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## Stacey Parker & Rills Finnian -A Royal Couple

From the day that I found out I was accepted to the Royal, to the moment that I walked into the ring, I was excited but at the same time terrified out of my mind. I knew that I had rightfully earned my spot at the Royal but yet I still felt very intimidated being there. I also knew that all the ponies there were some of the best in the country. It was one of the most special moments I could have imagined, because I knew that I had gotten Finn there. I worked for the last two years to get us where we were & I deserved my chance to be there.

The whole show atmosphere was amazing, but completely hectic. I arrived to the show for warm up day, warm up started at 6:00 AM. I was quite surprised to find myself sharing the ring with over sixty other ponies. It was so over-whelming to see all those ponies. Trying to catch a warm-up jump was even worse. I'd never seen so many ponies in my whole life.

My first class came and I could hear the whispers of the Pony Hunter veterans talking about which ponies they knew and

which they didn't. Of course, Finn was one they did not know. Finn was an excellent pony as usual and went in and did his job, and came out with tenth place. The next class came and I received a reserve placing, which I was very happy with as both Finn and myself were new comers to the Royal.

On the last day I showed, my stake class came right after the Talent Squad so there were thousands of people there to watch. Of course most people did not leave. I had never been as nervous in my whole life as I was right then. Finn gave me the courage and hope to go into the ring and do my best. I went in the ring and saw the thousands of specta-

tors and my heart stopped. Yet, I continued and with excellent form finished the course. I had never been as proud of Finn and myself as I had then.

I was saddened when I realized that our journey was over. I had

received everything I had ever wanted to happen while at the Royal and more. But I still knew that everything I had ever worked for was completely worth it to share this amazing journey with the pony I loved most of all.

By Stacey Parker



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## President's Address

The first Stallion issue of the CCPS Newsletter should get everyone thinking of spring, foals and their breeding programs. We have some great stallions to choose from with a wide variety of bloodlines, Irish, English, German, American and now even some of Canadian breeding.

The Society is growing and expanding its programs.

Keep an eye on our webpage for news and information and send reports of your farm and achievements to Penny Huggons and Chris Carey for inclusion on the news page. Remember to get your foals registered within six months of birth and send your competition points to Doris Jacobi for inclusion in our achievement awards program. We have designed a brochure for the Society and copies will soon be available on CD or via email for

you to print out and use.

The big news in 2009 for the Society is Tom MacLochlainn's visit to Canada in September. The CPBS requires all new societies to use International inspectors for at least two years. Last year we were fortunate to have Philip Scott and to cooperate with the Irish Extravaganza show on expenses. This year I asked Tom if there might be funding available to help us bring another inspector over.

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*Connemaras: For all  
disciplines - For all  
the family*

## President continued...

Instead Tom offered to fly over with his wife, Maire, if we would provide transportation and accommodation in Canada. This was an offer we couldn't refuse as Tom is the past president of the CPBS, a breeder of many generations standing, inspector, judge and historian of the Connemara pony.

Our AGM this year is in Alberta so we are starting Tom's tour in Calgary during the Spruce Meadows Masters and the Battle of the Breeds. Tom will be able to watch Team Connemara compete and we plan to hold the AGM on the morning of Sunday, September 13 with inspections in the afternoon. Tom also gives great day-long seminars on the history of the Connemaras with clinics on type and conformation.

On Monday the tour will move north for inspections and seminars as required. From Alberta, we hope to show Tom some of the Rockies and continue to BC where Tom will spend a few days inspecting ponies and talking to owners. Tom and Maire will then fly to Ontario and Quebec for more inspections and seminars. Details of stops on the tour will depend on ponies for inspection and available sites.

Tom wants to see as many ponies, farms and breeders as possible and is willing to talk to as many or as few people as can come to a site. The purpose of the tour is not only to inspect as many ponies as we can, but to teach and help owners and breeders as well. We also want to show Tom and Maire what wonderful ponies we have in Canada and the varied conditions they live under here.

This is an outline of the trip. Details

remain to be worked out and depend largely on you and your ponies. We will be posting more information on the website as we get dates and locations confirmed. I really encourage as many of you as possible to come and meet Tom and listen to his wealth of knowledge. This is a great opportunity for us to learn and to showcase our ponies. If you have ponies for inspection, please contact your regional inspections chair as soon as possible. In the Pacific region that is Margot Watson, in the Prairies, Penny Huggons and in Central region, Heather Sherratt. We will need offers of sites for inspection, transportation to and from sites and accommodation for Tom, Maire and other inspectors.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during this tour and wish you all a great breeding, foaling and competition season with your ponies.

Heather Sherratt

## "Dressage" and the "Connemara" - A Junior and Senior Perspective

My interest in horses began at a very young age. My mother and Grandmother both had their own horse. I rode several years as a hunter with some very good friends.

My mother bought a beautiful Trakehner named Godiva and was having her backed at a Dressage facility. I loved to watch the trainers ride and told my Mom that I wanted to learn Dressage. We moved to a Dressage barn only to realize that the hunter pony I had could not perform as a dressage pony.

A very dear friend told us about a

Connemara pony that she thought would be perfect for me to ride dressage. My Mom reluctantly said we could go and see the pony because his picture was so cute! He was a dapple grey Connemara pony with a huge forelock. When we arrived we instantly fell in love with him. He had such a wonderful cuddly personality! But when I rode him I could not believe how talented and athletic he was. I did not want to get off him and he was just as eager to go. He even came with his own tricks. If I had a sugar cube in my hand he would go anywhere I went at any pace including jumps.

Although I already had a beautiful pony we bought him on the spot, subject to a vet check. Although Oke was only 7 years old he was like a schoolmaster for me. He was always patient as I was learning a new style of riding. He was so smart and hard working. We bought him at the end of the summer of 2007 and I showed him this past summer 2008. He was champion in both divisions, Silver and Gold in training level. I am 12 years old and am now training with Tom Dvorak. He is a fabulous coach and we are going to attempt FEI pony next summer. Oke Doke is more that Oke Doke- he is the greatest Connemara pony!

By Ally Dunlop



W.C. Celtic Legacy ( Lynfield's Cormac MacCarthy x Melody(Grade pony))

Celtie and I have been having fun at Horse Trials for the past 6 summers- we persevered even though the first couple seasons were not successful at all. We both are more confident now; in 2008 we received champion for entry level at the year-end awards. Dressage has become a large part of our training and showing as well. During the last couple of years we competed at first level and hope to show at second level in 2009. For me, Celtie is the perfect size, with tons of athletic ability and desire to work hard. What a great pony!

By Sharon Roberts



Ally on Erin Meadows Tir na N'og  
(Loughrea's Oisín x Erin Meadows  
Celtic Treasure )





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## Blennerhassett's Sir Lancelot

CCPS Inspected and approved in 2008 ~ Gray dun ~15 hh ~ Born June 10/05

Sire : Fairyhill Hawk ACPS S666 Dam : Erin Meadows Lexilip ACPS M1783

Lance is currently going well under saddle and has just begun his jumping training. He has an excellent temperament, very kind and eager to please. He works well around other horses.

In 2009 he will begin his first show season, going to local hunter/jumper shows.



His first foals will be on the ground in 2009.

This young stallion has a lot of presence, very solid bone and a wonderful personality. He scored well in his inspection and still shows signs of growth.

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## Celtic Fanfare

Registered Connemara stallion Mahogany Bay ~ 14.1 hh

Sired by: I.H. Finnvara (Gilnocky Drumcliffe X Sherrie)

Dam: Celtic Joy Chelsea (Lasrachai X Molly Maughlin)



This stallion is producing offspring with unsurpassable dispositions! He has produced wonderful Connemara- Thoroughbred crosses. Successfully competed in Horse Trail competitions, recognized Dressage competitions and Pleasure Driving shows.

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## IRISH PARK CARAWAY FINN

1994 ~14.2 HH ~ BAY CONNEMARA STALLION

INSPECTED AND APPROVED

Hideaway's Sebastian x Avenns Cayley Windsong

Finn is a stallion with great presence, strong build and good Connemara type, but he has become best known for a calm and generous temperament. He is an incredibly easy pony to work with and always tries his best to please.

He has 8 ¾" of good flat bone, strong short cannons and perfect feet which have never needed shoes. He has a gorgeous head with a big, kind eye, a long sloping shoulder, deeply sprung ribs and a good strong hindquarter. He has excellent movement and is a superb jumper.

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**M.G.R.M. MICK O'LEAN O'FLYNN**

Inspected and Approved Stallion ~Black~14.1 Hands

Sire-\*Canal Lauriston (Callowfeenish Mairtin x Village Laura)

Dam- M.G.R.M. Caliope ( M.G.R.M. Rock N' Roll x RBR Miss Patrice)



M.G.R.M Mick O'Lean O'Flynn was brought by our farm to Canada in 1997 from California, U.S.A. His sire, \*Canal Lauriston was imported from Ireland and has been in the winners circle in Ireland and the U.S.A., winning a yearling colt class at the Galaway Breeders Show, Ireland to being awarded the Custusha's Cashel Rock Trophy for Grand Champion Stallion and the Cricket's Dew Flutter-By Perpetual Trophy for overall Purebred Show Champion.

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His Dam, M.G.R.M. Caliope has twice been the overall Champion Mare and Reserve Champion Prospect. We have shown Mick in open stallion classes and he has won those classes. He has a wonderful temperament and his progeny have all shown the same disposition. His off spring, both purebreds and cross bred have gone on to be used in a variety of disciplines, from Ranch Horse, Polo, Pony Club, 4-H, to the show ring.

## Maplehurst Michael MacDaire

Grey ~ 14.1hh ~ 9" Bone ~ 1989

**Sire:** Gilnocky Ard-Righ MacDaire (Foxridge Starlight x \*Glencara Lady)

**Dam:** \*Abbeyleix Bluebird (Coosheen Finn x Blue Moon)

In 2009, Mick became the first stallion to achieve elite status in the CCPS inspection program, a culmination of a lifetime of competing and breeding great purebred foals.

Mick himself won the ACPS An Tostal award for a performance stallion in 2004, as did his sire twenty years earlier. His dam not only won the ACPS Broodmare award in 2000 but won championships at the Royal Dublin and Clifden shows in Ireland. She was the founding dam of the successful "Hazy" line of ponies in Ireland and Europe.



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*Nearly 20 years old and still enjoying life, Mick and Kirsten try out his new Australian bridle in the Canadian snow.*

*It takes a long time to grow an old friend – John Leonard*

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## Caraway Brio

2005 ~ Grey ~14HH

**Sire:** Irish Park Caraway Finn (Hideaway's Sebastian x Avenns Cayley Windsong)

**Dam:** Hearnbrook Shooting Star( Hearnbrook Halley x Pilgrims Mistral)

Brio has a lovely temperament, loves to jump and is great on trail rides. He placed first in his first regional dressage competition in Quebec among 15 horses.



He is adorable, easy to ride (great on trail rides) and when it is time to show off he gives me all he's got. On a show ground he makes the heads turn around!!

Natural and artificial service will be available in spring of 2009 for \$800.

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# Kippure Cara

August 2005 ~ Bay/turning grey ~ 14 HH ~ 8.5" bone

Recently Imported from Kippure Stud, Blessington, Ireland

Sire: Frederiksminde Hazy Merlin (Hazy Dawn x Oxenholm Movie Star)

Dam: Kippure Ebony (Abbeyleix Owen x Dancing Lady)



"Cara" is a well bred and very strong Connemara pony type.

This talented pony's mischievous and fun-loving personality is evident in his energetic eyes and dramatic flair. Cara has quality conformation and a commanding presence. He is presently being schooled in harness and under saddle and doing a fine job. We are currently expecting two foals by Cara in the Spring of 2009 from "Tatham's Ballinanna" and "Century Hill's Celtic Star Dancer."



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1<sup>st</sup> in the 4yr and over Stallion class ~  
Champion Stallion of the Day

2008 ~ Clifden Ireland placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the  
4yr old and over  
Stallion Class

## Century Hills Aedan Zodiac

2003 ~grey, born bay ~ 14 HH ~Inspected and approved~ 8" bone

Sire:Centuryhill Fredrick McTeague( Maplehurst Micheal MacDaire x Eastlands Glendearg)

Dam:Tatham's Ballinanna( Bardsey Zodiac x Rustan Solano)



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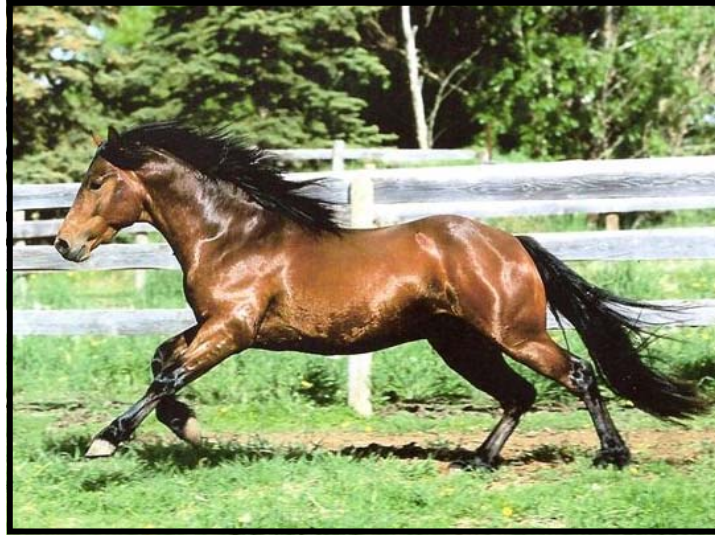
# Avenns Kimble Wind

1996 Bay Connemara Stallion~ 14.0 HH

Sire: Lyndfields Cormac MacCarthy Dam: Bar S Windsong



2008 Filly out of "Avenns Kimble Wind". Her name is "Avenns May Bloom". 1/2 Connemara



"Kimble" has great temperament & excellent conformation. He passes on his traits to his offspring! He will be shown in 2009!

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"Avenns Sierra Wind", 2008 1/2 Connemara Filly, Easy to work with, Wonderful movement, Excellent conformation, Sire: Avenns Kimble Wind, Dam: Miss Tiki Regent (TB)



## CCPS Achievement Awards Program Results for 2008

### Rising Sun Quincy – ACPS HB G 702XLI

Owner: Krystl Ahrens, Saskatoon, Sask.

Receives- Certificate of Merit- Pony Club- 1st year-2007

Receives- Bronze Certificate of Merit and Bronze Medallion- Pony Club- 2nd year-2008

### Rills Romany Lace – ACPS PB M 2046 XL

Owners: Elsie & Don Priddy, Saskatoon, Sask.

Hunter-45 points- Receives Certificate of Merit- 2008

(Romany Lace has 8 pts. in Driving & 2 pts. in English Pleasure)

### Caleb O'Sullivan – ACPS G

Owner: Rita Rawstron, Langley, BC

Hunter- 88 pts.- Receives Bronze Certificate of Merit- 2008

& Bronze Medallion- Hunter- 2008

(Caleb O'Sullivan has 3 pts. in Halter & 7 pts. in English Pleasure)

### W.C. Celtic Legacy – ACPS HBM 1092 XXXV

Owner- Sharon Roberts, Sherwin Park, AB

Dressage- First Level- Tests 1,3 & 4 Plus Reserve Champion-161 pts.

Receives - Silver & Gold Certificates of Merit & Silver &

Gold Medallions- First Level Dressage

(W.C. Celtic Legacy has accumulated 82 pts. In Hunter- received Bronze for Hunter in 2003 & Bronze for Dressage in 2006 & Silver for Horse Trials- Entry Level in 2005. She also has 32 accumulated pts. in Jumper, 141 in Horse Trials& 54 in English Pleasure).

W.C. Celtic Legacy was awarded the Half Bred Performance Connemara Perpetual Award for 2007...A truly versatile Connemara!!

### 5) Erin Meadows Tir na N'og -ACPS PB M 4235 XXXIX

Owner: Ally Dunlop, Oakville, Ont.

Dressage- First Level- Tests 1,2,3 & 4- 261 pts.

Receives- Bronze, Silver & Gold Certificates of Merit- 2008 &...

Bronze, Silver & Gold Medallions- Dressage First Level-2008

Please note: Tir na N'og and Ally received One Reserve Championship (Summer Dressage Festival) & received Junior Champion- Caledon Dressage Show & 2008 Caledon Cadora Year End Champions.

Congratulations to all who worked so hard to promote our breed!!

**Newsflash! Bar S Heather** (one of our own) wins the ACPS Broodmare Award...article to follow in next edition...



Winter is a quiet time for the ponies here at Rill Farm & so there is not allot of news to report. I decided last season to give the broodmares a year off from motherhood . So this winter instead of being heavily in foal & sluggish they are shapely & energetic & enjoying lots of exercise !

Rills Shea Mor has remained on the Island with Cheryl Millar. She had a wonderful Fall training season there & ended her season by winning numerous ribbons at the Arbutus Meadows Winter Show Series with her 9 year old rider. Shea will likely return home this Spring & be bred to Branni. She is the only filly we have left by \*Fairhill Hawk.

We were thrilled to hear that Rills Finnian & his young owner Stacey,

qualified for the Royal Winter Fair. Congratulations !

Rills Tupelo Honey passed inspection in the U.S. She is from \*Scottsways Bali-Hi's second foal crop & was sold to Connecticut as a weanling. She is a full sister to Elsie Priddy's Rills Romany Lace.

We also heard news of Rills Shadow ( aka Gulliver ) who is an eventing pony & lives in Tennessee. His owner is a busy Pony Club mother & she often takes him along to PC activities to shepherd the younger riders.

Kim says of their Eventing news, ".....we went back to the O'Connor Event Camp this Summer & in January I'm taking him to Ocala for a week of Private Training with Karen. Our goal for next year is the Training Level long format 3 day

event at Waradeca in October; our goal for the year after that -Prelim !"

Shadow is by Bien Mallins Blaze ( Captain Cricket ) & a Greystone Creggan Winter mare.

Some of our youngsters found wonderful homes this Fall & we would like to welcome Jen & Roy Leady as new breeders & Connemara enthusiasts.

A winter tradition in Alberta is the Horse Breeders Conference held in Red Deer. I always find it a nice winter break & a great learning experience. This year Jocelyn & Bridget & myself attended & had a fun & productive weekend planning the year ahead !

It looks like it will be another busy one with Pony Shows & Inspections planned ; Spruce Meadows, our AGM & Irish visitors.

Penny Huggons

Rill Connemaras

## Madness or Inspiration? by Christine Carey [carawayconnemaras.ca](http://carawayconnemaras.ca)

When I signed up to ride in a 5 day workshop with Kathleen Lindley in South Carolina it was still 10 months away, I felt inspired. Later, after looking at the map, madness nagged. In late November Curtsy and I set off on our marathon trip, picking up our friends and fellow participants, Kath and Skip, in Massachusetts . We stayed in Maryland en route with Connemara owner and enthusiast Mary Miller. She, along with many others, had answered a plea sent out via email to the region 3 people for a place to stay en route. We could not have found a better hostess, a remarkable lady in a perfect setting. Old stone house near a small river, with hills rising on two sides and happy winter wooly ponies. And all this a few miles away from the interstate which was taking us south.

You may not have heard of Kathleen Lindley. I met her when she was Mark Rashid's assistant and I rode with them in Rhode Island a couple of years ago. This was a clinic which has had implications on my horsemanship and my life. You can find out more about both of them on the internet.

The workshop with Kathleen was basically 5 days of immersing oneself in horsemanship with one horse and 6 friends. There were 5 of us participating along with Kathleen and her student Jane who visiting from the UK and working with Kathleen for the winter. It was held at a Timber Creek Farm, Camden, S.C. a well set up and horse friendly place. Our horses lived in corrals with run in sheds for the week, while the resident horses all lived in large paddocks with plenty of hay and good shelter. There was a

small barn but I never saw a horse shut up in a stall. They were all calm and content with life.

Each morning after taking care of our horses we would meet in the house where we would discuss our plans for the day. Kathleen would give us a word for the day and through discussion and ground exercises would head us to the tip of the iceberg toward understanding what that word could mean to us and our horses. Then we would ride in the outdoor ring working at our own individual levels. After a delicious picnic lunch we headed out to the woods, just touching the edges of the miles of trails which surround the farm. Then we would meet again after afternoon chores to discuss what we had learned/achieved during the day.

Day One. Breathing. Deep and relaxed breathing can make the world of a difference to the way our horses respond to us. They breath out on an exertion and if we breath out when we cue them to do something the result will be more effortless and softer. We were asked to come up with 6 words to describe the relationship between ourself and our horse.

Day Two. Grounding. We did exercise to show how much more stable we are when we are well grounded, and practiced riding from our center and not from our heads or our hearts.

Day 3. Softness. Ground exercises.. 2 people holding the reins and recognizing how soft the feel can be through them.. we do not need big releases. We did some jumping and experienced the difference when you approached the jump softly and breathed out at the take off.. In the words of Mark Rashid "Lightness comes from the outside of a horse. Softness is from the inside".

Day 4 Clarity. Everything we do with our horses must be clear and unemotional. First we need to be clear in our own minds what it is we are doing. We must always 'mean well' to our horses so they can feel that we are trying to help them.

Day 5. Direction. We need to decide on our direction and go there, incorporating breathing and softness. If something spooks a horse then it is very important to stay soft and centered and not focus on the thing that is spooky.

There was also a chiropractor on hand to adjust any horses that might need it and we did a saddle fitting session as one girl was trying a second hand saddle from the local tack shop. There were high lines and hitching rails around the farm we could use. We could work on whatever we wanted with our horses, all with the realms of our five words.

It was the perfect way to spend a week, The weather was good, I made new friends and worked more deeply on various ideas which Kathleen had presented to me in the past. There was a definite shift in the relationship between Curtsy and myself and I came away with a renewed sense of confidence and purpose.

Madness or Inspiration?

Probably a bit of both.



(Chris and Equine chiropractor)

Going into the New Year of 2009 we are hoping to spend more time with our ponies ~training and showing.

Century Hill's Maiden Realta` ~aka~ "Rea", has been in training with Lori Bell since last summer. She attended two National shows in the fall and we were very pleased and encouraged with her first short season. Some judges comments.... "Lovely Horse(?) ... "you'll have fun with this one"... "Attractive horse.....potential to do well". We are gearing up for fun and a very busy summer. While at one of the shows we had the pleasure of meeting Ally Dunlop, her mother Sandy and their Connemara pony Oke Doke. Oke is an adorable dapple grey

gelding. Ally and Oke really made us proud as we watched them perform their dressage tests at the Ontario Dressage Championships in September of '08. Ally and Oke have worked very hard. They have had an exciting and successful year showing Oke and the hard work has paid off. It's great to see the young ones out there riding, especially dressage! Keep up the great work Ally!!)

\*Eastlands Glendearg has had a season off and we are hoping to breed her to our stallion, Kippure Cara this spring of '09.

\*Tatham's Ballinanna was bred to Cara in '08 and we are excitedly waiting for her new arrival in April. STAY TUNED!! :)

Kippure Cara is presently in training under harness and the trainer is en-

joying this handsome fellow!! Full Irish this boy is!!!!

Century Hill's Eryn Babajie ~aka~ "Bobbi", was in training last fall and the trainer was very impressed with her wonderful attitude and gentle spirit. She's a very willing pony- soft, with a lovely temperament. She will make a great child's or adults mount! We're very pleased with Eastie's 2008 colt by Wildwych Eclipse as a very promising stallion prospect!

This has been a long winter so far and we have more to come, so says our "Wiarton Willie"(the ground hog). So we'll just keep shoveling and enjoy our sunny moments that are our promise of spring/summer that is hopefully just around the corner.

All the best to you in this year ahead. Have fun, play safe. ~ Dale

## Classified Ads

**TRAA DY- LIOOAR FARM** has the following registered Connemaras for sale - all were sired by Avenns Kieran Gleann

**Mbali** - a 5 year old grey mare out of Cedar's Bonnie Blue - Mbali has been backed, - 14.2 hh high - would make a great riding or great broad mare.

**Cayley** - a 4 year old grey mare out of Cedar's Bonnie Blue - has been backed - started in harness - going great.

**Cain** - a 3 year old black/grey gelding out of Cedar's Bonnie Blue - will stay pony size.

**Cindy** - a grey 2 year old out of Drogheda Bluebird. This is Bluebird's first foal - like her mom friendly, lots of potential should stay under 14 hh.

**Franklynn** - a 2 year old black - probably will go grey -filly out of Cedar's Bonnie Blue - another exceptional foal - great potential - would make a great dressage horse.

**Kinsley** - a bay gelding - yearling - Dam Drogheda Hand O'Harp her first foal. He is a big strong boy, nice moving lots of potential as a riding or driving pony.

**Maire** - a bay yearling filly out of Cedar's Bonnie Blue - a very nice foal

with lots of bone and loads of personality.

**Aine** - Chestnut filly out of Drogheda Bluebird - nice foal - friendly like her Mom lots of bone and great movement.

Contact: Pat Francis

Athabasca, Alberta

(780)675-9490

[ptfran@telusplanet.net](mailto:ptfran@telusplanet.net)



Century Hills Eryn Babatjie

Hayselden Perseus x \*Eastlands Glendearg

"Bobbie" has been lightly schooled and is ready to further her training.

She has a very sweet disposition and is an easy going, very trusting pony.

She will make an excellent show pony for any family.



Century Hill's Michael Quinn

Maplehurst Michael MacDaire x  
\*Tatham's Ballinanna

Quinn is rising two and is ready for ground work.

He is a very bright, strong forward moving pony with a gentle nature and connects with people very nicely. He has that bold presence accompanied with beautiful upward movement that would help make him a spectacular Dressage mount or fantastic Jumper.

Video available.

**For more information contact  
Rick or Dale Doner at  
[doner@on.aibn.com](mailto:doner@on.aibn.com) or phone  
705 426 4451**



## **Membership Information- Annual Renewals are Due Jan 1, 2009!**

**For Current members of the CCPS :** Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRL), will be sending all current members a reminder form. Please use the form CLRC sends with an addressed return envelope, it will have your membership number to help CLRC's processing and reduce our processing costs. This is the preferred way to register.

**For those who are not currently members:** Membership dues are to be forwarded DIRECTLY TO CLRC. Please go onto [www.clrc.ca](http://www.clrc.ca) then click on associations then list of associations, click on horses then select Connemara Pony, then under printable PDF files click on membership application, print the form, fill in the form and mail the fees as already outlined to CLRC, 2417 Holly Lane, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1V 0M7

Memberships fees are as follows: Adult membership - \$35

Non resident - \$20

Associate (non-voting) - \$20

Junior (under 18 yrs) - \$15

**\*Notice\* This newsletter will only continue to be sent to paid up members of the CCPS. We really encourage you to keep in touch with the Canadian Connemara events through membership( the price is right!). For those who absolutely do not want to join the CCPS but want to continue to receive the newsletter, please send \$10 annually to Margot Watson at the address below and memo it "newsletter".**

### **Advertising & Newsletter Information**

All ads and articles forwarded to Rick Doner for the newsletter will also be placed on the CCPS website for no additional charge. Please send to [doner@on.aibn.com](mailto:doner@on.aibn.com)

I need the text in word format 2003 if at all possible ( I do have word perfect and can open most other documents as well). The jpeg images can be sent to accompany ads or articles ( I need good written descriptions of what picture belongs where). The picture files can each be as large as 1000kB (1mB).. I will shrink them if necessary. The prices for **ads** are as follows...

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Non- Member</b>
Text only ad ( 1 pony)	free	\$10
Text only (2 ponies)	free	\$17
Text only (3 ponies or more)	free	\$7 per pony
Photo ad (1 pony)	\$20	\$30
Photo update	\$10 per change	

For Classified ads, please make cheques out to "Canadian Connemara Pony Society" in Canadian funds and mail to ...  
**CCPS c/o Margot Watson**

**25966 26th Ave.**

**Aldergrove, BC V4W 2V9**

### **FEE SCHEDULE Effective January 1, 2009**

#### **REGISTRATIONS**

##### **Temporary Registrations**

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Non-Member</b>
Fillies and Colts <b>up to 6 months after date of birth</b> (includes DNA)	\$75.00	\$150.00
Fillies and Colts <b>over 6 months after date of birth</b> (includes DNA)	\$150.00	\$300.00

##### **Permanent Registrations**

Geldings and Halfbreds		
Up to June 30 of the year following year of birth	\$30.00	\$60.00
After June 30 <sup>th</sup> of the year following year of birth	\$60.00	\$120.00
Stallion Registration	\$250.00	\$500.00
Fillies over two years of age	\$25.00	\$50.00

##### **Transfers**

Within 6months of date of sale	\$20.00	\$40.00
Over 6 months from date of sale	\$40.00	\$80.00
Duplicate Certificates	\$25.00	

##### **Other**

Herd/Farm Prefix	\$25.00
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**Canadian Connemara Pony  
Society**  
***www.canadianconnemara.org***

**Board of Directors**

Directors are elected by all members for a term of two years and may be elected for a maximum of three consecutive terms. Regional Chairs are elected by the members of their region for a two-year term and automatically sit on the Board of Directors.

Heather Sherratt – Central Region – President (term 2008-2010)

Bridget Wingate – Prairie Region - Vice President (term 2008-2010)

Jocelyn Davies – Prairie Region – Secretary (term 2007-2009)

Margot Watson – Pacific Region – Treasurer (term 2008-2010)

Christine Carey – Central Region – (term 2007-2009)

Cheryl Miller – Pacific Region – (term 2007-2009)

**Regional Chairs (also on the Board of Directors)**

Susan MacDougall – Pacific Region

Penny Huggons – Prairie Region

Rick Doner – Central Region

**Committee Chairs**

**Awards**

Doris Jacobi with Nancy Page

**Inspections**

Heather Sherratt

**Webpage**

Susan MacDougall

Tracy Dopko – webmaster

**Promotions and Advertising**

Susan MacDougall

**Newsletter**

Rick Doner

**Nominating**

Penny Huggons

**Arbitration**

Bridget Wingate

**Historical Archives**

Jennifer Smyth

**CCPS Perpetual Awards for 2008**

Please note: These are not “Hall of Fame” Awards and they may be awarded to the same Connemara more than once. They are based on accumulated points from the Achievement Award Program and number of Shows attended. Awards cannot be received 2 years in a row and accumulated points start over. This is to allow other Connemaras in the program the opportunity to receive these awards.

**CCPS Purebred Connemara Performance Award**

Erin Meadows Tir na N'og ~ Owner: Ally Dunlop, Oakville, Ont

Award sponsored by Devonridge Farm- Jocelyn & Bob Davies, Spruce Grove, AB

**CCPS Halfbred Connemara Performance Award**

Elphin Callisto ~Owner: Nancy Page, Battersea, Ont

Award Sponsored by- CCPS- Prairie Region

Contact- Current President- Prairie Region- Penny Huggons

**Lynfields Cormac McCarthy Western Performance Award**

\*Please note: This award was specifically started for Connemaras in Western Canada whose owners/ riders participate in Western classes at Horse shows to gain the experience needed to meet the qualifying requirements for the Western riding sections on Team Connemara at the Spruce Meadows Masters “Battle of the Breeds”.

The 2008 Recipient: K.D. Captain Flynn ~ Owner: Diane Harding, Sangudo, AB

Award Sponsored by –Avilion Gleann Farm & Doris Jacobi

***Congratulations to Heather Sherratt and Maplehurst Michael MacDaire, the first stallion to achieve Elite Status in the Canadian Inspections Program!***

Congratulations to all of our 2008 award winners & please start keeping a record of our ponies achievements in 2009!

The achievement awards program is designed to encourage and reward purebred and half-bred Connemaras for participating successfully in a variety of disciplines. These points are accumulated over a lifetime.

Awards consist of Certificates of Achievement, Bronze, Silver and Gold medals competing in Halter classes, Combined Driving, Combined Training/Horse Trials, Endurance, Dressage, Hunter, Jumper, Flat Classes, Gymkhana, Pony Club and 4H. Details of the points system and an application form are available on the CCPS web-site or may be obtained from the address below.

There are also Perpetual Achievement Trophies which are awarded annually to a purebred and a halfbred pony for results in the year covering all disciplines.

Owners must be members of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society, and ponies must be registered with either the CCPS or ACPS.

Doris Jacobi,

340-5020 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Beaumont, AB. T4X 1P3

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Thanks again to all who contributed to this edition of the “Canadian Connemara”. We hope this will be a useful edition for your breeding decisions this year. Don't forget to keep submitting farm news, foal announcements, classifieds and other articles for the fall edition...see you at the AGM / Spruce Meadows Battle of the Breeds / Inspection in September!

Rick Doner ~ Editor doner@on.aibn.com

