September/October 2019 #4

Happy Fall! Hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to cooler weather and fun filled adventures. Around the region the county fairs have just finished, the kids are headed back to school, there's a crispness in the air and Pumpkin Spice everything are appearing on the store shelves. Time to start getting hay in the barn and checking out pony Halloween costume ideas. Would love to see photos of your pony's costumes for the next issue. You can also post them on the Region VIII facebook page.

This is your newsletter so if there is something you'd like to see, just let me know. I know there's lots of folks doing stuff with their ponies. I really need the help with information and PICTURES!!! The next deadline for newsletter information is October 18th.

Don't forget the public facebook page which can be found at: American Connemara Pony Society - Region 8. With everyone's help, we can make this happen. Thanks for all your future help and support. Have a great Fall enjoy the cooler days and stay safe, Susan.

Region VIII youth rider shines at National Pony Finals: A big congratulations to Ryder Richardson and his pony, RR Cool Play, aka Becks, of Colorado. The duo were part of a four member team that placed third, earning bronze medals, in the 2019 U.S. Pony Jumper National Championships - Team Championship. Ryder and Becks were featured in the last newsletter and he told about his dream to go to the National Pony Finals at the Kentucky Horse Park. The pair qualified by earning points in the 1.05 meter Low Children's jumper division at the “Spring in the Rockies” show. According to the USEF webpage, “the USEF Pony Finals is the most prestigious and celebrated event of its kind in the United States. The Regular Hunter Pony and Green Hunter Pony Finals are a three phase competition judging the pony’s conformation, way of moving and jumping ability. The Marshall & Sterling/USEF Pony Medal Final tests young riders, judging their ability to compete over a technical and demanding course of fences. The USEF Pony Jumper Championship was designed as a stepping stone for junior riders who desire to move into the Grand Prix ring one day.”

From a statement from Ryder's facebook page, he stated, “In Kentucky we helped our team win the
Bronze Team Championship. It was so cool because Becks and I had only jumped two 1.10 classes before attempting it at the Finals. He had never shown in an indoor or gone out of town to show. He really stepped up and was amazing. He was so brave and I really couldn’t have dreamt up a better partner. My pony was MAGNIFICENT. He is such a rock star. The amount of heart and bravery that he shared with me was insane. My pony was definitely in it to win it. We had two amazing clear rounds and one round with two rider rails (whoops) to help our team win the Bronze Overall. It was the coolest feeling in the whole world to stand up on that podium. I was so proud of my team and my pony. The next day we were on fire, unfortunately, Becks was a little nervous about the gray brick oxer and I didn’t support him enough. We had a refusal and everything kind of went south. I was a little flustered so I went the longest way around to get back to the jump and incurred lots of time faults. He flew over it and we had a two rider error rails. I felt so bad for letting my pony down, he tried his heart out for me.” I just love this statement from Ryder and it's great to hear this kind of horsemanship. Ryder has also nominated his pony for the ACPS Half-Bred Pony of the Year award. You can watch a video of him and Becks at the link below. Congratulations to this outstanding team!

You can watch a video of this pair at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSf3g3WFIY0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3WgOXd05KlbCO6ETjmH1tDnNhF_wUjI1XcwZDjpYGynR-eUwn8NIjmQlg
Congratulations to Connemara riders at Rebecca Farm event: Region VIII member, Katy Hood, of Bozeman, MT and her pony, Padric, competed in the Novice 3-Day division at The Event at Rebecca Farm in Kalispell, MT, July 22nd – 25th. They also rode with the “ Beauties in Best Mode” team. The team came in 2nd place. Also on the team was youth rider, Elizabeth Hughes, riding her Connemara pony, Tullymor’s Mountain Night. Knighty placed 5th overall in Novice 3-Day. There were 27 competitors in that division. Elizabeth and Knighty are from California.

Flying Colors Mini Event in Missoula, MT - Is anyone going to the mini-event in Missoula, MT September 28th? I’m planning to be there on Saturday would love to meet up with you. Please let me know by e-mail if you're going. misfitfarms@centurylink.net

ACPS Merchandise: Did you know you can purchase some really neat ACPS logo stuff at the Region III Connemara Boutique on Facebook. They have lots of neat clothes, saddle pads, fly veils and much more featuring the “Connemaras “Do It All” logo. Remember, Christmas is coming. Lots of great gift ideas.

Awards: Have any of our Region VII members won any ACPS awards or medals? What about any awards or special recognition in open events. Maybe your pony won its first ribbon at a local show. We’d love to hear about any and all your successes. ACPS offers a variety of Achievement awards for various competitive and non-competitive endeavors. Learn more at the acps.org website. Don't forget to send in your paperwork for the various ACPS awards, they need to be in by the end of the year. Check out the ACPS web page for award information and forms. Remember that Achievement Awards forms must be signed by the show secretary at every competition, or a signed dressage test will
do. If the scores are published somewhere they can be printed/copied and attached and sent with the application. Points must be submitted by December 31 of the year they were earned.

**Congratulations to new owner:** Also received from Karen Laden and Lee Thomas. “Good news, New Song’s Freedom, was sold to a wonderful Colorado, 11-year-old girl, who events. We hope she will be happily winning ribbons at events next year. I did give her and her mother a couple copies of the Connemara magazine, with information about membership and the awards program marked, so hopefully she will join up.”

**Looking for information:** Does anyone know or have contact information on Vicki A. Byrne of Colorado Springs, CO or John A.F. Wendt of Austin, CO. Both are in Region 8 and are listed as life members. It would be great if we could contact them.

**Connemara enthusiast and world-renowned sculptress returns to Region VIII:** In a note from Karen Laden, she stated that, “Jean Clagett, the sculptor whose work is on the cover of the July/August 2019 mare and foal issue of the ACPS magazine, has moved back to Colorado. Jean has owned Connemaras in the past (one is currently doing very well in the East) and she hopes to again. She does custom sculptures in clay or bronze as well as paintings in oil, pastels or watercolor. Jean's pieces include a wide selections of equines in various events from jumping to fox hunting, polo, racing and eventing. Her life sized sculptures can be seen at various locations around the world, including her life-sized bronze of Bruce Davidson, riding Eagle Lion, which is the center piece at the Rolex Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park. The above photo is of Jean and some of her sculptures at the recent Longhorn Sale in CO. She has artwork for sale and will do all types of commissioned sculptures.

.  **Information for the next newsletter is due October 18**
CALENDAR:
September 25 - Registration deadline for Equine First Aid courses in Salmon, ID.
September 28 – Flying Colors Mini-event - Big Sky Horse Park - Missoula, MT
October 3-6 - ACPS Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA
October 5- Equine Health & Emergency First Aid Course – in Salmon, ID (see story)
October 6- Advanced Emergency First Aid Course in Salmon, ID.
December 31- All signed ACPS awards forms are due.

Big Sky Horse Park: Located in Missoula, MT this park hosts a variety of events for English and Western riders. www.bigskyhorsepark.org

CLASSIFIED ADS:
Pony Wanted: I am looking for a 14.3 that tracks up at the walk and is safe. I can train some but prefer not to be pushed around by poor ground manners. I appreciate straight legs and must have good hooves. Over three years old is the only age requirement. Contact Kathy Johnson in Coeur d'Alene, ID at trailwagon@gmail.com.

Equine Health/Emergency First Aid & Advanced First Aid Course Hosted by Big Sky Equine First Aid Courses

October 5, 2019 9AM-4PM
Hosted By Whitewater Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Association
and Misfit Farm in Salmon, Idaho
Equine Health & Emergency First Aid Course - Our most comprehensive course, and pre-requisite to Advanced Emergency First Aid. Join us for a one day course covering: what your vet needs to know in an emergency, conditioning a horse to accept treatment, taking vital signs, dealing with lacerations, punctures, colic, choke, casting, shock, hoof issues, and recognizing pain in your horse. Cost: $159

October 6, 2019 9AM-4PM
Advanced Emergency First Aid
Be prepared to react in extreme situations. Covering lacerations, burns, fractures, to sucking chest wounds, this course prepares the student to handle the most serious injuries while waiting for the vet. We will also cover horse assessment, conformation, and conditioning for activities. Cost: $159
Take BOTH courses for a package deal of $295 ($23 savings)
Sign up on our website, www.bigskyequinefirstaid.com

Registration deadline September 25th.
A Champion Stallion from Champion European Lines successfully passing it on

*Smaragaid Cliff

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

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

The Proof is in his Progeny
Karen Laden

http://www.kingswellconnemaras.com/
Visit Cliff on Facebook at Kingswell Connemaras

719-495-3892