

Region VII News

Region VII is the place to be this year! Not only do we have our Midwest Connemara Breeders Show in St. Louis in June, but we are hosting the ACPS Annual Meeting, September 27 - 30.

We are looking forward to hosting everyone in the Midwest for a fun and informative weekend. Our host hotel is the Wildwood Inn, in Wildwood, MO. We will have two days of meetings and a tour of the Purina Animal Nutrition Equestrian Facility in Gray Summit, MO. Our Banquet will be held Saturday night at the beautiful Strathalbyn Club in Weldon Spring, MO.

Hotel is ready to book! The Wildwood Inn, 2801 Fountain Pl. Wildwood, MO 63040, (636) 733-9100 or www.thewildwoodhotel.com. Use the code: PONY (for the \$91/night rate -taxes not included). Reserved rooms are 2 queen beds and rooms come with fridge/microwave combo. Complete registration info can be found on the full page ad for the event in this issue of *American Connemara*.

More good news – Region VII membership is growing! As of February 9 we have 45 members which is a 13% increase from 2017. Most of the growth is in Kansas and Louisiana.

As mentioned previously, we will also be holding the Midwest Connemara Breeders Show on June 23-24 at the National Equestrian Center, 6880 Lake St Louis Blvd. Lake St Louis, MO 63367. This is a very well attended event with great prizes and very talented competitors. Please consider bringing your ponies and joining us. More information will be in upcoming issues of the magazine and on our FaceBook page, ACPS Region VII.

Vicky Castellano reports from Arkansas - Here in the Ozarks we are trying to stay warm and are looking forward to Spring. Josh Belles Eventing is sponsoring a five course beer and wine pairing dinner at the Relics Event Center in Springfield, MO on March 23rd. Dinner will be provided by 425 Downtown Events and Catering and begins at 6:30. Semi-final attire and 21 and over.

Pattie Stalder in Kansas reports - There will be at least four purebred foals and two halfbreds born this spring to boost our Connemara numbers. In the fall you can see Connies competing at Heritage Park Horse Trials in Kansas City, the Mill Creek Pony Club Horse Trials at Longview Horse Park and at Windermere Run Horse Trials.

Raelin Schenck of Louisiana reports - Tavia Equine Center in St. Rose, LA, held a clinic with Laureen McKenzie of McKenzie Stables, Kiefer, OK on January 12-14. Four purebreds and one halfbred attended. Laureen is a great teacher and though the weekend was cold and somewhat damp, we all had a great time and learned a bunch.



Avery Wegmann & her halfbred by Moxley Duncan



Gabrielle Anderson on Wildwich Porker Blue



Skatholm Rose & her owner/rider, Lauren Crowell



Raelin Schenck on Blue Rock Fintan & Sydney Talbot on his sire, Wildwych Wily Casanova



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