

ACPS Region IV Newsletter - March 2010



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Short notice but we will be having an impromptu regional meeting on April 3rd in Alpharetta. The meeting will be held at the Alpharetta Marriott off Winward Parkway. We will be discussing the upcoming show, WEG and the annual meeting. We'd love for y'all to attend if possible! Please contact Megan Buchanan Harris if you have questions or would like to attend (fade2greyfarm@yahoo.com).

Note from the Chair

Newsletter - March 2010

Happy spring, everyone! I hope you are all enjoying the nice sunshine and warmer weather. I sure am! Today, I'm getting out the shedding blade and dusting off my saddle to prepare my ponies for getting off the farm more this year.

This year is a busy one for Region 4. On your activities calendar for this year you should have the annual ACPS Region 4 show and Inspections at Pine Top in June, the Connemara booth at the WEG in October, followed closely by the ACPS Board of Governors/General Membership Meeting in Marietta, GA.

Carole Moss has been working diligently to create a terrific class list for the annual Region 4 show. Some additions to the show this year include a timed obstacle driving class, which is great fun; so bring your cart and harness! There will also be a crepe-paper fun class and a class for the western rider. The Dartmoors and Mountain and Mooreland ponies are also coming back. They add fun, as well as funding, to our show. The "all-inclusive" day-rate is being offered this year, which allows you to show in as many classes as you want (excluding dressage), for one price, if you pre-register. Carole is also preparing the class list for possible USEF rating in 2011, as requested by the Board of Governors. Also, we might be adding a "for sale" parade at lunch, so watch for that, as well.

This is all packed into 1 day! A great big THANK YOU to Carole and to all the "stage hands" who are currently working behind the scenes to bring you this show. You know who you are. We could not bring activities like this to the Region without your help and participation; it takes a lot of volunteers. I don't think any of us are professional show managers. In fact, I'm certain we are not. But that's OK - we "get 'er done", and that's what counts! That said, we need still need help to pull it all together. Carole is publishing a list of volunteer assistance needed, especially for set-up and a some jobs during the show. Don't be shy. Some of our best shows are run by people who didn't think they know what they were supposed to do, but with a little coaching, have done spectacular jobs. Take Donnette, for example; she was our scribe last year, and I don't think she had ever seen a dressage arena before that day. She did great.

Please plan to come to the Region 4 meeting and social on Saturday night after the show. Among other things, we will be discussing the upcoming Annual Meeting (*hosted by Region 4!*), updates on the WEG, nominations for the Regional Committee, proposed procedure changes, plans for a fall meeting and setting plans for the 2011 Region 4 show (venue, rating, etc.)

If you are planning to bring a pony to the inspections, be sure that your paperwork is in and that you have been in contact with Megan Harris.

Also, please join us in Atlanta for the **ACPS Annual Meeting! October 21st-24th 2010**. Arrangements have been made 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.

Sept 25 to October 10, 2010 World Equestrian Games

Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington KY.

Contact Susan McConnell, 434-242-7778 or Sally Oxnard, 603-772-6265

DO YOU AND/OR YOUR PONIES WANT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING EXCITING???

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE A CONNEMARA, OR CONNEMARAS, READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO BE PART OF A PERFORMANCE DEMONSTRATION AT THE WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES???

You may know the ACPS is planning to have a real presence at the World Equestrian Games this year. The WEG will be held at the end of September and will run into the first week of October at the Kentucky Horse Park. This is the happening of a lifetime! The President and Board of Governors, with the support of the Membership, at our Annual meeting last October, voted to sponsor an information booth, plus produce a display of world class performance for an international audience of thousands!!! Seven stalls are available over at least five days (maybe more), with two volunteer entrance passes (rider and groom) per Connemara performing pony. If you have, or know of someone who has a Connemara, ready, willing and able to be part of this performance please let us know! We are auditioning through videos, DVD's and You Tube clips as many Connemara performances as you can send us, in an effort to identify appropriate candidates to represent our American Connemaras in this most exclusive of venues.

Send your information to Laura Balding
555 Old Wolfrum Rd, St Charles, MO 63304

You may phone or email if you have any questions; laurabalding@aol.com or 314 308 2330.

Please complete return the survey below and return to:

Vanessa Morgan 738 CR 114, Athens, TN 37303 by MAY 15, 2010

The results of the survey will be published on the Region 4 website and in the next newsletter (names, addresses, etc. will not be included).

Name

City, State

Total number of horses owned

Number of registered purebred Connemaras

Number of registered halfbred Connemaras

Number of unregistered Connemaras

Are you an ACPS member?

Number of ACPS members in household

Activities (e.g. eventing, trails, pleasure, driving, etc.)

How many shows do you plan to attend in 2010

What kind?

Recognized/rated, or schooling?

Number of adult riders/drivers in household

number of youth (under 18) riders

Number of broodmares

Number of geldings

Number of stallions

Number of youngstock (2 yrs and under)

Number of Connemaras involved in competition

How many foals are you expecting in 2010?

Are you planning to breed any Connemaras or part-breds in 2010?

If yes, how many?

Do you plan to attend the R4 Annual show?

With how many horses/ponies ?

Do you plan to attend the ACPS Annual Meeting in Georgia this fall?

Do you plan to attend the Inspections? With or without ponies?

Would you like to become more involved in ACPS Regional activities?

If yes, in what way?

If you need to be added to the email list, or need to change your email on file, please print clearly below:

Name:

Email:

Would you like to help with the WEG?

If yes, in what way?

If yes, please record you contact info here:

Below, please share your ideas, comments, suggestions for the region:

The Celebration of the Connemara Pony Show 2010

It's Show Time again! The Region IV Celebration of the Connemara is planned for June 5, once again at beautiful Pine Top Farm in Thomson, GA.

This year once again we are offering a full range of 48 classes, including in-hand, under saddle, hunter/jumper, dressage and driving. Connemara Divisions are being offered, in preparation for the USEF Horse of the Year award for 2011.

Our ACPS Judge this year is Jill McNichols, her first time to attend our show. Our Dressage Judge is Rose Prince; she is reported to love kids and ponies and is planning to offer individual comments after each ride.

The Prize list is being distributed with this newsletter (as a separate email), by mail and is available to download at <http://www.connemaras.com/Region4/home.html>. Find us on Facebook as well!

Please review the prize list and entry form carefully, there are a few changes for 2010. Enter Early and Often!

Last year we had an amazing day with sixty-plus ponies attending, including our friends from the Dartmoor Registry of America.

Please come out for a great day and support your Connemara Region!

Volunteers Needed for the Pony Show

We are a small Region with a Big Vision! Please volunteer to help out with the show. Jobs are available both in prep work and on the day of show.

We are still looking for volunteers for:

- Set up Dressage Arena Friday night
- Ring Master/Judge's Assistant
- Gate Steward/Ribbon Girl
- Dressage Scribe
- Jumping classes Timer
- Announcer

Please contact Carole Moss at cmoss41@comcast.net Thank you so much for your help, it's really a lot of fun!

Inspections - Sunday, June 6

We are planning to hold ACPS Inspections this year the day after our show at Pine Top, but we need at least 10 ponies to be presented.

Please contact Megan Harris (fade2greyfarm@yahoo.com) as soon as possible, if you are planning to, or would like to have a Connemara inspected, so that we will be considered by the ACPS as they plan their schedule for 2010.

Megan will need the following information:

- a. name/registration #/ age/sex of each pony
- b. owner's name/address/home-and-or cell phone # AND e-mail
- c. initial/represent/or premium nomination status

FYI - You can find information regarding the ACPS Inspection program, procedures, etc. at:
<http://acps.org/general/inspections.htm>

ACPS Annual Meeting 2010 ~ October 21st-24th, 2010 in Alpharetta, GA.

Come "Celebrate the Connemara" at this year's ACPS annual meeting! Our region has been designated to host the meeting this year, and we've made reservations at the Alpharetta Marriott on Winward Parkway. We will need volunteers to help with planning, set-up, the regional store, and silent auction. Stay tuned, and please email Megan Harris at fade2greyfarm@yahoo.com if you'd like to help out!


Note from the Newsletter Editor

Just a gentle reminder - when you think of it please send stories/news/pictures (as jpg files)/classified ads to me for our quarterly e-newsletter. Next newsletter will be in June - so let's hear about all those new Connemara babies. Please send your input to me by June 12th at billandkate@truvista.net

Please support our ACPS Region IV Store 2009

Please contact Megan if you'd like to know what we have in our Region IV Store. She's working on getting new stuff in and still has a few saddle pads, polos, and stallion videos. Please contact Megan to buy so you'll be dressed for the show in June!

Items may be ordered from Megan Harris at fade2greyfarm@yahoo.com

 Saddle Pads	Embroidered with ACPS Region IV logo, both sides <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All-Purpose pads in White, Black or White with Hunter-Green Piping• Dressage pads in Black only	\$40
Polo Shirts Short Sleeve	Short-Sleeved Hunter Green, Ladies sizes S/M/L/XL	\$20
Polo Shirts Sleeveless	Sage Green sleeveless, Ladies sizes S/M/L/XL	\$20
ACPS Stallion DVD	ACPS registered Stallions, with video and background of each. For your entertainment, education or breeding consideration.	\$20

News from the Region

FLORIDA

Julie VanderMeer, Ivydell Farm, Fountain

After an extended vacation in the Florida Panhandle, Poppyfield's Tiger Lily (Rockhaven MacBrigh X TB mare "Tiger") has returned to her roots. She is being leased by her breeder, Kimberly Gates, who had moved away for a few years, but has returned to the Atlanta Area. Both Kim and Lily (or as I always called her, "Poppy") were horrified at the weather: rain, snow, sleet and hail. The attached photo shows Lily/Poppy looking pitifully at the camera, as though to say, "Julie, I'll be good ~ take me away from this cold weather!" On a cheery note, Kim has provided her with warm clothing!. She didn't get to wear a snazzy blue plaid blanket while in residence at Ivydell Farm. Once the weather warms, look for Kim and Lily at an event near you.



Beth Davidson, Black Dog Farm, Plant City

Swift Ocoee River completed her second hunt season hunting with South Creek Fox Hounds with Linda Williams. Ocoee loves hunting and Linda commented she is always at the front at the end of a run! Linda has a lot of fun hunting on a pony!

We are pleased to report that Black Dog's Fiona (Tb/Con by *Gun Smoke) has moved up to Novice (she is rising 6). Carol Green sends some lovely pictures of Fiona from TX.



Loughin's Leighseach has been out showing dressage and wow, what a little powerhouse she is. I've now taken her XC schooling and looks like I might need to event her soon. Her filly (by WH Top Gun) is now a year and just stunning.

Black Dog's River Ghost is now backed (w/t) and he's a pleasure to ride. We'll move on to canter soon....Toby was 3 in January. Toby is out of Swift Ocoee River and by Seven Hills Grey Ghost.



We have a lot of shows coming up: Ocala Horse Park at the end of March, jumper and dressage shows in April and BDF is hosting a dressage and stadium combined show on May 15, 2010 in Plant City if anyone wants to haul down. Our judge is Jean White.

Donna Duckworth, Balmullo Farm, Alachua

Our biggest news is that *Fernville Matchmaker (Hazy Match X Ross Castle Moya) has had his first foal! *Belle Dawn aka Minnie (Laerkens Cascade Dawn X Lizabelle) gave birth on a very frosty morning in February. I knew she was about to give birth so she was locked in our foaling pen and checked several times during the night... I checked her at 2 a.m. and no baby, then went out again at 6 - still no baby, but Minnie looked strangely thinner. Closer inspection revealed Minnie standing guard over the afterbirth but no baby to be found!! She didn't seem at all upset, maybe a bit confused, but very calm. I saw no other horses anywhere although there are 7 mares on the other side of the three-board-fenced pen and they usually watch any births and then eagerly wait at the fence for a chance to meet the newcomer. The bottom board is less than 12 inches above the ground EXCEPT in one little place where there is about a 15 inch space. I couldn't imagine any equine getting through it. So I thoroughly searched the pen, looking behind every weed and branch, and finally decided a coyote must have carried the baby off! Then I noticed the other horses in a thicket of trees on the other side of the fence. They were all also very calm and looked like they were just waking up. But I walked over to the group and saw there was a new one with them, a wee, tiny little thing...just standing in the middle of the group. They were all regarding it as if it had just flown in from the next galaxy! It was still wet so must have been born, slipped under the fence while flopping about trying to get up, and been spirited away by one of the other mares! I let Minnie out and she promptly went to retrieve the baby... I was afraid she wouldn't recognize it or let it nurse as maybe they hadn't bonded, but no worries, she charged over to it and herded it away from all the others. Shortly thereafter everyone was safely in the barn, the baby warm and dry and looking none the worse for its adventure. I finally got around to checking the sex and best of all, it's a a girl!!! It is Minnie's third filly in a row. It is dark bay turning gray and pretty cute... Balmullo's Belladonna. Hazy Match and Laerken's Cascade Dawn are both by Hazy Dawn, so Bella is line bred to Hazy Dawn.

Balmullo's Liffey Lad (Concord River Roaringwater Bay X Balmullo's Miss Emma) has been to another Horse Trial with Donna Miller, the Ocala Winter Horse Trials, Open Novice Division. Laddie had a super dressage test and just flew around the cross country course with no faults, but decided he didn't need to pick up his knees in the stadium jumping so finished out of the top ribbons...but even though the smallest in a large and illustrious field, he DID finish and showed that he can compete with the very best!!

Luke McLaughlin started riding Foothill's Field Marshall (*Gunsmoke X Foothill's Maybee) aka Bruiser on his second birthday. Many people think this is too young to start a horse (or pony), but I have always found that the intense human interaction at this age is very good for them and that the physical work does not harm them, they just do very short little rides three times/week. So far Bruiser has not put a foot wrong!! Luke is also keeping Balmullo's Isabelle and Liffey Lad tuned up and ready to go. Today, March 20, Luke and Laddie went to a local Dressage Schooling Show and came away with a score of 72% in Training Level Test 2. Hopefully they can both come to our Region Show in June!



GEORGIA

Donna Miller, Hidden Creek Horses, Alpharetta

Hello all, this is just a brief update for us. We have had a lot going on this winter, and since most of you have read the news on the ACPS website, I won't go into much detail on Art. Briefly, he (ArdCeltic Art) showed in Wellington at 3rd and 4th level dressage in Open competition with Missy Ranshausen. They did exceptionally well finishing at the top in 3 of 6 classes with scores approaching 70%. Art and I continued to run Preliminary eventing with mixed results. I have things I need to work on and have been giving Art very inconsistent rides lately. I have my work cut out for me, and expect it will be a gradual process to get the kinks worked out.

Devon had great results this winter with her Irish Sport horse (Dynamic Image) running 6 Intermediates and finishing in the top 3 in all but one event.

My paint horse is coming back from an injury and we also bought, backed, and sold a very nice non-Connemara prospect. As to breeding, there are 12 mares all over the US that who are expecting foals by Art so it will be an exciting spring as we anxiously await to hear news on all of them. We also expect to be busy this spring between competitions and collections....

Hope everyone is well and enjoying their ponies.

PS, Brenda Kinyalochs of Greyhaven (owner of Robuck) contacted me about exploring the possibility of doing a musical Pas de Deux freestyle with the two stallions as a demo at WEG (part of the Irish Village). Would be really fun if we could manage to work out the details....

Stephanie Fenton-Hickey, Stockbridge

I would like to have Shammer Sweet Sheila pictured in the newsletter. I took it on March 5, her 18th birthday, which was three days after my 61st birthday. I remember when she was delivered from Maureen Able as a weedy little 2 year old and I thought she was too young and I was too old for the partnership, but I was wrong. She is still my number 1 pony! You can print that.



Nancy Buchanan & Megan Buchanan Harris, Brambleridge Farm, Fayetteville

We've had a very exciting start to 2010! Sparrow's Owen and Megan competed at Poplar Place Farm the weekend of March 20th, and took 1st place in their Novice Division! This was only Owen's second outing at Novice, and wow what a change since November. He was in a 3-way tie for 2nd place after putting in a solid dressage test, and a clean show jumping round moved them up to a 3-way tie for first. A clean cross-country run, and coming in four seconds under optimum time, clenched the win!

Brambleridge Capability Brown has had a busy spring. He had his first experience in the foxhunting field, and put in a great effort his first time out hilltopping. Cappy has also started jumping, and seems to enjoy it (especially on cross-country). Cappy has found a new home with the McLaughlin family of Colorado! He is going to be David's pony club and eventing mount. We wish them the best of luck!



Megan & Owen



Cappy schooling the Novice ditch at Poplar Place.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Alice Verbrick, Columbia

At the Camden Hunt Hunter Trials this month Alice and her Connemara Bally Britta (by Balmulo's Beacon) won 2nd place in Junior Hunters, 3rd in Open Hunters, 2nd in hunt teams, and 1st place in hunt pairs with Caroline Beach.

TENNESSEE

Vanessa and Charlie Morgan, Foothills Farms & Piedmont Connemaras, Athens

Spring is here and I have lots of plans! I'm so glad to be out of the cold; now if I could just get some time at home to play with my ponies. My biggest plan is taking 3 mares to the Inspections in June. I say this is a big plan because all of my ponies have become rather spoiled pasture potatoes. "Work! What's THAT?!" Well, they are now on a program with the help of Melissa Roberts and Tollie Banker. Hopefully by the time the show/inspections come around, they will be able to do more than look cute, and load for treats. I am also planning to bring Balmullo's Catfish to the show. H graduated kindergarten and has gone on to elementary school with Melissa. He should be ready for Junior-High by fall. He is such a good boy.

I want to recognize the ponies that won ACPS Achievement Awards in 2009, that were born as a result of the Foothills Farms breeding program:

- Balmullo's Cassiopia (Balmullo's Beacon x Blue Hills Morning Star) with Janet Hibel, earned a Silver Medallion in dressage
- Tuckaseegee's Dundee (Foothills Waterman x Kid Sister) with Kathy Nebel, earned a Silver Medallion in dressage. Also received the USDF Training Level Vintage Cup
- Foothills Foggy Morning (*Gun Smoke x Balmullo's Rhiannon) with Darian Hall, earned a Certificate in dressage
- Foothills Waterman (Concord River Roaringwater Bay x Misty Meadows Miss Bonnie) with Dana Norquist, earned a Gold Medallion in eventing
- Black Dog's Fiona (*Gun Smoke x Pestyside) with Carol Green, earned a Gold Medallion in eventing

Here is a note I received from Kim Leitch on her Connemara cross, Piedmont Harmony (a.k.a. "Grits") by Balmullo's Beacon: "I couldn't resist sending you the attached picture of Grits. I took her to an Extreme Cowboy Race Course to school. She was the star! She had to lead my friends' horses through the obstacles, even though she had never seen them. She loved the mud! "



" Grits leading through the mud "



Teago



Dreamy



Catfish, Costar and Berry (below)



OUTSIDE THE REGION

Carol Vittert, Leland, MI

Tre Awin Buck Mulligan (Tre Awin Ginger Blue x Tre Awin Glory Road) is on the right and close up and the mare is Milford Shooting Star ("Shootie"). Her sire is Ashfield Hunters Jewel. Dam is Milford Lynx. She was born in England, imported to Ireland, and we brought her over here. She is looking for a breeding. One pony is owned by Carol and the other by Laura Balding of Weldon Spring, MO.



Michelle Haas

We recently had a chance to visit Donna at Balmullo Farm in FL. I have made it there yearly for several years now and I always enjoy myself. This year, my son Alex, was old enough for some longer pony rides (14 months) and he enjoyed them thoroughly. He has ridden my ponies in St. Louis and my sisters in PA, but he was much younger and didn't quite understand what was going on. He is pictured with Balmullo's Miss Emma, the dam of my stallion Balmullo's Gallagher and also with Balmullo's Liffey Lad, the full brother of Gallagher. He enjoyed it so much that

when I went to take him off he complained saying 'up,up,up' over and over again. So of course he went for another ride!

On another note, I have decided to sell my Premium mare Tre Awain Dare To Dream. She is fabulous in every way and the thought of selling her is not easy. However, she is sitting at my parents farm not being used and she is just too nice not to do something. She has excelled at being a brood mare (producing two lovely offspring) and as a hunter pony. She has also won numerous blue ribbons and awards at ACPS regional shows. She could go back to the hunter ring or go to dressage or whatever your heart desires. I would love for her to go somewhere that will use her in performance as well as breed her more. She is capable of anything. For more info check out our website which is being reconstructed. It is a little outdated, but the new site should be done soon.

We are expecting one foal this year and I will be heading to St. Louis shortly to foal Peach out. The foal-to-be is by our young stallion Erin Terra's Dream On and out of Thurman's Irish Peach. We're quite excited about the match and our looking forward to seeing the outcome. The foal will belong to my sister.



CONNEMARAS IN THE NEWS

A great article (with lots of pictures) in the March 12 issue of The Chronicle of the Horse featuring Courtney Sendak and her purebred Connemara Will'ya Love Me (Grange Finn Sparrow x Lady Doreen). Willy is a great ambassador for the Connemara breed. He's a palomino, 14.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hands high and winning at Intermediate level eventing!!

And of course Willy was featured again in the ACPS magazine as winner of the 2009 USEF/ACPS McKenna Award. On a much smaller scale, I wrote an article on the Connemara breed for The Camden Equestrian (complete with photos of Megan Harris and Owen).

CLASSIFIEDS

Rai Pullin, Eatonton

Super purebred mare for sale: Newmont Isadora Duncan (Moxley Duncan x Aladdin's Catoquin) 10 yr old, bay roan mare, 14.2. "Ivy" is a very cool pony that a boarder of mine is selling. I would LOVE to have this mare if i had more room! Ivy has tons of bone, a leg in every corner and is absolutely built to last. She is an easy keeper and doesn't require shoes even though I have very rocky soil. She is a great trail pony and is currently in a 3 day a week training program. She loves to jump, has lovely form but still needs some miles before she is proven. She is forward and fearless and has been ridden by an 8 yr old girl. She is not for a beginner but could be with more miles. She has had one foal and has lovely bloodlines for breeding. She is offered at \$5,000 OBO but this price may increase as her training progresses. Contact Rai Pullin at pullin@plantationcable.net or 706-485-3073 for

more pictures and YouTube video.



Beth Davidson, Black Dog Farm, Plant City, FL



Black Dog's River Ghost (Toby):

Toby is a wonderful 3 year old Connemara gelding. Toby was born bay, going grey, will stay pony (14.1 to 14.2). He loads, clips, ties and bathes very well. Toby is well socialized with other horses and while playful, he is a very friendly pony. Toby has a nice trot with an excellent canter. His parents are Swift Ocoee River x Seven Hill's Grey Ghost and Toby has a full brother (Nicholas Mosse) who is a young stallion in Arizona. Video and photos available. Well handled, wolf teeth removed, all shots and worming performed on schedule. Toby will excel in any discipline, but we feel that his bold attitude will be well suited for eventing or hunting. \$3,500.



Black Dog's Top of the Morning (Mia):

Trakehner/Connemara yearling filly, dun. Mia is out of Fiona's half sister, Black Dog's Fiorella, and by WH Top Gun. With the infusion of Trakehner blood, we anticipate Mia will mature to 15.2-16 hands. Fiorella won in hand as a yearling in both Hunter Breeding and Dressage before a pasture injury sent her to the breeding shed. Fiorella is uphill with incredible gaits and Top Gun has added the quality "pony" to make this foal a horseman's dream! Mia is

sweet, playful, with incredible movement. Very balanced could show hunters or dressage. Star, 2 small whites. Video and photos available. \$3,500.



Swift Ocoee River:

14.1 hand dun approved Connemara mare with wonderful old bloodlines. She is by Big Bear's Special Order and out of Molly Brown (Bobby Brown). Movement that is incredible, wonderful personality. Hunts, hunter paces, some dressage. Loves to trail ride and is great as a leadline pony. I have too many ponies. Ocoee is also a great broodmare and is approved ACPS. Competes barefoot, going strong at 15 years, very sound and easy keeping pony. \$5,000



Black Dog's Annie Get Your Gun (Annie):

This purebred Connemara yearling will stay pony sized and remain bay! Lovely small star and 2 small whites. Dam is Loughin's Leighseach (Lucy), who is an incredible pony, with warmblood movement in a pony package. WH Top Gun added a bit of size (Lucy is 13.3) and length of neck, and Annie is blessed with three very correct gaits and lovely uphill conformation. Annie is a bold, friendly pony. Will finish large pony. \$3,500.



Black Dog's Flute:

Rising 4 year old bay Trakehner/TB; half sister to Black Dog's Fiona. Bred to event, Flute is calm XC and very bold. Three lovely gaits, shown Intro dressage, will show beginner novice in April. Currently 16 hands, mature no larger than 16.2. Currently Flute is in training with Lauren DeNeve, an intermediate level eventer who clinics with Mike Huber and Karen O'Conner. Lauren believes Flute is super talented. \$12,500.

Inquiries on any horses or ponies listed, please call 813-365-0250 to speak with Beth Davidson. Many videos available, as well as additional photographs. For more information, please view the website <http://blackdogconnemaras.tripod.com>.

Information about WEG 2010 in Lexington, KY - Sept 25 - Oct 10, 2010

There are 4 sub-committees and chairs/co-chairs with email addresses:

1.) Production (demonstrations by Connemara ponies, riders/drivers and script) Laura Balding
laurabalding@aol.com and Donna Miller millbrow@bellsouth.net

STALLS: The ACPS will have 6 horse stalls for 16 days and 1 stall for equipment ~ in Sept 25 (could be earlier) and out Oct 10

LENGTH OF DEMO: 30 minutes max, and if the ACPS has a demo with the Irish Draught and Gypsy Vanners, then still stay with 30 minutes. WEG says: "it is a long time to keep people in their seats". WEG is working on their demo schedule now and hopes to have the first draft done by the end of the March. Ever effort will be made that each breed/association gets ample exposure - no guarantees though.

HEALTH/VET REQUIREMENTS: Working on the Master List, right now, of expected horses and riders and/or owners. All demonstrators will be getting a WEG contract by the end of April which will spell out all the details, stalls, arrival and departure time.

MONOLOGUE/NARRATION: WEG needs a script from each breed so they can give all narrations to their announcers. Music needs to be on a disc

PROPS: The ACPS needs to bring its own "props" which will be stored in the 1 stall for equipment, tack and feed. WEG hopes to provide some jumps.

PETS: NO DOGS - NO PETS ON THE HORSE PARK.

2.) Promotions (booth and everything in it ~ drapes, equipment, DVDs, handouts, sales, giveaways, etc)
Janice Meyer janicemeyer1@live.com and Chris Knox chris@knoxfarm.com

BOOTH: The total cost of the booth space is \$9000. The booth is actually a 10 x 10 tent. The walls may be rolled up if desired. The space comes with a wooden floor and electric outlets. Thanks to the PR "box" and Region I, the ACPS Booth will have a very professional looking booth that will draw attention. There will be green drapes, a flat screen TV/projector for playing DVDs, multiple banners, table covers, ACPS logo and an Irish flag.

SALES: Since the ACPS Country Store is planning to close, the merchandise will be offered for sale at WEG with proceeds used to offset the cost of the Booth. ACPS ties (5 colors) and scarves will be offered for sale, too.

HAND OUT: Using the **Directory of Breeders** from the ACPS Magazine, there will be a booklet/brochure printed for a WEG handout. If ACPS members pay the regular, annual fee of \$75.00 to the Magazine, their information will be printed in the handout with thumbnail photos of Connemara ponies doing different disciplines (like the banner at the top of the ACPS web site). Even the ICCPS could have its logo and the countries listed with their email addresses. There would be a nominal charge for the ICCPS logo and email information. Possibly, the breed standard and information about Inspections will be included?

3.) Fund Raising: Sally Oxnard stoxnard@yahoo.com

FUND RAISING: Donations to the ACPS Foundation are tax deductible. A number of fund raising opportunities have been suggested. There has been an offer from the Windy Isles Farm to have a silent auction at the Chicago show. The USEF has 1000 people interested in the Connemaras, but we need to get their names. There is a discussion of a "virtual ride" fundraiser from California to Lexington, KY that would coordinate the active involvement of Region Chairs and the ACPS membership. Approximately, \$2675 has been pledged for WEG from 8 people.

4.) Volunteers (manning the booth for any portion of the time during the 2 weeks) Susan McConnell susan@oakfieldsfarm.com

1.) Volunteers needed for the Booth (10AM-7PM) from set up on Sept 24 - take down on Oct 10. Passes provided to volunteers. Thankfully, several people have volunteered to help in the Booth, but more will be needed.

2.) Ponies/riders/performers for the demonstrations. There is a pass for each rider and each groom for each pony with 6 stalls available when they are on the grounds.

RV INFORMATION from the WEG people: There are several RV parks listed on the WEG Visitor page plus a place about 16 miles north of the KHP that has parking for RV's short term. It is called Eagle Creek Horse Motel. The contact is Roy Cornett 859-806-2788. He has a good website so you can look at it in advance. Tell him you're an RV candidate that you have your own.

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- Place/farm or house close to the KHP to park camper or horse trailer with sleeping quarters. No septic needed, just parking space, electrical hook up for quite Connemara people!
- Money, please! If you write a check to the ACPS-Foundation (501 c 3), it will be tax deductible because no goods or services were rendered. Susan McConnell can give you information: susan@oakfieldsfarm.com
- Housing close to Lexington, KY for free or nominal fee for the volunteers, riders/owners for demos
- Donations of volunteer time in the ACPS Booth during WEG, as well as set up and take down days.
- Donations of money to fund the Booth, printing costs and lodging. If you cannot be in Lexington, KY, please consider a monetary donation to help with this exceptional opportunity for the ACPS.

Any questions or suggestions, please contact WEG coordinator: Susan McConnell susan@oakfieldsfarm.com

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