. Will be over pony size.

$7500

**WERTHY.** Bay gelding out of above mentioned Annie. So sweet, so easy. Will be a great friend and partner in adventure. I have nothing to say but good things about this over sized “pony”$8K.

*And last, but certainly not least!*

**JACK OF HEARTS.** Purebred buckskin gelding by Bruiser (Balmullo’s Field Marshall) of eventing fame, out of our big Premium Aladdin’s Denver Mare, Brooks and Dun. He will steal your heart and will be a force in the competition world if he gets a say in the matter. I am sure that he will be over pony size. He is a coming 2 yo. Priced at 8K.

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