

American Connemara Pony Society

Region VIII ~ Newsletter



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*photo: Carol Anderson and VSH Devine
Alexandra of Salmon, ID*

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Pumpkin spice items are starting to appear in the stores, the leaves are changing and I saw my first Christmas commercial on tv. Wow, where has this strange year gone! Can't believe Fall is right around the corner.

With all that's been going on, a lot of our regular equine activities have been canceled or modified for the year. But our ACPS leadership has taken this time to come up with new and exciting things. Please check out the various notices for the different folks. They have been working hard and can use our input.

I've noticed that a number of folks have tried participating in on-line events. I'm not savvy enough to figure that out but many folks have been doing it and are having a lot of fun with it. Have any of you tried it? What do you think of it?

It's been pretty quite around here but I was able to attend two Working Equitation (WE) clinics and had a blast. It's always fun learning new things. Hopefully I will get to show my pony at the WE show in Missoula MT in a few weeks. While there it would be fun to have a Meet & Greet (M&G) event at the Big Sky Horse Park in Missoula, during the show on September 11-13. If you are interested in this, please let me know so we can set up a time to meet. If you're in the area that weekend please drop by and say "hi". Call me at 208-940-1186.

Check out our public Facebook page which can be found at: American Connemara Pony Society - Region 8 that everyone can post to. It currently has 274 followers. Not bad considering there are about 16 Region VIII members. So it's a good place to promote our ponies.

Don't forget to send information for the "Meet the Members" blurb. I need folks to send a photo and a short paragraph about themselves. Also need folks to let me know who's doing what. Foal photos are fun, too. What about ways to promote our ponies or a



barn tip? Anyone attending a clinic with their pony?

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!!! The next deadline for newsletter information is October 15<sup>th</sup> Thank-you to those who have been sending stuff for the newsletter and for all your future help and support. *Susan*

**ACPS Educational ZOOM meeting in the works:**

Received this from our ACPS President, Catherine Blackmon. Not sure what it's all about but it sounds interesting. "We are in the midst of planning an educational Zoom meeting for all the membership. More information will be forthcoming as the details are nailed down. We do have the date of September 26th probably 4 or 5pm EST.

**2020 -2023 ACPS Board of Governors Proxy: Members should have received an e-mail with a link to this survey**

The year 2020 is one to remember. Please complete this survey/proxy and vote for 6 of the nominees. The ACPS will conduct a ZOOM virtual meeting instead of our canceled annual meeting which was planned for Lexington, KY. The results from this proxy vote will determine who the new members of the Board of Governors, at large, will be.

**Please complete the voting by Sept. 15, 2020.** Thank you for taking the few minutes of your day to complete this proxy vote, and we hope to meet again in person in Lexington, KY, same time/same place, in 2021. A big thank you to everyone that has been involved with this process.

**Meet our members:** Junior member, Bridget Kelly, rides at Mescalero Farms in Roswell, New Mexico. They are looking forward to the day Bridget and Chai can go to an eventing horse trial! In the meantime, practice practice practice. Here are the two of them "getting on the bit" during a recent practice at their farm in New Mexico. Chai (show name "Windover Tarragon") is a halfbred Connemara/QH cross, bred by Sally Oxnard in 2009. Bridget is 11, soon to be 12.



**Calling all ACPS Juniors-** check out the new ACPS junior run Instagram @acpsjuniors! Tag your photos (with pony's breeding) for shares. This was posted on facebook and all the information I have on it right now.

**Awards update from the website:** It has been decided that the 2020 ACPS Hall of Fame Awards will not be awarded in 2020. The Awards will resume in 2021 with great enthusiasm and expectation. Please familiarize yourself with the Hall of Fame,

Connemara of the Year, Halfbred Connemara of the Year award criteria and nomination process. You can also review past winners of each award. It would be wonderful to have many ponies nominated for the 2021 award year and make next year's Annual Meeting and Awards gala the BEST ever.

### **GREETINGS Members of Region 1-10 ACPS!**

Just recently I accepted the Co-Chair position of the ACPS Public Relations Committee. I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and hope that I will be able to assist in helping your region chair with membership and opportunities for more gatherings and sharing info about our wonderful ponies.

I live in Lexington, VA and breed half bred Connemara ponies. I have one pure bred Connemara yearling colt and after 40 years an educator I get to play with my horses and ponies all day. I have 2 yearlings, 2 new foals and have 3 bred for next year. My emphasis is on performance but as we all know these ponies can do it all.



There are several new and exciting things going on:

- a. A new re-structured website that will have easy access and will be laid out with professional accuracy and information. It is well underway but as you can imagine will take some time to complete.
- b. An Interactive Breeders' map located on the new website. On a US map there will be icons that identify breeders of Connemara ponies and an additional link that will provide farm names and address location.
- c. Soon to be released is an incredible video created for Breyerfest that showcases our incredible breed and will bring tears to your eyes.

I am hoping that you will share some things about yourselves and I look forward to working with your region chair in addressing your challenges. I know you are widely spread out but there are new ways to communicate that don't cost a dime. Last but not least please renew your membership or become a new member. Feel free to send photos and articles about your ponies and suggestions are always welcome. I will stay in touch by submitting a monthly insert in your newsletters. I'm hoping you will submit pictures of yourself and your ponies and riders.

Thank you,

Donna Power, Two Left Hands Farm, Lexington, VA

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*Photo from Donna is of a Month old chestnut filly by Ridgetop's Kilfenora Windy Isles out of an Irish Sport Horse.*

**Did you know?** Tommy Wade's 15 hand Connemara gelding Dundrum became Supreme Champion at the Wembley Horse of the Year Show when he set a record by

clearing a 7'2" puissance wall. In 1961 he was regarded as show jumper of the century when he won five major events at the Dublin Horse Show, the first time in history that so many awards were won by the same rider, and he did it with the same horse! He was International Jumping Champion from 1959 – 1963.

**Congratulations Ryder!!!** Congratulations to our Region VIII youth member, Ryder Richardson from Colorado. Ryder was recently featured in an article in the prestigious *Chronicle of the Horse* magazine. The article, written by Martha Drum, is titled, "From the Capitol Steps to Counting His Strides, Ryder Richardson is Going Places." You can find the article at this link or on the ACPS website.

<https://www.chronofhorse.com/article/from-the-capitol-steps-to-counting-his-strides-ryder-richardson-is-going-places>



**ACPS Merchandise:** Christmas will be here before you know it. 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. They also have 3" and 5" embroidered patches that are perfect for saddle pads, vests and tack bags. Loving this Moisture Wicking, Mesh Vented Sun Shirt with the ACPS Logo in Matching Merlot & Gold \$44.95 Plus Shipping. Sizes Available: 1-Small, 2-Medium, 4-Large, 2-XLarge, 1-2XLarge (This is a performance material, If you prefer your shirts loose, go up a size)

**Utah Members:** Celeste Rosquist has offered to try and see if she can get something together for a meet and greet in Utah. Thanks Celeste, that's great. Please contact Celeste at (801) 573-7452 or e-mail her at [c.rosquist@msn.com](mailto:c.rosquist@msn.com)

**Exciting website news from Deb Norman:** As many of you may already know, we are redesigning our ACPS website. One of the most exciting new additions is an interactive map featuring Connemara breeders and Stallion owners across the United States. If you are an ACPS member, breeder or stallion owner and would like to include your information on this map, please include the following information so that we can construct this interactive map.

1. Farm Name

2. Contact Person's Name
3. Telephone numbers
4. Email address
5. Website
6. Stallion name/s if you stand a stallion.

This map will make it possible for anyone who visits our new website to locate your farm's contact information. It will direct them to your website to see your stallions and sale ponies. We expect this map to generate a lot of traffic so we recommend that you keep your website current. It will allow breeders and buyers to contact you directly about your stallions and sale ponies.

Please reply to [debnorman@mindspring.com](mailto:debnorman@mindspring.com) with the above information and let our new website put your farm on The Map!

**ACPS Webpage: Be sure to check out the ACPS website [www.acps.org](http://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 ride4fun. They have been working hard to up date the website with lots of new information.**

**Update from Jean Clagett:** I talked to Bridget Strang from Carbondale, CO and next Spring I will do a cold cast (not in bronze) of my Connamara pony and girl, called 'and so it begins.....' along with a companion Aussie to display in a natural setting near their arena. Down the valley from Aspen and home to the Roaring Fork Pony Club, this is a perfect location for the sculpture. Also the Pony Club will receive a commission on any sales that come from it.



I am also finishing up some paintings for an exhibition set for the Colorado Horse Park mid September. Another special piece I am working on is Save the Cowboy, to be cast in resin and bronze. Also another piece will be a special trophy for the USHJA give in memory of my trainer who died of lung cancer many years ago. Here is a picture of the 'Dina Happy Junior Achievement Award'.

I have also submitted my work for the Cody, WY juried show. That will give me an excuse to visit Yellowstone again!

You can contact Jean at [jean@atelierwest.com](mailto:jean@atelierwest.com) my phone is 720-589-2976

## Information for the next newsletter is due Oct. 15th

### CALENDAR:

Sept 12 -13 – Working Equitation show - Big Sky Horse Park Missoula, MT

Sept 26 - ACPS Educational ZOOM meeting probably 4 or 5pm EST.

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Oct. 15 – Newsletter deadline

Dec. 31 -Achievement Award reports due

Dec. 31 -Time to renew your memberships

**Sept 23-26, 2021 – ACPS Annual Meeting**

**Big Sky Horse Park:** Located in Missoula, MT this park hosts a variety of events for English and Western riders. [www.bigskyhorsepark.org](http://www.bigskyhorsepark.org)

**Canceled!** The ACPS Annual Meeting slated for September 24-27th 2020 has been canceled. Regretfully, but for the safety of our members, the ACPS has decided to **postpone the Annual Meeting. The new dates are September 23-26, 2021.** Please make a note of the change. The meeting will be better than ever in Lexington, KY! The BOG will still meet via a virtual call so that the business of the ACPS can continue smoothly. Details will be forthcoming.

To encourage everyone to send in something for the newsletter, the names of those contributing something will be put in for a drawing for a small gift.

*This month's newsletter contributor winner is Bridget Kelly. Her gift is a small pink tote bag, lip gloss and a note pad and pen all with the ACPS logo. Congratulations Bridget! Thanks for contributing to the newsletter.*



### Region VIII Representatives:

Susan McLaughlin from Colorado is the Region VIII Governor.

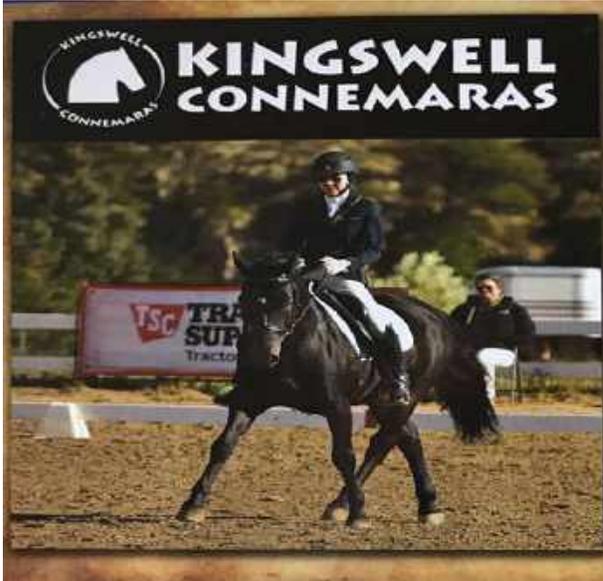
Karen Laden from Colorado, is the achievement awards points secretary & Board of Governors - Governors-At-Large

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

Susan Dudasik, from Salmon, Idaho is the newsletter editor and new Region VIII Chair

## Region VIII Breeders:

Jarre Creek Connemaras located in Sedalia, CO. Stallion: Finn's Irish Creame approved stallion HWSD = negative sire: Grange Finn Sparrow Dam: Matilda Mare Inland Lily HWSD= negative sire: Wildwych Thunder Snow Dam: Wildwych O'Farrell For information contact Kaye Hurley Lefkowitz at 303-619-0433 email: [grniedldy@gmail.com](mailto:grniedldy@gmail.com)



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