Connemara Pony News

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Calendar:

Deadline for next newsletter: April 15
St Patrick’s Day meeting: March 20
Region III Show: August 27-28

ACPS WEBSITE: http://www.acps.org

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

March Meeting

Our annual Saint Patrick’s Day get together will be held at Marilynn Davis’ house 21712 Willisville Road, Upperville, Virginia, on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at noon. Please bring a dish to share.

Marilynn sends the following advice for getting to her place:

Don’t follow GPS if it tells you to turn on St. Louis Rd. from Middleburg.

Coming from Marshall etc., you can take Rokeby Road and turn left on 50, the very next turn is Willisville Rd. on right.

If you stay on 50, you will pass the show grounds (turn around). Stay on Willisville for about a mile, turn right on Welbourne and an immediate left back onto Willisville (gravel at this point). One mile drive on right, Locke Farm.

From the Route 7 side, (Round Hill), turn on New Cut Road, it changes to Airmont Road at Snickersville. Stay on Airmont to left on Bloomfield, right on Willisville. Driveway is on left (across from Foxlease Farm) Sign near mailbox is Locke Farm.

Take driveway past the Barn & go counter clock wise around drive. Pull a little off the gravel so that people can leave without jockeying cars. Don’t worry about the grass.

CONNEMARA BOUTIQUE

Wilkers made in USA baby pads available in assorted colors with Connemaras Do It All logo (logo not shown in photo). $26.95 each.

Melanie Trimper at mmt328@yahoo.com; or visit us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Region-III-Connemara-Boutique/110616691379
DON’T MISS OUT ON ACPS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS!

Our intrepid point compiler, Deb Clinch, has just wrapped up the data for the 2015 Achievement Awards and this year, we had 37 Connemaras earning 48 awards. Were you among them? If so, you’ll soon be getting your certificates, medals or Award of Excellence frames. If not, why not?

We offer awards for both competitive and non-competitive activities, so there is almost nothing that you and your ponies do that wouldn’t count toward an achievement award. As I looked over this year’s list, I noticed that there seemed to be a dearth of young people submitting data on their Pony Club and 4-H activities, even though I know of many who are very involved.

To qualify for the awards in these activities, which are based on your level of participation, you have to keep track of how many times in a year you have used your pony as a regular 4-H or Pony Club mount.

To earn a certificate, you must use the pony eight times in one season or year, eight times each for two years for bronze, in three years for silver and four years for gold. At the end of each year, your Pony Club District Commissioner or 4-H leader has to sign your ACPS non-competitive points form to attest that you did, indeed, participate to that level. And then you send the one form in to Deb Clinch before the December 31 deadline. How hard is one form a year?

The same is true for the other non-competitive disciplines: foxhunting (Master or hunt secretary must sign); therapeutic riding or driving (program director must sign); or working ranch horse (ranch foreman must sign).

For the competitive disciplines, you earn points for showing. The categories are hunter, jumper, dressage, driving, competitive trail/endurance, eventing, in-hand and western. If you compete at shows recognized by the discipline’s governing body including US Dressage Federation (USDF) US Equestrian Federation, (USEF), US Eventing Association (USEA), The American Driving Society (ADS), American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) or the North American Trail Riding Conference (NATRC).

For these, you need to submit the competitive achievement awards form (found under FORMS on the ACPS website) for each competition and either get the form signed by the show secretary to attest that you did, indeed, win ribbons there, or, if the show posts its results online, you can submit a copy of the online results. If a show is rated and tracked by its governing body, you can submit the results as posted by, say, USEA or USEF.

Besides winning an award, participation has less obvious payoffs. For example, if you keep a copy of all your submissions, you have a one step record of your pony’s accomplishments. That alone can be a good way to chart your improvement over the years. and it certainly is valuable if you ever have to sell your Connemara. Or, if you should decide to
nominate your wonder pony for the ACPS Hall of Fame Awards after a lifetime of accomplishments, you have all the records you need.

Every year, I hear from members who don’t check the requirements until after they’ve shown (usually too late) or who forget about their submissions until the deadline has passed. Don’t be that person—we don’t bend the rules. Now is the ideal time inform yourself about this very popular program and get involved. You’ll be glad you did.

Reminders

A Message from Anne Moe Regarding ACPS Membership:

Hi, ACPS members, just a reminder that if I do not have your 2016 renewal in hand BY March 1, either through the mail or USEF, you will not receive the March/April issue of the magazine, and you will not be in the printed directory. There should be just enough time to renew.

Of course you may renew at any time and full member privileges will be reinstated. Also updates to the directory will be posted.

And a message from Marynell Eyeles:
I’ve just returned from the ACPS Board meeting in Lexington, KY, and each region was asked about the possibility of an Inspection --- probably in conjunction with our 30th Connemara Region III Show.
That date is August 27/28, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
I know there are two that have been paid YEARS ago and always remain on the list:
Kent's Nutmeg - Wendy Higginson
SHEC Legacy - paid by Wendy Higginson, now owned by Marynell Eyles
Are there others "out there" needing inspection for the first time, or perhaps, for premium?
Let me know if you might have one It's an excellent thing to do for your pony , it will enhance his/her value if you plan to sell, and it's a good learning experience too.
Gloria LaCroix, is chair of the inspection planning, so if you have questions (probably lots of them), just ask her.

We can probably fit in the inspection on Sunday afternoon If your pony will not be in any classes it's easy ,if the pony is showing, it's best to inspect after that.Let me know , and we can figure times and places.

If you have a stallion who hasn't been tested for HWSD - please get that done.
Its information everyone needs.

Calling All Yearlings

The region show in August features a yearling futurity class, but you must nominate your little prince or princess beforehand. The owner and breeder of the winning yearling earn a cash prize, and also rans are eligible for the “Swan class” in future years.

ACPS REGION III 2016 YEARLING FUTURITY NOMINATION FORM

Name of Foal

Owner and mailing address, if different from that on TFC:

E-mail:

Phone:

MANDATORY! Attach a photocopy of the Temporary Foal Certificate (TFC).

RULES: To nominate 2015 foals for 2016 futurities (purebred and halfbred) mail this form with a photocopy of the TFC and your check for $50 payable to ACPS Region III to Anne Moe, Show Secretary, 7725 Stoney Ridge Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104. Nominations will be accepted up until the deadline for pre-entries. Please note that you must also enter the futurity class at the show and pay the class fee.
Pony Tales

Anne Wadlow [Drogula now], a former Region III member, has come back into the Connemara family; she lives in New England now. Her mom, Vicki Wadlow, was a dedicated member in Region III and bred many nice ponies at her Mountain Field Farm in The Plains, VA. Anne showed the amazing “Gloves sisters at our show for years. She says:

“My list of ponies will seem rather familiar. I still have *Gloves Achillea, who at 31 years old still jumps 3' courses with ease and speed and will never ever be a kid pony, despite her age and my kids' wishes. I had her sister *Gloves Maire until she died a couple of years ago at 30, but at least she was able to start my kids riding before she went. When my parents sold the farm (sigh), I picked up Mountain Field's Charles Stuart Parnell (Maire's last foal by Denver) - he's the one I want to start eventing, and Mountain Field's Erin Damsel (the Erin Go Bragh purebred whom my mom rode for years until her accident) - I'm really hoping to get her in foal to Aluinn Durango this spring. And I'm leasing Mountain Field's Wake Up Little Susie (by our stallion Owen out of Wellspring Wakerobin, Achillea's daughter) from Janet Rowe. Susie is in foal to Morning Glory's Ilyushin. I also have an 11.1hh Dartmoor pony Swizzle who is the most gentle and patient little thing ever with my kids.

“Lately I've been on the lookout for the Mountain Field born ponies of whom we've lost track, especially MF Afternoon Delight (Dee). I just want to make sure they are all in good places. If you hear anything about any ponies with the Mountain Field prefix, I'd love to know! (asw5x@virginia.edu)”

A future member?

Pam Link is a long-time Equiery contributor, sending us photos of other Free Staters she meets in her travels. Although a resident of Harwood (where she owns Foxdown Farm with her husband Roger), Pam spends four months each year in Florida. Originally she stayed in Venice, then spent three winters in Ocala, and has spent the last 12 in Wellington. “Wellington has everything,” she says. “WEF is like Disneyland for horses.”

Born to a riding mother, Pam grew up riding hunters, junior jumpers, eventers and foxhunters, but eventually found dressage to be her true calling and passion. She owns two horses, a Swedish Warmblood and a Danish Warmblood, and would like to add a Connemara to her stable. She brings both horses to Florida and stays at White Fences, just outside of Wellington. Over the years, she has become our “eyes on the ground” in Florida, sending us plenty of pictures of Marylanders making the annual winter migration to warmer places.

In addition to shooting for us, Pam also does equine massage sessions a few afternoons each week and works for Dover Saddlery. This year, Pam had the opportunity to spend some time with a few Maryland trainers who call Wellington their winter home. We hope you enjoy these casual chats with Marylanders. If you are a Maryland-based trainer who winters in Wellington, let us know! Email editor@equiery.com to set up a chat and photo session.

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Classified Ads

2 Blankets for sale: 1) 75 Rambo Original Heavyweight (green with red trim), slightly faded but good condition. 2) 76 Schneiders midweight, black, designed not to put pressure on the withers. very good condition. Both blankets were professionally cleaned and waterproofed this spring. Marla Stoner 301-368-3435
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: Tullymore’s Clementine Rose

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’Dal 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](http://www.CadyODalyFarm.com); [CadyODalyFarm@gmail.com](mailto:CadyODalyFarm@gmail.com), or call 571-271-9441. Lynchburg, VA.

**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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**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

Fresh off the loom: 100% cotton Connemara tartan towels. Handwoven by a region member. $25 each. This batch is strong red and green, with accents of blue, navy and yellow. Contact Kim Harrison, 804-639-0881 or vaharrisons@verizon.net