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Letter from the Chair

I'm Megan Buchanan Harris of Fayetteville, GA. My mother and I operate Brambleridge Farm in Brooks, GA, and breed Connemaras, half-breds and Welsh ponies. I've been an avid equestrian since the age of 5 and have competed in hunters, jumpers, pony club and eventing. The latter is my true passion and the discipline that I currently ride.

My mother and I began our search for the perfect all-round pony in 2003 and found ourselves researching the Connemara. We planned to attend the regional show that year but arrived too late to see any of the classes, and most of the participants were gone. We did however, meet Ann Bush and her family who were just finishing packing up the trailer and were about to leave. Ann was kind enough to spend some time telling us about the breed and showed us her ponies, Sonata & Turlough. We were hooked! Where else could you find a pony that could be ridden in a pony club clinic on Wednesday, win a combined test on Saturday and trail ride on Sunday?

We bought our first purebred mare, Wildwych Cricket (pictured at right with Megan), that fall and had her bred to *Bobby Brown in the Spring of 2004. Brambleridge Capability Brown, "Cappy", is now two years old and his half-sister, Brambleridge Cinder Ella, a yearling, has already made her way to a new home in Massachusetts. Cinder was by *Kilfenora Windy Isles. This year our first half-bred, Brambleridge Bold Comedy, "Jeff", was born; he's by Aladdin's Denver and out of a Grade II Event mare. Cappy has begun his training and I plan to get him going under-saddle next spring. I look forward to eventing him and Jeff in the near future!



I became a member of the regional committee last year and enjoyed my time learning more about the breed and our region. I'm currently running the fundraiser to produce an updated stallion showcase video, and have relished communicating with so many breeders and Connemara owners across the US. We have a large number of participants signed up and the videos are rolling in! We expect to have the new video complete in early 2008. If you would like your farm or stallion to be advertised, or simply have video footage to contribute to the "Introduction to the Breed" portion, feel free to contact me.

Thank you all for giving me this opportunity to serve our region! I have truly been blessed, not only to find such a wonderful and versatile breed of pony, but to be a part of the ACPS and Region IV. I attended the 50th Gala in 2006 and have every intention of making it to the 100th!

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Our ACPS Region IV Pony Extravaganza was held on June 9, 2007, at Canterbury Showplace, Newberry, FL
Judge: Karen Iversen

Highest Honors went to:

- Purebred Champion In-Hand: W.H. Top Gun (Jim Kilcrease)
- Purebred Reserve Champion: *Belle Dawn (Donna Duckworth)
- Halfbred Champion In-Hand: Mega Luck (Kathy Bridges)
- Halfbred Reserve Champion: Ivydell Primrose (August McWhirter)
- Connemara Gelding Stakes: Claymore Absolution (Susan Hatch)
- Open Pony Champion: W. H. Top Gun (Jim Kilcrease)
- High Point Performance Connemara: Oakfield's Amazing Sparrow (Susan Rinehart)
- High Point Performance Halfbred: Solstice Blaque Knight (Lynda Gillen-Smith)

(Note: For some great photos please go to the Region IV section of www.acps.org)

Complete Results - Class, SPONSOR: Results

- Purebred Connemaras Yearlings & Under, CAROLE MOSS, KINGS POINT FARM: 1. Brambleridge Cinder Ella (Nancy Buchanan), 2. Balmullo's Isabelle (Donna Duckworth)
- Purebred Connemara 2 & 3 yo, JIM AND NANCY KILCREASE, ELDERGLEN FARM: 1. W.H. Top Gun (Jim Kilcrease); 2. Brambleridge Capability Brown (Nancy Buchanan); 3. Balmullo's Liffey Lad (Donna Duckworth); 4. Erin Terra Morning Star (Donna Duckworth); 5. Ballencrieff Sea Breeze (Donna Duckworth)
- Purebred Connemara Mares 4 yo & older, DONNA DUCKWORTH, BALMULLO FARM: 1. *Belle Dawn (Donna Duckworth); 2. Foothills MayBee (Vanessa Morgan); 3. Balmullo's Miss Emma (Donna Duckworth); 4. Oakfields Amazing Sparrow (Susan Rinehart); 5. Matilda (Kathy Bridges); 6. Tullymors Victoria Shadow (Jennifer Scarpino)
- Purebred Connemara Geldings Stakes, VANESSA MORGAN, FOOTHILLS FARMS: 1. Claymore Absolution (Susan Hatch) ; 2. Shammer Sanachie (Kathee Cook); 3. Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Barbara Beckford); 4. Foothills August (Jane Burns)
- Purebred Connemara Stallions, LORNA HENARD, WOODSIDE FARM: 1. W.H. Top Gun (Jim Kilcrease); 2. Ballencrieff's Brogan (Nancy Kilcrease)
- Region IV Purebred Connemara Champion & Reserve, LORNA HENARD, WOODSIDE FARM: Champion – W.H. Top Gun (Jim Kilcrease), Reserve - *Belle Dawn (Donna Duckworth)
- Halfbred Connemara 2 yo & under: 1. Mega Luck (Kathy Bridges); 2. Moonlight Reign (August McWhirter)
- Halfbred Connemara 3 yo & older: 1. Ivydell Primrose (August McWhirter); 2. Sweet Iced Tea (Marsha Cashwell); 3. Kathreim Solas (Rachel Blalock)
- Halfbred Connemara Champion & Reserve: Champion - Mega Luck (Kathy Bridges), Reserve - Ivydell Primrose (August McWhirter)
- Open Mares: 1. Hi Fidelity (Melissa Montevideo); 2. Hidden Springs June Bug (Sherrie Southworth); 3. Claymore Clarity (Michael Edwards); 4. Foothills MayBee (Vanessa Morgan); 5. Farnley Agate (Sherrie Southworth); 6. Princess (Sheila Roberts)

- Open Geldings: 1. PopTart (Scott Hudson); 2. Sweet Iced Tea (Marsha Cashwell); 3. Claymore Chivalry (Michael Edwards); 4. Casper (Naomi Castro); 5. Shammer Sanachie (Kathee Cook); 6. Cooper (Carole Moss)
- Open Ponies (under 14 1/2 hands): 1. Hi Fidelity (Melissa Montevideo); 2. Hidden Springs June Bug (Sherrie South Worth); 3. Ivydell Primrose (August McWhirter); 4. Brambleridge Cinder Ella (Nancy Buchanan); 5. Farnley Agate (Sherrie Southworth); 6. Moonlight Reign (August McWhirter)
- Mountain & Mooreland: 1. W.H. Top Gun (Jim Kilcrease); 2. Hidden Springs June Bug (Sherrie South Worth); 3. *Belle Dawn (Donna Duckworth); 4. Erin Terra Morning Star (Donna Duckworth); 5. Foothills MayBee (Vanessa Morgan); 6. Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Barbara Beckford)
- Champion Open Pony In-hand: Champion - W.H. Top Gun (Jim Kilcrease), Reserve - Hi Fidelity (Melissa Montevideo)
- Grooming & Conditioning: 1. Hi Fidelity (Melissa Montevideo); 2. Cathreim Solas (Rachel Blalock)
- Open Showmanship: 1. Sweet Iced Tea (Erin Morpeth); 2. Ivydell Primrose (August McWhirter)
- Get of Sire/Produce of Dam: 1. Get of Seven Hills Grey Ghost - Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Barbara Beckford), Claymore Chivalry (Michael Edwards), Claymore Absolution (Susan Hatch), Balmullo's Isabelle (Donna Duckworth); 2. Get of Hearnbrook Dunoon - Oakfields Fuchsia (Susan Rinehart), Oakfields Amazing Sparrow (Susan Rinehart); 3. Produce of Wildwych Cricket - Bramble Ridge Cinder Ella (Nancy Buchanan), Bramble Ridge Capability Brown (Nancy Buchanan); 4. Get of C.R. Roaringwater Bay - Balmullo's Liffey Lad (Donna Duckworth), Claymore Clarity (Michael Edwards)
- Baby Obedience, 2 yr & under, In-hand: 1. Moonlight Reign (August McWhirter); 2. Brambleridge Capability Brown (Nancy Buchanan); 3. Ballencrieff Sea Breeze (Donna Duckworth); 4. Cookie (Donna Arteaga); 5. Erin Terra Morning Star (Donna Duckworth); 6. Balmullo's Liffey Lad (Donna Duckworth)
- In-Hand Trail: 1. Solstice Blaque Knight (Linda Gillen-Smith); 2. Echo (Ann Lane), 3. #147 (name?); 4. Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Barbara Beckford); 5. Shammer Sanachie (Kathee Cook); 6. Oakfields Fuchsia (Susan Rinehart)
- Open Trail: 1. Solstice Blaque Knight (Linda Gillen-Smith); 2. Ballencrieff's Brogan (Nancy Kilcrease); 3. Oakfield's Diamond (Susan Rinehart); 4. Oakfields Amazing Sparrow (Susan Rinehart); 5. Oakfield's Fuschia (Susan Rinehart); 6. Echo (Ann Lane)
- Lead-Line: all 1st! Courtney Martin on Cest La Vie; Summer on Emma (*below*), Benjamin Scarpino on Tullymors Victoria Shadow (*also pictured below*), Ann Davidson on Loughin's Leighseach, and Gardner Cook on Farnley Tannaray
- Walk Junior (rider under age 18): 1. Farnley Tannaray (Gardner Cook)
- Walk Senior (rider age 18 or older): 1. Foothills August (Jane Burns); 2. Beacon's Pushbutton (Vanessa Morgan)
- Walk/Trot Junior (rider under age 18): 1. Claymore Absolution (Susan Hatch)
- Walk/Trot Senior (rider age 18 or older): 1. Matilda (Kathy Bridges); 2. Echo (Ann Lane)
- Walk/Trot Jack Benny (rider age over 39): 1. *Belle Dawn (Donna Duckworth); 2. Echo (Ann Lane); 3. Foothills August (Jane Burns); 4. Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Barbara Beckford)
- Ride-A-Buck: 1. Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Barbara Beckford)
- Open Pleasure Driving: 1. Cathreim Solas (Rachel Blalock); 2. Cooper (Carole Moss)
- Open Cross Rails (once around): 1. Ballencrieff's Brogan (Nancy Kilcrease); 2. High Fidelity (Melissa Montevica); 3. C'est La Vie (Donna Arteaga)

- Purebred Connemara Pleasure US: 1. Oakfields Amayzing Sparrow (Susan Rinehart); 2. Oakfield's Fuschia (Susan Rinehart); 3. Shammer Sanachie (Kathee Cook); 4. Oakfield's Diamond (Susan Rinehart); 5. Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Barbara Beckford)
- Purebred Connemara Equitation US: 1. Shammer Sanachie (Kathee Cook); 2. Oakfields Amayzing Sparrow (Susan Rinehart); 3. Oakfield's Fuschia (Susan Rinehart); 4. Oakfield's Diamond (Susan Rinehart); 5. Balmullo's Swamp Fox (Barbara Beckford)
- Purebred Connemara OF 2', DONNA MILLER, HIDDEN CREEK FARM: 1. Oakfield's Fuschia (Susan Rinehart); 2. Oakfield's Diamond (Susan Rinehart); 3. Oakfields Amayzing Sparrow (Susan Rinehart); 4. Ballencrief's Brogan (Nancy Kilcrease)
- Halfbred Connemara OF 2', DONNA MILLER, HIDDEN CREEK FARM: 1. Caithreim Solas (Rachael Blalock) - *pictured below*
- 2007 USDF Intro Test A, CARLA JIMMERSON, VALLEY CREEK FARM: 1. Foothills August (Jane Burns); 2. Claymore Absolution (Susan Hatch); 3. *Belle Dawn (Donna Duckworth); 4. Sharpo (Roxanne Circano); 5. Matilda (Kathy Bridges); 6. C'est La Vie (Donna Arteaga)
- 2007 USDF Intro Test B, CAT BEAZLEY, STRAY FOX FARM: 1. Sweet Iced Tea (Marsha Cashwell); 2. Tullymors Victoria Shadow (Jennifer Scarpino); 3. *Belle Dawn (Donna Duckworth); 4. Oakfield's Diamond (Susan Rinehart); 5. Sharpo (Roxanne Circano); 6. Claymore Absolution (Susan Hatch)
- 2007 USDF Training Test 1 or 2, GEORGIA BICKNELL: 1. Sweet Iced Tea (Marsha Cashwell); 2. Shammer Sanachie (Kathee Cook); 3. Ballencrief's Brogan (Nancy Kilcrease)
- Pony Dressage, USEA Test of Choice (14.2 hands and under), KEITH AND RHONDA KNIGHT, SUGAR VALLEY FARM
- 2007 USDF Training Test 3 or 4, Deanna Whitfield: 1. Echo (Sally Bina); 2. Princess (Sheila Roberts); 3. Echo (Sally Bina); 4. Princess (Sheila Roberts)
- 2007 USDF Test of Choice - 1st Level & Above: 1. Princess (Sheila Roberts); 2. Shammer Sanachie (Kathee Cook)

General News and Items

We are looking for a new site for our Region IV show for 2008. Please look around your area and see what might work for us. Contact Megan Buchanan Harris at ugameg13@yahoo.com with your ideas (and your willingness to help put on another great show!)

We are trying to be more timely with our Regional news and are planning to increase the frequency to quarterly (from semi-annually). This means that the next Region IV Newsletter should go out in early December (so try to get your items to me by mid-November). 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

Julie VanderMeer, Ivydell Farm, Fountain, FL - www.ivydell.com

I'm not sure who to ask about this, so I'll just ask the whole region! My local dressage club (Northwest Florida Chapter) is putting on the Regional show for the Deep South Dressage and Combined Training Association in Ocala in September (or is it October?) at any rate, at our meeting today they asked us to solicit sponsorship for classes, which means for a nominal fee (\$100) our name will be printed in the program and announced as a sponsor. This may be of interest to Region IV, or to individual breeders, or others.

Nancy Kilcrease, Elderglen Farm, Reddick, FL

There is an Eqine Expo at H.I.T.S. November 16 - 18. It is the "1st Annual" expo at this venue and I think it is a fabulous opportunity to let people know about the breed. They are having a breed showcase for breeders to "show off" their horses. We are planning on bringing a few of our and it would be great for any other Connemara breeders to show their ponies too. Also (and I'm not sure who to contact so I need help on this one) I would like to have a tent in the vendor area to hand out info, business cards of local breeders ect and other Connemara stuff to help promote the breed in Florida. The website is: www.floridaequinecapital.com/ We would also needs volunteers to man the tent during the expo. Need info back ASAP, Thanks.

Tennessee

Vanessa Morgan, Foothills Farm/Piedmont Connemaras, Athens, TN

I was in the Tractor Supply store looking for a grazing muzzle and saw the July/August "Young Rider" magazine. I picked it up to just flip through and saw in the Table of Contents a feature article on Connemaras. So, I turned to that page and looking right at me with a huge grin was Laura Burns jumping Piedmont Sundance. I was so excited - what a wonderful surprise - then I turned the page and there was Foothills Juniper!!! I am just so tickled, that two of my homebreds are in that magazine:-) You should pick up a copy, if you get the chance!

Outside the Region

Chris Knox, Knox Farm, ID (208)648-7175

The ACPS is eligible to submit a nominee and alternate for the 2007 USEF Youth Sportsman's Award. Please contact the junior members in your Region who are age 17 years and under and also members of USEF and ask them to fill out the application if they are interested in applying for this award. I need you to forward all applications to me by October 1st so a nominee and alternate can be chosen and their names and applications forwarded by the ACPS to the USEF. Having the applications done in MS WORD will facilitate the process as they can then be attached to an email addressed to me.

I'm looking forward to finding out more about the wonderful junior members we have within the ACPS! (Note: please contact Chris by email at chris@knoxfarm.com for the Nominee Application form and Guidelines)

Classified Ads

Tullymor's Snickers, by Fieldstream's Riley and out of Tullymor's Ladybugg. 2004, gray gelding, 14:1 hands. Ground driven and backed, has spent his early years learning circus tricks while he's growing. He bows, lies down, sits, goes up on a pedestal and salutes, spins a rope, paints with brushes on his easel, figure eights cones on command and smiles an endearingly crooked smile. Very socialized and goes with us behind the carriage on neighborhood jaunts. He's broken to traffic, dogs, cats, and chickens flying around.

Mackie (Rockhaven Mac Brigh, by Custusha's Cashel Rock and out of Erinmoor Lily O'Fallon) is a 1995, 14:1 gray gelding. Mackie rides English or Western in a bitless bridle, jumps beautifully and does elegant dressage. He is a long distance rider's dream with his ground covering walk and a cheerful outlook on life. He's gentle, has lovely stable manners, and is suitable for an advanced beginner child or adult who would like to show, trail ride, or just goof around. He can be pulled out of the field, not having been ridden in several weeks, and go right off nicely on a trail ride.

Contact Louise Mellon in Aiken, SC 803-644-3588, Aiken, SC, corgis3@bellsouth.com.

Aged Connemara Stallion. Looking for a retirement home, still breeding, but I sold all my mares and Papa needs a job to do. Has produced wonderful offspring's (Camus John lineage).

Also, Full Connemara's and crosses, green, but well schooled and ready for their new owners to do a job, Priced from \$2500-\$8500. Some were used at camp this summer, we now need the stall space. 12 nice horses/ponies of various sizes.

Contact Polly Grammer, 615-419-1089 www.peachtreefarms.com
