



The Canadian Connemara



2010 CCPS Achievement Results Are In!



W.C. Mighty Mac (Lynfields Cormac MacCarthy x grade). Silver medal for Horse Trials – open entry level. Rider Sharon Roberts, AB.

Partbred High Point Winner 2010



Erin Meadows Tir Na N'Og (Loughrea's Oisín x Erin Meadows Celtic Treasure). Platinum medal for Dressage level 2 and FEI Pony. Rider Ally Dunlop, ON.

This award is new this year. Recipient has earned the **highest total accumulated points in the CCPS Awards Program.**



Rill's Carrick Fergus (*Scottsway Bali Hi x Rills Ocean Pearl). Certificate of Achievement for Jumper. Certificate of Achievement, Bronze & Silver medals for Horse Trials. Gold medallion for Dressage. Rider Rebecca David, AB.

Purebred High Point Winner 2010

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President's Report

First of all, I just want to say how delighted I am with the response to the Awards Program. We had 14 members send in their results from the 2010 season, and they are truly spectacular! In particular we have a terrific presence in dressage, and several young ladies doing very well in both jumping and eventing. The good news is that the Board has decided to add both a Platinum and Crystal awards in 2011 so that all those members who have already received Gold medals have something to aim for.

We have also just been informed that this year we do not have to have a booth at Spruce Meadows if we compete in the Battle of the Breeds. This is a welcome relief. The publicity from a booth is great, but it takes a lot of money (\$1,890) and many volunteer hours. To have a couple of years without this expenditure will give us a chance to build up a fund. Perhaps this year both Central and Pacific regions will have events where we can spread the word about our wonderful ponies. We have a great banner, and super brochures

Central Region AGM

Attention Central Region (Ontario & Quebec) members!

We will be holding our AGM on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at the farm of Heather Sherratt, starting at 10.30 AM.

Please come and support your region as we plan activities to showcase our ponies and raise funds for regional activities. Please contact Rick Doner for details and directions. 705-426-4451. The theme is St. Patties Day of course and it will be pot-luck- we'll bring our "famous" Irish stew!

Mark Your Calendars for the CCPS AGM October 22, 2011 in B.C.- details on back cover!

Attention Breeders!

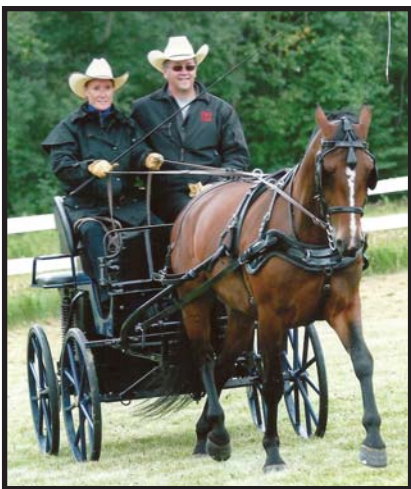
We feature a number of top quality Stallions in this issue for your consideration.



Avenns Cairbre MacCarthy (Lynfields Cormac MacCarthy x Avenns Golden Ruby). Certificate of Achievement, Bronze & Silver medals for Jumper. Rider Erin Rodger, AB.



Kimbles Sierra Wind (Avenns Kimble Wind x TB) Bronze for In Hand. Owner Shirley Sauve, AB.



Solaz (Bantury Bay's Dillon x Can. W'Blood). Certificate of Achievement for Combined Driving. Certificate of Achievement for Show Driving. Driver Cyndie Adams, AB.

Awards for the 2010 season:



Caraway Brio (Irish Park Caraway Finn x Hearneshbrook Shooting Star). Certificate of Achievement for Horse Trials. Rider Violaine Fortin, P.Q.

Caraway Merle (Irish Park's Caraway Finn x Hearneshbrook Shooting Star). Certificate of Achievement and Bronze medal for Dressage. Rider Violaine Fortin, P.Q. (Not Pictured)



Rill's Fire & Ice (Fairy Hill Hawk x Rills Romany Star). Bronze medal for in-hand. Owner Bridget Wingate, AB.



Kimbles May Bloom (Avenns Kimble Wind x Paint). Bronze & Silver medals In hand. Owner Shirley Sauve, AB



Cedar's Padraig (Ridgetop O'Rian x Ballywhim Tonloy). Certificate of Achievement, Bronze, Silver and Gold medals for Dressage. Rider Lee Taylor, ON.



Century Hills Aedan Zodiac (Century Hill Frederick McTeague x *Tatham Ballinana) Certificate of Achievement for Hunter. Certificate of Achievement, Bronze & Silver medals for Dressage Level 1. Rider Elsie Priddy, SK.



***Kippure Cara** (Fredericksminde Hazy Merlin x Kippure Ebony). Silver medal for In Hand. Certificate of Achievement & Bronze medal for Show Driving. Owner Rick & Dale Doner, ON.

Foundation Broodmare Award

This award was donated by Tom and Maier MacLochlainn of the Ashbrook Stud, Co. Galway, and Doris Jacobi of Avilion Gleann Farm, Alberta. It is a lifetime award to honour a broodmare that has contributed to the breed in Canada through her purebred offspring.

The mare must be over 20 years of age or deceased, have been resident in Canada at some time, and have produced at least 5 purebred registered foals.

Full details are available on the web-site
www.canadianconnemara.org

Entries to be submitted by August 31st to Chris Carey
450-264-4567 or e-mail: carawayfinn@hotmail.com

Registration News and Update

We still get enquiries about how to register and transfer our ponies. CLRC has been doing a great job but we must admit there are some circumstances that we just have not foreseen so Chris Carey and I recently had a meeting with Ron Black and Lauralee Mills of CLRC to try to make things a little easier for all. First, a few reminders. All foals born in Canada must now be registered with the CCPS and all ponies transferred from one owner to another must be registered with the CCPS whether they come from the States, Canada or anywhere else. Ponies that have always been ACPS registered and have not changed ownership do not necessarily have to change registration to the CCPS.

Stallions must be registered as stallions, passed the vet check and paid the stallion fee before their offspring can be registered. We do not register partbred stallions.

Names changes are permissible but the farm prefix cannot be changed. Use a transfer form to ask for a name change for the same fee as a transfer.

At the moment, when a pony is transferred, CLRC issues a new registration certificate rather than changing the old one. The new certificate does not include the past owners of the pony and we lose this history. Lauralee assured us that it is possible for this information to be included on the new certificate and that in fact many breeds do ask for this. To accommodate having this information on the back of transferred papers we suggested moving the photos to the bottom of the page, keeping the transfer form but removing the breeding certificate that is only used if a mare in foal is sold. We will insert a sentence asking the owner to fill in a separate breeding certificate if the mare is bred when sold. This will free up space to include information of previous owners.

Another issue that has come up recently is the transfer of ponies to and from the States.

We are working on a reciprocal system that will inform the ACPS of ponies being transferred out of the ACPS registry to the CCPS registry and vice versa.

2011 Battle of the Breeds

Are you and your pony contenders for this event
at Spruce Meadows?

Here is an outline of the requirements:

1. Ponies must be a minimum of 4 years old – older is preferred.
2. Ponies must be registered pure or half-breds.
3. Ponies must be quiet as this is a very stressful event.
4. Ponies must have been showing and have experience of different locations.
5. Rider/drivers must be available from Tuesday September 6th to Saturday September 10th 2011.
6. Ponies and rider/drivers must be able to compete in more than one discipline (see below)
7. There is no monetary compensation for expenses due to the cost of entry.

Events:

- a. Compulsory skills (dressage ridden or driven).
- b. Jeopardy jumping (3'6" no combinations).
- c. Obstacle driving (cones type course plus water)
- d. Barrel racing (4 barrels)
- e. Trail (the killer! Pony must leg yield and stand without moving).

We have the most difficulty in finding ponies to drive and do the trail class.

Please contact Bridget Wingate, Box 38, Site 4, RR 2 Stony Plain, Ab. T7Z 1X2, e-mail: wingate@connect.ab.ca Phone: 780-963-3074.

Those short-listed will be asked for a video if they have not been on the team before.

The next question was also about transfers. When a pony that has passed inspections is transferred and issued a new certificate, the inspection seal and stamp is lost. Lauralee came up with the answer for this before we could suggest it. She is going to send me as Inspections Chair the certificates of all ponies being transferred that have been inspected and I will put on the seal and emboss it and send the papers on to the new owner.

We have finally devised how to show inspected status on the certificates. A pony that has passed inspection will have a gold seal embossed with the CCPS logo in the upper right corner of the certificate. In the centre of the seal will be a smaller disc in either green for inspected and passed, red for premium and purple for elite. These will be attached at inspection sites or on the certificates sent to me for transferred ponies. Once we have this set up, we are offering all owners whose ponies have been inspected in the past few years the opportunity to get their certificates correctly stamped for inspected status. I will announce a date when I have the stamps ready and you can send me your certificates for updating.

If you have any questions or problems about registering or transferring ownership of ponies, please contact me and we will work it out.

Heather Sherratt

Anna And Kestrel Go To Their First Horse Show

On a cool, brisk weekend near the end of October, 2010, Pineridge Equestrian Park, located near Oak Bank, Manitoba, hosted an end-of-season Fun Horse Show. The name of the event was "Pumpkin Fun Show". It certainly proved to be a "fun" show, and very exciting for Lucero Desrochers and myself, as both of our "kids" were entering their very first horse show! Lucero's daughter, Anna, and my "sort of mine, but not really anymore" pony, Kestrel.

I kept checking the calendar, counting off the days, waiting impatiently for that "special" weekend to arrive. Finally, October 23rd, the first day of the show came. The alarm clock rang, I jumped out of bed and into the shower, did as cursory a wash as I could get away with, then quickly dressed in the clothing that had been laid out the night before, along with purse, car keys, and anything else necessary for making a quick morning exit.

Hmm, I could nip into a Tim Horton's on the way, as I'll be taking the perimeter highway around Winnipeg, pick-up a coffee, to make-up for the one I hadn't taken the time for at home no, can't spare the time. Got a spectator's date with a young lady and a horse! By the time I had narrowed the distance from the arena and myself to five miles or so, that Timmie's brew was yelling at me- sure hope there will be a canteen at the show! One step inside the arena doors confirmed that there was indeed a canteen - the smell of freshly-brewed coffee filled the air, along with the delightful scent of fresh baking, and home-cooked breakfast.

I'll have the Cowgirl Special please, I said at the counter, then moved to the "dining" oak barrels that had been set-up. Bernie, a lady from Quarry Ridge Farms, spotted me and came over. I asked her if she knew where the jumping was taking place. "Oh, that will be in the outdoor ring, just past that door". "They should be starting soon though!"

I was in a dilemma - do I gobble-down the full, scrumptious breakfast that I had just paid for, grab a few bites and "boogie", or, try to balance coffee, full breaky and my "bleachers" blanket, and hurry outside? My Scottish ancestry very loudly forbade me to leave a scrap, the Irish tried to coax me into abandoning all in favour of fine horse flesh on the other side of that door; my Norman heritage said "eh, c'est la vie - do whatever u want, and I could picture the raised eyebrows of my English ancestors, askance, as I hurriedly wolfed down that delicious breakfast, gulped my coffee, and hustled (as quickly as an old lady with a broken back can "hustle") outdoors.

I clambered up the rise, and spotted them - Kestrel, looking a little uncertain about it all, but calm, and Anna, all dressed up in her English riding clothes. Maybe having a big breakfast on such an exciting day wasn't a good idea, I thought, as butterflies "lurched", not fluttered about in my poor stomach. "Oh my goodness, it's their turn to jump." Around the course they went, achieving a clear round! They came 4th. in the 2.0' Pony Jumper, out of eight riders. I resumed breathing, as all the horse and rider pairs got ready to compete in the 2.0' Open Jumper. They got a clear round, but didn't place, as some other riders had a quicker time, and there were a lot of entries in the class.

The rank beginners came in clean again! Wow! What a pair! Just entering the show ring was an achievement in my books, and whether they placed, or not, was irrelevant - I would have been proud of them; either way

and I was very, very proud of them both!

Lucero had spotted me on the hill, ran up and gave me a hug. I was invited back to the stable area, to see where Kestrel was being housed. Big Walsom had an adjoining stall, as Tera was also taking part in the show. If Kestrel was still a bit nervous, there was certainly no sign of it now! She dug right into that nice pile of hay that Anna had just given her, took treats from Anna, and, every so often she would come to the front of the stall, to look out into the aisle, to see what Anna was doing. Her beautiful dark-ringed eyes glowed with happiness, when Anna left everything else, just to come and give her a hug and a pat, and she gently lowered her head to lie it trustingly against Anna, as if to say "I love you, I can tell that you love me too." "I don't know what that was all about today; it was fun, but I'm glad you were here, to go through it with me."

The "first horse show jitters" episode - Catherine McCullough, owner of Quarry Ridge Farms, came up to me at one point, chuckling about an incident that occurred that morning, shortly before I arrived. As Catherine had just purchased a filly out of Kestrel, she was quite excited to see that May Girl's dam was at the show. She called to her two sons, "look, that is May Girl's mom!" Just as the second son looked over too, Kestrel spooked from the wind, and being jostled by another horse, did a half-rear, followed by a buck. Noting my look of horror, Catherine said "no, no; it wasn't bad", and Lucero said "its nothing, don't worry - this is her first horse show and she is in heat right now."

Anna and Tera had originally planned to enter the pole bending and barrel racing at the end of the day. However, as the show was running exceptionally late, it was thought best to retire the horses for the rest of that day, and return refreshed on the following day, when both girls had a heavier slate of classes. (I love the fast western events, especially barrel racing,, so hopefully there will be another opportunity to kick-up some dirt!). Ha!

Day one was over. It was a lot of fun, and I couldn't wait to see what tomorrow's show might bring.

by Jeannie Walsh- continued on page 14



Anna and Kestrel practicing for the show

My name is Eve and I just turned 13. Last year I outgrew my Section A Welsh pony Joy, so we bought Devon Ridge Harris Hawk in July from Margot Watson. Harris's dad is a Connemara from Ireland called Fairy Hill Hawk, and Harris's grandpa on his mom's side is Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan from M & M Connemaras.

Harris was only 4 when we bought him but we already knew he was a good boy. The day after we bought him, my sister Mary took him to Pony Club camp. Harris settled in very well and did a good job. We only did one lesson a day rather than two, and we skipped the cross country lessons, but he behaved really well. For the rest of July we just worked in the ring and went riding at the park. In August, we bought a membership to Maple Ridge Equi Centre so we trailered him over there a lot. He went to the Canadian Pony Club National Rally just to hang out while it was going on, so he could get used to all the strange horses and the announcing and stuff. He didn't always want to stand still at first but other than that he was great. Over the month, we took him out into the cross country field to get him used to that. We also took him down the dyke and into the river and through the water jump. Later, we started jumping and doing small cross country jumps so by the end of the month, he could do a small course. We also went to Campbell Valley Park for a cross country schooling day and we did the water jump and some of the small jumps there, too. In August, I took him to our first show together at Sunnyside Saddle Club. I just went into two walk/trot classes. The



judge was Pam Arthur who is a really well known horse person. She said I would have got first in the English Pleasure class but Harris's mane was too messy! So we got third. After that, we pulled his mane!

In September we worked on our dressage, and at the end of the month we went to the Pony Club Dressage Championships. I went into the Walk/trot class, which was quite big this year. And it also poured rain like crazy in our first class! We were soaked and there were huge lakes all over the ring, but Harris

was very good. He got a 2nd, a 3rd, and we got first in the Kur! We ended up third overall.

In October we were going to Pony Club lessons, and our Pony Club went to Thunderbird Show Park to do a big three-day Prince Philip Games Demo on the Thanksgiving weekend. I did not plan on using Harris because he was not an experienced PPG pony, but we took him to some practices and he was great! In October we also went out to a Derby where we did a course. Harris was great, but I forgot the last jump in the course so we got eliminated.

In the winter it has been very rainy so we can't ride very much. I did take him to a little Pony Club show at M & M Connemaras in

December. Harris was in a class

competing against his grandpa - and I think he beat him! We got second.

I love Harris, and want to try to get onto our Pony Club D Rally team this year.

By Eve Dedrick

Ballencrieff Connemara Farm News

Honey (*Aille Ivory) and I have started learning another new discipline....Reining! This was a bit of a surprise for Honey after doing all things English for 23 years but she has participated with good grace as she always does (with a slight rolling of her eyes, as if to say... What is this woman going to ask me to do next!)

Our other 'girl', Ballencrieff's Winter Lace (Ballywhim's An Luan x Aladdin's Winter Promise) has just had her 5 month pregnancy check-up and 'baby' was pronounced 'very active!' She was bred to Ard Celtic Art in August so the foal is due around mid-July. We have been doing some ground school lessons away from the farm to give Lacey some experience in the outside world before she has this foal.

Other than that we are hunkered down for the winter and looking forward to spring and some wonderful rides in the park and maybe some Eventing this year..... Do we think Honey is up to it?!

All the best for 2011!

Margot Watson - Aldergrove, BC



Aladdin's Winter Promise (Lacey's dam) and Honey

Annie and Ali's Winter Fun

Annie and I have been having lots of fun together in the snow this winter. For Christmas Annie and I got some new pink tack. She looks really nice in her new pink halter and lead rope. She also has a new pink bridle, reins, breast plate and saddle pad. From Rick and Dale she got yummy treats that she really loves and I have a cool new pink belt buckle. Annie is so much fun to watch in the snow. Whenever I go out to the field she is always the first one to run over and see me. We have been riding in the snow in the bush while my Grandparents are cutting wood back there. Annie and I love to run and bounce through the snow. Annie is a little bit sneaky. She pulled a fast one on me just the other day. While we were visiting over at my Grandparents I had her tied to a fence post. I went inside for a few minutes and looked out the window and there was Annie walking down the driveway. I ran outside and called her name, she peeked around at me and turned and trotted out the driveway and headed for home. I had to run down the road behind her. She decided to Canter all the way home with me running as fast as I could behind her. Her best horse friend Amber called her and Annie ran right to her and let me catch her. We had to walk all the way back to my Grandparents house. She didn't mean to be bad, she was just being a silly little Annie. She had made friends with the Donkey, they share the same pile of hay and bucket of grain and snuggle up together in the horse shelter. I can't wait for spring so that we can start our barrel racing.

By Ali Mark



Exciting news! M&M's intrepid Rory O'Sullivan, has a new owner, 14 year old Morganne Cochrane of Richmond, B.C. Morganne and Rory had an exciting 2010 show season culminating in a successful Battle of the Breeds showing at Spruce Meadows. Knowing his love of competition and seeing the bond developing between horse and rider, Melanie made the difficult decision to sell. Rory will remain at M&M, where in between shows, he watches his offspring develop into competitive hunters, jumpers and eventers. Some have even taken up driving.

For those of you interested in breeding to this amazing athlete, Melanie has frozen semen available for sale. She also has a number of promising up and coming young stock that includes 2 and 3 year olds as well as ponies and small horses well started under saddle.

Visit our website to learn more or contact Melanie at 604-881-0091 (<http://www.mandmconnemaras.com/>)





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Hilary Lecluse Update

I left the snow and cold in early January to spend the Winter as a working student for Kathleen Lindley in Camden, South Carolina. I brought Caraway Mende, Caraway Golden Mead and Stonybrook Donovan with me.

I have been long lining Mende all over the farm and will ride him out on the trails in the coming weeks, he is 3 coming 4 and I am doing my best to give him a solid foundation. He is a very smart little guy and seems to enjoy learning and most importantly he always tries his best. He is a joy to work with and is for sale!

I have been doing the local shows with Mead. He did very well at the hunter show on Sunday, even winning one of our classes! He is doing a great job at representing the Connemaras. I am taking him fox hunting this week. Who doesn't love a dressed up trail ride? Luckily Mead will be fit and ready for the show season when we get home.

Donovan is coming along nicely. I was taught how to clip this Winter and Donovan is my guinea pig! He loves the attention and enjoys being pampered. He is always the first one at the gate when I arrive in the morning wanting to come out and do something. He is already 15'3 and growing and will end up being too big for me, so I plan on finding a new home for him. I have been riding ponies my

whole life so jumping from a 14'1 hand pony to a 16'1 horse is just too big a change!

Mead has influenced my life a great deal. I am sure we all have that pony or horse in our lives that changed us for the better. Mead is the pony that has encouraged me to become a better handler, rider and most importantly he has taught me how to ask questions. Mead and I have changed and grown together during the past 2 years, if it was not for him I would not be on the path I am today. He may not be the fanciest Connemara you ever saw, but he is exactly what we all love about our Connemaras. Kind, bold and forgiving.

by Hilary Lecluse
 (daughter of Chris
 Carey- Caraway
 Connemaras)

***L to R: Mead,
 Donovan(in back)
 and Mende***



IRISH PARK CARAWAY FINN

1994 -14.2 HH - BAY CONNEMARA STALLION
INSPECTED AND APPROVED- ELITE STATUS

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 3/4" 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.

A successful competitive career in many disciplines has proved Finn's great versatility. His wins include- In Hand, Eventing, Hunter, Jumper, Dressage and Trail class.



Stud Fee - \$600.00. LFG.

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***Caraway Poppy
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Gilly
2009 and 2010
full sisters
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Caraway Finn x
Stonybrook
Irish Creme***

Hot News!

The Canadian Connemara Society is planning to have jackets available with the CCPS logo embroidered on the front. These are excellent quality jackets, water proof and will be a reasonable price. If you are interested in purchasing a jacket, please contact Margot Watson or Susan MacDougall at margotwatson@shaw.ca or susanmac@uniserve.com respectively for more information.



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.

2011 Stud Fee \$650 CDN (includes booking fee)

Elodon CONNEMARAS

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Photo: Garcia Schellhorn



Brynn and Elodon Maeve

Elodon Connemaras News by Elsie Priddy

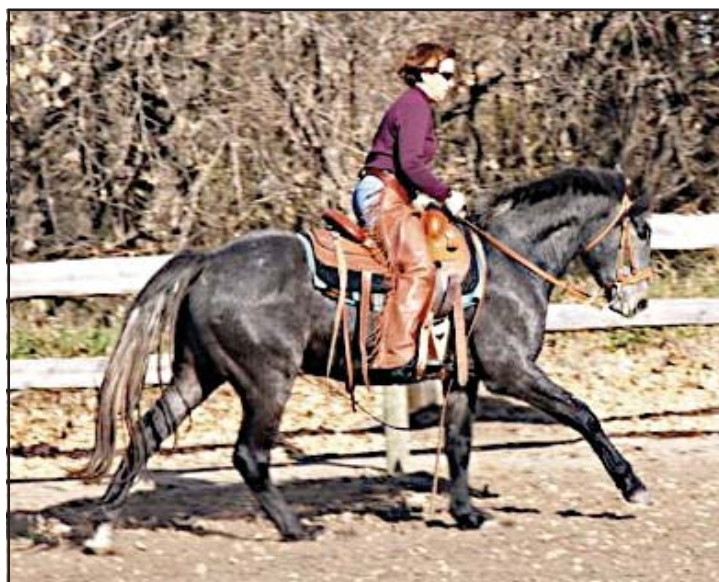
This fall and winter we have focused on training our younger ponies. Early in the fall Elodon Torin and Castlebar Gaelic were started under saddle and Elodon Maeve continued her education. Maeve will be ridden by Brynn Carter in the Kingskettle Pony Club starting in January.

Other Aedan offspring have been started under saddle this fall as well. Sharon Ball of Asquith, SK tells us she is pleased with her part-bred Paddy Lally's temperament, ability and his pony type.

Elodon Torin, has a lovely new home with Myrna MacDonald Ridley in Gruenthal, SK. We wish the Ridley family many happy years with their new pony and welcome them to the joys of Connemara ownership.

We will not have any of our own foals this spring but look forward to purebred foals in 2012. It seems like a very long wait but time as usual will go quickly as we hope to have another busy year working with our ponies.

Elsie Priddy



Sharon Ball and Paddy

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Nova Scotia Update

"Connemara Pony – Best suited for: jumping, hunting, dressage, eventing, driving, trail riding, and even light draft work; also make ideal children's mounts." I read this statement in a book, Horse Breeds of North America; we had bought for our then seven year old daughter Lauren. That was three years ago and as we continued to research and learn more about them, we became more and more intrigued. Thank you Heather Sherratt and Christine Carey for answering what must have seemed like an unending stream of email questions and telephone conversations, you are both great ambassadors for these wonderful ponies. In the fall of 2010 it all came together and Ellie (Elphin Lullaby of Birdland – Maplehurst Michael MacDaire x Scottsway Lullaby) arrived on a transport from Mary Flynn in Ontario, thank you Mary. We have been enjoying her immensely and she has been enjoying being ridden and giving pony rides to our younger two daughters. Our riding instructor immediately commented that she was a very safe and sensible pony who could be trusted to take care of her rider, quite an endorsement for an 8 year old mare with only a couple of months training under saddle. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring, back to work under saddle and I would like to think a cart may be in our future ☺

Scott, Carolyn, Lauren, Emma, and Ally Longmire



Membership Information- Annual Renewals are due Jan 1, 2011!

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 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 - \$40

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.**

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

rpdoner@sympatico.ca

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..

	Member	Non-
Member		
Text only ad (1 pony)	free	\$10
Text only (2 ponies)	free	\$17
Text only (3 ponies +)	free	\$7 per pony
Photo ad (1 pony)	\$20	\$30
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Temporary Registrations	Member	Non-Member
Fillies and Colts (includes DNA) up to 6 months after date of birth	\$80	\$160
Fillies and Colts (includes DNA) over 6 months after date of birth	\$100	\$200

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<u>Geldings and Halfbreds</u>	\$30	\$60
Up to June 30 of the year following year of birth		
After June 30th of the year following year of birth	\$40	\$80
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Auction is Online Now!

The Second Canadian Connemara Pony Society auction is underway. The 1st auction was an unqualified success & we hope for a repeat. There are presently three stallions listed with more to come, and books, DVD's, tack and other auction items on the list. More items are being added as we go along.

The Auction is at <http://canadianconnemarapony.wordpress.com/>
Please share this website with everyone, as the funds earned by the Auction go to promote the Connemara Pony breed in Canada.

Elphin Mountain Farm – 2010

The biggest news on the farm last year was the arrival from Finland of *Caragh Gaoithe (Innellan Kestrel x Innellan Gem x Glencarrig Lexus), known as Henkka. Having lost Millie last spring and as Dee is getting up in years, I was facing a serious reduction in broodmares with only Abby left, but I had three nice young fillies coming along, one from each of the mares. The temptation to find a young colt suitable to breed to them all was too much for me and after a long search I found Henkka. It proved difficult to find a colt to fit my rather exacting requirements. I wanted to introduce different bloodlines to my herd and to Canada; he had to be under two years of age to make importing easier; and he had to meet my standards for type and conformation. Given the popularity of the Hazy line in Ireland and Europe, many of the ponies I liked were descended from Mick's dam, but eventually I found one advertised in Finland but couldn't trace his owner. I contacted Tuula Pyoria to see if she could help. She didn't know the pony but tentatively suggested she had a colt by the same sire, Innellan Kestrel (Spinway Coment x Abbeyleix Swan), that I might like but he wasn't really for sale. Of course he was the one, and after months of negotiating travel arrangements he arrived in Canada in April. It was a long trip, across Finland, by ferry to Sweden, a sleepover there and on by ferry again to Germany where he was in quarantine for ten days. The only flight with horses going to Toronto left from Amsterdam, so Henkka crossed another border to fly KLM to Toronto where I picked him up and brought him to my neighbour's where we had arranged quarantine quarters for another ten days. We were lucky he caught the flight he did as less than a week later the Icelandic volcano disrupted flights for weeks. I was very relieved when he finally passed all import requirements and I brought him home to his new paddock.

In true Connemara fashion, he dealt with all the travel and changes with great equanimity but he had dropped quite a bit of weight and he didn't fully recover from all the stresses of changing continents till late this fall when suddenly I saw the pony I had seen in videos and photos from Finland. He has a truly Connemara temperament, cheerful, patient and interested in everything. This spring I hope to breed him to

my three Mick fillies and eventually to collect for AI and perhaps frozen semen.

Henkka was not the only arrival at the farm this spring. I got an email from Rai Pullen in Georgia telling me of the success of her Mick daughter, Lottie (Caraway Charlotte by Mick and out of Chris Carey's *Wensum Plum). Lottie had qualified for the Green Pony Hunter division of the 2010 USEF Pony Finals National Championships in Kentucky in August, where she eventually came in 11th out of 65 ponies. Rai was interested in one of my geldings but had to sell Wildwych Clio (Castle Baron x *Glenormiston Amelia) to make room. Well, of course the temptation was too great again and Kee went to Georgia and Clio arrived here just before Henkka. Clio is the ultimate international pony. She is sired by Irish-bred Castle Baron who stands in Australia, traveled in utero with her Australian-bred dam to Colorado, lived for years in Georgia before coming up to Canada. Hopefully she is now in foal to Mick for spring 2011.



Shortly after I got back from Illinois where I had been asked to judge the Midwest Connemara Pony Show, I heard from Tuula that Henkka's half sister, out of Gem, had repeated Henkka's success last year at the Finnish National Connemara Pony Show, winning her yearling class, the Junior championship, the best Finnish bred pony, and was Reserve Overall Champion.

Mick has taken all the changes in stride and at nearly 22 still rules the farm from his paddock in front of the house. As well as Lottie's success as an A circuit hunter pony, Mick's many other children and grandchildren continue to represent the breed as successful eventers, dressage and family mounts. The now-gelded Elphin Song Sparrow residing in California is a good example of this, winning the Consummate Connemara Trophy for type, temperament, conformation, athletic ability and movement at the 2010 West Coast Connemara Show.

So much for reducing the numbers and the work. From one broodmare and one stallion, I now have five mares and two stallions, hopefully two foals this spring and the opportunity to breed on to the second generation.

Heather Sherratt

www.elphinfarms.com

Update from Shirley Sauve and family

Although the weather hasn't cooperated,(with record snow fall and temperatures hovering at -27 C during the day), especially for those equine enthusiast who don't have indoor facilities we work our youngsters when the days are nice. Sydney Sauve-Huebner took advantage of this. She and her mom saddled up three year old Kimbles May Bloom and mounted her. She was more concerned about the feed that was in front of her rather than what was on her back. Sydney has helped her mom with the ground work (shaking tarps, bouncing balls, dragging the wagon and walking her over poles and through obstacles) to prepare Bloom for riding and driving. She and Bloom work well together. They will be showing in hand this year and if things go right maybe under saddle by late summer.



Sydney and Kimbles May Bloom.

Update from Shannon Thompson

Priceless and I began the year at Prelim level. We placed 2nd at Johvale HT, and then won the prelim division at Aspen Farms in Washington.

We then moved up to Intermediate, placing 3rd at our first outing at Inavale Farms in Oregon, then winning the next one at Northwest Equine in Washington. We also placed second at the Aspen Farms CIC* in the fall.

Now we are in Florida working with the O'Connor's.



Shannon Thompson on K.S. Priceless - Photo by Tim O'Neal



Rills Royal Rascal aka Roger That

Pony Champion at Thunderbird

Rider Arora Peters

Owner Glynnis Croken. " Roger" is currently competing on the California Winter Hunter Circuit.

Photo credit is Totem Photography

I did discover though that Starlight's Zara and I were 7th provincially in 2010 in the lightweight division of the BC Competitive Trail Riding Association. Jennifer Brownlow

The Pumpkin Fun Show - Day Two

On the way to the show, I got caught behind a "pokey" old couple. I stewed - then zoomed on by at the first opportunity, thinking some rather uncharitable thoughts for a Sunday morning! The pokey car followed, and when I looked back, I felt a stab of shame. The "offending" couple was a man with a cane, slowly walking with assistance from his tiny elderly wife. I helped them inside, and got them settled into seats with a good view. They told me that they were very excited, as they were there to surprise their granddaughter, who was competing. I wished them a good time at the show, then walked away feeling humbled. Not so long since I required help driving and walking. 2.0 Horse & Rider Relay Race. Lucero rode Kestrel, & Anna did the "human" jumping. Nice form over the jumps Anna! Their efforts netted them a 3rd place finish out of 23 riders. 2.0 Open Jumper. The first four jumps were clear - then the dreaded "scarey" jump ---the one that likely had a drooling troll hiding in the middle, waiting for a tasty "horse" snack to fall in. With Anna's encouragement, she cleared it, achieving a clear round! They entered 2.3 Open Jumping. Kestrel knocked down a pole on the first three jumps, figured it out, and continued the rest of the course clear.

In English Equitation, Dani California went obediently around the ring, taking her cues nicely, in response to Anna's steady, quiet hands. Time for dressage. Ho hum, time for a break - not enough action. Right? Wrong! This dressage was free style in costume to music, everything from lovely classical to hip-hop. I stood glued to the spot! It was very moving to see the horses pick-up the "feeling" in the music. The combination of inspiring music, and the "majestic horse" was very stirring. Amusing also, to watch horses take-up the beat of the faster modern tunes, and show-off!

The Junior Halloween Costume Extravaganza was filled with lots of creative costumes. Lucero transformed Walsom into a "Bad Halloween Horse", while Kestrel became a colourful clown. The party hat protruding from her forehead gave her the appearance of a white unicorn. Catherine's son entered as Robin Hood, on his Connemara gelding "Out-of-the-Blue". In the end, the winning pair was a pilgrim riding a "turkey", complete with feathers springing from behind the saddle.

Our tired but happy horses and riders loaded-up for the trip home. Anna and Dani California should feel really good about themselves - they worked hard getting ready for that show, and it

was obvious! A smile was with me for weeks after, whenever I thought of the innocent, family-friendly Pumpkin Fun Horse Show.

Submitted by
Jeannie Walsh



Anna and Dani California Waiting For The Junior Halloween Costume Extravaganza

Erin & Peso

"There is no way she can ride him." Anyone who knows SCS Avenns Caibre MacCarthy, better known as Peso around the barn, knows him for being super fast and a fierce competitor in the jumper ring. In the past, his partners have always been older more experienced riders. People capable of muscling him back when he thinks it's time to take matters into his own hooves. When my mom told me my twelve-year-old sister Erin would be riding Peso after her lease on her old pony was up, my reaction was not encouraging. However, Caroline Ojay, our beloved coach and mentor, and her daughter Erin Eacrett, had big plans for the duo.

Erin has always been the daredevil. When she started her riding career six years ago, we all knew she would be the jumper rider of the family. She always wanted to jump higher, go faster and turn tighter. She was therefore ecstatic when the opportunity to ride one of the top jumper ponies in the province presented itself. Being the contrary person she is, she told me she would ride him with no problems after I voiced my doubts; and ride him she did.

To say it was smooth sailing from the very beginning would be a lie. There were frustrating lessons when Peso would take advantage of her small size and haul Erin around the ring, leaving out strides and taking ridiculously long distances. I watched each of these lessons with an "I told you so" attitude. Yet she would finish her lesson and give Peso huge pats, her inability to take no for an answer forcing her to persevere. Over the winter of 2009, Erin and Peso progressed and learned to trust each other. He pulled less and listened more, Erin (yet again) proving me wrong.

Their 2010 debut was at the third Winter Training Series. Peso was as quiet as you please, putting in solid rounds and coming home with a second and fifth. Erin was happy just to have had control, and the ribbons put her over the moon. A few weeks after came the AHHS Season Opener. She and Peso were reserve in the pony division and champion in the 2'9" division. It proved to be an omen for the year to come.

Summer 2010 was full of shows, each one proving better than the last. Erin and Peso were champion in several divisions at every show they entered for the remainder of the year. Included in the countless wins was the \$10 000 Horse Sport Grand Prix at Midsummer Classic II against all the horses and fourth in the \$5 000 Nations Cup. Finishing the year at Spruce Meadows, Erin was champion in the pony jumpers.

I watched in admiration as the pair of them cleaned up at every show. Everyone knew they had to hold their breath when Erin Rodger and SCS Avenns MacCarthy were next in; the leader board was about to change. As the dynamic duo tear across the course, excitement builds in the stands. Shouts of encouragement can be heard by many in the crowd, all from people of different barns. It has always amazed me how one little pony could unify such a diverse group of riders, parents and coaches.

At the end of the day, Erin comes out of the ring with a smile on her face regardless of the ribbons and Peso always get his cookies and an extra hug before he is put away. I could not be more proud to tell people, "Yeah, Erin's my little sister". Just don't tell her that, she'll never let me live it down.

Peso is an incredible pony and even at age 18 he is showing no signs of slowing down. Foaled by the incredible sire "Lynfield's Cormac MacCarthy and dam Avenns' golden Ruby, he is, as Erin puts it, "a privilege to ride".

by Simone Rodger



Erin & Peso at the RMSJ Summer Classic Summer 2010

Classified Ads



Belfast Button & foal

Lissadell Farm is offering for sale the following ponies. Belfast Button is a 6yr. old brood mare. She has had three male foals and is currently open. Her foals are also for sale: Lissadell Oisin is a rising 3yr. old silver roan gelding, has good stable manners, a sweet nature and is in training, Lissadell Dun Eoin is a rising 2 yr. old dun gelding well handled. Both geldings will stay pony size and have natural jumping ability. Lissadell Sandstone is Button's foal from 2010. He is a flashy bay roan who would make an excellent stallion prospect. Their sire, Tintagel Tibyl, a son of Hohnhurst Brannigan, will be offered for sale as a gelding. He is rising 5 yrs. old and has sired 5 colts and a filly. He has been backed and is handled daily. He deserves a career as a show pony as he is very flashy and has no job as we are not breeding. Lissadell Zepp Lynn is a rising 5 yr. old grey mare by Belfast Bonfire who was also Button's sire. She had a filly foal this year but is currently open. She has passed inspection. Zepp Lynn's mother has been sold but her half brother Lissadell Ronan a red roan 2010 is also offered for sale. All stock are registered purebreds. 2010 foals have been DNA tested. Information on pedigree can be seen on the farm website: lissadellfarm.com and/or call Mary Flynn 613 433 5824. Email: flymar@hotmail.com



Tintagel Tibyl



Lissadell Zepp Lynn



Lissadell Sandstone

Very Nice 5 year old purebred bay filly, 14.2 h.h. +. Going well under saddle. Would be a lovely eventer or trail partner. Versatile, nice paces, good mind. Inspected & Approved. Lightly shown, always in the ribbons. Could be sold bred to our stallion *Hohnhorst Branni if desired. Enquiries, call Penny 403-638-9152
cphuggons@gmail.com

For Sale: Double registered 3 yr. Part-bred Connemara/ Arabian filly. Solid Bay. 14 hh. Excellent conformation, sound long stride, pleasing disposition. Handled daily and well cared for. Will be ready to start training in late summer.
Sire: MGRM Mick O'Lean O'Flynn
Dam: Background lines to Style master and Proud Ruler
Jade will do well in many disciplines. \$2500.
Contact: Ruth Wagner, 780-731-2250, Alberta
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For Sale : Century Hill's Hazy Kate -June, 2010 filly
Kate is out of our inspected and approved mare Century Hill's Maiden Realta. Rea is out of our premium mare Eastland's Glendearg by the Elite stallion Maplehurst Michael McDaire. Kate is a very sweet filly that has great personality and full of spunk. She is handled every day. She will lead, tie, x-tie, clip and stand for farrier. Kate will make a great performance pony and later a great asset to a conscientious breeding program. For more pictures view www.centuryhillfarm.ca or call Dale Doner at 705-426-4451 rpdoner@sympatico.ca

For Sale:

Century Hill's Good Vibrations aka "Noah"
April 2008 Grey Gelding 14.3"

*Eastlands Glendearg x Wildwyck Eclipse

Noah has been lightly backed doing walk, trot, canter and is a pleasure to ride. He is very willing and eager to please. He is very free in the shoulder with very smooth gaits and covers the ground nicely. Noah is uncomplicated. He was broke English but will ride western. You can ride him with others or take him for a hack by yourself. Noah is a real gentleman, and loves to be around people. He would make a great mount for adult, amateur or youth.

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Century Hill's Good Vibrations

2010 Transfers

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Glenn Erinn Emma bred by Joseph Donnelly to Pamela Graham, Edson, AB

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Balius Siobhan bred by Sally Green to Helen Ann Scott, Mount Forest, ON

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Traa Dy Liooar Cayley bred by Pat & Terry Francis to Cali Lewis, Clyde, AB

***Tatham Balianna** from Dale Doner to Alexandra Mark, Beaverton, ON

Kimble's Sierra Wind bred by Steve & Shirley Sauve to Cynthia Adams, Stony Plain, AB

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Bien Mallin's Windtalker bred by Diane Bruce to Samme Bradshaw, Darwell, AB

CCPS 2011 AGM in B.C.

This year the Pacific Region will be hosting the Annual General Meeting. It will be held in conjunction with the Mane Event in Chilliwack, BC. The AGM will be held on Saturday, Oct 22, 2011 at 8:30 am – hoping to finish early afternoon so we can all go enjoy the activities at the Mane Event. The Mane Event begins at Noon on Friday, Oct 21st, all day Saturday concluding Sunday at 6:00 pm. We are planning on having a Connemara booth and have local ponies participating in the breed demos. Check out the website for the clinicians <http://www.maneeventexpo.com/bc/default.asp> And of course, there is always lots of shopping! Looking forward to having lots of members come and join us to support our Canadian Connemara Society at the AGM and enjoy the Mane Event! If you are flying in – the best (closest) airport is the Abbotsford airport. We can make arrangements to pick you up and take you back easily (but can't promise that service if you fly into Vancouver)!

President's address cont'd

in addition to our breeders list. Just let your regional chair person know what you need. We also hope to have some horse and human clothing available with our logo.

We will be having an on-line auction again this year. Please look in your tack room or bookshelf and see if you can donate something. The proceeds will go to regional events.

E-mail Susan MacDougall at:

susanmac@uniserve.com

Please pass this newsletter around. If you are at a stables; pin a copy on the notice board. E-mail a copy to your friends, and spread the word. We have wonderful ponies that everyone needs to know about!

Pacific Region is putting on a Schooling Connemara show April 17th at M & M Connemaras in Langley BC. Fran O'Reilly to be Judging. Halter and performance classes. Should be fun!

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