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*MLC The Duke of Sussex

(Morning Glory's Illyushin x
Elphin Sandpiper)
2018 Bay stallion
13.2 HH
Hoof wall N/N

*Castle Monarch

(Castle Comet x
Orphee Schueracher)
2010 Grey stallion
14.2 HH
Hoof wall N/N



Ridgetop Tom Collins

(Landgate Bluebeard x
Folklore Grainne)
2018 Bay stallion
14.2 HH
Hoof wall N/N

* **Castle Monarch** won the stallion trophy at the 2022 West Coast Connemara show for the third time in a row and retired the trophy. He also won Breed Supreme Champion for the second time. We are so proud! Both of our young stallions ***MLC The Duke of Sussex** and **Ridgetop Tom Collins** did fantastic at their very first horse show, we could not be more excited about the future of both of these young stallions!

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President's Page

Welcome to the Awards Edition of the magazine! I hope you will, like me, enjoy reading about our members impressive accomplishments.

Our Awards Committee is seriously over worked and would be underpaid, if they got paid. Our ponies and their riders and drivers work ever so hard to compete and score noteworthy points. You might not be aware that the Awards Committee must track down those points for some of the awards and make sure they are in the right category. There is a major bookkeeping component to the Achievement Awards as well. Some of the National Awards would not be awarded if the Committee didn't encourage owners, riders, and friends to put together their ponies' information to nominate them for an award. The Committee recently requested, and received, BOG approval in January to add a Horse of the Year Award to the National Hall of Fame Awards for a Connemara Sport Horse starting in 2023. Anyone looking to get involved with an ACPS Committee should consider joining this active group of volunteers.

The ACPS Board of Governors Meeting was held in conjunction the USEF Annual Meeting in Lexington in January. The USEF Awards Banquets were especially exciting this year with our own junior member, Ryder Richardson, receiving the Youth Sportsman Award during the Pegasus Celebration. He flew in from Colorado with his mother, his grandmother, and the exchange student staying with his family. He gave a speech that was extraordinarily moving. After the dinner, Ryder had a line of fellow honorees, USEF Board members, and other interested parties waiting to congratulate him. ACPS members had a full complement of competitive awards on Saturday night as well. Ryder appeared again to collect his Halfbred Jumper award. Another highlight was Award winner, Jen Garutti, winning the door prize of a fancy John Deer mower.

Watch for a new section on the Website called Help Wanted. The website is constantly asked to do more, and it needs people to take on some specific jobs. For instance, we need someone to help get news onto the website that would be of interest to our members. This news editor would work with Sharon Jantzen to get news up and then to archive it once it is no longer new news. We are also looking for some new, great photos for the website. (All photos need a photo release, again, check with Sharon.)

This is a reminder for our BOG, Region Chairs, and Inspectors. Please keep your Safe Sport training up to date. You can join the USEF with a free Fan membership and sign on easily. This is a requirement that our insurance company requests and therefore helps us keep our coverage. <https://www.usef.org/safe-sport>

The BOG had a working meeting and the group generated a long wish list of activities to promote Connemaras as the "Do it All" equines we know them to be. Much of the push included getting the word out beyond our membership which, of course, is already captivated by Connemaras. Much promotion occurs naturally when Connemaras and their people are out competing or in clinics among a wide audience. Other suggestions focused on getting articles into the print media, although the current trend is away from magazines. What is the best way to create and

maintain a presence that showcases our Purebred, Halfbred and Sport Horse Connemaras? We could use a Media Consultant, or a Media Chair added to our team of brilliant volunteers. Another job for the Help Wanted page, send me your ideas!

Here is a fun fact. We are a small society, 574 members. We have always prided ourselves on our versatility and good temperaments. We try to promote a culture of friendliness and inclusiveness. While we do have many volunteers doing many jobs for the society, that may not be clear to newcomers to the organization. Sometimes people are finding fault with an aspect of ACPS as though we were a business or large corporation with paid staff. So just a reminder be kind and helpful. It is more effective than being critical or demanding.

Linda

Below:

Cathy Blackmon and Linda Haines celebrating with Ryder Richardson at the USEF Pegasus Awards





Royal Storm owned by Mady Lippencott was the 2022 ACPS/USEF Clifden Trophy winner. The gelding is by Marvel van Grouf Janshof out of Birkely Spohoyna bred by Elin Springer in Europe.



RR Cool Play and his owner/rider, Ryder Richardson.

Ryder is the 2022 Winner of the USEF Youth Sportsmanship Award

Purebred Connemara Hunter – 1. Oakfields Jansen, Hilary Gerhardt; 2. Belview Rocky, Jessica Chappell

Halfbred Connemara Hunter – 1. Oakfields Adele, Josie Galvin.

Halfbred Connemara Hunter, OPEN – 1. Radiance, Twin Island LLC; 2. Ledinjadon On Point, Janis Shaneberger; 3. Oakfields Adele, Josie Galvin.

Halfbred Connemara Jumper, OPEN – 1. RR Cool Play, Ryder Richardson; 2. Treetop Flyer, Helen Helton; 3. Harley Goldsmith, Catherine Maher; 4. Spoot de la Jurlais, Kennedy Chang.

Purebred Dressage – 1. Prairie Mulligan 2. Goliath, Christine Noelting; 3. Knockma's Finvarra, Cathy Blackmon; 4. Kynnymont Blue Sapphire, Robin Mercer; 5. Mulligan, Sandra Marshall; 6. Big Bear's Omega, Kim Abernathy.

Halfbred Dressage – 1. Cool Sping Mr. Darcy, Jen Garutti; 2. Don't Think Twice, Katherine Short; 3. Kynnymont Gunsmoke's Gideon, Kathryn Williams; 4. Dry Brooks Annika's Angel, Sara Carlisle; 5. TBF Triton's Ruari; 6. Orion's Sweet Rubio, Haley Turner.

Purebred Eventing – 1. Bantry Bay's Winston, Paige Rory; 2. *TBS Declan, Megan Lichty; 3. TIE Sir Teddington, Sandra Holden and Tuckaway Thunder, Mandy Zetty; 5. Knockma's Finvarra, Cathy Blackmon; 6. New Song's Freedom, Christina Sletten.

Halfbred Eventing – 1. *Gold to Blue Trapper Jack; 2. *OMS Machno Fear Dun, Donna Miller; 3. *Cooley All Out, Plain Dealing Farm; 4. Poppy, Christine Chatham; 5. Cool Spring Mr. Darcy, Jen Garutti; 6. Fate's Patriot, Laura Duhamel.

Purebred Jumper OPEN – 1. *Coud Poker Tartifume, Donna Miller; 2. Hazel Rock Sun, Constance Sharp.

Gold to Blue Trapper Jack

Halfbred Connemara in Eventing for 2022

Carrie Meehan

I first met Jack as a 3 year old on a trip to Ireland when he ran up to me in a field, put his nose to my cheek, and I instantly fell in love. I ended up importing him a couple years later as a 5 year old.

Jack is now 10 years old and he is the horse who started my ongoing love affair with the Connemara Pony breed. He inspired me to help make the breed more accessible and available to people here in the United States through my company Gold to Blue Sporthorses. He even inspired me to make an all-natural treat line in his name called Jack's Favorites. Jack gets followers and fans everywhere he goes. He has competed through the Preliminary Level of Eventing while also being known to pack around green riders at the Starter Level. Jack never says "no". He is the horse you can trust with your life and is the epitome of everything great about the breed.



Kynnymont Blue Sapphire

(Landgate Bluebeard x Kynnymont Moira)

Robin Mercer

Late summer of 2018, I was on a horseback riding vacation when I got a phone call that would enhance my life in more ways than I could ever imagine. It was my trainer calling to tell me that a Grand Prix Connemara mare was for sale and she was described to me as a true unicorn: talented, sweet, good brain, and a dark bay (my favorite color)! Since 2018, Sophie has been so patient in showing an ex-hunter/jumper rider how to ride dressage. We have been high point & show champions in both Training and First Level. For 2022, we came in 2nd for the Year End High Score Pony Award given by the California Dressage Society. Now in 2023, we are moving onto Second Level. But, the best moments with Sophie aren't showing off her beautiful passage, half-pass or ribbons pinned in the show ring. It's the times when she nuzzles me or comes running when she sees me at the pasture gate. Sophie brings me so much joy & I feel I'm the most blessed rider in the world! Thank you Pam Liddell for entrusting me with a true unicorn!



Prairie Mulligan

2023 has already started with a bang for the 2012 gelding Prairie Mulligan (Blue Ridge Jefferson x Dawn's Mary Kate). Together with his owner/trainer Patty Montana (MA), and his jockey Michelle Ganno-Sherwood (MA), he has achieved a dressage trifecta earning First Place in the USDF All-Breeds Award program in the AA category at Third Level for ACPS, winning USEF Horse of the Year for the second year in a row in the category of Purebred Connemara Dressage and gaining an Award of Excellence in dressage from the ACPS.



Bred by Carol Seibecker of Prairie Connemaras (IN), "Brady" was purchased by Patty as a 2-year-old. Patty had set her sights on bringing him along as her next show partner. Fast forward to 2020...the COVID pandemic brought with it some major changes and during these changes, Brady met Michelle. It has been a perfect match. Prior to beginning their relationship, Michelle had ridden only Training Level and a little First Level. Like a schoolmaster twice his age, Brady brought Michelle up through First, Second and Third Levels their first season (2021), earning her the USDF Bronze Medal. In 2022 they focused on solidifying the Third Level work and trying some Fourth. It has been a fun and exciting journey for all parties and the best is yet to come! Fourth Level is on the agenda for the 2023 season as well as a trip to Ohio in July for the NDPC Competition where they hope Brady and Carol can reunite.

In addition to building a wide fan base in the New England Dressage Community, Brady enjoys trail riding, jumping, and eating the all-important peppermint candies. Like many Connemara ponies he is a feisty character, strong in his opinions, but boundless in his potential.

Tuckaway Thunder

(Folklore James McNicholas x Tre Awain Muffet's Light) and Amanda Zeddy have been a pair since 2019. Earning a third place in USEF Horse of the Year in Purebred Connemara Eventing in 2022 is their third Horse of the Year award together. Since 2019 Tucker and Zeddy have trained with Trinity Eventing and Jennifer Wooten-Macouzet, now located in Oregon City, Or . 2022 is their first season based in USEA Area VII and they are enjoying the beautiful venues in the area.



Cool Springs Mr Darcy

2017 Halfbred gelding - Blue Ridge Monroe x Zaria (IDSH)

USEF HOTY National Champion Halfbred Dressage

5th Place USEF HOTY Halfbred Eventing

ACPS Award of Excellence in Dressage

USDF Breed High Score Award at Dressage Finals

I met Doc's breeder Jill McNicol in 2018 at the National Dressage Pony Cup in 2018 at Lamplight when I was there with my fabulous halfbred mare. We had stayed in touch over the years and sat together at the 2019 USEF HOTY Awards dinner in early 2020. At that point she told me she had "my next horse". We stayed in touch via FB and she reminded me off and on about Doc, then in 2021 after Anne's (Labras Leannon) recurrence of her keratoma and me realizing she needed to step down and seeing Doc at the 4 Year Old Young Event Horse Championships I decided to take her up on her offer.

I tried Doc in late December and he came home on January 1st 2022. He is such a special dude, super talented but also super sensitive. Our year was a bit of a roller coaster. He really is a good boy and can win easily, but he often struggles with his place in the world and he is very sensitive to his body changing. He grew and changed a ton this year and is a little bit of the kid who is like, "my shirt feels weird, the tag is itchy, my pants are scratchy" when his body feels weird to him. Nevertheless he got out and about in the dressage ring.

My goal was to qualify for regionals at Training level. We accomplished that goal in just two shows. At regionals he started off very emotional but grew up a lot and really laid down a lovely Championships test to finish on a 70% in a huge class for a 6th place finish and a wild card qualification for USDF Dressage Finals. I was totally elated and blown away.

At the Dressage Finals in Kentucky we experienced all aspects of behavior and all aspects of weather. It went from the 70s and sunny to the high 20s with freezing rain and snow and miserably cold temperatures. It was a HUGE atmosphere on top of the weather swings, a lot for a very sensitive 5 year old. After some emotional behavior on the first two days, Doc laid down some lovely tests in the worst weather on the third day but unfortunately ran out of gas on the last day when our Championships test was and I couldn't keep him in front of my leg which is costly in a Championship. But I was still absolutely thrilled with the progress he made and what he did in his first year of recognized dressage showing.

The future is bright for this youngster. He is actually supposed to be my event horse and do some straight dressage as well. The goal is to get him up to the FEI levels hopefully in both eventing and dressage. Doc is currently in Florida with Meg Kepferle doing a lot of ground work and working on his life skills and tools for when he feels worried and insecure. He is making some really good progress. It is a journey with these sensitive talented horses. I am lucky to have Doc and the most amazing village to help us be successful. Looking forward to 2023!



United States Eventing Association Year End Awards

Advanced Level:

Half bred: HC Celtic Mark by ArtCeltic Art o/o Starmark owner/
rider Donna Miller

Intermediate Level:Half bred: HC Celtic Mark by ArtCeltic
Art o/o Starmark owner Donna Miller, rider Devon Brown

Preliminary Level:

Purebred: Coud'Poker by Westside Mirah II o/o Unedamdepik
Tartifume o/r Donna Miller

Halfbred: No May Moon by Catherston Dazzler o/o Ebony
Moon owner Nancy Winter

Modified Level:

Purebred: Rochambeau by Aladdin's Denver o/o Miss Hawkeye
o/r Sue Jellum

Halfbred: Ridgetop Pirate by Landgate Bluebeard o/o Queen
Daisy o/r Margo Goldfarb

Training Level: Purebred: TBS Declan Pondi by Dexter Leam Pondi
o/o Dandy Sparrow o/r Megan Lichty

Castleturvin Mungo unknown imported UK owner Beatrice Cassou
rider: Marina Cassou

Half bred: VSH Tully's Playing with Fire by Tullymor's Ned Devine
o/o Kool Kitten o/r Heather Wu

Novice Level: Purebred: Gold to Blue Felix Felicis by Ballybeg JJ o/o
Heather Queen o/r Laura Sparks

Halfbred: Gold to Blue Trapper Jack by Frederiksminde Hazy Match
o/o My Tango Duchess o/r Carrie Meehan

Beginner Novice Level:

Purebred: Knockma's Finnvara by ArtCeltic Art o/o Hideaway's
Zwenski o/r Cathy Blackmon

Halfbred: BDF Tag You're It by WH Topgun o/o Running Eagle o/r
Carla Jimmerson

HC Celtic Mark

2022 USEF/ACPS McKenna Trophy Winner

By Donna Miller, Hidden Creek Sporthorses

HC Celtic Mark (Salty) was bred by myself and Faye Bolayer who owned the mare Star Mark by Hallmark, a grandson of Art Deco. Salty is sired by my first heart horse, the purebred Connemara stallion, *ArdCeltic Art who we lost at the young age of 10. Art was loved by all that met him and although Salty's temperament is quite like his dam with his sassy attitude towards life, he has all the talent, grit and heart of his Dad.

Salty was born a sassy black and white pinto to go grey who I brought along through his and my injuries to the 3* level before handing the reins over to Devon Brown, my daughter in 2021. However in August (2021) I had the ride back on Salty because Devon had so much going on in her personal life that she just did not have the time for both her 3* heart horse, Ernie, and Salty so I took the ride back and brought him back into fitness after several months off. At that time, Devon, Salty, Cooper, Ernie and I went down to Florida to have Ernie worked on by vets down in Ocala and I decided to compete both Cooper (*Coud Poker Tartifume) and Salty in the Modified division at the FHP. So that is when Salty's "Advanced journey" began.

When I finished cross country with Salty that day, I said to Devon "Salty just ran this Modified course like he was running Advanced so you need to take him back so he can literally run Advanced!" She said "yes!", but with the condition that I help to keep him fit and going as her time was limited.

Salty happens to love my "at home" program and love her "at the show" ride, so we both agreed it could work. Well work it did! The two of them tackled a pretty tough Advanced with ease in March of 2022. As I helped Devon tack up Salty that day in March, on went the bridle previously worn by his sire and I reflected for a moment on how much that meant.

The two stormed around cross country and finished under the time on their dressage score! What a team the two of them were. To say a few tears were shed is an understatement.

That weekend a whole lot of stuff came to be that was the result of years of hard work and the typical ups and downs that come with horses. It was one of the highest highs we had had in some time. The two of them dug deep and accomplished the move up to Advanced by not just finishing, but finishing in second on their dressage score!! Salty and Devon went on to complete two more three stars in 2022 to complete their Mandatory requirements to run a 4*. Unfortunately, Salty sustained an injury in the fall of 2022 and was not able to run a 4* however he is now quite healthy and we are excited the journey will begin again!



Devon Brown on cross country with HC Celtic Mark. (XPress Photos)

STALLION AUCTION 2024



The American Connemara Pony Society extends sincere gratitude to stallion owners who have participated in the three Connemara Stallion Auctions to benefit the ACPS Susan McConnell Foundation. Sincere thanks is also extended to the mare owners who bid on the stallion services, and to all who helped make the fundraisers a success.

The Foundation is a 501c3 Not-For-Profit entity that provides funds exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes. The first three years of this event raised more than \$20,000 for the Foundation. The ACPS is thankful.

Donated breedings are being sought for the 2024 auction. There will not be a auction in 2023 but hopes are high for an even bigger and better offering in 2024. To offer a stallion for the event – stallions must be a registered Purebred or Halfbred with fresh or frozen semen readily available in North America. Information and Photos must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2023,. Watch for more information.

The auction will be widely shared across social media platforms, national publications, and through our own ACPS website and magazine.

For more information or to donate a breeding to your stallion, please contact

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Adult Amateur – Training Level: Knockma’s Finnvarra, Cathy Blackmon, 65.862.

Adult Amateur – First Level: Kynynmont’s Gunsmoke’s Gideon, Kathryn Williams, 65.417

Adult Amateur – Third Level: Prairie Mulligan, Michelle Ganno-Sherwood, 63.250; Kynynmont’s Brianna, Madelaene Ford, 62.500.

Adult Amateur - Prix St. George: TBF Triton’s Rauri, Gretje Witt, 61.912

Adult Amateur - Musical Freestyle: First Level. Kynynmont’s Gunsmoke’s Gideon, Kathryn Williams, 68.892.

Second Level: BDF Top Dun, Danielle Comley, 70.683

Fourth Level: TBF Triton’s Rauri, Gretje Witt, 69.950

Junior/Young Rider – First Level: Glendale’s Katie Belle, Elisabeth Davis, 63.00

Musical Freestyle – First Level: High Bridge Guenivere, Alexandra McMillen, 69.133; 2. Kynynmont’s Gunsmoke’s Gideon, 68.892

Second Level: BDF Top Dun, Danielle Comley, 70.683

Fourth Level: TBF Triton’s Rauri, Gretje Witt, 69.950

Open – Training level: Knockma’s Finnvarra, Cathy Blackmon, 65.862

First Level: 1. Kynynmont’s Gunsmoke’s Gideon, 65.417; 2. High Bridge Guenivere, Alexandra McMillen, 64.167; Glendale’s Katie Belle, Elisabeth Davis, 63.00

Third Level: 1. BDF Top Dun, Katye Pong, 68.720; 2. Prairie Mulligan, Michelle Ganno-Sherwood, 63.250; 3. Kynynmont’s Brianna, 62.500

Open Prix St. George – TBF Triton’s Rauri, Gretje Witt, 61.912

High Bridge Guenivere

Alex McMillen

I have owned my mare High Bridge Guenivere, or “Toffee” as she is lovingly known at the barn, for just over two years, but have known her for six. As a red-headed mare, she definitely fits some stereotypes, but she is also the cuddliest horse once she decides you are part of her herd – she requires snuggles before getting her bridle on! When she is not dancing in the sandbox, she enjoys bossing around her herd of mares, supervising everything that happens at the barn, and teaching new riders the ropes on how to effectively communicate with horses. Oh, and treats. Always treats.

Alex McMillen



BDF Top Dun

Wildwood Hearne Top Gun x Trakehner mare

I purchased Dylan, aka BDF Top Dun from Beth Davidson (his breeder) owner of Black Dog Farm as a weanling. Dylan is a Trakehner / Connemara cross, sire is WH Top Gun. I had originally planned to event him, but my dressage coach, Katie Poag convinced me to spend his first year of showing focused exclusively on dressage. He had such aptitude that we stuck with it, and he has competed in USDF dressage since. With Katie’s help I have developed him from Training through, currently Fourth Level and we have earned our Bronze Medal together. Prior to Dylan I had been a Hunter rider as a kid and an Eventer as an adult, so Adult Amateur Dressage was a whole new world. Dylan and I particularly love competing in Freestyles, and are looking forward to debuting our 3rd level version this year. He is a total socialite, likes strutting his stuff in show ring, and enjoys any attention he can possibly get!

Danielle Bamford



Kynnymont Brianna

Madelaine Ford

Bryn and I had an excellent 2022 show season. Bryn helped me earn my USDF Bronze Medal and took me to USDF Regionals (for my first overnight show!). Bryn is impossible not to love. She is a barn favorite and makes friends everywhere she goes. This year, Bryn will be doing the dual task of leadline shows with my goddaughter and helping me work towards my Silver medal as we start 4th level showing. Bryn's talent and temperament make her an exceptional ambassador for Connemaras and for Pam Liddell's breeding program and the Connemara pony in dressage.



Hillcreek Celtic Bug

Lori Johnson

HillCreek CelticBug by ArdCeltic Art out of Tre Awain Cashela Bay

I am so thrilled for Bug (HillCreek CelticBug) to have accomplished the Award of Excellence in Dressage. My goal for 2022 was to go to one recognized show. It quickly became multiple shows and qualified us for NCDCTA championship. It was the largest show that Bug and I have ever competed in. We finished fourth out of 16+ AA competitors and ultimately 3rd place in NCDCTA HOY! We also showed in a local Dressage series and ended up 3rd for the year in First Level. Bug made a lot of fans and every show we went to were asked about his breeding. He is known to be a charming guy and was always quick to give a pony kiss or two to judges and fans alike. His strategy seems to be working! I love my Connemara!

FAQ - Changing A Connemara's Name

I bought a registered Connemara, and I would like to change the name.

How can I do that and what is the procedure?

As a Breed Registry, the ACPS discourages name changes. But, we also realize that not all names are equally loved.. Yes, you can change the registered name. The name change procedure costs \$100, payable to ACPS.

Procedure – Send the certificate back to the ACPS with the new name written on the name line.

IF the Connemara has a registered farm name – a prefix that denotes who the breeder was, like Happy Acres or Blue Dog, or initials like BDF, then you must keep that as part of the name.

The Farm Prefix can only be dropped or changed with permission of the breeder.

You will receive the registration paper back with the change acknowledged. We do not change the prefix unless the owner of the prefix, the breeder, agrees to the change in writing. So you would have to contact the breeder to get that permission.

If your pony received a lifetime USEF registration and number as a foal, that original name and number will not change.

FAQ – I sent in my registration application for my foal of 2022 in December but it didn't get a USEF number? Why not?

Thanks for asking....the turnaround time for getting a pony registered, with a DNA sample and HWSD tests on record at the lab, takes a while. If you started the process in December for a spring foal, you simply waited to long to get all the process done. The labs at US Davis are closed over Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, so even though the hair may be sent, it's not processed. The registration process is not complete until all the required elements are done.

For this reason --- the NEW DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FOAL REGISTRATION AND RECEIVING A USEF LIFE RECORDING NUMBER IS DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

Please make it easy on yourself and the registrar by filling out the registration application soon after the foal is born.

The fee included in the registration program is a huge bargain and if you miss the deadline, the USEF fee goes up dramatically.

Duet Farms One Love, Marley
2016 Stallion by, *Kippure Cara x Tre
Awain Maeve (Premium Mare)

▶N/N HWSD

▶14.1 ½ HANDS

▶AWSSR INSPECTED AND APPROVED
BREEDING STALLION

▶PASSING ON GREAT BONE,
TEMPERAMENT AND TYPE

▶SHOWN WITH GREAT SUCCESS IN HAND
AND STARTING HIS UNDER SADDLE SHOW
CAREER IN 2022

▶CONTACT ANNIE BALOTTI-PALEEN FOR
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SPORT PONY ALL AGES CLASS AS WELL AS
WINNING RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION
PUREBRED AT REGION 4 CONNEMARA SHOW
THIS YEAR.



Blackwing Holden's Thunder

By Blue Rodk Fintan out of Wildwych
Dreamtime

Owned and ridden by Liliana Green,
earned a certificate of dressage in
Achievement Awards for 2022



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2022 FUN WITH PONY

Achievement Awards

Concord River Fife and Drum, Lisa Ann Page, Bronze
Sutton Springs, Lisa Ann Page Certificate
MLC Rocky River Mm' Constance Brown Certificate or
Bronze
Ripleigh's Abra Cadabra, Carolyn B McEvitt Bronze
Crib Glas Mandolin, Carolyn B. McEvitt Bronze
C.K.C. Kate, Carolyn B McEvitt Bronze
Macbradaigh's Irish Whistle Sally Oxnard Bronze
Oakfields Paisley, Vanessa Morgan Certificate
Stone Creek Moonshine, Lindsey Jenny Certificate
Irish Gate's Scarlet Fire, Karen Laden Bronze
VSH Devine Alexandra, Susan Dudasik Bronze
RR Cool Play Ryder Richardson Certificate
Tullymor's Mountaim Sun, Kelsie Staeheli Certificate
Nora Rose, Shelley Feldner Schuerman Bronze
SLF Remington, Shelley Feldner Schuerman Certificate
Crib Glas Cymbal Tarrah Baker Bronze
Hideaway's Angel Tarrah Baker Bronze
TBF Restricted Airspace Brickelle Miller Bronze
Hideaway's First Edition Tracy Garland Bronze
Sweet Boo Alyssa Gadberry Certificate
Castleside Maguire, Deborah Burgess Certificate
Lishmar Misty "Darian Hall (Piper Arnold, rider)"
Bronze
Sunshine Valley's Minnie Aiden Beaubien Bronze



**Solvads Ann Mai, owned and ridden by Cindi Weist earned an Award of Excellence in Competitive Trail Achievement Awards for 2022.*



A Champion Stallion from Champion European Lines successfully passing it on

***Smaragaid Cliff**

(Munkholm Cobbergate x Shamrock
Bright Roxanne) 14.3h, brown

- ACPS Premium Stallion
- Two ACPS Gold Medallions
- USDF & All-Breeds Champion
- USEF Leading Eventing & Dressage Sire, HOTY
- German Golden Medal Winner
- HWSD N/N; no grey, dilute genes

The Proof is in his Progeny

Karen Laden

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Oakfields Paisley

Born 4/19/07, 14.1 1/2 h mare by *Hearnesbrook Dunoon (Hearnesbrook Fastnet x Kirtling Bonnie), out of *Aille Tiger Lily (New Beginning x Aille Rosebud); bred by Susan McConnell; owned by Vanessa Morgan, Athens, TN

In 2022, Paisley learned to drive. I had a ton of fun with her and she certainly loves her new job. We have really bonded during our re-start together.

I have not driven in some years, and she had never driven. We attended both National Drive, ND, gatherings at the Hoosier Horse Park this year. Paisley learned to drive all over the place and was exposed to all sorts of situations. We also did our first timed cones run and a driving derby in the covered arena. She proved to be a very sensible, trusting, kind and forgiving driving pony!

She had boosted my confidence enough after the spring ND that I decided to enter a driving competition. We did the "Limit Training CT" (dressage and cones) at the Carolina Carriage Club show at Windridge. She was wonderful, even though she thought she should jump the white stripes that were spray painted on the ground between the cones. A trier, for sure!

After lots and lots of driving to get fit enough, we headed back to Indiana to do our first Combined Driving Event. Needless to say, I was beyond delighted that, not only did Paisley and I win the Training Single Pony division, but also were overall Training Division Champions!

I had fun competing this pony, but the greatest pleasure was working with Paisley in the process of her learning to be a driving pony, while at the same time improving my very rusty and rudimentary skills as a whip (i.e. driver). It was really a special year, this journey with Paisley, and one that I can only wish to repeat.

Thank you to the ACPS for recognizing the FUN we have with our ponies, with or without any competitive endeavors.



*Cityview Prince Charming

Shannon Prince (Monaghanstown Fred)
x Tallyho Holly (Kingstown Cavalier)

14.2H ~ Bay ~ N/N

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Shipped cool semen

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Youngstock available



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Applications Now Open for US Equestrian Higher Education Scholarship for High School Seniors



Lexington, Ky. – US Equestrian is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the 2023 Higher Education Equestrian Scholarship. This program provides five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are committed to furthering their equestrian skills and knowledge while in college. Applicants must have a current competing or subscriber membership with US Equestrian and be a graduating high school senior preparing to enter their freshman year of college in fall of 2023. The scholarship is available to equestrians from any of the 28 US Equestrian-affiliated breeds or disciplines. Applicants must provide proof of continuing involvement in equestrian sports through college. Enrollment in equine-related classes or participation in an intercollegiate equestrian team or club will serve as proof but are not required. Applicants may hold an equestrian-related internship, job, or volunteer position, or provide evidence of other commitment to continued involvement in equestrian sport. Funds awarded by the Higher Education Equestrian Scholarship will be issued directly to the recipients' educational institutions to be applied to tuition costs.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit a completed application form, an essay, and at least one reference from an individual in the horse industry on or before July 31, 2023, to be considered for the scholarship.

Completed applications must be emailed to Emily McSweeney, National Breeds & Disciplines Special Projects Manager at emcsweeney@usef.org on or before July 31, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be announced on September 15, 2023.

Learn more about the Higher Education Equestrian Scholarship [here](#) or contact [Emily McSweeney](#) with additional questions.

TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP

M 3774 XLV – TIS MINE AIBHLINN from Cheryl B. Thorp to Shannon Elizabeth Wilson, 149 Wynn Circle, Greenville, SC 29617.
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FINAL 2022 ACPS Achievement Award Winners

January 28, 2023

Competitive Awards

Dressage

Dressage Certificate –

Ridgetop Pirate Blue (Landgate Bluebeard x Queen Daisey)
O: Margo Goldfarb
Seaborne's Maritime (Seaborne's Schooner x Double Avenue)
O: Vanessa Morgan

Dressage Bronze –

Blackwing Holden's Thunder (Blue Rock Fintan x Wildwych Dreamtime) O: Liliana Green
DRF Isabela (Skyview's Triton x Honest Witt) O: Christina Keim
Shammer Eagle (*Canal Laurinston x Shammer Tessie Sparrow) O: Leigh Ellen Ertle
VSH Divine Alexandra (Tullymor's Ned Devine x Missy) O: Susan Dudasik
Windover Tarragon (Irish Parks Caraway Finn x Dee Poco Princess) O: Bridget Kelly

Dressage Gold –

Braemar Peace (Gentle Cascade x Atlantic Promise) O: Nicola O'Connell
Century Hill's Kieron (Irish Park Caraway Finn x Tatham's Balliranna) O: Eleanor Eagly

Dressage Award of Excellence –

Cool Springs Mr. Darcy (Blue Ridge Monroe x Zaria) O: Jennifer Garutti
Hillcreek Celtic Bug (*Ardceltic Art x Tre Awain Cashela Bay) O: Lori Johnson
Knockmas Finnvara (*Ardceltic Art x Hideaways Zwenski) O: Cathy Blackmon
Prairie Mulligan (Blue Ridge Jefferson x Dawns Mary Kate) O: Patty Montana

Driving

Driving Certificate –

Oakfields Paisley (*Hearnesbrook Dunoon x *Aille Tiger Lily) O: Vanessa Morgan

Driving Gold –

Cedar's Clarra (JEF Sir Lancelot x Conneleigh Maeve McMor) O: Kay Clements

Competitive Trail/Endurance

Competitive Trail/Endurance Award of Excellence –

*Solvstads Ann Mai (Oxenholm Markbook x Ballinrobe Maggie) O: Cindi Weist

Eventing

Eventing Certificate –

Corner Oak Celtic Star (Balius Turlough x Blue Hills Morning Star) O: Vanessa Morgan
Shammer Eagle (*Canal Laurinston x Shammer Tessie Sparrow) O: Leigh Ellen Ertle
South Ridge Thistlebit (Trout Ranch Malarkey x South Ridge Chloe) O: Kimberley Sterl

Eventing Bronze –

Knockmas Finnvara (*Ardceltic Art x Hideaways Zwenski) O: Cathy Blackmon
Poppy (Wildwood Hearne Top Gun x Peoria Pearl) O: Christine Chatham

Eventing Silver –

Ridgetop Pirate Blue (Landgate Bluebeard x Queen Daisey) O: Margo Goldfarb
Windover Tarragon (Irish Parks Caraway Finn x Dee Poco Princess) O: Bridget Kelly

Eventing Award of Excellence –

BDF Tag You're It (Wildwood Hearne Topgun x Running Eagle) O: Carla Jimmerson
New Song's Freedom (*Smaragaid Cliff x Wildwych Lucy) R: Emma Sletten

In-Hand

In-Hand Certificate –

Bella Noche (*Smaragaid Cliff x Bella Luna) O: Hannah Jungling
Duet Farms First Love (Duet Farms One Love x Duet Farms Cailin Dobh) O: Vanessa Morgan
South Ridge Unique (South Ridge Aidan x Wildwych Clio) O: Emily Belanger
Tully Wind (Tullymors Moon Shadow x Tullymors Blush) O: Kim Gates

In-Hand Gold --

Big Bear's Silver Britches (Canal Clancy x Shammer Gypsy Queen) O: Kristy Menner

Hunter

Hunter Certificate --

Corner Oak Celtic Star (Balius Turlough x Blue Hills Morning Star) O: Vanessa Morgan
Ledgewood's Greystone Desiree (Greystone Kellington x Woodchuck Ridge's Fallon O'Flynn) O: Vanessa Morgan
Sunshine Valley's Minnie (Wildwych Thunder Snow x Mint Julep) O: Aiden Beaubien

Hunter Bronze –

*Lishmar Mysty (Westside Mirah x Tawin Hazel) R: Pyper Arnold

Jumper

Jumper Certificate –

South Ridge Thistlebit (Trout Ranch Malarkey x South Ridge Chloe) O: Kimberley Sterl

Sunshine Valley's Minnie (Wildwych Thunder Snow x Mint Julep) O: Aiden Beaubien

Jumper Bronze –

Shammer Eagle (*Canal Laurinston x Shammer Tessie Sparrow) O: Leigh Ellen Ertle

Jumper Silver –

Big Bear's Cadence of Love (Fergus x Divine Direction) O: Leigh Ellen Ertle

Big Bear's Esther (Fergus x Big Bear's Aurora) O: Leigh Ellen Ertle

Big Bear's Faith (*Canal Clancy x Big Bear's Amazing Love) O: Leigh Ellen Ertle

Jumper Gold –

S.R. Irish Envoy (Greystone Ian McVai x Glenmary Absinthe) O: Leslie & Marilyn Cheek

Working Equitation

Working Equitation Award of Excellence –

Aluinn Wyatt (HK's Danny Boy x Aladdin's Star Song) O: Barbara Sullivan



Ridgetop Pirate Blue

2022 Non-Competitive Award Winners

4-H

4-H Certificate –

VSH Divine Alexandra (Tullymor's Ned Devine x Missy) O: Susan Dudasik

4-H Bronze --

*Lishmar Mysty (Westside Mirah x Tawin Hazel) R: Pyper Arnold

Foxhunting

Foxhunting Certificate –

Prairie Kiltulla (Blue Ridge Jefferson x Blue Rock Molly) R: Martha Slamer

Foxhunting Gold –

Miss Madeira (*Canal Laurinston x Felton Lea Larkspur) O: Nancy Dillon

Foxhunting Award of Excellence --

Prairie Madeline (Blue Ridge Jefferson x Tre Awain Ballyclare) O: Carrie Hill

Pony Club

Pony Club Certificate –

Corner Oak Celtic Star (Balius Turlough x Blue Hills Morning Star) O: Vanessa Morgan

Nora Rose (Skyview's Orion x Sara Sue) O: Shelley Feldner-Schuerman

RR Cool Play (Bentley O'Dea x Corner Oak Penelope) O: Ryder Richardson

Sunshine Valley's Minnie (Wildwych Thunder Snow x Mint Julep) O: Aiden Beaubien

Pony Club Bronze –

*Lishmar Mysty (Westside Mirah x Tawin Hazel) R: Pyper Arnold

New Song's Freedom (*Smaragaid Cliff x Wildwych Lucy) R: Emma Sletten

Therapeutic Riding/Driving

Therapeutic Riding/Driving Certificate --

RR Cool Play (Bentley O'Dea x Corner Oak Penelope) O: Ryder Richardson

Therapeutic Riding/Driving Gold –

Concord River Fife and Drum (Bantry Bay's Archie x Concord River Kaleigh) O: Lisa Page

**Braemar Peace –
Gentle Cascade x Atlantic Promise**

Dressage Gold

Nicola O’Connell

We were delighted to receive our dressage gold award for 2022. We had a fun year last year attending a few local schooling shows and moved up to 1st level. We hope to continue to develop and improve. Peace is the most willing and sweet partner especially as dressage isn’t her favorite thing to do! We also did our first derby x at Fairhill which was fun!

We attended the region 1 ACPS show this year in Vermont. We made the long journey with our best friends Kristy and Dooley due to the region 3 show being over Labor Day weekend. It was well worth the trip! The location is stunning, and the region 1 members were very warm and welcoming! We had a great time showing although it was very hot and I was especially delighted with Peace winning the reserve champion in hand! We also got to hack through the stunning landscape, do a dressage test, jump a few rounds and cool off in the beautiful streams.

Peace is a very willing, special pony, I’m so proud of everything she is and I feel so honored and fortunate to go through this life together with her.



DRF Isabela

Cold Moon Farm in Rochester, N.H., is proud to be the home of DRF Isabela (Skyview’s Triton x Honest Witt (TB)), who earned her bronze medal in dressage through the ACPS Achievement Awards program in 2022.

We purchased Izzy from her breeder, Janet Johnson at Dayton Ridge Farm in Wisconsin, when she was just 18 months old, and have very much enjoyed the process of developing this sweet and talented halfbred Connemara.

Thanks to the pandemic, Izzy began her competitive dressage career through the Dressage Show Online program in late 2020 as a 5-year-old, and ultimately earned open

national championship titles at Introductory level in 2021 and Training level in 2022. In 2022, Izzy competed in a series of in-person shows hosted by the State of Maine Dressage Association, earning scores to 69% at Training Level. We plan to move up to First Level in 2023.

In addition to earning her ACPS bronze medal in dressage this year, Izzy also completed the Warhorse Endurance Relentless 100 mile challenge, completing 100 ridden trail miles from late 2021 through spring 2022.

Where ever she goes, Izzy attracts attention thanks to her good looks and joyful demeanor. We would like to thank Jessica Freiman of J.Freiman Dressage in Dover, N.H., for her keen eye, encouragement, and gentle pressure to always ask for “more” throughout this past season.





TELESIS CONNEMARAS

*SWANSVIEW MIRAHS SHADOW

*2019 Purebred Approved Gray
Stallion by Silver Shadow out of
Graces Girl by Westside Mirah
HWSD N/N*

With outstanding pedigree by the famous Silver Shadow out of a Westside Mirah mare. Silver Shadow is one of the top performing Connemara ponies on the European circuit. He excelled at the highest levels of competition, successfully competing in the 1.30s and is now producing top 1.30 athletic competition ponies. Dam sire is Westside Mirah who is one of Ireland's most successful sires of show jumping ponies, producing grade A European winners.



TELESIS CARRAIG RUA

*2019 Purebred Approved Buckskin
Stallion by R Blue Moon out of
*Lishmar Topaz by Silver Heaven
HWSD N/N*

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BDF Tag You're It

Carla Jimmerson



I feel so honored to have won an ACPS award of excellence for my pony BDF Tag You're It. Tag was bred by Beth Davidson at Black Dog Farm in Plant City FL. He is a 2016 foal out of a TB mare named Running Eagle and was sired by Wildwood Hearne Topgun. I bought Tag as a 10 month old and had fun watching him grow and working on things that would help him later like trailer loading, crossing creeks, going on short field trips, lots of grooming and ground work. When he turned three I sent him to a friend who does natural horsemanship to do the initial backing and more groundwork for a couple of months. It has been 3 years now since I started him and he has been such a joy! He has such a bright and cheery personality and gets lots of attention at the shows. This last year has been very special because it was our first year doing USEA rated shows at Beginner novice and he either won first or second in each competition we entered. He won our Region 3 championship at Stable View this past summer, then he won the Schooling show championship at Chatt Hills in December in the Novice division. We also ended the USEA Leaderboard in First place in Beginner Novice Master Amateur rider, First place in Beginner Novice Master Rider and Tag was 4th overall as Beginner Novice Horse. He was First in USEA Region 3 in Beginner Novice Master Amateur and third as Horse for 2022. Each year brings new challenges and adventures and I look forward to moving up to Novice and working on our dressage skills.

Big Bear's Silver Britches

*Canal Clancy x Shammer Gypsy Queen

Kristy Menner

My adventures with Dooley started when he was 3 ½ years old. Having spent most of my life with many wonderful breeds, he was my first Connemara and the start of my Connemara obsession. I spent the first few years with Dooley letting him mature and riding him lightly out on trails and around our property. At the time, I did not have a riding ring and had not shown for many years prior. When he was about 6 years old, I dusted off my show coat and took Dooley to his first show. This show offered Connemara Breed In-Hand class and Connemara Under Saddle classes. I had never shown In-Hand before but thought I would give it a try for fun. From there, we started entering the Connemara Breed classes at our Region Shows. We also attended a few other shows offering breed classes such as Dressage at Devon, NYS Breeders, and NEDA. As a gelding owner, showing In-Hand has always been about supporting the breed and just getting out with Dooley to have some fun. If you asked Dooley what his favorite activity is, he probably would not say the breed class ring, but he was always a good sport about participating, and I am thrilled he earned his Gold Award.

Dooley enjoys trail obstacle challenges, hunter paces, and he is currently at Silver in Dressage. We are always up for some pony fun and looking forward to more adventures in 2023!



Bella Noche

By *Smaragaid Cliff x Bella Luna

Owned and shown by Hannan Jungling, the pair earned a certificate in In-Hand.

Miss Madiera

By *Canal Laurinston out of Felton Lea Larkspur
Nancy David Dillon

Camden Littleton Photography.

Yesterday there was a big turnout for our Friday hunt. The conditions in the morning were not auspicious because the ground was very dry, the temperature was around 50 with a breeze and the remnants of Hurricane Ian were approaching. I guess the forecast of rain beginning in the evening and continuing for several days prompted folks to come out.

When we moved off, I put myself in the field master's pocket at the front of first field and Maddie settled in despite a large mare a little too close behind us. Cutting to the (not) chase, it was essentially a blank day and we had a nice trail ride.

Enroute we jumped several coops of varying sizes and weed-iness and Maddie found good spots to all of them. The drama came as we traversed a trail on the side of a mountain. The trail was not cleared and we encountered a down tree lying straight down the slope and with the landing obscured by weeds. Doubtful. No way around.

The field master's horse put in a huge leap and landed far on the other side. Maddie was more conservative but angled slightly downhill (left) and landed in a pit of some sort with bushes all around. It was one of those "Uh oh" moments. I stayed in the middle and Maddie got us out of the hole somehow. I thanked her very enthusiastically. The ladies behind me said "you practically disappeared in the bushes!" Phew.

Fifteen or twenty minutes later, we jumped the final coop of the day which was uphill into the woods. It's a fairly new coop and I never jumped it before. It looked bigger than most. Maddie was eager and jumped it very nicely. My friend who was at the back of our group, specifically said that Maddie's effort was lovely - nice to hear any time but especially following our adventure in the woods.

I am very grateful and proud that my homebred took care of us and that she enjoys hunting so much. Here's a photo taken as we arrived back at the meet; you can see that she is a happy and quite self-satisfied pony



Castleside Maguire (barn name Castle)

by "Castleside JJ Junior" out of "Castleside Dimple" by "Castleside Carraig"

Owner – Deborah Burgess

Castle is a handsome 12-year-old buckskin gelding who successfully competed in the Connemara Performance Class at the Royal Dublin Horse Show in 2016 before being imported to the USA. Castle currently lives in Washington State in area IX of the ACPS. He's a very fun & personable pony, loves XC jumping, going to clinics & camps as well as Pony Club meetings (and dressing up for Halloween!) with his 12-year-old leaser, Molly Carpenter.



Prairie Madeline

By Blue Ridge Jefferson x Tre Awain Ballyclare

Carrie Hill and her purebred Prairie Madeline earned an Award of Excellence in Foxhunting.



Stoney Creek Moonshine (Finn)

Lindsey L. Jenny

Photo credit to Megan Cole Photography

My pony, Finn, and I had a lot of fun in 2022! Finn's registered name is Stoney Creek Moonshine, and he is by R. Blue Moon out of Arbor Lane's Bailey. He was bred by Tracey Stanley Cheever, owner of Stoney Creek Connemaras in Centerville, Tennessee. I bought Finn as a yearling in 2019, and he was lightly started as a 3-year-old.

2022 was a big learning year for both of us. Michigan winter forced us to take a riding hiatus from January to March, but Finn picked up right where we left off once the footing thawed. We did our first canter under saddle in March. In April, we moved to a larger barn with an indoor arena and began to take weekly dressage and jumping lessons which helped us make some big strides in our training. Finn quickly progressed with the help of my instructors, Cheri Theis, Jan Dooley, and Carrie Wilson. Finn has impressed them all with his natural uphill balance, great canter, and strong work ethic. He is quickly becoming an accomplished dressage pony and confident jumper.

After a couple of "away from home" lessons in July, I felt ready to take Finn to his first dressage schooling show in August. We arrived Friday afternoon, and I took him out for a walk to check out the arenas. Finn surveyed the activity, puffed himself up, and reared straight up! He came down and let out a dragon snort as he pranced around me (thank goodness for rope halters). Needless to say, he made quite an impression! After 10 minutes of lunging and natural horsemanship groundwork, he settled down and went back to his normal business-like self and we had a good ride. I wasn't sure what to expect on Saturday for my first test, but he was a rock star. He trotted down the centerline confident that everyone was there to watch him. We got a 73% on our very first dressage test (Intro B) followed by a 72% on Intro C that afternoon. He won both his classes on both Saturday and Sunday and was Champion Novice Horse. The only part of the show Finn didn't



enjoy was having to go back to his stall and leave his audience.

While the show was a highlight of our year, we've had a lot of fun at home. Our weekly jumping lessons with Jan have been a blast. We went from trotting over poles in June to cantering around small courses by December. I think I finished every lesson with a huge smile. The beautiful summer weather also gave us a chance to trail ride around the farm with my friend Maddie and her horse Xanthos. Finn and I accomplished far more than I expected last year and I'm excited to see what we can do in 2023 and the years to come.



S.R. Irish Envoy

(Greystone Ian McVai x Glenmary Absinthe)

Gold Medal - Jumpers

Owned by Leslie and Marilyn Cheek, Sycamore Ridge Farm

"Joey" had a terrific competitive year in 2022, earning his fourth ACPS Gold Achievement Award, this time for the jumpers. But it also was a bittersweet year because it was his last with his longtime pilot, Keely Cooley of Rapidan, VA.

Kamera (KK) Brown, a trainer at Rosemary Thomas' Summerduck Run Farm was filling in for Rosie one day in 2016 and had 15-year-old Keely hop on Joey to see how they got along. They got along fine, though Keely was focused on eventing and Joey was concentrating on the hunters at that time. With coaching from Rosemary and KK, who had shown Joey in several disciplines, the pair ended up competing in hunters, dressage, jumpers, and eventing over the next six years.

Over his time with Keely, Joey has earned three USEF Horse of the Year (HoTY) championships, one HoTY reserve championship and two HoTY 4th placements, ACPS Awards of Excellence in hunters and dressage, a silver medal in eventing and now, the gold in jumpers. In addition they foxhunted with the Blue Run Hunt and represented their hunt with distinction at the Warrenton (VA) Horse Show and the Pennsylvania National show in Harrisburg a few years ago. Perhaps the crowning hunt achievement for Keely was over last Labor Day weekend at Warrenton Horse Show's Hunt Night.

They and their fellow hunt teammates did well in all their classes, but to Keely's great pleasure, she and Joey won the monster punchbowl for their performance in the Corinthian Class. As she said, she'd always wanted to win the famous cup, which is capacious enough for an adult to sit in. But, she said, it was even sweeter to beat out a large class of big hunters on a plucky pony!

Keely now looks forward to using her newly-minted engineering degree in the aerospace industry and hopes to eventually pilot things that fly above the clouds, not just over jumps. And Joey, after hunting through the fall, is aiming to finish up his fifth ACPS Gold medal—in eventing—with a new partner. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

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