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2017 Transfers

Devon's Dun Maple sold by
Colleen Orr, Rock Creek BC to
Karyn Greenlees, 70 Mile
House BC

Crooked Creek Avery sold by
Tamara Taylor, Caroline AB to
Ruth Moore, Coldstream BC

MLC Rocky River Morn' sold by
Janet Rowe, Bracebridge ON
to Heather Ritzema, Seaforth
ON

Caraway Jamerry sold by
Christine Carey, Elgin QC to
Theresa Shelley, Lompoc CA
USA

Devon Ridge Devereaux sold
by Nicole Spalding, Calgary AB
to Erin Rowsell, Smithers BC

MLC Strange Mercy sold by
Janet Rowe, Bracebridge ON
to Leslie Ordal, Toronto ON

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I've become absorbed by issues that affect our favourite breed the Connemara Pony. My girl is getting older and I've had issues with her health. She is doing very well now, but I've had Veterinary intervention and large amounts of medication to keep her healthy. She has EMS, Equine Metabolic Syndrome, a collection of issues such as insulin resistance, laminitis, and obesity. I was concerned about sub clinical laminitis and since her diet was very closely controlled, she was tested for PPID, or Cushing's disease. I've suspected the EMS for a very long time, maintaining her on a low sugar diet, tested low sugar hay, no grains, no treats of any kind. It wasn't readily apparent that she was EMS or PPID, as her weight was under control, and she was apparently a picture of health. I still had concerns as she wasn't moving like I fully expected, she had fat pads over her eyes, which were weepy, and the odd rare skin ailment that she had never suffered from in past and she wasn't really her happy self. Her coat was lush, but not overly long for winter, and she had adequate flesh, and was actually a bit lean. Her feet were growing far too rapidly. The blood work told the tale. Within days she felt better and is now active and happy. So if I were to give any advice, know your pony, love them and for sure don't overfeed them.



2017 CCPS Transfers

Wrath of Khan sold by
Kayden Jorgensen-Bell,
Calgary AB to Zoe Gottwald,
Chestermere AB

Eden's Sugar N Spice sold
by Bridget Wingate,
Parkland County AB to
Suzanne Henry, Edmonton
AB

Rising Sun Quinn sold by
Hope MacIntyre & Joy Rea,
Westlock AB to Miranda &
Dennis Niebergall,
StonyPlain AB

SV Arya sold by Gina Feist,
Saskatoon SK to Constance
Dyck, Boissevain MB

Crooked Creek Avery sold
by Ruth Moore, Coldstream
BC to Rebecca Pruden,
Coldstream BC

Century Hill's Hazy Siobhan
sold by Mrs. M. Dale Doner,
Beaverton ON to Catherine
Kelly, Freelton ON

Eoghan of Ravenwood sold
by Tamara Taylor, Caroline
AB to Britta Nissl, Parker CO
USA

Lus na bPog/Sean MacLochlainn

Broodmare Award

This award was donated by Tom and Maire MacLochlainn of the Ashbrook Stud, Co. Galway, and Doris Jacobi of Avilion Gleann Farm, Alberta.

This is a lifetime award to honour a broodmare that has contributed to the Connemara breed in Canada through her purebred offspring.

Tom's father, Sean MacLochlainn, a well known connemara breeder in Ireland, owned the broodmare Lus na bPog. One of her daughters, Ciotog, was exported to Montana in 1966, and it was her daughter by Ruta Raitna, Avenns Golden Ruby, who was imported to Canada by Doris Jacobi as one of her foundation mares.

This award is to be given to honour broodmares who carry on the tradition of these original imports to Canada who not only had many generations of offspring but competed and promoted the breed as well.



Winners of the award

2010

Lovely Lormount



1964 dark bay 13.1 h mare by Macdara out of Lormount (Dun Lorenzo)

Bred by James B Joyce in Co. Galway she was imported to Montana by Dr. O'Halloran and subsequently bought by Doris Jacobi when he was dispersing his herd. She was a beautiful example of 'old fashioned' Connemara traits, with sturdy bone and balanced conformation.

First generation foals by Lyndfields Cormac MacCarthy
Avenns Daine Lore
Avenns Bay Daine
Avenns Majestic Hope. stallion

Avenns Majestic Canadian.. stallion

Avenns Ah'Lura Lormount. mare

while in Montana she had at least four foals by *Ruta Raini

2011

Abbeyleix Bluebird



1977 Grey 13.1 hh mare by Coosheen Finn out of Blue Moon (Doon Paddy)
Bred by Lady Susan de Vesci in Ireland she was imported to the US and her last home was with Louise Jolicouer in Quebec. She only produced 5 purebred foals but she can be seen in the pedigree of some of the most successful bloodlines in Ireland, Europe and North America.

First Generation foals
Dale Haze, Stallion by Tully Grey.
Exported from Ireland to Sweden.
Sired the well known, Hazy Dawn, a very influential stallion.

Maplehurst Michael MacDaire, Stallion by Gilnocky Ard Righ MacDaire. Sire of over 100 purebred and part bred foals in North America.

Bob White, Stallion by Bobby Brown. Stood in the US.

2012

Avenns Golden Ruby



1971 Golden dun 14.11/2 hh by *Ruta Raini and out of *Ciotog (Doon Paddy).

Bred by Dr. TA O'Halloran in Montana and later bought by Doris Jacobi in Alberta.

Ridden and competed with great success by Doris' daughter Melanie. She produced some lovely foals when bred to Lynfields Cormac MacCarthy. Avenns Golden Legacy. Foundation mare for Devonridge Connemaras Avenns Golden Reina. Foundation mare for Erin Meadows Connemaras Avenns Cairbre MacCarthy. Resident stallion for Starlight Connemaras She has numerous 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation offspring across North America

2013

Bar S Heather

1978 Grey 13.3 hh by Rory Rudah out of Queen of the Hills (MacDara).



Bred by Padraig Curran in Ireland she was imported to the Alberta by the Chatterway family at Bar S Ranch and later sold to Diane Bruce also in Alberta.

First generation foals

Bar S Arrin Grey by Roundstone Oscar, dam of many good foals for the Knox family in Idaho.

Bar S Tex by Lynfields Cormac MacCarthy. Stallion who stood in Washington.

Bien Mallins Rory O'Sullivan. by Landgates Holy Smoke. sire of many pure and part bred foals in Alberta and BC.

She has numerous 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation offspring, estimated at 178 in 2007.



2014

Aladdin's Winter Promise

1988 grey 14.1 1/2 hh by Aladdin out of Annandale's Glenlo (Clonkeehan Dunlin)

Bred by Catherine Mack in Virginia and bought by Margot Watson as a 10 year old to be her foundation mare and wonderful mount for her daughter.

She had 5 first generation offspring before her untimely death in 2008.

Kent's Sevenoaks by Hayselden's Perseus, a filly.

Ballencrieff's Cameo by Hayselden's Perseus. Bought by Kathy Lucas where she was a great favourite.

Ballencrieff's Brogan by Landgate Bluebeard. Sold as stallion prospect to Nancy Kilcrease in the US where he produced mainly half breds. Now a successful combined driving pony. Ballencrieff's Sea Breeze by Hohnhorst Brannigan living in California. Ballencrieff's Winter Lace by Ballywhim's An Luan. Lace is Margot's riding pony and broodmare. Dam of Ballencrieff's Joshua 1:9.

2015

Scottsway Lullaby



1995 seal brown 13.1 premium mare by Kirtling Tam O'Shanter and out of Hobbans Lark (Hobbans Puffin).

Bred by Carol Prentice in England and imported to Canada by Heather Sherratt as a 2yr old. She produced 13 foals when bred to Maplehurst Michael MacDaire. All quite similar and doing a stellar job of promoting the breed. Abby is the epitome of the connemara mare and has played an important role in the North American breeding programme. First generation foals:

Elphin Song Sparrow. inspected as a stallion and sired several foals but later gelded. Now a performance pony.

Elphin Kookaburra. ACPS premium mare. Successful performance pony and brood mare.

Elphin Chickadee. ACPS inspected mare. Successful performance pony and brood mare.

She has numerous 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation offspring

2016***Eastlands Glendearg**

1995 grey 14.1 1/2 hh premium mare by Lockinge Frederick and out of Bardsey Trinket (Whitwell Cockade)

Bred by Mr and Mrs Staveley in Scotland and imported to Canada by Rick and Dale Doner. She has had a very successful performance career as well as producing 8 pure bred foals by various stallions.



First Generation foals
Century Hill's Frederick McTeague, by Maplehurst Michael MacDaire. Stood as a stallion (sire of Century Hills Aedan Zodiac) before being gelded.
Century Hill's Maiden Realta by Maplehurst Michael MacDaire. Retained by the Doners for performance and breeding, Century Hills Hazy Maire.

2017***Hearnsbrook Shooting Star**

1995 grey 13.1 by Hearnbrook Halley and out of Pilgrim's Mistral (Thunderbolt)
Bred by Mrs. Buxton of the Hearnbrook Stud in England 'Ting' was imported to Canada by Christine Carey and has been a foundation brood mare as well as occasional riding pony. She has produced 10 purebred foals. 8 by Irish Park Caraway Finn, one by Waterfield Prince while on lease to Scott Longmire in NS, and one by *Hohnhorst Branni.

First Generation Foals

Caraway Brio, by Irish Park Caraway Finn. Bought by Violaine Fortin. Inspected and approved as a stallion. Sire of 8 purebred and partbred offspring. Now gelded

Caraway Nell. by Irish Park Caraway Finn. a

successful hunter pony in the US. Winner of the ACPS Clifden Trophy in 2015.

Caraway Pomegranate. by Hohnhorst Branni. to be retained by Caraway Connemaras as a future riding pony and broodmare.

Devon Ridge Harris Hawk

Devon Ridge Harris Hawk (by Fairyhill Hawk, out of Devon Ridge Dreams Come True) had another interesting year. Eve's free time this year was drastically reduced due by school and a new job, which translated into far fewer shows this year, sadly.

However, we did have some highlights, including Harris regaining the Indoor Eventing Championship at Vancouver's Pacific National Exhibition. Eve and Harris also participated in a number of hunter and jumper shows, and started doing some derbies, where they placed very well in some very big divisions.

As well, this summer Harris was one of the pool ponies in the International Mounted Games Exchange, which was the World Championship for riders 16 and under. Teams from Canada, the USA, the UK and Australia came and toured the province, rode in a number of competitions, and ultimately competed in the championship event, where Harris was assigned to Team Australia. Ultimately the team ended up in second place.



Another first for Harris was having a role in a movie, which was being filmed at his boarding facility. Unfortunately I don't know the name of the movie, but it was about a 'black widow' who kills a number of her husbands; Harris's scenes are in the part of the movie where the lady kills her rich husband in their fancy barn aisle, under the chandelier.

Finally, Harris again helped out a number of other riders this year, including an adult beginner rider who had been badly scared by her own horses, and a little girl whose own pony was a little off and unable to attend a couple of shows. Harris has that rare ability to 'dial it in' - he really matches his energy level and performance to that of his rider, and easily makes the switch from rider to rider, 'reading' his rider's ability and confidence levels very well.

We continue to get offers on him, which we of course turn down. While the money would be nice, he is an irreplaceable pony, and very much part of the family. When asked if he's for sale, I just usually laugh and tell people no, he's my grandchildren's horse. Next on the agenda: get some grandchildren to complete this picture!

Eden Connemara Ponies

My best news is that 5 year old Eden Sugar N Spice has gone to a wonderful new home with an ex-Pony Clubber. Suzanne Henry came back from a riding holiday in Ireland convinced that a Connemara was the ideal pony for her. Her first ride on Spice and it was “love at first sight” for both of them! Spice is one of those ponies that really likes human contact, and can’t wait to work. I am lucky in that they are located nearby and I am able to watch their progress under a well qualified coach. The ultimate goal is eventing, but their first weekend clinic in January was on ground-work where Spice was very well behaved and much admired.

My own ambition is to keep on riding several times a week, despite advancing age. My mare, Rills Fire N Ice, is very quiet and steady, so it is working out well.

Photo is:

Eden Sugar N Spice and new owner Suzanne Henry



Irish Park's Burberry



with Emma Kirton and her coach, Claudia Iannuccilli

On March 16th, 2015, *Irish Park's Burberry*, or *Berry* as she is known around the barn, became part of our family. From that day on, she changed our lives for the better! Before coming to live with us on our farm, Berry had been quite successful in the hunter ring. She competed at the Royal Winter Fair in 2011.

Berry is now 14 years old. She is 14.2 hands. She is by Hideaway's Sebastian. Her dam is Belfast Kate, a Connemara / Thoroughbred cross. Her favourite treat is twizzlers!

At first, I didn't know what discipline I wanted to pursue. We started with a few hunter / jumper shows, but we decided that wasn't for us. Then I started working with Claudia Iannuccilli, an eventing coach, and I fell in love with the sport! Berry really loves it too. I am still working with Claudia today. She is an amazing coach and she is helping us achieve our goals.

We just finished our second successful eventing season. Berry won gold in the ACCCQ Entry Junior Division in 2017. We also won the junior high point award. We competed in two dressage shows this season. Berry scored over 70% in all four of her tests and won the AERSO gold medal for the Training Division, as well as the highest score for a junior. We also had the amazing experience of competing at the Oakhurst Farm long-format 3 day event this year. It was our first experience doing roads and tracks and steeplechase. It was so fun. Berry won the Entry division.

We are so excited about the upcoming season! We will be going pre-training and we hope to upgrade to training level in the fall. I also hope to try first level dressage.

I am so proud of Berry and all we have accomplished together. But more than the achievements, Berry is my best friend. She is the sweetest, smartest, most gentle and kind pony. She is so fun! She loves going on trails, going bareback and bridleless and she knows how to give kisses and bow. Nothing spooks Berry and she is so sure-footed. The whole family loves her, even the dogs and cats!

This will probably be Berry's last eventing season. We are hoping to breed her next year. I think she will be a really great mom. She means the world to me and I am honoured to call her my own. I will take care of her forever.

-Emma Kirton, age 14



Emma Kirton and Irish Parks Burberry



Devonridge Harris Hawk at the games



Elan Priddy and Elodon Dara at polocrosse



Elodon Maeve and Parker an autistic lad



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Andy Amato competing on Superman (Holsteiner connemara x) by hideaways Sebastian in Preliminary. He has won a few so he plans to compete in Intermediate next year.

Caraway Farm

Hilary's growing human family (now 3 boys, Oliver, 5, Charles, 3, and Noah 2 1/2 months), and my 'winding down' necessitated a few changes on the farm.

Early in the year Romantic Fanfare (aka Flea), Tb x Han, and her filly foal by Branni, Caraway Jamberry, were sold to Theresa Shelley in California. They went to Janet Rowe's for a stopover en route, and never made it out west! Flea has joined Janet's broodmare band and Jammie is now with Tonya Cummins, owner of the talented stallion, Get Smart (Windy Isles Court Jester). We were sad to see them go but look forward to following their future adventures.

Spring brought me my much anticipated foal by Branni and out of Ting (Hearnbrook Shooting Star). I am thrilled with this lovely filly and plan to keep her, hoping one of the boys will ride her in the future, and that she will give us a foal or two. I am already perusing the stallion list for possible sires! It will have to be N/N for HWSD as she has inherited the carrier gene from her dam. How very fortunate we are to have the test so easily accessible. Thank you Penny and Jocelyn.



Caraway Poppy (Irish Park Caraway Finn x Stonybrook Irish Creme) and Romantic Fling (Finn x Flea) spent the summer at Stevens Creek Farm in Ontario developing their eventing skills and bringing home some ribbons at the lower levels. Fling is now home and Hilary has been riding her when time and weather permit. She is a lovely mare and the two of them make a great team. Poppy is at Stevens Creek for another year, leased out to a super young event rider and it will be fun following their progress this summer.

In the fall Branni returned to Alberta. He has now taken up stallion duties with Alexis Soltice and will be a riding/driving pony as well. What an outstanding pony he is and I hope he gets plenty of good mares.

Wildwych Cricket (Glenormiston Flurry Knox x Tower Hills Fiona) joined us here from Avelene Farm in NY last summer. She is a middle aged lady with great experience of the world and is proving to be a perfect 'old lady' pony for me to enjoy. We had many wonderful rides around here and in the Adirondack mountains of NY last year as well as learning lots at a clinic with Libby Lyman in Maine. We have plenty of fun things planned for 2018, but things are on hold for a few weeks after I fell on the ice and fractured my wrist. The hazards of winter!



Elodon Connemaras

2017 brought us only one foal, but a very special one! Elodon Zodiac, a buckskin colt, is the last foal by our foundation stallion Century Hills Aedan Zodiac. Zac is out of our mare Castlebar Gaelic who has produced 4 lovely ponies by Aedan. She is expecting a foal in 2018 by Aedan's grandson Elodon Merlin. This is an exciting cross as it will bring in the genetics of Merlin's sire JEF Sir Lancelot.

No showing was done in 2017 but the ponies continued to charm their many visitors and become involved in new activities. Aedan went on a trail ride in the Rockies in southern Alberta and both Aedan and Dara have been trying their hooves at polocrosse!

Elsie Priddy

Lee Taylor:

Hello all. With the sad passing of my beloved Cedar's Padraig in 2017, it was up to the junior member of the farm to pick up the torch. Half Connemara Black Dog's O'Connor did just that. At 5 years old and competing in just his second show he won two of his three classes in the Open Training division at the Gold National Dressage show at the Caledon Equestrian Park.



With scores as high as 74.9%, he was reserve champion in the division, and handled the environment very well.

Imported from Beth Davidson's Black Dog farm in Florida, I purchased Connor as a yearling, and have handled the training duties myself. We are hoping to compete in Second Level this season.

Padraig's vacancy did create another opening at the farm, which was filled by Century Hill's Hazy Westleah. A six year old son of Rick and Dale Doner's gorgeous Kippure Cara, West was looking for a different approach to training. He and I hit it off, and are working steadily towards his dressage

competition debut this spring.

NEWS from Centreview Connemaras, Bentley, Alberta

Our little Connemara herd grew in 2017. On June 16, Rills Kelpie gave birth to a robust grey colt sired by Century Hills Aedan Zodiac. Kelpie is a fantastic mother, and her colt has grown into a happy personable weanling. I like to call him “Chunky Hunk”, but he is registered as Centreview Iron and Ashes. We have chosen “Centreview” as our farm prefix in reflection of Centreview Road that runs past our farm land near Bentley, Alberta.

The highlight of 2017 was the purchase of *Hohnhorst Branni from Rill Connemaras. On September 24, Branni arrived on a transport from Caraway Connemaras, near Montreal. Branni had been leased by Chris Carey from owners Colin and Penny Huggons (Rill Connemaras). Our family feels honoured to include Branni in our family, and we intend to find him some mares. He is available for breeding via AI to outside mares, and Kelpie will be bred back to Branni this year. Our goal is to increase the number of purebred Connemaras in Canada. Pyper, our 14 year old C level Pony Clubber, enjoyed riding Branni until Winter arrived and she is keen to spend more time getting to know him under saddle in 2018.

Our daughter, Caprice, has been riding Rills Shae Mor at Pony Club since early 2016. In 2017, this pair really got it together and concluded the year passing the D2 Canadian Pony Club level with very strong marks. Shae and Caprice are quite a bit alike: they are both determined and opinionated. Caprice has learned how to work together with her very smart and athletic mare.

Rills Richochet and Rills Tia Maria are both working nicely under saddle. Richie has more miles than Tia at this point, but Tia isn't far behind. This year they will both be doing more focussed flat work and some jumping.

-I endeavour to wear my helmet more in 2018. ~

Following page: Honhorst Brannigan & Rills Shae Mor
Left to right: Caprice and Rills Shae Mor, Alexis and Rills Tia Maria, Pyper and Rills Richochet. October, 2017.



Archives

In past years the archives for our connemara society, as well as other equine societies/associations, were well documented by Jenny Smythe from ?? A fire destroyed most, if not all, of her precious records and as far as I know she has not had the heart to continue. If anyone has more information or has contact info for Jenny please let me know. At our recent AGM I agreed to take over the archives of our society and it would be great to talk to Jenny and get some pointers.

I am starting to compile whatever I can find, ie minutes from meetings, newsletters etc going back to the early pre society days when there was an Eastern and Western Association. Rick Doner has offered to send me all the newsletters which he put together and I have quite a bit of stuff from the early days but am looking for more. If any of you have anything of interest please contact me. News and photos from connemara shows, clinics or inspections would be great. Membership lists, farm and stallion directories, or whatever you might have of interest.

Thank you
Chris Carey
carawayfinn@gmail.com

Did you know that you can e-transfer your membership payment to the CLRC at lauralee.mills@clrc.ca

From Jennifer Brownlow:

Starlight's Zara (2003) by Avenns Cairbre MacCarthy (Peso) out of Elphin Sweet Rosaleen, ridden by Jennifer Brownlow, was the 2017 Second Level Amateur Dressage Champion for the Vancouver Island Equinety Dressage Series sponsored by Para-Dressage rider, Laura Card Hall. Jennifer and Zara competed in 6 shows, including one Bronze level at a show outside her "region". Shows were in Victoria, Duncan and Nanaimo. The results, from 3 different judges with scores from at least 3 tests, including at least one at Second Level, Test 3 averaged out at 63.48%.

Jennifer's coaches include Manuela McLean from Australia when she comes to the Island to do clinics, and Jody Hartstone from New Zealand when she is on the Island. Each teaches according to Dr. Andrew McLean's principles of Equitation Science, and both have students in their countries who ride Connemaras.

Jennifer and Zara are also the 2017 Second Level Amateur Champions Senior division for the Dressage BC awards based on the highest average of tests from 3 judges. The award will be given in March, 2018. Zara pipped a few good horses to the post on this one.

Cheers,

Jennifer

(photos on following page)

The Inspection Committee would like to welcome Janet Rowe of Muskoka Lake Connemaras as a new 'Apprentice' Inspector. Janet has been breeding Connemara Ponies for 9 years and has many years of judging experience in several different equine disciplines. She is passionate about the Connemara Pony as a breed and would like to be a part of ensuring the quality of the breed and maintain good 'type' into the future. Janet will be attending clinics and inspections to further her education of the breed and work towards becoming a full CCPS Inspector.





Ravenwood Bay Ruari

Connemara TB/Welsh cross gelding .
Rising 3yrs

I backed him in November and he has been great. We are trotting around now, over poles and a very small cross rail.

I bought him from Tamara Taylor as a weanling and liked him so much bought another mare from her!

I plan on trail riding him this year and taking him out and about.

Already had him exposed to traffic leading him around "the block" 2 miles in length.

He has a great mind and is very willing.

Ruth Moore
Vernon BC

Thistledown Farm



Coastal Celtic Ceilidh wearing her (designed just for her) muzzle, keeping her in good health.

From Irene Dunic

More Connemara fun from Vancouver Island, this past fall yearling filly Irish Gate's Fare Thee Well Nell (JEF Sir Lancelot o/o Legacys Charming Jasmine), joined Skyview's Corona, and Devon Ridge Pan here in North Saanich. She was very kindly delivered by her breeders Pattie & Bob Stalder, so that made the transition nice for all of us! Nell has settled in so wonderfully and is very bold and friendly just as one expects of a Connemara. I'm looking forward to 2018, who knows what else might happen!

Above: Irish Gate's Fare Thee Well Nell, Devonridge Pan (Wildwych Don Juan o/o Devon Ridge Fairy Dust) and Skyview Corona (Greystone Creggan Winter o/o Skyview's Carina)



Making Her Mark at Cavalia Parke

Elodon Riona came to our acreage Cavalia Parke (Saskatoon) in April 2016 and took her place in a herd of 3 geldings. Riona brings a spicy, full-size presence in her pint-size 13.2 hh body, and is always entertaining to watch interacting with the boys. With her abundant hair including feathers she closely resembles her favourite pal, a Friesian, thus earning the nicknames Maxi-Me and Mini-Me.

This past year saw Riona as a 5 year old becoming my partner and companion in a wide variety of pursuits. We participated in two Priddy Hunter Paces, a four day summer camp, a Cowboy Dressage clinic and schooling show, a Drill Team that performed in front of an audience, obstacle fun days and trail rides. Our latest outing was ground pole/cavaletti fun day hosted by Sunny Plain Ranch. Her confidence steadily grows and her extreme high “cute factor” never fails to bring comments. I look forward to a long partnership with this special pony who has made her mark at Cavalia Parke!

Submitted by Lynn Sander, Saskatoon.





Left to right, Shirley Sauve on Kimble's May Bloom and Bridget Wingate on Rills Fire N Ice enjoying riding together.
Bridget

Devonridge Farms

Jocelyn Davies of Devonridge Farms is expecting several foals this spring. They will be for sale. Foals by Pattys Etoile de Paris will be born by Drogheda Bluebird, Drogheda Hand of the Harp, Devon's Go Ltosa Bling, HK Ladyhawk, Rills Manderlay. Foals by Bantry Bays Dillon being born are Devon Ridge Rhiannon, and Devon Ridge Mercedes. We also have three partbreds foaling this year!

I had an amazing year in 2017 with my stallion Get Smart, just turning 6 he competed in level 2 dressage, training level eventing, pony jumpers (with a junior rider) some jumper 1 meter and 1.10 classes plus a few hunter derbies! ! He is tons of fun to show! He now has 9 babies on the ground from TB and Warmblood mares. These foals are all huge! They seem to get the mares size but his temperament and color! In 2017 I sold Get Smart's first born, then a yearling, to a wonderful lady in Maryland, USA. This guy names Legend of Longwood already stands 16hh! She wanted a athletic hunt horse and is very happy with her purchase. Attached are some pictures from the summer. In 2017 Get Smart bred a Teddy O'Connor sister in Kentucky! That mare is expecting a colt this year! Let me know if you would like any more info.

I have owned and trained horses all my life and I have to say Get Smart steels the show and my heart. **Tonya Cummins**







Get Smart Babies

News from Ballencrieff Connemara Pony Farm

Unfortunately, mobility issues have kept me from doing very much exciting with the ponies this year. I did have a fun trip with Lacey and 8 other women and their horses, up to a ranch in the Interior of BC for a week of trail riding and fun. Other than the forest fires, which were a bit too close, we had a wonderful time spending time with our horses and each other!

Honey turned 30 yrs. in April and we had a fun party for her. Presented her with an oat/molasses cake with baby carrot candles on top. She loved the carrots – the cake not so much! Her riding friend, Penny, made up a big poster with photos of all Honey's numerous accomplishments over the years and we celebrated her life and the blessing she has been to us during the 17 yrs we have had her in our lives! I'm not sure Honey was real impressed with her birthday outfit, but she does tolerate us with good grace. 😊 Forgive her 'hairy' winter appearance in the photos – she does eventually shed out and looks great for her age in the summer.

This spring Lacey is going out to Alberta to Jocelyn Davies farm to have a foal or two since I'm laid up for awhile after an ankle replacement. Lacey has only had the one foal – Joshua 1:9 by Ard Celtic Art. Joshua is in Washington state owned by Karen Halverson and doing well in Eventing there. Lacey is turning 11 yrs. this spring so time she put some more foals on the ground.

KEEP CALM AND CANTER ON!

All the best to you and your ponies for 2018!

Margot Watson





Margot and Lacey with friends at the ranch riding trails

2017 CCPS Awards Program Recipients

2017 Purebred Perpetual Award

Devon Ridge Harris Hawk

Owner: Lezah Williamson

Riders: Eve Dedrick Jay King, Devon Wrayton

2017 Part-bred Perpetual Award

Major Chase

Owner Brookside Farm/Janice Clinton

Rider: Claudia Tannuccilli

2017 High Point Award**Windy Isles Get Smart**

Owner: Tonya Cummins

Riders: Tonya Cummins, Laura Robertson

2017 Reserve High Point**Belfast Banner**

Owner: Natalie Starr

Rider Natalia Hienke

Achievement Awards 2017**Belfast Banner**

Certificate of Achievement in Jumper

Bronze Medal in Jumper

Certificate of Achievement in Dressage First Level

Bronze Medal First Level

Windy isles Get Smart

Gold Medal in Horse Trials Training Division

Certificate of Achievement in Dressage Second Level

Bronze Medal Dressage Second Level

Devon Ridge Harris Hawk

Silver Medal in Horse Trials Starter Division

Platinum Medal in Pony Club

Major Chase

Certificate of Achievement Horse Trials Training Division

Bronze Medal in Horse Trials Training Division

Silver Medal in Horse Trials Preliminary Division

Gold Medal in Horse Trials Preliminary Division

Fiontar Mac Tire

Silver Medal In-Hand

Certificate of Achievement in Jumper

Bronze Medal in Jumper

CM's Ricochet

Silver Medal in Horse Trials Entry Division

Starlight's Zara

Gold Medal in Dressage Second Level

MLC Belfast Elysium

Certificate of Achievement In-Hand

Caraway Poppy

Certificate of Achievement in Horse Trials Pre-Entry Division

Bronze Medal in Horse Trials Pre-Entry Division

Bylaw Amendments

Finally, at the end of February we received approval from Agriculture Canada for changes to our bylaws. The amended bylaws will be on our web site.

The bylaws now allow the Board to specify compulsory testing for any genetically transmitted diseases. At the Board meeting following the AGM, the Board unanimously agreed on testing for Hoof Wall Separation Disease (HWSD) for youngstock, except in cases where both the sire and dam had been tested and were N/N (i.e. not carriers). Testing is not necessary on geldings.

The other significant change is that entire half-bred colts which previously could not be registered at all, will now be issued with a Foal Identity Document. Agriculture Canada would not allow the permanent registration of half-bred stallions, but with this certificate, they can be registered in the American Connemara Pony Society Sport Pony registry.



Caraway Poppy ridden here by Laura Alexander. Photo credit Hilary Alexander