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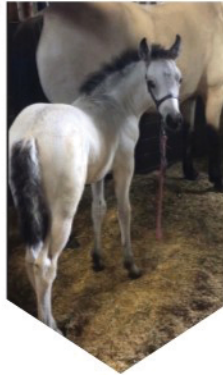


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President's Page

Welcome to the Horse Show Edition of the American Connemara Magazine for 2022. Some shows occurred early in the season, some are just occurring, and the season is continuing into at least September with Regions 3 and 4. Region 10 competitors are lining up for classes as I write these words. Region I, my home region, wrapped up last weekend, July 23 and 24.

Our breed shows provide the opportunity to catch up with our fellow Connemara enthusiasts. We get to see the youngsters, human and equine, mature over time. I have come to the Region I show every year since 1982, except 2020 when we all stayed home. This year, I stabled next to Sue Perry who first attended in 1974. Later, I sat next to Cynthia Richards who said her first trip to the venue was in 1967. I met several newcomers and hope we'll see them again. I recognized two competitors that were first timers last year, that made me smile. They came back! Our Show Committee likes to keep the show friendly and with an atmosphere that beckons people to return year after year. The program requests reports of good sportsmanship to be reported and there is a huge Sportsmanship trophy presented during the awards. Here is one example of the conduct that occurred this year. A man in shorts and a tee shirt asked if he could borrow a wheelbarrow and he spent the day cleaning up around the grounds and even in the ring during short breaks. I checked in with him and thanked him for his help. I asked if he had a child showing and he responded proudly that he did. "She's the one with the tan horse over there." I told him she was one lucky daughter and that she'd probably like him to call her pony a palomino. He beamed and agreed she probably would.

I expect a full report on the Region I Show later in this magazine, but I want to take a moment to make a few comments. It was a hot weekend. It's Vermont, we aren't used to the heat. It made it feel a bit more casual as most competitors shed jackets. The ponies were lovely. Marynell Eyles did a masterful job of judging throughout. The last class on Saturday was Sit A Buck, you know, bareback with a buck or a ribbon under your thigh. Marynell gave the typical walk, trot, and canter directions. Still three competitors. "Ok" she says, "out to the jumps." The EMT runs to get her bag, thankfully not needed. Marynell sends them

over the jump a few times, finally, one drops her ribbon. "Ok, tie up your reins, go over the jumps with no hands." Fine, they can both do that a couple of times. "Ok, she says, hand gallop around the jump area." They do, ribbons intact. Next Marynell says, "In Virginia, we call that a canter." So around they go at top speed. Both competitors still have ribbons in place. And with a round of applause from the spectators, she declares a TIE! That was fun. The photo here is Blue Ridge Bluebell with me during the awards ceremony of the Region I show. Sandy Dix, volunteer extraordinaire, is presenting the coveted Beryl Eddy Memorial Trail Award. There was a time when very few entered the trail class. Beryl would be annoyed that our all-round ponies were not showing this skill. We made the class mandatory for the Versatility Award and like that, it became a popular class with this lovely perpetual trophy. I couldn't be prouder to now be listed on this special award.

The victories at a show occur on that day, but the victories are earned by the work on the days and weeks and months leading up to the show.

There are two new books available digitally that you can get to via the ACPS website. They are Out of the Mist, By Pat Lyne and Seahorses, Connemara and Its Ponies, By Stephanie Brooks with Karen Mannion. The books were donated and sponsored by June Heilman. I highly recommend both if you have not read them or even if you did long ago and can enjoy them again.

Also on the website, new classifieds! They are free and Janet Johnson, along with our webmaster, has done a great job getting these ads onto the website. There appear to be many fewer ponies available than people looking for them due to the exponential increase in popularity of our Connemarans. The ones that are for sale, become very valuable. We do want our website to be the first place potential buyers look as they learn more about the Connemara Pony, the Connemara Halfbreds and the Connemara Sport Horses.

Hope to see many of you at our Annual General Membership meeting in Lexington, sign up now!

Linda

Linda Haines and Blue Ridge Bluebell with their champion rosettes and the Trail Horse Trophy at the ACPS Region I Connemara Show, W. Woodstock, VT

(John Miller Photo)



ACPS Region I Show

ACPS Region 1 Connemara Show Woodstock, VT July 23-24, 2022

(John Miller/Spectrum Photos)



Baobob de Brio (Caraway Brio x Ephin Mayflower) shown by Corinne Kinson won the Black Brook Farm Junior Trophy and the Junior Handler Award.

By Sally Oxnard

The Region 1 Connemara show landed on one of the hottest Vermont weekends in the summer of '22. However, the enthusiastic organizers, volunteers, and participants showed up in good humor and happy to be back to our usual two day show after some slow years due to COVID. There were plenty of entries received by our able show secretary Amy Plavin, and stalls were full in C and D barns, lining the brook at GMHA. Marynell Eyles was our able judge and she managed the in-hand classes expeditiously and the ridden classes with a quick eye, with patience, and with a few unexpected twists. She encouraged the kids in the "Young Handlers Class" to tell her about their ponies and came up with entertaining feats such as "around the world" for the games classes and jumping with no hands for the masters of sit- a- buck.

New faces joined the regulars lining the rails of the White Ring on Saturday morning as Bob Butcher announced with Marynell and Susan Goodhouse in the ring while Sandy Dix and Fay Loiseau kept the trophies and ribbons beautifully organized. First class was halfbreds in hand and a repeat winner was Durango's Irish Rose (Aluinn Durango x TB) owned and handled by Elizabeth Oellers. Next was the young stock (0 to 3 fillies and colts/geldings) won by Cybatina Country Girl, (Foothills Field Marshall x Bantry Bay's So Sassy) owned by Cynthia Richards and handled by Muriel Smith-Hagen. The Youngstock Champion, the Morning Cadence Trophy, followed, also won by Cybatina Country Girl.

This year the Geldings were eligible to be the Champion Connemara in Hand, and we were delighted to see them show up in such numbers that we had to divide the class. Marynell commented on the quality of the geldings and of the mare class as well. In the geldings 10 and under class first place went to Oakfields Rock Sparrow (*Hearnbrook Dunoon x Oakfields May Sparrow) owned and show by Sarah Thrasher. In the over

age 10 class the blue went to Aluinn Denmark (Aladdin's Denver x *Patty's Meredith), owned by Sarah Thrasher, shown by Sydney Schoenbeck. Purebred mares ages 4 to 7 went to Trout Ranch Polly Claire (*Smaragaid Cliff x New Song's Autumn), owned and shown by Christine Kelton. The mares ages 8 and older went to *Braemar Peace (Gentle Cascade x Atlantic Promise) owned and shown by Nicola O'Connell.

Champion Classes followed, the Champion Mare was Trout Ranch Polly Claire with Reserve going to * Braemar Peace, and the Tower Hill Award to the Champion Gelding was Oakfields Rock Sparrow, reserve Aluinn Wintry Mix. In the Grand Champion in Hand, the GMHA Perpetual Trophy, the mares prevailed with Trout Ranch Polly Claire, owned and handled by Chris Kelton, taking the championship for her second time, and *Braemar Peace owned and handled by Nicola O'Connell in the Reserve.

To finish out the morning we had two mares in the Connemara get of sire class, Wintervale Hollywood and Wintervale Mayblossom who are by Morning Glory's Ilyushin and owned by Caroline Nesbitt. They took home two blues! Next the Junior Showmanship class for handlers ages 8 to 18 was well filled with 11 ponies and handlers of all ages. The judge asked the handlers about their charges, and had them stand them up properly and walk up and trot back. Many saintly ponies did not run over their handlers. Corinne Kinson won the Brenda Martin Memorial Trophy showing her pony Baobab de Brio (Caraway Brio x Elphin Mayflower). Finally came the Fitting and Showmanship class, with a repeat win for Sue Perry and her pony Bantry Bay's Erin (Bantry Bay's Ace x Kerrymor Undun).

Flatt classes on Saturday PM In the White Ring including Equitation, Pleasure etc were well filled, results to follow. Then the fun moved to the Walker Arena where the jumper



*Winner of the Tower Hill Farm Trophy for Champion Gelding was Oakfields Rock Sparrow (*Hearnbrook Dunoon x Oakfields Maria Sparrow) bred by Susan McConnell and owned by Sarah Thrasher*

classes began, with volunteer jump crew, and Ashley Mount, our capable show manager organizing and Tracy Roettiger at the gate so no one went out of order. Marynell Eyles was judging again and the classes moved along smoothly with jackets excused and an occasional cooling paddle in the river. Popsicles mid afternoon helped with low blood sugars. Back to the White Ring before dinner for the games and the costume class. Both the Walk Trot Command and the Sit a buck were declared ties to the delight of the riders.

One of the traditions of the Region 1 show is the costume class which occurs as the spectators are starting to dig in to the wine and cheese reception before dinner. This year the hors d'oeuvres were provided by Region Chair Tracy Roettiger and beautifully arranged by Sandy Dix and her sister Fay Loiseau. As the afternoon cooled off we were treated to costumes including superheroes and Oreos with milk and finally an ice cream truck complete with that tune and dispensing freeze pops.

During dinner we were all urged to "bid high and bid often" on the silent auction items which were laid out around and among the Region 1 amazing trophy display. This year as we had the ACPS An Tostal Trophy visiting, we invited Marynell to give us a slideshow of the historic winners of the An Tostal Trophy which goes to a purebred stallion with an outstanding performance career. As it was carved by Steven Read of Round Robin Farm in Vermont, it seemed the right place to have it visit this year. The slides and the lively historic comments that Marynell made about these dozens of stallions were very interesting, educational, and much appreciated.

Sunday at our show features multiple venues as we have Dressage Trail in the White Ring and Dressage tests next door in the CVDA show, and the trail class in the Dust Bowl which is shared with the jumper warmup. Dressage Trail was judged by Nora Goldfarb, and featured Sue Parry and Bantry Bay's Erin with the blue in Dressage trail test 1, as Linda Haines and Blue Ridge Bluebell (Landgate Bluebeard x Blue Ridge Arabelle) took Dressage Trail Test 2.

Trail judge was Roger Poitras who placed Reno Halley on Tricreek Greystone Brielle (Tricreek Greystone Riley x unregistered

mare) first in the Ridden Junior Trail class and Linda Haines' Blue Ridge Bluebell in the Ridden Senior class. More jumping concluded the day on Sunday and all adjourned to the GMHA Youth Center for the Trophies. RHF O'Harazan Trophy for the Grand Champion Connemara went to Trout Ranch Whimsey (Trout Ranch Malarkey x Elphin Kookaburra) owned and ridden by Julia Latham. Whimsey and Julia also took the high point Senior Dressage and the Sue Dexter Memorial Versatility award. The coveted Trail Award went to Linda Haines and Blue Ridge Bluebell. The Black Brook Award for the Junior Champion was awarded to Corinne Kinson and Baobab do Brio (Caraway Brio x Elphin Mayflower) with Reserve going to Reno Halley and Tricreek Greystone Brielle. Junior high point dressage went to Liliana Green on Blackwing Holden's Thunder (Wildwych Thunder Snow x Wildwych Dreamtime). The high point Halfbred was Tricreek Greystone Brielle and Reno Haley. And finally The Sainly Pony Award went to Macbradaigh's Irish Whistle (Mapelhurst Michael Macdaire x Elphin Kookaburra) who had the biggest collection of young riders and took good care of all of them.

One notable trophy this year was the Pete Petersen Sportsmanship Trophy which went to Elizabeth Oellers and Julia Latham who arrived on Friday and unpacked only to hear that one of our competitors was pulled over on Interstate 91 with no brakes and two ponies on the trailer. They rushed to the rescue, replaced the injured truck with their good one, and the ponies arrived safely. THAT is sportsmanship.

Many thanks go to all the wonderful volunteers we had this year. There is no way to mention all the names but there were a LOT. Fran O'Reilly deserves thanks as the volunteer who travelled the farthest to be a gate keeper. We appreciate all the participants and competitors, familiar faces and new ones, and hope you will join us next year. Excellent photos as usual by John Miller of Spectrum Photography. Check them out!

RESULTS

Halfbred Connemaras in Hand: 1) Durango's Irish Rose (Aluinn Duurango x TB), o/h Elizabeth Oellers; 2) Stone Pony Mira (Trout Ranch Malarkey x warmblood) O: Georgia Sillanpaa, h: Lily Sillanpaa; 3) Rock the Boat, (Loughrea's Seamus x mare o/h :Lia Mackie; 4) Shadey Hills Golden Dream



Bantry Bay's Erin, (Bantry Bay's Ace x Kerrymor Undun) owned and shown by Susan Perry, won the Dressage Trail Test 1.



Youngstock champion and winner of the Morning Cadence Trophy was Cybatina Country Girl (Foothills Field Marshall x Bantry Bay's So Sassy) owned by Cynthia Richards and shown by Muriel Hagen.

(GRP x Castlebar Dreams of Ireland) o/h Heather Dostal; 5) Windy Hollow Bruno Beste (Ballywhim An Luan x Warmblood) o/h Jocelyn Van Boekkelen; 6) Brambleridge Piroutte (TBS Declan Pondi x Sparrow's Tiptoes) o/h Jocelyn Van Boekkelen

Purebred colts, geldings, fillies ages 0 to 3 : 1) Cybatina Country Girl (Foothills' Filed Marshall x Bantry Bay's So Sassy) o: Cynthia Richards, h: Muriel Smith-Hagen; 2) *Caherlistrane Bawn Jewel (Coolfin King x Caherlistrane Cherry) o/h Amanda Tourtellot; 3) South Ridge Unique (South Ridge Aidan x Wildwych Clio) o/Kim Sterl, h/Emily Belanger; 4) DRF Lord Lothorian o/h Polly Schmid

Purebred Connemara Geldings, 10 and under: 1) Oakfields Rock Sparrow (Hearnbrook Dunoon x Oakfields Maria Sparrow) o/h Sara Thrasher; 2) Aluinn Wintery Mix (Fernville Matchmaker x Aladdin's Laurel Ink) o/ Sarah Thrasher h/Scarlett Loya; 3) *Aughnasilla Paddy (Corrib Prince x Cailin Criona) o/h Alexandra Piaget; 4) Blackwing Holden's Thunder (Wildwych Thunder Snow x Wildwych Dreamtime) o/h Liliana Green; 5) Far Mountain Taner (Tullymor's Ned Divine x Windy Isles Maid Marian) o/h Alexandra Piaget; 6) Baobab De Brio (Caraway Brio x Elphin Mayflower) o/h Corrine Kinson

Purebred Geldings over 10: 1) Aluinn Denmark (Aladdin's Denver x Patty's Meredith) o/Sarah Thrasher, h/ Sydney Schoenbeck; 2) Big Bears Silver Britches (*Canal Clancy x Shammer Gypsy Queen) o/h Kristy Menner; 3) Bantry Bay's Erin (Bantry Bay's Ace x Kerrymor's Undun) o/h Susan Perry

Purebred Mares in Hand, 4 to 7 years : 1) Trout Ranch Polly Claire (*Smaragaid Cliff x New Song's Autumn) o/h Christine Kelton ; 2) South Ridge Thistlebit (Trout Ranch Malarkey x South Ridge Chloe) o/ Kim Sterl, h/ Emily Belanger.

Purebred Mares in Hand, 8 years and older: 1) Braemar Peace (Gentle Cascade x Atlantic Promise) o/h Nicola O'Connell; 2) *Glenrevagh Holly (Banks Timber x Cashelbay Linda) o/h Sarah Thrasher, Riesling Sullivan; 3) Wintervale Hollywood (Morning Glory's Ilyushin x Wintervale Calliope) o/h Caroline Nesbitt ; 4) Blue Ridge Bluebell (Landgate Bluebeard x Blueridge Arabell) o/h Linda Haines; 5) MacBradaigh's Irish Whistle (Maplehurst Michael Macdaire x Elphin Kookaburra) o/ Sally Oxnard, handler Christine Kelton ; 6) Wintervale Mayblossom (Morning Glory's Ilyushin x Wintervale Calliope) o/h Caroline Nesbitt; 7) Trout Ranch Whimsey, (Trout Ranch Malarkey x Elphin Kookaburra) o/h Julia Latham

Champion Connemara mare in Hand : 1) Trout Ranch Polly Claire, o/h Christine Kelton 2) *Braemar Peace , o/h Nicola O'Connell

Champion Gelding in Hand : 1) Oakfields Rock Sparrow o/h Sarah

Thrasher; 2) Aluinn Wintery Mix, o/Sarah Thrasher, h/ Scarlett Loya

Champion Connemara in hand: 1) Trout Ranch Polly Claire o/h Christine Kelton; 2) *Braemar Peace, o/h Nicola O'Connell

Connemara Get Of sire ; 1) Morning Star's Ilyushin represented by Wintervale May Blossom and Wintervale Hollywood, o/h Caroline Nesbitt and Bob Butcher

Junior Showmanship, Handlers age 8 to 18: 1) Baobab De Brio o/h Corrine Kinson ; 2) Blackwing Holden's Thunder o/h Liliana Green ; 3) Tricreek Greystone Brielle o/h Reno Halley; 4) Bantry Bay's Rhubarb o/ Hannah Reynolds-Brown h/ Willow Reynolds; 5) Shadey Hills Golden Dream o/Heather Dostal, h/ Alana Fuqua; 6) Cybatina Torranach O'Cham o/Cynthia Richards, H/Alyssa Smith; 7) Balance Point Cedar o/h Addison Treat

Fitting and showmanship: 1) Bantry Bays Erin o/h Susan Perry; 2) South Ridge Thistlebit o/Kim Sterl, h/Ashlynn Stemp; 3) Balance Point Cedar o/h Addison Treat ; 4) Big Bears Silver Britches o/h Kristy Menner 5) Bantry Bay's Rhubarb o/ Hannah Reynolds-Brown, h/ Willow Reynolds

Leadline Class- everyone gets a blue: Tricreek Greystone Brielle, Rider Eden Halley; Cybatina Finn O'Cham, rider Klaira Royce; South Ridge Thistlebit, Rider Teddy Belanger ; Stone Pony Mira rider Elsie Sillanpaa

Green Horse Walk Trot Pleasure: 1) Blackwing Holden's Thunder, Liliana Green; 2) *Moon Flower, (Earl of Newbridge x Moon Star) Skip Gerke; 3) Aluinn Wintery Mix Sarah Thrasher; 4) DRF Lord Lothorian , Polly Schmid; 5) South Ridge Unique, Emily Belanger; 6) Stone Pony Mira, Georgia Sillanpaa

Walk Trot Equitation, Green Horse : 1) Moon Flower, Skip Gercke; 2) Stone Pony Mira, Georgia Sillanpaa; 3) Blackwing Holden's Thunder Liliana Green; 4) South Ridge Unique, Emily Belanger; 5) Maisie, Sharon Adams; 6) DRF Lord Lothorian, Polly Schmid

W/T Pleasure, Green Rider: 1) Cybatina Finn O'Cham, Charlotte Kivisto; 2) MacBradaigh's Irish Whistle, Lily Sillanpaa; 3) Baobab De Brio, Georgia Sillanpaa, 4) Loughrea's Aine Noon, Emilia Dostal;

W/T Equitation, Green Rider 1) Cybatina Finn O'Cham, Charlotte Kivisto; 2) Baobab De Brio, Georgia Sillanpaa, 3) Loughrea' Aine Noon, Emilia Dostal, 4) MacBradaigh's Irish Whistle, Lily Sillanpaa

W/T/C equitation : 1) Trout Ranch Whimsey, Julia Latham; 2) Blue Ridge Bluebell, Linda Haines; 3) Durango's Irish Rose, Elizabeth Oellers; 4) South Ridge Thistlebit , Emily Belanger; 5) Aluinn Denmark, Sarah Thrasher; 6) Bantry Bays Erin, Susan Perry;

Pleasure Horse and Pony, Junior 1) Baobab De Brio, Corrine Kinson; 2) Loughrea' Aine Noon, Heather Dostal; 3) Cybatina Torranach O'Cham, Alyssa Smith ; 4) Tricreek Greystone Brielle, Reno Halley



*Trout Ranch Polly Claire (*Smaragaid Cliff x New Song's Autumn) owned by Christine Kelton, was Champion Mare In-Hand, and topped off her day with Champion Connemara of the Show.*



Baobab de Brio and Corinne Kinson won several of the jumper classes held on Sunday at the Region I Connemara Show.

Pleasure Horse and Pony, Senior: 1) Blue Ridge Bluebell, Linda Haines; 2) Trout Ranch Whimsey, Julia Latham; 3) South Ridge Thistlebit, Emily Belanger; 4) Durango's Irish Rose, Elizabeth Oellers; 5) Trout Ranch Polly Claire, Christine Kelton 6) Bantry Bays Erin, Susan Perry

Crossrails, Junior: 1) Maisie, Sharon Adams; 2) Blackwing Holden's Thunder, Liliana Green; 3) Cybatina Finn O'Cham, Charlotte Kivisto

Crossrails Senior: 1) South Ridge Unique, Emily Belanger; 2) Aluinn Wintery Mix, Sarah Thrasher

2' Pleasure over fences: 1) Tricreek Greystone Brielle, Reno Halley; 2) Trout Ranch Whimsey, Julia Latham ;3) Cybatina Finn O'Cham, Sharon Adams; 4) Blue Ridge Bluebell, Linda Haines 5) Cybatina Torr, Kennedy Smith, 6) Durango's Irish Rose, Elizabeth Oellers

2'Table II Sec 1 Maisie, Corinne Maisie, 2) South Ridge Thistlebit, Emily Belanger, 4) Cybatina Finn O'Cham, Sharon Adams, 5) Bantry Bay's Rhubarb (Bantry Bay's Ace x Bantry Bay's Dr Rose, Hannah Reynolds-Brown, 6) Rock the Boat, Lia Mackie 6) Cybatina Torr, Kennedy Smith.

2'3" Table II sec 1 Tricreek Greystone Brielle, Reno Halley; 2) Bantry Bay's Roper (Chiltern Colm x Bantry Ba's Dr Rose) Helena Kopczynski; 3) Baobab De Brio, Corinne Kinson; 4) South Ridge Thistlebit, Emily Belanger; 5) Oakfield's Rock Sparrow, Sarah Thrasher; 6) Be Our Guest, Amy Treat.

29 - 2'6" Table II sec 1 : 1) Trout Ranch Whimsey, Julia Latham; 2) Sweet Dreams of Color, Corinne Kinson; 3) Aluinn Denmark, Sydney Schoenbeck; 4) Bantry Bay's Roper , Helena Kopczynski; 5) Glenrevagh Holly, Sarah Thrasher, 6) Baobab De Brio, Corinne Kinson:

2'9" Table II sec 1 PlaceEntryHorse 1) Trout Ranch Whimsey, Julia Latham; 2) Tricreek Greystone Brielle, Reno Halley; 3) Glenrevagh Holly, Sarah Thrasher; 4) Aluinn Denmark, Sydney Schoenbeck; 5) Sweet Dreams of Color, Corinne Kinson; 6) Be Our Guest , Amy Treat

Walk Trot Command : TIED: Baobab De Brio, Georgia Sillanpaa; MacBradaigh's Irish Whistle, Lily Sillanpaa;

Sit A Buck TIED: Rock the Boat , Lia Mackey, Trout Ranch Whimsey, Julia Latham

SUNDAY CLASSES

Dressage Trail Test 1: 1) Bantry Bays Erin, Susan Perry; 2) Skip Gerke, Moon Flower; 3) DRF Lord Lotherian, Polly Schmid; 4) Windy Hollow Bruno Beste, Jocelyn Van Bokkelen; 5) South Ridge Unique, Emily Belanger 6) Far Mountain Taner, Alexandra Piaget; 7) Big Bears Silver Britches, Kristy Menner

Dressage Trail Test 2 1) Blue Ridge Bluebell, Linda Haines; 2) Trout Ranch Whimsey, Julia Latham; 3) South Ridge Thistlebit , Emily Belanger; 4) Durango's Irish Rose, Elizabeth Oellers, 5) 453Lally Move On, Jocelyn Van Bokkelen 6) Braemer Peace , Nicola O'Connell,

Trail Class ridden jr 1) Tricreek Greystone Brielle, Reno Halley; 2) MacBradaigh's Irish Whistle, Caitlyn Coryell

Trail Class ridden sr 1) Blue Ridge Bluebell , Linda Haines 2) Trout Ranch Whimsey, Julia Latham; 3) Durango's Irish Rose, Elizabeth Oellers; 4) Big Bears Silver Britches, Kristy Menner; 5) South Ridge Thistlebit , Emily Belanger; 6) Elderglen's Miss Kitty , Amy Treat;

Trail Class in hand ponies 3 and under: 1) DRF Lord Lotherian, Polly Schmid; 2) Brambleridge Pirouette, Jocelyn VanBokkelen ; 3) South Ridge Unique, Emily Belanger; 4) Balance Point Cedar, Addison Treat;

Trail Class in hand ponies over 3: 1) Lally Move On, Jocelyn VanBokkelen 2) Windy Hollow Bruno Beste

Crossrails Junior : 1) Cybatina Finn O'Cham, Charlotte Kivisto; 2) Maisie, Sharon Adams

Crossrails Senior 1) South Ridge Unique, Emily Belanger

2' Table II sec 1 1) Laddie, Levi Halley 2) Maisie, Sharon Adams 3) Cybatina Finn O'Cham, Corinne Kinson 4) Cybatina Torr, Sharon Adams,

2' Table II sec 2b 1) Maisie, Sharon Adams; 2) Cybatina Finn, Sharon Adams 3) Cybatina Torr , Kennedy Smith, 4) South Ridge Thistlebit , Emily Belanger, 5) Laddie, Levi Halley

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2'9" Table II sec 2b 1) Sweet Dreams of Color, Kinson 2) Be Our Guest, Treat 3) Trout Ranch Whimsey, Latham



Trout Ranch Whimsey with owner/rider Julia Latham, earned the Versatility Award and were Grand Champion Performance champions as well as part of the mother/daughter team of Sportsmanship Award winners. Elizabeth Oellers, with Durango's Irish Rose, shared the award with her daughter.

The 2022 recipients of the Region 1 Sportsmanship Award (fair and generous behavior or treatment of others) went to Elizabeth Oellers and Julia Latham was not thanks enough for me. I am unsure how I will ever be able to tell them how much their actions, friendship, and humor means to us.

When driving to the Region 1 Show, and you hear your husband, who is driving says "Explitive...NO Brakes!!!" We were driving on a beautiful day in July, in sweltering temperatures, 90 minutes from home. We were towing a large trailer, happily on our way to the annual show, driving down hill on a busy Route 91 in Vermont. Suddenly we had to brake hard and swerve to avoid a car hurtling off the on-ramp cannoning towards us at what must have been 100 MPH with Al Unser at the wheel! When I finally stopped screaming and realized we hadn't flipped over and the horses weren't dead or mangled, but in fact, everything was okay, we jumped from the truck to check our precious ponies and they really WERE none the worse. But, then the realization hit that something was flowing steadily from underneath the truck. What to do? First, call AAA, second call 911. Third call, the show grounds and tell them you're in trouble. The person in the GMHA



Macbradaigh's Irish Whistle spent the day helping the Silanpaa sisters have a great show experience, and she was awarded the Sainly Pony trophy for her efforts.



Trout Ranch Whimsey and Julia Latham in one of the many classes the pair entered and won. Whimsey is by Trout Ranch Malarkey out of Elphin Kookaburra.

office said they would send a message to the show secretary. Not five minutes later, my cell phone rang. "We're on our way, text precise location please."

Last year we had the most amazing time at our first visit to the Region I show, and one of the best things was the fantastic new friends we made, particularly our stable neighbors. Helpful, knowledgeable, kind, and best of all, great fun! So, when they offered to help us as we were stuck by the side of the road, we were in awe. We really hardly knew these people, but out they came, hitched up our trailer and took us off to the show grounds. But that's not all! For the duration of the show, they let us use their beautiful mega-expensive truck as if it were our own. It allowed us to drive to our hotel each night! Elizabeth and Julia gave their time and expertise to help in dealing with my ponies. Considering they were successfully competing in nearly every class themselves and coaching other competitors, their effort on our behalf were going above and beyond all expectations. Thank you to all who made our weekend so amazing. Alex and Mark Piaget



Alex and Mark Piaget

Our Way Forward

true tales of an adult amateur and her rather cheeky mare



By Christine Kelton

Assisted by Trout Ranch Polly Claire

(*Smaragaid Cliff x New Song's Autumn)

Episode 17 - More Than A Show

"There's not a word yet for old friends who've just met."

—Jim Henson

I was talking to a writer friend of mine the other day, watching the clock because I'd carved out that time to work on this article. He asked what it was about, and I explained that it was for the "Horse Show Issue," and that we'd just finished up the Region 1 show the previous weekend, but I didn't want to write about the show, exactly. It's the spirit of this show that I wanted to capture. Because this show, I'm sure like other Region shows, is more than a show - it's about people and connections, cooperation and kindness, and an unbound appreciation for our beloved Connemara ponies, all of which are so far above any show ring glory.

I'm supposed to be writing about Polly and what a blessed pain in the arse she can be. I have plenty of material for that. I'd debated bringing her to the show for several weeks because, honestly, with Polly, when there's a ring involved, I never know who's going to show up for the party. Whenever I think of showing Polly, what immediately comes to mind is the music and opening of that old ABC "Wide World of Sports" with those famous words... "the thrill of victory... and the agony of defeat" and the image of the skier doing a facer off the ski jump. Because I know exactly what I have - a fox hunter - not a reliably biddable show ring pony who is happy to do circles. Although I'll interject that she is more than capable, and so good when she thinks it's her idea.

I look at her and I shake my head and think, You look like my perfect dressage pony. I love your trot, even if it's not that easy to sit. I love your canter because it's big and so comfy. I love your smart brain, even if you use it against me at every opportunity.

Polly looks at me and shakes her head and thinks, You have the black saddle, so that means the dreaded sandbox. Put it away. Go get the brown saddle so we can gallop with our friends and jump over things.

I decided to bring her, but would wait to enter any under saddle classes until I could assess our mutual understanding. A couple days before the show, Amy Plavin asked if I wanted "a riding date with a young man" on Friday afternoon. Hmmm. Of course! A trail ride would be perfect. But who was this young man? Reno Halley,

he's 11 years old, and he rides "his mother's horse," half bred Tricreek Greystone Brielle. Friday afternoon came, and I walked over to his stall and introduced myself. I digress to say what a polite and engaging young man Reno is. No, his mom, Amy, wasn't there, but he assured me it was ok and she knew he was going riding with me. We got ready, and off we went, up the mountain.

If you haven't ridden with a very brave 11 year old who is a heck of a rider, you don't know what you're missing. Polly started out with her "I



mean business" walk - leading the way across the show grounds (I was so proud. She normally wants to follow!) We rode along the dirt path beside the Kedron Creek, and as we started up a trail, Polly dropped back to follow and Reno and Brielle led the way.

"Do you know these trails?" I asked Reno.

"Well, some," he answered.

"Then I guess if we're going up, that's away, and down, we're on our way back."

There's nothing like the hills in Vermont! And off we went, chatting about this and that. Polly decided immediately that Brielle was a perfectly acceptable trail partner, and the two mares were fantastic together.

At one point, Reno looked back and asked, "Do you want to go?" Was that a gleam in his eye? "YES!"

And off he shot on Brielle, who is half TB, like a rocket, straight up the trail. Polly was only too happy to join in, and we spent a lovely late afternoon both yahooing and relaxing on the mountain above GMHA. We discovered the sugar shack and even practiced galloping back and forth through the creek. Amy, I think you've lost your ride. Those two are really good together. Thanks for the fun ride, Reno!

Saturday, the first day of the show, was a hot one. I'd only entered in one class- ONE - Mares In Hand, ages 3-7. That's right - I drove five hours to Vermont to show in one in hand class. Why? Because last year I rode Polly in two dressage tests, and if you remember last year's article, that didn't work out so well for us. My game plan was to adopt a "wait and see" policy with my little thinker. You might be thinking, Oh, come on! It's an in hand class! OK. Fair enough.

But if Polly got it in her head to pull out all the stops, one class would be quite enough.

And also, to be honest, I was a bit nervous because Marynell Eyles was the judge. In fact, I'd never even had a conversation with her before this show. Our only interactions have ever been over Facebook Messenger. A couple years ago I sent her a message with the idea for this article about my cheeky little mare, and since then I message her asking for a couple more days past the 10th of the month deadline. All she knows of Polly is what I write. What if Polly didn't live up to her spicy literary reputation? What if she did?

Polly did not disappoint.

The first class, mares ages 3-7, was fine, but I could tell by her jaunty walk and set of her head that she was gearing up. Her energy level was starting to bubble, and I wasn't sure from which end it might seek release. She was rather fidgety at her halts, but she made a superb effort at the trot and really wanted to show off. I was so proud and delighted because she was back to her usual exuberant self. (Last year she stood sullenly with her ears back, obedient but without personality. The culprit - ulcers!) That earned us a trip back in the ring for the mare championship, and then another for the overall Champion Connemara In Hand.

In that last class, we were walking around the ring with all the other ponies, and Polly felt like she just wanted to go-go-go. The pot was on full boil, and I couldn't get to it in time to take the lid off. And so, this time when the judge asked us to trot, it wasn't just a walk down, turn, and then trot back. This time we had to trot down and around - turning away from the handler, to the rail- like a half circle away from the judge. Well, Polly's jet fuel spontaneously combusted and she was off. I now know what it feels like to fly an 850 lb kite. Here's my brag - that pony can TROT and she let it all out. I had the right rein in my hand, pulling, and my body pushing into her shoulder to make that turn. Tall boots were not made for mad sprints hanging onto a cheeky pony intent on showing off her moves, and I got the blisters to prove it!! All I could think was *WHERE IS THAT RAIL?* I was so proud of her, the devil. My eyes still well up when I think about it.

All pistons were firing, so I signed her up for a pleasure under saddle class. I had never ridden Polly in an under saddle class in a ring with other horses, so this was uncharted territory. She is quirky, and could very well stand there and watch everyone go around her. But she also hunts, and I was banking on her copying the other horses and not getting overwhelmed. She's a wonderful fox hunter - easy and eager. And yes, she did it. She was forward and oh, dare I say it, obedient. Her trot felt wonderful, and she even picked up the canter from the walk and got both leads! We placed 5th out of about 10 entries. I was incredibly proud of her for doing her job and holding it together for me. That was the consummate win in my mind. Mission complete - she was done for the show. On Sunday I read a bunch of dressage tests, we went for a trail ride, hung out in the creek with friends, and I helped out around the show. In the afternoon, Polly happily dozed in the barn.

It's taken a while, but it looks like seven is shaping up to be a good year for her.

Good things come to those who wait. Thank you, Best Friend.

As the show drew to a close on Sunday afternoon, we started the grind of mucking, packing, and loading all that gear. Well, I didn't.



Polly has a snooze.

I figured it was so hot and we had such a long way to go, I decided to stay over an extra night and ship home in the morning when it was cooler, after going for a final trail ride. Later that evening when I did a night check, I noticed that there was another pony still in Barn D - B.B. (Bantry Bay Erin), who belongs to Sue Perry, whom I had just met this year. There was no sign of Sue, but BB had hay and water, so I figured Sue must be around somewhere, and maybe had the same idea.

The next morning, I stepped out of the ranch house to dark skies, deep rumbles, and flashes of lightning. No trail ride. What bad luck! Sue was already at the barn packing up, and just as disappointed as I was because she also was hoping for that final ride. As a matter of fact, we got talking and she explained that she also has a long trip home and that she always stays over and goes on a trail ride on Monday morning. By this time the rain was coming down in buckets, and we were scrambling around emptying bedding and doing all those other chores. Luckily, the barns at GMHA have lovely overhangs so we could organize under a roof before dashing out into the deluge.

We finished all the schlepping, hefting, and hoisting around the same time, grabbed our ponies, and loaded them up between raindrops. Both walked on like old pros (thank you, Polly!) and off we went in separate directions, with a plan for maybe next year riding together on Monday morning.

It was great to meet you, Sue.

Thank you to the people who approached me to say how much you enjoy my Polly stories. It means a lot to me as it can feel



Packing up in the rain.

rather vulnerable to write about a pony who is so smart, who isn't always perfectly behaved, and who challenges me daily. Our victories most often happen at home or in the hunt field, relatively small and unnoticeable, but they are all the more meaningful and precious to me.

It was certainly an eventful weekend at the Region 1 show, and I hope everyone came away with many wonderful memories as well as new friends. Reno and Sue - pencil me in for next year!

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ACPS Annual Meeting Optional Field Trip

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\$80 includes Bus Tour, Boxed Lunch and Castle & Key Bourbon Tour and Tasting. Private farm tour of Coolmore America

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We will then travel to the grounds of the fabulously restored Castle and Key Distillery and enjoy box lunches on the grounds then a private tour of the following with bourbon tasting and or drinking and ending at the gift shop.

Depending on our schedule we may have time for a drive through Keeneland Racecourse. We'll return to the Hilton in time to welcome incoming ACPS members arriving for Friday's Committee Meetings and Educational Sessions.



RSVP Bonnie Reid 859-312-4971 Limited seating Book Early

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Upperville Colt & Horse Show

Upperville, VA

Purebred mares in-hand: 1. Thurman Discovery, Barbara Byrd;
2. Glendale's Run for the Roses, Gillian Clissold.

Purebred stallions/geldings in-hand: 1. Thurman Summer
Storm, Barbara Byrd

Halfbred Hunter u/s: 1. Oakfields Adele, Josie Galvin; 2.
Devine Dream, Avery McNeely; 3. Prize, Jennifer Daly, rider
Leah Hoffman.

Halfbred Hunter Hack: 1. Oakfields Adele; 2. Prize.

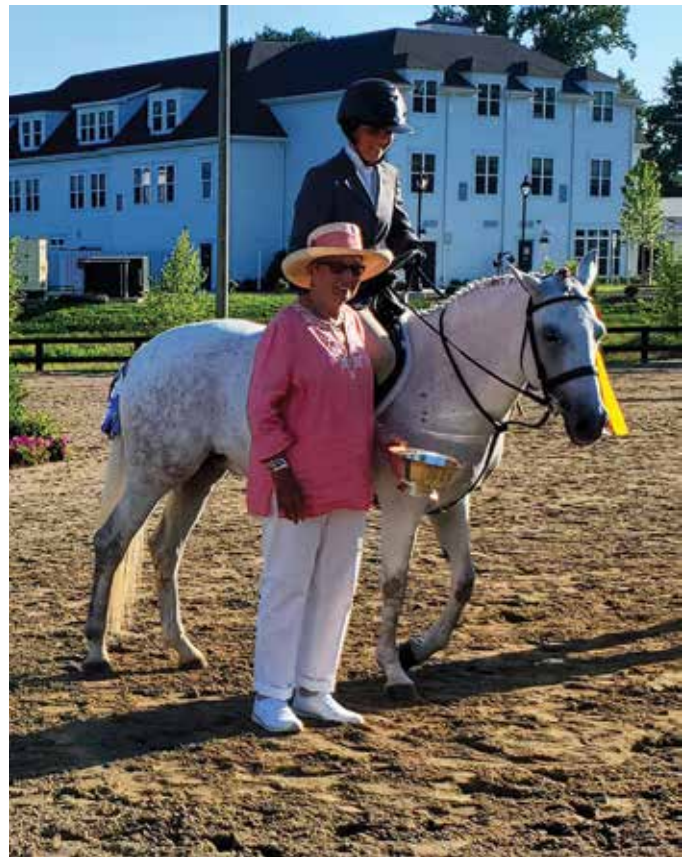
Halfbred O/F: 1. Prize; 2. Oakfields Adele.

Champion: Oakfields Adele, Josie Galvin.

**Watch for the Story and Results of
The West Coast Connemara Show
on these pages of the next issue.**



*Olympia, a foal bred and owned by Michelle Taylor, is by
Aluinn Bernie O'Brien out of RMF Lady Avoca.*



*Marilyn Cheek presented the Sycamore Ridge Farm Trophy to
the Champion of the performance division at the Warrenton
Pony Show. The winner was Oakfields Jansen, owned by
Alexandra Van Der Woude and ridden by Hilary Gerhardt..*

Warrenton Pony Show

Warrenton, VA

Purebred mares in-hand: 1. Glendale's Run for the Roses,
Gillian Clissold.

Purebred geldings in-hand: 1. *Belview Rocky, Jessica
Chappell (o), Beverly Allen (r); 2. *Storm Prince, Jessica
Chappell.

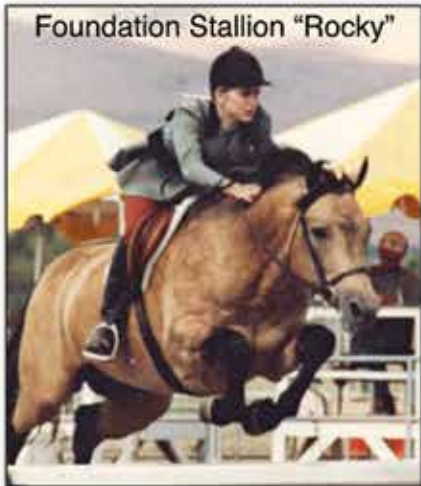
Combined Purebred/Halfbred under saddle: 1. Oakfields
Jansen, Hilary Gerhardt (o), Alexandra VanDerWoude
(r); 2. Oakfields Adele, Josie Galvin; 3. *Storm Prince,
Jessica Chappell; 4. *Belview Rocky, Beverly Allen (r); 5.
Glendale's Run for the Roses, Gillian Clissold.

Combined Purebred/Halfbred Hunter Over Fences: 1.
Oakfields Jansen; 2. *Storm Prince; 3. Oakfields Adele; 4.
*Belview Rocky.

Combined Purebred/Halfbred Hunter Hack: 1. Oakfields
Adele; 2. *Belview Rocky; 3. Oakfields Jansen; 4. *Storm
Prince.

Champion: Oakfields Jansen

Reserve: Oakfields Adele



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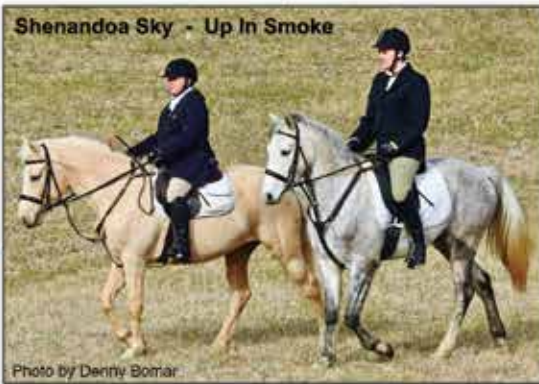
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Minnie



I have had a lot of experiences with my pony throughout this year. I have only been with her for nine months and eighteen days but it's been a fun journey. Minnie and I have over 150 hours. We received our United States Equestrian Federation pin and patches for riding and training plus going to horse shows. We completed 100 hours back in August. One of my favorite experiences with my Connemara pony was when we got to go to our first rated A show called Nilforushan Equisport Events and experience a higher level of competition. The show had a way bigger atmosphere than we have ever been to. Minnie took care of me as we went over every jump. We managed to get third and fourth. I am very proud of Minnie. Another fun adventure that me and my pony had was going to 3 out of 5 Norco Horse Show Series. We made a lot of new friends and I even got the nickname, Mr. Velcro. I got the nickname because Minnie took off to the exit, but I stayed in my saddle and brought her to a halt. Then I walked her back in and we finished the course. Minnie and I even won high point that day, in the English division for that series. It was an awesome day!

The fun won't stop there as Minnie and I will also be attending a dressage clinic with Lendon Gray in Redlands, Ca. We are excited to learn new dressage techniques and theories to help improve our riding. Then after that we will be going to the pony club super clinic the following weekend. Minnie and I will be participating in the D rated jumping clinic. I am super excited to be attending both clinics with Minnie. Minnie and I have been accomplishing so much and she has made it a very fun experience. None of this could have been possible without the hours of training she and I had put in everyday. Whether it's flat or ground work Minnie and I are working hard but are also having a blast!





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ACPS Region 9

Conformation Clinic June 4-5, 2022 Clinician: Sarah McRae Thrasher

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Planning Group: Tracy Garland, McKenzie Bomber, Shelley Feldner-Schuerman, Heide Andersen, Karlin Ekberg

HIGHLIGHTS

- 20 Participants, including 3 Youth Riders and 2 Region 10 representatives!
- 7 ponies
- Lecture and handouts: Conformation Fundamentals + Pedigree Studies
- Each pony's conformation assessed by Sarah; group Q & A
- Each rider received training recommendations based on pony's conformation
- Elk Haven Equestrian Center: centrally located, excellent stabling, arena and lecture settings
- Program fees plus ACPS-F and individual donations resulted in break-even for the event
- High praise for
 - Sarah: knowledgeable, approachable teacher
 - Excellent handout materials
 - Venue
 - Opportunity to socialize
- Learnings for the future!



Sarah Thrasher was the clinician for the Conformation Clinic in Region 9. She has been a part of the ACPS Inspection Committee as an Inspector. The photos show parts of the clinic that were dealing with learning about the conformation of each horse, and helping the owners determine what each horse might be best suited to do as a discipline. Using much information from Judy Wardrobe, (who has given many clinics to ACPS members and to Inspectors) the assessments are very valuable for knowing each animal's strong and weak points. (Top left) the importance of a free elbow and placement of the stifle joint are discussed. (Top middle) The Pillar of Support is one of Judy Warbroke's ways of finding horses that are either light in front or heavy. (Top right) Sarah explains the Point of the Hip and its relationship to the LS joint



(Left) Sarah Thrasher looks at the pony to get an overall impression of type and balance.

(Right) Tracy Garland, Region Governor of Region 9, organized the Conformation Clinic. She is shown with her Connemara.



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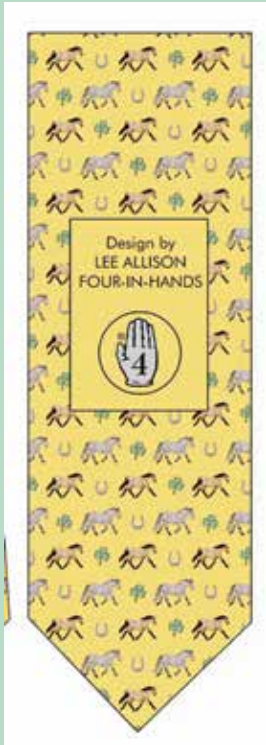
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Sept. 2 - 4, 2022 - Region III - Annual Show, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

Sept. 24-25, 2022 - Region V - Clinic, see page 25.

Sept. 24-25, 2022 - Region IV Show, Foxboro Farm, Thomson, GA. See page 19.

Oct. 19 - 23, 2022 - ACPS Annual Meeting - Lexington, Kentucky. See Pages 14 & 15 of this issue for information.

Please send your clinic, show, special events, and meeting dates to americanconnemara@gmail.com

Working Equitation Champion

Barbara Williams of Maryland and her gelding Aluinn Wyatt (H.K.'s Danny Boy x Aladdin's Star Song) were overall champions of the New England Working Equitation Competition. They were the high score amateurs of the entire show.



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