

ACPS Region IV Newsletter – December 2007

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Notes from the Chair

2008 Region IV show. It looks like our annual show will be held at Pine Top Farm in Thomson, Georgia. Probable date is May 30-June 1. Pine Top is a fabulous venue located just off I-20 between Atlanta and Aiken, SC. Pine Top does not have an indoor area, but they do have a large warm-up for show jumping, a show jumping ring, three dressage rings and a small dressage warm-up area. They have plenty of stabling and of course a FABULOUS cross-country course to play on. The board has discussed using the cross-country course in some way. While it's not feasible to hold a "cross-country" class (it would cost extra to have the jumps arranged, flags put up, etc, and require many jump judges), offering a clinic on Sunday a.m. is a possibility. I'd be glad to bring in an event rider to teach and each rider could pay the clinician and the schooling fee to Pine Top.

2008 ACPS Inspections. Planning for 2008 ACPS Inspections is underway in Region IV. In order to have an inspection held in our Region we need to have at least 10 ponies nominated. Please email me as soon as possible, if you are interested in nominating a pony for inspection in 2008. We need to get a count before the January ACPS meeting which is two (2) weeks away. Donna Duckworth has two ponies that could be inspected.....everyone else, if you even think you MIGHT want an inspection, send in your name. It is very fluid at this point and you would not be obligated to anything.

Our fall season has gotten off to a busy start. While the ponies have been growing their winter woolies, we've been preparing for the beginning of the hunt season. The foxhunting opener for Bear Creek Hounds was on November 10th; we were blessed with beautiful weather, a bit too warm for an ideal hunt, but lovely nonetheless. I had a wonderful ride on a client's QH, but I couldn't help imagining my ride on one of my Connemaras. I currently have two half-breds and a purebred in training, so I hope to have one or more of them hound walking, or hunting, by the end of the season.

Update on the Stallion Video Showcase:

We have 15 entries that have sent in everything necessary to participate.

There are 4 entries that are either in the mail or are to be sent this weekend.

There are 3 entries that have sent videos but I am still missing checks.

We should absolutely have 19 Stallions/Farms showcased. We will possibly have somewhere between 19 and 22. Cross your fingers that a few more will trickle in! The ones I've received so far have been great.



(headed out to hunt!)

On a heavier note, there is a story I would like to share with you all. There was a tragedy this past week at the barn I boarded at in college. A young woman, whom I knew as one of the trainers at the facility, was killed on November 13th in a riding accident. She was schooling a young horse for a client, and for unknown reasons, the horse lost its balance and they both fell to the ground. Kristen Webber was only 22, and was engaged to be married on December 10th, 2007. Unfortunately she was riding without a helmet, as was her regular habit. Upon hearing of her death, one woman's first comment was, "I never saw her wear a helmet, I hope she was wearing one". She was not, and the EMT that reported to the scene, said had she had her helmet on, she would be alive today. Once again, we must always, faithfully put on our helmets before mounting. If you have had a fall, or if your helmet is more than three years old, replace it. Some of the most highly recommended helmets are the Charles Owen brand. They have the latest technology, with the brain-stem protection. Although a bit pricey, you can't really put a price on your brain. Please be sure your helmet fits properly, and wear it every time you ride!

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Holiday season!

Megan Buchanan Harris

General News and Items

We would like to be more timely with our Regional newsletter and are trying to increase the frequency to quarterly (from semi-annually). Content depends on you! Please send all news and classified ads to Kate Denton at billandkate@truvista.net.

Thank you so much, Kate Denton, Newsletter Editor

News From The Region

Florida

Nancy Kilcrease, Reddick, FL

Thank you for sending the Region IV banner. The expo went great! There were over 15,000 tickets sold to the expo and we got tons of exposure. I'm looking forward to doing it again next year. Hopefully more farms will join us in representing the Connemara. The breed parade was great and the announcer was from Ireland and did a fantastic job describing the Connemara. (I think his heart was really in it) The banner is on its way back to you. Please let me know when you receive it.

Julie Vandermeer, Ivydell Farm, Fountain, FL

I would like to share some happy news: The filly formerly known as Ivydell Lilac (Corner Oaks Reveille X Big Bear's Lily) has a new home and a new name. She is now Ivydell Macey, and belongs to Jeri Geary of Canton, Georgia. Macey will be four in 2008, and will get lots of education and attention in her new home. She had never been off the farm before, so it's a great adventure for her. Foothills Rocky River has come to live with us at Ivydell. He is an attractive bay gelding, easy-going and curious. He is adjusting well to our laid-back routine, and seems to enjoy living with goats and mean mares.

Jennifer Scarpino, Ocean Mist Farm, Mims, FL

We are pleased to have had two healthy foals this year. A purebred colt out of Hillside Virginia Brown by *Kilfenora Windy Isles and a Hanoverian/Connemara cross filly out of Hideaway's Dream Girl by Hanoverian stallion, Rubino Bellissimo. Both are offered for sale. Hideaway's Dream Girl will be bred back to Rubino in 2008.

Dressage training continues for Tullymor's Victoria's Shadow and is progressing well. Shadow is also ridden by our 8 year old daughter Nikki.



Nikki riding Shadow

Karen Joyal, Spring Hill, FL

I just recently purchased my first Connemara from Jim and Nancy Kilcrease at Elderglen Farm. I have been wanting a Connemara for nearly 20 years. She is such a doll and a true pleasure to work with. I have one "seasoned" horse and Lilly behaves much better than that 13 yr old mare. We are taking walks off the property and she goes along like she has done it all her life. She treks past cows, loud dogs and farm equipment with just a look and nothing else. I have attached photos of her in her new home. She is by Ballencrieff's Brogan x Hideaway's Zwenski. I plan to take her to a small schooling show this year just for time out and about. She is an absolute dream pony and I expect her to be a breeze to train to ride.



Georgia

Carla Jimmerson, Valley Creek Farm, Alpharetta, GA

I have had a busy year with many pony activities and moving in to our new home at Valley Creek Farm. Valley Creek Carlin LeBeau is now 2 1/2 years old and we have been doing ground work to prepare him for under saddle work coming up this next spring. I have had the privilege of having Ed Dabney come to our farm on a monthly basis and teach lessons and work with me and Carlin. Ed is a professional cowboy who specializes in colt starting and gentle horsemanship. We did a riding retreat in Hayesville N.C. this past August and we had three Connemara Ponies attend. Patrick LeBeau, his first baby Keiran and his wife and stall mate Cathleen. I have taken an interest in eventing so I have attended a couple of clinics which have been a blast. Beau's first clinic was in Athens, Ga. with an Irishman named Aidan O'Connell which was great. Beau and I rode with horses twice his size and were much more advanced in their jumping skills but Beau proved he could jump just the same and even better in some situations. He loved the cross country course and once he understood he soared with confidence. The next clinic was in Newnan Ga. at Poplar Place with Olympian Imtiaz Aneese. Beau has also won both combined training shows that he did this year which was lots of fun. We hope to do more of this as we continue to advance up the levels in Dressage which is still my love. Beau is working on his flying lead changes and competed in 2nd level early this spring.

My mare Cathleen had an exciting year learning to go out in a field and jump and she absolutely loves it!

She has mainly been used at my farm as a lesson horse or has been leased. With much mixed emotions I have her for sale only to the right home. She is very close to our hearts and is loaded with love and personality. She is very talented and willing to work. We just don't need three ponies so if the right person comes along I would be willing to sell her. If anyone is interested in having a clinic with Ed Dabney I would be happy to host the clinic at my farm. Please go to his website EDdabney.com and read about his work. He is great with starting colts but also has a background in Classical riding and does wonderful seat lessons. I have learned so much from him this year and would highly recommend him for the beginner or advanced rider.

(Note: Carla also sent two great photos which I was unable to copy here – sorry, I'm just not very skilled with this new Windows Vista format. Photos are best sent as jpg attachments)

Rai Pullin, Castlewood Farm, Eatonton, GA

Caraway Charlotte(Maplehurst Micheal MacDaire x *Wensum Plum) is in foal to Wildwych Eclipse and is due at the end of march. This will be Lottie's first foal and we are very excited! Lottie is enjoying some time off after a busy show season in 2006.

Sweetgum Belle Rose(Balius Drumcolligan x Tullymor's Tully Rose) has recently been started under saddle and is doing very well out on the trails. She just started a bit of ring work and LOVES jumping! She will hopefully make her show debut in the spring.

Wildwych Clio(Castle Baron x *Glenormisten Amelia) is on loan to Donna Duckworth and just had a bay filly by Concord River Roaringwater Bay. Clio will stay with Donna for one more breeding season and then come home to Castlewood Farm. My four year old daughter misses Clio dearly and anxiously awaits her return.

I will attach a couple of pictures - the grey is Lottie and the dun is Belle Rose. My daughter, Hazel Ann, is pictured with both.





South Carolina

Deanna Whitfield, Aiken, SC

I have leased my *Kingstown Joe 6yr old gelding "Dillon", to Sarah Beth Hood of Covington, GA. She is a 10yr old Pony Clubber and from the pictures I am sent weekly by her Mom, they are having a great time together. They recently won the Championship ribbon for a series of Dressage Shows and Sarah Beth is now saying that she is finding Dressage fun! She has taken him on a Mock Hunt where he behaved perfectly for her. I am so pleased with their progress together and hope to send him on to my granddaughter who is learning to ride, in OR within a year. Connemaras are the perfect children's pony!

Tennessee

Vanessa Morgan, Foothills Farm, Athens, TN

On November 8th, we were blessed with a beautiful buckskin filly by *Gun Smoke out of a 15.2h Thoroughbred. We're calling her Piedmont Fay and I could not be more pleased.

Outside the Region

Anne Moe from Marriottsville, MD, in Region III writes: "Check out the September/October issue of *The Paisley Pony!* Connemaras abound! Not only are there featured articles on the Upperville, Warrenton, Region III, and Columbine shows—with photos—but Ballywhim Ardan Mor and Micaela Mabragana are featured in the dressage section; there is an article on the Canadian Connemara Pony Society; "Pony Brags" about Caraway's Piper and Tricreek Greystone Marimac; and the first of a series of columns by Lendon Gray, owner of Ballywhim Ardan Mor.

Cal West at *The Paisley Pony* just wrote me: "I just wrapped up a long but very interesting weekend at Equine Affaire. I was able to spend some time with several Region I and II people, and was actually given the opportunity to speak for a few minutes at the Region I meeting that took place there.

"Yes, we do send to tack shops for free distribution. We try to qualify them to the extent that they have a reasonable pony-owner clientele. I know in MD we send them to Maryland Saddlery. We're always looking for new distribution points that would be a good fit for us—let me know of any in your area.

"Our circulation is approaching 7,000, and we certainly do offer subscriptions. Subscribing is the best way to assure that readers get to see every issue -- our \$15 price just barely covers our postage for the 6 issues. We're working on our Nov/Dec year-end issue now, and then will move immediately to our Jan/Feb main stallion issue. I appreciate your support, and will be glad to work with you however I can to promote Connemaras and Connemara breeders to our readership."

I wanted to get this news to you before the copies run out. You can contact Cal at paisleyponymag@comcast.net.

Also, reprinted with the kind permission of our neighboring Region III members (from their newsletter):

Websites to Check Out

A new website has been developed to provide a starting point for finding a transporter to ship your valuable ponies. This site, www.horsetransporters.com, identifies all transporters and their license numbers or lack thereof. The information on the site is public information and there is no charge for this service to the horse owner. While recommendations from other horse owners is still probably the best bet, this site provides a range of possibilities. British show jumping legend David Broome launched the Connemara Performance Pony Association (CPPA) in Ireland last spring. The CPPA is hoping to raise the profile of the Connemara as a riding pony. For details see www.connemaraperformancepony.com.

And from Pat Norton-White, the ACPS Internet Committee Chair: The American Connemara Pony Society is looking to create a photo bank of Connemara pony photos to use throughout the ACPS website (www.acps.org). If anyone has photos of Connemara ponies that they are willing to share, please send them to Karen Fildes, the ACPS webmaster. Her e-mail address is webmaster@acps.org. We are looking for a variety of photos—youngsters, older ponies, mares, geldings, stallions, performance, at pasture, etc.

Have you seen the new book out about **Little Squire**, the fabulous half-Connemara jumping pony of the 30s? Check out Amazon:

http://www.amazon.com/Little-Squire-Jumping-Horse-Stories/dp/0887767702/ref=sr_1_2/002-7109580-0972055?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1173031358&sr=1-2

A friend of Anne Moe and the Brescias, Susan Payne, has a young TB/Irish Draught mare who has had undiagnosable problems ever since she has been under saddle. At least three of the best diagnosticians we know in Virginia have not been able to pinpoint the problem or help the mare. She took the mare to Judith Shoemaker in Pennsylvania and said it was the most amazing experience she ever had. Check out <http://www.judithshoemaker.com/index.htm> or <http://www.pineknollfarm.net/jmsbio.htm>.

Cal from *The Paisley Pony* has included the results of our inaugural USEF-sanctioned classes at Warrenton, Upperville and Columbine in the latest issue and is interested in continuing news from Connemara owners. He says, "We're glad to take "Pony Brags" from your members, too—these are always free and not contingent upon advertising, although we're naturally interested in promoting Connemara stallions and sale ponies whenever possible. Cal's email is paisleyponymag@comcast.net."

Classified Ads

Ocean Mist Charlie Brown

***Kilfenora Windy Isles x Hillside Virginia Brown (ACPS inspected and approved)**

Purebred grey (born bay) Connemara colt with wonderful Irish and American bloodlines, grandson of the late *Bobby Brown. Nice topline, pony head, cute mover and an A+++



temperament and personality. Charlie is as bright, bold and confident as they come. He is well handled, and already a pro with grooming, trimming, clipping, hosing and bathing. I expect Charlie to be an excellent child's pony prospect. Sire can be seen at [Top of the Ridge Farm](#). Charlie is expected to mature to large pony. DVD available on request. Pictures at www.omfconnemaras.com. Priced to move quickly, pregelding. \$2,500.

“Rubi’s Dream”, Rubino Bellissimo x Hideaway’s Dream Girl (ACPS inspected and approved)

Elegant bay Hanoverian/Connemara cross filly. Rubi has it all, size, beauty, conformation, movement, brains, femininity and impeccable manners. Whether you are looking for a top notch performance prospect or addition to a sport horse breeding program, Rubi fits the bill. Her sire, [Rubino Bellissimo](#), is the first German Hanoverian Verband and AHS approved son by the great Rubinstein I in the US. He is currently competing Grand Prix level dressage, and a USET Developing Team Member. Her dam, bred by [Hideaway Farm](#), exudes quality and sports outstanding performance bloodlines, top and bottom. Rubi is well handled and comfortable with grooming, clipping, trimming, hosing and bathing. Registered with ACPS and Certificate of Pedigree with the American Hanoverian Society. Rubi is expected to mature around 16 hands. DVD available upon request. Pictures at www.omfconnemaras.com. \$8,000.

Contact Jennifer Scarpino, Ocean Mist Farm, Mims, FL (321)269-0227



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A very nice mare for sale. Cathleen is 9 and would be such an awesome event pony for an advanced or intermediate adult or teen. She is 14.2 hands, bay, and has done a little bit of everything from hunter, combined training, dressage, trail and just recently was introduced to eventing. I use her for lessons and half lease her to students that need a horse sometimes. I love her and am very attached to her and do not have the heart to really advertise her. I am scared she will get in the wrong hands. She is very talented and smart but could be misunderstood if she is not in the right hands. I have her 2 year old colt who is awesome and looks just like her. I told my husband I would just have two ponies and the idea was to sell the baby but he turned out way too nice to sell. If I could talk my husband into keeping her I would do it but he isn't budging on my promise to have just two. I have the sire as well which is my dressage pony. If you know of someone looking I am asking \$13,000 for her. She is worth every penny and is very impressive.

Contact Carla Jimmerson, Valley Creek Farm, Milton, GA (770) 346-8701 or carlajimmerson@hotmail.com

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Name:	*Patrick Owen
Age:	18
Size:	15.1
Sire:	Seafield Silver Rogue
Dam:	Carrafinla, by Abbeyleix Owen
Price:	\$3500
Brief Description:	The all-purpose Connemara!
More Details:	Paddy is sound, healthy and ready to be your partner on trails, over fences, or

in the Dressage ring. Honest and bold jumper, with a sweet and loving disposition. Perfect for the Pony Clubber, D3 and up, or for the adult that wants to go hacking in the woods or school in the arena.

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