

The Canadian Connemara

Val Everson Classifieds continued...

3 Celtic Tamara, rising 1, June 4 2007, will stay pony Dam: Celtic O'Mira Sire: Maplehurst Michael MacDaire. Extremely attractive and correct purebred bay filly, she is going to be a real "looker" when she grows up! She has very interesting grey-lines with the stallions Grey-stone Tiger O'Toole, Lasrachai and Thunderbolt on her dams side and Maplehurst Michael MacDaire as her sire, he has a proven competition record and talent to spare. This filly is handled daily, halter trained, leads and has had her feet done. She is very bright and inquisitive and will definitely stay pony size

#4 : R.H. Silken, rising 1, June 11 2007,should mature 15.2 or 15.3 Dam: Brava Maria (Tb) Sire: Celtic Fanfare Beautiful bay 1/2 Tb/ connemara filly with lovely movement, this filly is very elegant looking and has a very feminine face. She has an extremely free shoulder and nice forward movement. She is super quiet and personable. Her sire Celtic Fanfare is by I.H. Finnvarra out of Celtic Joy Chelsea (Lasrachai). The temperament of these great connemara's has definitely been passed on to this filly.

Centuryhill Connemaras—Rick & Dale Doner

The excitement started in Clifden, August 16 2006 when Pat Lyne showed Dale a picture of Hazy Merlin in her latest release, "As I See It". This was the stallion she(therefore we) had been waiting for! Pat directed us to Kippure Stud south of Dublin where we spent 2 memorable days with Micheal & Orla Igoe and found an outstanding yearling son of Merlin who was allowed to come to Canada!



Kippure Cara has a real sense of fun, is very intelligent, loves to learn and work, and possesses the strong pony type, loads of bone and powerful

correct movement that will compliment our mares. We plan to breed him to our mares this spring, teach him to draw for AI, train him in harness, start him under saddle and just enjoy him.

Our herd has expanded to 2 senior mares(Annie & Eastie), 2 daughters of Eastie (Rea & Bobby) a mini donkey called Shrek and Cara. Annie's chestnut colt (Quinn) by Maplehurst Michael MacDaire, born last June is for sale and has a quiet trainable attitude with great power and movement. Many breeders comment that he's a tremendous stallion prospect so we anticipate him finding a great home.

This spring we eagerly anticipate Eastie's foal by Wildwych Eclipse (owned by Lisa Martin-Redbud Ranch). With Rea off to start her dressage career, two kids graduating from university and our youngest getting married here at home this summer promises to be action packed.

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Century Hill's Micheal Quinn At 3 months

I hope you have enjoyed this first publication of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society. Thanks to all who contributed ! Please contact me for any newsletter issues.

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We are currently taking tenders for the CCPS webmaster position. Please contact Susan MacDougall for information susanmac@uniserve.com

Keep checking for the CCPS website update this spring!

canadianconnemara.org

Attention Stallion owners

The Board has decided that we are going to ask stallion owners to fill in a report of all their stallion's breedings for that year. CLRC has a stallion report form that is available from their website, but this year to introduce this program all stallion owners will receive a copy from CLRC. We decided not to make this program mandatory as we did not want to penalize mare owners if any stallion owners do not comply. We felt that stallion reports provide back-up information for registrations as well as providing data on number of breedings per stallion per year.

I am collecting the names of all stallions standing in Canada and their owner's name, address, contact info and CLRC will send out a report form and covering letter this year to get the system started. Could you please send to me the information on your stallion including registration number or of any other stallions you know of whose owners may not be receiving or checking emails - between us we should be able to make a comprehensive list. Thanks...

Heather Sherratt elphin@superaje.com

Membership info was included with this newsletter separately. Prices are very reasonable and members save lots on advertising as well! We encourage you to join and get involved in this growing Society.

The next newsletter will be sent out this summer with specific information on the fall AGM of the CCPS. We want your farm news and pics with updates or your Connemara activities and foal announcements so start sending your info to doner@on.aibn.com (see separate sheet for details)

Canadian Connemara Clothing!

The CCPS is hoping to further promote itself and our wonderful breed with some great new items of clothing. We have three clothing choices, and hope that you will consider placing orders for some of the following.

1) "Jericho" Canadian made 20 oz. Ultra cotton "cadet collar" sweatshirt with 6 " zipper at neck. Available in the following colours: Navy, Red, White, Maroon, Black, Forest. Adult sizes small to 3X. (size chart below)

Sweatshirt with logo on left chest only \$45.00
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Size charts: sweatshirts

SIZE	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
CHEST	47	50	53	56	59	66
LENGTH	27	28	29	30	31	35.5

2) One color 50/50 Poly/cotton Golf shirt comes in adult and youth sizes. Following colors: Kelly, Black, Orange, Gold, Maroon, Forest, Red, White, Turquoise, Purple, Royal, Navy Price with left chest embroidery \$ 32.00

Size chart for T- Shirts

	ADULT	-----	-----	-----	ADUL T	BIG	BIG	BIG
SIZE	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	5X
CHEST	40	43	46	49	55 3/4	58 3/4	66 3/4	74 3/4
LENGTH	26.5	28	29.5	31	33	35	37	37

3) MicroFiber Golf shirt with embroidery on left chest \$46.00

Please contact Valerie Everson via email : rockingham@magma.ca with any questions or to place orders.



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President's Report— Heather Sherratt

2007 was a year of consolidation for the Canadian Connemara Pony Society. One of our first tasks this year was to design a logo and registration certificates. Many people offered suggestions and ideas but thanks must go to Chris Carey and her neighbours and Connemara owners David and Gail McGowan who combined all the input and came up with the final designs. It takes a lot of time and work to design symbols that will satisfy most people, meet our needs now and in the future, and be our face to the rest of the world.

Our AGM in 2007 was held in November at Rocking Horse Stables, the home of Val and Jim Everson, their three children, their Connemara stallion, mares and youngsters. Not many members could attend this year, especially as several of our western members had been to Clifden this summer. However, we worked hard on developing policies for inspections, awards, the web page and magazine/newsletter and

registrations. Ron Black of CLRC kindly attended out meeting and very patiently discussed all the queries we raised about registrations. We agreed that we are in a transition period during which there are bound to be some anomalies to be addressed. We decided to give all members a grace period until June 30, 2008 to catch up on registrations with the CCPS with no fee penalties. We also decided that, to encourage members to register ponies with the CCPS when transferring ownership, we would only charge the registration fee until the same date.

To build our members, we suggested that each region should have a committee to work on membership, to contact those people who have bought a Connemara or halfbred, or bred to a Connemara stallion, and encourage them to join our society. We need these people who compete or just enjoy their ponies to be

the ambassadors for the breed.

I discussed the question of cross-border inspections and registrations with the ACPS. As they now recognize us as a fully fledged society, all ICCPS rules apply and Canadian ponies can only be registered with and inspected by the CCPS. Registration transfers will take place over time, but the ACPS cannot accept registrations for Canadian ponies.

I was lucky to have Kirsten home from Australia for the Christmas holidays this year and she spent considerable time working with me on this and also on developing an inspection program for the CCPS. She was an invaluable help with her computer skills and knowledge and experience in the horse industry. The draft program we developed is now being discussed by the Inspection Committee and Board of ...

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Dates to remember

- Mane Event in Red Deer April 25-27
- Irish Extravaganza Langley, BC July 25-27
- Battle of the Breeds Spruce Meadows September 3-7
- CCPS AGM Fall of 2008 to be announced



Vicki Davies riding her 7 yr old Canadian bred Connemara x TB "Silverdales Covergirl" August 07 at Campbell Valley horse trials. (www.vickidaviesequine.com) Photo by Steve Charles-Totem Photographics

Battle of the Breeds 2007

As you are all aware, in 2006 our Connemara Team won the Battle of the Breeds at Spruce Meadows Masters Tournament. Although the "Battle" is a minor competition at this International jumping event, publicity for the breed is great with crowds of well over 50,000 horse enthusiasts.

This year our Connemara team comprised the same ponies: Bien Mallin Rory O'Sullivan, Avenns Arrin Tara,

Rills Carrick Fergus and Hill-side Sassafras. Due to certain rule changes, we had to make some adjustment to the rider/drivers, and Sassy had a new owner, young Jordana Bannerman from Calgary.

The first day started out badly. After both Tara (driven by Marsoe LaRose) and Rory (ridden by Brian Morton) had exquisite extended trots in the warm-up ring, both broke during their ...continued pg 2

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Governors and will be available on the webpage later.

The program follows the rules laid out by the CPBS and we borrowed ideas from both the ACPS and BCPS. We decided to follow the ACPS idea of a premium mare program but felt that any stallion should be of premium quality to pass inspection and that we should not pass second-rate stallions. Instead, we developed an elite program for performance and progeny for both stallions and mares. Again, the requirements for stallions were higher than those for mares, in this case because a stallion can produce more offspring than a mare and is available for performance throughout his career while a mare has to take time off to produce foals.

There is still much work to be done developing the policies and programs needed to run the society

and volunteers for any of the committees are very welcome. This is your society and your opportunity to be in at the ground floor with ideas and suggestions. We must remember as we work towards setting up our society that we are the guardians of the Connemara breed in Canada and decisions we make now for our society can influence the future of the breed in this country. We need to look at the big picture rather than thinking of the individual ponies in our own backyard and envision the ponies and society we would like to see in the next fifty years and more.

Looking forward to working with you all in 2008 to move our society forward. Heather Sherratt *Elphin Mayflower. Five-year-old purebred grey mare by Mick out of Aluinn de Haoine. Due to a minor pasture accident to one hoof, May is more suitable as a broodmare than a performance pony. Great bloodlines, conformation and tempermanet. elphin@superaje.com*

Bien Mallin’s Rory O’Sullivan

For those of you who have never met him, Rory is a purebred Connemara stallion only 13.2½ hh. He was born in 1998 and is by Landgate’s Holy Smoke out of Bar S Hope. He was bred by Diane Bruce who lived in Strathmore. Jocelyn Davies of Edmonton bought him as a weanling, and subsequently had him inspected and approved at an ACPS inspection. Melonie White of M&M Connemaras, Langley, B.C. was having trouble getting her mares in foal using A.I., and was more than happy to have Rory as a 4½ year old. In fact, she fell in love with this little pony, who was so good to handle. Melonie looked out one day to see him being ridden at a

full gallop with the rider’s Jack Russell puppy flying through the air behind, hanging on to his tail!

2007 has truly been an outstanding year for Rory. In March he competed at the Irish Extravaganza in Langley. Melonie rode him in flat classes and low jumper competitions. Brian Morton normally rides much larger horses, but loves to compete on little Rory – where they are always crowd favorites. In the 3-bar class, Rory and Brian jumped 4’7”, which was well above Rory’s ears! At that point, Brian pulled him from the competition, and was therefore only 2nd. They didn’t disgrace themselves in the Gamblers Choice either.

At that show, Rory had many of his offspring competing. In particular a Connemara x T.B. gelding won in jumper, dressage and hunter, and was awarded Best Bred Irish Sport Horse at the show. Another 7/8 ths gelding won a cooler for Best Hunter Pony Over Jumps,

Battle 2007 continued

Compulsory Skills tests putting us out of the ribbons. The afternoon saw the Jeopardy Jumping competition, where Brian and Rory had a perfect score, but Jordana and Sassy didn’t accumulate as many points and we finished 6th.

Our team normally does well in the driving, although this year Brian had to drive Rory for the first time (he had practiced at least half a dozen times back home!), and Marsoe was driving Tara again. The weather was unbelievably bad with all the spectators crowded into the viewing lounge. We finished a very respectable 4th.

By late in the afternoon the sand



Brian Morton on Sassy

ring was still waterlogged, but the Barrel Racing competition went ahead – as it always does at Spruce Meadows! Elsie Priddy had very good times on Fergus, and Brian was sensational on Sassy with one run being the fastest in the whole competition – yes better than the Q.H’s! We were quite pleased with our 4th place finish.

The Trail Riding is always very early on Saturday morning. This competition is one that we tend to find difficult, but our two experienced competitors (Elsie on Fergus, and Brian on Rory) did very good rounds and we placed 4th again. This put us in 5th position overall.

We are already planning our strategy for 2008!

Bridget Wingate -Team Captain.



Marsoe Larose driving Avenns Arrin Tara (Brian Morton passenger).

and a weanling won his halter class.

Rory and Brian have to go in open jumper classes as stallions are not allowed in most pony sections. They had great success at Thunderbird where their win in the 3’6” class provided Brian with a much needed pair of new riding boots. Other wins at Milner Downs and Southlands in Open Jumper classes resulted in their being awarded top 3’6” Open Jumper in B.C. for the year. As Eddie Mackinnon (former Irish show jumping team member) said of him some years ago “If this pony was 2 hands higher, he would be an International Grand Prix star!”.

Rory is also very good at dressage, and in 2007 Brian took him to Events at Chilliwack and Maple Ridge. At Training level they were always in the ribbons despite being against horses. At Maple Ridge, the event was nearly cancelled due to very heavy rain. The

17 hh horse in front of Brian fell in the water jump, but Rory took no notice and with water up to his elbows, leaped out over the 3’3” coup jump! He finished 2nd, only 2 points behind the winner due to his dressage score.

This is no “one trick” pony. Driven by Melonie with Andrea Kuehnle as navigator, they competed in the first TREC driving event in Canada. This involves a long walk/trot timed section, followed by a cross country course of some 20 obstacles. Rory won this event, having a perfect score.

Rory has been the anchor of our Connemara team at the Battle of the Breeds at Spruce Meadows for several years. Ridden by his usual partner, Brian, he was ready and willing in September. His extended trot in the collecting ring was so exceptional, that other competitors clapped! Unfortunately, when it came to the compulsory skills test, he broke in the extended trot – you can’t win them

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Elodon Connemaras- Elsie & Don Priddy

Our spring highlight in 2007 was the arrival of Elodon Maeve, the first cross of Century Hills Aedan Zodiac and Rills Romany Lace. We are so pleased with Maeve that we will repeat this cross in 2008.Glenn Erinn Emma displayed an exceptional talent for driving while participating in clinics under the tutelage of two very fine instructors, Linda Fairbanks and Marsoe LaRose. Both instructors praised her natural ability. It will be exciting to continue her driving training after the weaning of her 2008 foal by Aedan which is due in May. Another highlight for

the year was again being a member of Team Connemara with the lovely bay gelding Rills Carrick Fergus, in the Battle of the Breeds at Spruce Meadows in September. It is a great place to showcase our wonderful ponies, have fun and socialize with other equine enthusiasts, even though 2007 wasn't quite as successful (or warm) as 2006! (Those poor drivers were amazingly upbeat and dedicated to compete in the cold and pouring rain). Fergus stayed in Alberta, joining the David family and is ridden and loved by 10 year old Rebecca at Alborak Stables. Rebecca tells us that she and Fergie have already learned a lot together-



and have won an x-rail division, a two foot class and an obstacle course. We look forward to future news of this partnership. Our stallion, Century Hills Aedan Zodiac, continued his training in 2007, doing a combination of dressage, driving and as all of our ponies must do, helping to herd and check cattle. We are planning to take Aedan to some dressage shows and to continue his driving training this summer. elodon.sasktelwebsite.net

Here is an opportunity to purchase a lovely broodmare who is very true to type & with old lines that are getting harder to find. Siobhan is Inspected & Approved & breeds regularly & foals easily & raises a good foal. She has a lovely temperament & is great to handle & good to have around. She has always been a broodmare so has not had any formal training. At 14 she is healthy & sound & in foal to Branni for June. She is by Lasarachi (Thunderbolt) who is now retired from breeding & Bal- ius Lark (*Chiltern Colm). Siobhans foals all have lots of bone & substance & wonderful easy temperaments. She passes on terrific movement too. She has 2 stallion sons (one has been Inspected & Approved) a daughter who is a Premium mare & other lovely youngsters who are loved family ponies & one competing in Hunters. She is reasonably priced to the right home. Contact Penny for details. huggons@telus.net 403-638-9152

Classified ads

CARAWAY CONNEMARAS SALES LIST caraway-finn@hotmail.com 450-264-4567 For further photos please go to <http://www.carawayconnemaras.blogspot.com>

CARAWAY BERYL-Irish Park Caraway Finn x *Wensum Plum (dun mare by Hearnesebrook Fastnet) 2005 bay filly. will stay under 14.2 Beryl is a very correct filly with plenty of bone and good feet. She is a lovely mover, is scared of nothing and is very laid back. Will make super performance pony and/or brood mare. She is learning her ground work fast and will be backed in the spring of 2008.

CARAWAY HAMISH -Irish Park Caraway Finn x Fabe’s Sneakers (TB) 2005 15.3 bay gelding. Upper level event prospect. Hamish has it all. Bloodlines, temperament, boldness, a big walk, suspension in the trot, a balanced canter and a HUGE gallop. To support it all he has good bone, straight legs and big strong feet, and as a special extra he has that 'in your pocket' temperament.



Caraway Hamish

STONYBROOK DONOVAN-Gatsby (Oldenburg) x Stonybrook Irish Creme

2007 dun colt. An eye catching warmblood cross. Donovan is out of my very special blue-eyed cream mare, Stonybrook Irish Creme and by the fabulous Oldenburg stallion, Gatsby. He has that real 'look-at-me' quality.. Will be golden dun with lots of chrome and will be big.. how big? hard to say, but he is definitely a horse and will likely make 16 hands. Lovely movement and conformation together with a friendly, calm disposition. He could excel at any discipline and is certainly one of a kind.

CARAWAY MENDE -Irish Park Caraway Finn x *Kindesella Contessa

2007 bay colt (will be gelded in spring 2008)

Mende is very correct and very calm. He will likely go to 15 hands. He has numerous siblings in New England who are all great favourites with their owners and will do anything asked of them, including winning ribbons at the Region 1 show. One of his sisters has been Champion Mare. He has the same 'do it all' temperament.

CARAWAY MERLE -Irish Park Caraway Finn x *Hearnesebrook Shooting Star 2007 bay colt (will be gelded spring 2008)

Merle is totally cute and a real hunk, but unlike his siblings he is a little

shy around strangers and will take a patient person. One of his brothers won the gelding class at the Region 1 Show in 2007, another was Trail Champion in 2005 and his sisters win ribbons consistently in hand and over fences.

One Syd Hill Australian saddle. Used two seasons. Cost \$3000 US - Sell for \$1200. Can.

One Bates Grand Prix All purpose black leather. Used two seasons. Cost \$2500 Can.- Sell for \$900 Can. Both for \$2000

Susan Friedman 705-636-9602 Huntsville, Ontario



Balius Siobhan

Valerie Everson 613-488-3066 rockingh@magma.ca Rockland Ontario # 1 : Bodacious Brody, rising 2, Date: April 28 2006 Size: 14.1hh Dam: Celtic Joy Chelsea Sire: Brian"B" (TB) Very handsome half TB/Connemara colt by Silver Premium Tb Sport horse stallion, Brian "B". Brody is a very appealing chocolate bay colour with no markings. He is well mannered, leads, ties, has feet done regularly and is very pleasant to work around. Curious and active, he has the potential to excel in any sport discipline and has a wonderful jump! He should mature around 15.3 to 16 hh. His dam Celtic Joy Chelsea has produced 7 babies for me and all of them without exception are wonderful, even tempered, intelligent ponies. Her blood lines go back to *Lasrachai (sire) and Thunderbolt. Steady and dependable is in the name.

2 Celtic Fandango, rising 2, May 26 2006,Size: 14.1 hh Dam: Brava Maria (TB) Sire: Celtic Fanfare Connemara X Thoroughbred colt with an amazing personality! Tango has a calm, accepting disposition, he loves people and getting lots of attention. He has very nice, free movement and shows a lot of athletic ability. He should mature around 15.3 hh. He is registered as an ACPS halfbred. His sire Celtic Fanfare is by the good old fashioned pony I.H. Finnvarra, and like his dad and granddad, Tango seems to have acquired that same inner calm and dependability. He will be a very nice horse to do any sort of riding and showing with. (Continued on page 8)



Brian Morton and Rory

Rill Connemaras—Colin & Penny Huggons

As we have not posted any news for a while, we have some catching up to do !

Our biggest news from the past 2 years is that last winter we purchased *Hohnhorst Branni from Catherine Mack of Aladdin Connemaras in Virginia. Catherine imported Branni as a weanling from May Reimann of the Hohnhorst Stud in Germany. Branni's dam is the lovely elite mare Norlunds Madigan who has produced a long line of wonderful ponies. His sire is Patty's Benedict who was the founding sire for the Hohnhorst Stud. www.connemara-hohnhorst.de

Branni is Inspected & Approved & has sired some lovely foals in the U.S. He has a fabulous temperament & is a lovely pony to have around. Branni is also a superb athletic mover & passes on both of these attributes. We are excited to have Branni as our new stallion, we love his bloodlines & feel he will be a wonderful match with our mares & a great addition to the gene pool. He is a "Red" line stallion & so adds some nice diversity for breeders in Canada. Branni is an 8 year old bay roan who

is also trained to drive & ride.

In the Fall of 2006 we took 2 young mares to the Canadian Inspections in Edmonton. Both Rills Silver Nutmeg & Devon Ridge Golden Treasure did extremely well & both passed with very pleasing results. Nutmeg has been sold to Cheryl Miller of Vancouver Island & both mares are in foal to Branni for 2008.

Last April I was able to attend the British Connemara Pony Society Diamond Jubilee Celebration. It was a wonderful day filled with a great variety of ponies, clinics, demonstrations, a fun show & stallion parade. It was held at the lovely facility of Addington Manor & the weather was beautiful & very warm! I had a lovely time & met up with good friends from the BCCPS too. I particularly enjoyed the stallion parade as it is so good to see in person all the familiar names. There was a great selection of stallions present & each put on a demonstration. My particular favourite was the lovely older stallion Arrow Javelin. A real true Connemara work-



Hohnhorst Branni

ing pony. Other stallions that caught my eye were Dark Stranger & Bunowen Castle Ri. There are articles & lots of pictures to enjoy on the British site www.britishconnemaras.co.uk

As we had been without a stallion ourselves for a while, we took the opportunity to use some other very nice stallions available in Western Canada. This meant that last year we had foals out of 3 different stallions. All lovely foals stamped by their own particular sire but it is very interesting for us to see consistently good foals out of our mares. Devon Ridge Golden Treasure had a splendid colt by Century Hills Aedan Zodiad. Tullymores Caroline & Balius

Siobhan both had very pretty fillies by Bantry Bay Dillon & Rills Kelpie had a super colt by *Fairhill Hawk.

It was a fun & eventful summer for us, Colin & I were able to go to Clifden for the show in August. It was a wonderful & informative time that was made all the more enjoyable as we were part of the Canadian Contingent ! It was also really nice to have our own stallion again & to be able to keep the mares & foals at home for the breeding season.

We continue to do a small amount of showing where possible. It is good experience to get the youngsters out & we try to support the shows that include some Connemara classes. We enjoyed showing Branni last year, he is so well behaved & rather enjoys all the attention his striking good looks & coloring attract!

The Fall was a busy time with the new foals & youngstock. We also had several visitors & that is something we always enjoy.

rillconnemaras.tripod.com

Elphin Mountain Connemaras-Heather Sherratt

This was the first time in seventeen years that there were no foals born at Elphin Mountain Farm. I decided I needed to reduce numbers before I had anymore foals, but it was strange not to have any babies this year. Sales were good and I found homes for six of our ponies, including Kirsten's gelding, Ceb, who is now at an eventing home near Guelph. Kirsten has decided to stay in Australia, which was a little too far to take Ceb with her.

The last of these ponies left on New Year's Eve for a trip down to New York State on a snowy day, as most have been this winter. As any of you who have visited my farm know, it is very hilly, with steep hills in both directions. Kookie loaded easily as a good Connemara should but I was a little concerned whether the truck and trailer would get up the hills onto the main road. Our road had not been ploughed and the truck,



Kirsten & Mick

although a big dually, was not 4x4. Kirsten and I followed the truck and trailer down the steep S bend from the farm but as I had feared they couldn't make the next long steep hill. I went in search of a neighbour with a tractor and luckily met one with a big 4x4 tractor coming in to plough driveways. He readily agreed to help and hitched onto the truck. It was a long, slow pull up the hill but they

made it with Kookie calmly eating hay in the trailer! The rest of the trip was straightforward and I heard she was still happily eating hay that evening in her new home.

Kirsten was home for the holidays this year and had a real snowy Canadian Christmas rather than the "barbies" on the beach usual in Australia. She decided to ride Mick, in spite of the deep snow and the fact that apart from a few times this summer, he hadn't been ridden since she left over two years ago. As this picture shows, they had loads of fun in the snow trying out the new Aussie bridle Kirsten had brought for him.

She also spent a lot of time with me writing the inspection program for the CCPS and developing cross-border policies for discussion at the ACPS BOG meeting. I would like to thank her for her computer skills and for the lively discussions over the dining room table as we thrashed out details of the program. Her knowledge of

the ponies and of organizational procedures was invaluable.

In 2008, I am only expecting one foal as I continue to downsize for a while. I hope to get back to riding Mick more again this year as he does enjoy it.

elfhinfarms.com



Nancy Page riding her "Elphin Callisto" last May placing 3rd with a 60% against big WB's and professional riders. Mallard Landing Farm, Battersea, Ont.

Rory continued

all. Next came the jeopardy jumping, where it is pick-your-own-course in very limited time. Rory and Brian had the maximum possible score, well within the time limit, and then took the 3'6" jeopardy jump in fine form.

The second day was the obstacle driving. Brian had at least 4 driving lessons before this event, and in torrential rain guided Rory round the course with an excellent score. Saturday morning was the trail class. This involved a great deal of standing quietly while the rider did things like ring bells, drag nasty objects, walk over wood bridges, and carry a flag. Rory behaved perfectly and seemed to

enjoy pushing the enormous blue ball.

Rory and Brian were back at Spruce Meadows again for the Fall Finale, where they were second in both the 1 and 1.10 meter Open Jumper.

All these competitions are fitted into his breeding schedule, and he has also been loaned to several riders needing a quiet horse. However, he has every intention of being first in the field when it comes to hunting! This truly exception pony is a wonderful ambassador for the breed. In fact, such is his popularity with all the children, that Rory now has a face-book club on the internet.

By Bridget Wingate

Caraway Connemaras—Chris Carey

The biggest 2007 happening on the farm was the arrival of Stonybrook Irish Creme (aka Pinky) and Stonybrook Donovan in September. A new connemara brood mare was not really in the plans, and a new mare with a half bred foal at foot was most definitely not in any plans.

However, I have always wanted a blue eyed cream mare to breed to Finn as I do love all the different shades of dun and would like to see more of them in the breed.

When Sally Oxnard emailed me that Joanie Webster was looking for a home for her bec mare, Pinky, I gave it some serious thought. Checking into Pinky's bloodlines (Grange Finn Sparrow x Balius Golden Piper (Chiltern Colm), looking at photos of her and some of her very typey and useful offspring, I decided she would be a real asset to my herd, and an excellent new wife for Finn. Donovan, her 2007 foal by the Oldenburg stallion, Gatsby was only born at the very end of June so if Pinky was going to make the long journey from Quebec to California well before winter she needed to bring her boy with her. They arrived looking very relaxed and well after being on

the road for about a week and quickly settled into their new surroundings. Pinky is everything I hoped for in that she is a lovely mare and is has the sweetest nature imaginable. Finn is waiting patiently for spring, while I am looking further ahead to 2009 when I hope to see their first foal on the ground. Donovan is a strapping lad and a real eye catcher. He will be golden dun with black knees and four white socks and will make a super sport horse for some lucky person.

Thanks to Joanie for letting me bring the two of them to Quebec. Pinky's half sister, Wicky, is also in Canada with Melanie White in BC.

In the spring of 2007 Tess (*Kindesella Contessa) and Ting (*Hearnebrook Shooting Star) both had bay colts. To help make room for Pinky, Tess is now in Vermont with my friend Dianne Crane where she will be having



Stoneybrook Donovan

Rocking Horse Stables—Val Everson

At Rocking Horse Stable we had two lovely fillies born in 2007, one half bred by my stallion Celtic Fanfare out of a lovely ex-race horse thoroughbred mare. I have two babies of this match and I am so impressed with the temperament of both of them. They possess the looks of their mother but definitely acquired the connemara brain!. We also had a purebred filly, the first one out of my mare Celtic O'Mira. This filly is by Maplehurst Michael MacDaire, and she is cute as a button!

We had a good year for promoting the connemara breed in the show ring. My daughter Ellen rode one of our half-bred geldings, MacCormac (Connemara X Trakhener) in both combined events and dressage shows and won all sorts of ribbons. They had a fantastic summer and on several occasions she performed a dressage Freestyle test to Irish music. She qualified for the Eastern Ontario Provincial Championships in dressage and came third overall as well as third in the Freestyle after two senior riders as junior and senior were combined for the Freestyle Class.

It was the first serious year of competing for Celtic Fanfare, my stal-

lion, and he also had a very good season. He qualified as well for the Provincial Championships in Dressage and we finished in 6th place at the end of the day. We were competing at First Level last summer and hope to move up to Second level in 2008. As well this winter Celtic Fanfare is learning to drive and I am hoping to get him out to some driving clinics and perhaps even a small competition this summer. I am just amazed at how he has taken to the whole process of harness and driving etc. You would think he has done this all his life, so far he hasn't batted an eye or raised a hair at anything we have done to him!



Ellen on MacCormac



Caraway Curtsy and C. Ripple

another foal this spring. Dianne came to England with me when I bought my mares and Tess was always her favourite, so now she has her chance to enjoy breeding and/or riding her. Plum (*Wensum Plum) is wintering with Finn and will be having a foal in the spring.

For youngstock I have Hamish, a young tb cross gelding, Beryl, a 3 year old filly out of Plum and

Pumpkin, a 2 year old gelding out of Tess. Pumpkin is likely heading down to New Hampshire in the spring to live with Deb Mincu who already has his big brother Rufus.

I also have Curtsy, out of Ting, and her daughter Ripple. Curtsy has been my main mount for the last couple of years and together we have ridden in some wonderful clinics with Mark Rashid and Kathleen Lindley. Ripple, though only 5, is proving herself to be that indispensable pony that will pack anyone around the trail, and keep youngsters calm and relaxed while I work with them in the ring or arena.

So all in all, life is busy here and I am still enjoying raising foals and working with the youngsters. Though I like the idea of getting the numbers down it never seems to happen!

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(2003 - 16.1hh TB/Connemara gelding)
Showing Eventing and in the Jumper rings
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(2002 - 14.1hh TB/Connemara mare)
Champion Hunter Pony
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(2005 - 14.1hh Connemara/TB bay gelding)
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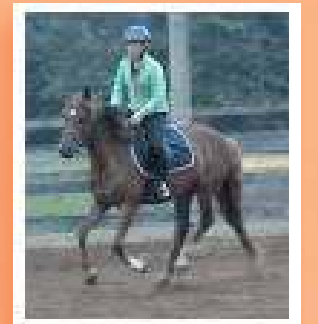
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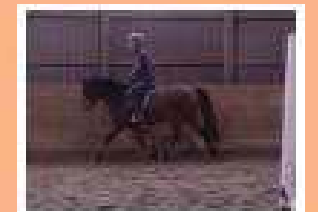
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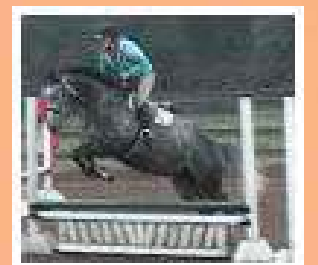
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