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Alexandra Hopkins and Avenn's Eirinn Bay-2009 Performance Award Winner

These two have been quite a pair for the last few years! After an unfortunate accident on her first pony Alexandra, my daughter, and I began the search for a new pony. The path led us to Devon Ridge and Jocelyn Davies. Devon Ridge had lots of young stock advertised but nothing "finished" listed for sale on their website. I decided to email Jocelyn and she said that one of her favorite ponies was not for sale BUT, she needed to build a barn so would consider selling a pony named Eirinn. Several trips to Jocelyn's farm and a match was made, Avenn's Eirinn Bay was to become Alexandra's pony.

First comes the pony, and then comes the coach. One afternoon while Alex was riding a woman came up to her and asked if she could give her a few pointers and help with her jumping position. "I just can't help myself" she said, and from the spring of 2008, the two had become three, coach, rider, horse.

There was no stopping the trio. It was, however, back to basics and no moving forward until the groundwork was perfect (is there such a thing?). Cross rails it



Sire: Lynfield's Cormac MacCarthy

Dam: Bar S Arrin Gray

was, over and over and over. That year, 2008, Alex and "Eirinn" placed third in the Spruce Meadows Novice Rider Finals and they won the Rocky Mountain Show Jumping (RMSJ) Developing Rider Series Championship Gold Medal (Xrail Hunter), hosted all year by John Anderson's facility in Calgary. A wonderful

way to end 2008 was the question Alex asked her coach, "Do I still have to do the xrails next year?" Show season 2009 had the trio moving up a division or two. Still in the hunter ring they com-

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President's Address

It is almost spring 2010 and time to think of breeding and foals and next summer's shows. It is also time for the society to take a long hard look at its finances. After all our expenses last year, the Board has had to come up with some ideas to improve our financial situation. Firstly, we have raised some of our registration and membership fees which were so low that, after we had paid CLRC for their

work, there was little left for us.

Secondly, we are setting up an online stallion auction with half the income going to the society and half to help pay for the Connemara booth at Spruce Meadows that is now compulsory for all Battle of the Breed teams. Stallion owners are asked to donate a breeding to their stallion and donations of other horse-related items such as tack, lessons, training, and so on will also be available to bid on. More details

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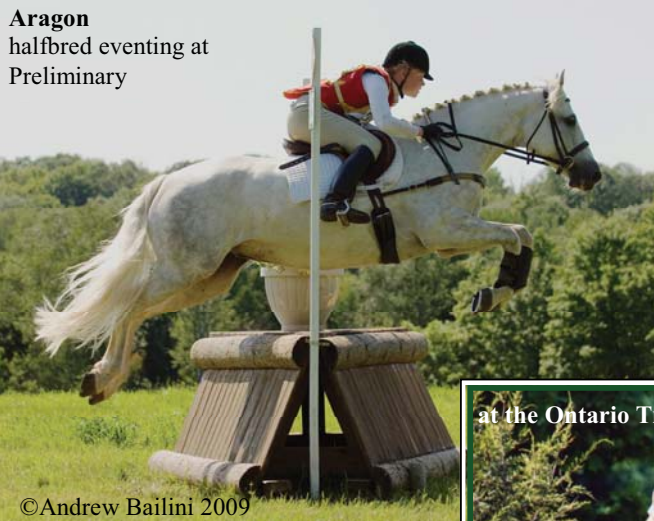
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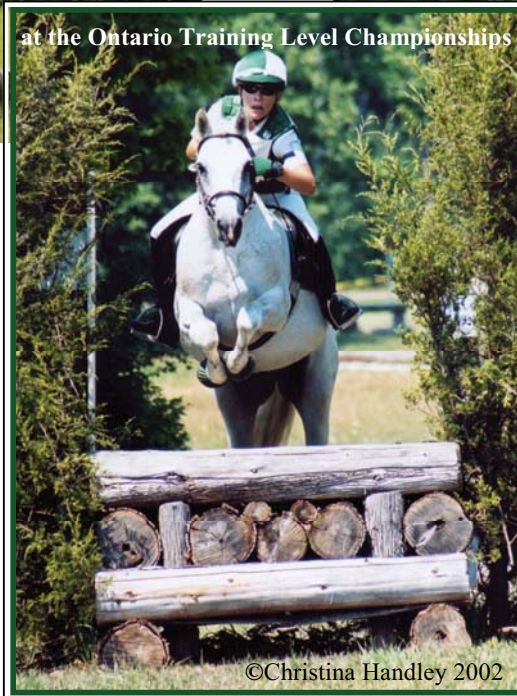
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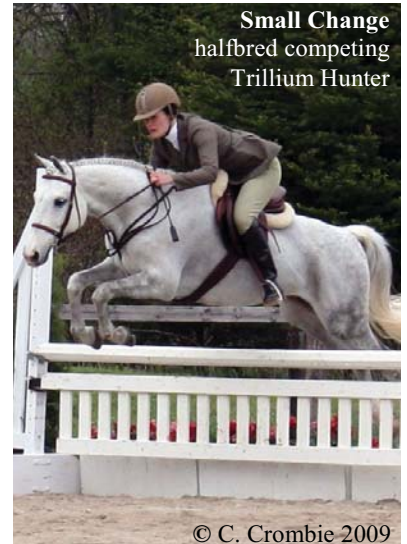
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halfbred competing
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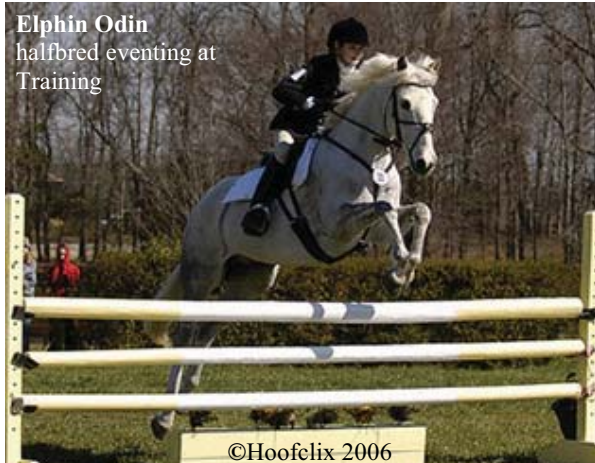
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M.G.R.M. MICK O'LEAN O'FLYNN

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)

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 breds have gone on to be used in a variety of disciplines, from Ranch Horse, Polo, Pony Club, 4-H, to the show ring.



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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. Versatile, solid conformation and a real pleasure to be around!

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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.

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peted in the 2.0 and 2.3 hunter classes throughout the year. This season the results were just as good with Alex and Eirinn finishing 3rd in the Rocky Mountain Show Jumping Developing Rider Series 2.0 and 2.3" Hunter Divisions and taking home two Bronze medals. Alex and Eirinn even got to enjoy Spruce Meadows and participated in the Master's by being a "Team Connemara" Breed Demonstration rider on the "Meadows on the Green" this summer. By Christmas 2009, Alex had received a gift from her coach – she had permission to compete in the 2.6" jumper rounds at the Christmas Show. Eirinn and Alex placed 1st, 1st, and 3rd in that show and demonstrated Connemara speed, agility and power. That was quite a Christmas gift!

2010 show season has not yet begun but the trio still meets together several times per week attempting to make her riding perfect. Watching the three of them cooperate these past few years has allowed me to come to the following conclusion: that Alex will never be a perfect rider or ever have the perfect horse, what she does have, however, is a perfectly true love for her pony and it will forever be cherished and remembered by all three involved. Thank you to the coach and the pony for taking such good care of my daughter.

Regards,

Andrea (Mother, Groom, Driver and Cheerleader)

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are on the webpage and in this newsletter.

Finally, we learned that Equine Canada, Breeds and Industry Division have partnered with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in a program to fund initiatives to promote the development of the export market for horses. With the deadline looming, I pulled an all-nighter and, using the template kindly provided by the Irish Draught society, got an application into EC just in time. In this program, funding is available for society activities that promote the breed to the export market. This can include promotional material, travel costs for international visitors, travel costs to international meetings, exhibits outside of Canada and so on. So keep all receipts and we can receive 35 percent refund on approved activities.

Chris Carey attended the EC AGM in Montreal in February representing the society, a brief report from which is included here. We should try to send a representative of the society to future meetings to keep abreast of programs and developments in the industry and establish the Connemara as a breed of significance in Canada.

At our AGM last fall, Doris Jacobi and Tom MacLochlainn presented the society with the Lus na bPog/Sean

MacLochlainn Foundation Award, a lifetime award for foundation broodmares. We have been working on setting the criteria for this award and I would encourage all members to think of worthy mares to nominate. The concept behind this award is to honour the mares that have contributed to the breed through their offspring for several generations. These are the mares whose sons and daughters have gone on to perform and produce well, passing on the traits that we treasure in the breed: hardiness, athletic ability, temperament, and the good conformation that makes performance easy for them. More about this award is on the webpage and in this newsletter.

As the society moves into its fifth year, we are gradually developing our programs and activities and increasing our membership. We also need to increase the number of members actively involved in the society, on its committees and on the Board. Several of our present Board members are nearing the end of their terms and we will be looking for new people to contribute to the running of the society. I would encourage all of you to think what your strengths and abilities are and to volunteer to help on our committees. We are a small society and need all the help and input we can get from our members

Heather Sherratt

2010 CCPS Online Auction

The CCPS has decided to hold an on-line stallion auction to raise funds and to help promote the breed. The funds raised will be split 50/50 between the society and the promotional Connemara booth at Spruce Meadows during the Masters Tournament. The auction will also include other horse-related items, such as equipment, lessons, training sessions, etc.

For the stallion auction, it is only the stud fee that is bid on. Arrangements and costs for AI are strictly between the stallion owner and the bidder, as are arrangements for travel and mare-care costs for live cover. The year in which the purchased breeding is to be used should be arranged between the bidder and the stallion owner. All other breeding arrangements are to be made as per the stallion owner's breeding contract.

Bidding increments on stud fees will be set at a \$50 minimum and bidders will remain anonymous on line. The stallion owners and the winning bidders will be notified by the CCPS. There will be a reserve bid on all stallions of 50% of his advertised stud fee.

As half the proceeds of this auction will be used to help pay for the Connemara booth at Spruce Meadows during the Battle of the Breeds, stallion owners participating in the auction may display an 8 x 10" colour advertisement for their stallion at the booth. The Connemara stallion list from the CCPS webpage will also be handed out at Spruce Meadows.

Stallion owners should complete the Information sheet for their stallion and send it with a photo to Susan MacDougall. Each stallion will have a page on the auction website. Members with other items to offer on the auction should complete the appropriate form and send to Susan at susanmac@uniserve.com.

The CCPS is not responsible for making breeding arrangements between the stallion owner and the bidder which will be per the stallion owner's contract. Live foal guarantees are per the stallion owner's contract but any refund of the stud fees will be the responsibility of the CCPS. The CCPS does not guarantee the condition of any other auction items.

The Information sheets for stallions and other items can be found on the webpage canadianconnemara.org or from Susan MacDougall.

CCPS Achievement Awards Program Results for 2009

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

There has been an excellent response to the call for results for our ponies competing in the 2009 season.

Trophy winners are:

2009 CCPS Purebred Connemara Performance Award – Avenns Eirinn Bay (Bar S Arrin Grey x Lynfields Cormac MacCarthy). Owner Alexandra Hopkins, Calgary, AB.

2009 CCPS Halbred Connemara Performance Award – Silverdale Cover Girl (TB mare x Elphin Cronin). Owner Vicki Davies. BC.

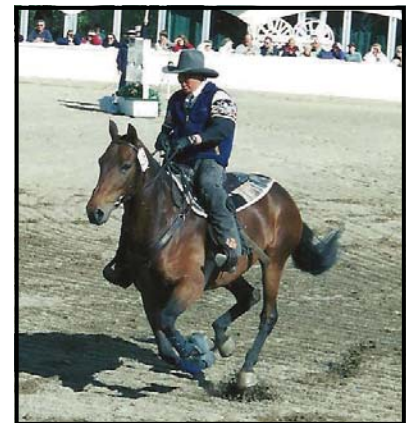
2009 Lynfields Cormac MacCarthy Western Performance – Eden's Winston (Dain's Dulcimer x Lynfields Cormac MacCarthy). Owner Bridget Wingate. AB.



Avenn's Eirinn Bay



Silverdale Cover Girl



Eden's Winston

Achievement Awards:

Avenns Eirinn Bay – Certificate of Achievement for Jumper. Certificate of Achievement, Bronze, Silver and Gold Medallions for Hunter. Owner Alexandra Hopkins, AB.

Century Hills Maiden Realta – Certificate of Achievement, Bronze, Silver and Gold Medallions for Dressage at Training Level. Owner Dale Doner, ON.

Starlight's Zara – Certificate of Achievement, Bronze and Silver Medallions for Dressage Training Level. Owner Jennifer Brownlow. BC.

Irish Park's Turf Fire – Certificate of Achievement for 2-Phase Horse Trials Junior. Certificates of Achievement, Bronze and Silver Medallions for Horse Trials Entry Level Junior. Owner Jane Stephenson, ON.

WC Mighty Mac – Certificate of achievement & Bronze Medallion – Horse Trails Entry Level. Owner Sharon Roberts, Alberta.

Kippure Cara – Certificate of Achievement & Bronze Medallion – In Hand. Owner Rick Doner, ON.

Silverdale Covergirl – Certificate of Achievement – Horse Trails Entry Level, Certificate of Achievement and Bronze Medallion – Dressage Training Level. Owner Vicki Davies, BC.

Caraway Brio – Certificate of Achievement and Bronze Medallion for Dressage Training Level. Owner Violaine Fortin. PQ.

Caleb O'Sullivan – Certificate of Achievement - English Pleasure. Owner Rita Rawston, BC.

Rills Fire'N Ice – Certificate of Achievement – In Hand. Owner Bridget Wingate, AB.

Kimbles May Bloom – Certificate of Achievement – In Hand. Owner Shirley Sauve, AB.

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Maplehurst Michael MacDaire x Tatham's Ballinanna



Kippure Cara x Tatham Ballinanna

Century Hill's Michael Quinn ~. is from a line of very strong performance ponies. His sire by Gilnocky Ard-righ MacDaire and his dam by Bardsey Zodiac. Both were very well known dressage ponies who competed in upper level dressage and you can see they have passed on their talent to Quinn. His sire ~ Maplehurst Michael MacDaire, is an outstanding stallion that was awarded an "Elite" status with the CCPS in 2009. He was also the recipient of the An Tostal Trophy in 2004 by the ACPS. Quinn is a real show pony and has a stunning look about himself when he moves out. He has a nice carriage, scope and plenty of fancy movement. He is a real sensible, loveable pony with a show ring presence. A definite FEI pony candidate that is ~ well mannered, stands for the ferrier, clips trailers has no vices and is sound. He was lightly backed in the fall of '09 and is ready to continue his training. Quinn would excel in dressage but could handle almost any discipline. Video is available when requested.

Century Hill's Hazy Meallan comes from very strong performance lines. He is the first foal by "Kippure Cara" - Grand Champion of the Sport Pony Star Search Challenge 2009 Royal Winter Fair. His dam ~ Imported, Approved and Inspected by the ACPS and was Supreme Champion of Show at the regional breed show in 2001. His dam by Bardsey Zodiac, was a very strong and well known dressage/jumper in the UK holding many Championship Titles. His grandsire ~ Frederiksminde Hazy Merlin a Champion in Ireland, is from a very well distinguished line of Champions, shown In Hand and under saddle.

Meallan is a very promising colt. He is a very bold, outgoing and a sensible pony with great bone, substance and good conformation. With his great disposition, balanced easy movement and combination of bloodlines ~ Meallan promises to be outstanding in any discipline.

We expect Meallan to finish around 14.1 hands.

Lus na bPog/Sean MacLochlainn Foundation Broodmare Award

Donated by Tom and Maire MacLochlainn of the Ashbrook Stud, Co. Galway, and Doris Jacobi of Avilion Gleann Farm, Alberta, this is a lifetime award to honour a broodmare that has contributed to the Connemara breed in Canada through her purebred offspring. Tom's father, Sean MacLochlainn, a well-known Connemara breeder in Ireland, owned the broodmare Lus na bPog. One of her daughters, Ciotog, was exported to Montana in 1966, and it was her daughter by Ruta Raitna, Avenns Golden Ruby, who was imported to Canada by Doris Jacobi as one of her foundation mares. This award is to be given to honour broodmares who carry on the tradition of these original imports to Canada who not only had many generations of offspring but competed and promoted the breed as well.

Criteria for the award state that the mare should:

- Be registered with the CCPS, ACPS or other recognized Connemara society
- Be over the age of 20 or deceased
- Have produced at least five purebred registered foals, some of which are breeding stock
- Have second and perhaps third generation registered offspring to be considered

Have been resident in Canada for at least some of her productive years

Criteria for nomination include:

- Mare may be nominated by her owner or by another society member with the agreement of the owner
- Nominator must be a member of the CCPS

Mare owner, if still alive, should be or have been a member of the CCPS or ACPS

Guidelines

The mare should have spent some time in Canada and bred at least one foal while in Canada. Her foals and second and third generation offspring born in and resident of any country with a recognized Connemara pony society can be included in the nomination and taken into consideration.

There will be no requirement for the mare to have been inspected as this was not available or mandatory in earlier years. Records of progeny should include their inspected status where applicable.

The award is designed to reward broodmares that have contributed to the breed by producing offspring of quality rather than merely quantity. The performance record of the offspring will also be considered as well as their breeding record. This will reflect the aim of the society to encourage the breeding of good quality saleable performance ponies as well as high-quality breeding stock.

Nominations should be accompanied by a good photo of the mare, a conformation shot if possible, a performance photo if applicable, and photos of at least three of her offspring.

The award does not have to be presented every year but only when a mare is considered to be a truly foundation mare. It is not just the mare but her legacy that the award is honouring.

For further information or nomination forms, see www.canadianconnemars.org or contact Chris Carey, 450 264 4567, email carawayfinn@hotmail.com



Tom MacLochlainn and Doris Jacobi

News from Drogheda farm by Brian Donegan

...busy start to 2010 already.

Started breeding season on Feb. 13th for Pellegrino, my new thoroughbred stallion. Looks like he may be busy as he has 3 mares coming Feb 20 and 2 more booked for March, so far. Going to try him on Cedar's An Irish Treasure (Cricket's dam) when she foals.

Two of my Connemara stallions will be out showing this year, Cricket with Cathy Playdon, they have been working on indoor jumping and I am really excited to see them out. Don Juan has been stalled and is being brought back into work mode and has been doing some free jump work. He is FAB over them sticks! Thank God he came with a great dressage foundation, sure speeds it along and he will be heading to a trainer by April. Look for him out and about, he does have some surprising height.

All in all I have 8 foals due starting March 25th ish, so it looks busy. hope you all get the foals you want and it goes smooth!

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Pioneer Alberta Connemara Breeder Carries the Winter Olympic Torch!

Clay Chattaway, a third generation Alberta rancher and an early importer of Connemara ponies from Ireland in the mid 1970's, had the honour of carrying the 2010 Winter Olympics Torch in downtown Calgary in January. As Calgary hosted the 1988 Winter Olympics, there were huge turnouts for the arrival

of the torch. Clay was interviewed by both local radio and The Calgary Herald newspaper. When asked how he had trained for his torch run, the 63 year old rancher wryly mentioned recently digging his truck out of a snow drift! Asked to comment by the Calgary Herald about the thrill of carrying the torch Clay replied

" You have to experience it to understand it," he said, shaking his head over the commotion of the crowd gathered along 9th Avenue S.W. " It's pretty unbelievable." And Clay writes...

Well, it was a 'once in life time' experience. It never even crossed my mind to apply as a bearer. Just not a thing I would do because there are people out there more into that sort of thing. My acct manager at the RBC asked me last fall and I agreed, thinking it would be a local event, no big deal and I could use a horse, keeping the western tradition alive. Ten days from the event we found out the details and we were very surprised. We had no idea I would be 3rd from the cauldron, downtown Calgary. No horse would be allowed. My wife put me on a diet. I started a crash training program and started to really get into it. We found out this really was a big deal or at least it became one to us. Excitement can be quite infectious. The grand kids got into it long before I did, then they dragged me right along. All my family and several friends showed up on 9th Ave. Everyone with a cell phone was asked to pre-dial 911 in case I went down. I had this precon-

ceived notion of a torch relay being an event of mind-boggling speed and coordination. No doubt that was firmly implanted by Nick Prowse during SMUS days when I was a more malleable subject. The bus full of torch bearers was subjected to a final intense program of indoctrination and deposited at the proper locations. When released, I was really pumped and started looking for some sand on the pavement where there was some good traction. Some nice little girl, dressed same as I, came toddling up the street with the flame and everything came to a standstill, literally. Security guards told us to face this way then face that way, stay behind the bus. Nobody seemed to know when all the bottled up energy should be released so I took off. I heard security call for street maintenance. There is a moral obligation to be quick when you are carrying a flame that came from Greece and is due to be in Vancouver.....soon. Then the worst thing possible happened. The security agent next to me said "slow down!". Well, okay. I dropped to a real slow jog. He strode over to me and said "I mean walk!". Prowse taught me to savour the moment after the game, not during it. Things had changed more than I thought. My pride was salvaged when I lit 'Jungle' Jim Hunter's torch. An icon of blinding speed and daring. We faced this way and that way and he sedately wandered off down the street doing his best to waste any time I had gained.

Clay Chattaway

Equine Canada: Breeds and Industry Division AGM 2010

In February, Chris Carey attended the Breeds and Industry Division meeting of Equine Canada 2010 AGM held in Montreal. The CCPS has agreed that the society should become a member of Equine Canada to participate in discussions relevant to breed societies in Canada and have access to their programs. The society should try to send a representative to these meetings which are held in different cities every year.

Chris reported back on the highlights that are of interest to the society. A reform process is underway at EC and Breeds and Industry, which has been underserved in past, should have a stronger voice on the board. EC is trying to come up with a harmonized membership so provincial memberships would include an EC membership. This is still a work in progress.

EC has as a priority the elimination of GST on horse-related items and is working to achieve this.

Of more direct interest to breed societies was the talk on Genetics and Reproduction. Gencor is available to collect and freeze stallion semen and aid in importing equine semen from Europe. They are using a new extender which is making the use of frozen semen more successful.

There was also a report from Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) on EP (Equine Piroplasmiasis) and CEM (Contagious Equine Metritis), which is of interest to anyone importing horses or semen into Canada from the States or Europe.

EP is a tick-borne disease which so far is not present in Canada. It can be transmitted by syringes and animals can be carriers for a long time. It was found in Texas and New Mexico in 2008 and there are now rules for horses traveling from these states to Canada. Semen is not affected.

CEM is a venereal disease which is highly contagious. There was an outbreak in the US in Dec. 2008 which is still not 100 per cent resolved. As of 2009, additional certification is required for horses or semen traveling into Canada. There are no known cases in Canada and it is important to keep it this way as an outbreak could cause difficulties for export.

Equine ID (CanEQUID)

The topic of a unique identification number has been under discussion for several years. Agriculture and Agro-Foods Canada has been working with the horse industry to come up with an acceptable and workable system. An internationally recognized equine traceability program must now be in place in Canada within three years. EC is setting up a pilot project to look into the best ways to organize this. Each animal will need a unique lifetime identification number (ULIN). Our purebreds already have registration papers that include a description and photograph. Some breeds include mandatory microchip, tattoo or brand in their registration. However, non-purebred animals also need some form of identification.

Long-Term Horse Development (LTHD)

EC is developing a program for riders, trainers and parents to determine how to develop horses as athletes from grass roots to the top. The objective is to determine broad stages of training horses, what they need to learn and what practices are best for different disciplines. This needs to be put together by coaches from across the country.

We would like to thank Chris for attending this event and reporting back to the society. It is important for us to be up to date on information about the breeding industry in Canada and worldwide. As members of EC we can also access their new program in partnership with Ag Canada to assist in the export and promotion of horses to the States and Europe.

'A good horse is never a bad colour' but I have always loved the duns, and especially the Connemara duns and now their numbers are on the rise here at Caraway Connemaras in Quebec. I visited Nicholas Palmer's stud near the Welsh border quite a few years ago and will always carry with me the image of a herd of dun and cream mares galloping towards us over the hills. It was magical.

One of my original foundation mares, *Wensum Plum is a really typey dun and I have her only dun offspring to



*Gilly -above and right
Wensum Plum and baby Mead-left*

date, Caraway Mead. He is a 6 year old 14.2 gelding by Irish Park Caraway Finn. My blue eyed cream mare, Stonybrook

Irish Crème, aka Pinky, is happily living with my bay stallion, Finn. Together they have given me the most gorgeous dun filly, Caraway Gilly. I am anxiously awaiting this year's foal in April, and it should be dun too.

When Pinky arrived here from California she brought with her Stonybrook Donovan, a big dun colt by the Oldenburg stallion, Gatsby. A real eye catcher with a sweet unflappable nature who has been taken over by my daughter Hilary.

So that makes 4 duns and one cream, almost 50% of the Caraway pony population, which makes a lovely balance with the rich bays who inherit their colour from their sire.



Hilary and her two dun boys

by Hilary Lecluse ~ Caraway Connemaras

Last Spring I started riding Mead, a 6 yr old Connemara gelding that my mum had bred. We clicked from the start, and I took him out a few times during the summer. Early in the fall we went down to Vermont to do a weeklong clinic with Kathleen Lindley. It was an eye opening experience for me and I brought home a lot of valuable information. I also took Mead to a small event. He was fantastic! Our dressage was acceptable but the cross country and stadium were brilliant. He absolutely loves to jump, as do I! The highlight of the year was getting accepted to ride with Mark Rashid at Equine Affaire. I went down to Massachusetts with my mum and Mead. I was riding in the "Transition" demonstration and "How to sit the trot". Once again Mead proved to be a fantastic guy, he was a bit tight at times but kept his cool. Neither of us had ever ridden at such a big venue and I am



Hilary and Mead

sure he could feel my nerves. He went into the Connemara "petting" booth for an afternoon, everyone just loved him! It was an exhausting experience, but riding with Mark was unforgettable and well worth the trip!

During my Christmas break I was lucky enough to be able to go down to South Carolina to be a student of Kathleen Lindley's for 2 and a half weeks. I arrived nervous and excited. I was going to be riding big horses and I had only ever ridden ponies! I ended up riding Tuesday a Percheron/Quarter horse. Kathleen had only had him a few months, he had lots of basic training on him but was a chameleon. What I mean by this, is that if I stopped concentrating on what I was doing in the saddle and let my mind wander, he would slow down and his mind would leave. He imitated exactly how I was feeling and riding. I had to give him 100% of myself and when I did, he was wonderful! I think after so many years of riding I tended to zone out while in the saddle. The best thing I learned during those few weeks is that how can I expect my horse to be with me if I am off elsewhere in my head!? I also got to work with lots of

youngsters, doing ground work. I learned how to ground drive which I think is a great tool to have. I also practiced throwing ropes, which I must say is not easy! All in all it was a fabulous experience, it boosted my confidence and my desire to be a better horsewoman.

All of the past year leads me to Donovan. A 2 and a half year old Oldenburg/Connemara. When my mum bought Pinky he was a foal at her side and came with her. My mum had been hoping to sell him, since he is going to be so big. I of course fell in love with him, as I seem to do with all of them! But Donovan seemed unique, and so my mum thankfully



Stonybrook Donovan

agreed to give me a chance to work with him! As soon as I got back from South Carolina I started doing basic ground work with him. He has turned out to be a quick learner, and enjoys the lessons, and he has a very quiet mind. We are forming a great relationship. I have had him saddled and going walk trot canter, doing transitions off of my body energy. Every weekend I work with both of my dun boys and am enjoying bringing Donovan along from scratch as well as working with Mead who is more advanced but still needs some basics fine tuned. I am so grateful to have two amazing ponies/horse to learn from and grow with.

Looking Back on 20 Years by Penny Huggons ~ Rill Connemaras

This year we are celebrating 20 years of breeding Connemara Ponies.

I feel very privileged to have been able to pursue my passion for so many years. I could not have done it without the unfailing support (& hard work) of my husband Colin & our three children.

Ponies have always been a part of my life. Born & raised in Hong Kong , the first pony I ever rode was a China pony, although there were very few left in H.K after the war, I think I found every one that was rideable !

As a pre-teen I started riding the ponies the British Army imported from Burma . These were all stallions , none over 13 h.h & all as tough as nails ! This was the Shan pony, described by Elwyn Hartley - Edwards in Horses & Ponies of the World as "often vicious & not very responsive, but very tough & hardy". A very apt description !

It was on these ponies that I first became involved with Pony Club. An enterprising Polo player started the First Hong Kong Pony Club with 6 of us & the most rideable of these stallions...but that's a whole other story !

During our leaves to the UK, I would always find ponies to ride . These were often Welsh Mountain Ponies. Then I spent 3 years on the edge of Dartmoor where it was common to see these lovely ponies roaming the moor . Britain has many breeds of native pony & most shows have Mountain & Moorland classes. These were always great venues to learn about the pony breeds & to train your eye !

However I always loved the Connemara

& felt they were the perfect pony. I knew that some day I had to have one.....

We started our Connemara adventure in Canada with a 3/4 bred mare. We used her as a riding & pony club mare before breeding her to Connemara stallions. Her offspring were very athletic & talented . Two have done particularly well, one in Canada & one in the USA.

Our first purebred mare, Ocean Pearl was a daughter of Doris Jacobi's stallion, the great Lindfields Cormac Mc Carthy. Pearl proved to be a wonderful foundation mare & we still retain a daughter of hers.

We imported our first stallion Scottsway Bali Hi from the UK. We used Bali on a variety of Connemara mares, as we had also bought 3 mares up from the USA and one from Eastern Canada. At this time we were also breeding some part bred from our other pony mares. Bali produced beautiful pure & part bred for us & we retain one of his daughters today. Bali's offspring went to several parts of Canada & the USA.

A few years ago I decided to just concentrate on breeding purebreds . I felt it would be good to branch out & use a variety of stallions on our mares. It was very interesting to see how the different breeding's worked out. Bali was gelded & went on to become a riding pony & we were without a stallion of our own for a while.

When Branni became available , we decided he would be right for us. I had seen him in Virginia & knew that he had the best of temperaments & was also a very athletic pony. He is a delightful & wise stallion & has produced very nicely for us.

As I look over the last 20 years I feel very lucky. Even though we are now starting to cut back , the ponies are still an important aspect of our lives.

Breeding ponies has been an eventful journey. It has taught me a great deal , yet there is always more to learn. There have been times I have felt humbled , times I have felt proud, there have been moments of great joy, there have been frustrations & dissapointments.....but mostly it has brought us so many rewards in so many ways.

I have made many wonderful friends not just in Canada but worldwide, through our mutual passion for the Connemara

Over the years I have been given much good advice from other long time breeders, but none has served me so well as these two bits of advice, both from second generation Connemara breeders.

" Never be afraid to make mistakes ".....

And.

" Always have faith in your ponies ".....

Penny Huggons



Membership Information- Annual Renewals were due Jan 1, 2010!

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.

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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...

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Fillies and Colts up to 6 months after date of birth (includes DNA)	\$75.00	\$150.00
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Within 6months of date of sale	\$20.00	\$40.00
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Duplicate Certificates	\$25.00	
Other		
Herd/Farm Prefix	\$25.00	

CCPS AGM 2010

The AGM will be on Saturday, October 23 at Chris Carey's farm, Caraway Connemaras, 1042 3rd Concession, Elgin, Quebec J0S 2E0. We hope also to hold inspections in conjunction with the AGM if we get sufficient ponies. More details of the AGM will be on the website later. Owners wanting to get ponies inspected please contact Heather Sherratt.
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Driving Solaz by Cyndie Adams , Stony Plain, Alberta

I have never owned a Connemara before, but have had a lot of experience with Eden's Winston as my daughter rode/drove him for 2 years on the Battle of the Breeds team. I wanted a good sensible prospect to ride and drive, so decided to breed my Warmblood mare to Bantry Bay's Dillon. The result was Solaz who is now 3 ½ years old and about 15.1 hh.

Last summer I spent a lot of time ground driving him, and then hooked him up to a training cart in the fall. No problem at all! When the snow fell we changed to the cutter which he also enjoyed. This winter I have been to half a dozen drives with the local driving club, and he has been wonderful. One parade included mules, flags, a four-in-hand and combines - none of which he had encountered before. Other members



complimented me on his good behavior, and could hardly believe he is only 3. I recently threw my english saddle on him for the first time and trotted round the outdoor arena in the snow, and he was great! I love my pony who has exceeded my expectations.

Elphin Mountain Connemaras Sales 2010

Elphin An Ceann Beag. Grey gelding by Maplehurst Michael MacDaire out of Aluinn de Haoine. 2005. 14.1hh. Kee is correct with a lot of bone and substance. He has been backed and is ready for work. With his sensible attitude he would be suitable for a child or small adult in any discipline. \$4000.

Elphin Glasdrummon. Bay gelding by Maplehurst Michael MacDaire out of South Ridge Chloe. 2005. 14.2hh. Glas has been backed and is ready to start a career in hunter, eventing or dressage. With his movement and enthusiasm he could be a successful competitor for a small adult or serious child rider. \$4000.

Elphin Silver Anniversary. Bay mare by Maplehurst Michael MacDaire out of TB mare After the Party. 15.1hh. Annie has been started under saddle but needs to get back to work. With her lovely temperament and movement, Annie could do well in dressage or eventing. \$4000. 613 278 2520.

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A Tail of Two Coasts by Jennifer Brownlow

It has been said that the Connemara family of owners and breeders, although spread across the world, is actually smaller and closer than what one might think.

After a lifetime of breeding, riding and training horses on a small scale and mainly on the Canadian East Coast, I found myself living on the West Coast of Canada and about to bring my warmblood mare from Nova Scotia to her new owner in Washington State. A few months later, I was visited by this person's coach, Fran, on her way back to Washington.

It didn't take long for my husband to disappear into the back room as he could see where the conversation was going! I was telling Fran about my mother, Joan Howe, then in her late seventies, still riding to hounds - the thing she loved to do most - with the Ottawa Valley Hunt, and that all of this was due to her very safe comfortable mount, a hunting machine par excellence who never missed her stride over fences. I knew this because both I and my sister were able to hunt her for a line or two on some of our visits to Ottawa. To make the story even better, the previous owner of the mare had wanted the pony to enjoy her last productive years doing what she loved best, following hounds. This match made in heaven was due to the

generosity of Tilda Millar, a long-time Connemara lover, whose granddaughter (Torchy Millar's daughter) had outgrown the pony.

I hadn't realized that Fran was a long-time Connemara pony person. I joked how my mother had bred and ridden New Forest ponies and several horses, but ended up with a Connemara, which she stated was the best of all. I happened to mention the pony was called Deirdre with a funny prefix. Fran's ears pricked up. She had a sister called Dierdre and once named a pony after her. We thought it highly improbable to be the same pony these twenty or so years later, but on a whim I phoned my mother who fetched the registration papers. You can guess what happened! All of us, my mother included, nearly fell off our chairs when we confirmed the prefix was Delphidae and the pony was indeed the same Deirdre! And here Fran and I were on opposite sides of the continent from where the pony was born in Vermont, Fran having recently moved west as well.

Fran remembered selling the pony to someone in Virginia who wanted a good jumper, so this filly that always used to jump out of her paddock, filled the bill. After that, Fran lost track of her, so she was delighted to hear the pony had had such an interesting life. My mother still beams when people remind her of her hunting and eventing exploits on Deirdre.

Tilda Millar was delighted when we filled her in. Unfortunately, Deirdre was put down just a few years ago when she must have been in her late twenties. Fran O'Reilly still breeds good Connemara ponies, but on Vashon Island now.

My friends have enjoyed this typically Irish tale, so I thought it was about time I shared it publicly. I have had other "Connemara coincidences" but this is enough for now!

Jennifer Brownlow ~Duncan, BC



Joan Howe, aged 77 on Delphidae Deirdre, aged 20+ at a meet of the Ottawa Valley Hunt, Lanark, Ontario, taken in 2000

Kippure Cara

2005 Can 32 Imported from Ireland CCPS Inspected and Approved 14HH 8.5" Bone Grey from Bay

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

Dam: Kippure Ebony (Abbeyleix Owen x Dancing Lady)



"Cara" is an excellent Connemara pony type stallion, with great strength, bone, temperament, movement and a lovely head. He was the Grand Champion at the Royal Winter Fair's North American Sport Pony Star Search Challenge, 2009 and is presently being schooled in harness and under saddle. He loves to work! Cara's first colt foal born in 2009 is outstanding, and we are anticipating with great excitement 3 more foals this year!

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Avenns Kimble Wind

1996 Bay Connemara Stallion~ 14.0 HH

Sire: Lyndfields Cormac MacCarthy Dam: Bar S Windsong



"Kimble" is a versatile stallion with a wonderful disposition. He has been shown in training level dressage in 2009 and done very well. His offspring have also proven themselves in the In Hand classes bringing home several Championships and Reserves.

Stallion fee: Private Treaty

\$200.00 booking fee included in the service fee

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Century Hills Aedan Zodiac

(Century Hill Fredrick McTeague x *Tathams Ballinanna)

ACPS S710 XLI • Inspected and Approved • 2003 • 14 ½" HH • Grey (born bay)

Century Hills Aedan Zodiac is a Connemara stallion with a strong performance pedigree. His dam is by Bardsey Zodiac, an advanced level dressage stallion. His sire is out of Scottish import and premium mare, *Eastlands Glendearg and by the Elite Stallion, Maplehurst Michael MacDaire. This talented young stallion is competing successfully in dressage and hunter rings where his exceptional movement and willing nature are evident.

Aedan's purebred foals exhibit strong Connemara type and all his foals have correct limbs, remarkable movement and sensible, people loving dispositions. His first foals have recently been started under saddle and possess the same athleticism and sensible temperament of their father.

2010 Stud Fee \$650 CDN (includes booking fee)

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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 2010 for \$800.

Contact: Violaine Fortin ~ 450-532-2433 ~ fermedgelineau@hotmail.com

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Ballencrief Farm Update by Margot Watson

Ballencrief Connemaras has a new addition to the herd. We purchased Devon Ridge Harris Hawk (Fairhill Hawk x DR Dreams Come True (by BM Rory O'Sullivan)), a 4 yr old gelding from Sharon Selby on Vancouver Island in Dec. He was purchased as a training project to eventually become some young pony clubber's best friend. Harris is very calm and quietly accepts all the new things he is learning each day. The hardest thing will be to not fall in love with him and want to keep him for myself! He joins our head mare *Aille Ivory (aka Honey) and our youngster, Ballencrief's Winter Lace (3 yo) on the farm. Lacey was the last foal of our foundation mare, Aladdin's Winter Promise, who died 2 years ago.

Spring seems to be coming early this year out here on the West coast and we are looking forward to a great year of riding and enjoying our ponies.

Cheers, Margot Watson



Devon Ridge Harris Hawk

Classified Ads

Caraway Connemaras

Caraway Pumpkin. 2006 bay gelding. 15hands. Irish Park Caraway Finn x *Kindesella Contessa. Pumpkin is a very handsome, bold and big boned boy. He is going quietly under saddle in the ring and on the trail. Enjoys his work and loves to jump. Would make a great pony club/eventer/family pony. \$4,500.00 Caraway Connemaras. 450-264-4567. carawayfinn@targo.ca



Caraway Pumpkin

Rocking Horse Farm

Purebred Connemara pony for sale: Celtic Tamara, rising 3 year old bay roan mare. Stands 13.3 hands, has excellent conformation and is very sweet. She has been lightly backed, does W-T-C on lunge and has carried rider in walk and trot on lunge. She is inquisitive and very people oriented. Sired by Maplehurst Michael MacDaire out of Celtic O'Mira. Tamara has been inspected and approved.

Purebred Connemara mare: Celtic O'Mira, 14.0 hands bay roan mare, turning 8 in 2010. Proven broodmare, excellent mother! She has been backed and is quiet and gentle to ride. Mira has very nice conformation, excellent feet and is a real pleasure to have around. She has been inspected and approved. She is sired by Greystone Tiger O'Toole, out of Celtic Joy Chelsea. For more information on these two ponies contact Valerie Everson email: rockingh@magma.ca Phone: 613-488-3066

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 / Inspection on October 23 at Caraway Farm, Quebec!

Rick Doner ~ Editor

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