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Report on the Saint Patrick’s Day Get-together

Thank you to Dave and Deb Norman for hosting our annual Saint Patrick’s Day meeting and potluck at Glendale Farm on March 15th. The meeting was attended by 28 region members including several new ones we were happy to welcome. Elections for region officers were held and the incumbents were re-elected unanimously. There was much discussion about what a wonderful time was had by attendees at the annual general meeting at Penmerryl Farm last year and so it is hoped that we can have a fun region weekend there again sometime this summer. Deb Norman agreed to look into it, and others were inspired to come up with fun riding events for the region at other locations.

The region show will be held August 22nd-23rd, at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia. We will be sharing the Center grounds with a Paso Fino show as well as a Clinton Anderson clinic, but we will have the same barns and arenas as in years past. Everyone enjoyed the Saturday evening dinner in the main arena meeting room last year and so we will be enjoying that again this year. The show organizers are attempting to tweak the show schedule so that dressage rides do not interfere with the in-hand classes. Of course the Region 3 Boutique will be open for business, and we will be welcoming our Mountain and Moorland friends.

Meet Your Region Officers

Donna Duckworth of Richmond, VA serves as our region governor. Donna taught Microbiology at the University of Florida for 34 years after receiving her PhD in Biochemistry from Johns Hopkins University. She has two grown children and one granddaughter. Her children were young when she was introduced to her first Connemara in the early 80’s. She saw an ad in a newspaper for a Connemara mare, which she purchased as a mount for her son. That mare, Glenconi, by Marconi out of a Rose Hill mare, turned out to be “just the most wonderful pony,” according to Donna. She was so smitten by her that she decided there should be more Connemaras in the world, and she bred Glenconi several times. Eventually she purchased the stallion Concord River Roaring Water Bay, and formed Balmullo Farm, named for the Scottish town where her then husband was born. Over the years Donna’s breeding program at Balmullo Farm produced many good and useful ponies, Donna served as region IV chair, and became an ACPS inspector. She has traveled to Clifden many times, four years ago she moved her farm to Virginia, and now serves as our region governor. As governor she is required to attend at least one of the ACPS board meetings per year, and to represent the interests of the regions to the board. She is always trying to think of ways to promote the Connemara breed and right now thinks the new Connemara Sport Horse registry is a good way to do just that. She also has an idea for a breeding incentive program, so perhaps there will be “more Connemaras in the world.”

Judy Brescia and her husband Pat have been serving the region in various capacities for many years, and Judy is currently our region secretary, responsible for taking notes at meetings and maintaining the email list that disperses the newsletter and other information. They live in Lovettsville, Va with 2 Connemaras, 2 Welsh Cobs, and 2 Highland Ponies. Obviously they are big fans of the Mountain and Moorland breeds, and Judy says her biggest regret about not having children is that she had no excuse to get a Dartmoor!
The Brescias purchased their first Connemara in 1982 after reading an article about Custusha’s Castle Rock and how he was burning up the jumper circuit. The article said that Connemaras were wonderful jumpers and frequently oversize, so they looked into buying one. They brought home Blue Ridge Tiger from Katherine Wilkins’ farm on Christmas eve and Judy says he was the finest equine she ever knew. They owned him til his death in 2005, purchased several other Connemaras, bred a few, and started collecting those other ponies, too.

Judy says, “As a member of Region III for over 30 years, I am very proud of the fact that our members are very committed and caring folks who own their ponies for life or make sure they go to good homes and our breeders are trying to breed ponies to be true to type and free from genetic disorders. I love the Region III show and am so glad that its future seems bright in the new location at VA Horse Center.

What I would like to see Region III do more of is clinics and trail rides. I think clinics are wonderful because everyone can attend with or without a pony and spend a day learning to be better horsefolks.”

Kim Harrison is our Region III Chair. A few years ago the ACPS board separated the positions of region governor and chair so that the chair handles affairs within the region, and the governor represents the region at the ACPS board meetings.

Kim runs her Ruxville Farm in Moseley, Va where she raises merino sheep and weaves clothing made from their wool. She graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Animal Science and has been married since she graduated. She and her husband have two children, one of whom rides. She met her first Connemara shortly after she was married when she worked on a farm devoted to foxhunting. Both the Master and Huntsman of the hunt rode Connemaras and Kim was impressed by the clever, tough, athletic ponies. Many years later, just seven years ago, she was offered a yearling filly by the owner because she was “just sitting in a field learning to be naughty.” That filly has grown into Kim’s partner in foxhunting, TREC, and anything else they decide to try. She has also broken, trained and sold a few “project ponies,” is still impressed with the clever, tough, athletic ponies, and will never own anything else.

Linda Trimper of Westminster, Maryland has been our region treasurer since 2010. She handles the banking and bill payments for the region, including the money from the show and the boutique. She keeps the checkbook balanced and prepares the treasurer report for our annual meeting.

Linda has been involved with Connemaras since 1991 when she purchased a pony named All Decked Out for her growing daughter. Although Linda no longer owns a Connemara herself, her daughter Melanie still owns a mare sired by *Lasrachai. Linda suggests coming out to cheer on any Connemaras competing at Fair Hill this fall with other pony fans. They had a great time last year and the boutique. She keeps the checkbook balanced and prepares the treasurer report for our annual meeting.

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Towards the end of March a spontaneous trail ride of Connemaras assembled in the Moss Foundation in Southern Pines, NC. Kim Harrison, visiting from Virginia and riding New Heart’s Hot Shot, (Cornerstone’s Indelible x QH/Trakehner) and Sandy McShea riding Aluinn Bowdoin (Hohnhorst Branni x Aladdin’s Midnight Jazz) met up quite coincidentally with Becky Garnett riding Daystar John Witherspoon (Briarpatch Mack x Saddlebred.)

Lulu and Balmullo’s Uproar

From Oakfield Farm Susan McConnell reports, “On March 16th, a gorgeous filly was born: “Grange Finch x *Cohra’s Dream x *Castleside Carrig. She is a smashing, correct, pony type filly! Her color stumps me - dark, but I doubt a dark dun. I want to “color test” her!”

Balmullo Farm welcomes the birth of a new purebred filly, Balmullo’s Irish Moss, “Mossie” (Foothill’s Field Marshall x Hillside Emily.)

Balmullo Farm offers two coming two-year-old purebred fillies for sale at VERY reasonable prices to knowledgeable and kind homes.

Tullymor’s Annie May (Tullymor’s Chip O’Perseus x Tullymor’s Anastasia Pearl), Cute as a button, grey. Will mature medium pony. Has been well civilized, leads loads, ties.

Tullymor’s Gracie Gray (Tullymor’s Mountain Shadow x Tullymor’s Kiss of Sun), dark grey, Full sister to the stallion Tullymor’s Mountain Sun. Beautiful conformation, movement, and temperament. Leads, loads, ties.

Also offered, Tullymor’s Clementine Rose (Tullymor’s Little Admiral [unreg. PB Connemara] x Roslands Carolon), 9 yo, dun. Is a purebred but circumstances of her birth mandate that she be registered as a halfbred. This is an absolutely lovely mare, wtc, jumps, trail rides. Loves to be by herself. Still somewhat green. Needs very loving home.

Offered at Stud: Foothill’s Field Marshall (*Gunsmoke x Foothill’s Maybee). Cooled, shipped semen, only. $850.

For further information call 804-507-0269.

Cady O’Daly Artisan (Tre Awain Goldsmith x Han/TB), 7 yo 15.3 homebred mare out of a nice jumper. Very athletic, bold, and scopey. A fun ride! Currently eventing at Training level and ready to show in 3’3” jumpers. Also foxhunts and great hacking out. Fabulous personality. $25K neg.

Puff of Wind (*Kilfenora Windy Isles x Fluvanna Pippin), 10 yo 14.1 grey gelding. Fabulous all-around purebred with a wonderful temperament and tons of show miles with a child. Cute mover and lovely jumper. Fun and easy! $20K.

Shenandoah (Aladdin’s Denver x QH], 8yo 14.3 dark bay halfbred mare. Big-bodied, suitable for a taller rider. Athletic, cute mover, with a lovely temperament. Local show miles and has also hunted. Would be a fun all-around mare for a petite adult or Pony Clubber. $13K.

Padric (Ballywhim An Luan [*Rocky] x HB mare), 8yo, 14.1 bay halfbred gelding. Padric is a sweet, talented pony who will excel in any discipline. He could go quite far in straight dressage, though he’s a fabulously bold and an athletic jumper as well. Asking $12K, very negotiable.

Thurman Sileach (*Rattle and Snap Laddie Boy x Thurman Keepsake), 3 yo gray filly. Her dam placed Reserve Champion at Upperville for the last three years and was Best Purebred of the Day at the Region III show in 2012. Like her dam, she placed well at Upperville in 2014 and was judged Best of the Day at the 2014 Region III Connemara Show in Lexington, VA. Inspected and approved. A sweet filly; will stay large pony. $9,500.
**Nola** (Tre Awain Dobh McDuff x PB mare by Aladdin’s Denver), 8 yo 14.1 black mare. Nola is a gorgeous mover and incredibly talented jumper. She has local show and eventing experience. Sweet temperament. Would be a fun pony for a Pony Clubber or petite adult. Has been produced by Advanced level eventer Carol Kozlowski. Asking $8500.

**Pippin** (Tre Awain Goldsmith x TB), 4 yo, 14.2 palomino gelding. Sweet, straightforward, and easy. Though he’s green, he’s been ridden by children and amateurs all summer, hacking out on trails and doing basic flatwork and light jumping in the ring and out on cross-country. A lovely all-around fellow with striking features! $7K.

**Thurman Ambrosia** (Aladdin’s Admiral Byrd x Oak Hills Miss Independence), 17 yo black mare. Broken to ride and a proven brood mare. Inspected and approved. 14.1/2 h. $5K.

**Thurman Crescent** (*Rattle N Snap Laddie Boy x Arab) Very classy, 2 yo bay gelding with lots of performance potential. Will go over large pony. $3K.

Other nice youngstock available in Canada and the Midwest. Also 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. Known for passing along his lovely temperament, athletic jump, and beautiful movement to his offspring. $800 stud fee. Located at Cady O’Daly Farm in Lynchburg, VA. Contact us at 571-271-9441 or email at CadyODalyFarm@gmail.com.

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**GLENDALE FARM OFFERS:**

**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.

Several nice two- and three-year-old prospects, all started under saddle. Call if you are looking for a young horse to start.

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Want to try something new with your pony? Two **TREC** clinics will be held in Virginia in the next few months. The first will be held May 16th in Louisa. This clinic will be an introduction to all three phases of TREC. Cost is $45 for USNETO members, $65 for non-members. The next day there is a judges training day where you can ride for free as a “guinea pig” for the judges to practice judging. All levels of riders can participate. Call 540-967-5842 or email labunn61@gmail.com to make a reservation.

More information is available at [www.trec-usa.org](http://www.trec-usa.org).

The second clinic will be held June 13 in Chesterfield County. This day will focus on the obstacle and control of pace phases of TREC and will conclude with a friendly, casual competition among participants. If there is interest there will be a free Friday night unmounted “chalk talk” covering the map skills used in the orienteering phase. Email yaharrisons@verizon.net or call 804-639-0881 for more information.