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Deb Shade Presented Windrush Farm Volunteer Excellence Award

May 22, 2014 by Windrush Farm

As Elizabeth Andrews so eloquently put, “Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” For both Paul Spiers and Debra Shade, this statement couldn’t be more true.

Dr. Paul Spiers, of Danvers, was an avid supporter of Windrush Farm. His passion for helping others and going above and beyond the call of duty was admirable. After his passing in 2013, Windrush Farm established the “Award for Volunteer Excellence” in his memory.

The first award recipient is an active volunteer whose service has exceeded all expectations. Debra Shade’s dedication to Windrush Farm spans more than 23 years in a variety of capacities: program volunteer, board member, fundraising committee member and friend.

Arriving at Windrush in 1991, Deb had no horse experience but found her passion. Thus began her education in equine partnership. In addition to volunteering in classes, she started a “horse fund” which allows Windrush Farm to invest in a horse when necessary. Her keen equine sense for finding appropriate therapy horses has resulted in numerous donations to the Windrush Farm herd.

Deb has run several “horse handling clinics” focusing on natural horsemanship so that vol-

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Field Day Wrap-up

We have had some big goings on in Region I this season, and the summer is promising to be even better. This past week was the annual Region 1 Field Day and the Annual meeting and election of officers. We were lucky to be hosted again by Candy and Bill Verhulst at Bantry Bay Farm. I drove down in the rain thinking how fortunate we were to have an indoor to use, and as I pulled into the driveway, the rain stopped. Candy and Bill sure have pull!!

We started the AM with Sarah McRae from Northern Connemaras in VT addressing the topic “Confident rider, confident horse” by asking each rider what his/her goal was for the day. Then she commenced instructing a groups of 6 ridden ponies and one in hand who was just along for the mileage. Ponies and riders included Amy Kuo and her buckskin mare Wintermist Irish Fairy, Cyndi Platais Bryant and her halfbred mare CR Best Kept Secret, Arianna Di Romualdo riding Liz Platais’ grey mare Cashel Bay Irish Promise, Linda Haines riding Blue Ridge Bluebell, Margaret Sanford riding her halfbred Cassel, and Kim Sterl with her daughter Emily Frazzoni riding Wildwych Clio and her son Christopher Frazzoni leading/han-

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Volunteers could improve their skills. These days she travels 2 hours each way from Glen, NH to volunteer in class while also serving on the board of directors.

Her relationship with Windrush influenced both her children to find their careers. Deb’s daughter now trains horses and competes in Kentucky and her son works with individuals with disabilities, while Debbie herself breeds and sells competition horses.

“She is truly committed to assisting in Windrush Farm’s mission and deserves recognition for her tremendous efforts over the last 23 years.”

Taking after Paul, Deb has gone “above and beyond” the call of duty, which is why Windrush Farm is pleased to present Debbie Shade the 2014 “Award for Volunteer Excellence”.

Editor’s Note: Each year, Windrush provides an array of educational services and therapeutic activities to more than 1,700 children and adults – and their families. Founded in 1964, Windrush Farm was one of the first therapeutic equitation centers in the United States.

Welcoming New Members to the World of Connemara Ponies

Throughout the year ACPS and Region I personally welcome our new members: Anne Moe on behalf of the national organization along with Sally Oxnard and me on behalf of Region I. We also reach out to folks in our region who are listed in the Connemara magazine as having recently registered a pony but are not currently ACPS members. They each receive a copy of Bits & Pieces, event details and dates, links to our website, award information, etc.

This year we’ve welcomed about 15 new members, which is a considerable number since it’s only mid-year. If you know of someone you’d like to encourage to become an ACPS member, send me their email and I’d be happy to contact them. Another way to keep ACPS growing is the tradition of when a breeder sells a pony, they gift a membership to its new owner, thereby spreading our enthusiasm for the breed and welcoming new members.

It was great to see those who came to the tea and field day, looking forward the annual breed show at GMHA in July.

All the best,
Lyn Chatham, Welcome Committee
lyncct@aol.com
dling Elphin Glasdrummon. The group warmed up and relaxed and learned to follow with the hand and the riders and ponies looked more mellow and more confident.

At lunch we had a business meeting, where we elected our new slate of officers- Chair Pat Shields, Vice Chair Linda Haines, Secretary Carolyn McEvitt, and Treasurer Susan Goodhouse. We introduced the faces around the room, and discussed the Bits and Pieces, the website which does NOT have the pedigree database on it but we wish it did, the upcoming show and what will be new and different, and the Trail ride which will be BEFORE the show on Friday. Also the new Raffle which is taking the place of our silent auction which has become tired. Look for more info on all of these things in this Bits and Pieces. Bette Fredrickson was awarded the Lois Kessler Scholarship and will report to us what she is investing her scholarship in. She sure has put in her time volunteering for the Region.

The afternoon saw a lively jumping class outdoors in the sun, with the addition of the Shields girls- Emily on Coastal Tranquility and Rebecca on Dry Brook’s Bailey’s Cream. There were many smiling confident riders and many ponies who were taking on the little jump course with gusto. A great time was had by all.

Group shot taken by Lyn Chatham shows (left to right) Linda Haines, Amy Plavin, Margaret Sanford, Sarah McRae, Toni Card, Ginny Winkler, Rebecca Shields, Christine Chatham, Sally Oxnard, Emily Shields, Pat Shields, Amy Kuo, Cindy Bryan, Arianna Di Romualdo. Buckskin filly is 10 days old, Bantry Bay’s Jumpin’ Jackie by Bantry Bay’s Roper x Bantry Bay’s Jo Jo (by Bantry Bay’s Archie). Roper is by Chiltern Colm and we are fortunate to have a stallion son of his remaining in New England.

Many thanks to the great volunteers who helped with this Field Day, and to the new officers and the folks who are working hard on the show for us. We missed the folks who did not have time to come and we hope to see you all at S Woodstock in July! 🌵
ACPS Region I

BREED SHOW

July 19 & 20

GMHA

Show Checklist

1. Make sure you have a current coggins and rabies certificate

2. If you are coming from out of state you need a current health certificate as well

3. Connemara show general entries are due by June 15! Prizelist and entry form can be found on the acps website. http://www.acps.org/#/The-48th-Annual-ACPS-Region-1-Connemara-Breed-Show-Prizelist-Entry-Form/c13n1/604E7B1E-8418-448B-9EF4-124F84488C3B

4. The dressage classes will run thru the CVDA show running at GMHA on Sunday. Their opening date is June 13 and closing date is July 3. You can find their entry form at http://www.cvda.org/schoolingshows.html Our high pt dressage and other championships will include points from this show so you must enter this show in a timely fashion.

5. Remember to enter the trail ride on Friday which is a benefit for the Debbie Busta Adult Amateur Eventing Scholarship. Please contact me if you would like to join us. Cost is $25 whconnemaras@gmail.com

6. Remember to sign up for our bbq on Friday and our very fun dinner on Saturday at the show. Contact Susan Goodhouse goodfarm@vermontel.net or sign up on the entry form.

7. Raffle tickets will be available for our cool baskets in the Youth Center on the day of the show.

8. Tell your friends and relatives to attend as we have made it very spectator friendly on Saturday and will only have one ring running at a time.

9. Volunteer for a few hours at the show. Carolyn McEvitt has the volunteer list. cbmcevitt@comcast.net

10. Contact me with any questions or concerns! whconnemaras@gmail.com

Hello everyone!! Our Region I annual Connemara pony breed show is galloping upon us quicker than one can imagine. Of course, preceding its arrival is my annual request for members of our society to step forward and offer your smiles and helping hands! Page 5 has a list of those volunteer jobs that need to be filled. If you are able to help out in any way, please let me know. Just send Carolyn McEvitt an email at: cbmcevitt@comcast.net.

Thanks to all of you that have volunteered so far!!
**Shows and Showing**

**Show Volunteer Jobs List**

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2nd Annual Regional I Benefit Trail Ride
Friday, July 25th at GMHA
by Patricia Shields

We are pleased to offer our Friday afternoon trail ride to kick off the festivities of our annual Region Show at GMHA. Due to very favorable response, we are again sponsoring a ride with all proceeds to benefit a member and very good cause. For many years, Debbie Busta promoted Connemaras and donated her time to ACPS. Though I never had the personal pleasure of meeting her, Debbie was always quick to return a call or email regarding membership questions and she was always upbeat and kind.

As many of you know this past year, Debbie lost her battle with a long illness and asked that she be remembered not with flowers but by donations to a therapeutic riding program that she had volunteered much her time.

Our region will donate all proceeds of the ride to Debbie’s charity.

Cost of ride is $25.00 per person. Teams will be 2 to 3 riders maximum. Start times will be scheduled and staggered. Prizes of cotton coolers (1 prize per team) for 1st and 2nd place teams will be donated by DryBrook Farm. You must reserve your start times with me in advance of the show. Separate checks from your show checks are requested. Please mark your checks for acps region 1 with memo on check as “trail ride”.

Additional information will be sent out separately by our secretary, Carolyn McEvitt.

If you have questions, please email me at DryBrookfarm@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your participation.
Mail Entries To:  
Lisa Silvester  
128 Baileys Mills Rd.  
Reading, VT 05062  

American Connemara Pony Society Region 1 Breed Show  
South Woodstock, Vermont  
July 19 and 20, 2014  

ONE LINE PER HORSE/RIDER COMBO (copy form if necessary)

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Total Money Owed: $25

Copy of 2014 Coggins, 2014 Rabies Certificate required for each equine entered. Copy of ACPS registration required for Breed & Half-Breed classes

PLEASE SIGN THE RELEASE PAGE BELOW!!

Lisa’s contact info for clarifications:
802-484-5405 lhseqmassage@aol.com

For Friday night barbecue and Saturday night banquet, awards, auction & fun sign up here or call Susan at 802-484-5540 or goodfarm@vermontel.net
Region I Breed Show

The 48th Annual
ACPS Region 1
Connemara Breed Show Prizelist

At Green Mountain Horse Association
www.gmhainc.org
South Woodstock, Vermont

Saturday July 19th & Sunday July 20th 2014

Official Class List

**Features**

- In-Hand
- Jumpers
- Hunter Derby
- Trail
- Walk/Trot
- Pleasure
- Costume!
- **SHOWSTOPPER RAFFLE**
- Awards!
- Wine & Cheese Reception *(Sat. 7 pm, Youth Center)*
- **Friday Night & Saturday Night Dinners** *(Sign Up on Entry Form)*
- Fabulous Photos by John W. Miller [www.spectrumphotography.net](http://www.spectrumphotography.net)

NEW THIS YEAR! All Breeds wanted for Sunday Trail & Hunter Derby Classes

- Driving
- Bridleless Demo
- Price Reduction on Sat. Dinner!!

**Dressage**  This year the Central Vermont Dressage Association (CVDA) is holding a dressage show on Sunday at GMHA, so our Region 1 show will not have its own dressage tests. But results from the CVDA can be counted toward awards.  There is a separate prizelist and entry fees and that can be found at [cvda.org](http://cvda.org). **Opening date for dressage registration is June 13th and closing date is July 3rd.**

**FRIDAY TRAIL RIDE - 3 PM**

A fun ride on beautiful GMHA trials; approx. 1.5 hours to benefit the Debbie Busta ACPS Adult Amateur Scholarship; $25. Contact Amy Plavin (below) for questions or to register.

**We Need Your Help!**

We look forward to seeing you! We still have room for many class sponsors, advertisers, and friends. We especially need volunteers to help out on the day of the show. Please contact Carolyn McEvitt at cbmcevitt@comcast.net to sign up. For further information, please call or e-mail: Amy Plavin (802) 732-8033 [whconnemaras@gmail.com](mailto:whconnemaras@gmail.com) or Susan Goodhouse (802) 484-5540 [goodfarm@vermontel.net](mailto:goodfarm@vermontel.net)
Welcome to the 48th Annual Region 1 Connemara Show!

Show Manager: Allison Beck, Woodstock, Vermont

1. The Show runs on volunteer power. We need volunteers and we need to appreciate the work they do. Please come to the volunteer table and offer to help a little or a lot. Please thank volunteers for their efforts.

2. The Show Committee would like to remind all competitors, parents and spectators to practice good sportsmanship throughout the weekend. Let us know how things are going in an informative way; we will do our best to keep things running smoothly.

3. All exhibited Connemaras and Halfbreds must be permanently registered with the American Connemara Pony Society and/or the Connemara Pony Breeder’s Society of Galway, Ireland, or any other Connemara Society recognized by the parent organization, CPBS. All Connemaras under the age of two years must have (or applied for) a Temporary Foal Certificate (TFC). A Copy of Registration or TFC must accompany all entries.

4. All ponies must be exhibited under their full registered names.

5. All entries may be shown as Native ponies or as appropriate to their performance division. Braiding is optional. Stallions may compete in performance classes.

6. Adults may show ponies in all classes unless class specifications state otherwise. Juniors are those who have not turned 19 by January 1, 2014.

7. FEI approved helmets are required whenever mounted.

8. All classes will be held in accordance with USEF rules and specifications when applicable.

9. Entry fees for In Hand classes are $15/class; Performance classes are $20/class if postmarked by June 15. All entries postmarked by June 15 will be listed in the Show Program. Entries postmarked after July 1 or on the day of the show will be subject to post-entry fees of $25. Scratches after closing date (6/15) will receive a refund of stabling fee and shavings ONLY!

10. Trophy and six ribbons to be awarded in all regular classes; Trophy, Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons to be awarded in Championship classes.

11. Stabling: Stabling will be in D Barn with overflow to C Barn. Stabling will be $28/night. Tack stalls available for $28/night. Shavings may be purchased for $10 per bale or you can bring your own.

12. If you must bring your dog, please keep it leashed.


14. Stall assignments will be posted at the GMHA office by Thursday A.M. along with contact info for vet and farrier.

15. Entries without proof of 2014 Negative Coggins, appropriate registration copy and check will not be accepted. We do not have past years’ entries or your old paperwork, so please send us a fresh copy of everything.

16. Stalls must be stripped clean when you leave or we get a BIG fine (thank you!).

17. **PLEASE, NO CAMPING ALLOWED**

18. Entries arriving with postage due will be charged a $20 processing fee.

19. The Fitting & Showing Class is not eligible for points towards year end ACPS awards.

20. Friday night barbecue and Saturday night banquet: Make reservations on your entry form or call/e-mail Susan Goodhouse (802) 484-5540 goodfarm@vermontel.net.
Region I Breed Show

In Hand Classes
8:00 A.M. Saturday July 19, 2014
The White Ring
Judge: India Baker, Bethel, Maine

In all classes, emphasis will be on correct conformation (conformation leading to soundness), breed type, free movement, pleasant temperament, and potential to become or to produce useful riding animals. Halfbred Connemaras to be judged on Sport Horse Type, with an emphasis on the usefulness of the animal as a sporthorse or pony.

1. **Halfbred Connemara Mare In Hand** halfbred Connemara mares and fillies of any age
2. **Halfbred Connemara Gelding In Hand** halfbred Connemara geldings of any age
3. **Champion Halfbred In Hand** The Laura Balding Trophy 1st & 2nd place winners of classes 1 & 2
4. **Purebred Connemara Geldings In Hand** Connemara geldings four years and older
5. **Junior Showmanship** Handlers age 8 to 14, ponies age 5 and up. Handler to be judged on pony handling skills, attentiveness, presence. Pony to be show in hand only - standing up, and at a walk and trot. (Class does not qualify for championships)
6. **Fitting & Showmanship** Judged 40% condition, grooming of horse; 10% appearance of exhibitor, cleanliness of tack; 50% showmanship. Shown in hand at walk & trot, and may be asked to complete an individual pattern. Appropriate attire is required, braiding is not required, and conformation not to count.

7. **Purebred Connemara Mares In Hand** Connemara mares four to seven years of age
8. **Purebred Connemara Mares In Hand** Connemara mares eight years and older
9. **Purebred Connemara Stallions In Hand** Connemara stallions four years and older
10. **Purebred Connemara Foals of 2014 and 2013** (If there are more than 3 entries in each year, this class will be split)
11. **Purebred Connemara Foals of 2012 and 2011** (If there are more than 3 entries in each year, this class will be split)
12. **Connemara Get of Sire** Two to four of the pure or halfbred offspring of a registered purebred stallion, grouped at the discretion of the sire’s owner (as possible.) More than one group per sire is welcome. Please enter by sire’s name. (One entry fee per group.)
13. **Connemara Produce of Dam** Two to four of the pure or halfbred offspring of a registered purebred mare, grouped at the discretion of the mare’s owner (as possible.) More than one group per dam is welcome. Please enter by mare’s name. (One entry fee per group.)

14. **Youngstock Champion** The Morning Cadence Trophy
   1st & 2nd place youngstock from classes 10 & 11
15. **Champion Gelding In Hand** The Tower Hill Farm Award.
   1st & 2nd placed geldings from classes 4, 10 & 11
16. **Champion Connemara Mare In Hand** American Connemara Pony Society Trophy.
   1st & 2nd placed fillies and mares from classes 7, 8, 10 & 11
17. **Champion Connemara Stallion In Hand** The Patrick J. Keough Trophy.
   1st & 2nd placed colts and stallions from classes 9, 10 & 11
18. **Champion Connemara In Hand** GMHA Perpetual Trophy
   Champion & reserve from classes 14 (breeding stock only), 16 & 17
19. **Ponies for Sale** to be paraded in hand (no entry fee)
Performance Classes  
Walker Ring at 1 pm on Sat  
Judge: India Baker  

20. **Leadline** Open to all our future Connemara riders (No post entry fee.)  
   (Rider/pony pairs may not enter classes requiring a canter)  
22. **Walk/Trot Command** (rider/pony pairs may not enter classes requiring a canter)  
23. **Crossrails** course of 18” jumps. For rider/pony pairs that will not be competing in any other class over fences. Judged on performance, safety and pony-rider suitability.  
24. **Pleasure Horse & Pony – Junior Versatility Award Qualifier.** Walk, trot, and canter, both directions. May be asked to back. Manners, performance, suitability, and soundness count. Light contact required  
25. **Low Jumper** fences at 2’  
26. **Pleasure Horse & Pony – Senior Versatility Award Qualifier.** Walk, trot, and canter, both directions. May be asked to back. Manners, performance, suitability, and soundness count. Light contact required  
27. **Hunter under Saddle** Walk, trot, canter both directions. May be asked to back. No martingales permitted.  
28. **Training Jumper** fences at 2’7” Versatility Qualifier  
29. **Equitation Junior/Senior** Walk, trot, canter both directions. Judged on equitation  
30. **Gambler’s Choice** fences at 2’9” Versatility Qualifier

White Ring (after Jumper classes)  

31. **Driving-Pleasure** Versatility Qualifier (must receive three entries prior to closing)  

**White Ring following conclusion of classes**

![COSTUME CLASS PARADE](image)  

**BRIDLELESS DEMO by Rebecca Shields & Bailey**  

**SATURDAY EVENING**  

**Wine & Cheese**  

**Dinner**  

**Showstopper Raffle**  

Store Basket, Gourmet Goodies Basket, B & B Gift Certificate, plus more!

*We will not be mailing items to raffle winners so all items must be picked up by Sunday at noon in the youth building; accompanied with the winning ticket. Otherwise you forfeit your prize, and a new winner will be drawn before the last class of the day on Sunday.
SUNDAY JULY 20, 2013 8 AM TO 3 PM
Trail in Dust Bowl; Dressage/Trail in White Ring  Hunter Derby on Outside Course

TRAIL CLASSES  THE DUST BOWL
Judge: Lila Gendal

Held concurrently with the rest of the show. Times 10 am. – 3 pm
Please schedule times with Show Secretary by 9:45 a.m. Sunday or at Trail area after 10.

A Fun Course of Natural Obstacles!

In Hand classes do not count for Versatility Award or High Point trail.
32. Trail Class – Ridden – Junior  Connemaras/Halfbreds only Versatility Mandatory Qualifier class
33. Trail Class – Ridden – Junior  All Other Breeds
34. Trail Class – Ridden – Senior  Connemaras/Halfbreds only Versatility Mandatory Qualifying class
35. Trail Class – Ridden – Senior  All Other Breeds
36. Trail Class – In Hand. Ponies ages 3 and under
37. Trail Class – In Hand. Ponies over 3 years old
   Trail Champion awarded to the pony/rider combination with the highest score in classes 32 or 34
38. Dressage Trail Test 1-open (description at end of prizelist)

HUNTER DERBY – OUTSIDE COURSE
Judge: Chris Keim

39. Hunter Derby 2’3”  Connemaras/Halfbreds only
40. Hunter Derby 2’3”  All other breeds
41. Hunter Derby 2’6”  Connemaras/Halfbreds only Versatility Qualifier Mandatory class
42. Hunter Derby 2’6”  All other breeds

Please join all of us as awards are presented in the White Ring after class 42

The early morning sun was generous with its warmth. All the sounds dear to a horseman were around me - the snorts of the horses, the swish of their tails, the tinkle of irons as we flung the saddles over their backs - little sounds of no importance, but they stay in the unconscious library of memory.

— Wynford Vaughan-Thomas
AWARDS

The following championships have options and require competitor reporting; please try to keep track through the weekend and be ready to submit to the secretary as soon as possible following your last qualifying class. Forms available at the booth.

RHF O’Harazan Perpetual Trophy for Grand Champion Connemara
Awarded to the Purebred Connemara accruing the most points in its In-Hand class; Under Saddle (class 27), Jumpers (class 28 or 30); Hunter Derby (class 39 or 41); and Dressage (Training and above). The rider/pony combination needs to be the same for all classes.

ACPS Region 1 Junior Championship
Awarded to the junior rider (not 19 by 1/1/14) accruing the most points in performance (not in hand). Top five placings only to count. Please return all points to the secretary at the conclusion of classes. Sportsmanship points may be added to point totals by the judge and show staff and designated volunteers. Parents, fellow competitors, and spectators may note evidence of good sportsmanship to the show staff.

***Sue Dexter Memorial Versatility Award***
Registered Connemaras and Halfbred Connemaras must compete in Trail (class 32 or 34). Then choose four classes from the following: Pleasure (class 24 or 26); Hunter Derby (class 41); Jumpers (class 28 or 30); Driving (class 31); or Dressage Training and above (from the CVDA show running in Upwey on Sunday*). The rider/pony combination needs to be the same for all classes.

Half Bred Award
For the Half Bred with the most points in any five classes, excluding championship classes. Please hand in your points to the show secretary at the conclusion of the show.

*Dressage* This year the Central Vermont Dressage Association (CVDA) is holding a dressage show on Sunday at GMHA, so our Region 1 show will not have its own dressage tests. But results from the CVDA can be counted toward awards. There is a separate prizelist and entry form at cvda.org. Opening date for dressage registration is June 13th and closing date is July 3rd.
DRESSAGE TRAIL TEST

Objective: To demonstrate obedience, handiness and response to rider’s aids. The horse must softly accept the bit and may show more “roundness” in the parts of the test separate from the obstacles. Posting is optional. Transitions into and out of the halt may done through the walk. Test may be called. To be shown in the small (20 x 40-meter) arena. Note: there may be “surprise” additions to the test at the show – check with the gatekeeper. Collectives: Safety (handling obstacles); Submission (attention to aids, confidence, cooperation); Rider (seat and position, correctness and effectiveness of aids) X2; 140 points possible.

TEST 1

1. A Enter working trot.
   X Halt and salute. Proceed working trot. (Ground poles are placed 10 meters before and after X.)
2. C Track right. Negotiate shallow serpentine of 5 cones (spaced 6 meters apart) inside track on long side.
3. A Working walk. Turn right on quarterline and negotiate U-shaped rails. Track right.
4. V Halt. Pick up object on top of a stack of hay bales. Walk to near E and deposit object on top of second stack of hay bales.
5. E Working trot.
   C Track right.
   A Track left.
6. A After turning, working walk. Negotiate five-cone serpentine on long side.
7. R Pick up ball from top of stack of hay bales. Working trot, one handed.
8. C 20-meter circle, one handed.
9. C At the end of the circle, drop ball in bucket at C. (Optional: you may halt at the bucket to drop the ball.) If you are no longer holding the ball, then just wave at the judge. Pick up both reins.
10. E 10-meter half circle to X. Halt between X and ground rail and salute.

Hot Weather Hauling

While sitting in the comfort of the pickup truck, it’s easy to overlook the stress which your horse may be experiencing in the trailer towed behind you. A horse riding in a horse trailer exerts as much muscular effort as if he had walked the whole way. In addition, a long-distance haul is fraught with insults to the horse’s respiratory tract and immune system, as well as taking a toll on his energy, hydration and body condition. Here are a few things you can do to help, particularly in hot weather:

• Open windows and vents as much as possible. Use screens or bars over the window openings so you can leave the drop-down windows open to allow fresh air to circulate. Use a fly mask to protect your horse’s eyes against debris when windows are open.
• Install a thermometer within the trailer to give you an idea of just how hot it can get. Make adjustments accordingly; frequency and length of rest stops or time of day to travel.
• Stop at least every four hours to allow the horse to rest for 20-30 minutes. Provide fresh water, refill the hay bags, and clean feces and urine-soaked bedding from the trailer to cut down on urine fumes, which helps respiratory tract health. It is also good practice to unload your horse when possible and to let him walk around and graze a bit. Lowering his head helps clear the airways.
• When possible, haul your horses in an insulated trailer and try to travel during the coolest parts of the day or at night. In really hot weather, it helps to soak your horse’s neck, chest and legs during rest stops to cool him off.
• Monitor vital signs often and watch feed and water intake, as well as manure and urine output while on the road to identify simmering problems before they turn into a crisis.
Abbe Arrives...

I have much to do with my new Connemara pony by Balius Turlough out of an Arab/Welsh mare. Corner Oak Irish Abigail (Abbe) is a black mare with a star—a real cutie and just my size. She was used as a lesson pony for 3 years and knows “all the tricks”. Abbe was ridden and shown hunt seat so it is a learning curve to now switch over to dressage. She needs to learn to relax and have confidence in me. On the trail she is extremely nervous and uncertain which is why she was sold. I am thrilled! Abbe came up from Pennsylvania and Cardigan has a fabulous new home in Pennsylvania. I hope everyone is getting riding time in.

Bette Fredrickson

News from Trout Ranch...

This is Julia Latham on Trout Ranch Whimsy. Julia, 13, and Whimsy, 3, are training each other for things to come. Great beginnings so far.

Linda Haines

Moving up...

Laine Metz, from Eliot Maine and Hohnhorst Madeline aka “Misty” continue with a strong showing in Eventing. The pair compete in USEA Area 1 and Area 3 (Aiken, SC) this past spring.

In May, Laine and Misty moved up to Training level at King Oak Farm Horse Trials, South Hampton, MA. Pictured here in their Show Jumping round @ King Oak Farm, 5/10/14. (photo used with permission, credit Joan Davis / Flatlands-foto)

Lori Decato Metz
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News from the Sussex Show...

It was a great weekend at the Sussex County Horse Show. The Bolger family were looking forward to attending a Connemara Horse Show to allow Bobby Bolger to show Waterfield’s Big Pappi in the hunter large pony division and Coral Misty’s Ciara in the jumpers. Bobby Bolger, a 12 year old boy, resides in Walpole, Massachusetts. Bobby trains under Cormac Kennedy of Mor Linn Farm, of Walpole, Massachusetts. Bobby Bolger is following in his family’s footsteps when it comes to the Connemara Breed. His grandfather, also Bobby Bolger, is in the European Hall of Fame for international breeding. Bobby, who just started competing last year, has been very successful in the many shows he has competed in. The weekend at the Sussex County Horse Show ended well as Bobby was Reserve Champion of both the hunter’s and the jumper’s division that he showed in. We had a great experience at the show and look forward to returning next year.

Michelle Boulger
First Dressage Show...

Dry Brook’s Moon River, a connemara cross, bred by Pat Shields, attended his first rated dressage show at Green Mountain Horse Association over this past weekend. He won all three of his classes and was training level high score champion with a score of 69.375%!! Go Connemaras Go!!!

Michelle Schwartz

Rolling Meadows Farm News...

With a lot of ponies to sort out — we begin with Riley (a 5 yr old dun gelding) was recently purchased by Hannah Howard in NH.

Brittany’s pony Aisling (3 yrs) is in training at Different Drummer Farm in Candia and is doing nicely. Avoca delivered a very large dark dun filly the end of May; sire is Kippure Cara. Her sister Finny, not quite 1, is learning to lead around the farm and looks like her sire Cara.

Looking forward to this years Region One Show on July 7/19-20/2014

T/H Meghan will be my riding pony this year and looking forward to warm rides on the trails.

Cheers,
David Susan and Brittany Goodhouse
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Classifieds

WANTED: looking for a purebred connemara broodmare. For lease or for sale 860-918-0866 or gallowwayfarm@aol.com

FOR SALE: South Ridge Aoibhinn, 15 y.o. dun 13.3 H gelding by South Ridge Duncan’s Honor x Bantry Bay’s Wanda. Aoibhinn is a been there done that kind of pony. He has done trails from Gettysburg battlefield to Acadia National Park and off roading through all types of terrain. He was my daughters high school equestrian team mount where he went to states for jumping and flag race! He did two summer sessions at GMHA junior horsemanship camp and has competed at BN events. Trailers easily, good for vet, farrier, dentist & UTD on all. I hate to part with him, but he is too nice to be hanging out in the field all summer. $7500. Neg. to the right home. Call or email Bernie Sullivan 603-764-8565 or bern-sull7@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 Freddie rickson@conknet.com or 603 456-3068

FOR SALE : Karl Neidersuss Symphonie dressage saddle. Size 1 (16.75”) seat, MW tree. Well cared for in very good condition. Located in Norfolk, MA but will ship. Low profile, comfortable, well balanced saddle that looked and fit great on my pony! Call or text 774-218-0455 Martha or e-mail mbugs@com cast.net $800 obro

DRYBROOK FARM SALES LIST:
2 year old purebred filly - bay with star and white hind sock. VERY nice mover, dressage and jumping prospect, good bone will finish large pony. DryBrook Erin Lass by approved Bailey’s Irish Dream x Lasrachai’s Blue Oak Dunlaith. Erin well handled shows in hand nicely, excellent manners. $4,500, price to increase with training/age appropriate.

DryBrook Wild Romance: FANCY, El egant colt born 4/3/14. “Romeo” is by FEI dressage Hanoverian stallion, Werbellin x Roscommon Annika (purebred Connemara) Romeo is built uphill will finish large pony all horse - he is high level dressage prospect his sire also did well jumping in Germany prior to being imported - registered 1/2 bred if gelded, colt will be inspected ISR Oldenburg, NA will have passport and eligible for warmblood pony stallion. Price upon request - serious inquires please.

Other purebred and crosses are available. Call Pat Shields, 860-865-7116 for updated pics- website to be updated soon. www.drybrookconnemaras.com

HAY! Everyone would LOVE to hear about your new foal!

Send your baby foal pictures into the Bits & Pieces (designpoint@mac.com) and we will publish them in our next issue. Don’t forget to include the your name, farm name and the name of the foal, sire and dam.