## **2004 News**

Bridget Wingate was able to attend the January ACPS meeting in Los Angeles and was kind enough to forward the following report: <u>Los Angeles ACPS Meeting</u>.



A huge congratulations to Melanie White. Her lovely mare, Hillside Sassafras won the top BC open 3'6" jumpers for 2003. She's an 8 year old Alladin mare.

Inspection sites must nominate a minimum of 10 ponies. Please contact Laura Balding, ACPS Inspection Chair or Liz Platais Inspections, Operations Chair if you are interested in having your pony inspected. You may also contact your Region Chair, Susan MacDougall. Contacts for Laura Balding and Liz Platais are on the ACPS website: <a href="mailto:American Connemara Pony Society">American Connemara Pony Society</a> Region 11 Chair, Susan MacDougall: <a href="mailto:susanmac@intergate.ca">susanmac@intergate.ca</a>

Team Connemara named Reserve Champions at the Battle of the Breeds



The team consisted of Hillside Sassafras and Brian Morton of Vancouver, BC, Eden's Winston and Tracy Dopko of Stony Plain, AB, Traa Di Lioor Mick and Emily Cena of Westlock, AB, Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan and Chelsea McNeil of Langley, BC and Team Captain Brian Donegan of Drogheda Farm. A special thanks goes out to Melanie White for bringing her two lovely Connemaras all the way from BC.

Team Connemara gave the defending Champions, Team Appaloosa, a run for their money this year. In the end, we missed the Championship by only two points, leaving the 3rd place Team Quarter Horse eating our dust twelve points back!! Eleven teams competed in all. We had two of the top six fastest Barrel Racing times, two of the top six fastest Driving time (Emily was #1), two perfect scores in Jumping and the top two scores in Compulsory Skills. On top of that, both of our jumping horses and trail horses were able to successfully complete their bonus obstacles!!

- 1st Compulsory Skills (Brian & Chelsea)
- 4th Precision Driving (Emly & Tracy)
- 3rd Barrel Racing (Brian & Emily)
- 3rd Trail (Emily & Tracy)
- 1st Jeopardy Jumping (Brian & Chelsea)

TELUS Battle of the Breeds 2004 Overall Standings							
Team	Class 750 Comp. Skills	Class 751 Driving	Class 752 Jumping	Class 753 Trail	Class 754 Barrels	Final Total	Final Placing
Appaloosa	8	10	8	10	6	42	1
Connemara	10	6	7	7	10	40	2
<b>Quarter Horse</b>	7	2	10	5	4	28	3
Saddlebred	2	7	2	8	7	26	4
Thoroughbred	4	2	6	2	8	22	5
Mule	6	4	5	4	2	21	6
Morgan	2	8	2	6	2	20	7
Welsh	2	5	2	2	5	16	8
Paint	5	2	4	2	2	15	9
Canadian	2	2	2	2	2	10	10

