2018 Equine Affaire

By Amy Treat

First of all, I want to give a very special thank you to the owners of our amazing ponies that made the trek to Equine Affaire this year. Some of these ponies have made this a regular trip and have been more than a couple of times, and for some of the ponies this was a brand new experience. Having brought my own pony for the last two years I know how much of a commitment this is but also what an amazing experience this is and something I am extremely grateful to have been able to share with my daughters. We all learn so much during our time at Equine Affaire. While some of the experiences are truly gratifying and educational, others are true tests of our horsemanship and a credit to the breed itself and to the owners and people that gravitate towards these wonderful ponies.

I also want to give a huge shout out to the volunteers who rode and handled these ponies in the breed booth and the demos and who manned the booth and shared their love with the people who came through the breed pavilion. Many of the people who go through have never even seen a horse or pony before and our magical little beasts are always a draw for young and old alike.

This year the ponies in attendance were: Cybatina Finn O’Cham - Owned by Cynthia Richards and ridden by Ainsley Treat and Corinne

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both in western tack, representing our youngest riders in the demos, both riders being age 11. Finn also did a couple of sessions in the breed booth and really seems to love the attention.

**Cybatina Cian O’Cham** - Owned by Cynthia Richards and ridden/handled by Alicia Kinson. Ali and Cian were Jumper demonstrators in the demos and Cian did one session in the breed booth this year, his first time in the booth which was very successful. Huge shout out to Ali for getting the Brown Farm ponies to EA, caring for them and working on choreography for the demos!

**Cybatina Torranach O’Cham** – Owned by Cynthia Richards and ridden by Helena Kopczynski: kopczynski@gmail.com

**Elderglen’s Miss Kitty** - Owned by Amy Treat and ridden by Addison Treat. Addi and Kitty demonstrated trail obstacles in both demos. Kitty also spent some time every day in the breed booth, more than any other pony. She enjoys her time in there because people get to admire her beauty (she is a diva!) and eat all the hay she can consume. She takes her job very seriously! Kitty and Addi also

participated in a clinic on Sunday which was one of those times when being a good horse mom means removing your pony from a clinic when the clinician is not handling said pony in a respectful way.

**Trout Ranch Whimsey** - Owned by Elizabeth Oellers and ridden by Julia Latham. Whimsey and Julia rode in both demos, presenting a beautiful Pas de deux with Julia’s mother, Elizabeth, who rode Blue Ridge Bluebell. Julia also removed her saddle and proceeded to jump bareback, sometimes without hands, over increasingly high jumps along with Ali and Cian. I am always impressed with this pair and this time was no exception!

**Blue Ridge Bluebell** - Owned by Linda Haines and ridden by Elizabeth Oellers. Elizabeth and Bluebell performed a beautiful Pas de deux with Julia and Whimsey in both demos, which

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obviously took hours of preparation and practice. Connemaras do tend to be family affairs and seeing this mother/daughter pair work so beautifully together was a very touching moment.

**Bantry Bay’s Rhubarb** - Owned by Hannah Reynolds-Brown, handled by Hannah and her mom, Angie Reynolds. HUGE shout out to Hannah for helping me coordinate our Connemara representation and for running the store for Region 1. We now have the ability to purchase items from the store using credit cards and make special orders!!! Many of our customers took advantage of these services while at EA, myself included! Rhubarb spent time in the breed stall and participated as the only horse in a clinic with Warwick Schiller in the coliseum which took a lot of guts on her part as well as with Hannah! Nice Job ladies!

**Elphin Kookaburra** - Owned by Sally Oxnard, ridden and handled by Cailey Fay. Kooka rode in the Sunday demo and spent time in the breed stall on Saturday. Cailey and Kooka are always wonderful ambassadors for our breed! Cailey also rode in a Games demo in the coliseum on Sunday afternoon with her adorable Welsh pony.

**Coastal Tranquility** - Owned and ridden/handled by Stella Marsh. Stella rode Jasmine in the Sunday demo and did a wonderful job of helping keep her mare, who was a little unsure of the business of the demo arena, steady and quiet and ready to do her job. Stella stayed calm and she and Jasmine, with the help of Torry and Helena, accomplished the very difficult feat of riding an unsure pony in very chaotic surroundings. Stella showed beautiful horsemanship skills and showed a lot of guts!

Also a big thank you to the volunteers in the booth which included:

Amy Plavin
Hannah Reynolds-Brown
Angie Reynolds
The Treat Family (Amy, Addi & Ainsley)
Janet Chayes
Ali Kinson
Corinne Kinson
Linda Roach
Penny Dawson
Cathy Dawson
Cynthia Richards
Muriel Hagan-Smith (Love this girl who was such a big help to me and to the Brown Farm ponies!)
Linda Haines
Julia Marsh
Maryjane Fay
Sally Oxnard
Sue Perry
Helen & Amy Blakeslee

See you around the Region! ✿

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probably not repeat that. We lost money on the show this year and have plans for some tweaking in 2019. Many riders and ponies had a great time and in general spirits were high! We were fully staffed with volunteers (THANK YOU) which helped the show run smoothly. The pony sportsmanship award was a suggestion after we all enjoyed watching a young man take a pickup ride on a generous veteran pony and earn a second place. Save the July 20/21 weekend for our show in 2019.

Once again we had an outstanding representation at the Equine Affaire, with booth and stalls largely paid for by the Connemara Calendars which Sue Antilla organizes and prints and distributes for us. There were many great ponies and riders in 2 breed demos and various ponies and riders in other clinics. Amy Treat and Hannah Reynolds -Brown (again) were major organizers and workers, along with many of the Brown Farm (Cynthia Richards) ponies and riders from Keene, and others. Thanks to all of you - I know it takes a lot of time and energy. (Article on EA has details re ponies and riders)

And we are looking forward to the Region 1 tea on March 17 at Torry Hill Farm in Westmoreland NH, and the Region 1 Field Day is on Saturday May 11 at Cadbury Woods Farm in Sanbornton NH with Elizabeth Oellers as clinician. Dressage, jumping gymnastics, and maybe a double long lining demo. Lots to look forward to!

Thanks also to Amy Plavin who has stepped down from her role as Region 1 Governor, and to Linda Haines whom you elected in her place. Amy was the President of the ACPS and now Linda is a Vice President so we have good representation on the Board of Governors, and Linda is the one for you to talk to if you have thoughts or issues. Thanks also to Scott McGuffin who has just rotated off the BOG, and to Chris Keim and Sarah Mcrae -Thrasher who remain on it. In the Region we do not hear much about what they do but they discuss important policies on Hoof Wall Separation Disease and registration and microchipping etc. Consider running some day! ✿
Save The Date!
Region 1 American Connemara Pony Society Tea
March 17, 2019
Torrey Hill Farm
503 Glebe Road
Westmoreland, NH
Hosted by: Amy Treat & Hannah Reynolds-Brown

Guest clinician: Melissa Ellis
Melissa will be our trail judge this July at the Region 1 ACPS show at GMHA. The focus for this clinic will be trail obstacles through lecture and demonstration with one or more of our Connemaras.

Come and join us in the bunkhouse at Torrey Hill Farm on March 17th in beautiful Westmoreland, NH for refreshments, a time to socialize and a Region 1 meeting. After our meeting is adjourned we will be learning from Melissa Ellis about working with our ponies with trail obstacles. We will start with a lecture in the bunkhouse and continue down in the indoor arena for a demonstration and continued learning.

Please RSVP to Amy Treat, eventamy@Hotmail.com (774-238-1111) or Hannah Reynolds-Brown, hannahereynolds@outlook.com (802-579-6541)

Please let Amy or Hannah know if you would be willing to bring a dish to share!

Connemara Field Day
May 11, 2019

Sanbornton, NH
Clinic: Elizabeth Oellers
More info to follow
The 53rd Annual
ACPS Region 1
Connemara Breed Show

Saturday July 20 and Sunday July 21 2019
At Green Mountain Horse Association

Farm News

Northern Connemaras:
Northern Connemaras has had a great show year with great ponies and their riders. We currently have a number of great mares. Breeding including Banks Timber (Ireland), Young Walt (Ireland), Silver Shadow (Ireland), Coral Ross (Ireland) and Aluinn Durango. Our young stock from 2017 are sold. We do have one filly from this year who we are keeping out of *Rusheen Anneka by Aluinn Durango who is looking to be a very nice type and athletic. We are expecting 3 foals in the spring. Two foals will be by Aluinn Durango and one by *TBS Declan Pondi.

Northern Divide will be available for broodmare lease for 2019. She is by Aluinn Durango out of Premium mare T.A. Ballydoon Beauty, 15.1h, grey and has produced a very nice filly already by T.A. Goldsmith. Mel’s Ring (TB) is currently in foal to Aluinn Durango and will also be available for broodmare lease. She has sport horse bloodlines and is a very sweet quiet mare. 15.2 bay with white star.

At the moment we have 10 purebreds on the farm so if anyone is interested in a farm tour please feel free to contact me. Mhraethrasher@yahoo.com or 802-522-7110

Enjoy the winter and I hope to see you all out there on your connemaras! Getting them out in the public is the best way to promote the breed!
Sarah McRae Thrasher

Pony Run Farm:
Farkleberry Finn of Pony Run Farm ponies finished his season at the September GMHA Horse Trials, finishing 2nd, on his dressage score. Photos attached, photo credit to Flatland Foto.
Caledonia Lucky Clover finished her season at Hitching Post farm on October 13th, finishing 5th in the Novice division. Photo credit Nick Goldsmith Photography.
Lisa Divoll-Painter

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As of October, I have become the proud and happy owner of Glendale's Marylebone (previous owner Midge Dunn, VT) aka "Maryle".
He is now 6 yrs.old / 14.1 hands.
He is stabled at RER Ponies in Hatfield, MA. We are training with Heather Dostel.
His Sire is Fernville Matchmaker/ Dam is Glendale's Mayday.
He was born in at Glendale Farm Virginia / Breeder Deb Norman.
Hoping to do low level dressage, jumping, hunter paces, Masters Pony Club, trail riding and all that fun pony stuff!
Barbara-Jo Metcalf

Val is a transplant from the Northwest of England, and now lives in Vermont for the past 8 years.
She has been involved with horses and ponies most of her life having ridden naughty little ponies, worked as a groom, and competed in Endurance, Dressage, and Horse Trials. More recently, she turned her attention to educating herself about
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the inside of the horse, and when not studying equine anatomy or riding, Val likes to attend clinics to learn how to better work with and communicate with horses.

Her new young pony, Northern Firebird (Aluinn Durango X Hillside Emily) is a smart, sensible boy who likely could turn his hand (hooves, I should say) to just about any endeavor whether it be showing off his amazing movement in dressage or working in harness on the farm. The world is his oyster really!

Val Pfeiffer

looking forward to all kinds of adventures with Sheena…my very own Connemara pony.

Meet Lady Sheena, a 6yr old mare by Greystone's Adirondack Aherne out of JEF Meara. My name is Angie Reynolds and I was first introduced to the Connemara pony when my daughter was 11 and riding Cynthia Richard’s pony Concord River North Star as a member of Ashuelot River Pony Club. Hannah fell in love with the breed and thirteen years later she made her dream of owning her own Connemara a reality when she bought Bantry Bay’s Rhubarb. I was so enamored with Rue that when I decided to search for my next riding partner I decided I wanted to join the Connemara family too. It was a journey finding Sheena but worth the wait. She is smart, loveable, and athletic. I think she is going to be a great trail horse for me and will get to have some fun in the show ring with Hannah. I have never owned a pony that needed training before but it is turning out to be an educational adventure and it is amazing to see how quickly she is learning. She will be camping and trail riding with my husband and I throughout New England and beyond. I’m

Region 1 Store Update

First, I want to extend a very sincere thank you to Lynn Bergeron for all her past work and current assistance that has made taking over the store so easy. Second, I want to say how excited I am to be undertaking this project!

Keep an eye out for a new Facebook page. I’ll be offering some sale items over the next few months and advertising some new things that will keep you and your pony looking stylish going into the 2019 show season. Have a Kastel sun-shirt you’ve been eyeing online? Need help putting together a color coordinated cross country outfit with items that proudly display the ACPS logo? Send me an email and we can work together to get exactly what you want.

We are now able to accept all major credit cards as payment (convenience fee applies). I will be at the Tea, Field Day, the annual show, and Equine Affaire so if you want to order anything in advance of those events please let me know.

My email is hannahereynolds@outlook.com
Thanks! See you around the region! 🍀
From your Bits and Pieces Team

To all our Members:
Welcome to the new face of Bits & Pieces, a triune effort of Caroline Nesbitt, Tracy Roettiger, & Hannah Reynolds, with copious input from our fearless Region 1 leaders. In a busy world full of busy lives, it's our intent to keep this great regional round-up on a reasonably regular schedule. And that's where you come in. We need your input! Do you have something to brag about? Have you participated in a cool clinic? Is there an issue you think needs to be addressed? Do you have something to sell or trade, or are you looking for something to buy? If so, send us your materials! If you send photos, please identify all the people & ponies in them, & please, please credit the photographer.

Publication Dates: January (Winter), April (Spring), July (Summer), and October (Fall)
Deadline for Submission: 1st of the month prior to publication date

Thanks! We look forward to hearing from you!
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Classifieds

County Stabilizer 17W, wool flocked in excellent condition. Asking $1800. Leave message for Laura at 860-526-4820

Paradox Parsifal

Parsifal is an '06 14.3 hand grey gelding by Bantry Bay’s Archie x Paradox Cricket (*Canal Laurinston). Quiet natured but requires confident rider as he asks questions that need a no nonsense answer so he will proceed. Once that is established he is a lovely balanced rhythmic ride. Talented jumper but likes friends to jump with so he is great as a foxhunter. Smart, lots of personality. Polite on the ground and when traveling. Self loads, stands by trailer. Dressage tests from events and combined tests are consistent and pleasant to ride. For info or videos call Martha Slamer, Ohio, 937-689-9406