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A bit more good news!

One last foal born just at the deadline of last newsletter, a halfbred filly at Two Left Hands Farm. The very flashy chestnut is by Killenora Windy Isles out of ISH AllyKhan, and will aptly be called Show Stopper!
Pony Tales

With all the regular events cancelled, I decided to try something new with my pony: Cattle work!

I saw an event on-line advertising “Intro to Cattle,” for horses of all disciplines and I signed up to go to a farm near Warrenton one hot Saturday morning. The day was attended by about a half dozen horses of all types and sizes, although I think my pony was the smallest. There was a tall dark and handsome OTTB there to put a line on his resume, a couple of show hunter types looking for adventure, and a couple of gaited horses. Only one of the other horses had seen cattle before. I will admit there are cattle on the farm where I hunt, and we have to walk by or through them to get to the kennels, so I knew my pony would not have too much trouble being in the same space with cattle.

Here is what I really want to say about this adventure: Here I was, in the heart of our ACPS region, in an area where I know there are many Connemaras, and half of the people I met that day did not know what a Connemara Pony was, or had never seen one (that they knew about) before! I am proud to say that Wish gave them all something to admire in her athleticism and attitude—NO ONE went home thinking, “I would never want to ride one of those Irish ponies!”

I made sure they all knew what she was, and they saw what she was capable of. I think we all need to do a better job of promoting our favorite breed, where ever we go.

Welcome to a new member, Jessica Culbertson of Charlotte, North Carolina

Jessica writes:
“T have always been a fan of the breed, have ridden some stellar crosses in eventing career. I really starting following ACPS after helping a client purchase their first horse - a purebred Connemara gelding named Charlie Brown (Brambleridge Capability Brown) owned by the Ransons. They absolutely love Charlie and it’s been great to see how far Georgia has taken him in various show rings.”

“I had been following Megan Buchanan Harris on social media for several years with her Declan pony stallion. Every once in awhile, I would ask about his offspring for sale and just talk myself out of the idea. I guess this pandemic has had it’s perks, as Megan’s fellow foxhunter friend had bred her TB mare to Declan the year before and I was able to jump on the packaged deal of mare with foal at side before they advertised. So I’m happy to announce being a halfbred Connemara Pony owner, lol.”

“His name is Darcy (Daithi O’Pondi) and it’s been fun raising a colt this summer while being ‘stuck’ at home.”
MESSAGE FROM BOG MEMBER

GREETINGS Members of Region 1-10 ACPS!

Just recently I accepted the Co-Chair position of the ACPS Public Relations Committee. I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and hope that I will be able to assist in helping your region chair with membership and opportunities for more gatherings and sharing info about our wonderful ponies.

I live in Lexington, VA and breed half-bred Connemara ponies. I have one pure bred Connemara yearling colt and after 40 years as an educator I get to play with my horses and ponies all day. I have 2 yearlings, 2 new foals and have 3 bred for next year. My emphasis is on performance but as we all know these ponies can do it all.

There are several new and exciting things going on:

a. A new re-structured website that will have easy access and will be laid out with professional accuracy and information. It is well underway but as you can imagine will take some time to complete.

b. An Interactive Breeders’ map located on the new website. On a US map there will be icons that identify breeders of Connemara ponies and an additional link that will provide farm names and address location.

Other new members—Please reach out an welcome these people if they live near you! The Connemara family is small, it is good to form ties and keep in touch.

Heather Beveridge, Henderson, NC
Christie Crava, Odenton, MD
Kate DeVega, Boyce, VA
Alice Honeycutt, Cresaptown MD
Allison Sans, Boyce, VA
Krysta Pardes, Washington, DC
Janet DeGroff, Blacksburg, VA
c. Soon to be released is an incredible video created for Breyerfest that showcases our incredible breed and will bring tears to your eyes.

I am hoping that you will share some things about yourselves and I look forward to working with your region chair in addressing your challenges. I know you are widely spread out but there are new ways to communicate that don’t cost a dime. Last but not least please renew your membership or become a new member. Feel free to send photos and articles about your ponies and suggestions are always welcome. I will stay in touch by submitting a monthly insert in your newsletters. I’m hoping you will submit pictures of yourself and your ponies and riders.

Thank you,
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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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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
Balmullo’s Field Marshall  

Balmullo’s Moon Dancer 4 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

Balmullo’s Celtic Heart, yearling 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.
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 allbreds . 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.

**GLENDALE FARM OFFERS:**
Deb Norman [debnorman@mindspring.com](mailto: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