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Region III Meeting
The December meeting for region III will be held at noon on Sunday, December 8 at Bare Cabin in Lexinton, Virginia. The address is 62 Freshwater Lane, and the cabin is back behind the main farmhouse on a long gravel road. This is a charming spot on the Maury River very close the Virginia Horse Center. For those of you who have to travel a distance, the cabin is available to rent overnight! Check out Airbnb for more about how to stay. Donna Powers of Two Left Hands Farm is our hostess for the meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

Annual General Meeting

Richmond, Virginia was the site of the ACPS Annual General Meeting the first weekend of October. There was a very good turnout of Connemara lovers from Thursday evening until Sunday mid-day.

In addition to the required committee, board, and business meetings, and the awards banquet on Saturday night, participants were able to catch up with friends, and enjoy some of the local attractions. Our region member Donna Power was elected to sit on the board as a member-at-large.

"Hailey long sleeve crews from Noble Outfitters. Great for layering. $28.00 each
Dinner on Friday was held at an Irish Pub within walking distance of the hotel, and earlier that day a group made an excursion to the Virginia homestead of Kathy Lucas.

Saturday, after the business of the society was taken care of, we were treated to a lesson on sport horse evaluation by Philip Scott from Ireland. He really has an eye for a horse, and had many photos to illustrate his evaluation strategy, which is called “linear profiling.” This system of evaluating equine conformation uses a special chart to record the impression of each individual part of the horse: head, neck, shoulder, joints, feet, back, loin, croup, etc. A score of “average” for a part is actually a good thing as deviation towards one extreme or the other can mean the pony is not to type.

Sunday morning we all met out at Donna Duckworth’s Balmullo Farm for some real life profiling of live ponies, and a delicious box lunch before heading off home.

Pony Tales
A stork report from Suzanne DeSaix, her mare, Fancy Pants, produced a dun filly foal by Tre Awain Goldsmith on July 30.

A personal observation:
The newsletter is a few days late this month because I just returned from 8 days riding ponies in China as part of an international TREC competition. The ponies we rode/saw could be logically compared to the Connemara ponies.
early in the 20th century: They are of moderate size, tough, hardy, good bone, rather plain, and cover a lot of ground in a comfortable way for their size. In spite of language difficulties, I was able to learn that there are no breed registries in China. I could not learn what sort of breeding strategy was employed to produce the local type of pony we rode, but I could not help but think of how the founders of the CPBS in Ireland did a great service to the equine world when they started recording and evaluating the native ponies of Ireland. I could already see other types of equines being ridden by the Chinese riders in the competition were obvious imports—even one that looked like an Appaloosa/TB cross. If they start outcrossing the local ponies with “exotic” breeds and do not preserve the native lines, many of the advantages the native ponies will be lost.

Kim Harrison

Inspections will be held in 2020; you can let the inspection committee know if you have a pony to be inspected at any time. We need at least 10 ponies to hold an inspection at our region show in July. Right now I only know of two or three that would like to be inspected. More information on how to the inspection process is available on the ACPS website.

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**Classified Ads**

**BALMULLO FARM OFFERS:**

Would you like a foal like this? Bazzle’s sire, Foothills Field Marshall, is available via fresh or frozen semen. Still only $850, includes $200 booking fee.  balmullofarm@gmail.com  804-507-0269

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**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!

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Foothill’s Field Marshall
**Balmullo’s Moon Dancer** 3 yo bay gelding, Connemara/ISH. 16hh, going very well under saddle with trainer Luke McLaughlin. Luke also trained Danny’s sire, Foothills Field Marshall aka Bruiser. Danny still has to mature to reach his full potential, but is an extremely promising prospect!! Low five figures.

*balmullofarm@gmail.com*

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**Balmullo’s Moon Dancer**

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**Eventing Dy-No-Mite!**  **Bamullo’s Celtic Heart**, weanling filly. (Ard Celtic Art X Balmullo’s Irish Moss [by Foothills Field Marshall]). This friendly filly should mature at 15hh and be a great eventer like her sire and grandsire. *balmullofarm@gmail.com* for more information

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**Rivendell’s Summer Moonlight** 6 yo TB/ID; 16hh Bay. Has had one foal and been ridden lightly. Very easy and companionable! Could do anything you ask. Price neg.

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Wanted: Side saddle; plantation ok; very old ok; buy or borrow. *balmullofarm@gmail.com*
Tre Awain Tinker’s Moon, aged mare. Companion horse or trail horse. Has been used very successfully for lessons and shows. Very easy keeper. Under $1000.

For Sale or Lease: Tullymor’s Gracie Grey; 6 y.o. 13.2 hh, no drama, very easy to handle. Broke to ride by a teenager. Pedigree on allbreeds. Adorable kid’s or small adult’s pony. Led Quadrille at Region III Show and won her trail class. Has had one foal so has great broodmare potential. 13.3 hh. $6000.

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 [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.

This one is fancy!
https://vimeo.com/240419832
HANNIGAN. Conn/TB mare. 4 yo. Grey. 15’1”.
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.

4-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. 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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