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Members of the International Connemara Pony Research Group who travelled to Clifden
Left to right Fiona Comer . Finola Mulholland , Benno Hellwig Jocelyn Davies , Ray Knightly , Karen Vicencio , Dr. Carrie Finno (geneticist) Penny Huggons , Scott (Carrie's husband) Ingrid de Hoedt ,Sheila Ramsey.

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From The President...

As summer starts to wind down I hope everyone has had a fun season with their ponies. It is good to see the ponies out showing, competing & taking part in pony camps & clinics across the country. For a minority breed our ponies do make an impact when they participate in all these activities, as others can see what a versatile & talented breed the Connemara is. Thanks to all of you who get your ponies in the public eye.

Although we have had fewer foals born in Canada in recent years the quality of our ponies is

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AGM Meeting Reminder

The 2014 AGM meeting will be held on Saturday, October 25th in Aldergrove, BC. That is the same time as the Mane Event in Chilliwack Oct 24-25th
<http://www.maneeventexpo.com/Chilliwack/Default.aspx>
It would be fun if folks could come out this way early to enjoy the great clinicians at the Mane Event on Friday and stay for Sunday too.

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Don't miss this !

Nominations for Directors of the CCPS are needed!
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HWSD Meeting in Clifden Ireland

Members of the International Connemara Pony Research Group who travelled to Clifden were an International Group brought together using the power of the internet to research the condition now known as HWSD in the Connemara Pony. Most of us had never met before & members travelled from New Zealand, Germany, Canada, USA & Ireland.

Dr. Finno, Ray Knightly & Sheila Ramsey were presenters at the public information meeting hosted by the Research Group.

SO NOW WHAT?

The major take home message from the HWSD meeting held in Clifden, is that Carriers must NOT be removed from the gene pool. If the ponies are of breeding quality they have to be kept within the breeding

programme. Culling animals because of Carrier status is counterproductive to the breed.

It is not a personal reflection upon breeders if they find their ponies are HWSD carriers.

The test is available from UC Davis & is happening now with results already being made public.

Educated buyers are going to want to know the HWSD status of potential breeding stock in order to avoid breeding Carriers together & so risking getting an affected foal.

This is a summary from the presentation by Sheila Ramsey at the HWSD meeting in Clifden 2014. The complete transcript is available on <http://connemara-pony.blogspot.com>



Dr. Carrie Finno received her DVM from the University of Minnesota (UMN) in 2004. She completed an internship in large animal medicine and surgery at UMN in 2005 and then went on to complete a 3-year residency in large animal internal medicine at the University

of California, Davis (UCD), culminating in board-certification in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. Dr. Finno elected to pursue a career in equine genetic research and obtained her PhD under the guidance of Dr. Danika Bannasch in 2012 from UCD. She then moved back to UMN and completed a 1-year post-doctorate fellowship with Drs. Stephanie Valberg and Jim Mickelson.

Dr Finno is now an Assistant Professor of Veterinary Genetics at UC Davis. Her research focuses on using next-generation sequencing tools to study various genetic diseases.

The diseases under study include Hoof Wall Separation Disease (HWSD), equine neuroaxonal dystrophy/equine degenerative myeloencephalopathy (NAD/EDM), equine shivers, myofibrillar myopathy and immune-mediated myositis. In conjunction with the equine studies, she is researching the interaction of vitamin E and neural development, using a well-established mouse model.

Programme:

Dr Carrie Finno

Understanding Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome (HWSS)

- The science behind finding the mutation
- What is required to get your ponies tested
- How to use test results to manage breeding programmes

Ray Knightley

The HWSD afflicted hoof

- How to recognise the HWSD hoof
- Foot health and management options for HWSD affected hooves

If time permits, a panel discussion will follow.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Admission to this meeting, due to the size of the venue, will be limited.

You can secure a seat in advance by making a minimum donation of €6.00. Payment options overleaf.

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Hoof Wall Separation Disease (HWSD)

Public Meeting

19th August 2014

1.30pm

**Alcock & Brown Hotel
Clifden, Connemara
Ireland**

**Proudly organised by the
Connemara Pony Research Group**

Over the past 15 years there has been an increasing awareness worldwide of a problem with the hoof structure in a subset of our beloved Connemara ponies.

Hoof Wall Separation Disease is an **autosomal recessive genetic disorder** of the hoof wall. All four feet will be affected. It should not be confused with White Line Disease (WLD)

The condition has been identified in all countries where Connemara ponies are bred, in both local and imported stock - not 'one' country nor one bloodline. Currently HWSD is still not recognised by the breed societies even though the cause has been identified beyond all doubt.

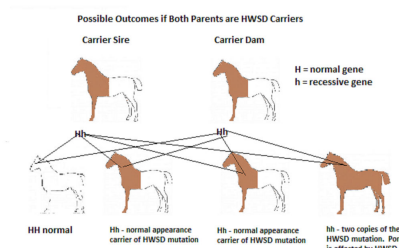


If a pony has inherited this condition, it will be born with it, and in severe cases damage can be seen in foals as young as 2-3 weeks of age. HWSD is not an acquired condition.

We are unsure why, but there is consensus that there are degrees of severity with this condition; some can be managed and some of these ponies need to be euthanised on humane grounds. Environment and nutrition may be contributing factors, but are not the **cause**.

The cause is a genetic mutation which causes the hoof wall grow in a defective manner. Splits occur within the layers of the hoof wall and these layers break away when they come in contact with the ground.

The Patterns of Inheritance in HWSD follow basic Mendelian principles.



Carrier parents donate either a normal copy of the gene or a mutated version to each of their foals.

Thus every mating of a carrier parent has a 50% chance that the foal will be free of the mutation and a 50% chance it will be a carrier.

When two carrier parents are mated, the chance of producing a HWSD foal is 1:4.

When an affected HWSD parent produces a foal, 100% of the offspring will be of carrier status.

By genetic testing all breeding stock for the HWSD mutation, it will be possible to avoid matings which will have the potential to produce HWSD affected foals.

Dr. Robert Eustace of the Laminitis Trust (UK), originally described the condition as "coconut-matting hooves" as the borders of the hoof wall appears rough and frayed like the edges of coconut matts.



HWSD sadly, does not respond to treatment whether topical hoof treatments or feed supplements which are used to promote healthy hoof growth.



The hooves do not hold traditional shoes well, as the hoof wall fractures around the nail sites. The older type of adhesives used for 'glue on shoes' appear to exacerbate the breakdown of the hoof wall. The new generation adhesives appear to perform better in this regard.

Report from the Prairie Region

It is great to see more Connemaras & part bred being enjoyed in Manitoba. Many thanks to all of you involved in showing & promoting the pony there. Keep up the good work!

In Saskatchewan the Hunter Pace Trials being hosted by the Priddy family are steadily gaining in popularity. It is fun to see some Connemaras & part bred participating. Connemaras are becoming better known there too, thanks to Elsie & her Elodon ponies.

There are some very busy farms in Alberta, namely Devon Ridge & Drogheda. Connemaras continue to make inroads into the showing scene in many disciplines here & there are some enthusiastic new owners.

Unfortunately there will not be a regular Battle of the Breeds this year at Spruce Meadows. There is a trimmed down version as the final Battle being held at Spruce. As there will be only Tail & Barrels we will not be putting forward a team. We have had 20 great years promoting our ponies at Spruce Meadows & we will all miss the Battle.

Penny Huggons
Regional Chair

News Flash!!

Cyndie and Byron Crook took Solaz (Bantry Bays Dill x W/Blood) to the big Shady Oaks (California) Combined Driving Event in September. They placed 4th at Preliminary Level in a very strong field of 15 singles. Morris Helmig also took his young mare Kimbles Sierra Wind (Avenns Kimble Wind x TB) and placed 2nd at Training Level.

News Flash #2 !!

Lee Taylor and Cedar's Padraig just came back from "Dressage at Devon" - one of the highest-rated international dressage competitions and the most complete breed show outside of Europe. They scored 62.298% in the Prix St. Georges & 63.895% in the Intermediaire 1. Good for 30 and 31 out of a field of 50 quality horses. "Amazing experience!" says Lee... Congratulations from your fans here in your home country!!
(pictures on page 21)

RILL FARM NEWS

Although we are not currently breeding many ponies, we will be retaining at least one of Branni's fillies to bring on for the future. We are very happy that our lovely mare Rills Kelpie is currently on lease to Elodon Connemaras in Saskatoon & we are excited to announce that Branni is leased to Caraway Connemaras where he will also stand to outside mares.

Our 3 year old filly Rills Caprice has been sold to a new Connemara enthusiast, trainer & instructor . Congratulations Michelle, we know that there will be more Connemaras in your future !

I had a wonderful trip to Clifden recently along with fellow breeder Jocelyn Davies. We were in Ireland to not only attend the annual Pony Festival but more importantly to be part of the Connemara Pony Research Group . We were hosting Dr. Carrie Finno who was presenting the research on HWS.

Our International Research Group has been instrumental in bringing knowledge of this condition to breeders worldwide & we facilitated the research to be carried out at the world renown equine genetics lab at UC Davis.

It has been very exciting for Jocelyn & myself to have been an instrumental part of this research &

the exciting discovery of the mutation which causes this unfortunate condition. The genetic test which is now available (more information in the newsletter) is a major breakthrough for breeders . Thank you to all of you who donated samples & money towards this important research. Canada has been very supportive throughout this whole issue.

It was wonderful to see many ponies, enjoy the show, see old friends & finally meet other members of the Research Group but I think the highlight for myself & Jocelyn was when Tom MacLochlainn told us that we had "done the pony a great service" as he realizes that this research will ultimately save the breed. He also told us that this was "the most important thing since the infusion of TB blood into the Connemara Pony".

This recognition by such a knowledgeable & respected person in the world of Connemara Ponies was the best compliment we could have received.

Being a Connemara Breeder has been an amazing journey & when I got into breeding over 25 years ago I never imagined that 2 breeders in Alberta would play such a big part in a huge genetic breakthrough.

As I slowly retire from breeding I will still maintain my involvement in this wonderful breed & the great people involved with it.

Penny Huggons



Kim MacKay is the proud owner of Rills Prospector (Tor) Kim says that the 2 of them have been having a lot of fun showing this year. It is Tor's first year of showing & at his first horse show he won the Pony Halter Class & the Walk/Trot Senior Under Saddle at the Gateway Horse Riders Club Show. He went on to win 3 first places in Tests A,B & C walk/trot division as well as Division Champion !

Kim says that she gets many compliments on how wonderfully he rides & moves as well as how beautiful he is ! She thinks that he actually likes to show off & he eagerly marches into the dressage ring & is totally unfazed by all the distractions & camera flashes .

Tor is by Century Hills Aedan Zodiac & Devon Ridge Golden Treasure.

News from Victoria Stewart- Ontario



Willow and I have been competing all summer long with outstanding results! Our main focus this show season has been NCR (Northumberland county riders). Willow and I are doing the jumpers there and at our first NCR we took 5th in 2 foot and 3rd in 2.6 feet! At our next NCR show we took first in both 2 foot and 2.6 jumper classes! After a few weeks of training with my 2 amazing coaches Karey Lee and Kaylea, I had some good jumping confidence! I was ready to go compete at the 2014 Northumberland sport pony show! This show was a royal winter fair qualifier. After all the qualifying classes I sadly had not made it to

the fair, but I did not let that get me down! Going into my hunter classes I was worried but ended up taking 1st in both hunter classes! Then going into my jumper classes I was not one bit worried as this is what Willow and I do best!!!! After 2 fast jump off's I took second in the 2 foot, 2.6 and 2.9 classes! After a lot of hard thinking I decided to switch to eventing with Willow. Willow and I have been training hard with my coaches and friends and are preparing for our first event in September!! Wish us good luck!!

Tori Stewart

News from Caraway Connemaras-Quebec

CARAWAY CONNEMARAS is proud to announce...

*Hohnhorst Branni is coming to Quebec.

Pattys Benedict x Norlunds Madigan.

13.3 hands, bay roan. Inspected and Approved

Branni brings his unusual bloodlines and OUTSTANDING TEMPERAMENT, along with his athletic ability, freedom of movement and wonderful colour.

We are anticipating he will prove to be a great cross with our own mares and he will be available to outside mares by live cover and shipped cooled semen for the 2015 season.

We are very excited to have this wonderful pony come to our farm and many thanks to Penny Huggons for making this possible.



Fall Report for Eve Dedrick and Devon Ridge Harris Hawk

Eve and Harris kicked off the season early this year when they attended the Thunderbird Gateway Series which took place in January, February and March. They placed well in every show and ended up tied for third at the series' end (and that would have been second if Eve had not gone off course in one of her classes in the January show - but hey, I bet we all can say that about some of our horse shows). Eve and Harris did their first 'bigger' show of the year at Maple Ridge in April where they won two pony hunter classes right off the bat (and had another off course!).

That same weekend they stopped by the BCLM regional Pony Club D Camp to showcase the Connemara breed - Eve got on and rode Harris while Eve's mom did a little talk on the history of the Connemara, the conformation of the Connemara, famous Commemaras, and then they showed the campers some of the medals and certificates that Harris had won through the Connemara Club. The good news is, one participant at the camp immediately went out, researched Connemaras, and found one! We have already run into this new pair out at Rally, and it looks like it will be a good partnership.

But back to the horse shows: Eve and Harris continued to do well through spring, competing at various shows primarily in hunters, but also adding jumpers to their repertoire. At the Delta Riding Club May show, they ended up with a division championship in hunters (competing primarily against horses) and in June they started something completely new: eventing.

At the Southlands Riding Club's June event in Vancouver, the pair was third after dressage, and ended up with a stop and time penalties in cross country, but there were so many eliminations and penalties for other competitors that the pair only moved back to sixth, and a clear round in stadium saw them move up to fifth for their final placing.

In July, they attended the Pony Club regional Rally, and started off strongly in second place in dressage. Unfortunately

there was a bear visiting the course which made a number of competitors a bit nervous, and Eve and Harris were no different. They jumped clear in cross country but finished with time penalties. A clear round in stadium saw the pair finish in 3rd place. Harris was also the horse chosen by their team for the Captain's round, where he put in a clear round under a strange rider.

July started off with a lot of learning at Pony Club camp, and upcoming is another big event: the Pacific National Exhibition (or PNE), which is a three week long fair in Vancouver. August 20th will be Horse Day at the PNE, and both the Connemara Club and the Pony Club will be represented there by Harris and his friend Honey (Allie Ivory) in the jumping demo.





We had one foal this year, a grey colt by Century Hills Aedan Zodiac out of Castlebar Gaelic. Connor is the tallest purebred foal we've ever had and one of the most laid back. He is a joy to handle.



Suffering the same wet, miserable spring as a lot of Canada, we had a slow start but did make it to four shows in July and August. Our stallion Century Hills Aedan Zodiac is becoming quite a seasoned hunter, regardless of his amateur rider. The highlight for me was coming second in an Open 2'6' Handy Hunter Derby (with 2'9" options) out of 18 horses.



Elodon Riona showed her Connemara sensibility at her first show in a halter class and first time off the farm. She stepped out of the trailer with eyes like saucers but was settled like it was home by the next day. Unfortunately she was the only pony in her class but the whole experience from bath to braiding was great for her. Later this month both our two year olds, Riona and Callahan will begin training including ground driving, saddling and biting.

Elphin Mountain Farm Spring

2014

This spring, in line with my decision to try to cut back on the number of ponies here, I only had one foal although I really prefer to have at least two to grow up together. Jack was born early May and Abby, as usual very considerate, had everything efficiently tidied up before midnight. He is Mick and Abby's thirteenth foal so she has had plenty of practice, but he's only the fourth colt and proving to be one of the nicest this pair have produced.

Abby is one of the most efficient mares I have come across. She is fiercely protective of her foal for about three days but after that is happy to hand him over to nanny mare Dee while she goes off grazing. Dee (Aluinn de Haoine) is

now twenty-eight and given up having foals but she has always loved hers and anyone else's. I would often see patient Dee with three or four foals gambling round her while their mothers grazed in the distance. She never minds sharing her bucket of feed or pile of hay with the babies and is the greatest help at weaning time as the foals barely miss their mothers as long as they are with Dee.

All Abby's foals have had names connected to birds and bird song as a tribute to her dam's family (Hobban's Lark) who all have bird names, and Mick's dam, Abbyleix Bluebird. Kirsten was home for the winter from the Yukon and with a nod to her northern home, we called this colt Whiskey Jack, one of the many nicknames for the northern grey jay. He is as friendly and curious as him namesake although he is a lovely dark bay rather than grey.



I would love to see Jack standing as a stallion to carry on this very successful family line. Mick is now twenty-five and Abby nineteen, both very healthy and active, but this could be their last foal.

Heather Sherratt
Elphin Mountain
Farm
Ontario

Manitoba Report

Lucero Desrochers and River Ranch, Beausejour

It was a typical cold, blustery day in March, with winter doing its' best to hold onto its' icy grip of Manitoba. Lucero Desrochers, her daughter Anna and some of the River Ranch gang didn't even notice! They were congregated outside, expectantly awaiting the arrival of a horse trailer, due to arrive from Brian Donegan, of Drogheda Farm, Strathmore, Alberta. Lucero had received a cell phone call from the transport driver, to say that he was getting close to Beausejour and should soon be coming up her driveway. Anna exclaimed: "Look mom, there he is!" The truck pulled to a stop, and everyone pushed in closer, straining to get a look at the two Connemara geldings on board. Drogheda Cassey, a bay, was led down the ramp first. He looked around with curiosity and was met with a chorus of oohs and ahhs. Wyledwich Don Juan (D.J.) came next and someone standing behind Anna said "Aw, he looks pretty sweet!" The ponies had been sent from Brian, for Lucero to match up with riders in her lesson program and put on Leases, summer Kid's Kamps at River Ranch and later on show the ponies. Concerning this venture, Lucero said "I am happy to help Brian with putting my own and my daughter Anna's time into training his ponies, getting them leased and shown and in this way get them noticed. Anyway, I love them and will keep using them for as long as I can. Again Brian, thanks for the trust and support that you have given me with your ponies." Lucero coaches William Wainwright on Drogheda Captain Cricket, Avery Schneider on Drogheda Cassey and Jaelyn Boyd on D.J. On a personal note, I'd like to add my thanks to you Lucero, for bringing all of these young Connemara riders along. You do a great job getting the breed out and seen by others here in Manitoba. (I am also very grateful for all of the parents of the kids who ride the Connemaras (in every barn) and who so willingly sacrifice their own time (and money!!) in supporting their kids in equestrian sport.)

Avery Schneider didn't know it, back on that cold March day, but the bay, Drogheda Cassey, was to become her new partner. Cassey came with some prior achievements in Alberta, having won many 2.9" Hunter Championships. Avery has been in Pony Club since she was six and she began taking lessons with Lucero in October, 2012. D.J. had been shown in Dressage down in Texas, prior to his arrival at Brian's. He then continued his training in

jumping. Jaelyn Boyd would be just the right young lady to appreciate his sweet disposition. **

The Manitoba Pony Club Spring Classic was paired with a MHJA show for the first time this past spring. It was a huge success and was felt by all that it should be repeated in 2015. Twinning the two shows made for a very busy and exciting time all weekend. Every ring at Birds Hill Park Equestrian Centre needed to be used, including the western ring. Before reporting to the food booth as a volunteer from Quarry Ridge Farm, I was able to watch Jaelyn and D.J. go in some of the cross rails classes. They sure looked like they were having fun! I approached Jaelyn and D.J. during a break. D.J. was quiet and kind and Jaelyn was able to hold him by herself. I couldn't resist not letting on that I knew Brian or Lucero. I said: "That is a beautiful pony." Jaelyn's face lit-up, she replied "Thank you!" and then began to excitedly tell me all about D.J. and her lessons at Lucero's barn. William Wainwright and Drogheda Captain Cricket and Dominic Good on Kestrel Fair's May Girl also did very well at the show. In fact, Cricket has been chewing up and spitting out the competition all summer! (We daren't let our guard down though, when Abbey and Emma McLeod, from Brookdale, Manitoba are competing on Peter Pan! ha)

William and Cricket have been doing a lot of showing this summer and have been either Pony Hunter Champion or Reserve Champion at every show they have attended. They were also the Manitoba Pony Club Regional D level Show Jumping Champions this year. William has started showing in the .85 metre jumper classes and won his first time out! They had a ton of fun at Pony Club Camp and will be testing for C level Pony Club this fall. At the Manitoba Pony Club Championships, William won the D Level Medal class. Ingrid said: "It's been a good year!"

At the MHJA Summer Smiles show held at peaceful and well-treed Birds Hill Park, I was itching to get to see Avery and Cassey for my first time. Avery had only been riding Cassey for two months, but the new pair did really well together. Avery's mom, Crystal, told me that Avery just loves him! They earned two 1st. place ribbons, Jr. C on the flat and Jr. C over fences. They even beat "he who rubs his knees and elbows together" (pretty amazing). This pair will be providing some major headaches for other competitors before long! You did a great job Avery and Drogheda Cassey!



A great kid on a great pony!
Avery Schneider on Drogheda Cassey

Quarry Ridge Farm, Stonewall

With dismay, we had noticed over the winter that Kieran was beginning to grow daddy long legs and we tried to ignore the uneven picture he and May Girl presented in their 2.6" first timed event, at the Brandon Pony Club Schooling Show last March. (They did really well together, in handling the addition of speed but May Girl's expression begged the question - what the heck is the rush?!!)

We finally had to admit it and Kieran was moved up to a bigger mount. (I think we need some Connemara x Warmbloods and Connemara x Thoroughbreds here in Manitoba, to offer as part breeds for riders like Kieran, who grow so tall.) My heart was broken, as the McCullagh family show regularly and it kept May Girl, a Connemara, in the public eye. I walked around looking very glum, until Catherine told me that Meguire and Mae had begun taking lessons on May Girl, (who is still a green pony but hides it well) - and that both girls intended to enter the large and busy Stonewall Fair! Many show riders use the Fair, to warm-up for the upcoming show season. I couldn't wait for the two girls to compete on May Girl and was barely able to keep my excitement in check - and then came a very unwelcome phone call. My eye procedure was scheduled for the Friday of Fair weekend. Following the surgery, already swollen and sporting multi-coloured bruising about both eyes - NO! Dr. Long did NOT think I should be going to go to the fair, NO; not even on the Sunday! Catherine McCullagh kept me informed of the progress Meguire and Mae

were making - they both did very well in the flat classes and in the Pony Hunters.

Mae Pinniger had caught the Show Bug hard and entered MHJA Summer Smiles, Summer in the City and Beach Party. She and May Girl began to forge a bond and continued to improve quickly - very quickly! Ribbons were regularly jammed into dad's waiting hands. Is it pretty hard to hold onto a video camera at the same time Dr. Pinniger? Mae jumped into the big league, (pardon the pun) by entering the prestigious Heart of the Continent. I was very excited the night before, knowing that big semies hauling show jumpers in from out-of-province would already be at Red River Exhibition Show Grounds. On the first day, Mae and May Girl earned a 3rd. place in Open 2.6" Evergreen, against some very experienced riders (nineteen), many of them on horses. They managed to pull the rabbit out of the hat again on Sunday, going up against mostly horses, to finish 6th (sixteen). Catherine explained to me later what an Evergreen class is - and then I understood her great excitement about the May girls placing so well in the class!

The next event was the Manitoba Pony Club Championships and it promised something very special. It would be the first time I would get to see all four of our young Connemara riders competing at the same show. I had been teased since spring, by two Connemaras, three Connemaras, but never all four at once! I watched as each rider went into the ring; often with a bit of a lump in my throat but always with a feeling of great pride! Jaelyn and D.J. had progressed from their first show last spring and were now jumping a bit higher together. William and Cricket were their usual stellar selves. Avery and Cassey looked comfortable together and Mae was now a confident, as well as elegant rider. I missed seeing the Champions announced later on the Sunday afternoon but it was all over FB later that evening. Catherine McCullagh said: "When the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in D Level Medal Class went to the Connemaras, everyone looked at each other and said - Jeannie Walsh will be so excited! That is an understatement. William and Drogheda Captain Cricket won the Gold, Mae Pinniger and Kestrel Fair's May Girl won the Silver and Avery Schneider and Drogheda Cassey won the Bronze. As Ingrid Pflug already said - it's been a good year!

By Jeannie Walsh



***Mae Pinniger riding Kestrel
Fair's May Girl***



***Two clean and shiny Connemaras, ready for Pony Club
tack inspection before show jumping. (l) Avery
Schneider and Drogheda Cassey (r) William
Wainwright and Drogheda Cricket. Red River
Exhibition Show Grounds***



Avery Schneider and Drogheda Cassey



***William Wainwright and Drogheda Captain
Cricket at Pony Club Camp, Selkirk Park,
Selkirk, Manitoba***



William Wainwright and Cpt Cricket



Avery, Mae & William

Nominations Information

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With the AGM approaching in October, we are making a call for nominations to the board. We have openings for Prairie and Pacific regions and would like to hear from you, this is your opportunity to bring your ideas and perspectives forward to help shape the future of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society. In order to grow and develop it is important to have diversity in those who represent the regions in our national society. Please consider offering or perhaps you know of someone who you think would be perfect - give them a nudge and ask them to stand for nomination. Please contact myself or any board member for details or further information.

Thanking you,

Scott Longmire
Nominations Chair
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Important AGM Information!

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The best airport to fly into is Abbotsford, BC on West Jet - only about 15 minutes from Aldergrove (also not too far from the Mane Event!) so we can pick you up at the airport. Vancouver airport is over an hour away and NOT very convenient for pickup.

Margot Watson
Pacific Region Representative
margotwatson@shaw.ca

Awards Program deadline approaches!

Don't forget to download your awards program forms from the CCPS website and submit them to Shirley Sauve by **November 30, 2014**. We want to recognize all your hard work and success in promoting and showing your ponies!

Broodmare Award

Mares are truly the heart of our breed. Now is the time to consider nominating a mare for the 2014 Lus na bPog/Sean MacLochlainn Foundation Broodmare Award. A mare may be nominated by her owner or by another society member with the agreement of the owner.

Criteria for the award state that the mare should:

- Be registered with the CCPS, ACPS or other recognized Connemara society
- Be over the age of 20 or deceased
- Have produced at least five 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

It is not just the mare but her legacy that the award is honouring.

Please visit the [awards page on the website](#) for further information regarding nomination criteria.

Nominations can be sent to Chris Carey, 1042-3rd Concession, Elgin, QC, JoS 2Eo.
(450) 264-4567 or carawayfinn@gmail.com

CCPS BROODMARE AWARD

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

(Criteria for the award listed on page 13)

Recipients of the award (all incidentally with heights of 13.1-14.1)...

2010

***Lovely Lormount** (MacDara x Lormount (Dun Lorenzo))

foaled in 1964 in Galway, Ireland.

Breeder James B. Joyce

Dark Bay. 13.1

Lormount was bought by Doris Jacobi in 1972 from Dr. O'Halloran and became a foundation mare at Avilion Gleann Farm. She produced at least four foals in Montana before coming to Alberta where she had 6 more foals. Her progeny all proved to be exceptional jumpers, inheriting her kind temperament excellent conformation. She was also a wonderful riding pony for children.

2011

Abbeyleix Bluebird (Coosheen Finn x Blue Moon(Doon Paddy))

foaled in 1977 in Ireland

Breeder Lady Susan de Vesci

Grey. 13.1

Bluebird's last owner was Barry Hull, Maplehurst Farm, Coaticook. QC. She was, above all, the dam of stallion sons who have influenced the breed in Europe as well as North America. She produced 5 foals, among them the stallions Dale Haze, Maplehurst Michael MacDaire and Bob White.

2012

Avenns Golden Ruby (Ruta Raitni x Ciotog (Doon Paddy))

foaled in 1971 in Polson, Montana

Breeder Dr. Thomas O'Halloran

Dun 14.1 hands

"Goldie" was bought by Doris Jacobi in 1974 and was her daughter Melanie's very successful competition pony. She was a wonderful ambassador for the breed and gained many admirers all over North America.

As a brood mare she produced 6 purebred foals sired by Lynfield's Cormac MacCarthy. She has at least 20 second generation purebred offspring and many 3rd and 4th generation.

2013

***BAR S HEATHER** (Rory Rudah x Queen of the Hills (MacDara))

foaled 1978 in Co. Galway, Ireland

Breeder Pdraig Curran

Grey. 13.3 hands

Bar S Heather had an enormous influence on the breed in Canada. She was one the first ponies brought to Canada and was a foundation mare at two farms. Imported by the Chatterway family at the Bar S Ranch in southern Alberta she was bred to Roundstone Oscar and then Lynfield's Cormac MacCarthy.

After being sold to Diane Bruce of Strathmore she was bred to Windhaven's 4 Star General and Landgate's Holy Smoke.

She produced at least 10 purebred foals 4 of which stood as stallions. Bar S Tex, Bien Mallins Silver Blaze, Bien Mallin's Little Ben and Bien Mallin's Rory O'Sullivan.

News from Muskoka Lakes Connemaras

Summer of 2014 has proved to be a busy summer for our breeding program! Muskoka Lakes Connemaras leased the lovely stallion Morning Glories Ilyushin from Caroline Nesbitt of Winterville Farm in NH. 2014 saw this first foals for us hit the ground! TBF Eavan Tressa gave me a beautiful buckskin filly who was born into my arms. Yellow had decided to foal standing up and as I was acting midwife, I had to put my video camera down and catch her filly. The lovely little girl was christened MLC Banriona Victoria in honour of being born on Victoria Day! My 5 year old son Liam decided to call her Holly as she was "born on the holly-day".

Next up to foal was Brambleridge March Mayhem, a beautiful girl by Moxley Duncan. She foaled out at AE Breeding as she suffered with placentitis for the late part of her pregnancy. As I wanted to make sure she was in the best hands when she foaled, I shipped her down a month prior to her giving birth. Maeve foaled a STUNNING perlino filly by Ilyushin and she is the perfect mum! Her foal was christened MLC Pink Lady and she is known as Rizzo. Rizzo is a keeper for me and I couldn't be happier with her!

Third foal born was my imported colt Fiontar Mac Tiers first foal! The mare Winterville Calliope was bred to Finn and they produced a simply gorgeous buckskin colt who is bold, friendly and happy. I am MORE than pleased with what Finn added to the equation! Callie had a rough go after the birth as she retained her placenta and required a week of flushing, infusions and antibiotics. All is well now and her foal and she are thriving nicely!

I also bought a mare in Ireland to keep there and breed to the stallions we cannot access here. She is Pontoon Blondie and is by Maghera Fadda Lad out of a Tempo Active Atlas mare. She is coming along a treat in her training as a riding pony and will be bred to Crosskey Rebel in 2015 (sire of Portersize Just A Jiff, a Connemara cross who is eventing on the international stage in the Olympics and WEG). Looking very forward to that pairing!

Show season has been quiet as its been busy at work, but Ilyushin was taken out and qualified for the 2014 Royal Winter fair again this year. Look for us at the Royal!

Hope you all had a great summer!

Janet, Ted, Liam and Declan
Muskoka Lakes Connemaras



Holly



Rizzo



Stiffler

Norah Ridley and Torin **Near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

Elodon Torin and I had a successful summer this year! We began showing together attending the “Spring Fling” at the Hidden Meadows Ranch in May and the third Summer Sun at Sandcastle Farms where we won the “Stars of Our Future” Reserve Champion.

Torin and I participated in Allan Matheson’s jumping clinic at the Kingskettle Pony Club in early July. It was a challenging three days for both of us, but it was a great opportunity to develop our jumping skills. We also attended Vanessa Ethier’s four-day riding camp near Prince Albert in late July.

In early August we took part in the Saskatchewan Region’s Pony Club Rally, hosted by the Park Valley Pony Club near Big River, Sask. It was a fun-filled three days where we had the chance to work with some excellent instructors — Julie Walker, Ruth Presley and Tatum Claypool — who coached us in dressage, cross-country and stadium jumping. Our host farm, owned by Greg and Laurel Vaadeland, was a beautiful “home base” that’s located on the



Norah and Elodon Torin won the "Stars of our Future" Reserve Champion ribbon at the 2014 Summer Sun III Show at Sandcastle Farms on Aug. 17. Torin also experienced his first drug test as soon as he completed his final class!

western edge of the Prince Albert National Park in northwestern Saskatchewan.

This fall, Torin and I are looking forward to attending another Allan Matheson jumping clinic, the Priddy Farm’s Hunter Pace on September 21 and a Carine Cudmore Clinic from September 27-28 at Vanessa Ethier’s arena. We’re also looking forward to more field rides once the crops are all harvested. It’s going to be a busy fall!



Norah and Elodon Torin take a cross-country jump during the Saskatchewan Region's Pony Club Rally near Big River, Sask.

Membership Information- Annual Renewals were due Jan 1, 2014!

For Current members of the CCPS : Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC), 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
25966 26th Ave.
Aldergrove, BC
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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 has been strong in 2014. 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.
Penny Huggons – President

News from Centuryhill Farm

The highlights this year have been the arrival of "Pearl" out of Rea by Cara. She is a very sturdy, forward moving foal with a bright performance career ahead for someone looking for a dressage, eventing or jumper prospect! The rest of the spring and early summer was spent preparing for our trip to the UK with Dale and her parents. We traced the birthplaces of my inlaws parents and drove almost 3000 km in 18 days through England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland! It was no coincidence that we were at Clifden on the 3rd Thursday of August, sporting "Team Centuryhill" shirts for the biggest day on any Connemara enthusiasts calendar. While browsing through the shops in Clifden the day before the big show, we happened upon a large oil painting for sale of our stallion, Cara! It was painted from a picture that I took a few years ago here in Canada, and after inquiry with the shop owner, we found that the artist from Dublin would be at the show next day. We stopped by and introduced ourselves to Leonie Sutton the next day and after her recovering from the shock of realizing we were the owners of the subject all the way from Canada, she explained where she saw the picture, how she loved the composition, and decided to paint it! She graciously offered to send us a print which we will treasure - another fun moment from our trip to Ireland...

This just in...we are just back from the Glenoro event where Cara placed 2nd out of 11 in the open class at entry level- Congratulations Amanda and Cara!

We wish you a safe and colourful autumn...
Rick & Dale



*Century Hill's
Hazy Pearl*









Lee Taylor and Cedar's Padraig at Devon, Pennsylvania



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...something that is being maintained by our breeders. Having recently returned from Ireland where I saw many ponies, both at the show grounds & at several stud farms, I think we can be very proud of our Canadian bred Connemaras. Hopefully there will be enough young-stock to hold another inspection tour here soon.

Whilst in Clifden I was the Canadian Delegate at the ICCPS meeting. There were many topics brought to the table but the majority of them were to do with the EU & issues that do not affect us in Canada.

However a topic that Canada has had a huge impact on, HWSD was discussed. After a very lively & heated discussion it was agreed that this problem needs to be taken seriously.

There is more information on this disease in this newsletter. It is important to educate yourselves & to test your breeding stock. To put some minds to rest & answer a frequently asked question, no, ponies do not develop this over time. They are born with it. If your pony is unaffected now it always will be. However if you are planning to breed from your pony get the genetic test first as carriers are completely unaffected & likely have excellent feet!

This year our AGM is being hosted by the Pacific Region. It is being held on Oct.25 in Aldergrove B.C.

For more information contact Margot Watson margotwatson@shaw.ca. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy the Mane Event being held in Chilliwack.

There are some board positions coming vacant this year, please consider becoming involved with the Society. The time commitment is minimal & you will be working with a great group of people. Bring your ideas & enthusiasm!

Penny Huggons

Canadian Connemara Pony Society www.canadianconnemara.org **Board of Directors**

Directors are elected by all members for a term of two years and may be elected for a maximum of three consecutive terms. Regional Chairs are elected by the members of their region for a two-year term and automatically sit on the Board of Directors:

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The 2014 AGM meeting will be held on Saturday, October 25th in Aldergrove, BC. That is the same time as the Mane Event in Chilliwack Oct 24-25th. Be sure to mark your calendars! Contact Margot Watson Pacific Region Representative margotwatson@shaw.ca



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.

Deadline Nov 30, 2014!