

American Connemara Pony Society

Region VIII ~ Newsletter



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Hi everyone,

Happy Spring! So looking forward to better riding weather and fun events. Looks like our youth rider, Bidget Kelly and her pony Chai are already for a busy show season.

Don't forget to renew your 2024 membership to start keeping track of all those Fun With Pony hours and other achievement program requirements.

This is your newsletter so if there is something you'd like to see, just let me know. I know folks are doing fun stuff with their ponies. I really need help with information and PICTURES!!! It would be great if folks would send in some photos and information on events and things they are doing. Thank-you to those who have been sending stuff for the newsletter and for all your future help and support. Have a fun and safe Spring as you prepare for all those great 2024 pony adventures! *Susan*



Information for the next newsletter is due June 15th

Need help from the ACPS Office? Their new phone number is 540-430-3745. Please leave a message or send a text. The preferred method of contacting ACPS is by email at americanconnemara@gmail.com.

Colorado Meet & Greet: Hay, let's get together! If you're interested in meeting and socializing with other ACPS members, send me, Karen Laden, an email to Karen@kingswellconnemaras.com We will work out a date and location based on those who respond. To keep things simple, bring your pony photos, but leave your beloved Connemara at home. Do you have friends who own or ride Connemaras but

aren't ACPS members? Please invite them, too! The more Connemara lovers, the merrier!!!

Region VIII State Representatives: With such a big region, covering from Mexico to Canada, the suggestion was to have Region VIII State Reps. Not sure what this would involve, but it might be a fun way to get folks together and meet other Connemara folks in your state. If you would be interested in something like this, please contact me. This wouldn't mean you have to put on shows or events, just be a more local resource for folks.



2023 ACPS Region VIII Achievement Award Winners

Dressage Award of Excellence –

Windover Tarragon (Irish Parks Caraway Finn x Dee Poco Princess) O: Bridget Kelly
Talamah Bound (*Smaragaid Cliff x Tartan) O: Tammy Lis

In-Hand Certificate –

Irish Gate's Scarlet Fire (JEF Sir Lancelot x Legacy's Charming Jasmine) O: Karen Laden

Bijou's Prima Valentina (*Smaragaid Cliff x Bijou Noir) O: Sarah Arnold

Fun With Pony Silver -

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



Junior member news Our Region VIII youth members rock!!!

Congragulation to our junior rider, Bridget Kelly and her halfbred pony, Windover Tarragon (Irish Parks Caraway Finn x Dee Poco Princess) aka Chai, for their successful year and earning the following awards: USEF Horse of the year- 2023: Halfbred dressage 7th overall and 5th for the Seldom Seen Award (purebred or Halfbred Junior Dressage.

In the United States Dressage Federation Connemara All breeds awards, the pair were awarded: Junior/Young Rider, Second Level with a 60.834 and for Second Level, Open, they placed second. For 2024, the pair's goals are to compete in FEI events in the coming year.

ACPS Merchandise: Did you know you can purchase some really neat ACPS logo stuff at the Region III Connemara Boutique on Facebook. To place an order, please message their page. They will ship outside of the USA! Chestnut Bay Performance Rider SkyCool Shirt.

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Dimensions: 17.75"h x 22.75"w (top), 16.25"w (bottom) x 7.375"d; Approx. 2,127 cubic inches

Exciting news for our Region Dressage Riders

Christy and Mike Taylor of C&M Farm in Pocatello, ID are very active in the Idaho dressage scene and have added Connemara awards to their Breed High Point Ribbon program. This is very exciting for our Region VIII. As far as I know, there have been very few if any Connemara breed awards presented at events in our Region. There are certain requirements to earn the award at a given show, including both pony and owner/rider being an ACPS member. The ribbons will be for each show. All these shows are USEF/USDF Recognized Dressage Shows. C&M Farm will host shows in June, July

and August. Mike is also doing 2 shows in Eagle, Idaho June 2nd and August 4th. Saturday is a schooling show and Sunday is the recognized show. The June show is at Spur Wing and the August show is at Once Upon a Horse. Dates for these shows are listed below in the Calendar section and more information can be obtained by contacting Mike by email at idahodressage@gmail.com



ACPS Region 10 to host 2024 West Coast Connemara Show

Entries are officially open for this show. The show will be held at the beautiful Paso Robles Horse Park, June 21-23, 2024. Wayne Quarles will be judging the dressage, breed and performance classes! Please make your hotel reservations early, as the Paso Robles area is very busy that time of year. (Details on our preferred rate hotels can be found on page 2 of the prize list.) Entries will close on June 1, 2024. Come join the fun! Prize List and complete details can be found at <https://westcoastconnemara.com/its-showtime-wccs/>

ACPS Webpage: Be sure to check out the ACPS website www.acps.org, it has a lot of useful information including a membership Directory. To log into the website the User Name is `acpsmember` and the Password is `ACPSride4fun`.

The new year is here, don't forget to renew your membership. You need to be a current member for all awards or credit toward any of the achievement award programs. Categories for achievement awards are: Competitive- In-hand, driving, eventing, competitive trail/endurance (miles) dressage, hunter, jumper, Western and Working Equitation (WE). Non-competitive awards are for: Fox Hunter, Pony Club, 4-H, Working Ranch Horse, Therapeutic Riding/driving and Fun With Pony.



It is membership renewal time! Go to ACPS.org and renew today!

CALENDAR:

June 2- Dressage show is at Spur Wing in Eagle, ID.

June 15 - Newsletter information due

June 21- 23 – ACPS Region 10 West Coast Connemara Show Paso Robles, CA

June 22-24 Dressage show at C&M Farm in Pocatello, ID.

July 1 – Summer newsletter out

July 17 – 21 – The Event – Rebecca Farms, Kalispell, MT

July 27 – 29 - Dressage show at C&M Farm in Pocatello, ID.

August 4- Dressage show is at Once Upon a Horse in Eagle, ID.

August 17-18- Dressage show at C&M Farm in Pocatello, ID.

Sept. 15 - Newsletter information due

Oct. 1 – Fall newsletter out

Oct. - 17 – 2024 ACPS Annual Meeting at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL

Dec. 15 - Newsletter information due

Any other folks doing trail clinics, challenges or events? Would love to see photos from your events or if you know of any events happening in the Region VIII area, I'd be glad to put them on the calendar.

Region VIII Breeders

Big Sky Connemaras is a breeding program for Connemara Ponies in Choteau, Montana. Check out their fb page at Big Sky Connemaras



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Region VIII Representatives:

Susan McLaughlin from Colorado is the Region VIII Governor.

Karen Laden from Colorado, is the achievement awards points secretary & Board of Governors - Governors-At-Large

Chris Knox from Chesterfield, ID is on the USEF Connemara Committee & Breeders