

## ACPS Region IV Newsletter – June 2010 – Addendum

*(Note: Due to the incompetence of the newsletter editor (me) several items were unintentionally omitted from the June newsletter – they are shown below)*

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What a great time we had the first weekend in June! The rains held off and we had wonderful weather and an excellent turn-out. Many thanks to all that came to share the fellowship and camaraderie of the ACPS Region IV. Carole Moss did a wonderful job planning and organizing the show. Stephanie Fenton-Hickey showed up without ponies to offer "help and hospitality" which she provided in abundance. The Rease family was there in force to set up and take down the jump course, which Megan Buchanan-Harris designed. Nancy Buchanan manned the Region IV store and kept the inspections on track. Kate Denton arranged for the fabulous gifts and refreshments. Our In-hand and Performance Judge, Jill McNicol was friendly and knowledgeable. Rose Prince, our Dressage Judge, was flexible and encouraging. Rachel Blalock stepped up to fill a last-minute void by scribing all afternoon on Saturday and recording the meeting minutes on Saturday night. The minutes are printed in this newsletter and will be posted on the ACPS Region IV webpage).

We also appreciate the participation and enthusiasm of the Dartmoor and the other Mountain and Mooreland ponies. It is always a treat to include them in our show. The Region IV meeting was held at Ryans and was well-attended.

Many thanks to EVERYONE for your help, support and participation!!

I'm in a rush to leave town for work for the next couple weeks, and will be spending the next 2 weekends at other Connemara shows (Mid-West and Region III), so have just a few short notes/reminders below:

Here are the results of the survey (that went out in the last Region IV Newsletter):

- 3% of the ACPS members from Georgia responded; 16% from Alabama; 20% from Tennessee; 25% from Florida and 29% from South Carolina; in total, 12 members took the time to complete and return the survey. THANK YOU!
- Everyone responding was an ACPS members, with 1-2 members per household
- The average number of horses owned is 6 (ranging from 1 - 13)
- 22% of their horses are in competition
- Interest in equine activities was expressed as follows:  
The most popular equine activities were dressage and trail riding (at 22% each), followed by eventing (16%); hunter pace/pleasure/hunters/jumpers/foxhunting and driving were equally popular with 6%. Other less popular activities were 4H and lessons.

- On average, respondents plan to attend 5 shows this year.
- Show attendance is expected as follows: 32% ACPS shows, 18% horse trials, 14% hunter-/jumpers shows, 9% (each) dressage/jumpers/driving, 5% CDE and other
- 69% of the shows attended in 2010 will be unrated/schooling shows. The other 31% will be a combination of schooling and recognized shows.
- 67% of the respondents have only 1 rider/driver per household
- Only 1 household (8%) reported having a youth (under 18) rider.
- The average number of purebred Connemaras owned is 3 (ranging from 0 - 12)
- The average number of halfbreds Connemaras owned is 1 (ranging from 0 - 2)
- 25% of the horses owned are Connemara geldings
- 18 broodmares are owned by the 12 members responding
- 3 people are expecting 1 foal each in 2010
- 25% plan to breed in 2010, 25% are considering breeding and 50% will not be breeding in 2010
- Only 2 respondents have young stock (2 yrs old or younger).
- 2 survey respondents own 1 stallion each (for a stallion to mare ratio of 1:9)
- 67% plan to attend the ACPS Annual Meeting in Atlanta (17% responded with "maybe")
- 75% are, or would like to, assist with Regional Activities with the following comments: not now because of living conflicts, not sure; yes, but everything is too far away; will fill-in as necessary; not sure how to "jump in"; already am
- Suggestions for the Region include: Would love to see a Connemara event team formed; Build a Region 4 Facebook page (which has been done); advertise on Facebook

Don't forget about the "Ride to the WEG" fundraiser (see the ACPS website for details) and visit the Connemara Booth and Demonstrations if you plan to attend.

World Equestrian Games Sept 25 to October 10, 2010 at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington KY. Contact Susan McConnell, 434-242-7778 or Sally Oxnard, 603-772-6265

I hope to see you all in October at the ACPS Annual Meeting (10/21-24) at the Alpharetta Marriott 5750 Winward Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30005. Rooms have been blocked for the ACPS at a special rate. You contact either me or Megan if you are interested in helping with the Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity for folks in this region to learn about the national society, get involved, or just enjoy.

Keep Cool! Vanessa Morgan

NOTE FROM FOOTHILLS FARMS AND PIEDMONT CONNEMARAS:  
I just want to thank Carla Jimmerson



for showing Dreamcatcher's Fyrestorme,

Megan Buchanan-Harris



for showing Corner Oak Celtic Star,

and Luke McLaughlin



for showing Balmullo's Catfish, and Rachel Blalock and Carole Moss for all their help at the show!! I had a wonderful time and it was so good to see everybody. Vanessa Morgan

**More show photos:**



**Sparrows Owen**



**Oakfields Hazel Sparrow**



**Janelle**



**Carraway Charlotte**



Driving

## News from the Region

### Norman and Shannon Tison, Woodville, Mississippi

I know that you don't hear from us however both Shannon (my wife) and I enjoy receiving the newsletter.

We do not currently have anything newsworthy so don't send anything in for the newsletter.

Both of our two Connemaras are 4 and just getting started so no results to post. Also, we live in the extreme south western part of Mississippi in a very little town - Woodville so are not at all close to Region IV activities. We are just barely within the borders of Region IV. Accordingly, you are unlikely to see us at most Region IV sponsored activities.

I'm 53, haven't ridden in years and am busy trying to get two 4 yr olds going under saddle. The fillies/mares are good, but it's a challenge after work each evening. I am having a blast with them, though the heat does take some of the shine off of it!!!

So please keep sending the newsletter and please do not take our lack of news contribution to be a lack of interest.

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FOR SALE: Balmullo's Catfish (Seven Hills Grey Ghost x Tullymor's Shandora)  
4 yr old, 14h, bay purebred Connemara gelding  
Lovely pony hunter, dressage or driving prospect. Nice mover; good conformation;  
kind, sensible temperament. Has been professionally trained.



Catfish

FOR SALE: Foothills Canterberry - (\*Gun Smoke x Corner Oak Celtic Star)  
2 yr old bay purebred Connemara pony, gelding, very friendly, easy-going  
temperament; should mature around 14 hands.



Berry

FOR LEASE: Foothills Caroline (\*Gun Smoke x Foothills River Queen)

3 yr old bay purebred Connemara large pony mare

Beautiful, show quality; lovely mover. Has been long-lined and backed; easy to train



Caroline