

ACPS Region IV Newsletter – March 2008

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Notes from the Chair

2008 Inspections: Our regional inspections are going to be held the weekend of April 25th-27th at Kelly Windus' farm, Dark Horse Station, and at Ft Rucker Equestrian Facility. All the ponies that are hauling in, will be inspected where they're stabled, at Ft Rucker. Six additional ponies will be inspected at Kelly's farm. We have 17 (!) ponies signed up, including 4 (!) stallions! Inspections will start at Kelly's in the morning, we will have lunch there, and then move over to Ft Rucker. Lunch is \$5 and we will have cold cuts for sandwiches, potato salad, chips, cookies, drinks etc. Please RSVP with Kelly. We will hold a regional spring meeting Saturday night at the local Mexican restaurant. This is a great opportunity to meet new people in your region and to see a LOT of ponies! Guests are welcome! (see more information below)

2008 Region IV Show: Our regional show will be held at Pine Top Farm in Thomson, GA, on Saturday May 31st. We will be holding Purebred, Half-bred, and Open classes. The Wilsons, who own the farm, have offered the "party barn" for dinner, so we are currently making plans to either grill out or have something like BBQ catered. It will be fun for all! We will hold a summer meeting Saturday night after dinner. The Wilsons have also offered to allow us to trail ride out on their huge farm (no charge) and cross-country schooling is just \$40.

We need volunteers for the show. I have several people signed up for jump crew on Friday, but more help is welcome! We will also need help disassembling the fences after the show on Saturday. We will also need a "judge" for the baby obedience class, and someone to man the loud speaker. We are also in need of a show secretary, so if you or someone you know is up for the job let me know!

Stallion Video: If you haven't already heard, the video is out! There are 21 stallions & farms featured, as well as a lovely intro to the breed. It is a smash hit, so order yours now! The total cost is \$23.49, including shipping. Send your check or money order, made to ACPS Region IV, to me at 199 Old Highway 85, Fayetteville, GA 30215.

Megan B Harris
Brambleridge Farm
ACPS Region IV Chair

Region IV Inspections

It is getting closer to our Region IV inspections (April 26th). For those of you who are already signed up to participate, I'm looking forward to seeing you and your ponies. I appreciate your support that has enabled us to make this site possible. Thank You! For those not planning on presenting a pony this time

around please know that you are most welcome to attend. Inspections will be held here, at Dark Horse Station, and at nearby Fort Rucker Equestrian Center. In between we will be lunching Saturday at my farm (lunch will be deli style sandwiches/wraps and will be \$5.00 per person). Saturday evening we will be gathering dutch treat at a local restaurant for a Spring meeting. There are some very nice ponies lined up that will be trailering in from all over the South East and this is a good chance to get to see them in one location. If you are coming and plan to attend either or both lunch and dinner please take the time to contact me, Kelly Windus at darkhorsestation@centurytel.net to RSVP.

***For those who wish to go to the inspections site at Fort Rucker you MUST have your current vehicle registration papers and proof of auto insurance. They will stop you at the gate to check these and give you a visitor's pass to enter post.

Inspections participants:

Please be sure that you have all the necessary paperwork in to Marynell. This includes all of the following:

- ☑ **the completed nomination form for each pony being presented with inspections fees**
- ☑ **a copy of your pony's registration certificate,**
- ☑ **a current copy of your pony's Coggins report**
- ☑ **a front and side photo of your pony**

Be sure to bring with you on inspections day:

- ☑ **the completed, signed veterinarian form , including a measurement, performed by the vet and signed in the right upper corner of the form.**

(If you do this within the month before you come to inspection, you won't have a separate vet call for the health cert to travel between states.)

- ☑ **the original Coggins form, (necessary for travel)**
- ☑ **the pony's original registration certificate. Approved ponies have a seal affixed to their certificate after inspection.**
- ☑ **To enter Fort Rucker you MUST have your current vehicle and trailer registration forms as well as proof of auto insurance.**

Overnight Stabling Information:

For those who will be stabling their ponies overnight at Fort Rucker please e-mail Kelly darkhorsestation@centurytel.net for more information on the facility requirements and what is available. I will need your tentative arrival time and date to give a heads up to the Equestrian Center.

Saturday Evening Region IV Meeting: 7:30 ish dinner at El Palacio's Mexican Restaurant in Ozark (just south of KFC, and Taco Bell and just north of Wal-Mart) on the west side of HWY 231

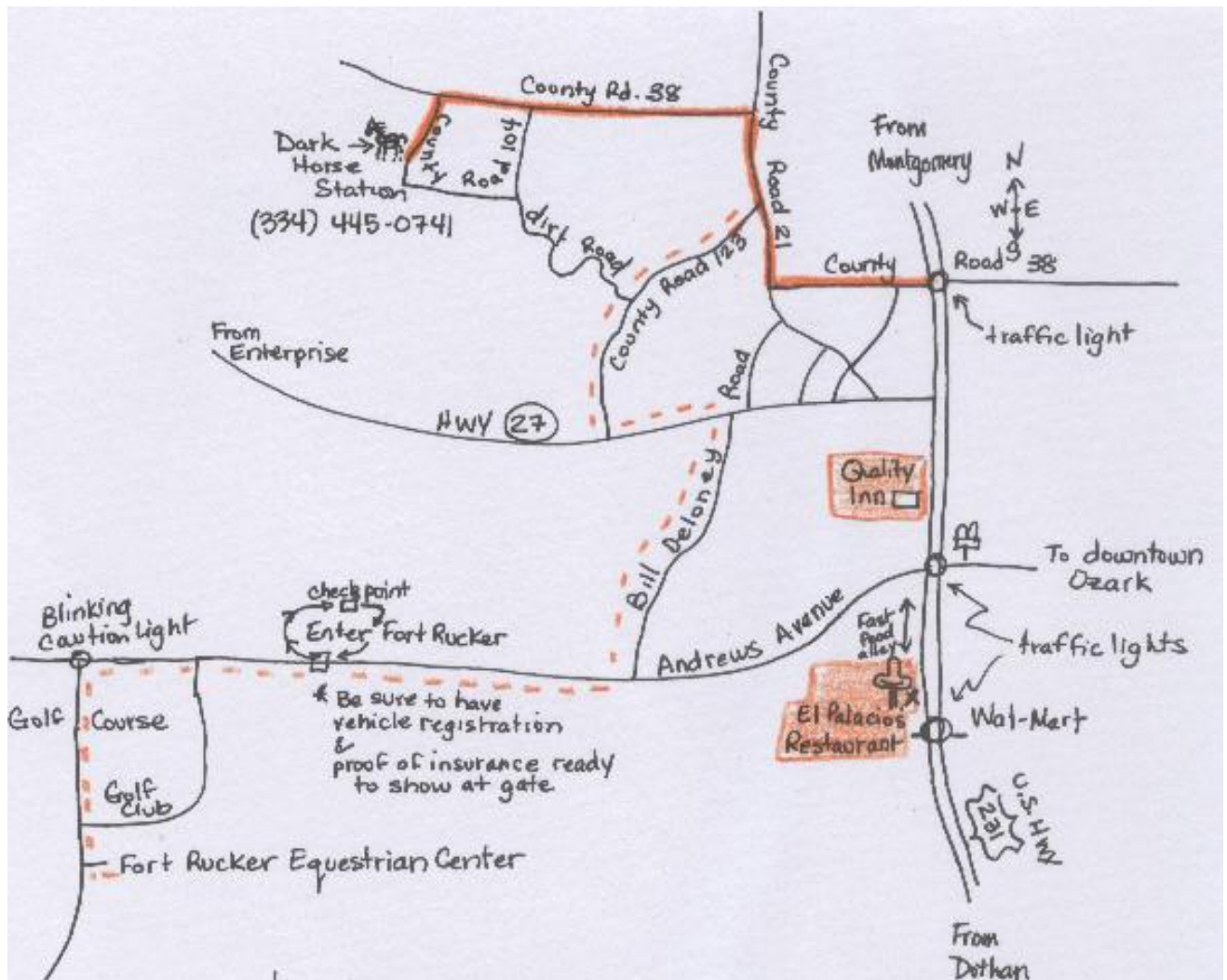
Hotel Accommodations:

Quality Inn, Ozark toll free: (800) 733-5916 local: (334) 774-7300

I've inquired about a group discount availability – please mention you are with the American Connemara Pony Society when making your reservations.

Maps and directions:

The solid orange line gives directions to Dark Horse Station with a dotted orange line showing directions from my farm to and from Fort Rucker (approx. 25 minute ride).



Tentative Schedule:

Saturday morning – inspections at Dark Horse Station; all are invited to attend.

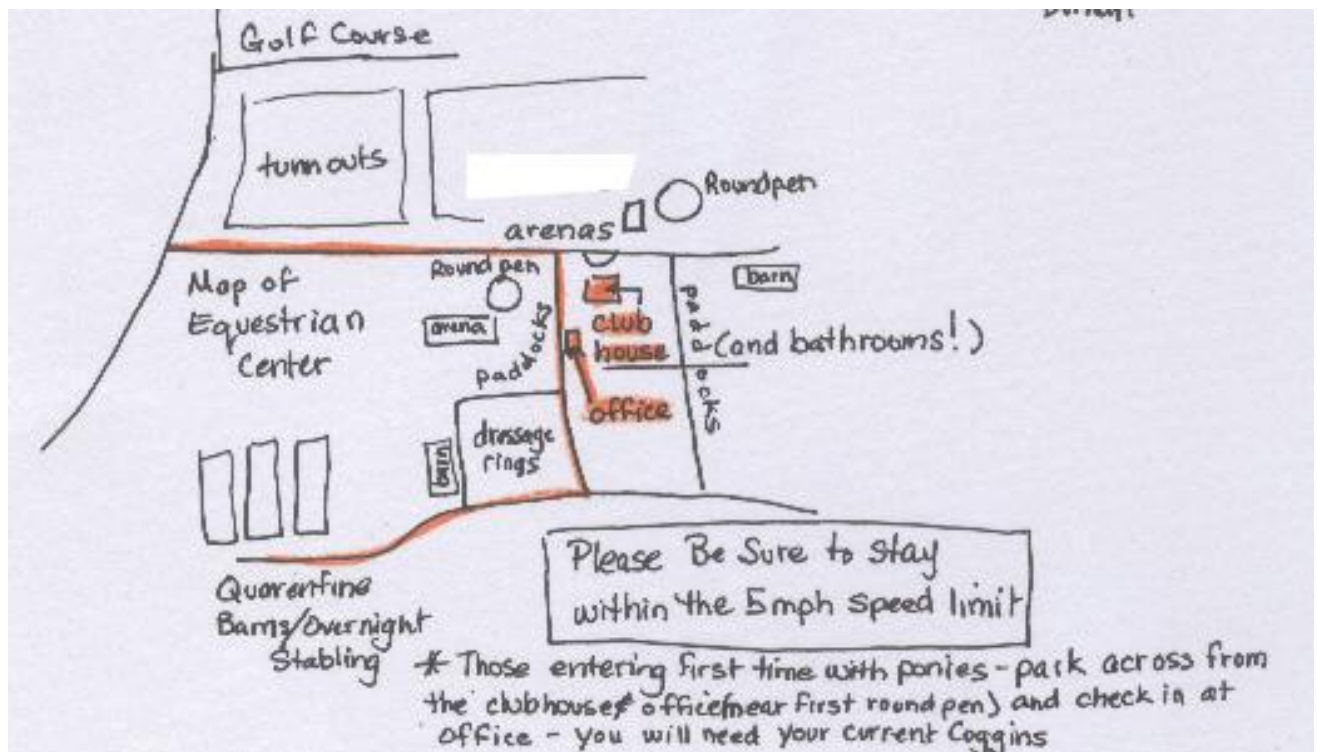
11:00 ~12:00 grab lunch

Saturday afternoon – inspections at Fort Rucker

7:30ish Dinner & Region IV Meeting at El Palacio's Restaurant in Ozark

(Please note this is a rough schedule)

Fort Rucker Equestrian Center:



Region IV Connemara Show

Here's the tentative class list for our Region IV show on May 31st at Pine Top Farm in Thomson, GA.



Region 4 Show

May 31, 2008

Judges: Marynell Eyles

Mary Lewis (Dressage)

In-hand

1. Purebred Connemara Yearlings & Under
2. Purebred Connemara 2 & 3 year old
3. Purebred Connemara Mares 4 & older
4. Purebred Connemara Gelding Stakes
5. Purebred Connemara Stallions
6. Region IV Purebred Connemara Champion & Reserve
(open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 1-5)

7. Halfbred Connemara 2 y/o & under
8. Halfbred Connemara 3 y/o & older
9. Halfbred Connemara Champion & Reserve
(open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 7-8)

10. Open Mares
11. Open Geldings
12. Open Ponies (under 14 ½ hds)
13. Mountain & Moorland Class
(open to British Native Pony Breeds)

14. Open Championship

(open to 1st & 2nd place winners in classes 22-25)

15. Get-of-Sire & Produce-of-Dam
(open to Purebred and Halfbred Connemaras)

Performance

16. Baby Obedience
(ponies 2 y/o & under, in-hand)
17. Lead-line
18. Walk Junior (rider under age 18)
19. Walk Senior (rider 18 or older)
20. Walk/Trot Junior (rider under age 18)
21. Walk/Trot Senior (rider 18 or older)
22. Walk/Trot Jack Benny (rider 39 or older)
23. Purebred Connemara U/S
24. Purebred Connemara Equitation U/S
25. Halfbred Connemara U/S
26. Halfbred Connemara Equitation U/S
27. Purebred Connemara O/F 2'
28. Halfbred Connemara O/F 2'
29. Open Hunter U/S
30. Open Hunter Equitation U/S
31. Open Cross Rails (once around)
32. Open Hunters O/F 2'
33. Open Hunters O/F 2'6"

High Point Connemara (1,2,3,4,5,15,23,24,27)

High Point Halfbred Connemara (7,8,15,25,26,28)

High Point Open (10,11,12,29,30,31,32,33)

Dressage

34. 2007 USDF Intro Test A
35. 2007 USDF Intro Test B
36. 2007 USDF Training Test 1 or 2
37. 2007 USDF Training Test 3 or 4
38. Pony Dressage, 2006 USEA Test of Choice
(14.2 hds & under)
39. 2007 Test of Choice – 1st Level & above

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.

News from the Region

Alabama

Welcome to our new members the Rease's who reside in AL - Randy, Lisa and daughter, Claire. They have five half-breds, and are expecting two foals this year. Lisa gave me us this email, mary_rease@ecboe.org, as their contact.

Paul and Kelly Windus, Dark Horse Station, Ozark

We have a new filly here: Dark Horse Misteria! She was born Feb. 13 and is out of our mare Big Bear's Morning Mist and by our stallion *Glenormiston Cuchulainn. Misteria is Cuchulainn's fifth filly. We are very happy to welcome her especially after losing one earlier in January.

Our mare Dark Horse Semper Fi went in to premature labor, apparently the umbilical cord was knotted and the foal, a colt, died in the womb. God was good to make Paul attentive at the right time. Paul was on hand to notice things were not right and promptly took Semper Fi to Auburn Vet. School where they had to pull the foal. Semper Fi is doing fine.



Florida

Jennifer Scarpino, Ocean Mist Farm, Mims

No foals due this year at Ocean Mist Farm. Hideaway's Dream Girl will be bred to Hanoverian, Rubino Bellissimo for a 2008 foal. We were so happy with our 2007 filly from this cross that we decided to repeat!

Ocean Mist Charlie Brown (*Kilfenora Windy Isles x Hillside Virginia Brown), our 2007 - now gelding, has been sold and will be relocating to Vermont. He was purchased by a Junior Eventer who purchased Ocean Mist Vinny Van Gogh from us last year. Charlie is quite a character and will give Vinny a run for his money!

We have decided to retain Rubi's Dream (Rubino Bellissimo x Hideaway's Dream Girl). She is everything I have ever wanted in a horse and we are looking forward to bringing her along.

Hillside Virginia Brown will not be bred this year and has started under saddle training. Considering her late start, she is doing wonderfully and learning very quickly. We are looking forward to taking Virginia and Tullymor's Victoria's Shadow to the Region IV Show this year!

Jim and Nancy Kilcrease, Elderglen Farm, Reddick

This is 'Janie's Got a Gun' aka Teagan, Topgun's first foal. she was born March 16. She is out of a QH mare. Some say she's buckskin and some say she looks palomino but her mane and tail are black....and blond. Go figure?



Georgia

Donna and Devon Miller, Hidden Creek Horses, Alpharetta, GA

Late last year Devon decided it was a good time to sell her oversized pony, Limerick (by Erin Go Bragh), who had been her partner since she was 11. They had "grown up" together and she felt it was time for both to move on. So in the week following Poplar Place Horse Trials in November, we had sold two horses. Limerick went with his new family - Rich and Rhonda Gailey and their two children Riley and Parker, in Covington, GA, and our four year old homebred gelding, also by Go Bragh went to Kari Rohrbaugh in Arkansas. We are very fortunate that both of these horses are in fantastic homes.

Over Thanksgiving, Devon and I went to Europe to look for a new horse for Devon. We found a super Irish Sport Horse named Dynamic Image (Dan). He is a Irish Draught/TB/Connemara cross. Dan left England on Dec. 12th and arrived home on December 16th .

We started 2008 with an outing at Poplar Place Farm in January. We took all three boys: our Connemara stallion Art (ArdCeltic Art), my Dutch pinto Monte, and Devon's new horse, Dan. We had all the weather Georgia can offer for that time of year; Friday was quite nice - fifties and dry. Saturday dawned grey and rainy, with the temperature steadily dropping, and the wind steadily picking up. Sunday brought freezing temps and everything was frozen solid. Cross country was not cancelled, however the ice skating ring (aka the water jump) was removed from the course. Since our horses were just going Novice and Training, we decided to continue and show jump and run XC. In spite of the weather, Devon and Dan won JN on their dressage score, as did Donna and Art in the NH division. Monte, came in a respectable 4th in OT.

In February we went to Pine Top Farm. We had Monte and Dan entered at Training, but had to scratch Monte due to an infected puncture which was healing, but he had too much time off and wasn't ready. So, in went Art. I had not been planning to move him up to Training yet, but figured I would give it a go and at a minimum make it a combined test, knowing they run dressage and Stadium on Saturday.

The weather was spectacular - paybacks from Poplar. Art and Dan once again scored the same - 27.9 - in front of two different judges, placing them first in Training Horse and Junior Training respectively. I walked the XC, and although a challenging one for move-up, I decided to run Art. I did not push for time, and he put in a gallant effort but 8.4 time faults dropped him to 3rd. Once conditioned, he should be able to make the time easily. Devon and Dan had a fantastic run, finishing clean and well within the time, to hold their first place.

This was our last recognized show until March, as Devon accomplished her goal of making the Milton HS Varsity Soccer Team. She practices every day after school and has games every Friday. Fortunately for her, she has mom who loves to ride her horse and keep him in shape for when she has time to show!

Wishing everybody the best for 2008!

Sally Reid, Sweetgum Farm, Brooks

Spring is here and we are all well at Sweetgum Farm. Peidmont Nell is actually sweet and kind and we are bonding well after a bit of a rocky start. We ride the local trails and work only just hard enough to call it work. Usually I get tired first, but ah, that is the life of a retirement horse. Nell is capable of much larger things, but she is finally content to just amble through the woods with an old fat lady on her back. We hope to wander around the Region 4 show this May, but don't expect us to do anything too strenuous. Look for a lovely dapple mare with a very dirty tail and there we are! Sweetgum Briana Rose is doing very well. She just turned 2 years old this February and is advancing well on her training. She loads, ties, works on voice commands in the loose pen and is generally becoming a civilized member of society. We hope to start ground driving later on this summer and harder work this winter. I never have any trouble out of her these days and am beginning to wonder if her mother really is Tully Rose. May says she has a half sister on the farm that looks just like her. We hope to re-unite with her full sister Sweetgum Belle Rose at the region 4 show.

Megan B. Harris and Nancy Buchanan, Brambleridge Farm, Fayetteville

We aren't expecting any babies this year, but have our hands full with young ponies in training! Our 3 year old homebred, Cappy, has officially been started undersaddle; he really enjoys the "work" and is always asking, "What's next?". I also have a coming 4 year old half-bred by *Grange Finn Sparrow that I've just started and hope to have ready to event by next spring. Two other Grange ponies have been here the last several months for training; they have both been started in eventing and have had a taste of foxhunting. Both have been a pleasure to work with, very intelligent and athletic, I can't wait until

mine is going more! We've just sold our yearling half-bred, by Aladdin's Denver, to our friend, and new Connemara enthusiast, Kristen Young. She intends to train him for eventing in the future.

I've included a photo of myself and my half-bred filly, Swift Level Sparrow, "Taylor", by *Grange Finn Sparrow.



South Carolina

Kate Denton, Camden

Here's a photo of "Cloud Cover" my Connemara (aka "Ceile") out with the Camden Hunt (along with my handsome husband and his handsome horse "Joe Honey"). Ceile is in his mid-20's and is in great shape and as sweet and fun as ever. At the end of April he'll have a new companion – Rosie O'Grady (formerly known as Piedmont Fay) and bred by Vanessa Morgan, will be coming to join our herd. She'll be 5 ½ months old and is a dun like her daddy Gunsmoke. Her dam is a 15.2 hand TB .



Deanna Whitfield, Aiken

I have sold "Paddy", my 19 yr old Irish import to a wonderful young rider in MA and am receiving good news and pictures from her and her Mother. The new owner's name is Matti Burns and lives in Boxford, MA. She will hopefully send join ACPS if she hasn't already.

The other news is about "Dillon" the 7yr old by *Kingston Joe, Joan Webster's stallion. We brought him with us when we moved from CA when he was 11 months old. He has been leased by the Hood family and is being ridden by Sarah Beth, a Pony Clubber in GA. They are having great fun together and I am sending updates on their doings with pictures. Sarah Beth wrote an essay about their experiences together which I think made it into the Jr edition of the American Connemara Magazine. They may make it to our show.

After sending Paddy off and feeling somewhat bereft without a Connemara, I found a lovely filly bred by Denise Hill of Seaborne Farm. She is by their wonderful stallion Schooner x *Rosie O'Grady. She promises to be a good type with lovely movement and when she arrives in Aiken I am looking forward to watching her grow!

All the best,
Deanna Whitfield
Aiken, SC

Classifieds

Sparrow's Gaston: 8 y/o Connemara/Appendix by *Grange Finn Sparrow. Although only 15.1 hds, he rides and moves like a much bigger horse. He has a substantial build and good bone. His sire is a proven producer of phenomenal movers and jumpers and his siblings are almost all competing at Prelim and up. He has a half-brother, Windswept, is competing at the 4* level, and another half-brother, Galway's Blazer, has competed at the 3* level. His half-siblings, Meadow Sparrow, Nordic Sparrow Hawk & Will Ya Love Me have all competed to Intermediate. His full brother, Marshall, and half-brother, Sparrow Cappuccino are both competing at Prelim. Gaston is currently schooling courses up to 2'9" and is working on training level dressage. He's gone cross-country and ate it up. He went over ditches, up/down bank & through water with no problem. He has also been hound walking with the Bear Creek Hounds and has great potential as a field hunter. This one has unlimited potential and won't last long! Currently asking \$12,000, his price will increase with more training and showing. See more at www.bramblebridgefarm.com or contact Megan B. Harris at 770-8335159.



Brambleridge Capability Brown, "Cappy": May 2005 dark dun purebred Connemara gelding. The last foal by the late *Bobby Brown and out of Wildwych Cricket. Correct conformation, LOADS of bone, lovely gaits. Cappy will excel as Field Hunter, Pony Club mount or an Eventer. Loves attention, VERY intelligent and full of character. Lightly backed with kind consideration for his age; he's doing walk/trot and has been out on the trails. Bold and LOVES water. Will mature top of the line large. His dam is excelling in dressage and eventing. His sire evented through training and foxhunted regularly. Asking \$5500, price will increase with more undersaddle time. Check out www.brambleridgefarm.com for more information or contact Megan B Harris at 770-833-5159.