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Medium Weight 1/4 Zips, Perfect for Winter and Spring
Layering (Spruce/Grey, Merlot/Grey, Oatmeal/Grey &
Navy/Light Blue) $45.00 each with CDIA Embroidered
Logo.

Reminders for 2020

Upperville Colt and Horse Show June 1-7
Warrenton Pony Show June 24-28
Inspections and Region Show end of July
December 2nd a small group met in Lexington, Virginia at the charming Bare Cabin for fellowship, food and a small bit of business. It was determined that we had enough ponies to hold an inspection at our region show in July. We hope to hold the inspection at such a time that the ponies, inspectors, and owners do not have to spend an extra night away from home if they are attending our show. We also hope to take advantage of having inspectors in town to use as judges for our show.

Suzanne Phelps, our region governor, is taking over the ACPS membership chair position from Kate Denton. Suzanne will be assisted by Cynthia Holbrook. Thank you to these two for taking over keeping the membership list up to date.

Who would like to host the March meeting?

A good winter read

I listened to this on audiobook recently and found it enjoyable and educational. A nice bit of trivia is that Hank Reed was from here in Virginia, near Richmond, and is buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. He had a polo pony named “Skinquarter,” which is the name of a road near my house, not a common name, obviously, so I feel he must have had some connection very close to where I live. 

*Kim Harrison*
The Perfect Horse
By Elizabeth Letts

WINNER OF THE PEN AWARD FOR RESEARCH NONFICTION

In the chaotic last days of the war, a small troop of battle-weary American soldiers captures a German spy and makes an astonishing find—his briefcase is empty but for photos of beautiful white horses that have been stolen and kept on a secret farm behind enemy lines. Hitler has stockpiled the world’s finest purebreds in order to breed the perfect military machine—an equine master race. But with the starving Russian army closing in, the animals are in imminent danger of being slaughtered for food.

With only hours to spare, one of the U.S. Army’s last great cavalrymen, Colonel Hank Reed, makes a bold decision—with General George Patton’s blessing—to mount a covert rescue operation. Racing against time, Reed’s small but determined force of soldiers, aided by several turncoat Germans, steals across enemy lines in a last-ditch effort to save the horses.

Pulling together this multistranded story, Elizabeth Letts introduces us to an unforgettable cast of characters: Alois Podhajsky, director of the famed Spanish Riding School of Vienna, a former Olympic medalist who is forced to flee the bomb-ravaged Austrian capital with his entire stable in tow; Gustav Rau, Hitler’s imperious chief of horse breeding, a proponent of eugenics who dreams of genetically engineering the perfect warhorse for Germany; and Tom Stewart, a senator’s son who makes a daring moonlight ride on a white stallion to secure the farm’s surrender.

A compelling account for animal lovers and World War II buffs alike, The Perfect Horse tells for the first time the full story of these events. Elizabeth Letts’s exhilarating tale of behind-enemy-lines adventure, courage, and sacrifice brings to life one of the most inspiring chapters in the annals of human valor.

Find Bare Cabin on Airbnb, it sleeps 8 and it is close to the Horse Center.

From Pat Lyne’s Shrouded in Mist

Ann Hemphill (who with her husband founded the Tulira Connemara Pony Stud in 1963) “was an avid foxhunter from her earliest years. In the war years Anne travelled thirty miles to the nearest meet of the Galway Blazers. She hacked five miles to the railway station where the pony was loaded with a change at Claremorris station being necessary. She recalls her frustration at having to leave before the hounds were blown home in order to catch the last train.”

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!
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.  

**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 804-507-0269
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

Wanted: Side saddle; plantation ok; very old ok; buy or borrow. balmullofarm@gmail.com.

**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.
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.cadyodalylfarm.com; cadyodalylfarm@gmail.com
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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.