

ACPS Region IV Newsletter - September 2009

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Note from the Chair

Hello fellow regional members,

There is a lot to do in our region over the next few weeks! You should be receiving voting ballots for our regional committee soon, please email your response in a prompt manner. We will need to have the new committee elected prior to our annual meeting which is just a couple of weeks away!

The ACPS Annual Meeting will be held in Akron, Ohio, October 1st-4th. Activities will include the BOG Meeting, as well as committee meetings, a BBQ cookout, presentations about equine genetics and equine metabolic disorders, youth council activities, and the Awards Banquet and Silent Auction. Thom MacLoughlainn, immediate past president of the ICCPS and CPBS, will also be a guest speaker. An inspection will be held on Sunday, the 4th, at the Busta's farm and is open to all who would like to attend. More info can be found on the ACPS website.

We are still collecting items for the Silent Auction, and for our Region IV "Basket". Please contact Pat Reichle at reichlep@earthlink.com if you'd like to make a donation for the Silent Auction. Contact me at fade2greyfarm@yahoo.com if you have items for our regional basket; our theme is SEC Tailgate! We still need items, and I will be collecting them until September 29th.

We are still planning to hold an in-hand and dressage clinic at Donna Duckworth's farm on November 7th. Please contact Donna if you're interested in attending, she has limited space for stabling. This is a great chance to hone your skills for showing your pony in-hand at next year's regional show!

Just for fun, I thought you all would find it of interest that a Connemara half-bred won both the Team & Individual Gold medals at this year's NAJYRC Championships in Kentucky. Galway Blazer is half-bred gelding by *Grange Finn Sparrow and out of a TB mare; he was ridden by owner, Laura Roberts. Amid low scores all day, Blazer came in and scored a 45.7 in dressage to take the lead for the 1* division by more than five points. Only a few rides later, his score was matched by a member of our region, Devon Brown, on her gelding Dynamic Image! You all may remember Devon competing her Purebred gelding, Limerick, by Hideaway's Erin Go Bragh in past years; she now competes "Dan", who is a $\frac{1}{4}$ Connemara, $\frac{1}{4}$ TB and $\frac{1}{2}$ Irish Draught at the Intermediate level. Blazer and Laura had a double clear cross-country round, and only added one rail to their final score of 49.7. Devon and Dan finished 6th! I must also add that another regional member, Claire Robinson, earned the opportunity to groom at the NAJYRC, and provided assistance to two competitors and their horses, including Devon & Dan.

Best Regards from your regional chair,

Megan B Harris

Brambleridge Farm & Fade to Grey Eventing

Region IV of the ACPS is pleased to announce a clinic at Balmullo Farm,
Alachua, FL on November 7, 2009

with dressage trainer

Luke J. McLaughlin

Luke trained for three years in Europe and is now a trainer at Valhalla Trakhener Farm



In the morning, Luke will demonstrate showing a horse on the triangle and then instruct participants in showing the young horse in hand. Balmullo Farm has five ponies to lend for this.

In the afternoon, Luke will show one of the ponies he has trained and give individualized dressage lessons which all are welcome to watch.

Cost: \$30.00 for the In-hand, \$45.00 for the dressage or \$65.00 for both.

Lunch will be included. Very limited stabling is available.

For further information call Donna at 386-462-3725, or e-mail

connemaras@windstream.net

Space is limited. Reservations and payment must be made by Friday, October 30. Send checks to Donna Duckworth, 8602 NW 156 Ave., Alachua, FL, 32615 to reserve a space.

AMERICAN CONNEMARA PONY SOCIETY

REGION IV FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE: CHECKING	\$9,813.71
SAVINGS	0
OTHER	
TOTAL	\$9,813.71
INCOME:	
GROSS RECEIPTS FROM HORSE SHOWS	\$2,607.00
EXHIBITIONS	0
EDUCATION ACTIVITIES & FIELD DAYS	0
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS	0
PROCEEDS FROM REGIONAL STORE SALES	713.00
DONATIONS (show sponsorships)	380.00
INTEREST OR INVESTMENT INCOME	0
MISC. (stallion video)	967.73
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,667.73
EXPENSES:	
HORSE SHOW EXPENSES	\$3,271.60
EXHIBITION EXPENSE	0
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	0
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE	0
NEWSLETTER PRINTING	0
REGIONAL STORE MERCHANDISE PURCHASES	647.63
MISC. EXPENSE (bereavement gift)	112.35
MISC. EXPENSE (election packages)	63.00
MISC. EXPENSE (stallion video)	1,030.30
MISC. EXPENSE (regional chair trip expense)	551.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,676.19
NET INCOME FOR YEAR 2008	(\$1,008.46)
ENDING BALANCE: CHECKING	
SAVINGS	0
OTHER	0

Respectfully Submitted

Stephanie Fenton, Treasurer Region IV

News from the Region

ALABAMA

Randy and Lisa Rease, Rivendell Farm, Altoona

We welcomed a new pony to our farm this summer with the purchase of our first purebred mare, Big Bear's Aura Lee (*Ballinaboy Eamonn x *Coosheen Penny Royal). Aura Lee was bred by Leigh Ellen Roberts at Big Bear Farm in Pine Mountain, GA. Aura Lee is an accomplished riding pony as well as a superb broodmare. While residing in CA she won several Championships in-hand, in addition to the prestigious Cecilia W. Noonan Memorial Trophy which is for the mare with the most points in dressage, performance and breed classes. Although Aura Lee took a hiatus from the show ring to produce a number of foals, she is now back in work as Lisa's riding pony. Maybe they will venture into a show ring near you!



Aura Lee winning Champion Mare in-hand.

Claire and her half-bred gelding, Rivendell's Mr. Bubbles, aka Bubba (*Grange Finn Sparrow x ID mare) have jumped into the world of eventing and love it. Claire and Bubba attended Young Rider's camp this summer, and qualified for the number one spot on the Novice Team for Team Challenge in KY!

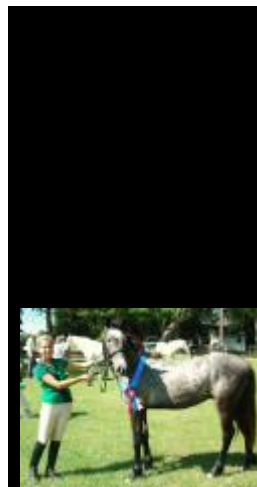
Claire also earned the opportunity to groom at this year's NAYJRC in KY and groomed for fellow Region IV member, Devon Brown, and her mount Dynamic Image (who is $\frac{1}{4}$ Connemara!).



Rivendell's Olive Lucy (Sparrow's Spring Mist X Sonny's Zip Code AQHA) has been sold and moved to to live with USEF, USEA Eventer, Breeder, Trainer, and Author, Mrs. Robin Kelly of Aztec, NM



We had several ponies competing at our region IV shows the past two years. Our Mr. Bubbles took home all blues this year in Hunter, Jumper, and Dressage, while our two year old, Denver's Grand Sparrow, by Aladdin's Denver, was named Grand Champion Half Bred.



Sparrow's Spring (*Grange Finn Sparrow x TB mare) has been confirmed in foal to the I.D. stallion, and Grand Prix jumper, Cradilo for a 2010 foal. Sparrow's Leis' foal, Rivendell's Evinrude (Rudy), by *Glenormiston Cuchulainn has



been weaned, and is looking for a new home.



Our stallion, Rivendell's Jack Sparrow (*Grange Finn Sparrow x Molly), currently in training, will be bred to a couple of TB mares next spring, and is standing to public stud for 2010. Watch for his picture to be featured on thousands of *Select Alfalfa Cube bags* this fall throughout Canada and the U.S. east coast!



FLORIDA

Julie VanderMeer, Ivydell Farm, Fountain

It's About Breathing

I have been attending weekly "Yoga for Riders" sessions, followed by applying the principles learned in the yoga lesson at home, on horseback. It has been very revealing, because as you know, every movement a rider makes, the horse can feel, even something as minor as turning your head to look at something.

One surprising thing I have learned is that when you ride, you are supposed to breathe. Who knew? I guess the poor horses I've victimized over the years knew when I was holding my breath. Our instructor is very focused on opening our hips and chests, which she does by having us assume odd and painful positions. She suggests that when you arrive at X, you should remind yourself to show the judge your armpits. That sounds a little odd, but it really does help open your chest and allow for breathing (you know, that thing I never knew I did).

Since I am only 62, and have only been riding for a little over 50 years, I am hopeful that I will get the hang of this dressage thing. When I was a kid, we didn't have fancy things like saddles or riding lessons. I fell off a lot, and I developed a great sense of balance through my guerilla-riding tactics. Oh, and grip - I could squeeze poor Gypsy until she was gasping for breath. Of course, she gets part of the blame, since she was very spooky and could do GIANT sideways leaps that I can best describe as un-announced teleportation.

I don't particularly enjoy the yoga sessions. The contortions are surprisingly strenuous, and Elodie, our teacher, is cruel and unusual - but I am amazed at what a difference it is making in my "feel". Yesterday morning I went for a trail ride on the vivacious Poppyfield's Tiger Lily, I could tell where her feet were, was able to travel in a straight line, steer with my belly button, and we even walked in an area where she normally prances and dances.



Life is good!

10/22 Julie and Poppyfield's Tiger Lily

Beth Davidson, Black Dog Farm, Plant City

We have weaned the 2009 foals and all went well! Lucy (Loughin's Leighseach) is back to work, completing a hunter pace on September 13, along with Swift Ocoee River (who is hunting again this season with South Creek Foxhounds). Our non-Connemara also did her first pace and was fabulous, the New Forrest Pony Forrest Nymph. Black Dog's Top of the Morning and Black Dog's Annie Get Your Gun were sad to see their mom's go off but have settled in well with their aunties post-weaning. Both girls are offered for sale, below. They are quite the social butterflies!

Black Dog's Flute (Anglo Trakehner) is under saddle now and going well at 3.5 years and now it is time to get Black Dog's River Ghost (Connemara) started. He is 2.5 and while he has been lightly lunged and led while tacked, he is not yet being ridden. I expect he'll be easy to start but finding the time is so hard!

We have a lot for sale right now, to make room for new babies! All horses/ponies are up to date on shots/dental/farrier and all foals born at the farm are lifetime registered with USEF. Can be seen in Plant City, Florida. Videos available. 813-365-0250. Beth Davidson, pcwertb@yahoo.com.

I am also looking for a SMALL pony for my kids to start on. I can offer a wonderful home on 25 acres, great care. Prefer an older pony under 12.2, would love a Connemara cross but most are so much larger! My kids are only 6 and 2 years of age and we could use a small to start!

BDF will host a schooling dressage show for LDA Sep 26.

BDF will host a clinic (jumping or dressage) with Andras Szieberth Oct 10 & 11.

BDF Schooling Dressage Show, with Charlotte Trentelman, S as judge, October 17.

LDA sponsored clinic with Charlotte Trentelman Oct 18 (arena wear permitting...otherwise the clinic moves to Emerald Oaks).

Prize list is posted at <http://blackdogconnemaras.tripod.com>

For questions, you may email me at pcwertb@yahoo.com or at ewertschniq@entrix.com. Hope to see you at one event!

Donna Duckworth, Balmullo Farm, Alachua

Boy, am I tired of mowing!! This summer, the grass has been more than plentiful with the ponies all fat and happy. The yearlings, Balmullo's Wondy Pierre (Balmullo's Liffey Lad X Ruby, a Percheron), Balmullo's Blue Water Bay (CR Roaringwater Bay X Thurman's Irish Peach), Balmullo's Jezebelle (*Windy Isles X Belle Dawn), and Foothills Field Marshall (*Gunsmoke X Foothills Maybee) aka Bruiser all grew like weeds. The two and three year olds have started their formal educations. Balmullo's Dixie Chick (*Gunsmoke X Elphin Chickadee) started her training with Luke McLaughlin and was a star. At just over two years old she walks, trots and canters with never a foot wrong. And three year old Balmullo's Isabelle (Seven Hills Grey Ghost X *Belle Dawn) is getting ready for her first dressage show. Luke, who also trains warmbloods and often shows up with tales of big, bucking, rearing, recalcitrant horses, says, "I LOVE this pony!! She does EVERYTHING I ask her." Balmullo's Uproar (CR Roaringwater Bay X Wildwych Clio) who just turned two in August, is next on Luke's list. Uproar, Dixie, and Blue will be readied for the pony hunter ring, to follow Balmullo's Azalea, showing as Ooh La La, (CR Roaringwater Bay X Courtney's April Frolic) who qualified for the Pony Finals for the third straight year. Isabelle and Bruiser are being groomed for dressage or eventing. Jezebelle, like her Mum, would make great pasture art but hopefully will show some talent for something else. And who knows about Wondy Pierre.....he is the biggest yearling I have ever had! Erin Terra's Morning Star (Balmullo's Gallagher X *Hohnhorst Madeline) recently arrived in Washington State after a LONG trip to live with new owner, Julie Manuele.

Bruiser surprised everybody by becoming a (potential) father at just 14 months old! Balmullo's Miss Emma (Aladdin X Oak Hills Miss Independence), retired from breeding after she developed COPD, had been living with the babies since they were, well, babies, and I didn't worry about her as every time Bruiser approached her she would kick him. But when summer came and I never saw her in heat I had her checked and low and behold, she is to be a mother again. So she is having a bit of a difficult summer but, hopefully, she will be 100% by the Spring when baby Bru is due. The summer in Florida can be very hard on the ponies. Bruiser is, luckily, (or he would have been a gelding long ago) a big-boned, big moving, beautiful bay boy and will make a wonderful breeding stallion. Emma's foal is due in February or March (or April) while *Belle Dawn's (Laerken's Cascade Dawn X Lizabelle [by Loobeen Larry]) foal by the imported Matchmaker (Hazy Match X Ross Castle Moya [by Abbeyleix Owen]) is due on March 1. In July, Balmullo's Liffey Lad (Concord River Roaringwater Bay X Balmullo's Miss Emma [by Aladdin]), ridden by Barbaba Beckford, earned his first eventing ribbon, a blue!! He competed at the Rocking Horse Stables Schooling Horse Trial where he met up with old friend, Balmullo's Mr. Peeps (Concord River Roaringwater Bay X Tullymor's Shandora [by Fieldstream Riley]), owned by Rylee and Rhonda Gailey and ridden by Rhonda. Mr. Peeps came in third. Barbara Beckford also rode her Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Seven Hills Grey Ghost X Ballywhim Candace) aka Buddy. They finished in fifth in their division after clean cross country and stadium rounds.

At the Region III Show in Middleburg, Va., in July, I caught up with many four-footed as well as two-footed friends. Balmullo's Billy Eliot (*Gunsmoke X Balmullo's Veronica) and Balmullo's Katydid (Fieldstream Riley X Tullymor's Ladybugg) along with owners Susan Hearn and Mattison Hearn-Desautels were all their usual exuberant selves. They competed in the popular costume class as Ghengis Kahn-amaras, while Alexandra Duckworth and four-year old daughter, Summer Fraughnaugh, with Chesapeake Bay (CR Roaringwater Bay X TB) were in the costume class as a bride (Summer) and groom (Hambone Duckworth, a Jack Russell Terrier) in their getaway car

(Chesapeake Bay). It would have been wonderful but Hambone would not move even one foot in his tuxedo, so I had to either drag or carry him. I decided on carrying.....It was all great fun and is a show that is highly recommended!



As is our own show!!

Erin Terra's Morning Star

Carolina Mandeville, Callahan

Pony O'Ryan (by Aluinn Bernie O'Brien, out of Big Bear's Molly Brown) won the Open Beginner Novice division at Full Gallop Farm in Aiken, SC Aug 29-30. He finished on his dressage score of 35.3. He was bred by Michelle Taylor of Shreveport, LA, he is owned & ridden by Çaroline Mandeville of Callahan, FL.



GEORGIA

Megan Harris & Nancy Buchanan, Brambleridge Farm, Fayetteville

We've been busily preparing for foxhunting season, and Owen's first recognized event. Megan and Owen won two blues at their most recent outing at Poplar Place, winning the 3' jumper class as well as the Training level dressage division. They also won the Novice jumping derby at Ashland Farm on September 5th; they were the only pair to go clean! They will attend Owen's first recognized event at the end of September.

Sparrow's Tiptoes has returned home from her lease, and will be bred next spring. Megan plans to restart her under saddle (she's had at least five years off) and hopes to trail ride her this fall.

We've heard that Cappy is doing great in his new career, but we will let Kate fill you in on that!

One of our other homebreds, Brambleridge Cinder Ella (*Kilfenora Windy Isles x Wildwych Cricket), now residing with her owner in Massachusetts, passed her ACPS inspection in August, and has also been started under saddle.

That's all we have to report here!



Megan & Owen competing at Poplar Place in August.



Megan & Sparrow's Owen



Sparrow's Tiptoes

Leigh Ellen Ertle, Big Bear Farm, Pine Mountain

As many of you know My passion is to run Enoch Ministries a non-profit program that uses horses to work with individuals in a counseling session. The show grounds is more then we need to do this. So we feel that our time and energy is being split. Therefore we have decided to sell the show facility and dedicate our entire focus on Enoch Ministries. If you would send this to any horse friends, links, or mailers that you have. I would appreciate it. Below is our youtube link if you wish to view the facility.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ9nz-gW7KQ>

God Bless,

Leigh Ellen Ertle
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Kate Denton, Camden

Here's my new boy Brambleridge Capability Brown ("Cappy") out "roading hounds" with the staff of the Camden Hunt. He is even obeying the stop sign at the RR tracks - what a good boy! We'll start cubbing next month and then Opening Meet is Thanksgiving Day. In the other photo he's leading across the "mule pen" water crossing in our hunt country.



Alice Verbrick, Columbia

Alice and Bally Britta completely dominated the tadpole division at Jumping Branch CT on August 22 winning 1st place and scoring a 25 on dressage and a clean round.



TENNESSEE

Sally Eyles-Goldfarb, Tanyderi Farm, Franklin

Margo Goldfarb, 12 yrs old, and her pony Landgate's Bluegrass (aka Tucker) were the high point D rider at the Midsouth Regional Showjumping rally in Lexington, KY, in June. They represented Middle Tennessee Pony Club and brought home a beautiful perpetual trophy. Margo's sister, Maya, was the stable manager and also was the recipient of the perpetual award for the team with the best Horse Management score. The team was greatly helped by Stephanie Baker, C-3, on her halfbred Whiskey Hills Shadow.

Margo and "Tucker" also represented the Midsouth region at the USPC Championships in Lexington, VA, in Tetrathlon. They had a fun summer filled with camps, bareback rides, and good ribbons at the State 4-h show.

Bob Turner, Turning Point Farms, Kingsport and Rogersville

Woodside Farm Connemaras in Kingsport, TN and Turning Point Warmbloods in Rogersville, TN are excited to present their new stallion, Bailey's Irish Dream.

Introductory breeding fee for 2010 is \$450.

Ten percent discount for multiple mares.

Live cover with mare care (\$10 per day).

Please call: 423-235-7280 or 423-612-1741 to book your breeding for 2010.



Bailey's Irish Dream

www.turningpointwb.com

Also, Smokey's Design (by Gunsmoke) placed first in a hunter-jumper show in July. He is an exceptional half-bred who has a promising career who is proving his ability in competitions.

CLASSIFIEDS

Higgy (Big Bear's Royal Finnegan) is a 14.3+ white, 10 y.o. gelding. He has been in professional dressage training for the past six years and has shown successfully in GDCTA and at the USDF Region 3 Championships in Training-- Third level dressage. He consistently scores in the high 60's (and some 70's), and he has won numerous highpoint and championship awards. Higgy qualified me for the USDF Junior Seat Medal Finals in 2006, and he helped me earn my USDF bronze medal this year. He is also a skilled jumper, and has experience in both stadium and cross-country. He has a great work ethic and is SUPER safe. Higgy is a seasoned show-pony, and he would make an ideal mount for a junior/yr or adult amateur looking to move up the levels. For a full description of Higgy (including color photos) please see the ACPS website (his ad title reads "Dressage pony SUPERSTAR!"). He is any easy keeper, no soundness or colic issues, and he has strong "Irish" feet! We are asking \$22,500. Please contact me (Emily Copeland) via email (piaffepony@comcast.net) or cell (404-550-8698) for more information.

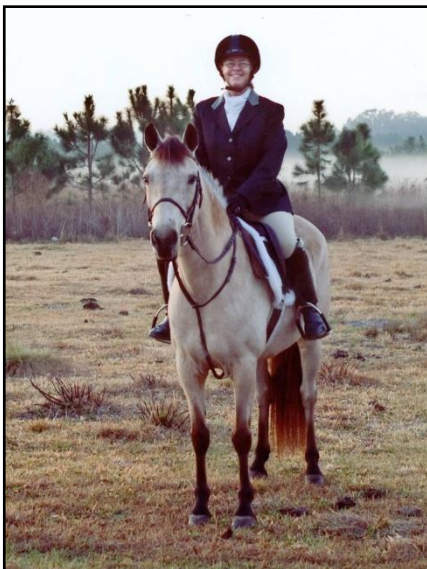
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Sales List for Black Dog Farm (<http://blackdogconnemaras.tripod.com>):

Black Dog's River Ghost (Toby)



Swift Ocoee River X Seven Hill's Grey Ghost, 14.1 hands. 2007 purebred pony, grey, gelding. Wonderful pony with good movement and conformation and a lovely jump. Will excel at most anything. Typical Connemara "can do" attitude, not complicated. Trailers, clips, ties with no fuss. \$3,500.



Swift Ocoee River

Molly Brown X Big Bear's Special Order 1995 14.1 hand Dun purebred pony mare. Inspected and approved. Has a stallion son (Nicholas Mosse) and the above gelding. Hunts first and second flight with South Creek Foxhounds. Wonderful pony for intermediate level and up. Great addition to your broodmare band, proven producer who has Camus John bloodlines and wonderful movement. \$7,500

Black Dog's Flute



Flute is a 2006 Trakehner/TB (Pesty Side X Feuertanzer), 15.3+ bay filly. Started under saddle, jumps well in the free jumping chute but only over a cross rail under saddle. Great mind, lovely work ethic. Athletic good moving mare who would make excellent Connemara crosses. Her full sister is the dam of the foal, Mia, listed below. No vices, travelled extensively off farm, trail rides really well. She would love to be an event horse. Half sister is winning at Novice in Texas, with dressage scores in the mid twenties. \$8,500

Black Dog's Top of the Morning and Black Dog's Annie Get Your Gun



Annie (Annie's Get Your Gun) is a 2009 bay weanling purebred Connemara filly. She is out of Loughin's Leighseach, inspected and approved mare, by WH Top Gun. Wonderful movement, great topline. Very balanced pony with three excellent gaits. A wonderful addition to a broodmare band her conformation is the best I've seen. Will be a competitive athlete. \$4,000.

Mia (Top of the Morning) is a 2009 weanling dun filly, Connemara X Anglo Trakehner. Dam is Black Dog's Fiorella, 2006 Yearling Zone 4 Hunter Breeding 5th Place. Sire is WH Top Gun. Close relative is cleaning up in TX eventing. Mature 15.2 – 16 hands. Awesome mover and Connemara personality! \$3,500.

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Not a Connemara ☹ - but he's really nice and I really need to sell him. Sizzling Cinder is a QH/Arabian cross, 15.0 hands, 14 years old. Beautiful mover, failsafe jumper, perfect ground manners and totally sound. The problem? - he doesn't like fox-hunting! See his video on Equine.com (search under South Carolina/Quarter Horse cross/eventing). Asking \$8,500 but very negotiable to a good home (perfect for a Pony Clubber). Contact Kate Denton in Camden, SC (803) 432-9850 or billandkate@truvista.net

