A Trip to Ireland for the Connemara Pony Breeders Society Show!

*by Linda Haines and Scott McGuffin*

Clifden, County Galway, Ireland:

Connemaras everywhere! Where else but in Connemara. Here are some snapshots of our time there this year.

**Day 1:** We started on Monday and went with a group of other enthusiasts from all over the world to visit about 8 farms or studs in the southern part of Connemara. Like here, people love to show and talk about their ponies. We got to visit mostly small breeders, but were always treated to having ponies brought out for us to see and getting the bloodlines sorted out for each pony.

The show itself lasts three days starting with family hunter classes and then free jumping for three-year-old ponies. About 40 ponies competed in the free jumping and the spectators were at least two deep all around the arena.

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...FROM THE CHAIR

Sally Oxnard

I am penning my last chair’s report as I hand the mantle over to Pat Shields after the annual meeting in VA which is the first week in October. I have had a fine time shepherding the region along for a few years and appreciate Linda Haines who did it before me and Amy Plavin who did it for a few years between my terms and Pat who is stepping up to it now. We are lucky to have such an active Region and so many great volunteers BUT we have many new members and many transfers in the magazine so we know there is new blood out there and we hope you are ready to step up and make this YOUR region.

At the Region I Show which was ably directed by Amy Plavin with help from Susan Goodhouse, we had a small trail ride, smaller in hand classes and hunter classes, an excellent dressage component provided by the CVDA, good food, excellent trail class judged by Lila Gendal who is a Connemara owner now, and a new phase call the Hunter Deby which was judged by our own Chris Keim. The new raffle seems popular and interesting and made good money for us. There will be more info about the show in this newsletter, but it is clear that the in hand classes are shrinking and we need to have

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On the tour we saw many wonderful stallions and proud Connemara breeders  LINDA HAINES PHOTOS
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ACPS Annual Meeting...NOW!
by Carolyn McEvitt

The annual meeting for the American Connemara Pony Society is this week! October 2nd is when all our fellow Connemara lovers will come together at lovely Pennmerryl Farm in Greenville, VA. At right is the conference agenda and the reverse is the registration form—just in case someone is making last minute plans. Hope to see many of our Region I members attending! 🌸

REGION I CHAIR cont.

more of a performance focus next year. Please give us your feedback on what kind to show YOU would attend next year.

As the season moves on we have Equine Affaire as our next project. Pat Shields is chairing that again with Amy Plavin organizing the breed demo, Carolyn McEvitt the volunteers, Janet Chayes the money, Sue Antilla the calendar, me the booth, etc. We hope to have a junior demo team this year so plan to be there-Saturday AM November 15. If you have great photos that we can use in the booth send them to me and we will mount them.

Next is the Tea which we may move to CT this year if we have a host-ess down there, and then Field Day which needs a site and an organizer. Please let me or Pat know if you want to try your hand at hosting one of these- they are a great way to get to know people.

Finally we appear to have a number of foals due in the spring, as all of us have taken calls for ponies and discovered there are not many for sale out there. I have two coming, Linda Haines one, Amy Plavin one. Please let us know what is up with your ponies – this is YOUR newsletter after all.

Thanks to all and Happy Trails 🌸
## ACPS MEETING SCHEDULE

**American Connemara Society Annual Meeting**

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2014 ACPS Annual Meeting

AMERICAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 2 – 5, PENMERRYL FARM, GREENVILLE, VA

SCHEDULE:
THURSDAY – ARRIVAL
FRIDAY – COMMITTEE MEETINGS
SATURDAY – BOARD AND AGM MEETINGS
SUNDAY – CLINIC AT THE FARM
EACH DAY WILL INCLUDE FUN ACTIVITIES – TRAIL RIDES, HIKES, CLINICS, FISHING, TENNIS, EXCURSIONS, EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS, RIDING FUN AND DEMOS

Originally the summer home of the Pittkin Family, Penmerryl features modern amenities and comfortable accommodations while retaining its original grace and charm as a country retreat. While Penmerryl is a working farm, it also offers a relaxing getaway. While they are unable to offer “rental” horses for riding, guests are encouraged to bring their own horses to enjoy the facilities and trails. Both riders and non riders alike will also find many recreational and leisure opportunities year round. Besides sailing, canoeing, fishing, swimming, hiking, tennis or taking your horse out for a ride on our scenic trails, guests enjoy golfing, skiing, biking, antiquing, and sightseeing within a short distance of the Farm.

Penmerryl Farm, 273 Penmerryl Drive, Greenville, VA 24440. Contact Deanie Pittkin for stalls – on-site housing is full. (540) 292-0897 info@penmerrylfarm.com

Penmerryl Farm is located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Take I-81 to the Greenville exit (from the north take Exit 213A and from the South take Exit 213). Then, take Route 11 South into Greenville and follow the signs for Route 662 East. This will mean turning LEFT from across from BB&T bank, then IMMEDIATE right onto Main Street, then first left onto Route 662 East-Greenville School Rd. Penmerryl Farm is one mile from that turning, on the Left. Look for a big sign in the form of a Horse Jump. Keep to the left side of the split driveway on entering. Follow the long driveway back to Visitor Parking. Parking is located in front of the lodge on the right.

Other Hotels in the Area – A block of rooms has been reserved at the Mint Springs Days Inn. Fly into SHD (Weyers Cave/Staunton) or Charlottesville, (both connect through Dulles). Roanoke - 1 1/2 hrs: Richmond2 hours

Register Now!
Name: _____________________________ arriving: _____________________________
Family Members: ____________________________________________________________
Bringing Connemara: Yes:_____ No:_____ How Many:__________
Would prefer (choose two, please): Riding Clinic ___ Trail Ride___ Educational Seminar___ Inspection Clinic___ Other___ Excursions__________
Will Attend Saturday Evening Banquet: Yes_____ No____
Fee: $100 per person - children half price
Please send registration to: ACPS, PO Box 100, Middlebrook, VA 24459
Day 2: Thursday is the breed show. Two rings are going all day, starting at 8 a.m. and they didn’t get to the Supreme Champion Class until about 8 p.m. Glencarrig Knight was the Supreme Champion and Castle Diceman was the Junior Champion, sired by Glencarrig Knight. Get used to grey, there are some duns and a very few bays.

Day 3: Friday, they have working hunters, high performance jumping and a Puissance Class. Then all the winners (red ribbons are first in Ireland) from all the classes, parade through Clifden. Traffic stops and the streets are lined with people as ponies are ridden or led around the main square of the town. Connemara Ponies “rein” supreme in this part of the world.

Note: The full breed show results available at http://www.cpbs.ie/show-results-thursday-2014/
Connemara Pony Research into Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome (HWSS)

Over the past 15 years there has been increasing awareness worldwide of a problem with the hoof structure in a subset of our beloved Connemara Ponies. The hoof problem previously known as Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome (HWSS) has been renamed as Hoof Wall Separation Disease (HWSD). HWSD is an unique, verifiable and testable disease. It should not be confused with any other hoof pathology. HWSD is a genetic autosomal recessive condition. Two carrier parents being bred with each other results in 1:4 chance of the foal being HWSD afflicted.

The condition has been identified in several different countries, in both local and imported stock. - not ‘one’ country nor one bloodline. Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome results in the weight bearing borders of the hoof wall breaking away from the underlying structure which then leaves the pony to bear weight on the sole of the hoof. This appears to be a congenital condition, if the pony is going to have this condition, it will be born with it, and it can be seen in foals as young as 2 -3 weeks of age. It is not an acquired condition. We are unsure why, but there seems to be consensus that there are degrees of severity with this condition; some can be managed and some of these ponies need to be euthanized. Environment and nutrition may be contributing factors, but do not appear to be the cause.

Robert Eustace of the Laminitis Trust (UK) originally described the condition as “coconut-matting hooves” as the borders of the hoof wall appears rough and frayed. Hoof samples of affected Connemara Ponies which had been referred to the Trust for treatment were analysed at the University of Edinburgh, where they found a malfunction of lipid metabolism in the extracellular matrix of the hoof wall between the tubular structures of the hoof wall. In simple terms, there seems to be a lack of ‘waterproof glue’ holding the hoof wall tubules together.

Editor’s Note: This report is a brief overview. For more detailed information, please contact the Connemara Research Group. All information, ponies & people are kept confidential. Our e:mail is: connemara.pony.research.group@gmail.com

Identifying Dental Problems

Listen to your horse. It is not really difficult to determine that your horse might have dental problems since the majority of horses display any problems in their behavior. Start by watching him eat. Is he slow? Does he wet his hay before he eats it, or do you find his hay in his water bucket? Does he take a mouthful of hay before going to his grain? Does he refuse to eat hard food? Does he dive his head into the feed tub, or eat with his head up? Look at his manure. Is it very soft, or can you see undigested feed in it? All of these are symptoms of problems in the mouth.

The following is a list of the most common behavior and training problems that stem from poorly maintained teeth.

The Horse:
- is resistant/tense in his neck and body
- is behind or above the vertical (bit)
- is unwilling to bend
- moves with short steps
- refuses fences, rushes fences
- is heavy on one rein or pulls the reins through your hands
- jumps with his back hollow
- flips or plays with his bit
- tosses his head

If your horse has any of these symptoms, he needs the attention of an equine dental technician before his behavior can be modified through training. Many horses are labeled difficult or subjected to rough methods when they are simply trying to tell their riders and trainers that their mouths hurt. It is only fair to listen. All horses deserve the chance to learn, compete and perform without pain.
The New England weather could not have been better for the grand competition that ensued over the July 19th and 20th weekend in South Woodstock, Vermont. Amy Plavin called on the Luck of the Irish as well as incredible organization to plan and manage the show held at the Green Mountain Horseman’s Association. Ponies arrived from all over New England and as far away as Pennsylvania to compete for fun, camaraderie, fame and fortune. In 48 years of successfully showcasing Connemaras In Hand and in Performance classes, traditions and challenges develop into a show that highlights the breed’s basic qualities of good temperament, hardiness, staying power, and intelligence. It begins with the breed classes. This year India Baker of Maine judged purebred babies, youngsters, geldings, mares and stallions with a seasoned eye and efficiency. She also judged the half-breds and family groups.

2014 In Hand Championship Trophies:

Youngstock Champion: RMF Miss Aoife (Kippure Cara x RMF Lady Avoca) owned by Susan Goodhouse, shown by Brittany Goodhouse

Champion Stallion: Woodchuck Ridge’s Kirby Brown (Irish Park Caraway Finn x Prospect’s Bonnie Brown) owned by Rachel Richmond and shown by Olivia Richmond

Grand Champion In Hand: Folklore Granine

Half-bred Champion: Dancer’s Dark Star (JEF Sir Lancelot x Skeets Secret Dolr {paint}) owned and handled by Barbara Peterson

In performance, the traditions and expectations have developed into prestigious perpetual trophies that generate serious competition. This year the adults were generally outdone by the juniors. Laine Metz, 15, with her pony *Hohnhorst Madeline (by Patty’s Benedict x Hauptstubuch Noerdlunds Madigan) managed a major hat trick by winning the ACPS Region I Junior Championship (for the junior rider accruing the most points in performance,) the Sue Dexter Memorial Versatility Award (for the pony accruing the most points in Trail, Dressage, Jumpers and the Hunter Derby) and the RHF O’Harazan Grand Champion Connemara for the purebred with the most points for In Hand, Hunter Under Saddle, Jumpers, Dressage and the Hunter Derby. She was chased closely by two other juniors, Julia Latham riding Blue Ridge Bluebell (Landgate Bluebeard x Blue Ridge Arabel), owned by Linda Haines, and Lilia Beal on Black Brook’s Kipling Baylou (*Hayselden Perseus x Bantry Bay’s Lulu), owned by Andrew Beal. Lilia did bring home the High Point Dressage Trophy. The Half-bred with the most points was Irish Gate’s Ace in the Hole (JEF Sir Lancelot x Skeets Secret Dolr {paint}) owned and shown by Margret Sanford. The Trail Classes at this show are the most popular of all. The High Point Trail trophy is a lovely sculpture and competition is paramount. Amy Plavin and her Windy Hollow Modern Millie (Bantry Bay’s Kilcullen x Windy Hollow Lila) repeated their success of 2008 winning this coveted award for a second time.

Leadline entrants included Colleen, Caitlin and Caila Bolger along with Reno Halely and Piper Robson. All performed admirably and the judge declared the class a tie!

The Costume Class provided the entertainment and fun as Saturday afternoon melded into the social hour and dinner. Ponies sported cowboy and Indian garb, a couple of racehorses right off the track, a princess and her retinue, and an Irish Hog, as in Harley Davidson.

A first for Region I this year was sharing the grounds with the Central Vermont Dressage Association and managing to coordinate Connemara Dressage through their show. Amy Plavin negotiated times and saved Region I hiring dressage judges and allowed participants the full range of tests. It seemed to work well. Dressage results are found on the CVDA website. For Region I Championships, dressage scores were used to determine placings.

Photos appearing in the Breed Show Wrap-up are by John Miller of Spectrum Photography
Breed Show Wrap-up

Thank You!  by Sally Oxnard

Thank you to everyone for all the great contributions made to the Region I show! The biggest thanks goes to Amy who arranged the parallel dressage show which was a wonderful improvement for us dressage riders, and found Chris and Lila to be our judges, as well as India who was the main judge, and organized the trail ride and stuck around for the scoring and the CLEANUP and got a lot of other details right! Also to Carolyn the communicator and the volunteer organizer, and who rode my pony Kookaburra on the great trail ride AND judged the AWESOME Dressage trail class. To Susan who arranged the meals and collected the stall applications from all and communicates with GMHA and writes the checks!

To Bette who worked with Lynn, Amy and me on the Raffle which was a pretty big fundraiser and much less work than the silent auction used to be. Not to forget that having Bette as our EMT saves the Region a lot of money!

Also to Scott and Linda who do the hospitality; preparing baskets for the judges and then our super wine and cheese hour before dinner on Saturday. Scott was shopping for the goodies so he missed the gelding class where his pony was champion gelding in Lynn’s competent hands!

To Pat Shields who gets the most miles award for driving in from CT not once, but twice so Rebecca can hold up her end in the trail class.

To the fathers and daughters who set a good example as Lilly and Lainie did a great job with their ponies and were very good sports as well as top competitive riders.

To Margaret who stuck around for the awards and facilitated the Stalders coming from Kansas for the show, and to Freddie who drove a lot of miles and set the standard for having FUN at a Connemara show.

To Chris who judged the first annual derby and helped us learn how to do it better next time.

Thanks to all and anyone else I forgot. I had a great time and Kookaburra is a tired girl as well. Tom felt like part of the scene and was glad to have his cherry bowl so well appreciated! ☘️

RESULTS:

Half-bred Connemara Mare in hand
1 Corner Oak Irish Abigail [Balius Turlough x Galena(Arab)] Owner: Bette Fredrickson Rider/handler: Elizabeth Latham. 2 Clary’s Aurora Glee [ ] Owner: Cindy Allen Rider: Emma Allen 3) Windy Hollow Darling Tess [Wildwych Eclipse x Gisborne Reserve(Oldenburg)] Owner: Deborah Kennon Rider/handler: Deborah Kennon

Half-bred Connemara Gelding in Hand
1Dancer’s Dark Star [JEF Sir Lancelot x Skeets Secret Dolr(Paint)] Owner: Barbara Peterson Handler Barbara Peterson 2 Irish Gate’s Ace in the Hole [JEF Sir Lancelot x Skeets Secret Dolr(Paint)] Owner: Margaret Sanford Rider/handler: Margaret Sanford 3 Windy Hollow Bruno Beste [Ballywhim An Luan x Gisborne Reserve(Oldenburg)] Owner: Amy Halley Rider/handler: Amy Halley

Purebred Geldings in Hand

Junior Showmanship

Fitting and Showmanship
1 Blue Ridge Bluebell [Landgate Bluebeard x Blue Ridge Arabel] Owner: Linda Haines
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Purebred Mares in Hand Ages 4-7
1 RMF Lady Avoca [Sydserff Avalon x Tower Hill’s Meghan] Owner: Susan L. Goodhouse Rider/handler: Brittany Goodhouse 2 Irish Gate’s Moira (JEF Sir Lancelot x Cedar Charm) Owner: Midge Dunn Handler: Midge Dunn 3 Clary’s Tupelo Honey [Woodchuck Ridge’s Kirby brown x RMF Irish Moonlight] Owner: Christine Mather Rider/handler: Christine Mather

Purebred Mares in Hand Ages 8 & up

Purebred Foals of 2014 & 2013
1 RMF Miss Aoife [Kippure Cara x RMF Lady Avoca] Owner: Susan Goodhouse Rider/handler: Brittany Goodhouse

Purebred Foals of 2012 & 2011
1 Trout Ranch Whimsey [Trout Ranch Malarcy x Elphin Kookaburra] Owner: Elizabeth Latham Rider/handler: Julia Latham 2 Dry Brook’s Beautiful Dreamer [Bailey’s Irish Dream x Coastal Tranquility] Owner: Christine Mather Rider/handler: Christine Mather

Connemara Get of Sire
1 Get of JEF Sir Lancelot Dancer’s Dark Star [JEF Sir Lancelot x Skeets Secret Drol(Paint)] Owner: Barbara Peterson Handler: Barbara Peterson & Irish Gate’s Ace in the Hole [JEF Sir Lancelot x Skeets Secret Drol(Paint)] Owner: Margaret Sanford Rider/handler: Margaret Sanford & Irish Gate’s Moira [JEF Sir Lancelot x Cedar Charm] Owner: Bette Fredrickson Rider/handler: Bette Fredrickson

Walk-Trot Pleasure
1 Trout Ranch Whimsey [Trout Ranch Malarcy x Elphin Kookaburra] Owner: Elizabeth Latham Rider/handler: Julia Latham 2 Dry Brook’s Beautiful Dreamer [Bailey’s Irish Dream x Coastal Tranquility] Owner: Christine Mather Rider/handler: Christine Mather

Walk-Trot Command

Crossrails 18"
1 Clary’s Aurora Glee Owner: Cindy Allen Rider: Emma Allen 2 Waterfield’s Big Papi Owner: Bobby Bolger

Pleasure Horse and Pony Junior

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Richmond 5*Hohnhorst Madeline [Patty’s Benedict x Hauptstuttbuch Noerdlunds Madigan] Owner: Lori Decato Metz Rider/handler: Laine D. Metz
6 My Oliver Twist [*Bobby Brown x Petit LeFleur (Arab/Welsh)] Owner: Rachel Richmond Rider/handler: Olivia Richmond

**Pleasure Horse and Pony Senior**
1 Cybatine Torranach O’Cham [Anninaun Oscar x Concord River Chamos] Owner: Cynthia Richards Rider/handler: Helena Kopczynski
2 Cybatine Finn O’ Cham [Anninaun Oscar x Concord River Chamos] Owner: Cynthia Richards Rider/handler: Jessie Bell
3 Cybatina Cian O’Cham [Anninaun Oscar x Concord River Chamos] Owner: Cynthia Richards Rider/handler: Alicia Elliot
4 Tommy Mulloy [Aladdin’s Denver x Surprise Beginning] Owner: Freddy Davis Rider/handler: Freddy Davis5 RMF Aisling (Ard Celtic Art x Tower Hill’s Megan) owner Susan Goodhouse rider Brittany Goodhouse
6 Bugsy Malone [Concord River Roaringwater Bay x Tullymor’s Ladybugg] Owner: Chris Thompson Rider/handler: Chris Thompson

**Hunter Under Saddle**
1 Irish Gate’s Ace in the Hole [JEF Sir Lancelot x Skeets Secret Dolr (Paint)] Owner: Margaret Sanford Rider/handler: Margaret Sanford
2 Bugsy Malone [Concord River Roaringwater Bay x Tullymor’s Ladybugg] Owner: Chris Thompson Rider/handler: Chris Thompson
3 Hohnhorst Madeline [Patty’s Benedict x Hauptstuttbuch Noerdlunds Madigan] Owner: Lori Decato Metz Rider/handler: Laine D. Metz
4 Woodchuck Ridge’s Kirby Brown [Irish Park Caraway Finn x Prospect’s Bonnie Brown] Owner: Rachel Richmond Rider/handler: Olivia Richmond
5 Clary’s Penuche Fudge [ ] Owner: Rachel Richmond Rider/handler: Jordan Farrin
6 My Oliver Twist [*Bobby Brown x Petit LeFleur (Arab/Welsh)] Owner: Rachel Richmond Rider/handler: Olivia Richmond
Breed Show Wrap-up

Low Jumper 2’
1 Coral Misty Ciara Owner: Bobby Bolger Rider: Bobby Bolger
2 Dancer’s Dark Star 3 Blue Ridge Bluebell 4 Clary’s Penuche Fudge 5 Woodchuck Ridge’s Kirby Brown

Training Jumper 2’7”
1 * Hohnhorst Madeline 2 Cybatina Cian O’Cham 3 Blue Ridge Bluebell 4 JEF Finn Lad Owner: Shirley Fenner Rider Amy Halley 5 Folklore Good Vibrations [Loughmore Aran x Tre’ Awain Periwinkle] Owner: Pam McPhee Rider/ handler: Kaeli McPhee

Gambler’s Choice 2’9”
1 * Hohnhorst Madeline 2 JEF Finn Lad 3 Cybatina Cian O’Cham 4 Blue Ridge Bluebell 5 Cybatine Torranach O’Cham 6 Tommy Molloy

Trail Class Ridden Junior
1 My Oliver Twist 2 Blue Ridge Bluebell 3 Clary’s Penuche Fudge 4 Woodchuck Ridge’s Kirby Brown 4 * Hohnhorst Madeline

Trail Class Ridden Non Connemara
1 Poco Steel Danny owner/rider Skip Gerke

Trail Class Ridden Senior
1 Windy Hollow Modern Millie [Bantry Bay’s Kileeullen x Windy Hollow Lilia] Owner: Amy Plavin Rider/handler: Amy Plavin 2 Cybatine Torranach O’Cham 3 Bugsy Malone 4 Blue Ridge Bluebell rider: Linda Haines 5 Tommy Molloy 6 Cybatina Finn O’Cham

Trail Class in Hand age 3 and under
1 Trout Ranch Whimsey 2 Dry Brook’s Beautiful Dreamer 3 Irish Gate’s Ace in the Hole 4 Clary’s Aurora Glee

Trail Class in Hand over 3 years
1 Clary’s Tupelo Honey 2 Elphin Kookaburra 3 Elphin Glassdrummen 4 Indian Summer’s Bridie

Dressage Trail
1 Irish Gate’s Ace in the Hole 2 Tommy Molloy 3 Elphin Kookaburra 4 My Oliver Twist 5 Wintermist Irish Fairy [Annalaun Oscar x Rocky Hollow Irish Crystal] Owner: Amy Kuo Rider/ handler: Amy Kuo 6 Bugsy Malone

Above: Amy Plavin on Windy Hollow Modern Millie; Above left: Laine Metz on Hohnhorst Madeline; Left: Kaeli McPhee on Folklore Good Vibrations; Below: Waterfield’s Big Papi with Bobby Bolger; Bottom: Alicia Elliot on Cybatina Cian O’Cham
CVDA Results:

Training Level Junior:
1. Lilia Beal, Kipper—T3 .................................................. 66.2
2. Lilia Beal, Kipper—T2 .................................................. 65.357
3. Laine Metz, Hohnhorst Madeline T2 .............................. 64.286
4. Julia Latham, Blue Ridge Bluebell—T1 ....................... 60.833
5. Julia Latham, Blue Ridge Bluebell—T2 ....................... 57.143

Training Level Senior:
1. Freddy Davis, Tommy Mulloy—T3 ................................. 64.0
2. Christine Thompson, Bugsy Malone—T1 ....................... 63.75
3. Sarah Oxnard, Elphin Kookaburra—T3 ......................... 62.4
4. Margaret Sanford, Irish Gates Ace—T3 ......................... 59.4
5. Christine Thompson, Bugsy Malone—T3 ......................... 54.8
6. Alicia Elliott, Cybatina Finn O’ChamT3 ......................... 52.8

Intro Level Junior:
1. Julia Latham, Trout Ranch Whimsey, B .......................... 56.25
2. Julia Latham, Trout Ranch Whimsey, A .......................... 55.0

Intro Level Senior:
1. Betsy Hoerman, Clary’s Tupelo Honey, B .......................... 61.875
2. Bette Fredrickson, Corner Oak Irish Abigail ................... 59.375
3. Bette Fredrickson, Corner Oak Irish Abigail ................... 55.625

First Level Senior:
1. Helena Kopczynski, Cybatina Torranach—1 .................. 63.448
2. Sarah Oxnard, Elphin Kookaburra—1 .......................... 62.069
3. Linda Haines, Blue Ridge Bluebell—1 ......................... 58.621

Second Level Senior:
1. Amy Halley, Windy Hollow Bruno Beste—3 .................. 62.143

Third Level Senior:
1. Amy Plavin, Windy Hollow Modern Millie—3 ............... 59.872

Summer was a blast!

During this summer, my first riding Tower Hills Carmody, in July we attended a five day camp at Mystic Valley Hunt Club. It was great to practice stadium jumping for eventing. We rode about four hours per day. Carmody was able to adjust from stadium like riding style to the outdoors very well which really shows just how versatile Connemaras are. It was a great way to get ready for eventing!

In August, we competed in Dressage for Kids which is an event for junior riders like myself to compete in larger dressage competitions. Lendon Gray is the creator of this wonderful program. She is also an Olympic medalist, and rode a Connemara/Thoroughbred cross named Seldom Seen. I represented the USPC team with two other girls from Pennsylvania. Our team placed second overall! It was really fun to meet different kids from all over the East Coast. Carmody and I won our division overall which includes the written test, equitation, and dressage test. We also won the Pre Caprelli, the American Connemara Pony Society Young Riders High Scoring Rider on a Connemara, the Jacqueline Harris memorial award for the high scoring rider on a Connemara, and the Umego Schoolmaster award for the horse or pony that has taught the most to riders.

Cailey Fay, rider of Tower Hills Carmody

Dressage for kids at HITS. Cailey Fay with Lendon Gray. PHOTO BY MARYJANE FAY
Three Months with Denny...

Chris Keim, “r” Connemara judge and UNH Equine Program faculty member, and her half bred JEF Anna Rose (Tre Awain Dobh McDuff x Annick (Trak)) have just returned from three months training at Denny Emerson’s famed Tamarack Hill Farm in Strafford, VT. While there, the pair worked on re-establishing their partnership over fences and competed in several jumper shows and a schooling horse trials. Anna also enjoyed some quality time with her fellow half bred friend, Chai (aka Windover Tarragon, by Irish Parks Caraway Finn). You can read about their adventures on Chris’s blog at www.christinakeim.wordpress.com. Photo courtesy of May Emerson.

Summer Fun

Thurman Sienna and I are enjoying another wonderful training & competing season. Among all our fun showing this season a couple of blushing moments occurred; we took 1st place In-hand at the Warrenton Pony Show in the mares class. And competed at our first Horse Trial late August taking 2nd place—proud to say we scored a 7.5 on our free walk in dressage and went clear stadium & cross country. Loved every moment of it! Looking forward to some Horse Trials this fall.

Christine Chatham, Connecticut

Welcome New Member!

Hello! I’m so excited to be a member of the ACPS!! Just thought I’d share my new Connemara pony and what we have been up to! :)

In May of this year, I bought my first Connemara pony—a 4 year old, 13.1 hand cremello gelding, affectionately named Oliver (Tullymor’s Out of the Blue). Last July, he was completely feral coming from a neglect case. When I bought him, he was green broke and started over little natural fences. Over the summer months, we had been working towards my goal of completing our first Elementary event in early August. Not only did he exceed my expectations in all three phases, but we ended up 8th out of 17 horses! Now our big goal for 2015 is to complete several rated Beginner Novice events in Area 1!

Heather Dewey
Members News

Aidan Goes Camping...
South Ridge Aidan (and friends) are shown camping in the White Mountains again this summer. Aidan and his human, Kim Sterl, and her son Chris Frazzoni (and his horse Turner), have been riding in the White Mountain National Forest, Maudsley SP, Pawtuckaway SP, Willowdale SP, and the rail trails around Newfields, Epping and Fremont NH.

Kim Searl

Laine and Misty update...
Laine Metz, 15 years old from Eliot, ME and Hohnhorst Madeline “Misty,” continue a solid performance at the Training level in Eventing. The pair recently competed at Millbrook Horse Trials in NY, where they finished a tough cross country course, (only 17 out of 30 finished). On August 24, they won the Junior Training Division at Huntington Horse Trials in VT with a 31.4, finishing on their dressage score!

Next competition is GMHAs September Horse Trials.(photo from Huntington Farm, South Strafford VT, by Lori Decato Metz)

Lori & Laine Metz

Exciting News...
I was informed earlier this summer that I am recipient of the ACPS Adult Amateur Scholarship—to be officially announced and awarded at the Annual ACPS meeting in Virginia.

I purchased my half connemara, Drybrook’s Moon River, bred by Pat Shields, last year, and set my eyes on the dressage ring to compete. I will use this scholarship to expand my pony’s talents with caveletti and jumping. This will help strengthen my pony to gain more expressive gaits needed for dressage. (photo courtesy of Obe Lisi from the Green Mountain Horse Association June Dressage Days show 2014.)

Michelle Schwartz

Greetings from Canada...
Just wanted to advise my American friends that Cedars Padraig (Ridgetop O’Rian x Ballywhim Tenley) and I have qualified to compete at this year’s Devon CDI***, September 26&27. We will be doing the Prix St Georges and Intermediare I tests. We would love to have some Connemara supporters in the stands! Thanks

Lee Taylor

"Silence takes on a new quality when the only sound is that of regular and smooth hoof beats."
~Bertrand Leclaire
Members News

News from Century Hill Farm...

We have had a good number of breedings to Cara this past year and are very pleased.

It was great news to hear Susan Goodhouse’s foal, RMF Miss Aiofe Eefa by Cara won the YoungStock Championship at the breed show in August—only seven weeks of age...CONGRATULATIONS SUSAN!

Century Hill is expecting two more foals this coming spring. Eastlands Glendearg was bred back to Maplehurst Michael MacDaire and Century Hill Maiden Realta was bred back to Kippure Cara.

Cara is continuing on with his eventing and will be competing this fall.

We had a great holiday visiting the UK this summer. One of our highlights was attending the Connemara Show at Cliften. While visiting the cute shops in Cliften we were astonished to see a painted portrait of our stallion Kippure Cara on the wall from a picture that Rick took here at home. We were able to meet the artist at the show and enjoyed talking and sharing our story with her. (This is the photo I took that day.)

Richard Doner

Rolling Meadows Farm News...

Rolling Meadows Farm has moved Tower Hills Meghan and RMF Aisling to Glen Hill Farm in Natick, MA for the fall. The mother, daughter pair are being ridden by Brittany Goodhouse of Boston, MA and Emily Lewis of Holliston, MA. The two have been exploring the beautiful Dover/Sherborn Trail system and have been schooling at the farm. Meghan and Emily have been improving their flatwork while incorporating combinations into their jumping routines. The two hope to attend a schooling show this fall at the Norfolk Hunt Club. Aisling and Brittany have been working on perfecting basic movements under saddle and on the ground. The three year old was also recently introduced to jumping and has been quite successful at it. Brittany’s hope of Aisling being her next event horse is not far out of sight. The two ponies will be back in Reading, VT for the winter.

Susan Goodhouse

What Should Be On Your Horse’s Stall Card  by Kimberly S. Brown
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At home or a show, you should make sure the stall your horse lives in has a card that provides pertinent information that can identify the horse, give daily care information and allow someone to get in touch with the owner or manager in case of emergency. (Also consider including that same information at your trailer if you are leaving your horses tied to a trailer during an event or show.) Laminate the information or put clear plastic to protect it from barn dirt and weather.

• Your horse’s full name and “barn name” he responds to.
• Your name and contact information.
• Your manager or trainer’s name and contact information if they are authorized to make decisions about the care of your horse if you aren’t available.
• A photo of the horse.
• The name and phone number of your regular veterinarian, farrier and any specialists who care for your horse.
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• A list of allergies to topical products, medications or feed ingredients.
• Specific instructions that will keep him and those handling him safe, such as “Must wear muzzle during turnout.”
FOR SALE: 16 year old, 14hh, bay Connemara gelding. Balius Turlough. By Gilnocky Drumcliff, Out of Tyan’s Travelers Joy. Turlough was at stud until 2008 at high demand, he has sired several highly successful foals and is ACPS registered. He is a flashy mover, with four great gaits. While he is kid safe, he needs a strong, confident rider. He will feed off of the rider’s energy, if you are timid he will not hesitate to push you around. He has a strong mentality and needs someone to show him who is boss. He behaves best when on herd turn-out, and gets very antsy when kept in a stall. He is a very competent and confident jumper, but needs some more conditioning as he just had the winter off. He loves to go out cross country and on occasion gets strong towards fences, he finds dressage boring because he is a very smart horse. The right rider is a MUST. Located in Madbury/Dover, NH, at Green Acres Stables. Asking $5k, negotiable to right owner. Contact Andrew Beal @ 207-229-1436 or andrewbeal18@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 17” Schleese JES dressage saddle in very good condition. The panels are short for someone 5’4” tall. This saddle does not fit my Connemara. $1750. Contact: Bette Fredrickson@conknet.com or 603 456-3068

FOR RENT: Small guest house for rent at Mountain Meadows Farm in Barnet, Vermont. Vacation or live with your horse. Beautiful private and rural location on a small farm. Miles of dirt roads and trails, large sand ring, dressage lessons, jumps, lots of turnout. House is furnished, 2 bedroom, with cell service and internet. Ski from your door, private pond for swimming. For rent by the week or month. mtmeadows@pshift.com (802)633-2295

FOR SALE: Woodstock Fair Horse Show in the Children’s Hunter division where he took a 1st place in a Hunter Over Fences class on Sunday. Placed throughout the weekend in hunter fence divisions, pet pony pleasure classic, and more. Has been in group turnout and gets along great with other horses, not aggressive and easily respects other horse’s space. Can be pulled away with no problems. Currently barefoot. Trailers, crossties, stands for bathing, stands for vet, farrier, and dentist with no problem. Absolutely no vices, no spook, no rear, bolt or buck on this pony. Can be used in the jumper ring one day and then the very next day have a beginner rider on him. This pony is capable of taking a child from the short stirrup ring into the children’s hunters with ease. Safe, cute, and talented, he will surely catch the judge’s eye! Located in Barre, Massachusetts. Asking $10,000, price is negotiable to the perfect home.

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TWO CONNEMARA STALLIONS STANDING AT TRUM-SEARAH FARM

Tullymor’s Mountain Thunder, born June 22, 1999, is 14.1 hh with an impressive 8.5in bone and is a wonderful stallion who’s offspring are exceptional movers with excellent conformation. He has many offspring on the ground and competing under saddle. In 2009, Searah’s Calum, sired by Tullymor’s Mountain Thunder, won Champion Gelding 2012 at the Region I Connemara Breed Show. In 2013, Searah’s Gold Rush won Youngstock Champion, Champion Gelding, and Reserve Connemara In Hand. Sire: Tullymor’s Flying Ace (Montully’s Son x Pegasus) Dam: Kahula (Connemara’s Persuasion x Connemara’s Anisette)

Valley Creek Angileri is a 14.2hh bay stallion born March 24, 2002. He has produced many outstanding, athletic offspring that are competing in performance classes. His foals are excelling in jumping, dressage, cutting, and driving. His foals are truly Connemaras that do it all. Sire: Heaven’s Ridge Patrick Le Beau (Bear Creek Crough Patrick x Kerrymor Teaetime). Dam: White Oaks Greystone Classic (Greystone Dallon McMor x Hideway’s Gladness)

Both Tullymor’s Mountain Thunder and Valley Creek Angileri are standing live cover at Trum-SEARAH Farm, $400 stud fee, plus mare care after the first five days. AI is also available, collections are done at New England Breeder Services, Winchendon MA. Please call Kathy Trum-SEARAH at 774-200-1809 for more information.