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CALENDAR
Deadline to submit Achievement forms for 2015: December 31

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Region 3 December Meeting

Our next region get-together will be Sunday, December 6 at noon at the home of Les and Marilyn Cheek, Sycamore Ridge Farm, 9188 Lee’s Ridge Road, Warrenton, Virginia.

Please bring a dish to share, and you creative types are welcome to bring your wares to help us out with our Christmas shopping.

Region Members Shine at AGM

At the annual general meeting of the ACPS, several region members were recognized with society awards.

Region III’s own Anne Moe is this year’s recipient of the prestigious ACPS Crestwood Service Award. This award is awarded annually “for outstanding personal endeavor on behalf of the Connemara pony.” Past winners of the award—including Katherine Wilkins, who received the award last year—choose each year’s winner, and it is a closely held secret until the award is presented at the annual meeting.

Anne says she was “totally overwhelmed,” and “humbled” to be announced as the winner at the AGM in October. She met her first Connemaras years ago when two girls rode into her yard riding ponies owned by her neighbor, Anne Frey. Anne later bred her Saddlebred mare to Mrs. Frey’s imported stallion, *Lystra Lad, producing two nice halfbreds. After many years with no Connemaras in her life, Anne was in need of a new hunt horse, and bought an oversized Connemara in the early 1990s, hunted him for several years, and after his untimely death, started the “Moe Kindergarten.” Over the next several years she purchased, trained, and sold a dozen or so young Connemara ponies, giving them a good primary education, and sending them on to, mostly, forever homes. Her kindergarten graduates are now all over the country, spreading Connemara goodwill.

Anne has been the region show secretary for many years, and until last year was the region newsletter editor.
As such, she seems to know every owner and pony in the region. A few years ago she stepped up to become the ACPS membership secretary when the former secretary passed away. She proposed serving as a volunteer on the condition that funds tagged for the salary be used to resume publishing paper issues of the American Connemara magazine when the move had been toward electronic issues. She further saved the society money by promoting the idea of e-ballots for elections and an online membership directory, considerably reducing printing and shipping costs.

“It helped sell Denver's abilities when visitors would come to meet the stallions, and before long, Walter Eyles would appear on Denver, bareback, usually riding with just a halter on the horse, and proceed to canter around the arena and jump whatever jumps were set that day. High, low, in between, it made little difference.”

“I haven't done the exact count for Denver's get, but it is over 100, purebred and halfbreds. And, they reside from Alaska to Hawaii, and every region show has had a champion sired by him. He was inspected and approved for Premium. His get have won USEF Horse of the Year, they are competing from cross rails to Intermediate, they are foxhunting, trail riding, being show hunters, and family horses. Our grandchildren have grown up on his sons and daughters.”

“He is 31, and his back is down a bit, but he still canters happily to his breakfast and dinner, and he lives out, almost 24/7, and he yells at his herd of mares regularly. Indeed, he has been a good one. Thank you, Catherine Mack, for insisting we take him home with us.”

Another region stallion honored was **Tre Awain Goldsmith** (Tre Awain Ginger Blue x Tre Awain Golden Lily,) a 1999 stallion who is owned by Cady O’Daly Farm and ridden by Alicia Daily of Goode, Va.

Emily, Alicia’s daughter writes: “We were delighted and very honored for our stallion Tre Awain Goldsmith to receive this year’s ACPS An Tostal Award, which is given in recognition of a stallion's career of outstanding achievement, both competitive and noncompetitive. We nominated Tag for this prestigious award this summer, knowing that he could very well deserve this high accolade, due to his own performance record in eventing, dressage and jumpers, and also due to his offsprings' outstanding competition records as well. “Tag was a fantastic competitor over the years, and for the past decade or so, we've been having a blast competing his babies—it's true, Connemaras really do it all! We're thrilled to receive this award, and it's so exciting that his legacy continues on in his children's successes. We look forward to many, many more years of enjoying "Tag babies!"
An Tostal winner Tre Awain Goldsmith, III also had an award winner on the distaff side.

*Hayselden Persephone* (Hayselden Bacchus x Cloonisle Coral Strand), owned by Katherine Wilkins of Washington, DC, won the Hall of Fame Broodmare award. Katherine tells us: “Persephone arrived in the US at the age of six months with *Hayselden Perseus*, whom Sam Davis had chosen as her stallion prospect. After a year in Virginia she moved to Kentucky where Moxley Duncan stood at the time. Unfortunately at age two she was afflicted with EPM and lost the use of her right hind leg for almost six months. After treatment she was able to move fairly well and started driving training with Sam back in Virginia. However, she again got EPM, and also lost sight in her right eye (we are unsure if this was due to EPM or not) and as a result I stopped trying to ride or drive her. She can move without pain but there is always a limp. There would not have been time for Persephone to have 12 foals if she had stayed sound as we would have been busy driving and riding everywhere—so that is the silver lining! She has stopped getting in foal as she has uterine cysts, but otherwise she does not show the effects of 12 pregnancies.”

“All of her foals are of classic Connemara temperament and looks. Eleven are by Moxley Duncan and one is by Tre Awain De Valera. They are all sensible, friendly, eager to cooperate with their riders.”

“Mrs. P herself is a self-confident, but pleasant character who has always run her field and set a good example for sillier mares about how to manage their offspring and lives. Her attitude has imbued her foals with good sense, although I’m sure some of it is genetic and from their sires as well as their dam.”

ACPS Halfbred of the Year, *Sparrow’s Nio* (*Grange Finn Sparrow x TB*) was bred by Tootie Jones of Swift Level Farm of Lewisburg, WV.

One more pony with region ties to be honored at the AGM is *Wil’ya Love Me* (*Grange Finn Sparrow x Lady Doreen*), winner of the Hall of Fame Camlin Performance award. “Willy” was bred by Holly Bricklin in Maryland and owned and evented by Courtney Sendak of Sparks, Maryland through Advanced. At age 18, he is now competing with a young rider at the Novice level.

**Another Region Star**

Martha Wolfe, an ACPS member from Winchester, Virginia, has authored a new book, *The Great Hound Match of 1905*, due out in early November. She will be reading from her book at the National Sporting Library and Museum in The Plains, Virginia on Sunday, November 8 from 2-4 pm. This book should appeal to anyone who has ever foxhunted, and the Connemara connection of the author heightens the appeal.

Martha bred three halfbred Connemaras: *Greenspring Anticipation* (1992) and *Greenspring Comet* (1994), both by Aladdin’s Denver, and *Greenspring Puck* (2007), by Landgate Bluebeard. Martha writes, “My only horse right now is my great Conn/QH gelding, Smuggler, 18 this season, a foxhunting dirt-bike. I bought him from Marion Thorne, huntsman for Genesee Valley Hounds in ’02 and we've never looked back. Of course what can we say about Connemaras? They do everything for everyone, don't they? They're not easy, they're rarely simple, but they're smart and bold and willing and full of the best a horse owner can ask for.”

Martha hunts with and walks puppies for Blue Ridge Hunt.
More information about Martha and her book can be found at www.marthawolfe.net

Pony Tales

Two Connemara ponies and their owner/riders showed up to compete at the TREC trail challenge held in Pittsboro, NC on October 24th. Never having met before, they recognized each other as Connemaras in the trailer parking area and a new friendship was formed. Kim Harrison with Glenmeadow Golden Wish (*Kinzighausen Golden Mortimer x Ledgewood Greystone Desiree) went on to win the level 2 championship at the competition, while Shannon Woolfe and Snipper (Shannon calls her “Birdie”) (Ballius Liam x Coastal Cranberry) were second in level 2. Connemaras ruled the day!

Rita Hamlet of Marriottsville, MD writes: “We have happily welcomed a 1/2 Connemara mare into our lives. We purchased Janet Johnson’s (Dayton Ridge Farm) DRF Trinity, a three-year-old chestnut. She arrived last week to Walnut Pond Farm. Sire: Skyview’s Triton, Dam: In Vogue (Oldenburg Ironman daughter.)”

“We look forward to bringing along this youngster as a show hunter, and to many years of adventures for Isla. She is a kind, sweet mare and has a great brain. She should top out around 16.1, is my guess (her dam was 16.2 1/2). She has a good, substantial build and is already 15.3+ at only three years old.”

“It will obviously be a while before Isla is able to show her, but we look forward to the journey. Isla has given her the barn name Ella. I’ll try to get some new pictures once she is fully settled in. She was a bit stressed from the 15-hour trailer ride here from WI, and needs to put on a little weight. She passed her PPE with flying colors, and is handling all the new changes very well.”

DRF Trinity
Classified Ads

BALMULLO FARM OFFERS:

Uproar is looking for a new home!! Balmullo’s Uproar, aka "Pinky", is a seven-year-old bay 13.3 hand 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 balmullofarm@gmail.com for further information. VERY reasonably priced!

Tullymor's Clementine Rose wants her forever home. WTC, jumps. A little shy until she gets to know you. Is purebred but registered a halfbred due to no fault of her own. 10 years old, has had one foal. Special this month only, $2500. balmullofarm@windstream.net

For Sale: Balmullo’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.

CADY O’DALY FARM OFFERS:

Cady O'Daly Tinker - 5yo, 15.2 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, negotiable to perfect home.

Durango - 6yo, 15.2 bay Connemara-cross gelding by Tre Awain Goldsmith. Lovely, laid back temperament - safe and sweet. Great family horse! Loves trails and hacking out. Currently foxhunting and is a perfect gentleman. Would be a fun lower-level eventer/foxhunter/Pony Club type. Easy and straightforward. $10K

Cady O'Daly Clare - Weanling purebred filly, black, sired by Tre Awain Goldsmith and out of Premium mare Ridgetop Cady O'Daly (by Aladdin's Denver). Very sweet, laid back, and correct. Lovely
gaits! Will be an exceptional athlete like both her parents, and also a fabulous addition to someone's breeding program. Should mature oversize (full siblings around 15+ hands). $4500

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. Winner of the 2015 ACPS An Tostal Award. Known for passing along his lovely temperament, athletic jump, and beautiful movement to his offspring. N/N for HWSD, $800

Located at Cady O'Daly Farm in Lynchburg, VA. Contact us at www.CadyODalyFarm.com; CadyODalyFarm@gmail.com, or call 571-271-9441. Lynchburg, VA.

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). Five-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). Four-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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