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*Learning about nutrition at the ACPS Annual Meeting*

*Cover Photo: Balmullo's Beacon (Aladdin x Tullymor's April Fool by Montully's Son, is surrounded by his relatives. (Bottom left, and clockwise) Foothills MayBee daughter of "Bubba" out of Blue Hill's Erin. Top left: Foothills Field Marshall by \*Gun Smoke out of Foothills Maybee; Top right: Bailey's Irish Dream, stallion by Balius Turlough out of Beacon's Siobhan, owned by Pat Sheidls, and Piedmont Sundance, halfbred by "Bubba" out of a Thoroughbred mare*



# President's Page

## *Welcome to the Stallion Edition of the American Connemara Magazine!*

I am looking forward to seeing the new ads and some new stallions coming on board. The magazine does a great job of showcasing these ads. These ads then provide the breeder an opportunity to put an ad with additional information, photos, and videos on the Stallion Directory of the ACPS website. We'd really like to have all the stallions on the website. At present, an ad in the magazine or a donated breeding in the stallion auction affords that spot in the website stallion directory.

Next, the fun part for mare owners. We strive to analyze the intricacies of conformation, bloodlines, functional, athletic performance and perhaps some less objective measures such as personality. Which of our mare's qualities and which of the stallion's qualities will be inherited? Since many, if not most, biological traits are heritable, attention must be paid to the desirable as well as the less desirable characteristics of both animals. As custodians of our special breed, we must always attempt to breed for progeny that will be improving the breed in quality, not just in quantity. Our Connemaras have become more well known and have gained much popularity. Our job, as a responsible breed association, is to keep the qualities that have made the pony popular foremost as we go

forward to address the new market of Connemara enthusiasts.

I recently spent several hours reviewing the applications for our ACPS Junior Scholarship program. Our applicants ranged in age from 6 years old to 17. These juniors love their ponies, especially their personalities. The ponies display patience, forgive their riders' mistakes, and will try hard for their riders. One junior reported that his pony listens to him. One pony loves hugs and licking people. My favorite comment was "He has challenged me and pushed me to ride my best and work hard. He is so kind but also very stubborn at times." I wonder who is more fortunate in these relationships, the kids, or the ponies?

You can see in the photo here, one of the great privileges of representing the ACPS in Ireland. At the legendary In-Hand Day at the Clifden Connemara Pony Show, I was welcomed and introduced multiple times over the loudspeaker. I was invited to present the ACPS Trophy to the winner of the Two-Year-Old Filly class. Then the CPBS President, Dave Sheedy, introduced me to each of the winners in that class. It was such an honor, I loved being part of this brilliant show. These two-year-olds all appeared typey, mature and models of the ideal Connemara. The judges had a challenging job. I asked them about their decision to pin Cregduff Manor first. Their answer, "She has it all, doesn't she?"

*Linda Haines*



*Two-Year-Old Filly Winner of the American Connemara Pony Society Cup  
First Place: CREGDUFF MANOR*

*Owner: Ms Rachael Byrne; Knocknagur, Kilconly Tuam Galway Ireland*

*Breeder: Mr Michael O'Malley; Cregduff Ballinrobe Mayo Ireland*

*Sire: MANOR DUKE*

*Dam: CREGDUFF FIONA*

*(photo credit Julia Latham)*

# Region X 2022 West Coast Connemara Show Wrap-Up

Written by Emily Robertson



*The new WCCS logo designed this year by Dixie Shervington, Emily Robertson, and the Show Committee*

On the last weekend of July, 67 ponies, all of their riders, families, and supporters loaded into the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville, California for three days of showing and making memories at the 41st Annual West Coast Connemara Show (WCCS).

Friday, Region X hosted an Open California Dressage Society (CDS) \* Show with a full day of two rings judged by Wayne Quarles (R) and Anne Howard (R). Connemara ponies and riders of all ages showed Intro through Third level. Most riders had the opportunity to ride under both judges and received helpful feedback. Our venue provided a peaceful background for experienced pairs to show off their hard work, and for new partnerships to begin.

Sharon Jantzen writes a local equestrian blog and lives just down the highway from me. I've loved getting to know her through our connection created by these ponies. She and her pony, Rosewood Whisper, made their under saddle showing debut with a whopping 73.44% in Intro A. My new friend Megan Gastel, of Telesis Connemaras, had her hands full showing five stallions – four of them young and just started. More on these boys later, but they all were so very good for their dressage tests.



*Sharon Jantzen on her pony Rosewood Whisper  
Photo by Cathy Wallace, EssenceCaptured.com*

The California Dressage Society (CDS) provided the show with a High Point Pony Award. This accolade is awarded to the highest-scoring pony with a USEF measurement card across any test. Aiden Beaubien and his Connemara halfbred pony, Sunshine Valley's Minnie, rode away with this beautiful ribbon in their Training Level 2 test, with a score of 61.56%. It was great fun to run scores all day and watch our Connemaras dance in the sandbox.

Saturday morning began the second day of showing with Connemara In-Hand and Performance classes – Wayne Quarles judging. This was the highlight of my weekend, beginning with my 2021 halfbred filly, R Sparks Fly, taking the Connemara Halfbred In-Hand Championship! She is a Connemara/Thoroughbred by Redbuds Blue Moon that I intend to event in the future. Fondly known as Ember, she is my first Connemara. My goal for the weekend was to make traveling and her first show a positive experience, with no expectations. Bringing home the division champion ribbon was a wonderful surprise and a memory I will cherish.

The Connemara Purebred In-Hand classes were large, and a wonderful representation of the breed. This year, WCCS had a complete stallion class with five ponies. Megan Gastel and Kathy Lucas offered me the incredible opportunity of handling Ridgetop Tom Collins in the class. He behaved like a perfect gentleman and is a lovely young stallion. Tommy is owned by Kathy Lucas, of Gately Farm, in addition to \*MLC The Duke of Sussex and \*Castle Monarch. Megan's two young stallions also showed – Telesis Carraig Rua, who is by the same sire as my filly, and \*Swansview Mirahs Shadow, a lovely import. \*Castle Monarch, shown by Hayley Buckingham, was crowned Supreme Breed Champion for the third year in a row, retiring the prestigious Custusha's Cashel Rock Trophy. The elegant mare Heather Sparrow, owned by Alisa Syar and shown by Faith D'Alessandro, won the award of Reserve Breed Champion.



*\*Castle Monarch, the 2022 Supreme Breed Champion  
Photo by Lori Sortino, EssenceCaptured.com*

As the In-Hand classes wrapped up, the action moved into the jumping arena for the Performance classes. Judging included flat classes for ponies and riders of all levels and over fences hunter classes at three heights – 18" cross rails, 2' Green Hunters, and 2'6" Regular Hunters.

Following their stellar dressage tests the day before, Sharon rode Whisper in the Prospect walk/trot flat class. I then took the reins for her cross rail classes. Whisper had only seen

jumps a few times before we entered the ring, but she trotted right in and bravely pinged over each fence. She gained confidence every round, ending on the high note of first place in the Prospect Conformation Hunters Over Fences. This sweet young mare has a fan club and a backstory for our region. Whisper was gifted to Sharon by Darian Hall of Rosewood Connemaras, which brought Sharon back into the world of Connemaras after many years. I was, and still am, honored that Sharon asked me to be a part of Whisper's first show under saddle.

Another hardworking group deserving of mention is the SilverIce Connemaras team. Owned by Mike Stone and Alisa Syar, groomed by Addi Martin, and shown by Faith D'Alessandro, this group of purebred ponies had high placings in every class entered. Faith brought home a clean sweep with Champion titles in the Prospect, Green, and Regular divisions with Savanose Hero, Heather Sparrow, and Culmore Mary, respectively. This family's dedication to and love for the breed shines through the presentation and training of their ponies.



*Leah McAvoy and Rosewood Rumor Has It are all smiles during the Hunter Performance Classes*  
*Photo by David Ospital*

After the Performance events on Saturday, everyone's favorite classes began. The Family Class (held for both human and equine families), Pairs, and Bareback Equitation were a good time for all. The always entertaining Costume Class brought out a wide array of creative outfits for both ponies and riders. The day closed out with Celtic Capers Pony Games and a lovely competitor's dinner in the covered picnic area just above the arena. Victor Ramensky (who worked as our tireless score entry and data expert through the weekend) and his band provided music for the evening. Their mix of classic songs had people up and dancing, even after the long day of showing! As I sat enjoying the music and listening to stories of shows and ponies past, it dawned on me how special this group of pony-loving people is.

Sunday wrapped up the show with Jumpers, Trail, and Youth classes. What better way to demonstrate the amazing brains, scope, power, and versatility of our Connemara ponies than these divisions? Highlights included watching the little firecracker Tuckaway Tempest – at just 13.2hh – win the 3' class with his owner Tracy Chen. The Irish Derby is a combined test in which the horse or pony with the highest dressage score and a course over 2'9" fences takes home the Irish Derby Perpetual Trophy. This trophy was donated years ago in memory of Californian, Larry Ervin, past ACPS President. My fellow eventer

Leslie van der Wal and her strapping pony Doonhill Dancer added this to their multiple show awards – including Adult Amateur Champion and the Connemara Gelding Performance Trophy.

Meanwhile, the trail course was open throughout the morning for ponies and their riders/handlers to tackle. Horse show committee members Bonni Kelley and Diana Cooley designed and set the course, with Bonni judging. They did a fantastic job of making sure every level was approachable yet still a challenge. Ember closed out her first show with another win in the Baby Obedience In-Hand, making me the proudest pony mom on the west coast.

The youth classes showcased wonderful riding from students of Mimi Duffy, Darian Hall, and other legacy names of our region. These children showed maturity, positive attitudes, and support for each other throughout the whole weekend. How lucky we are that these are the riders and advocates of the Connemara pony of the future.



*Hugs for Catherine Colicchio and Jazzy Clarke*  
*Photo by Bill Myers, EssenceCaptured.com*

As final points were tallied and trailers were packed, the 2022 West Coast Connemara Show came to an end. We could not have made this happen without our show committee and volunteers; some even flew in from out of state just to lend a helping hand. Led by our incredible show organizer and region chair Lee Webster Ramensky (who smoothly ran the event and showed her darling halfbred Brambleridge Finn Sparrow at the same time), the countless hours put in by these volunteers made the show a huge success. No task was too large or small, and everyone pitched in. My closing words are those of thanks. As a newcomer to the breed, I am endlessly grateful to each and every person who has made me feel welcome as a part of the Connemara family. See you all next year, for another West Coast Connemara Show.

## SHOW RESULTS

Prospect Purebred Champion – Faith D’Alessandro on Savanose Hero  
Prospect Purebred Reserve Champion – Sharon Jantzen on Rosewood Whisper  
Prospect Halfbred Champion – Vali Frank on OMS Vienna  
Prospect Rider Champion – Mila Arian on Legacy of Riggins  
Prospect Rider Reserve Champion – Oliver Backs on Dixie Green  
Green Purebred Champion (tie) – Faith D’Alessandro on Heather Sparrow & Leslie van der Wal on Doonhill Dancer  
Green Halfbred Champion – Lee Ramensky on Brambleridge Finn Sparrow  
Green Halfbred Reserve Champion – Aiden Beaubien on Sunshine Valley Minnie  
Regular Purebred Champion – Faith D’Alessandro on Culmore Mary  
Regular Purebred Reserve Champion – Katherine Forester on Gately’s Neala Finch  
Junior/17 and Under Champion – Katherine Forester on Gately’s Neala Finch  
Junior/17 and Under Reserve Champion – Pyper Arnold on Lishmar Misty  
Adult Amateur Champion – Leslie van der Wal on Doonhill Dancer  
Adult Amateur Reserve Champion – Lee Ramensky on Brambleridge Finn Sparrow  
12 and Under Champion – Josie Malone on MGRM Mairead  
12 and Under Reserve Champion – Mila Arian on Legacy of Riggins



*Aiden Beaubien, Megan Gastel, and Sunshine Valley Minnie showing off their CDS High Point Pony Award  
Photo by Ashley Beaubian*



*Wayne Quarles inspecting Rosewood Ode To Joy  
Photo by David Ospital*



*The annual Celtic Capers costume class  
Photo by Lori Sortino, EssenceCaptured.com*



*Tara Parcella with Delta-S Dougal O’Geste wearing the shirt and hair bows made for the show. The bows were generously donated by Ronan Buckley and Ballerina Bows.  
Photo by Cathy Wallace, EssenceCaptured.com*



*\*Swansview Mirah's Shadow admiring his ribbons  
Photo by Lori Sortino, EssenceCaptured.com*



*The SilverIce Connemaras Team  
Photo by Lori Sortino, EssenceCaptured.com*

"While the quality of the ponies at the 2021 WCCS was also quite good, the size of the entry and the excellent representation of type this year made my job as judge even more challenging. There were so many nice ponies that I really had to seriously compare my top picks in order to select the winner. The athletic appearance of the half-bred classes, while maintaining excellent breed type was quite impressive. I congratulate the organizers and the competitors on their success this year."

Wayne Quarles  
2022 West Coast Connemara Show Judge



*Tuckaway Tempest and Tracy Chen  
Photo by Bill Myers, EssenceCaptured.com*



*R Sparks Fly on her way to winning the Halfbred Championship  
Photo by Lori Sortino, EssenceCaptured.com*



*Show Organizer and Region X Chair Lee Webster Ramensky and Brambleridge Finn Sparrow  
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*Awards  
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## Region III Connemara Show

*By Kim Harrison*

We held our region show Sept. 2 – 4, 2022 at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA. Entries were much lower than normal due in part to having to move the show to Labor Day weekend, but those that did turn out had a wonderful time. We are indebted to Brooks Cushman for a generous donation that allowed us to use the newly refurbished DeeDee ring as well as the usual Wiley Arena. We also enjoyed using the new pavilion next to the DeeDee ring for our Saturday night exhibitors' dinner. This nice outdoor space gives a great view of both the Dee Dee and the warm-up for the big coliseum, and is complete with fans, lights, and Saturday comfortable furniture. Friday night started off with a group trail ride at 5 p.m. It was a "Bay Parade" with a leisurely stroll around the cross country field and back through the woods. With so few entries in the dressage classes and combined tests, we pushed the start time to 9:30 a.m. and still had time to finish before lunch. The Balmullo Quadrille did not attend this year, but we had a musical free-style by Summer Fraughnaugh and Foothill's Field Marshall set to selections from "Hamilton". After lunch, we started with our Mountain and Moorland division with a very good turnout of Dartmoor ponies (including two stallions) and a very charming Welsh Pony. Susan Deutermann gave us a driving demonstration with her lovely stallion and even let volunteer Nora Goldfarb and judge, Marian McEvilly, take turns at the reins. The Connemara divisions started at 3 p.m. with only one entry in the Yearling Futurity, but a better turnout for the other classes. (The single filly yearling had traveled all the way from Iowa, so she was a very worthy entry!)

Tre Awain Dare to Dream (Tre Awain Ginger Blue x Tre Awain Cashela Bay) was picked by judge Katherine Wilkins as her Best of the Day. Two Left Hands Sertich by \*Fernville Matchmaker was pinned best Halfbred. Katherine generously donated her time to judge when we decided to "uninvite" a judge from up north because entries were so low. We hope to re-invite Chris Keim next year.

After we finished the In-hand classes it was time for our Exhibitors' dinner on the pavilion and it included a surprise birthday cake for Donna Duckworth of Balmullo Farm. Summer Fraughnaugh gave a moving tribute to her grandmother, and the crowd sang a hearty Happy Birthday song to Donna.

Sunday's classes were far lighter than usual in the hunter divisions, but the Pleasure Division was very well filled. The games classes were also well attended and the costume class may have been smaller than usual, but it was stellar. We enjoyed a circus act, with a Clover Hill Golden Ticket – a pony that volunteered to do its trick many times for that treat! A Fire and Rescue team Balmullo's Belladonna, with a very small "Dalmation" (in the form of a very young child) was a real hit, and a driving team in the form of Tre Awain Dare To Dream. The trail class, designed and built by Kim Harrison and Marian McEvilly, was so inviting this year in the Dee Dee Ring, that a western rider from the Paint/Quarter Horse Show being run concurrently in the coliseum asked if she could try it. She was welcomed, rode the course, smiling all the way, and got a perfect score!

As the final class, the Bareback Ride A Buck class started with six entries and concluded in a three-way tie, everyone went home a winner.

*Notes from Co-organizer, Marynell Eyles* – The Region III Show team pulled somewhat of a miracle out of a hat for 2022. The Horse Center was in a total reorganization of its Board, its management, its staff, and the Connemara show got left in a lurch. Thanks to the efforts of VHC Board Member Brooks Cushman, and some lengthy discussions, a weekend date was found, but it was NOT our usual time slot. For the show committee, each step forward was met with two back! But, in the end, we all enjoyed the less stressful task of getting the classes done in time for scheduled events, and we could spend time actually enjoying friendships. It was tremendous to have Katherine Wilkins step up and judge, and equally wonderful



*Get of Sire class winners with breeders David and Deb Norman of Glendale Farm*

to have Marian McEvilly as part of the judges' team, with Michelle Haas in the wings using the show as a warm up for her judge's duty at the Region IV Show.

Our lovely dressage judge was so impressed with the "feeling and camaraderie" at the show, she and her scribe lingered to chat about what makes a horse show enjoyable. She even placed a bid or two on our silent auction items – which was, a very large success this year. Thank you Linda and Ernie Trimper, and thank you too, for the professional "store" of Region III items! Janet Gunn and her husband (scorer) Tim Horn, contributed the funds to pay the dressage judge, and many kind sponsors kept the show's losses to a minimum. The Connemara community is unlike many other equine groups – it is truly a family of like minded and kind, people. And, as always, huge thanks must go to the Goldfarbs of Tenn., who design and build the courses, and share in the moment to moment running of the show.



*Ridgetop Legend In Blue owned by Donna Power and Ridgetop Connemaras*



*Kim Harrison with the Yearling Filly winner, Inland Clare bred by Lisa Etzel in Iowa.*

*Champion Purebred Tre Awin Dare to Dream and Mary Drogula*



*The Dartmoors were champion and reserve of the Mountain and Moorland classes, owned by Susan Deutermann of North Carolina, above, with her stallion "Bear" giving a driving lesson to Nora Goldfarb. Judge Marian McEvilly also enjoyed a quick lesson*



## ACPS Region III 2022 Show Results

### Combined Test and Dressage Division:

**CT2 USEF 2018 Novice Eventing Test B – 2'11":** 1.

**CT3 USEF 2018 Beg. Novice Eventing Test B – 2'7":** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes

**D1 USDF 2019 Intro Level Test A:** 1. Balmullo's Belladonna, o/r Carly Whitener, 66.250; Thurman Discovery, o/r Gillian Clissold, 63.438; 3. Jesse James, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Julia Jones, 63.125\*; 4. Friendship's Tia Rose, o/r Audrey Jensen, 63.125\* (\*placings allocated on highest collective score marks)

**D2 USDF 2019 Intro Level Test B:** 1. 1. Glendale's Run for the Roses, o/r Gillian Clissold, 65.313; 2. Balmullo's Belladonna, o/r Carly Whitener, 64.063; 3. Jesse James, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Julia Jones, 62.813; 4. Friendship's Tia Rose, o/r Audrey Jensen, 57.188

**D7 Test of Choice:** 1. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh, 65.690

**D8 Self Expression:** 1. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh, 65.690

**High Score Senior D1-D3:** Carly Whitener **High Score Senior D4-D7:** Summer Fraughnaugh

**High Score Junior D1-D3:** Julia Jones

**J1 Puddle Jumpers 2'-2'3":** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes; 2. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla

**J2 Connemara Jumper 2'7":** 1. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla; 2. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes

### Mountain & Moorland Division:

**MM1 Purebred M&M Mares 8 Years and Under:** 1. Bayshore Be Pacific, o/Megan Fullgraf; 2. Merribridge Champagne, o/Megan Fullgraf; 3. Shenandoah Ballerina, o/Windy Higginson; 4. Blackertor Penny Lace, o/Megan Fullgraf

**MM3 Purebred M&M Colts & Geldings 8 Years and Under:** 1. Moortown Highwayman, o/Susan Deutermann; 2. Blackertor Canberra, Susan Deutermann

**M&M In-Hand Championship: Champion,** Moortown Highwayman, o/Susan Deutermann; **Reserve Champion,** Bayshore Be Pacific, o/Megan Fullgraf

### Connemara In-Hand Division:

**B1 PB Connemara Yearling Futurity Filly Division:** 1. Inland Clare, o/h Kim Harrison

**B4 PB Colts and Geldings 2 and Over:** 1. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Lucas Cushman, h/Libby Puchalla; 2. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, h/Summer Fraughnaugh; 3. Ridgetop Legend in Blue, o/Marynell Eyles and Donna Power, h/Nora Goldfarb; 4. Clover Hill Golden Ticket, o/h Kim Harrison; 5. Jesse James, o/Balmullo Farm, h/Julia Jones

**B5 PB Mares Ages 2 to 7:** 1. Glendale's Run for the Roses, o/h Gillian Clissold; 2. Balmullo's Celtic Memory, o/Donna Duckworth, h/Kim Harrison; 3. Thurman Discovery, o/Gillian Clissold, h/Janet Gunn; 4. Glendale's Queen of Diamonds, o/Deb Norman, h/Carol Ann Pollard

**B6 PB Mares Ages 8 and Over:** 1. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, h/Mary Drogula; 2. Balmullo's Belladonna, o/h Carly Whitener; 3. Rainbow's Shannon, o/Ridgetop Connemaras, h/Nora Goldfarb; 4. Belle Dawn, o/h Amanda Welch; 5. Hollymead Swan Bay, o/h Michelle Haas

**B7 Best PB of the Day:** Tre Awain Dare to Dream; **Reserve:** Rainbow's Shenandoah

**B8 Swan:** 1. Ridgetop Legend in Blue, o/Marynell Eyles and Donna Power, h/Nora Goldfarb; 2. Balmullo's Celtic Memory, o/Donna Duckworth; 3. Clover Hill Golden Ticket, o/Kim Harrison

**B9 Get of Sire:** 1. Get of Fernville Matchmaker, Thurman Discovery, o/Gillian Clissold, Glendale's Run for the Roses, o/Gillian Clissold

**B11 HB Connemara Yearling Futurity Filly Division:** 1. Brogan Breeze, o/Two Left Hands Farm, h/Vanessa Shultz

**B12 Halfbred Connemara Yearling Futurity, Colt and Gelding Division:** 1. Gallow Glass, o/h Brooks Cushman; 2. Wright on Time,



*Foothills Field Marshall and Summer Fraughnaugh competed in many classes and did a Musical Freestyle dressage ride.*

o/h Jessi Culbertson

**B13 Best Halfbred Connemara Yearling:** Gallow Glass **Reserve:** Brogan Breeze

**B13 Halfbred Connemara Mares and Geldings Ages 2 to 7:** 1. Sertich, o/Two Left Hands Farm, h/Elle Sherman; 2. Showstopper, o/Two Left Hands Farm, h/Vanessa Shultz; 3. Friendship's Tia Rose, o/h Audrey Jensen, 4. Patti Fagan, o/h Nora Goldfarb; 5. Daithi O'Pondi, o/h Jessi Culbertson

**B14 HB Connemara Mares and Geldings Ages 8 and Over:** 1. DRF Ebony, o/h Susan Baker; 2. Glendale's Matchless, o/h Megan Keyes; 3. Two Left Hands Aria, o/Two Left Hands Farm, h/Elle Sherman

**Best HB of the Day:** Sertich; **Reserve HB of the Day:** DRF Ebony

### Performance Divisions

#### Shamrock Green Division

**R1 Shamrock Green Connemara Hunter US:** 1. Glendale's Run for the Roses, o/r Gillian Clissold; 2. Hollymead Swan Bay, o/r Michelle Haas; 3. Glenmeadow Chocolate Chip, o/r Amanda Welch

**R2 Shamrock Green Hunter Hack:** 1. Glenmeadow Chocolate Chip, o/r Amanda Welch; 2. Glendale's Run for the Roses, o/r Gillian Clissold

**R3 Shamrock Green Connemara OF:** 1. Glendale's Run for the Roses, o/r Gillian Clissold

**Shamrock Green Champion:** Glendale's Run for the Roses, **Reserve:** Glenmeadow's Chocolate Chip

#### Open Pleasure Division

**R4 Open Pleasure Versatility:** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes; 2. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, R/Summer Fraughnaugh; 3. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla; 4. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, r/Mary Drogula; 5. Balmullo's Belladonna, o/r Carly Whitener

**R5 Open Pleasure US:** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes; 2. Balmullo's Belladonna, o/r Carly Whitener; 3. DRF Ebony, o/r Susan Baker; 4. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh; 5. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla; 6. Belle Dawn, o/r Amanda Welch; 7. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, r/Mary Drogula

**R6 Open Pleasure Hack:** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes; 2. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, r/Mary Drogula; 3. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla; 4. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh; 5. Balmullo's Belladonna, o/r Carly Whitener

**Open Pleasure Champion:** Glendale's Matchless; **Reserve:** Foothills Field Marshall

### Short Stirrup Division

**R7 Short Stirrup Hack:** 1. Jesse James, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Julia Jones

**R8 Short Stirrup Over Fences:** 1. Jesse James, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Julia Jones

**R9 Short Stirrup Under Saddle:** 1. Jesse James, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Julia Jones

**Short Stirrup Champion:** Jesse James

### Halfbred Green Division

**R12 HB Breen Under Saddle:** 1. Friendship's Tia Rose, o/r Audrey Jensen

### Open Halfbred Division

**R16 Open HB Over Fences:** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes

**R17 Open HB Over Fences:** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes

**R18 Open HB Under Saddle:** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes

**Open HB Champion:** Glendale's Matchless

### Open Purebred Division

**R19 Open PB Connemara Over Fences:** 1. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla; 2. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh; 3. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, r/Mary Drogula

**R20 Open PB Connemara Over Fences:** 1. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla; 2. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, r/Mary Drogula; 3. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh

**R21 Open PB Connemara Under Saddle:** 1. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla; 2. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/

Anne and Mary Drogula, r/Mary Drogula; 3. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh

**Open PB Connemara Champion:** Rainbow's Shenandoah; **Reserve:** Tre Awain Dare to Dream

### Miscellaneous Classes

**Fancy Dress, All Winners:** Clover Hill Golden Ticket; Balmullo's Belladonna; Tre Awain Dare to Dream

**Leadline Class, All Winners:** Hollymead Swan Bay, o/Michelle Haas, r/Hannah Smith

**R23 Great Egg and Spoon Challenge:** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes; 2. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, r/Mary Drogula; 3. Hollymead Swan Bay, o/Michelle Haas, r/Hannah Smith; 4. Foothills Field Marshall, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Summer Fraughnaugh; 5. Jesse James, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Julia Jones

**R24 Bareback Ride A Buck, All with Well-Stuck Dollars:** Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, R/Mary Drogula; Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes; Friendship's Tia Rose, o/r Audrey Jensen  
**Trail Class:**

**Senior:** 1. Glendale's Matchless, o/r Megan Keyes; 2. Glenmeadow Chocolate Chip, o/r Amanda Welch; 3. DRF Ebony, o/r Susan Baker; 4. Hollymead Swan Bay, o/r Michelle Haas

**Junior:** 1. Rainbow's Shenandoah, o/Brooks Cushman, r/Libby Puchalla; 2. Tre Awain Dare to Dream, o/Anne and Mary Drogula, r/Mary Drogula; 3. Friendship's Tia Rose, o/r Audrey Jensen; 4. Jesse James, o/Balmullo Farm, r/Julia Jones

**Pony on Leadline:** 1. Clover Hill Golden Ticket, o/r Kim Harrison; 2. Balmullo's Celtic Memory, o/Donna Duckworth, r/Kim Harrison



*(Left) Rainbow's Shenandoah, owned by Brooks Cushman and ridden by Libby Puchalla, was champion hunter and Reserve Champion in the In-Hand Division*

*(Above) The Firetruck and miniature Dalmation - Balmullo's Belladonna*

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**Camlin Award - Windy Hollow's Modern Millie, Amy Plavin**

**Broodmare Award - Tre Awain Cricket Song, Laura Balding**

**Tre Awain Halfbred Award - Denver's Twobits, Margo Goldfarb**

**Connemara of the Year - Wildwych Wily Casanova, Raelin Schenck**

**Halfbred Connemara of the Year - Windover Taragon, accepted by  
Sally Oxnard**

**Crestwood Service Award - Richard Cunningham**



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# Region IV Show

## ACPS Region 4 Results 2022

**Purebred youngstock-** 1.Duet Farms First Love

**Halfbred Youngstock:** 1. Celtic Amethyst; 2. Fantasias Emerald

**Open sport pony:** -1.Duet Farms First Love; 2 Elk Creek O Connor; 3.Tully Wind; 4. Blaine Revelstoke Fargo; 5. Cedar Ponds Prince George; 6. Tulach Mhor Steel Magnolia

**Open sport horse:** 1. Belle Noche; 2.Jump for Joy Smart as a Fox; 3.HMF International Delight; 4. Seaborne's Maritime; 5. When Will Then Be Now; 6. BDFs Secret Weapon.

**Purebred Geldings:** 1. Elk Creek O Connor; 2. Oakfields Dunovan Sparrow; 3. Cedar Ponds Prince George.

**Purebred mares:** 1. Marshwoods Summer Keavy; 2. Tulach Mhors Steel Magnolia

**Purebred Championship- Ch.-** Elk Creek O Connor: Reserve-Duet Farms First Love

**Halfbred Connemaras Mares and Geldings:** 1. Bella Noche; 2. Tully Wind; 3. Jump for Joy Smart as a Fox; 4. When Will Then be Now; 5. Seaborne's Maritime; 6. BDF Secret Weapon

**Halfbred Championship – Ch-** Belle Noche; Reserve-Tully Wind

**¼ bred Championship-** HMF International Delight.

**Performance-** Dressage High Point Champion- Tully Wind and Kim Gates

Reserve- Oakfields Dunavan Sparrow- Marsha Cashwell

Hunters- Champion- Tully Wind- Kim Gates

Reserve- Elk Creek O Connor- Boots Plyler

Hunter Pace- Team Connemara! Cedar Pony Prince George- Stephanie Fenton Hickey, Tulach Mhors Steel Magnolia- Gardner Cook, Elk Creek O Connor- Boots Plyler



*Elk Creek O'Connor, owned and shown by Susan "Boots" Plyler, with his many ribbons including Purebred Champion of the Reg. IV Show.*



*Marshwood's Summer Keavey owned by Vanessa Morgan and ridden by Krista Hughey,*

*Tully Wind owned and ridden by show organizer, Kim Gates, was Hunter Champion and Dressage High Point Champion*





*Tulach Mhor Steel Magnolia by Tullymor's Mountain Steel, shown here by Gardner Cook was part of the winning Hunter Pace Team.*



*Oakfields Dunovan Sparrow bred by the late Susan O'Connell and owned/shown by Marsha Cashwell, was Performance Reserve Champion*



*When Will Then Be Now by \*TBS Declan Pondi, owned and ridden by Lindsay Buck.*

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

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# Hall of Fame

## \*Tooreen Laddie Award Winner

### Balmullo's Beacon

The Tooreen Laddie Hall of Fame, HOF, award was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris to recognize an outstanding stallion which has made a positive influence on the breed through his offspring.

The requirements for the Tooreen Laddie HOF recipient are as follows:

- Pony must be registered with the ACPS
- Owner must be a member of the ACPS
- Candidates must be at least age 15 or deceased
- May be nominated by any ACPS member
- Candidate must have produced at least 20 purebred or halfbred foals

The 2021 Recipient of this award was Balmullo's Beacon. He was born in 1992, bred by Donna Duckworth. Vanessa Morgan, Foothills Farms/Piedmont Connemaras, purchased him from Donna as a yearling and owned him until his death at age 28. Beacon was a grey, 14.3h stallion by Aladdin (Erin Laddie x Fox Ridge Irish Lady) x Tullymor's April Fool (Montully's Son x Ailte Mhuire).

Balmullo's Beacon can be found in the pedigrees of approximately 60 1<sup>st</sup> generation registered pure and/or halfbred Connemaras, and the same number of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, or more recent, Connemaras.

Below is a breakdown of the numbers of his registered progeny, taken from a recent report:

Beacon sired 15 purebred mares, 10 purebred geldings, 18 halfbred mares, and 13 halfbred geldings. In subsequent generations, Beacon is found in the pedigrees of two purebred stallions, 27 purebred mares, 16 purebred geldings, 5 halfbred mares and 11 halfbred stallions. So currently on record, there are at least 65 mares and two stallions that are, or may continue to positively influence the Connemara breed.

Beacon's daughter, Foothills MayBee, has been a major contributor to the Connemara registry through her full siblings, a son and daughter, both by \*Gun Smoke; they are Arbor Lane's Bailey, a marvelous producer for Tracy Cheever, and Donna Duckworth's successful eventing stallion, Foothills Field Marshall. Another 2<sup>nd</sup> generation purebred stallion, Bailey's Irish Dream (Dreamer), who is by Balius Turlough, out of Beacon's Siobhan by Balmullo's Beacon, also has a number of pure and halfbred Connemaras registered with the ACPS.

Although Beacon has passed on, I am looking forward to using his frozen semen to continue his legacy with my two new young mares, Duet Farms First Love and Duet Farms I Love Lucy.

Once again, many thanks to the ACPS and the Awards committee for recognizing the contributions to the breed by my pony of a lifetime, Balmullo's Beacon.

By Vanessa Morgan



(Above and Below)

Balmullo's Beacon



Arbor Lane's Bailey by \*Gun Smoke  
out of Foothills MayBee

## **Balmullo's Beacon (1992 – 2020)**

**2021 Winner of the Tooreen Laddie Hall of Fame award**

**SIRE: Aladdin (Erin Laddie x Fox Ridge Irish Lady)**

**DAM: Tullymor's April Fool (Montully's Son x Ailte Mhuire)**

**Bred by Donna Duckworth; owned by Vanessa & Charlie Morgan,  
Foothills Farms/Piedmont Connemaras**

Beacon, affectionately known also as "Bubba", was a 14.3 h grey purebred Connemara Stallion.

In 1995, at age 3, Balmullo's Beacon was inspected and approved by the American Connemara Pony Society. The three Irish and two American Inspectors all praised Beacon for meeting the high standards required of approved Connemara stallions, including a wonderful disposition. He provides all the desired qualities of breed type while providing the show and sport market with a producer of brains, beauty and brawn (intelligence, grace, and athleticism).

He was a successful eventer and proven sire of athletic, easily trainable ponies and horses for competition, breeding or pleasure.

We bought Balmullo's Beacon as yearling from his breeder, Donna Duckworth. We had the honor and blessing of owning him until he took his last breath in mid-2020. "Bubba", as he was affectionately known, knew when to breed (wearing his fuzzy halter) and when to behave like a gentleman, i.e. all other times. He can never be replaced but he lives on through over 100 1st, 2nd, 3rd and even 4th generation progeny.

Besides his own competitive successes, which earned him the ACPS An Tostal Hall of Fame Trophy in 2012, I believe the greatest impact Balmullo's Beacon (a.k.a Bubba) has had on the Connemara breed, has

been the joy and successes he brings to owners of his offspring.

As of 2020, Bubba has 27 registered purebred foals and sired 35 halfbreds. Although he left no stallion sons, his legacy is carried on through a dozen or more grandchildren, three of which have produced several high quality purebred offspring of their own. Trainability, rideability, athleticism and fun temperaments have consistently marked his offspring, and has attracted countless Connemara enthusiasts and new owners to the breed.

At least seven of his daughters have produced purebred foals. Below are four examples:

1. Faithfilly, (out of Foothills Hopefilly), is owned by Donna Huntsman in Oregon. Faith has competed successfully with junior riders in eventing, dressage and pony club, and has also produced 3 purebred foals of her own, including Castletown Johnny Come Lately (by Potiquimi Keely Shay), pictured below left:

2. Beacon's Siobhan (out of Big Bear's MacCushula) produced Bailey's Irish Dream (by Balius Turlough), a purebred stallion, owned by Pat Shields. Dreamer (above right) is ACPS Approved, Inspected Westfalen, and is a proven producer of champion youngstock and sport horses for Dry Brook Farm, CT. Siobhan is also the dam of Corner Oak Loch Lorian, another beloved eventing pony.

3. Beacon's Piper (out of Pegeen's Quest) had two purebred mares, Indian Summer's Keelin and Indian Summer's Kaylee, for Sandy McShea, and both went on to be eventing partners for their owners.

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4. Foothills MayBee a.k.a. Bea (out of Blue Hills Erin), was bred to \*Gun Smoke, while I still owned her, and she produced Arbor Lane's Bailey and Foothills Field Marshall (a.k.a. Bruiser). Bea is currently owned by Elaine Meilhan, who has enjoyed riding and showing her in her local riding club shows and events and has earned top ribbons at the ACPS Region III shows, including 2012 Champion. Bea has another young purebred filly on the ground by Tre Awain Goldsmith.

Beacon's granddaughter, Bailey (out of Bea), is now owned by Tracy Fiona Cheevers and has had 7 purebred foals, including Windy Isles Quiet Kate (by \*The Quietman). Kate has won several high awards at the Region 4 shows and is her all-around "partner in crime", according to Tracy. Bailey also has one Thoroughbred cross foal.

Below L-R: Bailey (with filly, Stoney Creek Luna, by Redrock Blue Moon) and Bruiser, under Elliott Timmons

Beacon's grandson, Bruiser (also out of Bea), is Donna Duckworth's successful eventing stallion who has brought tremendous recognition to the breed under rider/trainer Elliott Timmons and, like his grandsire, has a dual career of competition and breeding. Bruiser has over a dozen purebred get.

Beacon's Cherubim Cathleen is dam of Valley Creek's Carlin LeBeau (by Heaven's Ridge Patrick LeBeau). Carla, breeder, trainer and rider, culminated her partnership with her homebred by winning the American Eventing Championships BN Master Amateur division in 2019:

A few noteworthy cross-bred get of Bubba are listed below, starting with the easily recognized, fan favorite, Piedmont Herman (below left). He is a product of a PMU rescue/Percheron mare, Ruby, and has been owned and competed in eventing with Gardner Cook and dressage partner for his mom, Kathee, for several years.

Piedmont Sundance, a TB cross, (above right) has had a long and notable career, earning an Award of Excellence in Eventing, with the Schroeder family, primarily ridden by oldest daughter, Zoe. Sunny evented through Preliminary and ran the AECs more than once. He is pictured above right, with the Schroeder sisters, bringing along a new generation of Connemara riders.

Thank you to all of the Bubba baby owners who have made our breeding program worthwhile, by enjoying Beacon's offspring, and to the ACPS Awards Committee for the honor of receiving the 2021 Tooreen Laddie perpetual trophy, the wonderful poster, the keeper frame and the Hall of Fame ribbon.

Blessings, Vanessa Morgan



### **\*Tooreen Laddie Trophy**

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris as a tribute to their outstanding stallion by that name. It is awarded to a stallion that has had an exceptionally positive influence on the breed through his offspring.

1992 – Whitewood Galway Bay, 14.0, Bay, by Clonkeehan Auratum x \*Kean's Selection, bred by Miss Lee Norman, owned by Tower Hill Farm, VT

1993 - \*Texas Hope, 14.1., Bay, by Little Heaven x Knox Molly, bred by XColoman Keane, owned by Lynfield Farm, VT

1994 – An Tostal, 13.2, Grey, by \*Tooreen Laddie x \*Claire Dun, bred by Mrs. Bruce Read, VT owned by Chyarlotte Read, VT

1995 – Tre Awain Roderick O'Conor, 14.1, Dun, by MacDara x \*Lonely Cottage, bred by Three Creek Farm, MO owned by Three Creek Farm.

1996 – Fox Ridge Starlight, 14.2, Bay, by \*Texas Hope x Rambling Alone, bred by William Dolph, owned by Gilnocky Farm, VT.

1997 – Tourbillon, 14.h, Grey, by \*Tooreen Laddie x Miss Murvey, bred by Mrs., Bruce Read, VT, owned by Three Creek Farm, MO.

1998 – Erin Laddie, 14.3, Grey, by \*Tooreen Laddie x Erin Bay, bred by Ed and Jackie Harris, NY, owned by Blue Ridge Farm, VA.

1999, 2000, 2001 – not presented

2002 – Lynfields Cormac McCarthy, 14.3, Bay by \*Texas Hope x \*Morning Dew, bred by Dr. and Mrs. James Bailey, NH, owned by Doris Jacobi, Avilion Farm, Alberta, CAN

2003 - \*Chiltern Copa of Tower Hill, 14.2, Grey, by Chiltern Curlew x \*Common Market, owned by Mary and Rodgers Rutter, Tower Hill Farm, VT

2004 – Lynfields Kiltuck, 14.1, Dark Bay, by \*Texas Hope x Round Robin's Easter Bonnet, owned by Joan McKenna, MO

2005 - \*Chiltern Colm, 14.0, Dun, by Corrib x Chiltern Gazelle, owned by Caroline Nesbitt, NH

2006 – Greystone Dallen McMor, 14.3, Bay, by Greystone McErrill x Hideaway's Smitheranne, bred by Fred Hallett, owned by Leslie Presson, NC.

2007 – Spring Ledge Bantry Bay, 14.0, Bay, by Whitewood Galway Bay x \*Keane's Selection, bred by Spring Ledge Farm, owned by Mrs. William Verhulst.

2008 - \*Grange Finn Sparrow, 14.0, Grey, by Coosheen Finn x Dun Sparrow, bred in Ireland by Lady Maria Levinge, owned by Willy Leahy of IRE, leased by Jennifer (Tootie) Jones, WV

2009 – Aladdin, 15.0, Grey, by Erin Laddie x Fox Ridge Irish Lady, bred by Nathalie Kaye and owned by Catherine Mack, VA

2010 – Concord River Roaringwater Bay, 14.1, Bay, by Whitewood



Galway Bay x Lynfields Proud Hope, bred by Rachel Paige Elliott and owned by Donna Duckworth, VA

2011 – Greystone McErrill, 15.0., Bay, by Hideaway’s Greystone-Alex x Erin Lassie, bred and owned by Marianne Alexander, NY.

2012 - \*Ballinaboy Eamonn, 14.3, Grey, by Loobeen Larry x Ocean Bambi, bred by Lt. Col. A.J. Morris, owned by Maureen Loughman Abel, FL.

2013 – Blue Ridge Jubal Early, 14.3, Grey, by Fox Ridge Starlight x Whitewood Irish Eve, bred and owned by Blue Ridge Farm, VA

2014 – Tre Awain Dobh McDuff, 14.1, Black, by Tre Awain Ginger Blue x Tre Awain Rosin Dobh, bred by Three Creek Farm, owned by Journey’s End Farm, NY.

2015 – Aladdin’s Denver, 15.0, Black, by Aladdin x Tre Awain Cricket Song, bred by Catherine Mack, owned by Walter and Marynell Eyles, VA

2016 –

2017 – \*ArdCeltic Art, 15.0, Grey, by Monaghanstown Fionn x Moydow Lady, bred by Oliver Rogan of IRE and owned by Donna Miller, GA

2018 - Tre Awain Ginger Blue, 14.3, Bay, by Gilnocky Ard-Righ MacDaire out of Tre Awain Linnet’s Lass, bred by Three Creek Farm and owned by Anne Gascoyne/Laura Balding.

2021 - Balmullo’s Beacon. 14.3 by Aladdin x Tullymor’s April Fool, bred by Donna Duckworth and owned by Vanessa Morgan, TN

## ACPS HALL OF FAME AWARDS

The ACPS Hall of Fame Awards are presented at the ACPS Annual Meeting Awards Banquet each year. Each of the awards have criteria listed for being nominated. The nomination forms can be found on the ACPS web site - [www.acps.org](http://www.acps.org) - click on Forms.

Anyone can nominate a worthy candidate - you do not have to own the pony, but knowledge of the pony’s history and accomplishments is certainly necessary. Some of the awards are lifetime achievement and some are a Horse of the Year.

There are many worthy Connemaras and Halfbred Connemaras who have not been nominated. If you know of one you especially admire, talk with the owner, or other fans, and send an application to the Awards Chairperson.

If your nominee isn’t chosen for that year, the applications are kept on file and can be amended/edited/added onto when needed.

The awards are for athletic achievements, lifetime records in the cases of the Broodmare and Tooreen Laddie award, based on progeny and get and their successes in adding to the positive influences of the breed.

The Connemara of the Year, for purebred and halfbred, are based on a stellar year - in a variety of disciplines or accomplishments as in the Movie Star winner in 2022.



### \*Cityview Prince Charming

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

14.2H ~ Bay ~ N/N

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# Anne Frey and Landgate Farm - A Legacy

## Anne Frey's Legacy Equine and Human

By Gillian Clissold and her sister, Janet Gunn

As I finally sit down to write this essay, I am preparing to complete within 14 hours my second Connemara pony purchase within the last 10 months. As any horse purchaser knows, this is a joyful time. And my joy traces back about 56 years to my time with Anne Frey, owner of Landgate Farm.

Many current Connemara enthusiasts are not aware of the important role Anne Frey (Mrs. Frey to 10-year-old me) played in introducing and popularizing the Connemara pony in the United States. She also modeled for all children exposed to her how enthusiasm combined with practical common sense leads to healthy development of both animals and people.

My sister Janet Gunn and I first met Mrs. Frey when she boarded her Connemara stallion Lystra Lad with us for about a week while she finalized the construction of the barn on her newly purchased property just down the road from our home in Mt. Kisco NY. She had brought her herd of about eight ponies with her from Maryland, and while she had perimeter fencing on her new farm, she did not have paddock divider fencing or stalls. We gladly agreed to put Lad in one of our stalls and enjoyed feeding him and petting him for the week he stayed with us. Ten-year-old me and 12-year-old Janet were highly impressed with ourselves that we could handle A STALLION!

Janet and I soon became friends with Mrs. Frey's five children, particularly her oldest daughter Cathy. We trail rode and participated in Pony Club lessons together, and when my horse went lame with a bowed tendon Mrs. Frey offered to loan me a green broke 13 hands 2 inch bay Connemara gelding named Minstrel Boy. I bicycled the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to her farm six days a week, and soon the pony and I were having a blast. I really did not know how to jump, as pictures of me at the time attest, but Minstrel Boy did not care. Jump ahead, get left, accidentally bang him in the mouth, he jumped well. He and I also became a force to be reckoned with in Pony Club games. A determined, competitive and somewhat aggressive red-headed little girl on a super game pony are hard to beat. Once we were practicing racing down the bending poles on slippery ground, Minstrel Boy fell over, bending a stirrup into a pretzel. We scaped off the mud, I jumped back on none the worse for wear, and raced down the line again (without a stirrup). Although hunter shows were never my thing, he won the championship at a hunter show shortly thereafter.



*Pony Club Games - All Fun and Gaming!*



*Anne Frey in her happy place - astride a Connemara*

Mrs. Frey's unflappable nature was evident later that summer when she managed the Pony Club games team. We were in Long Island, several hours from home, and I was having a blast dunking for apples after leaping off Minstrel Boy, when suddenly the organizers insisted we stop and put all the ponies back on the horse van due to an incoming storm. I protested, because I was winning! Mrs. Frey gently but firmly pointed out that I would not want a pony to be hurt by a storm, would I? (She intuited that saying it would be safer for ME would have no effect whatsoever.) That did it, and onto the van Minstrel Boy and I went. Within five minutes a massive storm erupted with lightning strikes nearby. Mrs. Frey told silly jokes while the storm passed over us, children and ponies stayed calm. Then back out we went to finish the games. It was only when we got home that we learned it had been a near-hurricane strength storm.

I was sad when Minstrel Boy was sold to a child my age, the younger sister of a show jumper, but Mrs. Frey continued to keep me (and Janet) supplied with ponies. Each summer we "broke" 2 to 3 ponies and then competed them until they sold. "Breaking" one of Lad's offspring entailed the following. 1) Put on saddle and bridle. 2) Get on. 3) Go on trail ride with another experienced horse in lead. Ground work? Lunging? Long lining? We had never heard of it. The worst that happened was when Janet got on one for the first time. It slowly and carefully lay down.

Other children in the neighborhood also benefitted from Mrs. Frey's fabulous ponies. Once another child and I were asked by Mrs. Frey to bring up the foundation broodmare Inver Grey to the house. She was turned out with Lad, (they bred when they felt like it and therefore, we were never quite sure when her foal would arrive). Inver Grey was very talented and very lazy. She once jumped a stallion fence at the neighbor's farm to get in with a Thoroughbred stallion. She would jump out of her field just because the grass was greener on the other side. But if you didn't have a strong leg, under saddle she would slow trot EVERYTHING, jump perfectly, and land in a slow trot again.

Lad and Inver Grey were the exact same size and color, flea bitten grey. The other child and I asked how we would be able to determine which was which. Mrs. Frey said, "The one you can catch easily will be the mare." (I guess she didn't want to give us an anatomy lesson.) So, we caught the first pony that came up to us, started leading it to the house. It was a hot day, and we knew how sensible Inver Grey was, so one of

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us got on bareback. When we arrived Mrs. Frey said, "Oops, that's Lad, take him back and bring up the other one." Back we went, one leading one riding bareback. Later Mrs. Frey temporarily stopped breeding, and gelded Lad as he was so unhappy (running the fence) separated from his "wife" Inver Grey. In High School I used him to teach beginners, and he was a total gentleman.

One of his most impressive offspring was a dun/buckskin filly named Goldberry. She was about 13 hands 2 inches. My mother had prevailed upon me to teach a child she knew for free, as the family was going through a tough time and the child needed recreation but was too poor to pay for lessons. I broke Goldberry one week, started giving lessons on her with this child the next week (very talented kid by the way). Within a month we went to a show and at just 6 weeks under saddle with an inexperienced rider the pony got excellent ribbons. Goldberry subsequently sold to a family in the community, and is featured (picture and all) in the book *The Kids are All Right: A Memoir*, by Diana and Liz Welch as an emotional support to the children as they dealt with the death of their mother.

Mrs. Frey had a bay pony named Megan who was sold to one of our friends, but continued to be boarded at the Frey's. Bred to Lad, the community of horse crazy girls was invited to witness the birth. The foal was born at the peak of an eclipse of the moon, hence was named Dark Moon. Megan couldn't have cared less that there was a gaggle of children watching her.



*Landgate Megan (by \*Tarzan out of Screebe Bay) and her foal.*

On a summer when I was between my second and third years in college, Mrs. Frey invited me to break her first half Thoroughbred half Connemara. By then I had breezed race horses and ridden some hot horses, so the TB blood did not deter me. This one was about 15 hands 2 inches, absolutely gorgeous and as kind as can be. He was about 3. I was teaching him walk to canter, he was a very good boy, so I dropped the reins, took my feet out of the stirrups, and let him cool off. As I went to put my feet back in the stirrups to ride back to the barn, one leg brushed his side. He immediately lofted into a lovely canter, thinking that was what I wanted. I was caught unprepared and toppled off, breaking my wrist. THAT taught me that a half Connemara is NOT the same as a pure Connemara. Of course, he just stood there looking at me with surprise.

I subsequently went on to get deeply into Eventing in my 30s and 40s. Once while at the Prelim East Coast championships in NY,



*Land Gate Minstrel Boy  
by Montully Man out of Gill's Sandy Girl*

Mrs. Frey invited me to stay with her and keep my horse at her barn. He had bumped his head on the trailer on the way up, so she helped me ice his bruise, and he recovered enough to compete. She looked at cross country and told me I was crazy, but I guess she already knew that. I had the pleasure to meet her latest foal, a colt named Landgate Bluebeard. She said she thought he was good enough to keep as a stallion, and as we all know he went on with the Eyles to sire many excellent ponies.

In my 40s I had the good luck to go Advanced on a rescue horse of unknown breeding I named Sportscar. She was 15 hands 2 inches on her tippy toes. At the end of an Advanced cross country, in which it was painfully obvious she took care of me rather than the other way around, some people came up and insisted she must be a Connemara (she might have been).

I am now in my mid-60s and have mild osteoporosis. When I was back in the market for a horse, I asked my veterinarian, "What can jump, is the least likely to go lame, and is unlikely to dump me?" He said, "Connemara." I admired the half Connemaras my sister Janet had, so it was an easy sell. I set out to find a purebred "old fashioned" type with a solid brain and big bone, just what Mrs. Frey bred. I found not one but two, both by Deb Norman's stallion \*Fernville Matchmaker.

The first one, Glendale's Run for the Roses, was purchased from Deb, and joined my family in October 2021. I gave her the barn name of Anne in honor of Mrs. Frey. Ironically Mrs. Frey had always urged me to buy something by the Eyles' stallion Aladdin's Denver. But back then I was looking for an Advanced prospect, and I was skeptical of the ability of a Connemara to make the time cross country. Imagine my satisfaction when shortly after buying Anne from Deb I discovered her grandfather was Aladdin's Denver! Mrs. Frey would have approved.

I then jumped Anne for the first time about a month ago. Perfect eye for a distance, canters in straight, jumps from an ideal spot, lands the same speed she takes off, maintains her lead. I felt I was back on Minstrel Boy, being a little kid with flying pigtails having a blast and not worrying about a THING because this pony KNOWS ITS JOB FROM THE WOMB. So, when I found another filly same age and same sire, Thurman Discovery bred by Barbara Byrd, I tried it, it passed the vet, and



it is coming home tomorrow.

I remain forever grateful to Mrs. Frey for everything she taught me, the wonderful Connemara bloodlines she produced, the fun and education she provided, and most of all for introducing me to the perfect breed for a 66 year old who still wants to go preliminary eventing.

***A little history on the person, Anne Frey*** – born in 1928 in Buffalo, NY and raised in Painted Post, NY. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College and married John “Jack” Frey and had five children. She was a multi-talented person with an irrepressible enthusiasm for life. She loved nature and animals and raised Bloodhounds, Scottish Deerhounds, and Connemara ponies. She rode, was an avid bird watcher, and beagled with the

Sandanona Hare Hounds of Millbrook, NY. She helped write and edit the history of that pack. She was one of the first people to import Connemaras from Ireland, was an Inspector, and was awarded the ACPS Crestwood Award in 2005. At many ACPS meetings, she would write a limerick to share – sometimes she composed songs, and she wrote poetry, stories, and loved reading. Her limericks were known to be “risqué”. She was a full member of the American Academy of Equine Art, and was an accomplished artist whose bronzes sculptures of dogs and horses were exhibited in Paris, Saratoga Springs, Lexington, KY, and many other cities. At ACPS conformation clinics and inspections, Anne was known to pull out an unfinished sculpture of a horse – and rework its parts to show the pony owner the “perfect” and their pony’s conformational deviation. Always positive, and always smiling.



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# EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Bridget Kelly

The American Eventing Championships (AECs) had always been in the back of my mind since my Connemara pony and I started our eventing career in early 2021. After our first eventing season was officially completed, Chai (aka Windover Tarragon, by Irish Parks Caraway Finn and out of Dee Poco Princess/QH mare) and I decided to make 2022 the year we would set our goal to qualify for and go to the AECs. From the very start of our 2022 season, everything just seemed to work perfectly and fall into place to allow us to make the trek out to Rebecca Farm.

At our first event of 2022, the Southern Arizona Eventing Association Spring Horse Trials, all of our hard work on dressage over the winter paid off, and we ended up winning on our dressage score of 27.9, also fully completing our qualifications for the 2022 AECs. The rest of spring was pretty busy with competitions, clinics, and pony club, and we even competed at our first ever dressage show, at Training level. Summer of 2022 was filled with even more training and clinics, cross-country schooling, and also my C-1 Pony Club certification. Finally, on August 27, 2022, we started our three-day drive to Kalispell, Montana.

We had decided to split up the 24-hour journey into three days of eight hour drives, so the first night, we stayed with some relatives in Colorado, and Chai got to hang out in a goat-pen, which she most definitely did not approve of! The next night we were able to stay at the amazing Bighorn County Fairgrounds in a tiny, one stoplight town about 30 minutes from Billings, Montana, called Hardin. The trips each day were long, but the scenery was beautiful; nothing quite compares to the breathtaking mountains and lakes in Montana. Chai held up like a trooper through each day's eight hours in the trailer, always stepping off the trailer with bright eyes and pricked ears, interested in the new scenery around her. When we finally arrived at Rebecca Farm on Tuesday, August 30, we were absolutely stunned by the beautiful view and facilities, as well

as all the people and horses milling around! Chai settled in fairly quickly, and the days leading up to our dressage test were spent cleaning tack, cheering on friends, and taking schooling sessions and long walks and hacks through the Montana countryside. Friday was dressage day for all the Beginner Novice competitors, and after watching the other divisions get to compete and ride their dressage, cross-country, and even show jumping, we were itching to get out there and compete, too!

Chai was back to her fiery, sassy self, and very much enjoyed continuously opening and closing her stall door with her muzzle while I braided, groomed, and tacked her up. We had trained and prepared so hard for this day, so when it was finally time to get on, I was no longer nervous, just really excited! I knew that we had the potential to have a super test if I would just ride her forward and keep her strides long and fluid, so focusing on this during warm up helped to eliminate any last minute jitters that wanted to appear. We had a nice chat with one of our dressage judges, Carol Kozlowski, about the Connemaras of the AECs, and then we were off.

I honestly didn't think that our test would be able to break into the sub-30s, which was my goal for our AEC dressage test, but we talked a little bit with Jen, a trainer who had very kindly given me a lesson the day before, and she said lots of lovely things. Then, on the walk back to the barn, we saw the scores and couldn't believe it...Chai and I received a 27.8, our personal best score, and we were currently leading the entire division! A few hours later, I experienced my first ever interview with USEA for Friday's Beginner Novice article, which although scary, was actually kind of fun and made me feel like a real professional.

Saturday was the day that we (well, especially Chai) were all waiting for: Cross-country! The course was tough, with combos, varying terrain, and a particularly looming corner after the second water, not to mention it was our first time on grass and Chai's first time



Left-to-right: Peter Kelly, USEA President Elect Lou Leslie, Montana Equestrian Events, Inc. CEO Jo Whitehouse, Bridget Kelly and Windover Tarragon, USEA CEO Rob Burk, and Event Organizer Sarah Broussard. USEA/Meagan DeLisle photo

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## Connemaras Shine at USEA Champs

By Susan Dudasik, Region VIII Chair and Karen Laden

wearing studs, but we were super excited, and ready to go out there and hold on to our lead. Chai ended up really loving the extra grip and push the studs provided, and she was raring to go. I mean, we couldn't even walk in the warm-up, we had to jog and prance everywhere! We burst from the start box (at a speed that was definitely over Beginner Novice level!), and from the very first fence to the very last, Chai attacked each challenge and took everything in stride, clearing all obstacles easily. Of course, she had to throw in a few cheeky spooks along the way (she's got to show off in front of a crowd!), but we made it to the finish line with a double clear, holding our 3-point lead for the time being.

Sunday was an early start for us, as the Junior Beginner Novice show jumping began at 8:30 am sharp and, even though I would be jumping last (which is definitely more nerve wracking than it seems!), the whole class would be over in under 45 minutes, and there was plenty of braiding, grooming, and polishing to be done before we even entered the warm up arena. We had walked the show jumping course the night before, and although it was challenging, I knew that it would be super fun for me and my little pocket rocket! The course included two options, and I chose the two that most people would probably consider the more difficult, simply because I knew that Chai thrived on twisting, turning courses. I focused on making Chai and me look our very best, and as soon as I got on her, the pressure and stress of winning the division disappeared, and we pranced our way to the warm up, super excited.

Chai was on from the very second we walked into the warm-up ring. As competitor after competitor jumped through the beautiful course, Chai and I were itching to take our turn. As we passed through the long chute and stepped into the large arena, I could feel the cameras and eyes of many upon us, but I took a deep breath and focused on setting Chai up properly for the first jump. Each jump went by effortlessly, until the final combination. The double clear finish was nearly within our grasp; I was so eager to cross the finish line that I rode the gap to the first aspect of the combo, an oxer, and pushed Chai forward, when I should've been patient and collected her. She made a truly valiant effort and managed to get over the jump, but glanced the top pole with her back hooves, thankfully at a more downward angle rather than forward, causing nothing more than a slight rattle in the cups! As I leaned down to give Chai a congratulatory hug, I couldn't believe it; we'd WON the Junior Beginner Novice division at the AECs!

Everything following this moment, the awards ceremony and pictures and the press conference that followed, went by in a blur; all I could do was smile, pat Chai, and soak up every minute. I owe so much to my incredible little Chai-pony; she has helped so many of my dreams and goals come true, and I know that even bigger and better things are still headed our way



*Abbyside Waves and Faith Dalessandro of SilverIce Connemara Ponies*

This year the United States Eventing Association's (USEA) American Eventing Championships (AEC) were held at Rebecca Farm in Kalispell, Montana from August 30th to September 4th. The AEC is the pinnacle of the sport for the national levels. Held annually, this event draws together the best competitors from across the country vying for national titles from the Beginner Novice through the Advanced level. This year's event was held in Montana, which is part of ACPS Region VIII and attracted a number of pure and halfbred Connemaras from across the West.

Since the event was held in Region VIII, this report starts with our riders. There were six members competing, two youth and five adults. USEA Beginner Novice Junior: Bridget Kelly riding her halfbred, Windover Tarragon, (Irish Parks Caraway Finn x Dee Poco Princess) won the overall division championship by earning first place in all three phases. Bridget is from New Mexico and was celebrating her 14th birthday that weekend. Sophia Greenwood and Wildwych Forbidden Fruit, (Wildwych Thunder Snow x Wildwych Eve's Golden Delicious) finished in 14th place. They are one of three teams from Sunshine Valley Sporthorses in Utah. There were 21 riders in this division.

USEA Novice Junior: Emma Sletten on her purebred, New Song's Freedom, (\*Smaragaid Cliff x Wildwych Lucy) placed second in dressage, jumped clean in stadium but had a mishap on cross country so finished 18th out of 26 entries. They are from Colorado. USEA Beginner Novice Horse: Kelli Munis, riding the purebred Connemara stallion Elphin Sunbird, (Maplehurst Michael MacDaire x Scottsway Lullaby) placed 6th in dressage and 5th in cross-country for a 7th place finish. They are with Sunshine Valley Sporthorses.

USEA Training Rider: Rosie Smith and Seamus, (Corrcullen (RID) x Unknown Connemara mare) also of Sunshine Valley Sporthorses, finished 4th in dressage and 3rd in cross-country for an overall third place. USEA Beginner Novice Amateur: Idaho rider, Colleen Christie and Lord Tresleigh Nevicata – aka Silver Mischief (Tulira Robuck x Lindeoin Lass) also competed but had some issues on the cross-country.

USEA Training Junior: Molly Jensen, from Utah, and her purebred pony, SageWind Sabina -aka EE High Expectations, (Aladdin's Denver x SageWind Gold Dust) placed 18th in their division.

Aside from the Region VIII riders, there were other Connemaras competing at this prestigious event. These are the ones I was told about.

USEA Beginner Novice Horse: Abbyside Waves, (AC-Samson AF Engvang X Moy Rose) an imported Class 1 mare, ridden by 22 year-old, Faith Dalessandro of SilverIce Connemara Ponies placed 3rd in dressage and 2nd in cross-country. They finished as Reserve Champions for their division. Waves is owned by Alisa Syar. They represented ACPS Region 10. USEA Novice Rider: Katy Hood and her pony, Padric, finished 12th in their division. Festival Open Modified: The purebred Connemara, Rickamore Rafferty, (Robe Thunder x Dumminroe Fergie) ridden by Britt Sabbah placed 4th in their dressage.



*Elphin Sunbird and Kelli Munis*

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“Who are you and what have you done with Declan? You are about 100 % improved today, buddy..”

These and many more positive comments were made following ACPS Region V’s “Ride with V” 2-day clinic and Fun With Pony Weekend held at beautiful Riverfront Farm, owned by Tom and Fonda Eigle of Cynthiana, Kentucky.

On a bright, breezy Saturday morning in late September, eight riders, ten horses and ponies -with one foal in tow - gathered at the farm for Region V’s first clinic in 12 years. Most were there for sessions with Fleur Bryan, equine clinician and consultant, now located in Shelbyville Kentucky but originally from Portarlington, Laois, Ireland. Riders at a variety of levels mounted on equines with skill sets ranging from “young and green” to “old babysitters” all benefitted from Fleur’s excellent training and what she called “just simple suggestions.” Nervous horses calmed down, sleepy ponies perked up, jumpers worked on obstacles -each lesson suited perfectly to each pair’s needs.

Fleur is a former rider, breeder and importer of Irish Sport Horses and ponies, as well as owner/CEO of Parkmore Irish Horse Imports and Parkmore Supplements. She conducts combined training clinics throughout the U.S. and Ireland and is renowned for her ability to find and produce talented young riders, as was aptly demonstrated by the rapport she quickly developed with all clinic participants, especially the kids. Giggles frequently floated over the venue all weekend.

Outside the ring, a wealth of obstacles waited for horses and ponies to navigate, either on foot or under saddle, and the ever-present wind kept flags flying and windmills spinning, brightening up the area and providing even more opportunities to desensitize our mounts. Special thanks from Region V go to Vicky Wells, who helped with setup of the trail course, the Norden family for loaning all nine of their homemade Civil War flags for the day, and Meg Dumaine who donated the beautiful (scary!) black culvert pipes and set up the jump course. Pony Club A Graduate Meg Dumaine led a herd of young riders into the farm’s tack room to hold a Pony Club Question and Answer Clinic. Meg remarked, “These kids are like sponges, they just absorb and retain so much. They all came with great questions and the openness to learn.”

Of course, where there are hard-working equestrians there must also be food: breakfast pastries, lunch and dinner were all provided. Linda Konst set out an incredible homemade lunch selection, and dinner featured Lisa Graham’s famous crock-pot chili mac, complemented by Vicky Well’s delicious homemade bread and

white chocolate-cherry cookies. If anyone went to bed hungry (camping space was provided on the farm for out-of-towners), well, it was their own fault!

Education continued with the evening meal, as Fleur introduced the group to the science behind, and the successes of, her Parkmore Supplements line of products; a general discussion of horse care and nutrition followed.

Despite the arrival of a little Irish weather in the form of spotty showers, most attendees rode a second clinic session the next day and further honed their skills under Fleur Bryan’s watchful eyes. In addition, some riders opted for a trail ride over the hills of Riverfront Farm.

The weekend proved to be a family affair on several levels. Riders included a large contingent of the Graham family, and “Team Connemara” in its current incarnation was represented by Martha Slamer riding Prairie Kiltulla (Blue Ridge Jefferson x Blue Rock Molly) and Steph Burk on Prairie Declan (Blue Ridge Jefferson x Grey Pearl). Another daughter of Blue Ridge Jefferson, Prairie Nuala, (dam Dawn’s Drumlin Abbey) ridden and owned by Martha Slamer, also put in an appearance. Blue Rock Molly herself carried several riders around the course even while accompanied by her this year’s filly. She was reportedly heard to say “a big thank you to Hannah and Eva for making me feel like a real pony again. I loved rocking around the arena and jumping. Good education for my foal RFF Scenic View (\*Smaragaid Cliff) to watch all the happenings! Please come ride me again!”

An “unfortunate parting of the ways” occurred Saturday afternoon when Lisa Graham and her pony experienced a miscommunication; while Lisa was being checked out at a local hospital the older Graham girls and their friend Lily Seto occupied themselves decorating their Welsh pony cross Knick Knack, who submitted himself willingly to the ordeal. The organizers wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to Bonnie Reid, who helped the day go smoothly by keeping the youngest member of the family, toddler Paisley, occupied while Mom was at the ER (happily, she is fine).

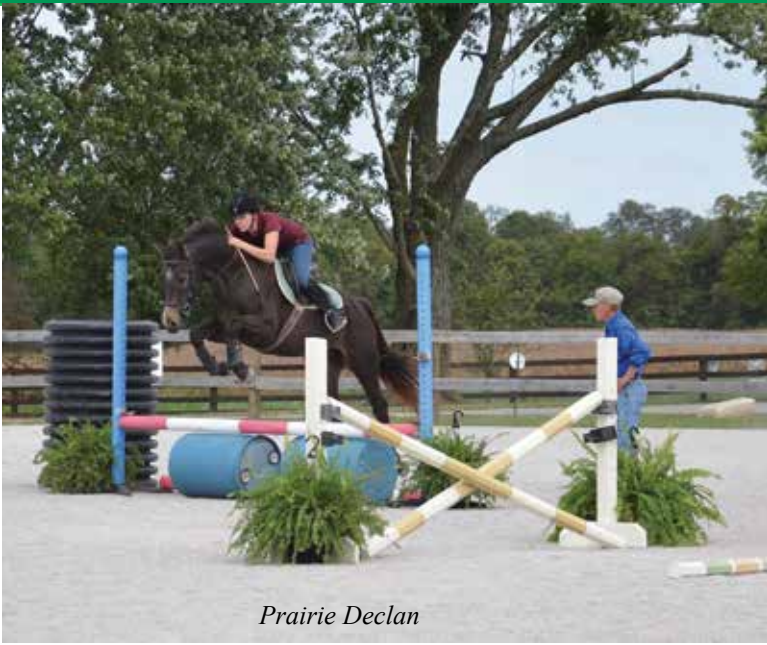
As Fonda later remarked, “You know everyone had fun when there is still sparkle dust in the grooming stall a week after everyone is gone.”

Bonnie Reid added “Our riders and ponies made visible progress each session with everyone commenting how much better their ponies and riding were the second day. Such a pleasure to witness the level of confidence build with every exercise and every transition. “

Certainly everyone attending echoed the comment made by Fleur: “I can’t wait to do it again.” Neither can we. And next time, we hope you’ll join us. You won’t want to miss it!



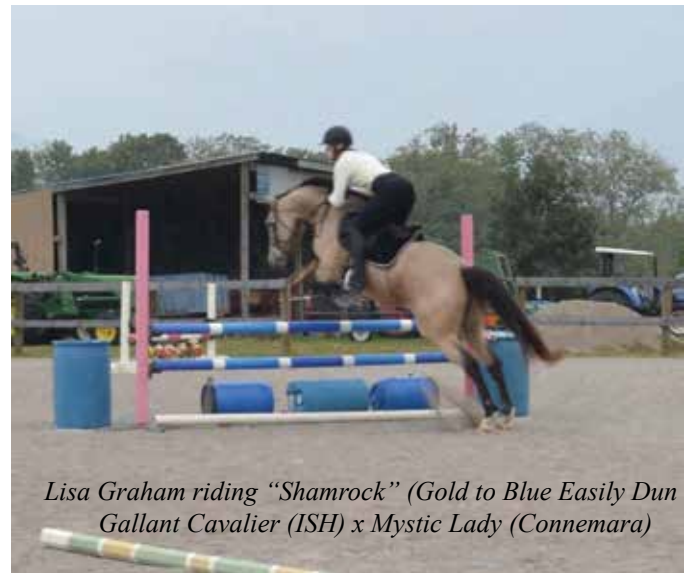
*Clinician Fleur Bryan helps Martha Slamer on Prairie Kiltulla*



*Prairie Declan*



*Hannah Graham with Blue Rock Molly, escorted by Molly's foal by \*Smargaid Cliff*



*Lisa Graham riding "Shamrock" (Gold to Blue Easily Dun - Gallant Cavalier (ISH) x Mystic Lady (Connemara))*



*Knick Knack and his fan club*



*Pony Club students with Meg Dumaine*



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Caroline Nesbitt

The ACPS Annual Meeting from Oct. 19 to 23 in Lexington, KY was worth the two years' wait! The organizers in Region V offered something for everyone, from Bourbon Trail tours to Thoroughbred farms to Irish pubs, and a late addition of a Horse Trials at the Ky Horse Park.

The details of the business meetings will be shared in a later issue of the magazine, but a quick overview included learning from research scientists about breeding and nutrition, and from our own Caroline Nesbitt, about the broodmares' contribution to the Connemara breed.

Linda Haines, president, ran a tidy and well-organized business meeting and each region was represented. Many new faces were seen around the tables, and many new friends were made.

The Awards banquet was tasty and the silent auction was "Over the Top". Put the AGM on your 2023 calendar, and plan a trip to the West Coast!



Linda Haines presided over the ACPS Annual Meeting



Margo Goldfarb on her Ridgetop Pirate Blue had an ACPS cheering section for her Preliminary level show jumping.



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# Century Ride

## Hope, My Connemara Friend

By Sally Lacy

Hope is my first pony but not my first equine friend. My first two horses, spanning adolescent through teen years, were gifts from friends. The first, Lucky, was a 17.2h chestnut sweetheart who cared for me as I learned to ride all over the rural township where I grew up during the late Depression and WWII years. He kept me safe from Frank Sinatra, boys, boredom, and silliness.

He was followed by a 15.3 gaited Saddlebred, Ladybug, who continued my education. Then a hiatus as I entered the world of education, employment, marriage and offspring, civic duties, and finally to a 15.3 bay OTTB TimTime, whom I boarded near the USET headquarters. I haunted the James Cox Brady's old stables in Gladstone, NJ, watching the jumping team prepare for international competition (including the first woman, Kathy Kusner), observing dressage pioneers Hilda Gurney and Keen, Edith Master and Dahlwitz, prepare for Olympics.

Then we moved to SW Ohio, where I learned to be a sheep farmer and Border Collie handler: skills I worked on for 25 to 30 years there on a hill farm and in SW New Hampshire from PEI to California, to Mississippi. I loved it, but kept horse love alive at rental stables, and a long trail ride in Scotland. I was with dogs in Scotland preparing for our National Sheepdog Finals trial when I had my first stroke (not recommended). I recovered enough to continue raising sheep and training and trialing my Border Collies for several years but eventually shed that and moved to Northwestern Vermont, still attending big sheepdog trials in the UK and Ireland.

Ireland – there were the prettiest, friendliest ponies everywhere, roaming the moors, coming to accept pats and blackberries they couldn't reach. While recounting this to my physician upon my return, he tired of my nattering and looking over the glasses perched on the end of his nose, said, "I prescribe a pony."

There! I was galvanized to find a Connemara not too old and not too young. With help, I found a well bred pony She turned out to have a perfect name for what she brought to me: Hope.

She is a 14.0 h bay mare who hadn't been ridden in years. I had seen her dam years earlier when I visited her breeder, Paige Elliot, on entirely unrelated business. Hope wasn't even born then. She proved to be an amiable, not ambitious, somewhat spooky horse. At first, I was too stiff to get on or off, but eventually all those early challenges were met and her true Connemara disposition prevailed. (Sally Lacy explained later, "my stroke damaged head rebels against cantering, so for my century ride I had to choose a low level test. I learned

how to quell motion-induced "wobbles" in my brain left over from my first stroke. All seemed well until January 2021 when a second, more severe stroke came close to finishing me.)

Hope was called upon to be a therapy pony again. I have needed all my horses, from 1940 to 2022, Lucky to Hope. Helped by wonderful people, all talented riders. With our combined age of 115, Hope and I are going to make our more-than-a-century ride In honor of or Concord River Rachel's Hope.

"Hope had quite a weekend. On Saturday, she was entered in the horse Halloween costume contest and was a dinosaur and her 4-year-old rider was a little dinosaur riding a larger dinosaur. They won first place. On Sunday, Hope was shined up and I borrowed a black jacket and white stock to act the part of a dressage rider. An amazing number of people came out to watch the 3 ½ minutes test. Hope is not forward enough with me, though she looks good when the little dinosaur's mother rides, but she is quite obedient to requests for gait changes. She didn't mind the outburst of applause or dozens of camera-toting fans and all the bouquet-laden friends coming to pose with her. Her good nature prevailed.

My aim was to honor this lovely pony who helped me rehab my stiff, stroke-riven 80-something body once, and had undertaken the job to do it again following the worse stroke at age 92. Certainly the star of the endeavor is Hope.



Sally Lacy and Concord River Rachel's Hope

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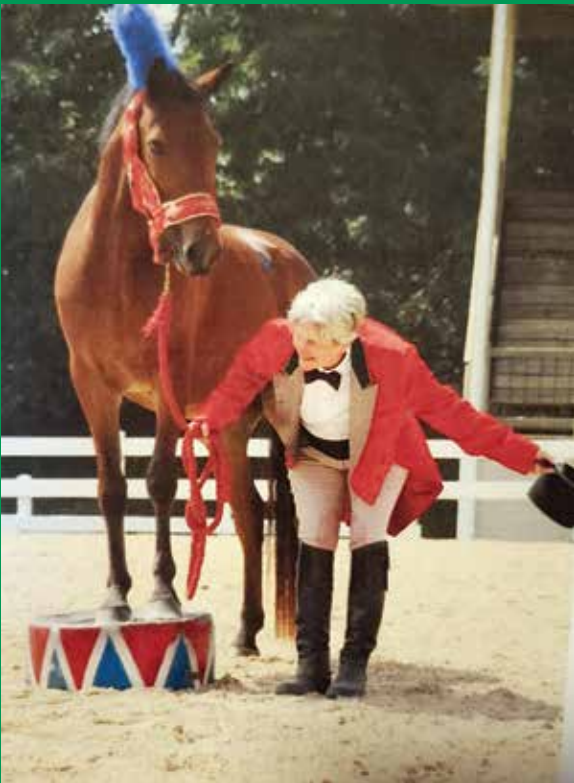
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