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CALENDAR
Annual General Meeting, October 1-4
Region meeting and potluck, December 6

CONNEMARA BOUTIQUE

The silent auction raised $500 and the Boutique had over $2,200 in sales. The Region 3 Boutique would like to thank everyone who purchased merchandise from the Boutique during our 2 day show. We truly appreciate the support as it helps to fund Region 3’s activities during the year.

Melanie Trimper at mmt328@yahoo.com; or visit us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Region-III-Connemara-Boutique/110616691379

ACPS Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting and awards banquet of the American Connemara Pony Society will be held October 1st-4th at the Hilton Garden Inn, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Ponies are welcome to join in the fun, and can be stabled at Willowbrook Farm, just a few minutes drive from the hotel. Activities for the weekend, in addition to the meetings and awards banquet include the silent auction, a Friday clinic with Kim Walnes at Willowbrook Farm, an inspections clinic, an interactive seminar on “Connemaras and social media,” and finally, on Sunday, a tour of a local Connemara farm to meet their stallions. More details and a registration form are available at www.acps.org.

Linda Trimper is once again assembling our region basket for the basket auction at the AGM. Please send her your donations to fill the basket. Anything having to do with Ireland, ponies, or a specialty of our region is a great basket item.

Region III Show

The weather smiled on the Region III Connemara Show once again at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA. Fifty-eight ponies and their entourages arrived ready for the two-day competition on August 22-23. Mike and Jennifer Keane were the long-distance travelers, coming from Florida with their four imported Irish youngsters, who proceeded to sweep the futurity and with *Seafield Ruby, win the two-year-old class and Best Purebred of the Day. Megan Harris and Nancy Buchanan from Georgia brought their imported Irish two-year-old colts and Megan’s old standby, Sparrow’s Owen, who once again captured the Best Halfbred of the Day, as he did two years ago.

Judge Christina Keim of New Hampshire took her time with the in-hand classes, making well-thought-out choices. Paul Maye of Fairfield, VA, having only five Mountain & Moorland entries, took the mike and gave us an impromptu clinic on the Native British Isles breeds. Nancy Lowey of Orange, VA spent a full day at “C” judging 60 rides. The day was capped off by six riders from Balmullo Farm performing a wonderful well-rehearsed Quadrille, and the exhibitor dinner sponsored by Region III.

Sunday’s performance classes were followed by the class Region III is famous for: Fancy Dress. The Balmullo “Art Gallery” blew everyone away with handlers dressed as the artist and the ponies painted as a sample of their art—for example, Andy Warhol’s pony sported a can of Campbell’s Carrot Soup. The girls said it was Donna Duckworth’s brilliant idea, but they took it from there and did their own incredible artwork! The Summerduck Run Farm Fairy Foxhunters, seven of them, were decked in green tunics and tutus, including a “hound” and a “go-to-ground terrier.” Judy Brescia and Marquis were decked top to toe
with bling, ready for Mardi Gras. Others, though not as elaborate, were just as clever.

The day ended with the usual Bareback Ride-A-Buck Challenge, and there was some serious competition for last year’s winner, Kim Harrison, but she again prevailed and took home the cash.

Looking forward to 2016!

Seafield Ruby, Best Connemara of the Day, with owner Jennifer Keane and judge Chris Keim, photo by Pat Brescia

2015 SHOW RESULTS

Combined Test and Dressage Division:

CT1: 1. MLC Irish Rapture, o/Katie Pinner, r/Paul Pinner; 2. Balmullo’s Liffey Lad, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh; 3. Thurman Sileach, o/Barbara Byrd, r/Mary McMillen; 4. ArtCeltic Tiara, o/Janet Gunn; 5. S.R. Easter Lilly, o/Petria Thomas, r/Maggie Butters; 6. Thurman Kemp, o/Shannen Sullivan;

CT2: 1. Gallo’s Heavenly Breeze, o/Katie Pinner, r/Annie Schmid; 2. Breena Bright Beauty, o/Christine Owens, r/Alexis Owens; 3. Cady O’Daly Tinker, o/Christina Siena, r/Christine Chatham; 5. Ridgetop Robin Goodfellow, o/Katie Pinner; 6. Armando, o/Leslie & Marilyn Cheek, r/Rosemary Thomas;

D1: 1. *Belle Dawn, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Vivian Holten; 2. Balmullo’s Katydid, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Andelynn McLeod; 3. Dylan, o/Anne Lear; 4. Ridgetop Just One Look, o/Kipp Whelan, r/Caroline Buchholz; 5. Balmullo’s Lorelei, o/Marylind Davis; 6. Balmullo’s Miss Emma, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Daphne Rowan;

D2: 1. Balmullo’s Belladonna, o/Carly Whiteren; 2. Circle H MacKenzie, o/Judy Brescia; 3. Balmullo’s Katydid, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Andelynn McLeod; 4. Ridgetop Hollis, o/Kipp Whelan; 6. Aluinn Clementine, o/Nora Lindberg, r/Anne Lear;


D4: 1. Breena Bright Beauty, o/Christine Owens, r/Alexis Owens; 2. Balmullo’s Belladonna, o/Carly Whiteren; 3. MLC Irish Rapture, o/Katie Pinner, r/Paul Pinner; 4. *Valencia Dralium, o/Stacia Drape, r/Lulu Malinoski;

D5: 1. Breena Bright Beauty, o/Christine Owens, r/Alexis Owens; 2. Ridgetop Robin Goodfellow, o/Katie Pinner;

D8, Test of Choice: 1. Gallo’s Heavenly Breeze, o/Katie Pinner, r/Annie Schmid; 2. Thurman Siena, o/Christine Chatham; 3. Sparrow’s Owen, o/Megan Harris; 4. Sparrow’s Owen, o/Megan Harris; 5. Maki, o/Elizabeth Gathright; 6. Maki, o/Elizabeth Gathright;

D9, Self-Expression: 1. Quadrille, Balmullo Farm;

High Score Senior: Gallo’s Heavenly Breeze and Anne Schmid (73.654); High Point Junior, Balmullo’s Liffey Lad and Summer Fraughnaugh (69.375)

J3 Puddle Jumpers: 1. Cady O’Daly Artisan, o/Brynn Katany; 2. S.R. Persu’s Pleasure, o/Lester & Marilyn Cheek, r/Anna Sortore; 3. Ridgetop Robin Goodfellow, o/Katie Pinner; 4. S.R. Irish Lace, o/Lester & Marilyn Cheek, r/Taylor Foard; 5. S.R. Easter Lilly, o/Petria Thomas, r/Maggie Butters; 6. *Valencia Dralium, o/Stacia Drape, r/Lulu Malinoski

Mountain & Moorland Division:

MM3, Colts & Geldings 8 and under: 1. Buffalo Lily Hopper (Dartmoor), o/Anne-Louise Bonda Hartman, h/Stephen R. Hartman; 2. Sandby Marquis (Highland), o/h Judy Brescia; 3. Kiddery Addicted to Love (Welsh Cob), o/h Barbara Nelson;

MM4, Geldings over 8 years: 1. Circle H MacKenzie (Highland), o/h Judy Brescia; 2. Galore’s Huckleberry (Welsh), o/Amanda Reap, h/Kyla Chirayath;

In-hand Champion: Buffalo Lily Hopper; Reserve, Sandby Marquis;


Ridden Champion: Circle H MacKenzie; Reserve: Galore’s Huckleberry

Connemara In-hand Division;

F1 & 2 combined Purebred Colts, Geldings, & Fillies Futurity: 1. *Seafield Dangan Nora, o/Mike Keane, h/Jennifer Keane; 2. *Doonhill Dancer, o/h Mike Keane; 3. *Glenrevagh Holly, o/Mike Keane

Best Purebred Yearling, *Seafield Dangan Nora, Reserve, *Doonhill Dancer

H1, PB Colts & Geldings 2 and over: 1. Thurman Kemp, o/h Shannen Sullivan; 2. *TBS Declan Pondi, o/Nancy Buchanan, h/Megan Harris; 3. Balmullo’s Liffey Lad, o/Balmullo Farm, h/Summer Fraughnaugh; 4. *Ruby King Sparrow, o/h Nancy Buchanan; 5. Hillcreek Celtic Bug, o/h Lori Johnson; 6. Cady O’Daly Amigo, o/Emily Daily, r/Alicia Daily;


H4 Best Purebred Connemara of the Day; *Seafield Ruby; Reserve, Thurman Sileach;


H7, HB Mares & Geldings, 2-7 years: 1. Gallo’s Heavenly Breeze, o/Katie Pinner, r/Anne Schmid; 2. Cady O’Daly Tinker, o/Alicia Daily; 3. ArtCeltic Tiara, o/Janet Gunn; 4. Aluinn Clementine, o/h Nora Lindberg; 5. Dylan, o/Anne Lear; 6. Ridgetop Hollis, o/Kipp Whelan;

H8, HB Mares & Geldings 8 and over: 1. Sparrow’s Owen, o/h Megan Harris; 2. Cady O’Daly Artisan, o/b Brynn Katany; 3. Grendel McVai, o/h Katie Zube; 4. Maki, o/h Elizabeth Gathright;
Several pages of text are present, mentioning various horse shows and events. The text includes references to different horse names, riders, and various categories such as Open Pleasure, Over Fences, Under Saddle, and others. Dates and locations are not clear, but the text seems to outline the results and participants of several horse shows. The text is dense and contains multiple references to horse names, riders, and events.
Marilyn Cheek, r/Taylor Foard; 6. *Valencia Dralium, o/Stacia Drape, r/Lulu Malinoski;
Champagne Glass: 1. Grendel McVai, o/r Katie Zube; 2. Armando, o/Lester & Marilyn Cheek, r/Rosemary Thomas; 3. JEF Sara, o/r Lori Murray;
Over the Dam: 1. S.R. Irish Lace, o/Lester & Marilyn Cheek, r/Taylor Foard; 2. S.R. Easter Lily, o/Petrina Chomas, r/Maggie Butters; 3. Armando, o/ Lester & Marilyn Cheek, r/Rosemary Thomas; 4. Glenmeadow King McVai, o/Margaret Long, r/Erin Adam; 5. S.R. Perseus’ Pleasure, o/Lester & Marilyn Cheek, r/Anna Sortore;
Bareback Ride-A-Buck Winner: Glenmeadow Golden Wish, o/r Kim Harrison

The trail class was held over an outside course with natural terrain.

Pony Tales
From Brooke Baker in Delaware:
Thank you for welcoming me back to ACPS. I have two Connemara Thoroughbred mares. Full sisters out of Whata Key Delite (TB mare) and ArdCeltic Art. Arts Liadan Delite (Lia) is Arts first foal. I do hunters with her and she was Halfbred Connemara of the day in 2012 I believe? She is a 16.1 hand almost white grey. Her little sister Adalias Celtic Delite (Ada) is my eventing super pony. She is 5, stands at 15.1 hands, as is wide as she is tall and we have been doing well at local events and currently competing beginner novice.
We recently went to our first USEA recognized event at Loch Moy. We had a bit of a disadvantage being in hilly Maryland and being from the flat sandy area of Delaware where the highest point in Sussex County is the dump. Lol. Both girls have been competing and placing well in their disciplines. I am so happy My mother and I decided to breed my mare to Art.

Balmullo’s Azalea was on track for stardom and to be a pampered pony forever. But things didn’t go quite that way. Azalea was born in Florida amidst the spring- blooming pink azalea bushes at Balmullo Farm. Her dam, Courtney’s April Frolic, was a daughter of the famous Connemara, Custusha’s Cashel Rock, while her sire was Concord River Roaringwater Bay. Her dam had been a successful hunter pony while her sire had many successful offspring, many in eventing.
She was trained by Michelle Haas and then sold to Betsy Woodruff for her daughter, Katherine to ride. Michelle says she was one of the easiest ponies she ever started….”she had a beautiful floating movement and a great jump. She was so balanced and naturally gifted…For the hunter ring she was super. She was never taught to change (leads), it was naturally there. She was kind and willing to please.”
Among many wins and championships, she placed 10th (out of 110) at the Pony Hunter Finals in 2007. Nationally in the USEF she finished 6th Overall in the Large Green pony hunters that year. She also won the Clifden Trophy for high point pony hunter. But then she was outgrown and sold. A new home is always somewhat challenging, but she was slightly injured early on, rehabilitated, then injured and rehabilitated again. After reportedly being sold at one point for close to $100,000, she ending up being given to the Garrison Forest Preparatory School in Maryland. But she could no longer do the jumps like she used to and was about to be sold to an auction barn. The trainer at Garrison Forest recognized that this was an elite pony that should be restored to the breed and began to contact Connemara owners to see if they would give her a home. As I was bulging at the seams, having taken in 5 “visiting ponies” lately, I tried to give her to several people but to no avail. Then I heard from Michelle that Sue Holland in North Carolina had agreed to take her if Michelle would help out with overjoyed. They plan to rehabilitate her and breed her. Sue drove to Baltimore to get her and when she stepped off the trailer was in “raging” heat, so was bred right then and there to Sue’s stallion Seamus. And, what do you know (who says you can’t get an older maiden mare in foal?), three weeks later she was confirmed in foal! So she had a lightning start to her new life. Michelle says, “Zaley, I’m so glad you are safe and back. Sue and I promise to spoil you as rotten as you should be.”
She will be a pampered pony forever after all!!
Michelle and Azalea reunited

Classified Ads

BALMULLO FARM OFFERS

Uproar is looking for a new home!! **Balmullo’s Uproar**, aka "Pinky", is a 7 yo bay 13.3 hh mare. She is out of Wildwych Clio (by Castle Baron). Her sire is CR Roaringwater Bay. (Sire of the lately famous Azalea!) She has been ridden for the past two years by a now 12 year old young lady, but young lady has recently graduated to a slightly larger pony (Connemara of course) so we are offering Balmullo’s Uproar for sale. Pinky has lots of ribbons from schooling hunter shows...she qualified in first place for the Pony Club Show Jumping rally and has done a little eventing. And she always wins the pony puissance at our end-of-camp show! She is very easy….totally uncomplicated. She would make a perfect pony club pony, hunter pony, or broodmare. Email balmulloonfarm@gmail.com for further information. VERY reasonably priced!

Boalmullo’s Uproar, ("Pinky")

Offered at Stud: **Foothill’s Field Marshall** (*Gunsmoke x Foothill’s Maybee). Cooled, shipped semen, only. $850. For further information call 804-507-0269.

CODY O’DALY FARM OFFERS:

**Cady O’Daly Tinker** - 5yo, 15.2h Connemara x Hanoverian/TB mare by Tre Awain Goldsmith. "Tink" is a striking palomino with tons of chrome. She has a wonderful personality, is a beautiful mover and excellent jumper. Shown locally--will excel in any direction, though we can see her as a dressage or eventing performer. Perfect for adult amateur or junior. Currently eventing Beginner Novice, showing 2'6-2'9, doing hunter paces, and hilltopping. Recently showed at the Region III show and got some great ribbons. $15K.

**Cady O’Daly Amigo** - 5yo, 15.1 black Connemara gelding (Tre Awain Goldsmith x Ridgetop Cady O’Daly, by Aladdin’s Denver). Fabulous, friendly, athletic, and talented gelding who has local show/hunter pace miles. Great flatwork and loves to jump. Perfect all-around type. Easy and fun. Ready for Beginner Novice eventing/dressage, etc. Recently showed at the Region III show and got some great ribbons and acted like an old pro! $12K, neg. to the perfect home.

**Durango** - 6yo, 15.2+ bay Connemara-cross gelding by Tre Awain Goldsmith. Lovely, laidback temperament - safe and sweet. Great family horse! Loves trails and hacking out, and will foxhunt this fall, currently roading with the hounds. Would be a fun lower-level eventer/foxhunter/Pony Club type. Easy and straightforward. $10K

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. N/N for HWSD, $800 stud fee.
Located at Cady O'Daly Farm in Lynchburg, VA. Contact us at 571-271-9441 or email at CadyODalyFarm@gmail.com.

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.

**Glendale's Boot Camp** (Camper). 5 year old bay mare, 15'1"+. Big bodied. Really nice. Brave, smart, quiet, a lovely mover. She has spent 1.5 years in Ocala with Elliott Blackman who events Training-Intermediate. Lots of flat work plus trail ridden. Out of a TB mare by Rattle n Snap Laddie boy. I cannot say enough nice things about this mare. She has no limits as to discipline. $12.5K

**Glendale's Macadam Road** (Mac). 4 year old purebred dark bay gelding. 15+ hands. Also big bodied. Has been trail riding in the Blue Ridge Mountains for a year. Has done a couple of hunter paces. He W/T/C in the ring but has not done a lot of flat work while he was trail riding but we are riding him daily on the trail and he is wide open and completely capable of going forward. He just needs his person. A lovely little horse. Out of a Denver mare (Glendale’s Brooks and Dun) by an Ian McVai stallion (SR Irish Envoy). $8500.


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