



The 51st Annual
**ACPS Region I
Connemara Breed Show Prizelist**

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

Saturday July 22nd & Sunday July 23rd 2017
Official Class List

Costume!

FEATURES

Awards!

In-Hand Jumpers Hunters Trail
Walk/Trot Pleasure Dressage
Dales Ponies Irish Draughts & Irish Sporthorses

Wine & Cheese Reception *(Sat. 6 pm, Youth Center)*
Friday Night & Saturday Night Dinners *(Sign Up on Entry Form)*

Dressage Again 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.

Opening date and closing dates for dressage registration is TBD.

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

Fabulous Photos by John W. Miller!
www.spectrumphotography.net

Welcome to the 51st Annual Region I Connemara Show!

Show Manager: Amy Plavin, Rockingham, 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, Halfbreds and Connemara Sporthorses 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, 2017.
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 July 9. **Entries postmarked after July 9 or on the day of the show will be subject to post-entry fees of \$25 per horse/rider combination.** Scratches after closing date (7/1) 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 is \$30/night if GMHA member or \$45 if non-GMHA member.** 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.
13. Vermont state law requires a current health certificate for horses entering their borders. **GMHA now requires a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination** within 12 months for all horses entering the grounds. GMHA suggests obtaining an Exhibition Permit. See http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal_health/animal_movement/equine. Coming from Canada, look into current regulations please.
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 2017 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.

In Hand Classes

8:00 A.M. Saturday July 22nd, 2017

The White Ring

Judge: Mike Maxwell

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 and Connemara Sporthorses to be judged on Sport Horse Type, with an emphasis on the usefulness as a sporthorse or pony.

1. **Halfbred and Connemara Sporthorse Mare or Gelding In Hand** (will be split if more than 10)
2. **Purebred Connemara Foals of 2017/2016 in Hand**
3. **Purebred Connemara Foals of 2015/2014 in Hand**
4. **Purebred Connemara Geldings In Hand** four years and older
5. **Purebred Connemara Mares In Hand** four to eight years of age
6. **Purebred Connemara Mares In Hand** mares nine years and older
7. **Youngstock Champion** 1st & 2nd placed youngstock from classes 2 & 3
8. **Champion Connemara Mare In Hand** *American Connemara Pony Society Trophy.*
1st & 2nd placed fillies and mares from classes 2, 3, 5 & 6
9. **Champion Gelding In Hand** *The Tower Hill Farm Award.*
1st & 2nd placed geldings from classes 2, 3 & 4
10. **Connemara Get of Sire**
Two to four of the purebred or halfbred offspring of a registered purebred stallion, grouped at the discretion of the stallion's owner(as possible). More than one group per stallion is welcome. Please enter by stallion's name(One entry fee per group)
11. **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.)
12. **Champion Connemara In Hand** *GMHA Perpetual Trophy*
Champion & reserve from classes 7 & 8(breeding stock only)
13. **Junior Showmanship Handlers age 8 to 18** *The Brenda Martin Junior Handler Trophy*
Open to all breeds. Required class for junior championship.
14. **Fitting and Showmanship** Open to all breeds.

Stallion Parade to recognize Connemara Stallions and Connemara Sporthorse Stallions

The Irish Draught Horse Society of North America (IDHSNA) is joining with the ACPS for this Show at GMHA and will award qualified Irish Draughts and Irish Draught Sport Horses (IDs & IDSHs) who compete in the Open Classes of Hunters, Jumpers and Dressage. Any horse registered with the IDHSNA is eligible for Ribbons through 6th place and for Champion & Reserve Hunter, Jumper & Dressage horse. Please contact Ann Morss for qualification details, annmorss@msn.com [585-704-0985](tel:585-704-0985)

SATURDAY (continued)

Dale-Only In Hand

Outside Course at 9:00 AM on Saturday

Judge: TBD

Dales-only classes and high point awards open to registered Dales ponies DPS or DPSA

15. **Dales Young Ponies in Hand** Dales ponies, four years and under.
16. **Dales Mares, Stallions and Geldings in Hand** Dales mares, stallions and geldings five years and older.
17. **Dales In Hand Breed Championship** Open to first and second place Dales from classes 15 & 16.

Performance Classes - Open to all breeds

White Ring at 1:00 PM on Saturday

Judge: Mike Maxwell

18. **Leadline** Open to all our future Connemara riders (No post entry fee.)
19. **Walk Trot Pleasure** Judged on performance, manners and suitability.
(Rider/pony pairs may not enter classes requiring a canter.)
20. **Equitation Junior/Senior** Walk, trot, canter both directions. Judged on equitation.
21. **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.
22. **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.

HUNTERS - OUTSIDE COURSE

Beginning after completion of classes in White Ring

Judge: Mike Maxwell

23. **Open Low Hunter Over Fences** Six to eight fences at 2'3". Judged on manners & performance.
24. **Connemara Handy Hunter** Six to eight fences at 2'6". Connemaras/Halfbreds/CSH only.
25. **Open Handy Hunter Over Fences** Six to eight fences at 2'6".
26. **Connemara Working Hunter Over Fences** Fences 3' expect posted height. Connemaras/Halfbreds/CSH only. *Versatility Award Qualifier*.
27. **Open Working Hunter Over Fences** Fences 3' expected posted height.
28. **Connemara Hunter under Saddle** Connemaras/Halfbreds/CSH only. Walk, trot, canter both directions. May be asked to back. Manners, performance, and soundness count. Light contact required. No martingales permitted.

SATURDAY (continued)
DALES - OUTSIDE COURSE

Judge: TBD

- 29. Dales Novice Traditional Ridden** To be shown at walk, trot, halt, back. May be asked to exhibit an individual pattern at these paces. Manners, performance exhibiting proper Dales gaits, and soundness count.
- 30. Dales Open Ridden** Walk, Trot, Canter To be shown at walk, trot, canter, halt, back. May be asked to exhibit an individual pattern at these paces which may include hand gallop at rider's choice. Manners, performance exhibiting proper Dales gaits, and soundness count.
- 31. Traditional Ridden Champion** Open to first and second place Dales from classes 29 & 30. WT

Sponsored Dales championships additionally awarded to high point winner and reserve in Dales and Open Performance all divisions, Junior high point and Great All Rounder (high point winner) based on one rider's points per horse except for juniors.

Games-White Ring

Following Completion of Dale Classes

Judge: TBD

- 32. Walk/Trot Command** (Rider/pony pairs may not enter classes requiring a canter.)
- 33. Egg & Spoon** This is a flat class. All exhibitors enter the arena and are given a spoon and an egg. Rider must balance the egg on the spoon while riding around the rail at a walk, trot, or canter as directed by the announcer. Last rider left with the egg on the spoon is the winner. If needed, exhibitors may be asked to do more difficult maneuvers such as halt, back, side pass, etc. until a winner is found. Once class has started, no part of the rider's hand may touch the egg or rider is disqualified.
- 34. Sit A Buck** This is a flat class where riders ride their horses bareback with a "buck" (could be anything from a real dollar to a ribbon or paper) placed under their bottom. Flat class is run and riders are eliminated as they lose their "buck". Winner is the last rider with buck remaining in place. May ask for a walk / trot / canter or extended gaits.

!! COSTUME CLASS PARADE !!

SATURDAY EVENING in Youth Center

5 – 6 p.m.

Wine & Cheese Hospitality

6:30 p.m.

Dinner & Silent Auction

SUNDAY JULY 23RD, 2017 9 AM TO 3 PM
Trail in Dust Bowl Dressage Trail in White Ring Jumpers in Walker Arena
Open to all breeds unless otherwise specified

DRESSAGE TRAIL - WHITE RING

Beginning at 10 am

Judge: TBD

- 35. Dressage Trail Test 1
- 36. Dressage Trail Test 2

TRAIL CLASSES - THE DUST BOWL

Judge: TBD

*Held concurrently with the rest of the show. **Beginning at 9 am***
A Fun Course of Natural Obstacles!

In Hand classes do not count for Versatility Award or High Point trail.

- 37. **Trail Class – Ridden – Junior** *Versatility Mandatory Qualifier class*
- 38. **Trail Class – Ridden – Senior** *Versatility Mandatory Qualifier class*
- 39. **Trail Class – In Hand** – Ponies ages 3 and under
- 40. **Trail Class – In Hand** – Ponies over 3 years old

Trail Champion awarded to the Connemara or Half-Connemara with the highest score in classes 37 or 38

Jumper Classes - Open to all breeds

Walker Arena at Noon on Sunday

Judge: Mike Maxwell

- 41. **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.
- 42. **Low Jumper** fences at 2'3"
- 43. **Training Jumper** fences at 2'7" *Versatility Qualifier*
- 44. **Three Bar** line of 3 fences set a stride or two apart. Each horse that jumps through clean moves on to the next round where fences go up. Starting height 2'6"
- 45. **Jumper Derby** fences 2'9" to 3'

Please join all of us as awards are presented in the White Ring after class 45

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 Purebred Connemara

Awarded to the Purebred Connemara accruing the most points in its In-Hand class (mandatory); Hunter Under Saddle (class 28), Jumpers (class 43,44 or 45); Working Hunter Over Fences (class 26); 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 (who have not turned 19 by 1/1/17) accruing the most points in performance (not in hand) and Junior Showmanship (mandatory). **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. **Each competitor must volunteer at least 2 hours at the show**

*****Sue Dexter Memorial Versatility Award*****

Registered Connemaras, Halfbred Connemaras, and Connemara Sporthorses **must** compete in **Trail** (class 37 or 38) and **Pleasure** (class 21 or 22); **Hunter** (class 24 or 26); **Jumpers** (class 43); or **Dressage** Training and above (from the CVDA show running in Upwey on Sunday*). The rider/pony combination must be the same for all classes.

Half Bred/Connemara Sporthorse Award

For the Halfbred, and Connemara Sporthorses 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.

Hunter Champion

Connemara with best scores for Connemara handy hunter, working hunter and under saddle (Classes 24, 26, & 28)

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DRESSAGE TRAIL TESTS

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 be 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 a 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.

TEST 2

1. A Enter working trot, crossing ground pole at L.
X Halt, salute; proceed working trot.
2. I Trot over cross rail. C Track right.
3. B Negotiate shallow serpentine of 5 cones (spaced 6 meters apart) inside track on long side.
4. V Halt between bales and rail. Rein back 3 to 4 steps. Proceed working walk back to bales.
5. V Halt. Pick up object on top of hay bales. Walk to near E and deposit object on top of a second stack of hay bales.
6. E Working trot.
C Canter, followed immediately by circle right 20 meters.
7. M to E Change rein. Working trot near centerline.
8. A Working walk. Release reins. Negotiate five-cone serpentine on long side on a loose rein.
9. R Pick up reins and then pick up ball from top of stack of hay bales. Working trot, one handed.
C 20-meter circle, one handed. At the end of the circle, drop ball in bucket at C. 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 cross rail and salute.

DRESSAGE TRAIL TEST 2

