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CCPS Performance Award Winners for 2012



Elsie Priddy and Century Hills Aedan Zodiac
Purebred Award



Cyndie Crook and Kimbles Sierra Wind
Partbred Award

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Report from our new President

2013 marks a quarter century since we bought our first Connemara pony! Life with the ponies is always fun & rewarding. Now once again it is decision time for another season...breeding, showing, promoting, buying & selling. With this 2013 Stallion edition newsletter; breeders & owners will be looking to the future & planning their breedings for the coming year. We are

holding a stallion service auction again this year so please consider either donating a breeding (or other items or services) or bidding once our Auction site is up. Contact Susan MacDougall for details or to donate.

It is worth remembering that if you are leasing a

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2013 AGM in Ontario

Mark your calendars, book your flights and get ready for a good time! Thursday November 7, 2013 is the date and it coincides with the Royal Winter Fair week. Come enjoy the Royal and catch up with your Connemara friends... details to follow...watch the website!



Photo: Myrna MacDonald Ridley

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.

2013 Stud Fee \$700 CDN (includes booking fee)

Elodon CONNEMARAS

Elsie & Don Priddy, Saskatoon, SK. Ph: (306) 374-1703

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Classified Ad

Rills Caprice is a rising 2 year old filly. She is a very pretty true pony with a lovely head & her sires exceptional movement & temperament. Caprice takes after her dam with her excellent neck & topline & her lovely & unusual dark seal brown color. She is easy to handle & good for the farrier etc. She will make a lovely riding pony as well as a super broodmare. She may be the last filly from this combination as we will not be breeding again this year.

Rills Manderlay (pending) a 2012 filly by Branni & Rills Mariette. "Layla" is the second filly from this breeding combination & she has the same great attributes as her big sister. She is grey from bay roan & is a very elegant big moving filly, who will mature as a large pony. This super filly has all imported Danish & German breeding & is a lovely prospect. Mariette has been on lease & will be going home this year so this is another combination in a filly which may not become available again.

Both fillies are reasonably priced. Please enquire
Penny cphuggons@gmail.com
<http://rillconnemaras.tripod.com>

Exciting News from Val Everson Rocking Horse Stable!

The Large Hunter pony Champion at the 2012 Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario was a half Connemara - half Welsh pony named Africa's Celtic Spirit. This pony was sired by Celtic Fanfare who stands at Rocking Horse Stable in Rockland Ontario. Celtic Fanfare is out of Celtic Joy Chelsea, and is sired by I.H. Finnvarra. The breeder of the pony is Mr Julian Vernon, who has a stable in Cornwall.





CARAWAY BRIO

CONNEMARA STALLION

2005 - 14 hands

2012 Reserve Champion
Pre-training Division
Quebec

*AI available

Violaine Fortin
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Fermebrio@hotmail.com

Classified Ad

Willows WB Yeats by Landsdown Willow Harbour Boy out of Tre Awain Miss Muffet. Indy is coming 4 and is currently being professionally started under saddle. At 14.1hh, This lovely fellow has shown on the line, stands for farrier, utd on all and will make a fabulous show pony for either a child or an adult. Inspected and approved CCPS. Training and showing will continue until sold. \$4500

muskokalakesconnemaras@yahoo.ca



2012 colt by Tintagels Tibyl out of Belfast Button, will make top of the line large. Leads, ties and is ready to go! Lovely mover and will be a great show pony or happy hacker. Beaker is a very dramatic bay roan. Asking \$2500 and can geld before selling.

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KIPPURE CARA

GRAND CHAMPION CONNEMARA
2011 ACPS Region1 Breed Show
Woodstock Vermont

SUPREME CHAMPION
North American Sport Pony
Star Search
2009 Royal Winter Fair

CCPS Inspected
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NASPR Inspected
FIRST PREMIUM AWARD

*Cara adds great
athleticism, bone,
vigor and intelligence
to your foals!*

*AI available

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Connemara
Stallion*



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News from Century Hill Farm

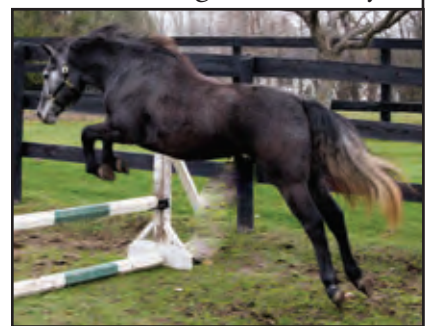
2012 was a another busy year mainly due to preparation for our daughter's wedding. Rick had time in June to show Cara in dressage and cones, placing second in his division. Jeff Kohler (a professional trainer) continued training Cara for a few months and showed him in August in cones and marathon where he won his division! Eastie foaled another lovely filly by Cara in May (Maele) and Cara had a number of breedings to keep him occupied as well in the spring. Plans are underway for more breedings in May & June and to continue his training in eventing and driving this summer.



For Sale- CH Hazy Kate

2010 filly full of performance potential! Open easy forward movement, stamina, strength, and showy!

Dressage, hunter, eventing or driven disciplines. Kate is a pleasure to watch and work with possessing a willing mind and loving disposition. Currently being backed. \$4000.



Contact Rick or Dale at 705-426-4451,
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"Century Hill Farm" or visit www.centuryhillfarm.com

Elphin Mountain Farm 2012

The spring of 2012 brought the most foals to Elphin Mountain in many a year. Mick sired a filly out of *Scottsway Lullaby (Abby) and a colt from Wildwych Clio, while *Caragh Goaithe's (Henkka) first crop resulted in colts from Elphin Milis Rosanna and E. Michaelmas Daisy. Mick's offspring are as different as can be from each other: Kitti is markedly independent and Juniper more of a homebody. Henkka's foals both have his generous temperament and nice movement.

After a great spring with these four lovely foals, the summer of 2012 was challenging for me and most farms in eastern Ontario. Hay in late June and early July was very good but as temperatures soared and the rain didn't come the situation quickly deteriorated. The land here is high and very sandy so I need regular rain to keep pastures green but this summer there was virtually no rain from mid-July till September. I am lucky with my hay supplier who has given me great service for well over twenty years. He didn't let me down and found extra acreage to cut and delivered 18 big round bales to see me through the fall.

In July I drove down to Woodstock, Vermont to judge the Region 1 show again. It is several years since I was there and the facilities are better than ever. The numbers of ponies were down a little from previous years but it was lovely to see so many good ponies both in performance and in hand. It is always a fun show and a great place to meet old friends, put faces to names and catch up on what the ponies are doing.

In September we held inspections in Central Region. It was an exhausting four days with over 1200km of driving from Quebec to Muskoka inspecting 15 ponies en route. At my farm Caroline Nesbitt stepped in to inspect and Henkka and my three mares, Elphin Scarlet Tanager, Wildwych Clio and Castlebar Dreams of Ireland all passed well. A few weeks later I heard from Henkka's breeder in

Finland, Tuula Pyoria, that Henkka's three half sisters, two by Innellan Kestrel and one out of Innellan Gem, had all passed their inspections very well. One of Kestrel's daughters had the highest score of the day. It was interesting discussing the similarities and differences between the Finnish system of scoring and ours. In the end I think we have the same standards and results even if the details differ a little.

In September I decided it was time for Henkka (pictured below) to get to work and as I am no longer riding I looked for a good trainer familiar with handling stallions. Pat Wolfe, a Fjord breeder and international driver in our area, fitted the bill and agreed to take Henkka for a month or so after he returned from driving his pair of mares at Walnut Hill. Pat lives even further back in the bush than I do and off grid too so I wanted to make sure Henkka came home before the snow started. Henkka settled in easily and Pat I think is



converted to Connemaras if Henkka is characteristic of the breed. Henkka seemed to enjoy the work and was soon going under saddle. I'm not sure what the spring will bring for him yet but I hope he has one or two more foals due. Mick still reigns as undisputed king of the farm although he is approaching his 24th birthday in May. He and his long-term amour Abby are expecting their 13th foal together in the spring.

Kirsten moved back to Canada in June after nearly 8 years in Australia and is currently living near Whitehorse working for the Yukon Agricultural Association. She reports that the horse community up north is very active (although there aren't too many Connemaras!) and is the largest sector of the ag industry.

This winter is proving the opposite of the summer with more snow by Christmas than the whole of last winter and wild temperature fluctuations! The ponies seem to take it all in stride as long as there is hay in front of them and shelter from the winds.

Heather Sherratt elphin@superaje.com

News from Lea Connemaras



Early on the morning of July 23 rd, Ellie gave us a wonderful strong colt foal by Waterfield Prince (*Coral Bobby x Kindesella Contessa). We think the picture (left) sums up how much Ellie loves having a foal. We named him Lea Prince Ciaran (little dark one) which seems to fit as he looks to be bay to stay. We are very pleased with Ciaran, he is a great colt with a lovely pony head, lots of bone, and super movement. Ciaran is sold and will be off to his new home in the spring. His new owners are experienced horse women with plans to train him and use him on their TB mares. We are hopeful they may pick up a purebred filly to use him over as well. We are very excited for his future and thankful for such an excellent home.

Late in 2011 we were presented with the opportunity to bring Waterfield Prince (*Coral Bobby x *Kindesella Contessa) up from Robert Bolger in Massachusetts, he is a 2009 dark bay to grey who is maturing nicely. Prince is a great combination of old lines showing the pony type of his premium sire and the substance and heartiness of his dam. He is a very solid lad, with ample bone, lovely straight limbs, and wonderful conformation. He started ground work earlier in 2012 and was lightly backed. He will be returning to the trainer late this winter to carry on his under saddle training and maybe take his ground driving to the next level. If his first foal is any indication, this boy has a bright future ahead of him.



I remember someone telling me that it was nearly impossible to have just one Connemara, I guess they were right. We were very fortunate to be able to lease Ting (*Hearnesbrook Shooting Star) from Chris Carey in 2012. She has been a great mare for Chris producing several performance ponies, including an approved stallion son. Her pedigree boasts several premium and super premium ponies in the UK and we are so excited to have her here. Ting is a lovely mare with a wonderful temperament, and wow can this little chick move. Our daughter Emma has fallen completely in love with her and is working very hard in her lesson program and pony club to develop her riding skills, she hopes to be able to ride/compete with her. Ting is in foal to Prince for a 2013 foal, we are very excited to see what they produce together. That is all from Nova Scotia for now, hope 2013 is a great year for you all and of course the ponies.

Scott Longmire Nova Scotia

Ballencrieff Connemara Farm News

Honey (*Aille Ivory) and I did indeed have one more Eventing season in us and what a season it was! We took a short break through the wettest part of the winter but tried to stay in shape. Honey turned 25 yrs in 2012 so it was important not to let her get too out of shape over the winter. We had a few interruptions with me taking a 3 week walking holiday in England with my sister so we had a late start on the Eventing season but we did manage 3 Events again last summer –in July, August and September. And this year we didn't have any rails down in Stadium! We actually WON all three Events on our Dressage score and the September Event was the BC Championships!! (we were only Reserve Champs last year) I am so proud of Honey – she just keeps on going without any lameness or even stiffness and she takes good care of me. She is truly amazing. I decided that would be our last 'Hoorah' in Eventing since people were saying we had to move up after winning so much and I don't think that would be fair to Honey when she will be turning 26 yrs old this year. I'm still riding her and keeping her in shape and lending her weekly to a friend for a lesson over poles. She can be the 'school master' pony now. Now it can be Lacey's turn!

Ballencrieff's Winter Lace went into intensive training in 2012 and is really coming along well. My coach, Jessie Smith, has been working with her and then with Lacy and I together so that I can ride her correctly. She is very fun (when she is not distracted – she is a little ADD) – she already does counter canter, flying changes and small jump courses – very athletic! I don't do all those things yet but Jessie and Lacey do! So I think Lacey and I may attempt an Event or two this summer in a little Starter division.

Joshua 1:9 (Ard Celtic Art x Ballencrieff's Winter Lace) is growing up to be a nice boy. Still easy to handle so we haven't gelded him yet. He loads in the trailer, stands nicely for the farrier, ties up and walks over tarps etc. He is a rising 2 year old now – how time flies!

All the best for 2013 from
Margot Watson
Ballencrieff Connemara Pony Farm
"Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God
will be with you wherever you go" *Joshua 1:9*



BC Championship 2012 – Pre-entry, Sr.



Lacey & Jessie (coach)



Joshua 1:9 – summer 2012 yearling colt by Ard Celtic Art

News from Muskoka Lakes

Happy New Year fellow Connemara enthusiasts! Its been a busy and exciting time this past year at Muskoka Lakes Connemaras. Our show season went from February to November of 2012 and was filled with fun, excitement and lots of Championship and Reserve Championship ribbons and trophies.

I had knee surgery in June and had to keep my riding and showing within the limits of my poor knee, so that saw us show mainly at the WT level in dressage with Tibyl. We did several Gold level shows and finished our Dressage season down in Kentucky for the National Dressage Pony Cup at the Kentucky Horse Park. It was a fantastic trip that saw myself, my husband and our 4 year old son trekking down with Tibyl in tow. We met lots of wonderful pony people and a few Connemara folk down there. We ended up Reserve Champion in both our divisions which made me ever so proud of my boy. Can't wait to head back down again in 2013!

For fun Tibyl and I also dabbled in the western world where we had fun beating the pants of ALOT of QHs in the Trail classes and we did decently well in the Horsemanship etc. My favourite was competing in a class of over 20 people and we came 2nd! Well done my lovely lad! On top of the showing came the Inspections in September which saw 3 of 4 of my ponies pass. I also got to meet Caroline Nesbitt and her husband Bob. A chance comment about their lovely stallion Ilyushin living in Canada planted some seeds. Following a bunch of emails and a visit to New Hampshire I am pleased to say that Morning Glorys Ilyushin will be brought up to Canada for a while to show and breed! He is a stunning boy and I am looking VERY forward to riding, showing and breeding him to my mares! I can't thank Caroline and Bob enough for their hospitality during my visit and their trust to have the opportunity to bring this lad to Canadian breeders! Look for us in the Dressage and in Hand rings in 2013!

Lots of plans are in the works for this upcoming year... I hope to get some ponies down to the show in Upperville as well as head back down to Kentucky again for the Pony Cup. Please keep checking in on our website for current information about our showing, breeding and pony sales! Have a great year everyone and hope to meet more of you this season!

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Tintagels Tibyl receiving his Reserve Champion crystal plate at the National Dressage Pony Cup KHP



Tintagels Tibyl in the ribbons at the Kentucky Horse Park National Dressage Pony Cup



Morning Glorys Ilyushin

2012 Canadian Connemara Society

Award Results

Century Hills Aedan Zodiac – Don and Elsie
Priddy

Silver Medal in Hunter

Rills Gaelic Wafer – Grace O'Driscoll
Certificate of Achievement in Hunter

Aille Ivory – Margot Watson
**Silver Medal in Pre-Entry Level Horse
Trials**

Traa Dy Lioor Ireland – Isabelle Goodine
Gold Medal in Hunter

Certificate of Achievement in English Equitation

*Kippure Cara – Richard Doner
**Certificate of Achievement in Preliminary
Combined Driving**

Kimbles Sierra Wind – Cyndie Crook
**Certificate of Achievement, Bronze
Medal, and Silver Medal in Combined
Driving Training Level**

Solaz – Cyndie Crook
**Certificate of Achievement, Bronze
Medal, Silver Medal and Gold Medal in
Combined Driving Preliminary Level**

Tintagels Tibyl – Janet Rowe
**Certificate of Achievement In-Hand
Certificate of Achievement, Bronze
Medal, Silver Medal in Walk/Trot Dressage**

Caraway Merle – Jeanne Poirier

Certificate of Achievement and Bronze Medal in Horse Trials – Entry Level

Caraway Brio – Violaine Fortin
**Gold Medal in Horse Trials – Pre-Training
Level**

DevonRidge Harris Hawk – Eve Dedrick
Certificate of Achievement in Pony Club

Purebred Connemara Performance and In-Hand Award

Century Hills Aedan Zodiac – Don and Elsie
Priddy

Partbred Connemara Performance and In-Hand Award

Kimbles Sierra Wind – Cyndie Crook

Lyndfields Cormac MacCarthy Perpetual Award for Western Performance

Tintagels Tibyl – Janet Rowe

There were 13 participants in this year's awards program, 11 receiving awards.

We had 3 Western Performance candidates this year, which is promising! ***Congratulations to all!***

***Don't forget to submit your achievement
award forms for each show this year which can
be downloaded from the website***

www.canadianconnemara.org under "forms".

***After filling out a form for each show and
having the show secretary sign it, please mail
them to Shirley Sauve before November 30, 2013
at***

***Box 2 53504 Range Rd 280
Spruce Grove AB T7X3V6***

Central Region Inspections 2012

The objectives of inspections are twofold: to maintain the type and conformational correctness of our ponies, and to educate owners and breeders about Connemaras enabling them to make knowledgeable purchase decisions and breeding choices.

In the central region we had not held inspections since 2009 when we crossed the country with Tom Maclochlainn. That was a very successful and educational tour for all of us. One of the results of this was a request from pony owners for a more detailed report of their pony's inspection results. The CCPS Inspection Committee has therefore spent considerable time revising our inspection procedures.

The standards we require of a pony remain the same but we have introduced a numerical system to allow owners to see the strengths and weaknesses of their ponies in more detail. The 2012 inspections in Central Region were the first time we used this system. Although it takes a little longer to fill in forms and to familiarize inspectors with the changes, we found it worked well. A few more adjustments remain to be made.

The inspectors for the tour September 22-24 included Margot Watson, Susan MacDougall, myself, and Caroline Nesbitt from New Hampshire, with Chris Carey as a trainee. We inspected a total of 15 ponies, including three stallions, at four locations in Quebec and Ontario. Starting at Caraway Connemaras in Quebec, we inspected four mares. I stepped down when one mare of my breeding and her daughter were presented and was interested to see how she had improved on her dam and her daughter improved on her. This is exactly the results we are looking for and was a good object lesson for all present, as we hope inspections can be.

We then traveled to Doris Petzak's farm to inspect her young stallion and mare. Doris is a comparatively new breeder and I hope, although our visit was shorter than we would have liked, that she found the experience useful.

The following day was a busy one at Elphin Farm with three of my mares, my young stallion and a young mare from a new owner in Carleton Place all to be inspected. After lunch and a time for people to meet

and discuss ponies we headed north to Janet Rowe's Muskoka Lakes Connemaras, more than five hours' drive away. The next day we inspected her stallion, two mares and a gelding and spent time looking at her youngstock. Janet is relatively new to the breed and was eager to learn from the inspectors. Caroline and her husband Bob, who had been traveling in their small RV and camping at all the farms en route, took off for a longer trip round Eastern Canada. We all learnt from working with Caroline with her wealth of knowledge and experience. I think she enjoyed seeing our Canadian ponies and countryside with the lovely fall colours, especially in the Muskokas.

The tour raised a handful of questions about the inspection process that we had a chance to discuss among ourselves. We tread a fine line between responsibility to the breed, education of owners, and privacy and confidentiality. No one likes failing ponies but we are responsible for maintaining breed standards. Our numerical system helps show owners what we are looking for and why some ponies do not pass. Ponies can be re-presented and some pass the second time, particularly if they were young and immature at their first inspection. The minimum age for inspection is two years, with a strong recommendation that stallions in particular not be presented until age three. Because of the logistics of inspecting in such a large country with relatively few ponies spread widely, it is impossible to inspect every area every year, or even every two years. Consequently, inspectors are sometimes presented with ponies that are not physically ready and at times it may not be possible to pass these ponies as it is difficult to assess how well they will mature.

Inspections are intended to help both buyers and breeders in their choice of ponies. To this end, we publish a list of the ponies that have passed inspections on the CCPS webpage but we do not list ponies that fail. I would encourage anyone interested in buying a pony or breeding to a stallion to ask the owner not only if the pony has passed inspection, but whether it has been inspected and what the result was. Most owners are happy to show you the inspection results and discuss them.

Sometimes as inspectors we are asked our opinions of ponies before formal inspection. It is not our policy to give unofficial opinions of whether a pony is likely or not to pass inspection; however we are always

happy to discuss inspection results with owners. At inspections there is always a panel of at least three inspectors to give a balanced decision on any pony. We all have our strengths and weaknesses, the things we always notice as good or lacking, and having three inspectors helps balance this. Having the panel travel from one side of this huge country to the other also assists in keeping a uniform national standard. It is expensive but it is worthwhile to maintain this consistency for all our ponies. Occasionally using outside inspectors also helps ensure our standards are international. Inspections are one of our biggest expenses as a society but, in my opinion, they are also one of the most important aspects of the society to ensure ponies bred in Canada are of an international calibre.

Being an inspector is a huge responsibility to the breed and takes time and dedication. I would like to thank our inspectors and especially, this year, Caroline, who gave so freely of their time and experience.

Heather Sherratt
Chair, Inspections Committee

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breeding animal CLRC requires a formal lease agreement (which can be downloaded from their website) in order for you to register the progeny.

Looking back over 2012 it has been another successful year for the Society, we have not experienced the dramatic losses to our membership that some societies have experienced during the economic downturn & although the number of members dropped slightly from the previous year the numbers of ponies registered increased slightly. Please remember to renew your membership & if selling a pony, consider buying a complimentary first year membership for the new owner.

The awards program continues to blossom & reward the members who participate & is a great incentive for new owners to join the Society. Other successes this past year were : an Inspection tour in Ontario, another great success for Team Connemara at Spruce Meadows, a pony qualifying for the Royal & Pony Finals in Kentucky & many ponies showing & competing in a wide variety of disciplines from Vancouver Island to the Maritimes.

There are now a handful of Connemaras & new enthusiasts in Manitoba & the first purebred Connemara was born in Nova Scotia!

With the challenging times we are facing in the industry, Canadian breeders continue to adapt to the changes & we can be proud of the excellent quality ponies still being produced. Breeders have continued to introduce new bloodlines, embrace the inspection program & still get excellent ponies out performing as well as producing wonderful family ponies.

Canadian breeders have also been in the forefront of the research into the genetic disease HWSS with individuals & the Society donating money to UC Davis for this very important research.

We now have banners available in each Region. If you are promoting ponies at a show/event please contact your Regional Chair. We also have a downloadable brochure & other promotional items with our Society logo (saddle pads, clothing etc.) available for sale. Contact Promotions Chair Susan MacDougall. susanmac@uniserve.com

Our website continues to be a good resource for information, news & to showcase ponies & riders, whilst our Facebook page helps members to stay in touch.

As you enjoy this hard copy of our 2013 newsletter, I hope some of you will consider becoming involved in your society & coming onto the board in the near future. It is a wonderful group of people, who have a common passion & have a lot of fun when we get together. It is not a big time commitment & is a great way to meet other Connemara enthusiasts.

Check our website for news throughout the seasons, classified ads & the upcoming stallion auction. We would love to include your stories, results & photos on the website so please send me your news . I hope 2013 brings lots of good times for you & your ponies.

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CCPS BROODMARE AWARD. 2012

Awarded to Avenns Golden Ruby. (aka Goldie)
1971 - 2000 M 887 XII 14.1 hands. Golden Dun.

Sire: *Ruta Raini (Knockranny Ruby (Clonkeehan Auratum) x Ashe Grey)

Dam: *Ciotog (Doon Paddy (Carna Dun) x Lus na Pog)

Nominated by Doris Jacobi, Beaumont, Ab.

Goldie was bred by Dr. Thomas O'Halloran, Polson, Montana.

She was the dam of 6 first generation purebred foals. 4 fillies and 2 colts, one of which was retained as a stallion.

There were at least 20 second generation purebred offspring and numerous 3rd and 4th generation foals also.

Characteristics which have contributed to the breed in Canada in the words of Doris Jacobi.

"Our foundation mare, Avenns Golden Ruby, was one of 3 mares purchased from Dr. Thomas O'Halloran, Montana in 1974. At this time the Connemara breed was unknown in Western Canada. Goldie was trained and used as an ambassador to promote the breed. This proved to be very successful as she had an outstanding career. Her quiet and unflappable temperament along with athletic ability allowed her to be trained for many equestrian disciplines. She was never unsound. When it became time for her to join our other 2 foundation mares she became an excellent brood mare. These 3 mares came from different lines and as such gave us the diversity needed. She was as good a broodmare as she was competitor and possessed valuable bloodlines. She is the granddaughter of Lus na bPog and with that she and her foals and their foals are carrying on a legacy in Canada and the USA. Goldie was a wonderful quiet and gentle mother and had a tremendous calming influence and the other mares and foals.

Goldie and her progeny exemplify all the characteristics looked for in a Connemara when inspected. Those presented for inspection since the program began have all passed as meeting the breed standard".

3 first generation offspring and how I consider they represent what she has contributed to the breed. All are by Lyndfields Cormac MacCarthy

Avenns Golden Legacy (aka Fiesta). Foundation mare for Devonridge Connemara Farms. Very much

like her dam in all ways. She has promoted the breed at Spruce Meadows and other shows in Alberta. She has produced wonderful foals from different stallions, mostly fillies.

Avenns Cairbre MacCarthy. Resident stallion for Starlight Connemaras. One of 2 colts he has a striking resemblance to *Texas Hope, his grandsire. He was retained as a stallion and has produced a number of very good foals from 2 mares which Mr Morcom purchased from Heather Sherratt. A few years ago he was gelded. He competed as a stallion and now competes with a young girl in jumper events. Again that athletic ability and wonderful temperament from Goldie comes through.

Avenns Golden Reina. Foundation broodmare for Erin Meadows Connemaras in Ontario. Also resembles her dam. She was ridden in Pony Club and 1st level dressage and has produced many good foals sire by Loughrea's Oisin. Again athletic ability and good temperament are evident. All show strong Connemara breed attributes.

2nd, 3rd or 4th generation offspring that have continued to carry on these characteristics and their contribution to the breed.

2nd generation

Erin Meadows Carolan. Sire. Hideaway's Sebastian.

Coastal Ocean Pearl. (Cashel's Eye of the Tiger x Avenns Golden Raini)

Coastal Celtic Ceildh (Hillside Robert MacDaire x Avenns Golden Raini)

Devon Ridge Rhianon (Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan x A. Golden Legacy)

Devon Ridge Fantacia (Bantry Bay's Dillon x A. Golden Legacy)

K.S. Priceless (Elphin Cronan x A. Diamond Dee)

Starlights Zara (Avenns Caibre MacCarthy x Elphin Sweet Rosaleen)

3rd generation

Erin Meadows Lexilip (Loughrea's Oisin x E. M. Carolan)

Coastal Thistle (Hillside Robert MacDaire x Coastal Ocean Pearl)

Thistledown Seol Muire (Kippure Cara x Coastal Celtic Ceildh)

Devon Ridge 2012 filly (Bantry Bay's Dillon x Devon Ridge Rhianon)

Devon Ridge 2012 filly (Bantry Bay's Dillon x A. Golden Legacy)

4th generation

Rills Romany Star (*Scottsway Bali Hi x Erin M. Carolan)

Rills Sheamore (FairyHill Hawk x Erin M. Lexilip)

Rills Fire n'Ice (FairyHill Hawk x Erin M. Lexilip)

5th generation

Eden's Sugar 'n Spice (Avenns Kimble Wind x Rills Fire 'n Ice)

Avenns Golden Ruby's progeny consistently show her wonderful and many attributes, from their ability to meet the Connemara breed standard when inspected, to their exceptional athletic ability and temperament. Mares are often doubling as brood mares and mounts for juniors or small adults, in a variety of equestrian competitions. Geldings are constantly in the winner's circle, ridden or driven by juniors and adults. The one colt retained as a stallion produced wonderful foals and when sold by Starlight Connemaras he was gelded. He had been trained and ridden as a pony jumper and now competes with a junior rider in the show ring, including Spruce Meadows pony jumper classes and as a Connemara Team member in the Battle of the Breeds. As such they are actively promoting the breed. There are also many half breds descended from Goldie.

More about Avenns Golden Ruby, as written by Doris Jacobi.

Avenns Golden Ruby was purchased in 1974 from Dr. Thomas H. O'Halloran of Polson, Montana. She travelled to Alberta as a rising 3 year old with Lovely Lormount and Inbhear Orga, and several of Inbhear Orga's foals. "Goldie" was to be our 10 year old daughter Melanie's pony to use in Pony Club and 4H with a long range plan to compete in equestrian events as much as possible. The Connemara breed needed to be promoted in Alberta as they were a relatively unknown breed in Western Canada. A lot of time and training went into this endeavour. As time and the years passed Goldie and Melanie achieved many many awards. Goldie's bonding with Melanie produced an awesome pair in competition. Over the years Goldie was trained for many types of equestrian competition, in English, Western and Driving. Her expertise in the jumper and eventing competitions was exceptional for a 14.1 hand pony. In

1983 she was awarded the ACPS Camlin Award which is awarded each year to a purebred Connemara who has been used successfully over a period of time in performance to promote the breed.



Melanie Jacobi on Avenns Golden Ruby

Cedar's Padraig and Lee Taylor

Padraig and I did 2 CDI*** competitions this year, with credible scores in the low to mid 60%s. Our CDI highlight was performing our freestyle in front of a panel of 5 international judges and scoring over 66%! Plans are just taking shape for this year, but we definitely have our sights set on Grand Prix by the end of the season.



Competing with Solaz & Sierra in 2012

Solaz is a 6 year old home bred gelding (Bantry Bay's Dillon x W'blood) and 4 year old Kimbles Sierra Wind (Avenns Kimble Wind x TB). Solaz is now quite experienced at driving, but this was Sierra's first year in competition.

The first competition was the Tournament of the Dandelions in May and I was very pleased with both of them. In June there was a wonderful clinic with Drew Callaghan in Calgary, followed by a great driving trails in Vermillion. Both horses went wonderfully well – Sierra at Training Level and Solaz at Preliminary. The Wildrose Classic competition at the end of June was followed by a 2-day clinic with Sara Schmitt, and both horses went extremely well again.



Sierra driven by Cyndie & Byron navigating High Country CDE

Next stops were in B.C., where I grew up (still a kid at heart!). After trail riding to give the horses a break from driving, the next event was a CDE at 70 Mile House. Friend Michael Kidston offered to be navigator for the first time, and I gave him the drive of his life at Preliminary level with Solaz. He also navigated at Training Level with Sierra - we were a great team and had such fun!

After a few weeks off, we were back to work getting ready for the International CDE at High Country in Calgary. Finally my husband Byron was available as navigator (plus groom and cook of course!) I was very proud when both

Solaz and Sierra won their divisions at this prestigious event.

Solaz was on Team Connemara again this year at



Sierra driven by Steve Remus & wife Peggy Navigating at Telus Battle of the Breeds

the Battle of the Breeds at Spruce Meadows. At the last minute Sierra was asked to be the second driving horse when a pony fell ill. This is a very big event for a 4 year old to handle. My good friend Steve Remus and his wife Peggy came to the rescue as driver and navigator (many thanks!). Solaz had the highest score in the driven dressage competition, and in the obstacle driving Solaz and Sierra's combined scores placed them 4th. Solaz was also in the ridden trail class and helped Team Connemara end up with a 3rd place finish overall.

It was a busy, fun filled and successful year, and I am so very proud to be the owner of two wonderful half-bred Connemaras. My dream is to drive them as a pair. Connemaras are the best!

Cyndie Crook Stoney Plain, AB



Solaz driven by Cyndie, Byron navigating Spruce Meadows Battle of the Breeds

News from Violaine Fortin P.Q.

It's been a very nice summer for both ponies Caraway Merle and Caraway Brio, ridden respectively by Jeanne Poirier and Frédérique Duplain-Laferrrière. Jeanne and Merle competed in Starter level, and had very encouraging results for their first summer in competition together. Frédérique and Brio were at their second season together and managed to stay in the first six riders in every competition, so that they placed second in the pre-training level overall, in the province of Quebec. Both teams expect a very nice 2013 season coming ahead!



Caraway Merle and Jeanne



Caraway Brio and Frédérique



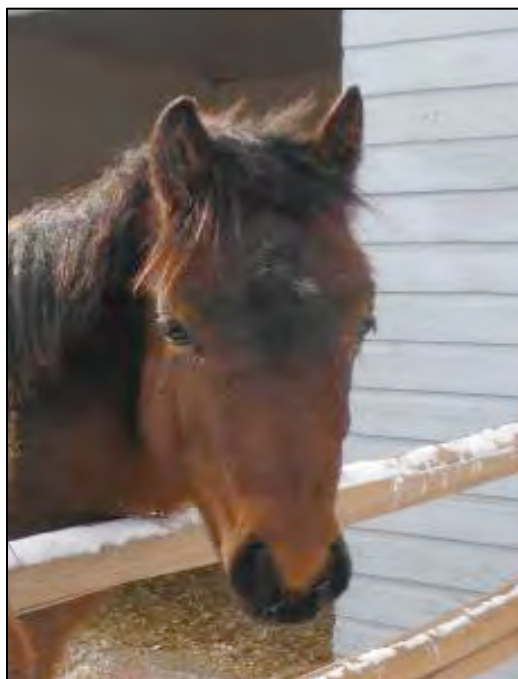
Another good show!!

News from Eden Connemaras

After weaning the foal, my little roan mare Rills Fire N Ice (FairyHill Hawk x Rills Romany Star) was very happy to get back to work. Shirley Sauve and I plan to ride her all winter with a view to doing some dressage next summer.

Her filly foal, Eden Sugar N Spice is by Avenns Kimble Wind. She has her half-sister Kimbles Kira as a companion this winter and they get on extremely well together. It is so nice to have two the same age (they were born the same day!) as their interests and food requirement are identical. Shirley and I would like to show these two fillies this summer, if we can just find classes for them.

Bridget Wingate Stoney Plain, AB



Eden Sugar N Spice

A New Connemara Enthusiast

by Penny Huggons

It is every breeders dream to get their ponies to wonderful homes. It is even better when they become new Connemara converts & enthusiasts! Here at Rill Connemaras, we were so fortunate to have a young family come looking for a second pony for their son. Alex is a very keen & talented young rider who will soon outgrow his current pony who is very old, even though still full of life.



Alex & his old pony Gaysban.

Alex's family own a small equestrian centre & his mum has trained many young horses. As she is so busy with both the family & the business, Shelann has not had time to have & ride her own horse so she was looking for something that she could also ride. This appeared to be the perfect situation for our 4 year old gelding Hot Sauce. Shelann was not at all familiar with Connemaras but during her research into finding a suitable pony she had read about the Connemara temperament. They came to see him & connected right away. Soon Hot Sauce left for his new home & Shelann has kept us updated with his progress.

The following e-mail "story" has been copied with Shelanns permission.

Hi Penny. I have been meaning to email you all week, just so busy. I just wanted to tell you how wonderful this pony is. We have fallen in love. Despite all the rain we have been getting (we should have snow by now) I have already come a long way with him. I did 4 days of ground work with him, mostly in the rain, although once we both got into it, it was not so bad. He really is so smart, and picked up on everything so fast. In those 4 days, I did get on and off him bareback and he just stood there. The first time I got on him, he yawned. Then on Monday I saddled him up and we had our first ride. Mostly just establishing our disengagement in case he was to take off, although I really don't think he would. By day 2 we were trotting around barrels in the arena, and by the end he was really freeing up. I put the barrels out to give him somewhere to go. By the third day we had a bit of canter. He did do a bit of bucking when he would go into the canter, but I had already taught him to shut down, so it was no problem stopping him and trying again. The bucking was nothing I am concerned about, he just was not sure of how it felt. By the end of that session, I did have him canter almost a whole circle freely. I left it at that. It was way more than I could ever wish for on a third ride. He also has a great stop already, and backs up very freely.

I am also just riding him in a halter hackamore right now. Its really just a rope halter with reins tied to it. The rope halter is what he is used to with the ground work, so he is very responsive in it. I have full control in it, and I wanted to get him freeing up and moving forward with out adding a bit in his mouth as well. I will do a bit of trail riding with him, and then introduce the bit over the next few weeks.

I didn't get to ride yesterday as it was raining so hard, and I figured he could use the day off. He has had some pretty intense training over the past week, but he has taken it all very well.

Penny, thank you so much for this lovely pony. I know you told me, and I read about the breed having such a great temperament, but I really had no idea how really wonderful it was. I am truly amazed.

I have even let Alexander do some ground work with him, and Hot Sauce listens to him almost better than me!

Thanks again and I will keep in touch.

Hi again Penny. I have nothing but amazing things to say about this pony's temperament. Don't be surprised if we purchase another one of his baby's down the road if you are still breeding. Penny he is so quiet, and well mannered. I can't believe it.



Nobody can believe it. We had our forth ride today. It was raining buckets all day, but as soon as there was a bit of a break I went out to ride. The arena is getting pretty wet...lots of puddles in it. Two riders from my farm were going to ride out, so I decided to go along. Before we left I tried the canter again, and despite all those puddles, he moved into it and kept it going for almost a whole lap, and no bucking. So I think he is not so confused about that anymore. I just want to get him comfortable with me on his back at the canter before the ice and snow come.

The ride out, he was a champ. We rode to the riding grounds down the road and went into the big arena down there. He was quite happy to have some buddies to follow along.

So no, I don't think I will send him away for training. The lake will go down over the winter until about April, and there will be lots of sandy beach to ride on.....

Hot Sauce is doing great. I gave him a break after the 10 days of riding I put on him, as winter had set in, and it was really icy out. Over the holidays, I got on him again after awhile off, and he was so good. I was able to ride in the arena. He went very willing walk trot and canter. He took the correct lead every time and we had our best canter ever. He also stops on a dime. Paul



was really impressed when he saw us, as he had not seen him since your farm. He couldn't believe he was going so well after only 11 rides.

He is a very personable horse. So willing and happy. He really loves attention.....

Thanks again Penny for this wonderful pony. I truly am in love...

Shelann

Classified Ad

Joshua 1:9 - Born to Compete! Rising 2 yr old.

Or maybe a stallion prospect? Joshua's pedigree is jammed packed with performance bloodlines. His sire, *Ard Celtic Art, is competing successfully at Intermediate & CCI **Events. On his dam's side, he has Ballywhim An Luan, who Evented to the Preliminary Levels and is competing in Dressage at Prix St. George. Louie's sire was imported *Rocky who was the 1991 Supreme Champion Connemara at the Clifden Show in Ireland. His dam was a full sister to the famous Erin Go Bragh. Also on Joshua's dam's side is the well known and loved stallion, Aladdin, who was a great Ambassador - showing what a versatile breed the Connemara Pony is.

Joshua is showing correct, lovely movement and athleticism even at this age. He stands quietly for the farrier (has great feet!), loads, clips and baths. He was born bay (or dark dun?) and is now turning grey.

Joshua has a wonderful, teachable personality and should be a delight to train. He has been very easy to handle so we have not gelded him as yet. \$5000.

For more photos or questions please email me at

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Update on HWSS (Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome)

Three ladies from Canada (Penny Huggons, Bridget Wingate and Jocelyn Davies) went to the ACPS Annual Meeting held in Laguna Beach, California on October 13, 2012. One of the highlights of the meeting being that Dr. Carrie Finno was presenting the outcome of her research on HWSS to the members and guests of the ACPS. Penny and Jocelyn were thrilled to finally meet with Dr Carrie Finno as they are the Canadian Representatives of the Connemara Research Group and HWSS as been their main focus over the last few years.

Her presentation was wonderful! In an overall overview of her slide presentation, she explained the signs of HWSS, showed examples of an affected hoof, including a cross section which clearly showed lesions which are “typical” of all HWSS cases. She showed quite obviously that the breakdown is within the layers of the hoof wall and does not involve the white-line in any way.

She explained genetic terminology, modes of inheritance and where HWSS fits into the wider scheme of things.

HWSS is autosomal recessive and other autosomal recessive conditions in horses were discussed. Dr. Finno was one of the principal people responsible for finding the genetic marker for ([HERDA](#)) and getting this commercially available to breeders. Also discussed was Glycogen Branching Enzyme Deficiency ([GBED](#)) and Overo Lethal White Syndrome ([OLWS](#)). She explained how genetic research is undertaken & why more samples are needed. She also explained what you can do to help to eliminate HWSS from the Connemara pony population with no loss of genetic variation.

Graphs were shown of our HWSS genetic results from the GWAS. The graph, clearly showing the genetic defect for HWSS, was like the “Tower of Dubai, it was so profound!” She said that if anyone did not believe that HWSS was a genetic disease that they can contact her directly LOL!

Dr Carrie Finno thanked all of the people involved in supporting the HWSS research, and specifically the Connemara Pony Research Group who were the drivers of this project from the beginning. They originally arranged the genetic

testing with UC Davis and arranged the shipping of samples worldwide to the lab. Through their Blog and Facebook page, they will continue to educate the breeders and owners of Connemara ponies on the status of HWSS research, all the while identifying new cases of HWSS. She said that the key to having a successful genetic test developed are the samples given. In this case, she had just the right samples of Affected ponies, Carriers and Non-Affected to run the GWAS the first time and get the desired results. She also said that the donations coming in were unprecedented in that the donations came from all over the world and not in big amounts.. funding came from many individuals donating small amounts. Additional funding provided by the Morris Animal Foundation, UC Davis Center for Equine Health, and Merial allowing the research to be completed as it is to date.

Currently there is a paper that has been submitted to the Equine Veterinary Journal and they are reviewing it for publication at this time.

So, the research is in it's final stages. UC Davis is still asking for more samples for the testing phase of purebred non affected Connemaras. If you are interested in submitting a sample, please contact Carly Stevens (cstevens@ucdavis.edu) or Kartika Jayashankar (kjayashankar@ucdavis.edu) for more information.

At the end of the presentation, Carrie was asked when a commercial test for HWSS would be available. She said it will be at the end of the research, but is expected to be late summer of 2013 at this point.

Jocelyn Davies



This is a picture of a typical HWSS lesion.

NEWS FROM EVE DEDRICK AND HARRIS

Devon Ridge Harris Hawk (by Fairy Hill Hawk) turned 6 in July of 2012, and this was a very productive year for him. We had great weather over the winter, so were able to keep riding outside on a regular basis which helped keep him fit and ready to go for the start of the season. In addition to serving as Eve's regular mount for Pony Club lessons, Eve and Harris also did two clinics with Olympian Hawley Bennett-Awad (jumping) and Paralympian Eleanor Elstone (dressage) throughout the year.



Harris started his games year off with another Mounted Games clinic, this one with the German team coach. Eve's mother Lezah rode Harris in this clinic as Eve was on her other pony. Lezah reports that after a few 'airs above the ground', Harris settled in and figured out many of the skills needed to be a good games pony. Fast forward to May, and Harris was loaned to one of Eve's teammates, Sammi, for her final year on the Pony Club 'A' Prince Philip Games (PPG) team. The team did well through the season, ending up with 2nds and 3rds throughout the year; Sammi's performance on Harris was so good that she was chosen as the BC Lower Mainland Pony Club region's International candidate for the 2013 Canadian PPG team. Through the summer, Eve brought Harris to more PPG practices where the whole BC team was preparing for their trip to Ontario in September, 2012 to compete in the Canadian Pony Club National PPG Championships.

On the more 'serious' side of showing, Eve spent the year taking Harris out to shows. The goal was to start jumping courses of more height; they started off the year in the cross pole division, and by the end of the year competing at 2'6", and schooling up to 3' at home. Placings were consistent throughout the year, and got stronger at year's end. The end of September saw Eve and Harris win the championship in the Short Stirrup division of the BCLM Pony Club Show Jumping Championships; Harris's last two schooling shows of the year after that saw him getting firsts and seconds against the horses in open classes in the 2'6" division.

Eve loaned Harris for the Canadian Pony Club Dressage Championships, which was being hosted by the BC Lower Mainland region in August. A rider from Ontario was assigned to Harris, and after one schooling ride, took him into the competition where they placed 3rd in both of their classes. Unfortunately, his rider was injured in a non-horse related incident and so was unable to complete the final ride of the competition. The following month, Eve rode Harris in the BCLM Pony Club region's Dressage Championships, where they placed strongly in all of their classes.

Eve and Harris finished off their year by being named top D2 pair in the region, based on their combined scores of the Dressage and Jumping Championships.



Important Notice!

Nominations for 2013

While the AGM seems a long way off in November, it is time to start thinking about nominations for our society. I would like to welcome and thank the new members of the Board who came forward to volunteer their time and abilities for the society last year. However, we still need two new Board members from Pacific, one as the Regional Chair and one Board member at large. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in becoming a Board member to represent your region please let us know. Being on the board ensures that your region with its specific and sometimes unique needs are represented and supported by the national society. It is a great opportunity to help grow our society and really does not require that much time or effort as much work is now done via the internet. The bonus is you get to meet and interact with other "pony" people from across the country.

Thanking you,
Scott Longmire
Nominations Chair
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Membership Renewals are Due!

Your membership in the CCPS is so very important for our beloved ponies. Members provide the support and purpose for the society to maintain the breed registry, provide inspections and the awards

program, promote the Connemara Pony and maintain communications between people involved with the ponies. Thanks so much to everyone who has renewed for the 2013 year and if you have not renewed yet, please do.

A membership form can be found here, <http://www.canadianconnemara.org/>

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Don't forget to mark your calendars for November 7, 2013 - the date of the AGM in Toronto. Watch the website for more details . It's a perfect opportunity for those who have never been to the Royal Winter Fair!



Remember to check out the CCPS website regularly for features such as the online auction, news updates, forms for awards program and much more. Please contribute items for the auction to Susan MacDougall (address listed above)!