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CCPS Performance Award Winners for 2011!



Lee Taylor and Cedar's Padraig
Purebred Award



Cyndie Adams-Crook and Solaz
Partbred Award

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From The President...

The last couple of years have been difficult for everyone in the horse industry, and it may be too soon to expect much change. Breeders have been cutting back on production, but perhaps concentrating on quality. In the circumstances, I think the Society has done well in 2011, with a 25% increase in membership and increased participation in the awards program. The good news is that many of our ponies are out there competing in all disciplines and doing exceptionally well – and it's not just the teenagers – we have some "mature" ladies leading the field!

I am very pleased to welcome our new board members. It does not involve an enormous amount of time to be on a committee or the board, but is essential to the running of a good organization. In particular I would like to thank Jocelyn Davies who has done a wonderful job as Secretary since the inception of the Society in 2006. Now that her term has

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IMPORTANT NOTICE -BOARD NOMINATIONS !!

Hello Fellow Members, 2012 marks the sixth anniversary of the Canadian Connemara Pony Society. Many of the founding Board members' terms will expire later this year at our AGM in September and we will be in need of several new Board members across all regions. The commitment and perseverance of the outgoing Board members has created a great Society to represent the ponies in Canada. In the capacity of Chair of Nominations I would like to ask on behalf of the Society that you consider standing for nomination as member of the Board. It is important to have fresh faces with fresh ideas to grow the Society further and develop all aspects of Connemara ponies in Canada. Terms are only for two years and can be renewed to a maximum of three terms. If you wish to stand for nomination, please feel free to contact me or any Board member to discuss further. We would love to hear from you and have enclosed a nomination form on pg 13 to use.

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Century Hills Aedan Zodiac is a Connemara stallion with a strong performance pedigree. His dam is by Bardsey Zodiac, an advanced level dressage stallion. His sire is out of Scottish import and premium mare, "Eastlands Glendearg and by the Elite Stallion, Maplehurst Michael MacDaire. This talented young stallion is competing successfully in dressage and hunter rings where his exceptional movement and willing nature are evident.

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Elodon CONNEMARAS

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**Brynn Carter riding
Elodon Maeve in the
Kingskettle Pony Club**

Elodon Connemaras Farm News

The highlight of 2011 was our participation in the Battle of the Breeds with Team Connemara. To prepare we took our stallion, Century Hills Aedan Zodiac, to as many dressage and hunter shows as possible, as well as a few clinics.

Visitors to our yard did wonder why Aedan's shed had streamers in the doorway.

All the dressage training paid off, Aedan did very well in the Compulsory skills except that his rider had a senior moment and forgot a halt. In the Jeopardy Trail, Aedan was rather awed on his entry into the Meadows on the Green (why was that huge Canadian horse galloping for the exit?) so wasn't careful enough to get points on the more subtle obstacles. He did redeem himself by completing the Jeopardy bonus for 100 points by taking the telephone book from a booth through the scary water with the rubber ducks and whirly gigs back to a second telephone booth. In addition to the Battle competition itself, the Spruce Meadow's Masters is a dream vacation for

any horse person. This year was no exception - the weather was perfect, the team, captain and helpers were congenial and a great time was had by all. The shopping wasn't quite up to par but Elan (daughter and groom) and I did our best.

Also very exciting in 2011 was seeing some of Aedan's first offspring participate under saddle in various activities such as jumping, dressage, clinics, trail rides and pony club. Connemaras are very rare in our area and it is wonderful to see breed awareness increasing.

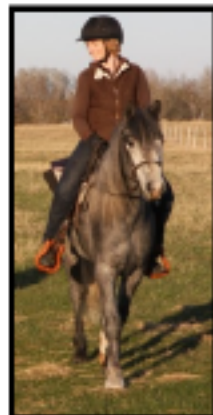
This fall and winter will be busy working with our 2 and 3 year olds. In 2012, Aedan will return to work preparing to show second level dressage and continue to help me improve in jumping. We will also be looking forward to 2 foals next spring, a Cassie/Aedan cross and Aedan's first grandfoal from Elodon Maeve by Penny Huggon's Hohnhorst Branni.

Elsie Priddy



Photo by Garcia Schellhorn

**Solano Flash (part-bred by
C.H.Aedan Zodiac) ridden by
Sharon Ball in a jumping clinic**



**Myrna MacDonald-Ridley and her pony
Elodon Torin enjoying a lovely fall ride.**

CCPS Achievement Award Winners 2011



**WC Mighty Mac - Gold in Horse Trials/
Entry Level Owner Sharon Roberts**



**Kippure Cara - Certificate of Achievement for
combined training, Silver medal for Show
Driving - Owner Rick Doner, Rider: Amanda
Beard**



**Aille Ivory - Certificate of Achievement
and Bronze Medal in Horse Trials/Pre
Entry Level - Owner Margot and
Kenzie Watson**



**Kindred Spirits Silver Jewel - Certificate of
Achievement, Bronze and Silver medals in
both Dressage and Horse Trials - Training
Level - Owner Beverly Freathy, Rider- Hannah**



**Caraway Brio - Bronze and Silver
Medals in Horse Trials/Pre Training
Level - Owned by Violaine Fortin**



**Avennis Caibre MacCarthy- Gold Medal in
Jumper - Owner - Carolyn O'Jay,
Rider Erin Rodger**



**DevonRidge Miss Congeniality - Certificate of
Achievement, Bronze and Silver Medals in
Hunter - Owned by Talia Amoyette**



**Traa Dy Liooar Ireland- Certificate of
Achievement, Bronze, and Silver Medals
in Hunter - Owned by Isabelle Goodine**



**Century Hills Aedan Zodiac- Bronze Medal
in Hunter and Gold Medal in Dressage-
Owner Don and Elsie Priddy**



**Avennis Alberta Rose - Certificate of
Achievement for Hunter and Jumper - Owner
Mackenzie Smandych - Jocelyn Davies**

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Century Hill News



Rick & Dale enjoying the amazing facilities at Vermont the day before the show.

in the spring, our highlight was the 12 hour trip to Woodstock, Vermont at the end of July, to show Cara in 10 classes including, Dressage, Hunter, Driving, In Hand and Trail. "Team Doner" consisted of Mary Lee (driver), her mom Pauline, her daughter Jolene, Amanda (rider) her mom Cindy, Rick & Dale! We were welcomed as old friends and were delighted to bring home a number of trophies and awards, including Grand Champion Connemara for high points in each discipline showing his versatility. Cara made a number of new friends and will be bred to some lovely

This has been an exciting year for us as we continued to train and show our stallion, Kippure Cara. He spent the winter months at John & Cindy Beards farm being trained by their daughter Amanda in dressage, and stadium in preparation for the spring eventing shows. In his first schooling show, Cara placed 1st of 14 & in the Spring & Fall Event at Grandview, he placed very well against the top eventers in the Open Entry Division. After breeding 3 mares



Puss'n'boots (Jolene), Shrek (Rick), Donkey (Cara) and Fiona (Amanda) in the costume class ACPS Region 1 show



Amanda & Cara in hunter class



...and dressage.



A great day for Centuryhill!

mares in the USA as a result this year! Upon returning, we enjoyed showing in In Hand and Driven Pleasure classes at a local fall fair where Cara brought home a number of red ribbons. After the fall event at Grandview, we have been taking it easy in preparation for getting back into



Rick and Cara in the "gentlemen to drive" class at Sutton Fair

Combined & Pleasure Driving this year. Cara gave us 2 handsome colts in 2011 out of Eastie and Rea and "Gold" has already been sold to Cara's rider - Amanda! She developed a very strong bond with him over the past year and when Rea produced a palomino colt (her favorite colour), Amanda know this was a gift from



Wes and Gold movin' on...

Cara to her! We sold Noah this fall to an accomplished dressage rider, Laurie Cornford, and are very excited to see what he will do in her capable hands. We still have some very exceptional youngstock for sale - a 2 yr old filly, Kate by Cara out of Rea and a yearling Westleigh (Wes) by Cara out of Eastie - check them out on www.centuryhillfarm.com and our farm facebook page "CenturyHill Farm". Have a great year! **Rick & Dale Doner**



"Centuryhill's Gold not Silver" Amanda's Christmas present.

Fun in the Sun

by Ali Mark

This summer I started Annie barrel racing. We went to our first show and she was doing well. When we came out of the ring and they started announcing ribbons, I heard the announcer say "Annie and Ali get first place"! I was really happy because it was our very first show and Annie got a first place! I thought we



would be getting those in the end of the season, not our first show! In July I went camping with Annie for a week. We went to Ganaraska Forest. We went on lots of trail rides and Annie loved that!! She had lots of fun and so did I! One day we were riding to a creek and when we got there Annie went right into the water. She liked that because it was a hot day and the water was nice and cool on her feet. On another of our adventures we went through sand dunes, up and down steep sand hills. She really

liked that too!! We spent our days on the trails, we had picnic lunches and snack breaks. This is when we discovered that Annie loves Kit Kats!! After a long day on the trail, all the other horses were really glad to get back to camp but Annie wanted to stay on the trails and go again! She was the toughest horse on the trail rides and only wanted to get back to get her grain. Annie and I had a great time and we can't wait to go back next year!!



Beaverton Barrel Racing Club event.



Congratulations Ali and Annie!

Ireland 2011

By Steven Pretty and Shirley Sauve.

If you have never been to Ireland, It's a trip worth taking. The scenery, the people and the sense of history is almost overwhelming.

This August we were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Clifden Connemara Pony Show, and represent the Canadian Society at the ICCPS AGM. With the help of our gracious hosts Tom and Maire Mac Lochlainn we were able to access parts of the country that a normal sightseeing trip would miss. Through Tom we were able to live the Connemara experience, seeing first hand just how important these animals are to the people of Ireland and how they helped define the culture of Connemara. It's clear to see how the breed has evolved over time to become the Pony we all adore.

From Dublin, it is about a three hour bus ride to the wonderful city of Galway. Its medieval quarter is filled with cobble stone roads and neat little shops and pubs. Getting to Galway from Dublin is easy thanks in part to a very good public bus system that is relatively inexpensive and covers all or most of the Island. After a day in Galway we made our

way out to Clifden, where the Connemara Pony Show and sale is held annually. The town of Clifden is just the right size for walking around and the show grounds are located just off the centre of town. Behind the show grounds is where you will find a small museum housing several exhibits dedicated to the Connemara Pony and life in Connemara County spanning several generations. It was



Steven, Shirley & our good friend, Tom MacLochlainn.

our good fortune to meet Miss Pat Lyne at the museum and give her a belated birthday hug on behalf of Doris Jacobi.

Across from the Museum, is the Station House Hotel. This is where the annual general meeting took place and I was honoured to represent the Canadian Connemara Society as a delegate. Around the

table were delegates from several countries all with an interest in raising and showing Connemara Ponies. During the meeting, several topics were covered relating to the Stud book rules, veterinary practices, inspection rules/ regulations, and seeing that the many sister societies remain true to the rules laid out by the Irish Connemara Society. As one would expect, this led to some lively conversations on several topics, but overall the meeting went well.

The 2011 Clifden Pony show ran for six days and encompassed events ranging from in hand to finishing off the week with D'Equipe de Puissance. The winning pony posted a height of four feet nine inches over the brick wall. The event was blessed with good weather except for a few brief rain showers, the locals telling us that "this is a typical Irish summer, so enjoy"! We would like to say thank you to the many people we met during our stay in Ireland, and thank you for letting us into your stables and fields to look at your wonderful ponies. Special thanks to Tom and Maire Mac Lochlainn for all they did for us and to Stewart and Ruth Morgan for letting us stay in their beautiful B&B called Hillside Lodge located across from Henry O'Toole's "Castle Connemaras" on Sky Road.

AGM 2011 Chilliwack BC

The AGM this year was held in conjunction with the Mane Event in Chilliwack B.C. The Pacific Region had a booth at this show, and also put on demonstrations with ponies on each day. The booth looked great with our banner and a monitor showing Connemaras performing. Many brochures and wrist-bands were handed out.

Nine of the board members gathered together at Susan MacDougall's house on Saturday morning for the AGM, while



Susan, Penny, Jocelyn, Margot, Rick & Bridget manning the booth while sporting the classic new CCPS jackets!

Melonie White from M & M Connemaras looked after the booth and demonstrations. Before the meeting everyone was trying on and buying the great new fleeces, polo shirts and jackets with the CCPS logo. Business was halted for an excellent lunch and after the meeting everyone visited Susan's two purebred mares in the paddock behind the house.



"Would you like to hear about the best breed?"



When breeders and members are spread out so far across this country, it is a wonderful opportunity to get together and exchange ideas at the annual meeting.

l-r: Susan MacDougall on Coastal Celtic Ceidh, Jessie Smith on Shannon (Connie x Arab) & Margot. Watson on Aille Ivory (Honey) performing a breed demo to music

Susan reenacts the prestigious award ceremony whereby Margot and Honey were dubbed "2011 Horse Trials BC Champions for Entry Division"



CCPS Store

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CCPS Logo is embroidered very professionally onto the left lapel



At Long Last!

by Catby Dufresne

May 2011. I finally bought my first Connemara after a year of search: a small nice young chestnut gelding pony! I was looking for a new TREC partner and "Century Hill's Hazy Meallan" matched all my

criteria. He was bold, he had the attitude, beautiful stride, great energy level and he was looking just like Adonis. He had a good ground training from his breeder (Dale Doner) so he is a sweet heart to work with and I am looking forward to start his training under saddle at the beginning of the next summer and starting to enjoy some small trail rides.

Connemaras are awesome ponies, but I discover that Connemara breeders are as extraordinary as their breed. I must have bothered almost every breeder in Canada in my search and even some in United States. These people

took time to answers all my questions, take pictures and video. You could tell that they wanted

only the best homes for their ponies. They did not have what I was looking for? They would tell me to call this other breeder. When I met them, I received a very warm welcome everywhere and I saw generous, and caring people. All I can say is that I am very proud to be part of this great family now!



Ballencrieff Connemara Farm **News**

Honey (*Aille Ivory) and I pulled ourselves out of semi retirement this year and did some exciting things! We started last Spring with an 'Equine Confidence - De-Spooking Clinic' instructed by a Mounted Police instructor that rode and trained horses for 29 yrs. for Mardi Gras crowd control in the USA. Honey was a little startled to see that she was expected by the end of the weekend to walk over a line of fire, through heavy blinding smoke, over a bridge on rolling poles with orange smoke pouring out from underneath etc. but as usual she was a trouper and did all the hazards as asked. The only thing she objected to



was the coloured pool 'noodles' that were stapled to two jump standards so that they stuck straight out - we were supposed to walk through them so they brush the sides of the horses. When they were pushed close together, Honey thought at first she was supposed to jump them from a walk - (which they were far too high to do that!) but to have them brush her sides ... well that was just creepy! I'm not sure she ever got comfortable with those!

I mentioned in the last newsletter... we might look at Eventing again. Was Honey up to that at 24 yrs old?? Was I at 50+... something? The answer is ... YES! we were. We found a great coach named Jessie Smith who didn't laugh at us 'old gals' and our modest aspirations. Honey and I went back into training in late March - between the two of us huffing and puffing we finally got back in some sort

of shape and entered a Dressage Schooling show where we could practice our Eventing Dressage test. Surprise, surprise we got a 1st place ribbon - only competing against 5 in the class but still...giving us a little confidence.

Our first Event was in July at Maple Ridge and we were ready ... although the one schooling Cross Country group lesson we had - Honey acted like a 4 yr. old (not 24!) being very hard to control going up to the jumps! The first day Dressage went well and then it was X-Country time. The first half of the course we were mostly out of control but fortunately my coach couldn't see that part of the course. By the time Jessie could see me, I had some semblance of control of Honey and we completed the course with no run outs or refusals but... did I miss one of the jumps on course?? At one point when I was fighting Honey for control (she thinks she knows better than I do how to do these courses and that is... FAST!) and I just couldn't remember if I jumped number 9 or went whizzing right past it. That's the other thing that seems more difficult at this age ... the memory for courses is not quite as easy as it used to be! Stadium jumping the next day seemed HUGE and SCARY - all jumps up to maximum height and width (we're only jumping 2'6"). Honey jumped well and took care of me so in the end we found out that we had NOT left out a jump on Cross Country and ended up in 3rd place overall. Not too shabby for our first time out in ten years!

Our next Event was in August and it was the 3-day BC Championship Event which we qualified for with our 3rd place at Maple Ridge HT. This was at Campbell Valley Park where Honey loves the footing in the dressage ring so we were in 1st place after Dressage much to our surprise because this was a respectable sized division of about 23 horses. The next day Cross Country went really well (I put a little stronger bit on Honey!) so we held onto our 1st place. The following day was Stadium - it was a tricky course - very hard footing and lots of knock downs. Unfortunately we were one of those that had a knock down which moved us down to 2nd place. But my coach, Jessie, riding her lovely Connemara x Arab, Shannon, moved up to first place so she won the Championship and Honey and I were Reserve Champions!

One more 3 day Event in September where we came in 3rd place again in a large division. Lots of fun - very nice course - Honey still under control with our nice new bit!

Apparently with our placings in these 3 Events - Honey and I ended up the 2011 Horse Trial BC's High Point winner for the Pre-Entry - Senior Division. What a lot of fun we had! Honey seemed to be kicking up her heels (metaphorically not literally) and saying 'Yippee' out on that X-country course. I think maybe the 'old gals' have one more season in them!!

Our other big news is Ballencrieff's Joshua 1:9 made his way into the world on July 14th /11. A lovely colt by Ard Celtic Art out of Ballencrieff's Winter Lace (Ballywhim's An Luan x Aladdin's Winter Promise). This was Lacey's first foal and she gave me no sign that she was about to give birth that night. I checked her around midnight and she was calm, quiet, no wax so far. When we got up the next morning at 6:00 am, my husband looked out the bedroom window and said 'I think I see some extra legs out in the paddock!' and sure enough there was Joshua up and dry! Because I didn't think Lacey was going to foal that night, I hadn't separated Honey from her yet. Honey must have helped with the birth because Lacey was very comfortable having Honey around her new baby right from day one and Joshua seems to feel Honey is his second Mum. In fact, he may even prefer Honey to his Mum except for at 'feeding' time, of course!

So much fun having a foal around again. He is a delight! Just so happy to be alive! I wish I could keep them all but on our small acreage we need to move the babies on - so he will be for sale after weaning. Then it will be time to start working with Lacey again and continue her training so she can eventually take over from Honey!

All the best for 2012 from

Margot Watson

Ballencrieff Connemara Pony
Farm



***Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be
discouraged,
for the Lord your God
will be with you wherever you
go
Joshua 1:9***

Lus na bPog/Sean MacLochlainn
Foundation Broodmare Award

***Abbeyleix Bluebird - 2011**
(Coosheen Finn x Blue Moon)
by Heather Sherratt

I never met Bluebird. She died after a difficult foaling the spring before I bought my stallion, Maplehurst Michael MacDaire.

When I bought Mick, I knew I liked his dam from her pedigree and photographs, but I had no idea she had won at Clifden and the Royal Dublin before she left Ireland as a four year old. It was only gradually, years later, that I began to piece together the achievements of this remarkable little mare. I read in the English Chronicle of her son, Dale Haze, by Tully Grey, who won the championship at the Swedish breed show for three years in a row. This sparked my interest and I started to trace her progeny in Europe.

She was a little mare who seemed to have an impact on the people who met her. Sue Clarke of Glenormiston Stud in Australia told me she had seen her in Ireland and wanted to buy her but she had been sold on to the US. Years later at an ACPS AGM Henry O'Toole asked me if I had ever owned Bluebird as he had seen her at the Royal Dublin Show and wanted to buy her. He said she was the only mare they hadn't bred themselves that he wanted, but his father said they had enough mares already. I had phone calls from Ireland asking if I had her or if I shipped Mick's frozen semen abroad. She was certainly remembered and valued in her home land.

When I wrote to Lib Petch after the death of her stallion, Coosheen Finn, I told her I had a stallion grandson of his. She well remembered Lady de Vesci bringing Bluebird's dam, Blue Moon, to Finn and showing her own mares against Bluebird at Clifden and Dublin. She sent me photos of four-year-old Bluebird at the Royal Dublin where she won the championship.



Bluebird with Maplehurst Michael MacDaire at her side.

Lady de Vesci made the decision to take Bluebird to visit Tully Grey in an effort to carry on the Green line but sold Bluebird on to Johnny Lee before the foal was born. Johnny registered the foal as Dale Haze. Before Dale Haze left for Sweden, Johnny bred him to Castle Park, resulting in Hazy Dawn who went to Denmark. Bluebird herself was sold on to Georgia where she bred three foals to *Bobby Brown: Bob White, Merrie Chase and Charlie Brown, before coming to Quebec.

Unfortunately, Bluebird was not used or valued as much in North America as she was in Ireland and Europe. Her stallion son, Bob White, had few foals before he was gelded, but one daughter, Landsgate Singing Bird, had a son, Landsgate Bluebeard who is a very productive sire in the Eastern States. In Canada, she only had one foal by Gilnocky Ard-Righ MacDaire before she died at age thirteen. I was lucky enough to find that foal, Mick, when I was looking for my first stallion. At that point, I had no idea of the influence that one little mare was going to have on the breed worldwide.

Through Dale Haze, she left grandsons, Moy Hazy Cove, in Ireland, and Hazy Dawn in Denmark. In Canada, we have had her influence not only through Mick and his sons and grandsons, Elphin Lorcan,

Elphin Cronan, Elphin Song Sparrow, Century Hills Frederick McTeague and his son Century Hills Aedan Zodiac, but also through *Canal Clancy, *Fairy Hill Hawk, *Kingstown Joe and *Kippure Cara.

I am delighted that Bluebird has been honoured with the CCPS

broodmare award. I truly believe that our

mares can have as much influence on the breed as the stallions. As a dam of stallion sons, Bluebird has certainly made a tremendous contribution to the breed in Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and France and now in Canada and the States.

Elphin Mountain Connemaras

This spring, after long nights of waiting, I was lucky to have two fillies. *Scottsway Lullaby, or Abby as we call her, produced her usual bay filly, Elphin Sandpiper. Abby has been the most consistent mare on the farm, happily producing lovely foals year after year, raising them well and happy to wean them in the fall. New this year was the first foal from Wildwych Clio (Castle Baron x *Glenormiston Amelia) and Mick, a lovely little filly who is already turning grey. Different in personalities, both are very typey tough little Connemaras.

The breeding season was interesting as I have three young mares by Mick, out of three of my foundation mares, Abby, Millie and Dee. I hope all three are now in foal to Henkka for 2012 and am looking forward to seeing what he will produce. He is, true to his bloodlines, taking his time to mature but it is interesting to watch him develop the same stallion characteristics as Mick. He now has a station in his paddock where he can watch my comings and goings and calls to remind me if I drive in a little late for evening chores.

With Abby and Clio bred back to Mick, we are expecting five foals in 2012, more than we have had in one year for a long time. I also added to my mare band this summer when I noticed that Castlebar Farm in Washington State was selling up their ponies and a great granddaughter of Mick and Gold Friday was one of the ponies for sale. With the help of Kelsie Staeheli of Jolley Fir Line Farm, who picked up Lucy and boarded her while we arranged transport and border crossing requirements, I brought Castlebar Dreams of Ireland back to Ontario. She is the granddaughter of the only filly Mick and Gold Friday produced who was sold to BC as a weanling. By Skyview's Orion, Lucy is an unusual dark chestnut with the same toughness and sensible attitude as Friday always had.

Coincidentally, not long after Lucy arrived I got a call from the ACPS awards committee to tell me that my nominee, Rose of Rosabhil, had won their Broodmare Award. Rose was the dam of Gold Friday and one of the reasons I bought her and her daughter Millie. In Pat Lyne's words, Rose was one of those once-in-a-lifetime mares and one that Pat hoped would carry on her line. I like to think I have helped in that, especially as now I can breed her great-great-

granddaughter to Henkka next spring.

Finally, at the CCPS AGM in October, *Abbeyleix Bluebird was awarded the CCPS Broodmare Award. Although I never met Bluebird as she died after a bad foaling the year after Mick was born, she was a little mare that caught many people's eye. Her contribution to the breed in Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, the States and now in Canada has been impressive, especially as she only had five foals, including three stallion sons. Her early death was a great loss to the breed, but I think we are lucky to have so many of her descendants here in Canada.

Heather Sherratt



Elphin Sandpiper

News From Rocky Lane Alberta

We didn't get to do our mountain pack trip this summer because the rivers were too high and the



*Gale & Traa Dy Liooar Meg learning to work
cattle*

conservation officers recommended not to travel into Willmore Wilderness Area during the time we had planned. We did however attend some clinics this spring and fall. The instructor was world champion bronc rider and now master horseman, Mel Hyland. We covered all sorts of training techniques for the horses present. The most interesting

and new thing for Meg and I was that we were introduced to working cattle! I wasn't sure what to do with them, but I can tell you that Meg was NOT afraid! It was a great challenge and so fun to try something new and practical, where we could apply our skills from the clinic. Mel rode Meg for me several times during the clinic with great success, and commented, "She's a pretty neat little horse!"

Sincerely,
Gale Dodd Hayday
Rocky Lane Alberta

Canadian Connemara Pony Society

Transfers 2011

- KD Branigan CAN 21. Gelding. From Tabytha McGee, Alberta, to Bryanna Dobransky, Ardrossan, AB.
- Avenns Riordain Wind CAN 23. Gelding. From Paulette Kinasewich, Alberta, to Maureen Angerman, Sherwood Park, AB.
- Devon Ridge Dreamcatcher CAN 36. Mare. From Jocelyn Davies, Alberta, to Chloe Tryhane, Surrey, BC.
- Devon Ridge Red Pheonix CAN 45. Gelding. From Jocelyn Davies, Alberta, to Shelby Dede, Stony Plain, AB.
- Devon Ridge Destiny CAN 46. Mare. From Jocelyn Davies, Alberta, to Lora Howard, Golden, CO.
- Caraway Pumpkin CAN 49. Gelding. From Christine Carey, Quebec, to Jackie Poirier, Vaudreuil, PQ.
- Caraway Mende CAN 49. Gelding. From Christine Carey, Quebec, to Anne Lawson, Wawa, Ont.
- Raindrops Lover CAN P50. Gelding. From Linda Riel-Bourgon, Ontario, to Gasbrielle Roy, Bromont, PQ.
- Rills Kaileigh CAN P51. Mare. From Penny Huggons, Alberta, to Susan Jaeger, Pickardville, AB.
- Elodon McCrae CAN 61. From Cheryl Miller, BC, to Baylee Kivela, Parksville, BC.
- Castlebar Dreams of Ireland ACPS M3800 XLV. From Lorre Garland, WA, to Heather Sherratt, McDonald's Corners, Ont.
- Kindred Spirits Silver Jewel CAN P53. Gelding. From Cynthia Norman, BC to Cynthia Langford, Salmon Arm, BC. Same to Beverly Preath, Kelowna, BC.
- Balius Siobhan CAN111. From Ann Scott, Ont. to Linda Horbatuik, Arthur, Ont.
- Tullymor's Caroline CAN 112. From Ann Scott to Linda Horbatuik, Arthur, Ont.
- Elphin Mayflower CAN 145. Mare. From Heather Sherratt, Ontario, to Violaine Fortin, Ferme Brio, Quebec.
- Elphin Silver Anniversary CAN P60. Mare. From Heather Sherratt, Ontario, to Hilary Lecluse, Elgin, Quebec.
- Traa dy Liooar Ireland CAN 68. Mare. From Terry Francis, Alberta, to Isabelle Goodine, Albert, AB.
- Avenns Eirenn Bay CAN 78. Mare. From Andrea Horne, Alberta, to Tracy Marko, Spruce Grove, AB.
- Rills Gaelic Whisper CAN 79. Mare. From Jen Leady, Alberta, to Susan Jaeger, Pickardville, AB.
- KD Captain Flynn CAN 83. Gelding. From Ashley Stasiewich, Alberta, to Jocelyn Davies. Same to Heather Gibson, Rocky Mountain House, AB.
- Kestrel Fair's May Girl CAN 89. Mare. From E. Cassidy, Manitoba, to Catherine McCullagh, Stonewall, MB.
- Caraway Gilly CAN 98. Mare. From Christine Carey, Quebec, to Amy Plavin, Vermont.
- Caraway Golden Mead CAN 106. Gelding. From Christine Carey, Quebec, to Brigitte Mittelhammer, Ayers Cliff, PQ.
- Century Hills Hazy Meallan CAN 107. Gelding. From Dale Doner, Ontario, to Cathy Dufresne, St-Jean de Matha, PQ.
- Rills Topsail CAN 114. Gelding. From Penny Huggons, Alberta, to Elsie Priddy, Saskatoon, SK.
- Drogheda Captain Jack CAN 121. Stallion. From Brian Donegan, Alberta, to George Million, Meadow Lake, SK.
- Caraway Mimi CAN 127. Mare. From Christine Carey, Quebec, to Liv Detrick, Maine.
- Elphin Lullaby of Birdland CAN131. Mare. From Mary Flynn, Ontario, to Scott Longmire, Granville Centre, NS.
- Rills Romany Lace CAN 140. Mare. From Elsie Priddy, Saskatchewan, to Jocelyn Davies, Spruce Grove, AB.
- Century Hill's Gold not Silver CAN147. From Dale Doner, Ontario, to Amanda Beard, Orillia, Ont.
- Rising Sun Smokeigh CAN148. Gelding. Hope MacIntyre, Alberta, to Susan Jaeger, Pickardville, AB.
- Starlight's Late Lass CAN149. Mare. From Douglas Morcom, Alberta, to Bethany Van Hierden, Lethbridge, AB.

(FYI-There were 11 partbreds and 19 purebred Connemaras registered through CLRC in 2011)

Canadian Connemara Pony Society

In 2012, three members of the Board of Directors, one from each of our three regions, will have completed three two-year terms on the Board and will have to step down for at least one term. This is a great opportunity for new Board members with a fresh approach and new ideas. We are looking for nominations from all our regions.

To be nominated for the Board, please complete the nomination form below. The nominator, seconder and nominee can all complete individual forms and send them to Scott Longmire to reduce the necessity of mailing one form around the country. Please indicate the name of the nominator and seconder on the form and ask them to complete and send in signed forms themselves. A nominee cannot be nominated or seconded by a family member and must be a member in good standing.

Please e-mail, or mail to Scott Longmire so that it is received **on or before June 30th 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

Membership Information- Annual Renewals are due Jan 1, 2012!

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
V4W 2V9**

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

Geldings and Halfbreds Up to June 30 of the year following year of birth	\$30	\$60
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 6 months 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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Auction is Online Now!

The Third Canadian Connemara Pony Society auction is underway. The 1st & 2nd auction was an unqualified success & we hope for a repeat. There are presently three stallions listed with more to come, and books, DVD's, tack and other auction items on the list. More items are being added as we go along.

The Auction is at <http://canadianconnemaraony.wordpress.com/> or access it on the front page of the CCPS website. Please share this website with everyone, as the funds earned by the Auction go to promote the Connemara Pony breed in Canada.

**Canadian Connemara Pony
Society Annual General Meeting**

Saturday October 22, 2011

Present: Susan MacDougall, Jocelyn Davies, Penny Huggons, Jennifer Brownlow, Rick Doner, Bridget Wingate, Margot Watson, Cheryl Miller, Shirley Sauve. Guest: Judy Cornelius

President Welcome - Bridget Wingate, our president reported that our society has made good progress in the last year. Elsie Priddy has done a good job in the membership committee and our membership has grown from 56 - 71 members (including juniors). Our Newsletter has been excellent this past year, thanks to Rick and all the input from the breeders and owners. The webpage has also been updated this past year, it looks great! Plan is to have a special feature, "Pony of the Month" and there seems no shortage of participants.

Reading of 2010 minutes - Jocelyn read the minutes. Margot proposed, Susan seconded and unanimously agreed that they be accepted as read. The president signed and returned for the record.

Treasurer Report - Margot read the financial statements

Report to Dec 31, 2010 - there are two different bank accounts, CLRC account had a balance of \$1022.08 and our General Account had a balance of \$2,286.11, showing a total balance at end December 31, 2010 of \$3,309.19. \$1100.00 of the closing balance which had been set aside for inspections (agreed to at the 2010 AGM).

Report to September 30, 2011 - again two different bank accounts, CLRC account had a balance of \$1,841.23 and the General Account had a balance of \$4,671.80. Margot proposed to accept the statements as read, Rick seconded and it was unanimously agreed. From the funds raised from the Silent Auction in 2011, Margot proposed that each of the 3 Regions be given \$200 each to use for promoting the Connemara Pony breed. It was unanimously agreed to.

New Business: Insurance - each region is responsible for any events that they put on. Liability insurance for board members. Jennifer is checking into this and will advise the board as soon as possible.

Amending our Constitution - board members. We will be losing some people. Next year we will lose Rick, Bridget, Margot, Susan & Heather. Bylaw changes now are being done in a more timely manner by Ag Canada according to Ron Black, CLRC, we are now told it takes just a few months. Bridget discussed making changes to the current bylaws. It was agreed that Bridget contact her lawyer in regard to wording for instituting a 4th 2-year term for board members and that the past president be an ex officio member of the board. If the by-laws are amended, this action will

only be considered if new board members cannot be found. Bridget will also be sending/reconfirming the Terms of Board Members to the Board Members.

Equine Canada - Jennifer suggested that we join Equine Canada and have a society membership so that we can apply for grants.

Region Reports

i. Central Region - Rick Doner

Central region members have been actively showing and promoting their Connemaras again this year. New member Janet Rowe has been successfully showing her new stallion Tybil whom she purchased from Mary Flynn, Violaine Fortin has been eventing Brio with great results and the Doners took Cara to the ACPS Region 1 show and did very well there as well. Stay tuned for other region news in the January newsletter. The meeting in March was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of members able to come. Going forward, there needs to be shows planned in conjunction with the other breeds and booths at major venues. The Region will meet to discuss the options.

ii. Prairie Region - Penny Huggons

Sales of youngstock and prospects are still down and few ponies are being bred. Brian Donegan reports that he had 5 purebreds born this year by Wildwch Don Juan. He also reports that he had 2 purebred mares arrive from California this fall from Blue Oak Farms. Cricket is on lease in Manitoba. Devon Ridge held a successful show this summer with many Connemaras attending. There were over 12 Connemaras performing at the show. Devon Ridge also had 4 purebred Connemaras born this year.

Shirley Sauve showed her pony Kimble's May Bloom at the Devon Ridge Show placing 1st in the Sport Pony class so qualified for the Stars of the West. She also showed Rills Fire & Ice in the flat class where they placed well.

Rill Farm had one filly born this year, the first foal in three years. She's by Hohnhorst Brannigan and out of Rills Kelpie and is possibly a blue roan! They also bred two outside mares this year and one gelding sold to Eloden Connemaras in Saskatchewan.

Elsie Priddy reports having a good show season with Century Hill's Aedan Zodiac and he showed well this year at Spruce Meadows Battle of the Breeds, definitely an ambassador for our breed!

Spruce Meadows Battle of the Breeds was again well represented by Team Connemara. 3 new ponies on the team and two new riders and overall a good showing!

Pacific Region - Susan McDougall

Pacific Region was a bit busy this year. We held a schooling show in the spring. There were quite a few participants from the barn that it was held at, M & M Connemaras, but with all the expenses plus the insurance, the

show ended up losing money. Perhaps we need to charge more for classes, or consider a different structure to minimize the costs. Many thanks to Melanie White for providing her facilities for the show.

Morganne and Bien Mallins Rory O'Sullivan travelled again this year from BC to Alberta to assist the Connemara Pony Battle of the Breeds team at Spruce Meadows. Rory has competed on the team several times and does a wonderful job. Melanie White attended to support the team, as a former owner of Rory.

We did quite a few informal trail rides as Margot Watson brought Aille Ivory (aka Honey) out of retirement and ready to a little Eventing again. This lovely mare at 24 years old ended up 2011 Horse Trials BC High Point Champs for the Pre-Entry Division.

There were some Connemara pony classes held on Vancouver Island that some of our members attended. I'm glad to know that we have some venues where the Connemara is recognized. Jennifer Brownlow participated in some Eventing clinics on the Island with her Connemara mare, Zara. Margot's mare, Ballencrieff's Winter Lace had a lovely colt by Ard Celtic Art this spring, and we are excited to see him develop as he carries the blood of his grandmother, Aladdin's Winter Promise, a much beloved mare. My own mare Coastal Celtic Ceildh is now in foal to Rick and Dale Doner's young stallion, Kippure Cara. I have to wait not to May 2012 to see what we get. I'm very excited for Ceildh's first foal. We spent some time getting ready to represent the Connemara Pony at the Mane Event, a large equine fair held in Chilliwack, in conjunction with the CCPS AGM

iv. Report from IRELAND - Shirley Sauve

Shirley enthusiastically reported going to the ICCPS AGM & Connemara Clifden Show in August as well as going to visit many farms with Tom & Maire MacLochlainn again seeing many beautiful Connemaras and Irish countryside. See Shirley's full report on the web.

Committee Report - Membership Committee - Elsie Priddy

Elsie's report read by Bridget. She says there is a new owner in Manitoba who just bought a new filly and that the question came up whether or not the new owner will get a free membership for one year. Response from us was that it is encouraged that the seller/breeder buy the membership for the owner for the first year but this is optional, not written in stone, somewhat more of an old tradition. Elsie suggested that this may be something we should put in our next newsletter encouraging sellers to keep up with this lovely tradition. She also suggested that we should possibly look at the option of the society providing a membership for one year.

Membership Cards can be ordered very inexpensively from VISTA and we can send them to CLRC to send to new members.

Nominations - Rick Doner

Nominations for 2011 went well. We will be actively looking for new people to be on the board. We will put a notice in next newsletter for new nominees.

Inspections - Margot Watson

No inspection in 2011 Distances in ponies and inspections and costs of getting ponies to inspection sites. New Inspectors required. Jennifer to check into Grants through Ag Canada for inspections. Possible inspections in Central Region in 2012 and also Prairie Region at same time as 2012 AGM. Rick proposes that the price should be raised to \$100 mares / stallion \$150. 2nd by Shirley, all but one in favour. Rick proposed putting another \$1900 for inspection reserve. Susan 2nd. All in favour.

Registration Committee - Heather Sherratt (read by Margot)

Heather reported that part of the committee's work is to ensure that all ACPS ponies coming into Canada are transferred into the CCPS and all foals born in Canada are registered with the CCPS.

Heather also said that now all transfer (new registration papers to new owners) are sent to her so that she can emboss the papers for inspected and approved ponies. The CLRC replaces papers every time the pony is transferred. This also gives us a record of the ponies that have been transferred. We still have ponies in Canada with ACPS papers and some owners do not realize there is a Canadian Society/registration body. Working with the Membership committee, it is hoped that more new owners will learn about the CCPS.

Jocelyn proposed that List of Transfers of ponies bought/sold be published on our Website. Good idea to inform members also that CLRC requires pictures of each side of the pony for new transfers. Penny seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

CLRC - Ron Black (Bridget Wingate read)

Jocelyn says that the CLRC is sending bulk mail to her, much of which is not required. It was suggested that we should request CLRC to send out a specific list of forms that we need. Also, it would be great if we could get the membership list in excel format electronically for mail out, email addresses etc. Jocelyn will prepare a list of forms she feels are required and present it to the board.

Achievement Awards - Doris Jacobi (read by Shirley Sauve)

Shirley read the 2010 report from Doris. There were 15 owners/riders that submitted Show results from throughout Canada. 5 competed in Dressage, 4 in

hand, 2 in Jumper, 2 in Driving, 1 in Combined Driving, 3 in Horse Trials, 2 in English Pleasure, 1 in TREC. Doris has concerns that there are many Connemaras whose riders and owners do not participate in the program and she would like to see some of these ponies somehow showcased.

Foundation Broodmare Award

Abbeyleix Bluebird is the 2011 recipient of this award. She was owned by Louise Jolicoeur of Maplehurst Farm in Quebec. Heather Sherratt nominated the mare. She had five foals, only one of which was born in Canada, Maplehurst Michael MacDaire. She died quite young due to an allergic reaction. She was shown in Ireland before being exported to the USA and then to Canada to Maplehurst Farm.

Webpage Report - Penny Huggons

Penny report that the webpage is working well. Updates are being done in a timely manner. We have started doing the "Feature Pony" on the Home Page and our first pony was Jewel (Devon Ridge Precious Gem) with Karter Duke. This feature will now go to the Archives and the next pony will be Century Hill's new stallion, Kipure Cara. Penny encourages all to send in their good photos for the "Gallery" to keep the webpage fresh and interesting. Classified Ads are for 3months

We had discussed at one time to have a bulletin board /interactive type of page for the younger members, but with Facebook and such out there, there are probably better venues to do this. Penny encourages people to send her news and pics etc. for the webpage to keep it interesting. Jocelyn volunteered to set up a Facebook page for the Canadian Connemara Pony Society with a link to the CCPS webpage and all agreed that was a good idea.

Breeders List and Stallion Directory - Bridget Wingate

Breeders List up to 15.00 and stallion will be 45.00 but those donating stud fees to stallion auction will be free. Bridget proposed and Penny 2nd. Unanimously agreed

Promotion/Advertising/

Stallion Auction - we will have a stud fee auction in 2012. Susan MacDougall will again organize this. If you have a stallion and would like to donate a stud fee to the society, please contact Susan MacDougall via e;mail susanmac@uniserve.com

b) We currently have Jackets, saddle pads, sweaters and shirts with our logo. We have made \$220 in profit so far. Items can be flexible as we have a very good supplier that allows us to order on an as is basis.

c) Book - Moycullen Ponymen - Tom MacLochlainn. Tom's new book is out and he has offered to sell it directly to the CCPS for \$15 Euro. Shipping is expensive so the next person to go to Ireland to pick up 6 books.

J. Newsletter - Rick Doner

Cost currently \$8.40 per mail out. It consists of 3 - 4 double sided 11 x 14" coloured pages. We need to see about some alternative pricing - quotes for printing. Jocelyn and Rick will look into some quotes.

Rick Doner proposes that we amalgamate two newsletters into one annual publication which is a hard copy and would be mailed to each member, except those who do not want a hard copy. All interim news on website and facebook page. This change will be a trial for 2012. Business Card sponsorship \$10.00. Need to look into other sponsorships. Jennifer Brownlow seconded and all were in favour. Note that 2016 will be 10 year anniversary of CCPS and plans are for a "Special Edition Newsletter" publication.

Next Annual Newsletter January - Spruce Meadows, Stallion Feature, Brood Mare Award.

L. Arbitration - Bridget Wingate

No problems reported 2011

Election of Board of Governors

Central Region - Scott Longmire was nominated and no further nominations from the floor, Elected by Acclamation is Scott Longmire.

Prairie Region - Elsie Piddy nominated, no other nomination from the floor. Elsie Priddy was Elected by Acclamation.

Pacific Region - Jennifer Brownlow nominated and no other nominations from the floor. Jennifer Brownlow was Elected by Acclamation.

Appointment of Nominating Committee 2012

Scott Longmire was suggested to chair the Nominating Committee

AGM 2012 -Next year it will be the Prairie Region's turn to host the AGM. It was determined that it will be in Calgary, AB, next year either September 8 or 9, 2012 during the Masters Tournament at Spruce Meadows.

Penny moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Margot Watson. Meeting closed at 3:39.



Back row l-r: Margot Watson, Shirley Sauve, Jocelyn Davies, Jen Brownlow, Rick Doner, Cheryl Miller. front l-r: Susan MacDougall, Penny Huggons, Bridget Wingate.

News from Caraway Connemaras

We had a busy summer here in Quebec. Didn't get out to any shows this year, but lots of ponies to train and ride, and we ended up selling 5 of them. In the past most of our sales have been into the US but this year the pattern changed a bit, with 2 staying in Quebec, one going into Ontario and 2 into New England.

Hopefully this trend will continue and lead to more members for the society. The numbers on farm haven't diminished as much as it might appear - 2 foals were born this spring and Hilary bought a couple of prospects to bring along.



Stonybrook Irish Cream and filly

Pinky (Stonybrook Irish Creme) had another dun filly, this is the 3rd in a row!

She seems to nick really well with our stallion Finn as all three are outstanding. The oldest, Gilly, was sold to Amy Plavin in Vermont this fall. We plan to keep Poppy, the filly from 2010, and Kate, the 2011 filly is up for sale. Plum had a lovely bay filly by Finn, her name is Alice. She was very shy for the first few months of her life but is now very outgoing and confident. Sometimes it just takes time.

This summer Hilary bought Elphin Silver Anniversary from Heather Sherratt. Annie is a Connemara x TB 8year old bay mare. She bought her as a prospect to bring along and sell, but watching the trust develop between the 2 of them as they work together it's hard to imagine her being up for sale any time soon though the 'minister of finances' may have a different view on the subject! She also bought a lovely welsh x arab/morgan 3 yr old mare who is coming along nicely and will soon be for sale.

All things going according to plan this spring will bring us one



Hilary & Elphin Silver Anniversary

foal. Our new broodmare, Romantic Fanfare (by A Fine Romance, Tb, and out of Flair 11, Hanoverian) is in foal to Finn and we are very excited about this cross. It should be an outstanding athlete with a superb temperament, again all things going according to plan! Pinky is having a well deserved year off and we are probably going to breed her to A Fine Romance for a 2013 foal. Ting is missing motherhood and if we manage to sell her 2008 gelding, Byron, she can pasture with Finn again this spring.

Muskoka Lakes Connemaras

Muskoka Lakes Connemaras is a new Connemara breeding/showing program I started up in 2009 with the purchase of my first Connemara Willows W.B. Yeats. "Indy" is now 2.5 years old (by Willows Landsdown Harbour Boy out of Tre Awain Miss Muffet) and has been joined by TBF Eavan Tressa (BEC filly by Skyviews Triton out of Crib Glas Penny Whistle), Brambleridge March Mayhem (bucks skin weanling of 2011 by Moxley Duncan out of Balius Miakoda), MF Wake Up Little Susie (grey by MF Owen O'Neill who also gave me a foal by the Irish Draught stallion Its the Luck of the Irish. This foal is a stunner! Belfast Button (dark bay by Irish Park Belfast Bonfire). To top the mares and colt off, I also bought the stallion Tintagels Tibyl to see what he might turn into for me under saddle in a competition career as well as breeding stallion.

As of now, Tibyl has won several classes (1st place In Hand, 1st place



Halter, 2nd place X rails, 2nd place 2'3" at his first Schooling show, 1st Sport Pony 3+ Stallions, 1st place Mountain and Moorland, Grand Champion Mountain and Moorland at the Arthur Fair, 2nd place 3+ Stallion, 4th place Dressage Suitability Under Saddle at the Fieldstone Breeders Show in excellent company. He has qualified for the Royal Winter Fair in the Sport Pony 3+ Stallions division! What makes me so proud of these accomplishments is that he went from being strictly a breeding

stallion to winning in hand and doing exceptionally well under saddle at shows in 3 months. Tibyl is such a pleasure to work with and his temperament and brain are simply wonderful. I am looking forward to furthering his career with me in the Dressage ring as well as eventing.

Thanks so much to the Connemaras and to their wonderful breeders all over the world who have been nothing but full of information and knowledge as I jump into the Connie world with both feet!!

Janet Rowe
Muskoka Lakes Connemaras
www.muskokalakesconnemaras.com



Tibyl placed 6th in the Sport Pony Stallion class at the Royal Winter Fair 2011

Bien Mallin Captain Cricket On Lease In Manitoba

In early 2011, Cornelia McLeod, and her husband Trevor, of Maywood Farms, Brookdale, Manitoba, began looking for a suitable mount for their children. Cornelia began researching pony breeds on the Internet, and was drawn to the Connemara. Her search for the "right" choice, led to Brian Donegan's website for Drogheda Farms, Strathmore, Alberta. The phone call was made. In April, an excited group headed to Alberta, to pick up a 14hh, good-looking, grey Connemara gelding, named "Bien Mallin Captain Cricket". Cornelia states that she was very pleasantly surprised, to discover the easy-going, gentle nature of the Connemara breed. She was "amazed" by his temperament, right from the start. Her mother and father, long time Warmblood breeders, have also commented on his superb temperament. Quite a testimony, for a pony that was only gelded last March! "Cricket" was already a talented jumper, videoed clearing a 5 ft. oxer, with 3.6" spread, so arrangements for semen collection were made, prior to gelding.

Cricket has proven himself to be the perfect "family" pony. He is very good with kids says Cornelia. The youngest member, Emma, age six, has already done walk, trot, canter on him, and he is steady, reliable and safe. Nine year old Abbey and Cricket are a dangerous duo - "dangerous" that is, for the other competitors! Both girls have an interest in English riding, especially jumping! They are members of the active Baldur Pony Club, which operates near Souris,



Abbey McLeod on Captain Cricket.



Abbey McLeod on Captain Cricket at Rally

Manitoba. Son Brady, age 11, is leaning more towards the western side of things.

No worries Brady - Connemaras can do it all! Of course, Cornelia's mother and father love to watch the grandchildren compete!

Abbey and Cricket at the Shows: Cricket is very well-behaved at shows, according to Cornelia. Abbey and Cricket's first show, was the "Wheat City Classic", at the Keystone Centre in Brandon, at the end of May. They entered Pony Hunter, and Pony Jumper classes. On July Long Weekend, they participated in a two-day event at Bird's Hill Park, competing at the pre-entry level.

Budweiser Beach Party, (MHJA) Red River Exhibition Show Grounds, July 7-10th, was where they claimed Champion Pony Hunter, and Reserve Champion Pony Jumper. There was a "tie" for Champion Pony Jumper, and a jump-off was involved to break the tie. "Tossing a coin" to decide the placing was offered, but a determined Abbey insisted on jumping again! Good for you Abbey!

Fall Harvest, (MHJA), Bird's Hill Park - Champion Pony Hunter. Abbey and Cricket will be spending the winter gearing-up for the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, Brandon, MB, at the end of March, 2012.

What more could be said about Bien Mallin Captain Cricket? Perhaps Abbey herself summed it up best, when in a phone call to Danae Martin, after returning from Alberta - "Aunty, he's wonderful!"

Written by Jeannie Walsh.

New Connemara Pony Owner in Manitoba!

Catherine McCullagh, owner/operator of Quarry Ridge Farms, Stonewall, MB, has purchased Kestrel Fair's May Girl, from my sister Eddie Cassidy. This pretty 3 yr. old filly is out of Kestrel Fair, and her handsome daddy, Bantry Bay's Dillon, of Devon Ridge Farms, Spruce Grove, Alberta. Catherine's facility offers boarding, lessons, clinics, training, indoor arena,



Kieran McCullagh on "Out of the Blue", Birds Hill Park, Manitoba. Catherine McCullagh, mom and coach, looks on.



l-r: Brennan, Catherine, Kurt & Kieran.

outdoor jump course, cross-country course, riding trails, and is home to the enthusiastic members of Quarry Ridge Pony Club. Both of Catherine's boys belong to Pony Club, and enjoy success showing their mounts. Brennan rides "Best", a very nice Dutch Warmblood/TB cross, and Kieran rides Blue, a 13.2hh Connemara gelding. "Blue" was



l-r: Kieran, Maygirl & Brennan.

originally imported from Ireland, and he represents the Connemara breed admirably in Manitoba, keeping Kieran and another young rider, Bennet, "in the ribbons" consistently.

Eddie and I couldn't be happier about the wonderful, kind home that May Girl has found. We wish the McCullagh family every success with "May Girl".

By Jeannie Walsh



Bennett Munroe-Murphy on "Out of the Blue", Birds Hill Park, Manitoba

Anna and Kestrel Update

Anna/Kestrel went to the Brandon Pony Club Schooling Show, at the Keystone Centre, in March. Entering



the show area, I suspected I may have walked in on bronc try-outs for the rodeo season! A bay horse had set to bucking - likely in protest for being pulled from his lazy winter life. Fortunately, Kestrel was not in that frame-of-mind, and Anna was on a mission! They collected a mittful of ribbons over the weekend, doing particularly well in the Hunter classes, 2.4"- 2.6". An exciting highlight from the summer for Lucero Desrochers and Anna was taking 2nd place in the Mother/Daughter Class, MHJA, at the Red River Exhibition Show Grounds. This very nice equestrian facility was originally built, to accommodate the Jumping portion of the Pan American Games, held in Winnipeg, 1996. Anna and Kestrel did very well in 2011, handling the 2.9" level



consistently all summer.
By Jeannie Walsh



Having Fun at Quarry Ridge Farms. (Kieran McCullagh and his Connemara gelding "Out-of-the-Blue") 2nd. from the left.

Cyndie and Byron's Wedding

On Saturday August 13th Cyndie Adams married Byron Crook near to Stony Plain, Alberta. The groom and his brother rode the mile to the church in western tack. They were followed shortly after by the bride on her half-



Cyndie and sister-in-law Joanne.

bred Connemara, Solaz, and Joanne Crook who performed the marriage ceremony, both of whom rode sidesaddle. The remaining wedding party were driven to the church in 3 carts, pulled respectively by pairs of Haflingers, Quarter horses and Percherons.

This was a traffic stopper! After the service the couple was driven back to the farm for a reception.



The happy couple!

Jennifer Brownlow and Zara

Starlight's Zara was overall Reserve Supreme Champion Sport Pony in the line classes at The Pony Show, Duncan, BC (Vancouver Island) in July. She won most of the under saddle classes too in her division although there were only a few entered. Starlight's Zara (originally Starlight's Maggie Mae) by Avennis Cairbre



Michele Garrington photography

MacCarthy (Peso) out of Elphin Sweet Rosaleen is a 9 year-old purebred Connemara mare, 14:2 1/2 hands, bred by Doug Morcom of Invermere, BC.

The pictures below were taken at an Eventing clinic at Avalon Equestrian Centre in Duncan, BC. The clinician was Jane Stone, Level 3 Event Coach & Jennifer was the rider - Go Jen!



Michele Garrington photography

Kindred Spirits Silver Jewel

I bought my first Connemara three years ago. I was so happy with him that I bought another one. Element 47 and Hemisphere are both sired by Elphin Cronan. Element 47 is 1/2 Connemara, 1/2 Thoroughbred Gelding who is clever and athletic. Element 47 has three-day evented to Training level and will go Preliminary this year, hoping to qualify for NAJYRC 2013 in Kentucky. We will compete 2nd level Dressage this year too. Hemisphere is a full Connemara and I have focused more



on dressage with him although I am planning to event him this season also. I love the Connemara personality! They are athletic, personable, inquisitive, and honest by nature!

Hannah Freathy

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Battle of the Breeds 2011

Team left to right: Cyndie Adams-Crook - Solaz; Elsie Priddy - Century Hills Aedan Zodiac; Morganne Cochrane - Bein Mallins Rory O'Sullivan; Karter Duke - Devonridge Precious Gem (aka Jewel).



Karter (Navigator), Cyndie and Solaz

There were three new ponies on the team this year. Former team member Elsie Priddy rode her 8 year old dapple grey stallion "Aedan" with a good score in dressage, and a very competent round in the trail class.

Cyndie Adams-Crook drove her young gelding "Solaz" in both the driven dressage and the obstacle driving. For his first big competition he behaved extremely well with good scores.

Teenager Karter Duke has had great success jumping her grey mare "Jewel" and



Karter and Jewel

had a perfect round in this competition, including the jeopardy fence. This was their first time barrel racing which they both enjoyed and had quick times. Back again this year were young Morganne Cochrane and the veteran of the team "Rory". Their excellent jumping round gave our team first equal in this event with the Morgans. Unbeknown to us, time was taken into consideration and we ended up in 2nd place - they would have gone faster if they had known!

For the first time Morganne undertook obstacle driving with Melonie White as navigator. A good score placed Morganne and team mate Cyndie in the ribbons. Rory's fast times in barrel racing placed our two young riders 4th.

Throughout the classes, the top 5 teams had been very close in each event, with the overall leader changing each day. The last event was the trail class, which is always very difficult with teeter-tooters, steps, flag carrying etc. Elsie had an excellent round including the jeopardy obstacle which involved taking a telephone book from a booth, riding through the water obstacle one-handed and placing the book in the second booth. Rory had done this jeopardy perfectly last year and Morganne went in full of confidence. However, this time Rory decided that he was



Elsie and Aedan

not going anywhere near the booth, so unfortunately they lost points. The Morgan team won again, and we ended up a very respectable 5th.

I was very proud of our team, who worked so well together. My thanks to Karter who at the last minute agreed to act as navigator for Cyndie in the obstacle driving. The ponies all looked great and behaved beautifully. They were great ambassadors for the breed and we had many compliments.

Bridget Wingate - Team Captain



Morganne and Rory



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Violaine Fortin and Caraway Brio worked hard all winter to be ready for their eventing competition season. Unfortunately in June I had an accident and I was not allowed to compete for the summer. Brio and I were very sorry. Then I asked one of my students (Frederique Duplain) to ride him so he would at least do something (Brio loves to work).

Brio is 6 years old and he has just been ridden by me so far. It didn't take long for him and Fredo to basically fall in love with each other...and yes I was a little jealous!

But there was still a lot to put together and for their

first pre-training they finished the 3 phases but could not place. We continued to work on their skills, technique and trust.

In the second competition they managed to place 3rd of 22 horses.

The harmony was at the rendez-vous... they simply were having fun.

We then decided that we should do the final at the Quebec games.

At the championship Fredo and Brio were first after Dressage, after stadium they were 4th and after a flying cross-country they finished 3rd!!!!

It was a great season and I thank Frederique and Brio for making me so proud!



Fredo & Brio

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

A Message from the Editor by Rick Doner

As an outgoing Board member this fall, I would like to encourage you to get involved in your society. My term has flown by and it has been a very rewarding experience. The Connemara world is a very kind group of dedicated people with a common bond - that of wanting others to know the joy of having a Connemara Pony. Being on the Board is fun as you interact with members from coast to coast, and it will not take as much time as you may think (ok, it's actually easy!). I hope you seriously consider this in the months ahead...we need you! As usual it was great to see your enthusiastic response-especially our young riders-with material for this 2012 Edition of "The Canadian Connemara"...hope you enjoy it!

President's address cont'd

ended, I am delighted that Elsie Priddy has volunteered to take over. It was decided that this newsletter would be the only one mailed out in 2012 - so enjoy! Any news during the year will be put on our web site at www.canadianconnemara.org, so please check this regularly.
Bridget Wingate -President

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

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Updated information on the condition known as Hoof Wall Separation Syndrome & how to donate to UC Davis for this important research can be found at <http://connemara-pony.blogspot.com/>
Thankyou for your support. Penny Huggons
Canadian Representative of the Connemara Pony Research Group.

2012 CCPS AGM September 8th & 9th to be held in conjunction with the Spruce Meadows Masters Tournament and Battle of the Breeds.

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

We are planning inspections in Prairie and Central regions this year if numbers of ponies warrant. Please contact Heather Sherratt elphin@superaje.com if you have ponies ready to be inspected. Alberta inspections will be in conjunction with the AGM.

All purebred and half-bred ponies are illegible 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.