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For all Disciplines - for all the Family

It was decided that it would be very good advertising if we had banners which could go on the front of stalls at shows. We asked for photos and had some excellent entries. The winning entry is shown above and within a few weeks will be available in each of the Regions. Also selected were photos of the various disciplines. These will be shown on our website and can be ordered at a very reasonable price.

From The President...

As you can see from the photos in this newsletter, it has been a remarkable year for filly foals! My own little filly is the first foal I have had for 11 years, and I had forgotten how lovely it is to watch them, and to see how their personalities show up so early.

Here in Alberta we are not suffering as much with a recession as some parts of the country, but we are still not enjoying the heady days of years ago. I recently read in a magazine that the percentage of youth/adult riders has completely reversed from 60/40 and there are now far more adult riders. Our ponies are ideal for ladies - both from the point of view of size and temperament, and Connemaras seem to be able to exist on hot air, unlike some of their larger cousins.

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Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held very close to Spruce Meadows on Saturday September 8th 2012. Combine watching our Battle of the Breeds team compete, and attending the meeting!

Caffé Crema, 2525 Bridlecrest Way
SW, Calgary T2Y 5J4 at 5:00 p.m.
Supper included.

Don't Forget !

Nominations for Directors
of the CCPS close
Wednesday JULY 4th!!
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News from Rill Connemaras.

Rill's Shea Mor has gone to a great new home with Rana Rothwells.

Rills Mariette & Hohnhorset Branni are proud to announce the arrival of their second filly!

We have 2 great Branni babies for sale. Rills Hot Sauce 4 year old 14+ hand gelding super temperament, bright bay roan!

Rills Caprice elegant, friendly rising yearling filly, seal brown. Both ponies are light athletic & correct movers.

Have a great summer everyone. Penny & Colin cphuggons@gmail.com



Rills Mariette & new filly



Rills Caprice



Rills Hot Sauce



Rill's Shea Mor and Rana Rothwells

New Members ! **Welcome to the** **CCPS!**

Grace O'Driscoll
Carleton Place, ON

Maureen Shenton
Saanichton, BC

Karen Anderson
Rumsey, AB

Amanda Beard
Orillia ON

Laurie Cornford
Belleville ON

Sydney Huebner
Spruce Grove AB

Isabelle Goodine
St. Albert AB

Joyce Enders
Calgary AB

Catherine McCullagh
Stonewall MB

Suzanne Dow
Flesherton ON

Gayle Smith
Clavet SK

Foals of 2012



*Bridget Wingate is back in the breeder business with
"Eden Sugar N' Spice"
(Avenns Kimble Wind x Rills Fire N' Ice) born May 17th*



*Century Hill's Spring filly
Another lovely and
outgoing filly out of
Eastie by Cara also born
May 17th!*





*Elsie Priddy's colt at 1 week. "Elodon Callahan"
(Hobnborst Branni x Elodon Maeve).*



*One day old "Elodon Riona" by Century Hills Aedan Zodiac out of
Castlebar Gaelic.*

ELPHIN MOUNTAIN CONNEMARAS

Spring 2012 has been a busy and exciting one with four foals born on the farm, more than I have had for several years. The first, the eleventh foal from Abby and Mick, was a filly who looked just like so many of their offspring: bay, big and beautiful. I called her Kittiwake, in the tradition of bird names honouring Mick's dam Abbyleix Bluebird and Abby's, Hobbans Lark. To my surprise, my bay filly is quickly turning grey, but still has the substance and independence characteristic of all Abby's foals.

Kitti was soon followed by Henkka's first offspring, a black turning grey colt from Michaelmas Daisy (Maplehurst Michael MacDaire x Aluinn de Haoine), her first foal. It took a while to find the right name for him but, taking Henkka's registered name Caragh Gaoithe which is Gaelic for wind, we came up with Tuuli, Finnish for wind and the male version of Tuula, his Finnish breeder's name.

After yet more disturbed nights, Rosie was kind enough to have her colt at 10pm and let me get some sleep. Henkka's second son is a lovely athletic bay with the sweetest temperament. We called him Malachite in remembrance of Henkka's dam, Innellan Gem who died very young last year. Malachite is a greenish semiprecious stone.

It was fun watching these three get acquainted and gallop around the yard driving their mothers to distraction and leaping logs and piles of hay in true Connemara fashion. Clio, meanwhile, was trying to get some peace before she foaled. At last she produced a pretty bay colt with her big blaze. He is by Mick and has been gentle and friendly from the start.

So life on the farm continues with mares to be bred for next year, outside mares coming in for breeding and foals to handle. My babies learn to walk in and out of the barn with just my arm round their shoulder before I even put a halter on them. They will stand in the yard and have their feet picked up and move as directed. The halter will come soon.

Later this summer I hope to send Henkka out for training with a Fjord breeder who drives internationally. He met Henkka the other week and was impressed with his manners and temperament. Henkka has already had the tack on and Kirsten leaning over him so I don't think it will take long to get him going under saddle. Then we have inspections in September to prepare for. A busy year on the farm.

Heather Sherratt
(foal pictures on page 5)



*Elphin Tuuli (*Caragh Gaoithe x Elphin Michaelmas Daisy) and
Elphin Malachite (*Caragh Gaoithe x Elphin Milis Rosanna)*



*Elphin Kittiwake (Maplehurst Michael
MacDaire x *Scottsway Lullaby)*



**Wildwyck Clio with Elphin Juniper
(Maplehurst Michael MacDaire)*



*Elphin Malachite (*Caragh Gaoithe x
Elphin Milis Rosanna)*

For Sale- "Joshua 1:9" - Born to Compete!

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 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 is not gelded at this time but will be by September if not sold by then. For more up-to-date photos please email me at margotwatson@shaw.ca or call me at 604-856-5953

Asking \$5500.





Thistledown Farm is excited to produce their first pure bred foal in several years. Coastal Celtic Ceildh is one of the first mares accorded Premium status in North America, and this is her first foal. She was bred to Kippure Cara, Rick and Dale Doner's beautiful imported stallion, and foaled May 22, 2012. Ceildh and Cara produced a smoky black colt who will go grey. He is beautifully proportioned, very correct and has a kind and exuberant nature. He is very inquisitive and bold, so he has been named Thistledown Seol an Muire, or Thistledown Sail the Seas. I am grateful for the Doner's stallion donation to the Canadian Connemara Pony Auction of 2011 that enabled me to produce this exceptional foal.
Susan MacDougall



Awards Program 2012

Thank you to all the competitors who participated in the Connemara awards program for 2011. It was a great success and we heard good feedback about the awards.

The medal awards run on an cumulative points system. The Purebred and Part-bred high-point performance awards do to, but once someone receives a performance award their points start over and are not eligible to receive one for 2 years.

We have many ponies showing the English disciplines and are doing very well. The Lyndfield Cormac MacCarthy high point western award has been dormant for a few years. It would be nice to see some points come in from you western competitors, and lets show how versatile these ponies can be!!!

Please make sure your achievement forms are complete with proof of your placings and scores or a signed copy from the show committee. Incomplete forms will not be accepted to enter points for the program.

Rules about the awards program and forms are available to download on the CCPS Website. Click on <http://www.canadianconnemara.org/awards.html>

Thank you,

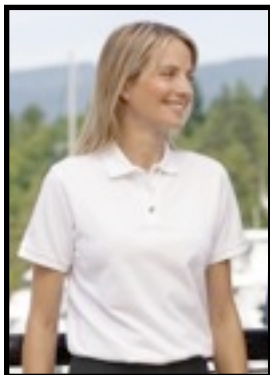
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Classified Ad- Elphin Mountain

Two seven-year-old geldings looking for the right owners to take them to their full potential. Glasdrummon is a 14.2 bay by Mick and out of South Ridge Chloe. He was backed a couple of years ago but Kirsten returned to Australia and he has been looking for the right person to continue his training. He is a big, strong, bold pony who will never be suitable for a beginner or timid rider. With the right person, he could excel at eventing, competitive trail or fox hunting. He has a powerful movement and forward attitude.

Niall is a grandson of Mick and Secretariat who would enjoy life as a hunter or dressage horse. At 15.2hh he is suitable for a small adult or young rider. He has a long scopey stride and a more gentle manner than his brother. Both of these need the right people to start and work with them and their price is very negotiable to the right place.

Heather Sherratt
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CCPS Store

We are excited to have high quality garments and saddle pads available for purchase.

We have waterproof jackets, ¼ zip fleece pullovers in 3 different styles, polo shirts and saddle pads. If you have a special request, please contact us & we can check with our supplier for possible special orders.

Please contact us at susanmac@uniserve.com for pricing and shipping.



CCPS Logo is embroidered very professionally onto the left lapel



Muskoka Lakes Connemaras

This winter and spring have been busy here in Muskoka! Tibyl had some time off after the Royal then started back into showing in February. This year we have been working on his dressage with excellent results! Tibyl has been Champion or Reserve Champion in all of his outings so far this year with our last show (before the newsletter) being the Cornerstone Gold show at Palgrave which saw Tibyl win both of his classes. His highest score to date has been 74.3% with some lovely comments from the judges! So proud of him!

On the other side of the coin here, the breeding side, we welcomed a foal by Tibyl out of Belfast Button on May 21 (yup! Right at the eclipse!) who has been christened "Beaker". Now we are waiting on a Tibyl foal out of TBF Eavan Tressa, a 5 year old perlino mare by Skyviews Triton. "Yellow" is due at the end of June and I am looking forward to this foal with MUCH anticipation!

In April I headed down to Upperville, Virginia to Katherine Wilkins farm and picked up a colt by Moxley Duncan out of Hayselden Persephone who I am hoping will be my future stallion prospect! His name is Blue Ridge Patrick Henry and he is a smoky

brown roan who, at the moment, looks calico due to his prolonged shedding process. Poor guy! Hoping to get him out to some of the line shows to expose him to his future show career. Patrick is an absolutely lovely pony who adores all humans and has a sensible and friendly nature (to say nothing about his HUGE floaty and effortless movement and excellent conformation!). Patrick joins his half sister Maeve who is by Moxley out of Balius Miakoda. Maeve travelled up to Northern Ontario from Megan and Nancy Buchannan in Georgia last fall.

Please keep an eye on our website for updates on our show ring exploits and how all the ponies are doing here at the farm.

Have a safe and fun summer all!

Janet Rowe

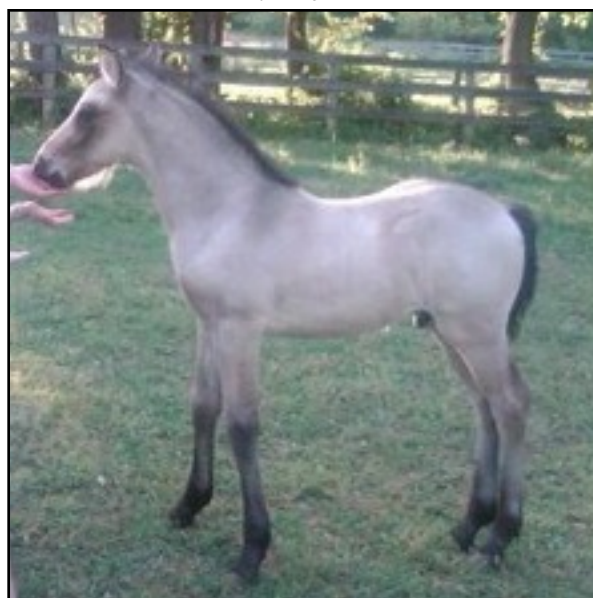


Tibyl & Janet



"Beaker"

Tibyl x Belfast Button



"Blue Ridge Patrick Henry"

Moxley Duncan x Hayselden Persephone

Lee Taylor and Cedar's Padraig Update!

Padraig and I hit the ground running for show season 2012. Our first outing was the Four Seasons Springfest Gold Dressage, and we served notice that we had been working hard over winter. A first place finish in the Prix St Georges with the elusive "over 65%" score, followed by a second in the Intermediare I with a 64.8%. Then it was on to the first of our two planned CDI*** competitions. Hosted by Equivents and held at the Iron Horse Equestrian Complex, the show proved very enjoyable. Weather conditions were fantastic, and after a couple of glitches in the Prix St Georges test, we managed a fourth in the Intermediare I, with a 62.6%. I was a bit nervous about the freestyle, as we were debuting a new one, but the judges approved and we were rewarded with a 66.2%-good for third place!

After a bit of down time, it was back to work preparing for the CDI Blainville. Time for a few lessons with Andrea Bresee of DunRaven dressage, and then head for Quebec. As the jog was scheduled for Wednesday at 4pm, my friend Susan and I hit the road at 5am. A blissfully uneventful trip, some mad unpacking, and make ourselves gorgeous for the jog. I must get a picture- none available at this time though. Padraig was fantastic about dealing with some challenging conditons, and was very much admired by my fellow competitors. We were 5th in the Prix St Georges, and 6th in the Intermediare I. Scores at this show were much lower than usual. They held the competition in the indoor, yet we had

to warmup outside, and it proved very hard on the horses. They all lost a lot of their energy coming inside. Great experience though, and we met some really nice people. It was the last qualifier for the Olympic hopefuls, and our schedule allowed that we were able to watch most of the Grand Prix.

The remainder of the season is a bit quieter for us- a couple of gold shows at Palgrave, and the we'll see. It has been really fun so far, and so many people come up and ask about Padraig and his breeding. He truly is a super ambassador for the breed!



Lee & Padraig warming up at Blainville

Annie- by Ali Mark

Annie has been a great pony since the day we got her! She has had some nice experiences over the last month. My sister Kate was training Annie for an endurance ride. They would go on the trails for hours. Annie loved doing that! She would never get tired, she just wanted to go, go, go! Finally Annie's and Kate's endurance ride was happening. At the Ride, Annie had to get a vet check, Annie did great on her vet check she was perfect!!! Also, Annie was the only Connemara there. Annie did great at her endurance race!!! She got bronze, it was the first time that Annie and Kate had done this and they want to do more!!!

Annie has already been on an overnight camping trip. She was her usual perfect self. She was quite happy to stay in her little fenced area at the trailer while she wasn't being ridden. She liked to stick her nose out of the fence and into the dining tent to sniff what was cooking for dinner.

Annie doesn't know it yet but we're packing her up on the weekend and heading up for our next big adventure. We will be going for a long ride picnic lunch and just a great day in the sun.



Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome

Canadian breeders have been instrumental in the research into the genetic condition now known as Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome (HWSS). This condition was first noted in Western Canada in 2000 in a foal born from a US imported mare (of Irish breeding) & a UK imported stallion. After this case, there were several subsequent cases from different mares when bred to this same stallion.



Penny Huggons, the owner of the UK Stallion felt it had to be a genetic condition, so made the decision to geld her stallion in 2003. The following breeding season (2004) Penny's mares were bred to a stallion standing at Devon Ridge, that had recently been imported from Ireland. In 2005, she had another case of HWSS & two foals were also born at Devon Ridge with HWSS. You can imagine how heartbreaking it was to realize that the problem had not gone away! It was now painfully obvious that this HAD to be genetic and now appeared "recessive" as only some of the mares produced it (some of the time) with the two stallions we now knew must be carriers of the condition.

We (Jocelyn Davies & Penny Huggons) joined forces to try to come to the root of this problem. We started by gathering and researching pedigrees on ponies that

"HAD" the condition trying to find a common denominator. The following year, we did some "TEST" breedings. Mares that had produced foals with HWSS were bred to a stallion believed to be a Non-Carrier stallion, and mares that were believed to be non-carriers of the condition were left to be bred to the carrier stallion. Over the next couple of years our theories were proven correct & our test breedings turned out just as we had predicted. No further foals were born with HWSS!

We realized that this condition had to be widely spread within the Connemara population but felt that it was likely going undiagnosed/misdiagnosed. We set about trying to discuss this issue with breeders both in Canada & around the world. Understandably there was a great deal of reluctance by breeders to talk about any possible genetic defects in the breed. We were however passionate & persistent in getting our message out & slowly we started to hear people's stories.

We learned that this condition had been seen & recognized as a problem by modern breeders since the 1960's in several European countries. The breedings on these ponies confirmed that our bloodline theories were correct.

There was now enough evidence from around the world for us to know that Connemara breeders could no longer ignore or dismiss this issue. A discussion group of affected breeders was started with the eventual goal of initiating genetic research.

From this small beginning, the Connemara Pony Research Group was formed in January of 2011. Membership was restricted to owners and breeders around the world who had owned or bred ponies with this condition. The goal was to provide a safe and supportive team to help each other learn about this disease, how to manage affected ponies & how to avoid breeding them. The Connemara Pony Research Group now consists of approximately 25 members (from 12 different countries on 3 different continents) All members compiled histories and photos of affected ponies. They used the help of many researchers (Robert Eustace of the Laminitis Trust in the UK and Profesor Hans Guyer at U of Zurich, and Dr. Carrie Finno at the UC Davis Bannasch Laboratory) as well as several renowned farriers. The project became the basis of a Bachelor of Vet Technology for one of the members, including researching the hoof and lipid metabolism and the pedigrees of affected ponies.

In November of 2011 there was enough interest and funds to start a Genome Wide Association Study at UC Davis, with blood from 12 affected and 24 unaffected ponies. In January of 2012 the initial results from Phase I of the GWAS study were in. Dr Carrie Finno's report stated that, "Based on our results, 12 affected and 24

unaffected cases were enough samples to identify a strong, genome-wide significant, candidate region of association”.

The area of difference from the genes in the ponies that are affected or carriers from the control group (non-carriers) is called a 'candidate region'. The candidate region which has been determined by the GWAS is in the area where the genes for keratin metabolism have been mapped. Keratin metabolism controls how hoof, hair and horn grows in all mammals.

Where is the research now? Currently, the next step is that UC Davis (Center for Equine Health) has been able to start Phase II. This is due to donations from Connemara breeders & supporters from around the world. Phase II will break down the Candidate Gene region to a more detailed level, looking for the mutation itself.

Ongoing financing is required to ensure that the research is able to continue.

Phase III will be developing a commercial test so that we all can test our ponies to see if they are carriers or not.

What is HWSS?? The theory is that HWSS is a congenital condition which can be evident from birth to a few months of age. The hoof wall breaks away at the weight bearing edge, leaving the pony with only the sole to bear weight. It has “variable penetrance” - so some ponies appear to be more affected than others. It can be affected by the environment, but the environment does not cause it. Ponies in a completely wet or a completely dry environment seem to do better than ponies who go from wet /dry/wet. All four hoofs will ALWAYS be affected in HWSS.

In severe cases the pony may develop secondary conditions such as abscesses, fungal infections, or laminitis because the hoof wall is so compromised. Hoof samples which have been studied are lacking the lipids or the “glue” which hold the hoof tubules and the matrix of the hoof wall together. So it peels away.

The hypothesis is that this is a recessive gene- caused by a mutation in one gene in one pony many generations back. All recessive traits/disorders work the same way.

If a pony has one gene it is not seen and that pony has great feet. However if you breed two ponies together, who carry the recessive gene, there is a one in 4 chance with each foal produced that the foal will have two abnormal genes and will show the disease. In order for a pony to be affected they must have received the abnormal gene from each of its parents (ie both parents must be carriers). Individuals get one gene of each pair from each parent, and there are 32 pairs of chromosomes in the equine genome which has been fully sequenced since 2007.

HWSS Recessive Gene
Progeny Breeding Chart

	Stallion- Affected	Stallion –Carrier	Stallion – Clear
Mare- Affected	100% Affected Foal	50% Affected Foals 50% Carrier Foals	100% Carrier Foals
Mare - Carrier	50% Affected Foals 50% Carrier Foals	25% Affected Foals 50% Carrier Foals 25% Clear Foals	50% Carrier Foals 50% Clear Foals
Mare - Clear	100 % Carrier	50% Carrier Foals 50% Clear Foals	100% Clear Foals

Recently the Research Group has discovered there may be a similar condition in the Lipizzaners and in Welsh Cobs. We won't be sure if it is in fact the same, until there is a commercial test available and we are able to test their DNA.

There is often a tendency with breeders to have one outstanding stallion breed more mares than other stallions do. This was well documented in Ireland by the Deidre Feely report. It can cause a high percentage of inbreeding in future generations and a loss of genetic diversity. Because we have a small breed, and we do not want to cause other genetic issues in our breed, we definitely must retain our genetic diversity.

The genetic experts/researchers are NOT advocating culling any ponies from our breeding stock other than affected ponies themselves.

They support breeding ponies that are carriers so that we can retain and not lose genetic diversity in our breed. (Example: Suppose a pony is a carrier, and possibly may even have some affected foals. However this pony is also an outstanding individual & has many other good genes that we want to keep in the gene pool. Our first goal should be to NOT produce an affected foal from this carrier pony. With a genetic test we can know the carrier status of our breeding stock & so we can breed this carrier pony to a clear/noncarrier pony and. 50 % of these of these foals will be non-carriers, and 50% will be carriers (approx) but we will have NO affected foals.)

In breeding our carrier population wisely breeders will start to contribute some non-carrier breeding stock to the gene pool for the following generations, and in doing so preserve our genetic diversity.

Genetic testing is a wonderful tool that allows us to make good breeding choices. Genetic testing also takes away any worry of pedigree speculation of who the carriers were in past, as it allows us to know who the carriers are now, which is what is important for the future. This will help us to continue to breed wonderful ponies, keep our genetic diversity and preserve our Connemara ponies for generations to come.

The Research Group has just been informed that further work is being carried out to isolate the mRNA from affected cadaver feet. As well they want to find out where the malfunction begins & what happens to the cell cycle to cause the defect to occur. We have been told that "our " research has wider implications in a number of areas.

It is amazing what perseverance can accomplish & Canadian breeders can be proud that the Connemara is breaking new ground in equine genetic research.

Respectfully submitted by :

Jocelyn Davies, co-coordinator & spokesperson for the Connemara Pony Research Group & Chair of the CCPS HWSS committee & Penny Huggons, Canadian Rep. for the Connemara Pony Research Group & HWSS committee member.

Foundation Broodmare Award

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

Criteria for the award:

The mare should be registered with CCPS, ACPS or other recognized Connemara Society.

Be over the age of 20, or deceased.

Have produced at least 5 purebred registered foals, some of which are breeding stock.

Have second and perhaps third generation registered offspring to be considered.

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

The mare may be nominated by her owner or by another Society member with the agreement of the owner.

Nominator must be a member of the CCPS.

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

Further information and the application form are on our web site.

Further information and submission of nomination to Chris Carey, 1042-3rd Concession, Elgin, QC., JoS 2Eo

Ph: 450-264-4567. e-mail: carawayfinn@gmail.com

Canadian Connemara Pony Society

At this AGM we will have 3 Director positions (one each from Central, Prairie and Pacific regions) coming up for election as the current incumbent's terms have expired.

Below, please find a nomination form for these positions. All three sections below need to be completed in order for the nominee to be accepted. Three separate forms can be sent in. The persons nominating and seconding should not be family members. Please e-mail, fax or mail to Scott Longmire so that it is received on **or before July 4, 2012.**

Nomination Form – Directors

I, _____ a member in good standing of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society, hereby nominate _____

to stand for election for a Director of the _____ Region of the above Society in the elections to be held at the Annual General Meeting on September 8/9 th 2012. To the best of my knowledge my nominee is a member in good standing of the above Society and is willing to stand for election.

_____ (Signature of nominator) Dated _____

I, _____ a member in good standing of the above Society second the above nomination for the position of Director of the above Society.

_____ (Signature of seconder) Dated _____

I, _____ the nominee named above declare that I am a member in good standing of the above Society. I am prepared to stand for election as a Director of the Society and accept the responsibilities of the position of Director if elected.

_____ (signature of nominee) Dated _____

Please scan & e-mail, or cut out & mail to: Scott Longmire, RR 3 Granville Ferry, 11 Southside Drive, Granville Centre, N.S. B0S 1K0. Ph: 902-532-7201. E-mail: longwyn1@gmail.com

Canadian Livestock Records Corporation

In Canada we are very lucky to have Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC), a non-governmental organization that keeps registration records for small breed societies. CLRC operates as a non-profit organization in which all member breed registries have a vote to elect the six seats on the governing Board. Fees are charged for the services delivered and each society can determine what services they need.

CLRC is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act, the federal legislation that regulates the keeping of all animal pedigree records in Canada. Breed associations also have to be incorporated under the same Act, and any association so incorporated may become a member of CLRC. There are approximately fifty member associations for which records are being maintained.

The Canadian Connemara Pony Society (CCPS) decided when we were incorporated under the Act to become a member registry of CLRC. Ron Black, the General Manager at CLRC, gave us invaluable help as we drew up our registration requirements and bylaws. He also told us what services CLRC could provide for us and advised us on what we needed to do.

CLRC keeps our membership records as well as managing our stud books and registry. This not only saves us a lot of work but gives consistency, transparency and accuracy to our records. Every year CLRC sends out membership renewals and keeps a record of our members that can be accessed on their

website at www.clcr.ca. It is easy to find information as members can be accessed by alphabetical listing of names or by province.

All ponies registered with the CCPS can also be found on the CLRC website with full pedigrees and photos of the ponies. Memberships are sent directly to CLRC as are foal registrations and transfers of ownership. Every member of the society has a membership number with CLRC. All the documentation necessary for membership, registrations and ownership transfers is on the CLRC website as well as on our CCPS website www.canadianconnemara.org. Using much of the CLRC documentation has saved us many hours of work when we set up our society and has ensured that we have all the information needed.

Each society member of CLRC has a registrar assigned to that breed society by CLRC and this person deals with all matters for that registry to ensure consistency. Lauralee Mills is the CCPS registrar and is always willing to discuss issues and ways to resolve registration questions with us. I have taken on the position of Registrations Chair to deal with any queries and national and international transfer questions. Even with CLRC's efficient services, the number of ways in which registrations can become complex has been surprising. So please – register your foals on time and transfer the ownership of ponies you sell or buy. In the event of any difficulties, please contact me and I will see what can be done.

Heather Sherratt, Registrations Chair,
elphin@superaje.com 613 278 2520

Inspections 2012

This year we will be holding inspections in Central Region, the weekend of September 22-23, with possibly an extra day depending on numbers and locations. We will probably start in Quebec at Caraway Farm, move on to Doris Petzak's Rosewood Farm, then to Elphin Connemaras, and finally to Muskoka to Janet Rowe's farm, which is a further five hour drive. We will be covering a lot of territory and inspecting about fourteen ponies, including three stallions. Caroline Nesbitt from New Hampshire will be joining our team to inspect at my farm and any other of my ponies. This is the first inspection in this region since 2009 when Tom MacLochlainn inspected with us.

If anyone has ponies ready for inspection, please let me know. Ponies have to be registered and at least two years of age and passed their vet inspection. We

try to gather ponies at farms with suitable facilities, stabling, an enclosed ring with good footing and accommodation for inspectors and owners.

I think Central will be the only region holding inspections in 2012 but if there are sufficient nominations we can consider other areas. We do not have a set minimum number of ponies but do need about 6-10 ponies to make it feasible to travel an inspection team to the area.

Visitors are welcome and we try to make the inspections educational for owners and new members. Most pony owners agree to have their ponies discussed after the inspection and for new owners/breeders this can be a good opportunity to learn more about the breed and what we look for at inspection.

Heather Sherratt
Chair Inspections Committee
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Membership Information- Annual Renewals are due Jan 1, 2012!

For Current members of the CCPS : Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRL), will be sending all current members a reminder form. Please use the form CLRC sends with an addressed return envelope, it will have your membership number to help CLRC's processing and reduce our processing costs. This is the preferred way to register.

For those who are not currently members:

Membership dues are to be forwarded DIRECTLY TO CLRC. Please go onto www.clrc.ca then click on associations then list of associations, click on horses then select Connemara Pony, then under printable PDF files click on membership application, print the form, fill in the form and mail the fees as already outlined to CLRC, 2417 Holly Lane, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1V 0M7

Memberships fees are as follows:

Adult membership - \$40

Non resident - \$20,

Associate (non-voting) - \$20

Junior (under 18 yrs) - \$15

***Notice* This newsletter will only continue to be sent to paid up members of the CCPS.**

Advertising & Newsletter Information

All ads and articles forwarded to Rick Doner for the newsletter will also be placed on the CCPS website for no additional charge Please send to

rpdoner@sympatico.ca

I need the text in word format (I do have word perfect and can open most other documents as well). The jpeg images can be sent to accompany ads or articles (I need good written descriptions of what picture belongs where). The picture files can each be as large as 1000kB (1mB).. I will shrink them if necessary. The prices for ads are as follows..

	Member	Non-
Member		
Text only ad (1 pony)	free	\$10
Text only (2 ponies)	free	\$17
Text only (3 ponies +)	free	\$7 per pony
Photo ad (1 pony)	\$20	\$30
Photo update	\$10 per change	

For Classified ads, please make cheques out to "Canadian Connemara Pony Society" in Canadian funds and mail to ...

**CCPS c/o Margot Watson
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Fee Schedule

Temporary Registrations	Member	Non-Member
Fillies and Colts (includes DNA) up to 6 months after date of birth	\$80	\$160
Fillies and Colts (includes DNA) over 6 months after date of birth	\$100	\$200

Permanent Registrations

<u>Geldings and Halfbreds</u>	\$30	\$60
Up to June 30 of the year following year of birth		
After June 30th of the year following year of birth	\$40	\$80
Stallion Registration	\$250	\$500
Fillies over two years of age	\$25	\$50

Transfers

Within 6months of date of sale	\$25	\$50
Over 6 months from date of sale	\$40	\$80
Duplicate Certificates	\$25	

Other

Herd/Farm Prefix	\$25	
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Membership Renewals

We are delighted to announce that the membership of our Society went up by 25% in 2011. This is great news, and we would like to encourage all owners of Connemara ponies to join. In particular there are many half-bred Connemaras out there competing very successfully; and of which we have little knowledge. One of the advantages of membership is participation in the Awards Program.

All members should have received a membership renewal form from Canadian Livestock Records. Application forms are also available on our web site at www.canadianconnemara.org

Membership Gift

Many of the breeders and owners buy a complimentary first year membership for people who buy their ponies. This custom is one the board would like to encourage, and thanks those who have so generously contributed in the past.

Bridget Wingate – President

President's message (continued from page 1)

The AGM this year is at the same time as the Battle of the Breeds at Spruce Meadows Masters Tournament. This is an ideal opportunity for members to watch our team, enjoy the International jumping, and to have their 2 cents worth at the meeting.

Please keep us informed of your successes in the show ring. We are always looking for stories and photos for our webpage.

Bridget Wingate

Sue Clarke – As I remember her



On May 22 2012 the Connemara world lost one of its most influential breeders when Sue Clarke of Glenormiston Stud in Queensland, Australia died more than two years after being diagnosed with cancer.

I never had the opportunity to meet Sue in person, but I have felt I have known her since I first called her in the 1990s. I was writing an article for the ACPS magazine on the partbred Connemara Sudden Impact, who was bred in Australia and competed on the 1988 Canadian Olympic eventing team in Seoul. I called Sue who was delighted to fill in the details of his early life. So started a wonderful connection with Sue and her Glenormiston ponies.

One of the early breeders in Australia, Sue carefully imported much needed new bloodlines, adding to her herd as recently as a few years ago. Her contributions were international as she supported the formation of the International Committee of Connemara Pony Societies (ICCPs) in 1999, attending meetings as the Australian representative and judging at many shows, including Clifden and the BCPS national show.

When I was working on the bylaws and stud books for the CCPS Sue gave me invaluable advice and

support. Australia, like Canada, is a non-EU society and has many of the same problems of great geographical distances and widely scattered ponies. Many of her suggestions found their way into our society policies. Two years ago, Sue was hoping to visit Canada as one of her daughters was living in BC. Unfortunately her diagnosis of breast cancer prevented that. What an opportunity we missed as she was looking forward to visiting Connemaras across Canada, including several ponies of her breeding.

Two years ago I bought Wildwych Clio, a truly international pony, out of Glenormiston Amelia and by Sue's Irish bred stallion Castle Baron. Clio had travelled to the States in utero. Sue was interested in what she and Mick would produce as Sue had wanted to buy Mick's dam, Abbeyleix Bluebird, when she was a three year old in Ireland. I think Sue would be happy with what Clio has produced and, as Sue said, Bluebird would never have had such a huge influence in Ireland and Europe if she had gone to Australia. Sue got her Bluebird descendant in the colt she imported, Frederiksmide Hazy Cavalier. It speaks to Sue's dedication to the breed that he was one of the two colts she imported in the last few years and her interest in international breeding that in the last few weeks of her life she said she wished she could see the offspring of my new stallion, Caragh Gaoithe, from Mick daughters.

To the end, her interest was her family and her ponies. She was to me always an inspiration for what can be done for the breed even in a country with few ponies and far from Ireland. Always ready to help with advice and encouragement, she was diplomatic but firm in her convictions. She bred lovely ponies and was a great ambassador for the breed internationally. Kirsten was lucky enough to visit her in Queensland. I wish I had had the opportunity but her interest in my ponies and what we were doing in Canada always encouraged me to continue.

Heather Sherratt

Drogheda Farms - New Leases to Manitoba!

The phone lines have been sizzling between Brian Donegan of Drogheda Farms, Strathmore, Alberta and Lucero Desrochers of Beausejour, Manitoba. Lucero has arranged leases on THREE purebred Connemara ponies. One of the ponies is Clina, a lovely Connemara mare; one of two mares that Brian imported from California last October. Drogheda Pyjamas, a stunning 14hh chestnut gelding with flaxen mane and tail and Drogheda Kardin, a 13hh black gelding complete the group. All three ponies will arrive in Manitoba before the end of June. This is all very welcome news for Manitoba and the Connemara breed. The number of purebred Connemaras with Lucero will soon be four, as daughter Anna already has Kestrel Fair, a beautiful, beautiful grey Connemara mare. (Yes, I am a little biased regarding "Kestrel", as she used to be mine!) Hmmm, two Connemara mares - got any special plans in mind Lucero????

Lucero recently "took over the reins" at River Ranch, Beausejour, Manitoba, when the owners decided to retire. This equine facility has been well-known for raising quality Warmbloods which Lucero trained for riding and showing. The property boasts a heated barn, indoor arena, outdoor boarding pens with shelters, outdoor riding rings and lush, green pastures where horses could grow fat (if allowed). This won't happen, as it won't be long until things are really humming at the barn! Right now Lucero is teaching the higher levels of jumping lessons for a local Pony Club and will be offering lessons on-site from beginners to upper levels of English riding, including jumping and Dressage. Coaching for students and boarders at shows will continue to be offered (MHJA and Manitoba Dressage Associations in particular).

Plans for "Kid's Camps" starting this summer are in-the-works. Get ready for some serious attention from eager love-struck kids all of you ponies! Sorry Kestrel - you will just have to share some of those treats! Look on the bright side - you won't have the sole responsibility of representing Connies in the barn now - some of the "advertising" will fall to the newcomers!

This new arrangement suits Anna just fine, as all she has to do now is get off the school bus, grab a snack and head out to the barn where Kestrel will be waiting. Living "on site" definitely has its benefits, right Anna?

Congratulations Brian and keep them coming! I also wish Lucero "All the best" with her new crew of Connemaras and her very exciting equestrian plans.

Report by Jeannie Walsh



Drogheda Pyjamas "Posing in the Pasture".



Friends of Drogheda Pyjamas seem to be saying "we're sad, we don't want you to go!" "Pyjamas" ponders "Which way is Manitoba anyway??"

Whoever coined the phrase "Black is Beautiful" was absolutely right!!



Clina showing off her blaze.

On June 9th. & 10th I was at the Vermilion Combined Driving Trials with both of my part breed Connemara's - Kimbles Sierra Wind (Avenns Kimble Wind x TB) 4yrs old her first event. Wow she was wonderful on Saturday she placed 5th. On Sunday we did it all again she moved up to 3rd!

We also had Solaz (Bantry Bays Dillon x Dutch W-Blood) aged 6 in Preliminary. He had great dressage but we got a ball down in cones. He was amazing on the marathon section. He just gets better and better and I think he really loves it. We were 4th on Saturday and 2nd. on Sunday being beaten by only 0.2 seconds by Dave Sims.

My groom for the weekend was young Darah Samoriday from Spruce Grove Alberta. It was her first time at a driving event and she was a little worried with trying to learn the course. You should of seen her leaning out the side of that carriage as we spun around the obstacles! She loved every minute, and I think she is hooked.

I am not sure who had more fun; my horses; Darah or myself. We were known as "Team Connemara" in our matching green jackets. Next year I hope we can do it again, but maybe doing pairs.

Cyndie Adams Crook





Okay Cara...steady as she goes...



Taking the Hackett Family for a little tour of Beaverton...



Photo by Peter Grimaldi

Enter at A...working trot...stop and salute at X...so much to remember...

Century Hill Farm News

This year, Rick and Cara have been training for a few combined driving shows. Cara is progressing very well as expected but the driver(Rick) is the main limitation! In his first CDE (dressage and cones) on June 10th as driver, Rick placed 4th in his division and had a lot of fun. A special thanks to trainer Jeff Kohler and navigator Amanda Beard. Maybe we'll have a team uniform by the next event, eh Cyndie!

Wedding preparations are in full swing and whenever there is a brief opportunity, Rick & Cara will head up town to tour back streets and pick up random town's folk for a scenic drive. Perhaps Cara will appear on Katie's wedding day...stay tuned!

Rick & Dale Doner



Amanda would rather be riding him!



...proceed at M to a working walk...we're almost there...

The Connemaras of 2012

Jennifer Brownlow, Duncan, Vancouver Island

If you have a Connemara, there is probably nothing that gives you quite as much pleasure as looking at other Connemaras, especially in springtime with the arrival of the new crop of foals. This is a summary of my visits in Alberta and Ontario. I was privileged to see some quality animals and to learn more about the breed.

At the end of May, I found myself in a pleasant situation in Edmonton where I was attending a conference but had the good fortune to be close to a cluster of Connemara breeders, most of whom were present or past CCPS Board members.

The first person to welcome me was Jocelyn Garneau-Davies of Devon Ridge Farm in Spruce Grove, who not only collected me from the airport, but who along with Bridget Wingate, our current President, arranged a potluck dinner with her family and CCPS member emeritus, Doris Jacobi. Many of the Western ponies are descendants of the great Lynfields Cormac MacCarthy and others of Doris's stock, carefully selected nearly fifty years ago, and which her late daughter Melanie competed on and won at such venues as Spruce Meadows and the North American Young Riders' Championships (Eventing).



Filly by Bantry Bay's Dillon out of Avenn's Airrin

The weather was as bad as what I'd left on Vancouver Island – cold, windy and wet but the

ponies didn't mind. Jocelyn's pride and joy this year is a gorgeous bay filly by Jocelyn's Bantry Bay's Dillon out of the older 1991 mare, bred by Doris called Avenn's Airrin Tara by Cormac and who was shortlisted on the Canadian Combined Driving Event Team in her youth. Jocelyn lunged the grey Dillon for me so I could see his superb manners and very good movement. We went through the paddocks and fields to meet all ages and sizes and colours of ponies, along with some nice-looking Connemara Warmblood crosses. One older dun pony, a full sister to my pony's sire, Avenn's Cairbre MacCarthy (Peso), the show jumper, has since produced a healthy foal too. Jocelyn has an up and coming young dun Connemara stallion that she will be using on some of her mares.

Bridget then brought me to her Eden Connemaras in Stony Plain to visit her delightful filly, Sugar and Spice out of Rills Fire and Ice before bringing me on to Shirley Sauve at SP Equine Services in Spruce Grove. We managed to see her



Sugar 'N Spice



Kimble's Kira

Horse mare. Imagine my surprise to learn that

handsome bay stallion Avenn's Kimble Wind just before dark, who was proud of his latest daughter, Kira, out of a part Quarter

another Vancouver Island native was on the property, which turned out to be a mare being bred to Kimble, and owned by a friend of mine in Victoria. Bridget then took me all the way back to Edmonton after her busy day. A big thank you to everyone in Alberta for a memorable visit!

A few days later, and I was on the plane again, this time to see family in Ottawa, and of course more Connemaras! A friend from Nova Scotia who was unfamiliar with the breed joined me for a day, and together we traversed the Ottawa Valley to visit Heather Sherratt and the Elphin Mountain foals,



Filly out of Elphin Milis Rosanna by Henkka

along with some happy youngsters owned and bred by Mary Flynn in Renfrew at her Lissadell Farm. Heather's AnTostal Trophy winner Mick (Maplehurst Michael MacDaire) is still lively and



Two of Mary Flynn's youngsters by Tintagel's Tibyl

lovely, as were his foals with their very nice dams, and his older youngsters in a small herd. There were some foals by Heather's beautiful new stallion, also a grey, from Finland, Caragh Gaoithe (Henkka). Mary Flynn is retiring from the breeding business but will always treasure the Connemaras. Her four ponies especially her two-year olds were delightful. They must have been fun as foals getting up to mischief! Thanks to Heather and Mary for their enthusiasm and hospitality.

Last but not least, another excuse to see ponies three days later was after a family visit in Toronto, when I headed north with my sister to Beaverton to Rick and Dale Doner's showpiece of a small family farm, Century Hill, home of the grey Irish import, *Kippure Cara, Champion of the 2009 North American Sport Pony Star Search Challenge at the Royal Winter Fair. Cara put on a real show for us, and it was easy to see how he is good at anything he



Filly foal by Kippure Cara out of Eastie

does. His special pride this year is a sweet filly out of the beautiful Eastie. Many thanks to Rick and Dale for their generous hospitality and time!

An opportunity such as what I had will probably not happen again for me, but for others, if your stars line up, don't hesitate to do a little "pony traveling". There are many friends to be made and much knowledge to be gained.

Hilary & Justin - Wedding on July 14, 2012. Hilary is the daughter of Chris & Ben (Caraway Connemaras)



Justin is just finishing 3rd year Med School and plans to be a GP in the area. and Hilary will be continuing to raise and train horses/ponies here in Elgin. Working on improving her horsemanship is very important to her and she will continue to study under the likes of Harry Whitney and Mark Rashid. Plans to raise a family are already under way!

Nick & Korin - Wedding July 28, 2012. Nick is the son of Penny & Colin (Rill Connemaras)



Dr. Nick Huggons (DVM) & Dr. Korin Potenza (DVM) were just married in Ipswich Massachusetts on June 28th. 2012.

Left- Nick graduating from UC Davis . Nick is an Equine Vet & a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (Dipl. ACVS) & Korin is also an Equine Vet (UC Davis) & an FEI Accredited Vet. Above- Nick & Korin riding 2 of their horses, their passion is Eventing.

Katie & Justin - Wedding September 15, 2015. Katie is the daughter of Rick & Dale (Century Hill Connemaras)



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Be sure to mark your calendars and stay tuned for the details in the summer reminders on our website
www.canadianconnemara.org



All purebred and half-bred ponies are eligible for the awards program. Details and application forms are available on our website and can be sent to the chairman Shirley Sauve during the season. Forms should be signed by the Secretary at each show, or the official results page downloaded from the internet.