Well worth a Watch!

You may recall that Breyer featured a new model of Connemara stallion **WH Top Gun** at this year’s Breyerfest. As part of the event, a video promoting the Connemara breed was aired. It was not easily available to be seen outside of the Breyerfest event, but now it can be seen at the following web address. Enjoy! [https://vimeo.com/420294484](https://vimeo.com/420294484)

News From the ACPS

Board members Donna Power and Sally Oxnard have been networking with all the region chairs to better understand the needs, challenges, and successes in each region.

The consistent themes heard were:

1) We need the membership chair to send regular lists of member and lists of new members to the chairs. We need the membership chair to remind folks whose memberships have expired. We should sending a mailer out to renew your membership.

   **Action:** we have spoken to the membership chair and all these things are under way.
2) We need materials and money to promote the ponies- $300 would go a long way in Idaho to help Susan Dudasik attend the Horse expo and promote Connemaras. Also she wants banners and fliers for her to use as well. New video was well received. Only ONE Pony Club flier in the website.

   **Action:** we have spoken to Heather Magnan. New fliers are underway. There is $300 available for conventions etc. APPLY for it by Jan 1!! New website is nearly done. You all have the new video??

3) Older members are fading away and not being replaced by younger ones- we need to cultivate the Juniors and communicate with the young adults. Facebook or ZOOM appears to be more popular than a newsletter. Each region who has a newsletter says they need to beat the bushes to get material from their Region to include. Facebook pages have hundreds of people.

   **Action:** Donna will plan a ZOOM training for any interested chairs. Region 2 has a ZOOM meeting already booked. Susan Dudasik has started a Working Equitation Facebook Page.

4) Regional activities. Some have many social activities- shows, tea, field day, trail rides, etc. Some need help with a Facebook survey or a survey monkey survey to ask members what they would like to do together. May require ACPS Foundation $$ for a clinic. Please send your Regional Newsletter to all the other Region Chairs to share. Ponies from other regions are always welcome to come to an activity or show.

   **Action:** Donna and Sally will plan a Survey Monkey training for you.

5) Juniors like STUFF. Can we invite one of them to have page in each magazine and can we give them shirts or saddle pads etc. Sally Eyles Goldfarb has found approaching the pony club very effective for promotions. We need ideas for the juniors!

   **Action:** Figure out who runs the Juniors program in the ACPS. (pending)

6) Bio in the magazine for Regional chairs or for new members?? Remember that Region Chairs are invited to submit a Region Chairs Report to the magazine by the 10th of the even months.

7) There are people in the bigger regions who would like to be more involved- chairs need to give them a job! Regions have geographic clusters- Ohio vs Lexington in Region 5. Upstate NY vs PA or the Hudson River Valley in Region 2.

   **Action:** Region 5 has one activity booked near Lexington, maybe one in the spring in Ohio.

8) Website needs to have UPDATED info on the regions please

   **Action:** new website is coming.....

9) Consider Western or trail awards- not every one rides English!

   **Action:** Awards committee working on this one. We do have Working Equitation as an Achievement Award.

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**Donna Power, new email:**

twolefthandsfarm@gmail.com
Sad News

Liz Booth, of Virginia Sport Horses in Montpelier, Virginia passed away suddenly this month. For the past 20 years or so she had bred, trained, and sold ”amateur friendly” horses, mostly draft crosses. She used many different stallions, but the one she kept and used year after year was the Connemara Tullymor Ned Devine. He produced not many purebreds, but many halfbreds for her.

Pony Tales

Completely unplanned meet-up at Bedford County Hounds hunter pace held at Sweet Briar College in September, three Connemaras: Glenmeadow Golden Wish, Glendale Mayday, and Cady O’Daly Artisan. Wish was part of the winning team in the full cry division, and the other two ponies were third (I think) in the junior division.

EXCITING NEWS!

Region III welcomes TWO new, young, stallions! One is a two year old, the other is three. We look forward to seeing them grow, develop and produce new Connemara babies!

From Margaret Long of Midlothian, Va:

I’d like to introduce Jet! More formally, he is Daystars Royal Legacy, a black bay N/N 2018 colt bred right here in Region III. His parents are not well known, as they spent their entire lives at home breeding and raising foals well into their twenties. Sire Briarpatch Mac is by Balius Brannigan out of a Lynfields line mare, and his dam is Woodlands Royal Patience, the only offspring of the only stallion son of Ballinaboy Eamon - Woodlands Blue Royal, out of a Big Bear mare. All in all, Jet’s pedigree is a well diversified combination of solid bloodlines that will combine beautifully with today’s performance pedigrees: Ballinaboy Eamon, Chiltern Colm, Lynfields, Oak Hill, Tullymor, Big Bear. He’s going to have working equitation, dressage, and eventing educations once started under saddle next year. He should finish right about 14.2h and presently has about 8.5” of bone. He has a particularly beautiful face and a lovely head/neck/shoulder connection. The most special thing about him, in my opinion, is that he is uber quiet! He takes everything in stride and sees the world without fear or alarm. He is so kind hearted, so soft to the hand! I love him. This is a temperament worth replicating. I have no doubt that he will prove himself athletically when he is ready.
Many thanks to breeder Daniel Duis for letting me lease and stand this last, best son of Briarpatch Mack. I hope he proves to be a legacy for Mack, for Patience, and for Day Star. Follow him on Facebook. He will be offered AI and live cover.

The second young stallion new to our region is **BSF Golden Snitch**, bred by Maura Jordan of Pennsylvania and owned by Nicolette Merle-Smith of Virginia. He is a beautiful blond by **Tre Awain Goldsmith** (who stood here in Virginia for many years) out of **BSF IndyLu** (Ballywhim An Luan.) He is 3 years old and HWSD N/N. Nicolette has just started him under saddle and says he is sweet and brave, and she has even taken him out hilltopping. He will be offered AI next spring.
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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Classifier Ads

BALMULLO FARM OFFERS:

Would you like a foal like this? Bazzle’s sire, Foothills Field Marshall, is available via fresh or frozen semen. $1000 includes $200 booking fee. balmullofarm@gmail.com 804-507-0269
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