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### **Champion High Point Award 2016**

#### ***Devon Ridge Harris Hawk***

*Owner: Lezah Williamson - Rider: Eve Dedrick*



### **Reserve High Point Award 2016**

#### ***Windy Isles Court Jester***

*Passport name: Get Smart, Owner/ Rider: Tonya Cummins*

## **From Our President**

2017 is here and I hope we've seen the last of the icy snowy weather. There will be rain to look forward too, but spring is coming. People will be getting their ponies out and about riding and maybe preparing for a foal or two, or getting mares ready for breeding. Stallion owners will be getting the boys ready for the new year, so they can strut their stuff and show what they are capable of. We expect our Connemara ponies to be athletic and versatile, with good health. With that in mind, we will be meeting to make some changes to the bylaws. It has taken some time, but CCPS members will be able to vote to approve a couple of measures to improve the lot of the pony. The major issue will be amending the bylaws to recognize and record genetic diseases in the Connemara (such as HWS). I hope members will be willing to move forward and

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# 2016 CCPS AWARDS RESULTS



## DEVON RIDGE HARRIS HAWK

Sire: Rory O'Sullivan, Dam: Devon Ridge Dreams Come True  
 Owner: Lezah Williamson – Riders: Eve Dedrick and Jay king  
 Certificate of Achievement in Training Level Dressage  
 Certificate of Achievement in English Flat Classes  
 Bronze Medal in Training level Dressage  
 Bronze Medal in Jumper  
 Bronze Medal in Starter Division Horse Trials



## CM'S RICOCHET

Sire: Bien Mallins Captain Cricket, Dam: Drogheda Bailey Creme  
 Owner: Caitlin Miller, Rider: Caitlin Miller  
 Certificate of Achievement in Pre-Entry Horse Trials  
 Bronze Medal in pre-Entry Horse Trials  
 2016 PARTBRED PERPETUAL AWARD



## WINDY ISLES COURT JESTER "GET SMART"

Sire: Wildwyck Eclipse, Dam: Fairy Hill Queen  
 Owner: Tonya Cummins, Rider: Tonya Cummins  
 Certificate of Achievement in Entry Level Horse trials  
 Bronze medal in Entry level Horse Trials  
 Certificate of Achievement in Pre-Training level horse trials  
 Bronze Medal in Pre- Training Horse Trials



## FIONTAR MAC TIRE

Sire: Maumturk Oliver, Dam: Rossaveal Lady  
 Owner: Janet Rowe, Rider: Ginny Johnson,  
 Handlers: Janet Rowe, Rob Marling  
 Certificate of Achievement In-Hand  
 Bronze Medal In-Hand





***STARLIGHT'S ZARA***  
***Owner: Jennifer Brownlow***  
***2016 PUREBRED PERPETUAL AWARD***

## News from Sunny Plain Ranch Saskatchewan



Elodon Earl Grey has jumped all the obstacles at the Hunter Pace and is looking forward to next year. He continues to develop his skills in back country trail riding, trail riding, and jumping. He has a special place at Sunny Plain Ranch and will prove to be a reliable mount for Gayle Smith's grandchildren.



Elodon Callahan, a 2012 small pony, continues to be a superstar at Sunny Plain Ranch. He safely tackled the Cypress Hills trails in Saskatchewan with our seven year old grandson, Davin. He has a job as a lesson pony and is a fun companion who loves playing soccer with a large ball and walking over obstacles.



Sunny Plain Ranch has bred their premium Warmblood mare twice to Century Hills Aedan Zodiak resulting in a 2015 grey filly and a 2016 bay colt. These Connemara x Warmblood crosses have

wonderful temperaments and conformation. We are so lucky to have Elsie Priddy and Aedan close by. We are looking forward to riding Connemaras in the years to come.



***Sunny Plain Ranch is 40 km SE of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and boards horses on tracked pastures and runs a lesson program under Equine Canada Coach, Gayle Smith. Visit us on Facebook or at our website [www.sunnyplainranch.com](http://www.sunnyplainranch.com)***



# CAITLIN MILLER AND CM'S RICOCHET

The pony that dreams are made of describes this little dun dynamo. In previous years Caitlin and Ricky have dabbled in a little bit of everything: Hunter/Jumpers, Dressage, Sidesaddle, Cross Country Pace and Chases and enjoying hunts with the Calgary Hunt Club. In 2016 she decided to focus on her passion, cross country. Ricky seemed to come alive cantering in the wide open spaces and jumping all things, including picnic tables! After trying a few Horse Trials in 2015 all their effort was put into seeing what they could accomplish in 2016. With the gorgeous spring weather we had, they were able to get out on the cross country course for lots of practice. One jump proved to be just a bit too much however and Ricky high centred himself.



Where is the camera when you need it. Luckily there were no injuries and Ricky was pretty careful after that. Within the first month of the season they had achieved two first place finishes. They placed in every trial and finished the season placing 4th in the Championship. They were awarded the Alberta Provincial Championship for Pre-Entry for 2016. Caitlin's passion has even pushed her to make a few hard decisions along the way. She decided to leave her instructor of 5 years, Michelle Rose, and her many barn friends to move to a barn that focuses on Eventing. It has been a very steep learning curve for both of them but they are rising to the challenges every day. Watch out 2017!



## Welcome Tonya Cummins and Family!

First I would like to officially introduce myself to this new Connemara family. My husband, Andy Amato and I with our daughter Addison, live in Roslin Ontario just north of Belleville on a 50 acre farm. We have bred, trained and competed horses (mostly warmbloods) for over 30 years. We also breed Great Danes. Andy is on the farm full time and I work off the farm as a Registered Nurse. I used to stand a beautiful imported Dutch Warmblood stallion "Fuhler" by Samber until we lost him at age 25 in 2012. After this happened I felt empty inside so I started my search for something new. I wanted something amazing, talented and fun. Did I mention I'm only 5'2"?

Our story begins in Illinois just below Chicago at Windy Isles Connemara's. This is where we had hopes of finding our next stallion prospect to start a new chapter in our breeding program. Our first impression of "Get Smart" was, this little yearling has big presence. Just what we were hoping to find after a 17 hour drive from home. He greeted us with a nicker and an energetic look with his ears perked that said "pick me"!!!

"Smartie", as he is known around the barn, was a pleasure to work from the start and has continued to impress us in every step of his training. He started his show career as a 3 year old at The Royal Winter Fair with a 3rd place in the Sport Pony Stallion class. He has continued to excel in dressage, eventing and hunter derbies across Ontario. With Smartie coming 6 this year we plan to compete in 2nd level dressage, training level eventing with plans to move up to preliminary. And maybe some jumper shows as well.

"Smartie" had 3 beautiful babies born in 2016 and has 5 on the way for 2017! We now offer A. I. on site, fresh cooled and frozen semen and can ship anywhere across Canada or the USA.

It has been wonderful meeting Connemara people on Facebook and hopefully over time we will meet in person.

As a side note so there is no confusion "Windy Isles Get Smart" registered name is "Windy Isles Court Jester, which we hope can be changed in the near future.

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# MUSKOKA LAKES CONNEMARAS

2016 was a fun year that saw a busy breeding season for our Irish import Fiontar Mac Tire as well as a successful showing season! I am thrilled to say that Finn has been very warmly received by the north American market and he has been bred



to quite a few wonderful WBs, TBs and Connemaras! His foals from the previous season are reported to be "the whole package" of temperament, conformation, movement and of course, a bit of icing in their colour.

Our other wonderful stallion (generously leased to us by Wintervale Farm - Caroline Nesbitt in New Hampshire) Morning Glories Ilyushin continues to give us absolutely fabulous foals. I cannot begin to describe how appreciative we are to be able to stand and utilize this lovely stallion.

Our sales have been phenomenal as all foals offered have been sold within days of being offered up to wonderful



homes. The offered 2017 crop coming have all gone under contract in utero and our hearty thanks go out to those owners who love what we are producing as much as we do! 2018 foals are already being planned. If you are thinking of an MLC pony, I suggest you get in touch with us and we can help make that happen!

On the showing front, Finn had a VERY busy breeding season so he didn't get out to some shows until the fall. He won all of his Sport Pony in Hand classes and qualified for the Royal Winter Fair. The RAWF was a really fun weekend and I was so pleased that he dealt with the electric environment with the aplomb of a seasoned veteran. The result was that Finn placed 2nd in his Stallions class and we are just so happy with how he is coming along! For 2017 he will be shown by a Jr in the Pony Jumper classes with an eye to again qualifying for the RAWF in this competitive division!

The International Sporthorse Registry - Oldenburg North America held stallion inspections at Braecrest Farm and it was decided to present Finn to this German based registry for a breeding license. While it was a bit of a last minute decision, Finn was a superstar and the inspector was very complimentary with Finn getting excellent scores! He was successful in his inspection and was approved for a Breeding Certificate for 2 years. We will now fulfill the performance



requirement for lifetime approval for ISR OLDNA and will also go ahead and present him to other registries that offer more options to mare owners and their foals.

Back over in Ireland, Muskoka Lakes Connemaras bought a VERY athletically bred mare and bred her to Crosskeys Rebel (sire of Portersize Just A Jiff, Camilla Spiers Olympic mount). That foal was born in May of 2016 and we are looking forward to importing MLC Tormod Crossed (Crosskeys Rebel x Pontoon Blondie x Maghera Fadda Lad) in the summer of 2017 for our next stallion prospect! Never a dull moment here!

All of us here at Muskoka Lakes Connemaras wish you all a wonderful and pony filled 2017 season!  
Janet, Ted, Liam and Declan



# NEWS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA



I have a wonderful Connemara pony, Caleb O'Sullivan whom I bought as a 3 month old and brought home at 7 months old. He is now 13

yrs old and we have had a lot of fun together having regular lessons, riding trails, playing polo-cross, home ball, drill team, a bit of dressage, ranch riding, parades and yes even jumping.. As we all know Connemaras love to jump! I didn't come into riding until my early 40's (I was a horse crazy kid) and I am now 62 and having the time of my life with my pony! I have

consistently taken lessons and clinics and in September 2016 I entered my first two phase. My lovely Connemara was amazing as we



jumped 17 jumps over cross country in 4.5 minutes. What a thrill and to top it all off we placed 2nd!

*...by Rita Rawstron, Langley,*

## News from Ballencrieff Connemara Pony Farm



level and did well until my hip started giving me trouble. I could ride up until last July and took Lacey in one last Eventing clinic on the Island. Fortunately, I had a hip replacement just before Christmas and hope to start back riding again in a few months. Luckily for me (and the ponies) – our daughter, Kenzie, has moved over to Sidney as well and has been looking out for the ponies and keeping Lacey in shape for me. She is having lots of fun with Lacey ... hmm – I wonder if I'll ever get Lacey back?

Honey is going to be 30 years old this April and is still going strong. My friend, Penny, is riding her 2 or 3 days a week! She can still pick up a canter from a walk and do a few laps around the arena! I can't think of a time Honey has ever been lame other than an abscess or two in the 17 yrs. that we have owned her. What a pony! I wish she had been able to have more than one foal to pass on her great genetics!

2015 and 2016 were years of big changes for us. In the summer of 2015 we sold our little farm in Aldergrove and retired over to Vancouver Island near Sidney. We bought a house in a subdivision and Lacey and Honey are boarded out! Big Change! We are enjoying a lovely view of the ocean in the distance and not having to clean up manure in the snow but I do miss seeing the ponies out the kitchen window and my horse friends on the mainland. A change of seasons! Lacey and I did move up a level in Eventing in 2015 to 'Entry'

KEEP CALM AND CANTER ON!  
All the best to you and your ponies for 2017!

*Margot Watson*



This is Keji (Kimbles Yer Man) at a farm where I board him in Cobble Hill. Those are sheep and ducks in the background. We are coping with an unusual amount of snow for Vancouver Island. That's not a star on his face, it's a big snowflake!

*...from Jennifer Brownlow*



# DEVON RIDGE HARRIS HAWK - 2016



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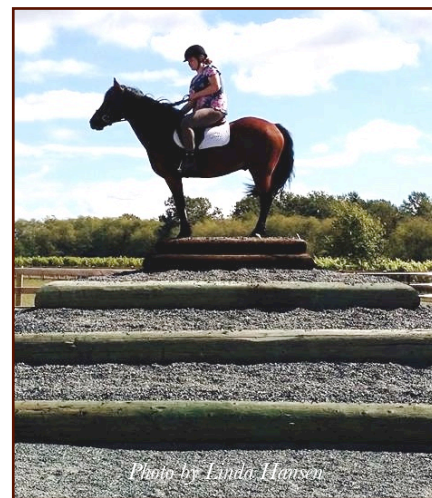
***Eve and Harris at Southland Summer H/J Show***

2016 was another mixed bag for Harris. It was Eve's first year out of the juniors, and her first year in university, so our show season got off to a very late start. In fact, Harris's first trip out was with Jay, an adult who had started riding him to get some miles and rebuild confidence after some bad experiences with her

own horses - the pair started off competing in Poles on the Ground classes, and by mid-summer were cantering hunter courses of 2' at big shows and placing consistently. Once Eve got back in the tack, she and Harris focused on jumpers, winning a few championships and reserve championships at big shows. Eve also took Harris to Pony Club Rally, where

they placed 2nd individually. Meanwhile, in June I took Harris to the Old Timers' PPG, where we had lots of fun, and later in the summer I also rode him in a couple of dressage shows, my first foray back into recognized shows after about a 15 year hiatus. Together we ended up with a reserve championship and scores in the high 60s/low 70s, so that was rewarding. Eve finished off the year with Harris by introducing him to Mountain Trail. We did a clinic at Jay's place, and the clinician was astounded at Harris's calm, measured, brave and intelligent approach to the various obstacles he was presented with. But then, isn't that what Connemaras are all about?

***...by Lezah Williamson***



*Photo by Linda Hansen*

***Eve and Harris Hawke doing Mountain Trail class***



*Photo by Kate Landels*

***Eve and Harris racing to the finish line in PPG***

## Update on Cedar's Padraig

Padraig has recovered very well from his ordeal (intestinal surgery last year). I did actually show him at Grand Prix in August at Palgrave last summer. Although he performed well, I really felt he had lost a little of his drive to compete at that level. I have made the decision to retire him from competitive dressage. We are planning a summer of hacking and are going to go back to our roots and do a little bit of jumping. He is a sound and healthy 19 years old and aside from a small hernia looks like a million bucks - and has given me some while riding too!

I do have a young 1/2 Connemara who will be 5 this year. Black Dogs O'Connor has some very big shoes to fill...I will keep you posted on his progress.

***... Lee Taylor***



***We all salute Padraig as he "leaves the ring"***



# ALBERTA LOSES 3 DRIVING PONIES

## **Solaz (Bantry Bay's Dillon x WB)**

Cyndie Crook bred her warmblood mare to Bantry Bays Dillon, and Solaz was born in May 2006. When he was a 4 year old Cyndie broke him to both ride and drive, and so started his wonderful career.

By the time he was 5, Solaz was competing in Combined Driving events all over the Province and usually placed first or second. That year he took Cyndie side-saddle down the road to the Church for her wedding.

In 2012 they were on the Connemara team at the Battle of the Breeds at Spruce Meadows. As usual, Cyndie's husband Byron was navigator in the driven obstacle course, where Solaz made a name for himself by jumping the water ditch!

In 2013 Cyndie and Solaz were on the Connemara Team again at Spruce Meadows. This time, in addition to driving in both the dressage and obstacle classes they were very successful in the ridden trail event.

2014 saw Cyndie and Byron taking Solaz to Shady Oaks in California to the International Combined Driving Event. By this time they were competing at Preliminary level and of

the 32 competitors in the Single Horse class, they came 4th. The following year at the big driving show at Spruce Meadows, they won High Point Lady Driver, High Point Horse and Overall Champion.

On May 1st 2016 Cyndie lost her "once in a lifetime" horse when Solaz dropped dead in harness from what was assumed to be a brain aneurism. An enormous loss to Cyndie and Byron and to the whole driving community.

## **Kimble's Sierra Wind (Avenns Kimble Wind x TB)**

Shirley Sauve bred her TB mare to Avenns Kimble Wind, and Sierra was born in 2008. As a three year old she was sold to Cyndie Crook, who broke her to ride and drive.

Cyndie competed successfully at driving events with Sierra, and driven by Steve Remus she was also on the Connemara Team at the Battle of the Breeds in 2013.

Sierra was sold to experienced Alberta driver, Morris Helmig, who enjoyed great success with her at training level. They went to both Shady Oaks in California, and Skunk River driving events and were ready to go to Preliminary level.

In May 2016 after success at the Vermillion CDE, Sierra was found the next morning with a broken leg and had to be put down. Morris was devastated, and only two weeks after the loss of Solaz, this was another great blow for driving in Alberta.





## **Eden's Winston (Lynfield's Cormac MacCarthy x Dains Melody)**

I bred my  $\frac{3}{4}$  Connemara mare to Cormac and so was there when Winston was born 27 years ago. As a three year old he was broken to harness by Terry Francis, and competed in combined driving events in a pair with Terry's half-bred Connemara mare, Erin.

After being started under saddle, my teenage god-daughter Katherine Varley borrowed him for 2 years. They got on extremely well together, and particularly enjoyed jumping. Katherine learnt to drive, and she and I had enormous fun at combined driving events. Winston was a real gentleman, and willing to take part in any riding or driving event. In 1999 he was on the Connemara team at the Battle of the Breeds being ridden and driven by Melonie Jacobi. The following year he was again on the team being ridden and driven by my god-daughter Katherine. The next two years Tiffany Adams was his pilot, and on his fifth year on the team Tracy Dopko rode and drove him.

After retiring from the show ring, Winston thoroughly enjoyed trailing riding, and was particularly good at teaching children to ride. On one occasion, he obviously thought that his young rider was doing well, and so he swerved off the track and very carefully took her over some cross-rails! He was a favorite wherever he went, and was one of those ponies

that whoever rode or drove him, they always asked if by any chance, he was for sale.

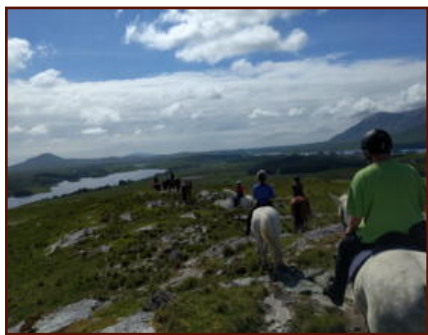
With both of us in semi-retirement, Winston was the ideal mount for me. He was doing well, but suddenly in November 2016, he had a heart attack and we had to say goodbye to our dear old friend.

Bridget Wingate



**2016 was for me an Irish adventure...** I have owned a Connemara pony Skyviews Corona since 2000 when she was purchased for my then 11 year old daughter to ride, Corona is now 21 and still a treasured family member. Last year I decided to fulfill my dream of riding in Ireland, my now grown up daughter and I booked to ride in

Connemara for a week in June with Willie Leahy who also owns Aille Cross Equestrian Centre and is a Connemara breeder. We were both mounted on Connemara ponies, and we had some great riding through the hills,



peat fields, castle grounds, old railway lines, and beaches, at least 6 hours per day in the saddle we were really touring the countryside. Luckily we had fabulous weather all week, it was almost too hot on a couple days, we picked up some major suntans. I'm told that's not normal for Ireland, but we had sunny weather for about 12 days of 14!

As if that was not enough of an adventure, I had before leaving for my trip, decided to purchase another younger pony for myself, after some years away from riding due to work commitments, I decided it was time to get back to it. A quick flight out to Devon Ridge Farm, and a wonderful day meeting ponies led to me being the new owner of Devon Ridge Pan. That was a nice treat to come home to after a lovely holiday. I'm looking forward to my adventures continuing with my new pony, and love this breed even more.

*Irene Dunic, North Saanich BC*



# ALEXIS SOLTICE UPDATE

*Bentley, Alberta*

Hello Everyone, Our family officially entered the Connemara world in August of 2015 with the purchase of two young horses, Rills Tia Maria and Rills Richochet, purchased from Rill Connemaras near Sundre, Alberta. In 2016, two more Connemara horses became a part of our family. Rills Shae Mor was purchased in April from the Rothwell family near Calgary, Alberta, and in June the fabulous Rills Kelpie joined our farm as well. Shae is the new Pony Club mount for our 12 year old daughter, Caprice. Together, Caprice and Shae passed the D1 level and aim to test D2 this summer. Kelpie, born June of 1997, is the dam of both Tia and Shae; she was successfully bred via AI to Century Hills Aedan Zodiac, and we are eagerly anticipating a June foal.



*Rills Shae Mor & Caprice at CC practice*

Our little group of Connemaras is very happy together, and Kelpie is typically flanked by her daughters. Richochet has been started under saddle, and has become harmonized with the sound of the door of the house. Sometimes I feel as if I



*Pyper and Rills Kelpie*

am being stalked by my red roan partner (and that's ok!). Tia will join Richochet under saddle this Spring.

A high-light of the summer was attending the Inspection on July 14 held at Devon Ridge Farm. Jocelyn Davies was an excellent hostess, and my daughter, Pyper, and I really enjoyed the day. Richochet and Tia were both Inspected and passed. As we drove home, Pyper and I agreed we learned a lot more about the Connemara breed standard, and met some very nice people.



*Rills Shae Mor and Caprice*



*Rills Tia Maria & Pyper at inspections*



# ELODON CONNEMARAS

by *Elsie Priddy*

Big changes have taken place at Priddy Farm in the past year. A difficult decision was made to geld our foundation stallion, Century Hills Aedan Zodiac, as we plan to keep his daughters in our broodmare herd.

Aedan's last two foals will be born this summer. The first will be out of Alexis Soltice's purebred mare, Rills Kelpie. This foal will be a full sibling to our lovely tall 2015 filly,



*Lynn Sander and Elodon Riona*

Elodon Mirren. The second is from our own Castlebar Gaelic, and will be a full sibling to Elodon Riona, Elodon Dara and Elodon Connor.

Elodon Merlin (JEF Sir Lancelot x Elodon Maeve) will be offered for limited stud service in 2017. He promises to be a very fancy hunter pony. He is a fresh mix of proven performance genetics with a low coefficient of inbreeding. As

we only have one purebred mare to breed to Merlin we will offer him for sale as a stallion prospect in the future.

Saskatchewan has two new Connemara owners. Elodon Riona found her perfect home with Lynn Sander of Saskatoon and Elodon Connor found his special person Kaitlyn Morrow-MacKay of Elbow, SK. We are looking forward to seeing these new partnerships at local events.



*Kaitlyn Morrow-Mackay and Elodon Connor*



*2016 Inspections at Priddy Farm*

left to right; Inspectors Tom Mac Lochlainn, Shirley Sauve, Susan MacDougall and Margot Watson. Owners Samantha Squires (Devonridge Wren), Elan Priddy (Elodon Dara) and Lynn Sander (Elodon Riona).

All ponies were approved with excellent scores and comments.



# CCPS INSPECTION REPORT 2016

Held - July 14- 21, 2016  
Alberta to Quebec

We were fortunate this year to once again have Tom MacLochainn and his lovely wife Maire from Ireland join us on a whirlwind Inspection Tour that took us from Edmonton, Alberta to Saskatoon to Toronto area and finally to Quebec. 19 ponies were inspected in all.

The Inspection team in Alberta consisted of Tom, of course, Susan MacDougall, Shirley Sauve, Tracy Dopko and myself, Margot Watson. We inspected 9 lovely ponies that were gathered at Jocelyn Davies farm. With one of Jocelyn's mares, Devonridge Golden Treasure receiving Premium Mare status. We appreciated greatly the hospitality and camaraderie of everyone there.

Early the next day Shirley drove the Inspection team (minus Tracy who was unable to come) to Elsie Priddy's farm in Saskatoon where we inspected 3 more lovely ponies that were gathered there. Elsie and her family took us on a tour of their many acres and showed us their Hunter Pace course that was happening the next day. That made a few of us want to bring our ponies next time and join in the fun! Again the hospitality and friendship and many laughs were had – Especially at Don's invention of the 'electric cow on wheels'!

I had to fly home as our son's wedding was just a few weeks away but the rest of the team flew off to Toronto to be joined by our other inspector, Chris Carey. The following day they travelled up to Janet Rowe's farm and inspected 3



*Tom and the electric cow!*

ponies with Brambleridge March Mayhem, owned by Janet Rowe receiving Premium Mare status. Then driving down to Rick & Dale Doner's farm to inspect two more ponies with Century Hill's Maid In Realta, owned by the Doners receiving her Premium Mare status.

One more day of driving for the Team to Quebec inspecting one on route and ending up at Chris Carey's farm. They spent the morning enjoying Chris' ponies then off to inspect one more pony on the way to Montreal. Shirley and Susan carried on to Montreal for the night, ready to catch their flights back west. Tom and Maire stayed one more night near Chris'. The next day Chris drove them to the Champlain Islands in NY State where they were met by a

ACPS Region I member to took them to Vermont where Tom was to judge at the ACPS Region I Annual Horse Show. All in all it was a great learning time to be with Tom and having his expertise. It is always a pleasure to have both Tom and Maire with us. Thank you again for all who hosted us for meals and overnights and helped try to keep us on schedule. Big 'Thank You' to Shirley for doing so much driving – that was much appreciated by all of us.

*by Margot Watson  
Inspection Committee Chair*





# 2016 CCPS TRANSFERS

Tollgate Tullymor Magnolia sold by Christine Baker, Ashton ON to Sandra Ferguson, Guelph ON

Devon Ridge Devereaux sold by Jocelyn Davies, Spruce Grove AB to Nicole Spalding, Calgary AB

Devon Ridge Northern Eclipse sold by Jocelyn Davies, Spruce Grove AB to Sharon Walters, Kelowna BC

Devon Ridge Oliver Twist sold by Jocelyn Davies, Spruce Grove AB to Becky Labossiere, Dunrea MB

Ravenwood Bay Ruari sold by Tamara Taylor, Caroline AB to Ruth Moore, Coldstream BC

Rills Shea Mor sold by Rana Rothwell, Calgary AB to Alexis Soltice, Red Deer AB

Elodon Riona sold by Elsie & Don Priddy, Saskatoon SK to Lynn Sander, Grasswood SK

Devon Ridge Daegan O'Riley sold by Jocelyn Davies, Spruce Grove AB to Nancy Kaminski, Minneapolis MN USA

Devon Ridge Ladyhawk sold by Jocelyn Davies, Spruce Grove AB to Sarah Swart, Ardrossan AB

Devon's Dun Maple sold by Jocelyn Davies, Spruce Grove AB to Colleen Orr Rock Creek BC

Century Hill's Hazy Carrick sold by Mrs. M. Dale Doner, Beaverton ON to Amanda Beard, Oro-Medonte ON

MLC Aphrodite sold by Janet Rowe, Bracebridge ON to Glenda O'Reilly-Hollett, Plainfield ON

Devon Ridge Irish Bailey sold by Jocelyn Davies, spruce Grove AB to Sherry Long-Abeson Milford PA USA

MLC Belfast Benediction sold by Janet Rowe, Bracebridge ON to Sandra Zylstra, Bracebridge ON

Elodon Connor sold by Elsie & Don Priddy, Saskatoon SK to Kaitlyn Morrow-Mackay, Elbow SK

## Shayla Fromager Update - Owen Sound, Ontario



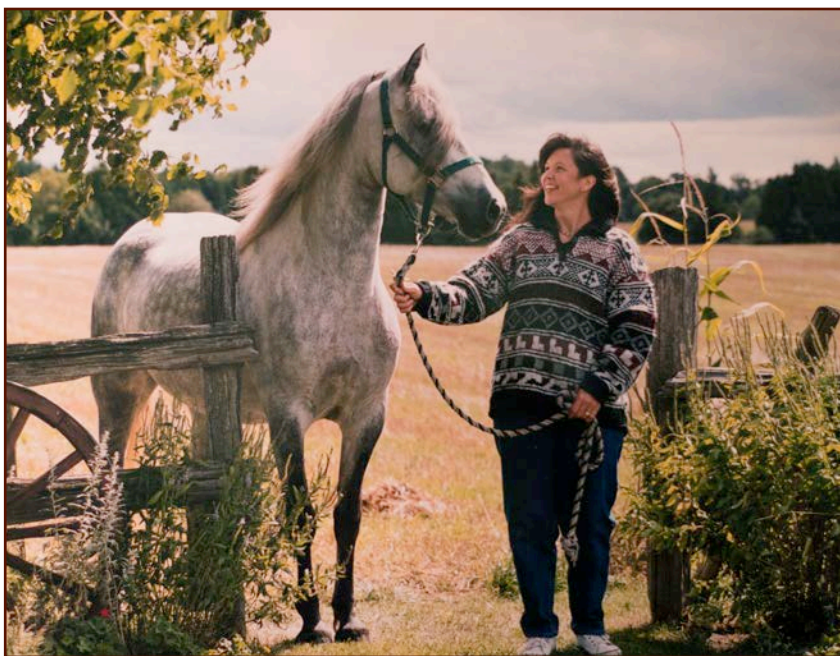
*Shayla and Century Hill's Hazy Maire  
(\*Eastlands Glendearg x Kippure Cara)*

Shaylah was super excited to purchase Maire, in December 2015, now know as Morah Money for her show name. They had a good start to their career together pulling in 2 Reserve Champions at the Trillium Modified Pony shows this year. They are excited to continue working together to become a dynamic team next show season!





# 2016 BROODMARE AWARD



***The 2016 Foundation Broodmare Award has been awarded to \*Eastlands Glendearg (aka Eastie)***

Many congratulations to her and her owners, Rick and Dale  
Doner of Century Hill Connemaras in Ontario.

Eastie is a 1995 14.1 1/2 hand, grey mare. She is by Lockinge Frederick and out of Bardsey Trinket. <http://www.allbreedpedigree.com/eastlands+glendearg>. Bred by Mr and Mrs Staveley at their Eastlands Stud in Scotland she was imported to Canada by the Doners as a 2 yr old filly.

Eastie is a super premium mare in Canada. Her greatest contributions to the Connemara breed are her lovely movement, willing temperament and strikingly attractive Connemara look.

She has 10 first generation purebred offspring, 8 second generation and 11 third generation. Amongst these are many lovely ponies who are competing successfully in the USA and Canada. Perhaps the best known to us in Canada is her grandson, Century Hills Aedan Zodiac. Aedan is owned by the Priddy family in Saskatchewan and stands there as a stallion as well as competing successfully in hunter and dressage. He is famous for his kind temperament and superb movement.

As well as being a great broodmare Eastie has also won many championships in the dressage ring and in hand.

The ACPS awarded her their "Pony of the Year Award" in 2002. She is a very special pony and exemplifies the Connemara breed in every way.

It was September of 1995 that Dale and I were on our first transatlantic holiday. Earlier that year, Dale had discovered a picture of a Connemara pony while dreaming about pursuing a new breed. We thought it would be interesting to see if there were any breeders in the area of Scotland where we were booked to stay and discovered the Eastlands Stud in a remote area to the south of Edinburgh. After calling Dianna and John Staveley, we were welcomed to their farm in the rolling hills of Eskdalemuir. We set off on foot to find their ponies in the high pasture and as we approached, the Staveleys pointed out a yearling filly by their stallion Fred out of a lovely Bardsey mare called Trinket. She was named after the hill she was born on, which they pointed to in the distance, called "Glendearg". Dale was captivated by this filly. As we walked amongst the herd for an hour or so, she kept a slight distance from us while looking back with a kind, inquisitive eye. We asked John to bring her down to the barn that day and after spending time with her- it was her first experience being separated from the herd and handled- we decided to import her to Canada. Eastlands Glendearg, or "Eastie" as we call her, settled into her life here in Canada without any fuss, and gave us many lovely foals with her kind manner, willing spirit, wonderful movement, and that unmistakable Connemara look. Now 21 years later as we look back on the success of her family abroad; her show career here, the wonderful feedback about her offspring across North America highlighting their work ethic, gentle disposition and

movement; it's very clear that the decision to bring home the pretty little filly that we just happened upon in the hills of Scotland, that would contribute so much to the appreciation of the Connemara in Canada, was very much thanks to the luck of the Irish!

With our thanks to the Society for this great honour..  
Rick & Dale Doner

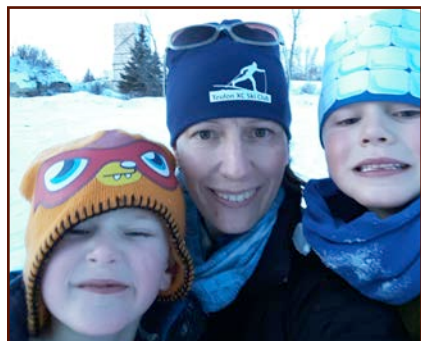




# MANITOBA NEWS - EAST AND WEST

Several months ago, Jocelyn Davies posted a Half Connemara mare named Devon Ridge Cinnamon Twist for sale. Jocelyn was selling the mare on behalf of her owners. I spotted the ad and thought that the mare would be a good fit for Manitoba, as we didn't have any Connemara crosses in the Province. Jocelyn told me that the "half" was from an exceptionally nice paint mare and I already knew that Bantry Bay Dillon was the sire. I've heard that the world is a small place and that the horse world is even smaller. The following account, I think, supports that sentiment. One Tuesday evening, I messaged Becky Labossiere at Minto, Manitoba about said pony. Becky had already purchased Devonridge Oliver Twist (aka "Ollie") from Jocelyn but I was hoping that she might know of someone who was "looking?" Becky said, "I'd love to buy that mare but my husband says "No more horses!"

I also sent details on the pony to Marilee Moss, of Marilee Moss Equestrian, Stonewall, Manitoba. I wondered whether there was someone who had attended one of her Clinics who might be interested in this mare? Alright, I must confess that it did occur to me that Marilee has two boys - boys who will one day in the not-too-distant future be ready to place a foot into a stirrup and swing a leg over a saddle. Unfortunately, I managed to send my message to Marilee concerning the Half Connie mare into cyberspace and she didn't see it until Thursday evening. Perhaps I should go back to an old-fashioned typewriter! At 9:05 p.m. I received an e-mail from Marilee and she seemed to be quite interested in the pony! However, I knew that Cinnamon Twist would be leaving Devon Ridge Farms for the trainer on Friday, the very next morning!



*Skye's new owners. Marilee Moss centre Caleb (l) and Alex (r)*

Yikes! Should I risk looking overly pushy and message Marilee back right away to tell her this? Not enough time. It is hopeless. I did what usually works to sweeten a disappointment or a bad day - I grabbed a new book and went to bed to read. At 11:15 pm that same evening, my son Chris knocked on my bedroom door. Chris said, "Mom, there is a message from Catherine



*Caleb shows his new toy to Skye. Skye is wondering what it might be?*

(McCullagh). She says to let you know that the half Connie mare is coming to Manitoba. And Marilee Moss will be bringing her to Quarry Ridge Farms! Quarry Ridge is where Chris works as a stable hand for Catherine. I remember exclaiming "Eeeeeek" and throwing my book into the air! (I'm sure that Catherine had already predicted my reaction - well, maybe not the part about throwing my book in the air!)

I thought to message Becky on the following Tuesday. It was exactly a week since our conversation about the half Connie mare - and the husband who stated "no more horses!" I was eager to share the news that the mare was coming to Manitoba. I said to myself; keep your big excited mouth shut a bit and try to be discreet. To Becky I typed: The half Connie mare is coming to Manitoba. It hasn't been revealed yet who the buyer is. Becky responded, "Aha! Marilee Moss bought the pony and she will be going to Catherine McCullaghs at Quarry Ridge. I was sitting in Jocelyn's living room (at Spruce Grove, Alberta!) late last Thursday evening, when Catherine was talking to Jocelyn about travel arrangements!" I was astounded. Unbelievably, during that one week we gained two new ponies in

Manitoba! The half bred mare Cinnamon Twist, who has since been dubbed "Skye" by Marilee's two boys, Alex and Caleb and Devonridge Raindance (aka Rayna) a 3/4 Connemara, 1/4 Thoroughbred mare that was purchased by Becky. Catherine and Marilee are pleased with Skye and her "smarts". About Rayna, Becky reports that she has just started training with Lorraine Wilson, who is really happy with her so far and figures she will make a great kid's pony if she continues to display the same personality.



*Skye all groomed and looking shiny. Quarry Ridge arena.*

## A Manitoba Shout-out To the New Connemara Folks!

I've noticed with a great deal of pleasure, over the last few years, new names being added to the CCPS Membership list. A thousand welcomes to all of you! As the name of an old The Who song says - Who Are You?? I'm sure there are many of us who are interested in hearing about you in the Newsletter. Have you got a Connemara, or are you planning on getting a Connemara? We'd love to know all about you and your pony and any plans that you have. So ... the next time our Editor asks for updates, articles, pictures etc. for the Newsletter - please don't be shy! Get typing or snap a picture - we'd love to hear from you!

*by Jeannie Walsh, Manitoba.*



# AND FINALLY...

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protect the nature of the Connemara pony for future generations. If you own a Connemara pony or lease one, or are a Connemara pony lover please join the CCPS. Membership is not expensive and it is a small amount to enthusiastically support such a special and wonderful breed. Let me know what you get up to with your ponies, send pictures and I'll try to share them around if you are willing. Canadian Connemara pony owners comprise a small community covering a very large country and we need to be able to keep in touch and support one another. Input and ideas are always welcomed so feel free to drop me a line and I'll try to make connections where I can.

## ***Susan MacDougall - President of the CCPS***

Rick & Dale Doner of Century Hill Farm have made the decision, after much soul searching, to wind down the breeding operation. We will be gelding

\*Kippure Cara later this spring and have several well bred ponies for sale.

After 21 years of breeding, our time will be diverted to our growing family.

You can rest assured that there will always be Connemaras on our farm for our grandkids to grow up with!

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## **Amendments to the bylaws**

At the Special Meeting on February 26th 2017, it was unanimously agreed that an amendment to the bylaws for testing of foals be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture. It was further agreed that providing the change was approved, the testing of foals (potential breeding stock for HWSD) be implemented.

In addition to this amendment, it was agreed that the use of only Canadian Food Inspection Agency laboratories for the collection of frozen semen be removed as this had been found to be impractical.

It was also agreed that on embryo transfer, the restriction of only one registrable foal per year be altered to three in accordance with the rules of the International Connemara Pony Society.

Currently entire half-bred colts cannot obtain papers of any type. At the Special Meeting it was agreed that an amendment to the bylaws be submitted which would allow entire half-bred colts to receive a Foal Identity Document only. This would mean that such a colt could be sold to the USA and registered in their Society, although it could not be registered as a stallion in Canada.

These changes are being submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, and it is hoped that they are approved in time for the arrival of this year's foals.

eligible to submit awards forms for their part bred and purebred ponies. We added yearly high point awards in 2015. You can download Awards forms from the CCPS website. Make a bunch of copies and put them in your horse trailer. Make sure you have the show chairperson verify and sign your forms at the end of the

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## ***Hello Canadian Connemara Enthusiasts!***

Thank you for the Awards forms submitted!

The past 3 years as awards chairperson there has been a decline in submissions for the awards. Only 5 people submitted their forms for 2016. Current CCPS members are