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Jottings From Your President.

The weatherman tells us that summer is coming; it has been cold for our young stock but at the same time lots of feed growing. I may be only speaking for us in the South Island, I do hope everyone is having the same. Our Connies can manage the cold but when it is cold with no feed then it is a different picture. Many parts of Australia are in the grips of the worst drought ever and our thoughts go out to them especially the Connemara pony breeders and owners.

By now most of your foals will be on the ground. I hope they are all you expect them to be and I look forward to seeing them listed in the Studbook or Register.

Ridgeway Connemaras have 3 foals and one to come in the New Year. R.Kilsa (Quassa(Arab) x R. McMurphy), R.Ailish (W.Dan x C.B.Lass), R.Ronan (W.Dan x C.B.Bess).

It was lovely to see Winnie Tathams young stock by Spinway Comet in the Horse & Pony magazine. Well done Winnie, they look like magnificent ponies, we certainly need these bloodlines and their input into our breed will be a huge benefit.

Sharyn has been very busy getting in touch with as many breeders as possible to get info for this newsletter, should she have missed anyone do send her info for the next one. We would like to see some reports of those ponies that are out there doing things, does not matter what, just news, we in the South don't know what you folks up North are up to and would love to know.

Have a Happy and Safe Christmas and New year, it's a time of sharing, remembering and taking time to enjoy life. That Old Fellow in red used to take ages to come each year, now he comes with little time between. Mum and Dad used to want to have a day of rest after dinner and gift opening, I can really relate to that now!!! I will try to be good between now and then, as you never know **he** may know where I live!! My work as Plunket Nurse allows me to share in this fantasy time with lots of families, mostly a wonderful time, tinges of sadness in some areas, which we strive along with many others to minimise.

Taieri Hore

President

From the Secretary's Office

As Members have indicated they would like the Society to have an independent website we have approached Robin Marshall of Horsetalk who have just set up one for the Irish Draught Society and look after Hurunui Horsetreks.

On behalf of Society members, I would like to thank Rob Stanley who gave our Society a profile on his Hurunui Horsetrek site, in the early days of websites. We have

benefited from this and we enjoyed visits from Canadian, Australian & American Connemara enthusiasts as a result of this publicity.

Robin is presently setting up the template for the new site and would like pictures of our Connemaras. If you send them to me I can forward them for scanning. This year's Performance Competition winners could forward them directly to Robin by email.

All the information on our present Hurunui Horsetrek link www.hurunui.co.nz/connemara will be on the new website. Please let me know if there is something else we should have as it is all changeable, so with the Committee's approval I can forward articles to Robin for inclusion on our site.

Breeders may like to advertise their ponies through a link from a Studs/ Breeders button. They pay the Society for their page which then helps offset the cost of the site. The cost will depend on how much you want (its pretty much limitless) and what graphics, approx. \$40-\$80 plus GST (1-2 hrs work). Once Horsetalk see the photographs and what needs doing they can give an estimate. You can add to your page/ site at any time i.e add new foal photos and news.

Contact Robin Marshall robinm@inet.net.nz. Photos can be sent to 400 Boundary Road, Ashley 2 RD, Rangiora, 8254, North Canterbury. Tel: 03 313 2000.

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The ICCPS have just set up a website it can be viewed at www.connemarapony.org New Zealand is a member of the ICCPS. There will be a letter from the ICCPS (International Committee of Connemara Pony Societies) Chairman John Tennant of Australia, in this Newsletter. The ICCPS have an AGM and meet around the time of the Connemara show at Clifden, County Connemara, Eire. As Secretary, I am forwarded all relevant business by email, but due to its length, it is not always possible to pass it on. If there is anything you would like to know please contact me, in the meantime we will try to keep you in touch with various International news and if you are on line then you will be able to visit the websites.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and good wishes for the New Year.

Bridget Turner

Secretary

From the Registrars Desk

Not a great deal has been happening at the Registrar's Desk since the last Newsletter, but the next one should see the arrival of most of next season's youngsters.

Ridgeway Stonelea has moved to Oxford with Rose Pamee and reports that he is very happy there, and looking forward to meeting some new ladies; as is Waterfall Dan, who has come north to Warkworth to live with Tania Taylor.

Don't forget I have the new Stud Books now, they are \$35.00 including P & P and are well worth having.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great Christmas and a Happy New Year with everything you wish for your ponies coming true.

Best Wishes

Mary Kelly

Registrar

Report from Anne Ryan

Again I have been so fortunate to have been in Ireland with my family for nearly three months. The Dublin Horse Show was at its best, about 1600 horses and ponies to be judged. Horses are all judged by age and weight ie. 4 yr old Lightweight. I asked several knowledgeable horsemen about judging by height and they all scoffed the idea. The National and International jumping competitions had big entries and were exciting. Then I drove up through beautiful Connemara to Clifden for the ICCPS AGM and the Show the next day, staying for the fourth time at a marvellous B & B where Paddy gives us the most filling breakfasts of real coffee, fresh fruit and smoked salmon and scrambled eggs, so one does not even think of needing lunch!

Main items discussed at the ICCPS AGM were *Passports*: The EC countries are under EC directives which say the passport must contain details of the owner of the pony, identification, record of identity checked by authorised authority, vaccination records, health requirements. I think we must see what the Australian authorities produce & copy theirs. I have already talked to John Tennant about this and he will keep us informed. The *height of ponies* was discussed and delegates agreed to try and keep the Connemara as a pony and to try to halt the trend to breed a bigger pony. Over the last 40 years ponies are at least 6 inches taller owing to the market trend and fewer ponies being left to fend for themselves on the mountains. So many mares are being kept on good grass and fed extra winter rations of hay and hard feed. *Inspection of ponies*: There has been a problem where a pony which failed inspection in one country was sold to another country and was passed by that country's Inspectors. So with passports and care with Inspectors this should not and must not happen again. *ICCPS*: The International Rules are now more workable. The EC countries find it a little difficult to accept countries outside the EC but the CPBS has a final say in all matters. *Data Base & Genetic Evaluation*: The Swedish delegate has worked on this for 2 years and in this last year has added more than 52,000 ponies to the bank. John Tennant, Chairman of the ICCPS spent some time in Ireland talking to CPBS council members and has worked hard to improve communications between the CPBS & ICCPS and we owe him much gratitude as he stands behind small overseas Societies such as ourselves.

The Show was held in good weather but heavy rain the day before left the going in the ring very heavy and by the end of the day the top portion became a ploughed field. Very hard work to walk and trot out for both handler and pony. All but one of the show entry of over 400 were thought far too fat. I do not like to see 1, 2 & 3 year olds carrying so much condition, surely too much strain on legs and tendons. The Champion of the Show was Castle Urchin, a lovely mare. She was Reserve to her full sister, Castle Countess last year. Both of them are full sisters to Sue Clarke's Castle Baron – hopefully some NZ breeder will import frozen semen from Castle Baron in the future. He is producing some super foals. I had a thrill as once again Cosheen Breeze was placed in the 10 – 15 year old mare class – she is out of Scarteen Mistral – now 18 and still producing lovely foals – a 3 yr old son is a stallion in Sweden. The standard of the show was good and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the huge crowd, at least 4 – 5 deep round the top of the ring. One has to get there very early to get a ring side seat. On my way home I was able to stop off for a few days in Southern California and visited my lovely Brandon. Poor chap, he lives in a sand yard, fortunately with plenty of shade and just on hay, not a green blade of grass in that part of the country. But he is greatly loved and has just won a 1.15m competition against 50 horses, no pony class at that show.

Anne Ryan

ICCPS Annual General Meeting, Clifden, 14 August 2002

The following is a review of the AGM of the International Committee of Connemara Pony Societies, by John Tennant, who is the Chairman of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society of Australia. This article is extracted from the CPBSA Newsletter September 2002. Our own Anne Ryan (past President CPSNZ) also attended the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the International Committee of Connemara Pony Societies was held in the Station House Hotel Conference room on Wednesday 14 August 2002. Countries, which apologised for non-attendance were – Norway, Germany, Austria & Holland. Canada was a new attendee. This country will shortly form its own National Connemara Pony Society and move away from the United States with which it now registers its ponies.

A number of items were on the agenda. These included Passports, Height of Ponies, Inspections, Blue Eyed Cream Ponies, Data Base Programme & Technical Meetings to name just a few of the items discussed.

Blue Eyed Creams – This issue is a hotly debated subject in Ireland. There is a deep seated rejection of this type of pony and it would appear to be centered around the belief that the pony has an eye defect and that in the days gone by the foal was unable to be sold and therefore was a pony to be shunned for breeding. The council is divided into three sectors – (1) those who wish to include the mares once inspected into the Sports section and the filly progeny, if normal on inspection to be included in the Stud Book, with no colts being condoned and the gelded progeny being eligible for inclusion in the Stud Book or Sports section, (2) there is the group which is totally opposed to any form of inclusion and (3) there are a number of Councillors who wish to be given evidence which will show that the inclusion will NOT be detrimental to the breed.

A special meeting of the CPBS Council is to be held in Clifden in October to debate this issue once and for all. Varying veterinarians from around Ireland will attend to assist with the debate. The CPBSA through the Chairman is taking instructions from the SA Geneticist, Jeanette Gower and this material will be sent to Ireland for inclusion in the programme debate. Needless to say, the subject was again taken from the Agenda awaiting the outcome of the October meeting. I spoke with more than ¾ of the Council members whilst in Ireland and discussed the Australian (and other ICCPS Countries) viewpoint, and whilst I met some resistance, I also found a broad field of persons who wanted information on which to make a sound judgement and who are willing to be convinced that the BEC has value in the herd. The outcome of this meeting will be closely monitored worldwide.

Passports – The EC countries are bound by the requirements of the EC Directives, which give the specific matters a passport must contain. These are: - Sect. 1 Owner of Pony, Sect. 2 Identification, Sect.3 Records of Identity checks (by authorised authority), Sect. 4 Vaccination records, Sect. 5 Laboratory health tests, Sect. 6 Health requirements – diseases, which must be noted on the Health certificate. The CPBSA has discussed these requirements, which a Passport from the CPBSA should contain. The matter will again be reviewed in the October meeting and an Australian passport for ponies finalised. The CPBSA passport is due to come into effect 2003.

Height of Ponies- All delegates discussed this important issue at some length. Tom MacLochlainn presented his thoughts based on the article in our last Newsletter. There is little doubt that the pony has grown in height some 6 inches on average in the

past 40 years. Market forces have been responsible to a large degree and nutrition is another factor. In Ireland, removing the pony from the mountains and moors and confining them is a factor and poor breeding principles are also seen as having an effect. All delegates accepted the fact that over height ponies were against the aims and objectives of our Societies and that to allow the matter to continue without control would quicken the loss of type and allow the Thoroughbred, Arab & Draught genes to dominate. The CPBS agreed to take the matter aboard and determine how the trend could be halted. *(See Editors Note below)*

Inspection of Ponies – was raised not because of the fact that it was not wanted but the fact that, having debated, clarified and ratified set procedures which would be followed immediately at the last meeting in Clifden, unfortunately a pony which was failed in one Country was transported to another and passed. Strong debate indicated that this could and would not occur again.

ICCPS Rules – The International rules which countries asked to be changed last year were ratified by the CPBS and a new more workable set is now in place. Once redrafted and received here in Australia, each State representative will have a copy of these rules. It is unfortunate that some EC countries still believe the rules are contradictory to the EC Directives. It must be stated and understood that the rules and principles under which the Mother Country works are registered with the EC Council and are therefore accepted and valid. A paper was presented at the Clifden meeting by the Chair of the ICCPS which quite categorically shows that (a) the rules are valid, (b) The CPBS has the right to make such rules and enforce them and (c) it is a matter of interpretation by some countries. There is also, unfortunately, an area of belief that those countries outside of the EC really have no place within the organisation until, and if, they reach “Approved” status. The CPBS delegates to the meeting have taken this matter aboard, again, in the hope that commonsense can prevail within some countries.

Data Base and Genetic Evaluation Program – The Swedish delegate has worked on the Data Base program for the past 2 years and in the last 12 months he has added more than 52,000 ponies to the bank. He still has to incorporate the German herd into the program. This herd is a complex one as Germany has a number of State registers as opposed to a single Stud Book and this is Government controlled. It is hoped that these ponies will be incorporated in the near future. Once completed, performance lines, rare bloodlines, endangered lines etc can be assessed. The BEC issue will be able to be followed and those ponies hidden behind other colours will be able to be found. The Genetic program suffered a severe blow with the death in June of Donal Kenny. Donal has been the pivotal point of the evaluation program and spent much time at the Dublin University providing help and information. The technician in charge presented a paper. All ponies in the Data Base are included in the genetic evaluation program. Major problems have occurred worldwide with the frequent use of names which have to be back listed, checked etc and in many cases renamed or revamped to have then singularly itemised and so on. A long involved program – but it is well under way.

Future Meetings – The ICCPSA is required by Constitution to have a technical meeting at least every 2 years. Only one such meeting has occurred. The basic groundwork in forming the organisation has now been laid and the varying groups can now really get down to discussing the many important issues which affect ponies, or will affect pony aims and objectives in the future. The need to have 2 meetings annually in Clifden was debated. In all probability the AGM will be held on the Tuesday afternoon and a General/Technical meeting held on the Wednesday. This

would give greater time in debating issues such as type, height, inspections, BEC's, worldwide DNA use, grading of ponies and so on. There are many of these issues which need classification, reviewing etc.

As mentioned above I spent a full week prior to the meeting travelling Connemara and further to talk to Council members. I informed them of the work of the ICCPS, its aims and the needs on many of the International organisations. I found a definite lack of knowledge within Council of the ICCPS role as a supporting body. I also found that there is a more open, receptive and forward thinking movement within the CPBS and this has come about by two actions – (1) the election of a number of new members to the Council and (2) the work of the ICCPS executive to improve communications and especially to explain the aims and objectives of the organisations. I left Ireland with a feeling of greater confidence, a sense of achievement and a belief that the work of the CPBS and the ICCPS can and will work in harmony for the benefit of the Connemara pony.

Sue Clarke, Sue Lundy and Lynn Ibbott will provide a report on the Show, probably in the next issue. It was great to have three members of the Committee in Clifden to discuss issues, which would, and or did, arise in the International meeting. Their knowledge of the thinking, understanding, concerns and attitudes of both the CPBS Council and the ICCPS members will be of inestimable value in future meetings of the CPBSA. Finally it was good to run into Kate Story and her husband at the Pony Sale the day after the Show and discuss some of the matters raised in the Tuesday meeting and review the previous days Show.

John Tennant

Chair, ICCPS, CPBSA

Editors Note – This is extracted from the ICCPS Rules as ratified & approved at Clifden this year. Note the minimum age for a pony at inspection is 2 years.

Chapter 8.0: HEIGHT

- 8.1** The height of the Breeding Connemara Pony is normally 128 cms to 148 cms.
- 8.2** Where a pony registered at 148 cms or under at Inspection and subsequently grows over 148 cms, it is at the discretion of the ruling body of that Country whether the animal may be shown.

Note:

When inspecting a pony before the animal is fully mature it is important that the inspection team takes into account the environment (particularly nutrition) in which the pony was reared. The role of the inspection team must be to judge the appropriate height in the circumstances. In case of doubt the animal may be postponed for a later inspection.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Clifden Show 2002</i></p>
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The following article is a review of the Clifden Connemara Show 2002 (Ireland) by Sue Clarke from Glenormiston Stud, Australia. It originally appeared in the CPBSA Sept 2002 newsletter and is kindly reprinted with her permission.

When I arrived late the afternoon before Clifden Show the rain was bucketing down which didn't augur well for the big day. However show morning dawned bright with the sun peeping through the still heavy clouds and remained fine all day.

This year there was a change in events with Ring 2 holding all the foal classes and ridden classes and all the main breed classes in Ring 1. The 2 hours of foal classes used to be held in Ring 1 at lunchtime. This arrangement suited me well as I found a prime viewing spot with a group of knowledgeable English & Irish friends including Pat Lyne, Lady Anne Hemphill and Anne Harris, and stayed put all day. It is always fun to swap opinions with these people.

The yearling colt class was interesting with the winner (I love you Melody x Coosheen Pheasant) being a lovely pony but so well developed that he could have passed for a 3 year old. I wonder what all this feeding to promote growth and maturity so early in life does for the basic structure, ie. Growing bones and joints. I personally like to see a less developed pony that is in good condition but not pushed. There were several good colts in this class with the 3rd place getter (Carra Cashel x Ballylisk Apple Blossom) being my favourite.

The yearling filly class winner was a very pretty filly (Corcullen Silver Belle x Village Mist) and again we see those good Village ponies to the fore.

The un inspected 2 year old colt class (only a few in this class) was won by a very nice, but to the Irish eyes a little 'backward' grey dun pony by Gunsmoke (who has been exported to the USA) and the 2 year old filly winner was an extremely pretty filly Glencarrig Fiona, bred and owned by the Curran family.

The winner of the 3 year old mare class Lough Fadda Millie was one of my favourites on the day. She is a delightful mare and will have a great show career ahead of her. She was a little fat on the day but was very true to type and would have been my choice for Junior Champion. The second place getter Coral Gillians Rose out of the successful mare Queen Gillian was interesting as she was an extremely old fashioned type that is rarely seen in Clifden nowadays. She was the foal who landed heavily on her head 2 years ago when her dam won the Championship. Fortunately it doesn't seem to have worried her!

The class for 2 and 3 year old stallions was fun. They were like a lot of teenagers with hormones raging but were well behaved on the whole. The winner Seogeach (which I later found out is Irish for Joseph) was the eventual Junior Champion. He is out of the good mare Cailin Ciuin. To my mind he was perhaps a little too strong in type and I felt that he could be rather coarse as an older stallion however he was very difficult to fault in conformation and will certainly have a place over the lighter boned mares. I would have preferred the 3 year old mare as Junior Champion on the day.

The next class – Stallions 4 years and over - had 19 entries although there would have been pandemonium had all 48 entries turned up! This was won by my favourite stallion Glencarrig Prince who I so nearly bought as a 2 year old instead of Castle Baron. (Needless to say his owners don't plan on selling him now). He had been Junior Champion at Clifden as a 2 and 3 year old. His sire, Cloonisle Cashel, was also a great favourite of mine but died suddenly while still young. The quality of stallions was wonderful and I thought much better overall than the previous year. It is always amazing to see so many great stallions lined up together in one place. The lovely and very successful English stallion Spinway Comet was entered but unfortunately didn't show up. That would have been very interesting to see how he fared in Connemara heartland.

Henry O'Tooles Castle Urchin, younger full sister to Castle Baron, was the winner of the 4 – 5 year old mare class and went on to be Confined Champion (for ponies bred, owned and exhibited by an owner resident in Connemara) as well as

overall Supreme Champion Pony of the Show. She is an exceptionally beautiful mare with both type and quality and was a worthy winner. She was runner up to her full sister Castle Countess last year. It was rather fun that Castle Baron was Supreme Champion Connemara at Queensland Royal 4 days earlier. Urchins filly foal was stunning but unfortunately didn't compete in the foal classes so as not to tire her dam too much before her class. This filly will be one to look for in the future.

The pretty mare Gentle Wren (Abbeyleix Owen x Milford Wren) led the line up in the 6 – 7 year old class and the stunning Glencroff Amy (who would have been my choice for Reserve Champion of the Show) won the 8 – 9 year old class. Glencroff Amy has been a previous winner at Clifden and is one of the nicest mares in Connemara.

Coosheen Pheasant, dam of the winning yearling colt, took out the 10 – 15 year old class while one of the crowds favourite classes – “the old mare class” for the 16 and overs – had the delightful Starbright taking the honours.

Seogeach, winner of the 2 – 3 year old stallion and Junior Champion went on to take the Reserve of the Show from close competitor Glencroff Amy.

Noticeably absent from the winners circle this year was Padriac Hynes who was judging along with French Connemara breeder Hubert Laurent (Melody stud). American breeder Catherine Mack (Aladdin Connemaras) was the other foreign judge alongside local Connemara breeder Nicola Musgrave.

The standard of ponies at Clifden is always wonderful and to see so many good Connemaras in the ring (around 400) together is an incredible experience. It seems that when one studies the placings over the years the same ponies and the same sires and dams crop up no matter who is judging. It is always interesting as well to see that about 90% of the ponies are grey with some duns and the occasional bay. The ponies are beautifully conditioned and turned out nowadays with only one pony (a yearling colt) looking poor and scruffy. He looked very out of place.

I am forever grateful for my husbands frequent flier points that enable me to visit Clifden for my annual holiday. I just hope he'll go on travelling for work and gaining those points!

Breeding of winners

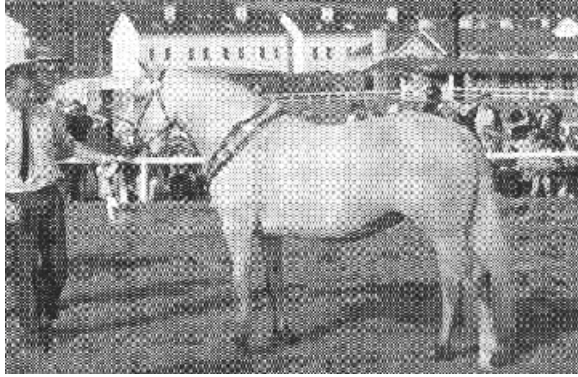
Stallions

3 yrs Seogeach (Boden Park Finnard x Cailin Ciuin)
4yrs & over Glencarrig Prince (Cloonisle Cashel x Glencarrig Aedin)

Mares

2 yrs Glencarrig Fiona (Boden Park Finnard x Letterdyke Dolly)
3 yrs Lough Fadda Millie (Grange Bobbing Sparrow x Canal Laurin)
4 – 5 yrs Castle Urchin (Abbeyleix Owen x Castle Dame)
6 – 7 yrs Gentle Wren (Abbeyleix Owen x Milford Wren)
8 – 9 yrs Glencroff Amy (Comanding Hero x Glen Lady)
10 – 15 yrs Coosheen Pheasant (Callowfeenish Mairtin x Coosheen Swallow)
16 yrs & over Starbright (Ormond Oliver x First Love)

Sue Clarke



Castle Urchin,
Champion at Clifden Show 2002



Seageach
Reserve Champion Clifden 2002

Incorporated Society

You may have noticed at the start of this Newsletter, that the CPSNZ is now the CPSNZ Incorporated. The Committee wishes to thank Heather Ringland and Anne Crump for all their efforts in bringing this to fruition.

Show Results

Results of the Connemara Classes at the North Otago All Breeds In Hand Show held in Oamaru on 19th October 2002 are as follows –

Best Presented Exhibit & Handler : 1st Tallyho Maybelline / Fen Greer; 2nd Tallyho Diva / Sharyn Greer; 3rd Ridgeway Kilmaddee / Taieri Hore

Broodmare 3 yrs & over with foal at foot or to foal this season : 1st Ridgeway Tralee / C Edmondston

Yearling : 1st Ridgeway Kilmaddee / Taieri Hore

2 Year old : 1st Ridgeway Maggy / A Edmondston

Mare 3 yrs & Over, Dry : 1st Tallyho Diva / Sharyn Greer; 2nd Tallyho Maybelline / Fen Greer

Champion Connemara : Tallyho Diva

Reserve Champion Connemara : Ridgeway Tralee

Results from the North Otago A & P Show Connemara Breed Classes, 20 November 2002.

Connemara Yearling, Colt, Filly or Gelding : 1st Ridgeway Kilmaddee / T Hore, 2nd Ridgeway Killee / T Hore, 3rd Glenardon Loughmore / R Drummond

Connemara 2 yr Old, Colt, Filly or Gelding : 1st Glenardon Inishmoore / R Drummond, 2nd Ridgeway Callie / T Hore, 3rd Ridgeway Kiltulla / J Drummond

Mare, All Breeds, most suitable for breeding, not over 148cm : 1st Tallyho Diva / S Greer, 2nd Tallyho Maybelline / F Greer, 3rd -

Mare, All Breeds, with foal at foot or to foal this season: 1st - , 2nd Ridgeway Tralee / T Hore, 3rd Briar of Ridgeway / T Hore

Connemara Mare, 3 yrs & Over : 1st Tallyho Diva / S Greer, 2nd Tallyho Maybelline / F Greer, 3rd Ridgeway Tralee / T Hore

Reserve Champion Mare All Breeds : Tallyho Diva / S Greer

Champion Connemara : Tallyho Diva / S Greer

Reserve Champion Connemara : Ridgeway Kilmaddee / T Hore

Performance Competition Results 2001 – 2002

Errislannan Trophy

Most Points Over All

- 1st ***Timaunga Bobby Dazzler*** (Barwidgee Erriff x Galway Jeanette) owner
Raewyn Jones, ridden by Samantha Jones
- 2nd ***Scarteen Inis Na Bro*** (Barwidgee Erriff x Glenormiston Dingle Bay)
owned & ridden by Rebecca Gibbs, Nelson
- 3rd ***Canningvale Irish Rover*** (Canningvale Irish Dusk x Canningvale
Bonnie Jess) owned & ridden by Samantha Britton, Taradale.
- 4th ***Devon of Ridgeway*** (Ganty Champ x Ridgeway Ruby) owned by
Taieri Hore, ridden by Tamara Mennae, Timaru.

Blandings Trophy

Stud Book pony with most points

- 1st ***Timaunga Bobby Dazzler*** (Barwidgee Erriff x Galway Jeanette) owner
Raewyn Jones, ridden by Samantha Jones

Ridgeway Trophy

Breeder of Blandings Trophy winner

- 1st ***Turner Family, Timaunga Connemara Stud***

The CPSNZ Performance Competition is open to all Registered Connemara ponies. Entry is free. Points for all activities. For entry card and score sheet send S.A.E. to Mrs T F Hore, Doctors Creek Road, 8 K R D, Oamaru.

Stallions At Stud 2002

Stud Book Stallions in Numerical Order

- S7 **Lonsdale Moonwind** (Connemara Park Michael (Aus) S2 x Windward
(Ire) M8
Contact Large Animal Breeding Department, Massey University
- S8 **Waterfall Dan** (Connemara Park Roy (Aus) S1 x Blandings Kimberley
(Aus) M9
Contact Tania Taylor, c/o 14 Victoria Street, Warkworth Ph 027 293 4903
Stud fee \$450 with a LFG to limited mares only
- S9 **Ridgeway Stonelea** (Barwidgee Erriff (Aus) S3 x Canningvale Bonnie Bess
M14
Contact Rose Parmee, Glenmay, Glentui, R D, Oxford

- S10 **Glenormiston Jasper** (Abbeyleix Finbar (Ire) x Oxenholm Dulcinea (Dmk)
Contact Sharyn Greer, Elephant Hill Road, R D 7, Waimate Ph 03 689 2764
- S13 **Bunratty Chieftan** (Ganty Champ (Ire) S6 x Canningvale Bonnie Gigi M33
Contact Jennifer Stewart-Neate, P O Box 137, Patumahoe Ph 09 238 3693
- S15 **Sun n Air of Summer Valley**
 (Chiltern Sunsilks (GB) S4 x Kohe Kohe Colleen M50)
Contact Karen Garner, 34 Three Oaks Drive, R D 4, Albany Ph 09 427 9259

Non Stud Book Stallions in Numerical Order

- S11 **Lonsdale Legacy** (Ganty Champ line x Windward (Ire) M8)
Contact Susan O'Brien, Top Road, R D 3, Morrinsville Ph 07 887 8778
- S12 **Bunratty Kerry Gold**
 (Ganty Champ (Ire) S6 x Canningvale Bonnie Gigi M32)
Contact Gloriann Mullen, Brookside, R D 2, Leeston Ph 03 325 3219
- S16 **Escondido Ridgeway Silver & Gold**
 (Bunratty Kerry Gold RS12 x Ridgeway Jewel M17)
Contact Stephanie Niven, Bell Hill Rd, R D, Dobson Ph 03 738 0660
- S17 **Keltic O'Se'** (Glenormiston Jasper (Aus) S10 x Leitrin Ardan M44)
Contact Karen Hodge, Waikareao Station, R D 4, Waipukurau Ph 06 855 4884

<i>Breeders Profiles</i>

I have endeavoured to contact most/all of the stallion owners listed in our Stud Book & Non Stud Book Register, and have asked them to write me a profile on who they are, where they are, what their stallions are doing, what mares they are using in their breeding programme etc. Here are the profiles I have to date.

Ridgeway Stonelea & Rose Parmee

My name is Rose Parmee. In October I bought Ridgeway Stonelea from Mandy Platt & Rob Stanley of Hurunui Horse Treks. I will be standing him at stud to a limited number of outside mares but mainly I will use him over my own broodmares (mainly big Clydesdale crosses). Stoney has already served my 17.1hh full Clydesdale mare and 2 smaller mares. I am leasing a lovely crossbred mare from Mandy & she is due to foal to Stoney late January so I am looking forward to that foal.

Apart from my interest in breeding horses I ride as much as time allows. My daughter & I enjoy Competitive Trail Riding with the Canterbury Endurance & Trail Riding Club and also trek into the local back country as often as we can.

I am based near Oxford, North Canterbury & would welcome visits from anyone interested in seeing Stoney & his progeny.

Escondido Ridgeway Silver and Gold & Stephanie Niven

Hi, I'm Stephanie Niven. I live with my husband Peter and out two boys, Zane & Logan at Bell Hill near Lake Brunner, West Coast. I did all the horsey things as a kid, Pony Club, ODE's etc and had a grey 13.2hh pony that was impossible to get the weight off, she did a shocking dressage – or should I say we did a shocking dressage – but had the heart of a lion when it came to jumping. I was a Pony Club Instructor for 7 years and have just sold my riding hack and are in the process of selling my remaining hack so I can concentrate on the ponies. My boys prefer motorbikes to ponies, but, hey, what can you do.

We own Escondido Ridgeway Silver & Gold. We bought him as a yearling (saved from the knife by a few days). He is now 4 years old and a beautiful fellow with real presence. He still appears black to look at but is going grey slowly. I have roughly measured him at 14.1hh. Silver is unbroken but quiet considering the limited amount of handling he gets (so if anyone would like to lease him for a couple of years and break him in I am all ears!) Silver has 5 babies, 4 of them at home, the oldest is a 2 yr old grey filly (my favourite). She is out of an old grey mare of unknown origin. Then there is a 17 month old black gelding out of my chestnut TB mare. He is going to be a really nice type, has a few grey hairs like his father. Next to arrive was another black gelding out of a bay palouse mare I was given. This one is going to stay black but is a tad thick through the jaw for my liking, but still has a lovely nature and is a straight mover. Won't use this mare with Silver again. Lastly a 10 month old bay colt out of my old grey mare again. He has a white star & coronet & again is a nice type. All the foals have good conformation and straight paces. They have the most laid back nature, such characters – always first up to the gate to see you & always very interested in what you are doing in their paddock, quick to lend a helping hand, wanted or not! The ponies have great feet which is just as well as it is near impossible to get a farrier out here. I also had an arab x mare which I hoped to get in foal to Silver. Ran her with him for 9 months and she just kept cycling every 3 weeks (I think she was just keeping Silver happy). Anyway, I preg. Tested her, sold her & then the lady rung a couple of months later to say she was in fact in foal. Consequently the lady was none too pleased! So I offered to take the mare back & she said she'd let me know – haven't heard from her to date so I guess Silver has another baby out there somewhere.

Haven't had any outside mares to Silver, I advertised him once with no replies, admittedly I've been a bit slack on that front. When we bought Silver we had a small dairy farm, two years ago we bought a large run down dairy farm, needless to say time is a bit tight, must improve though. I do intend to do up a photo page and information sheet on connemaras and put it up in the local saddlery and stock food outlet. Most people I talk to don't know anything about the breed, so I'm only too happy to enlighten them. Silvers stud fee is \$300.

Glenormiston Jasper & Sharyn and Fen Greer

For the last few seasons Jasper has been on lease to us from Bruce Sturgeon. However we have recently been fortunate enough to be able to buy Jasper from Bruce and are delighted to have him with us permanently now.

Jasper was imported from Australia in 1996. He had had a successful show career in Australia and had been used as a competitive dressage mount by his owner. Jasper was bred at the Glenormiston Connemara Stud in Queensland by Sue Clarke. Sue has an excellent web site well worthy of a look for those with access to the Internet.

Our stud is located near Waimate in the South Island, about 2 ½ hrs drive from Christchurch. We have 3 purebred mares, CB Sue (Leased to us by the Turner family), Ridgeway Pendant & Galway Jeanette. We have purebred filly and gelding yearlings & 2 year olds out of Sue & Pendant. We also use large TB mares, looking for those with good height (16 hand minimum), a good deep chest & they should stand covering plenty of ground. We have been thrilled with the TB crosses we have bred, as we are seeking to have a line of hardy, safe, clever hunting & eventing horses, as these are the disciplines that interest Fen & myself. Both of my hunters are part bred connemaras and hopefully Fen will have a nice big youngster to be seen hunting on in a couple of years too. This is the best advertisement a breed can have – to be out there seen to be doing it (and doing it well!). We seem to have a constant stream of teenage girls coming to stay, many of them foreign exchange students, who all seem to love horses. It is great to be able to saddle up one of our connemaras for them and let them go for a ride around our farm, and know that we trust the horses to behave sensibly and bring their riders home in one piece!

We are always happy to show people around our horses, and welcome a visit if any of you are ever in the vicinity. We presently have 10 pure and part bred youngstock for sale including some already broken in and going kindly under saddle. Jaspers service fee is \$500.

Lonsdale Stud & Winnie Tatham

When I spoke to Winnie on the phone recently there had just been a wonderful accolade to her recent accomplishments in importing frozen semen from the English Connemara, Spinway Comet, & the successful arrival of three purebred foals as a result, printed in the Horse & Pony Magazine (December 2002 pg 46). I now have the kind permission of Joan Gilchrist, the Editor of Horse & Pony, to reprint the article here for you.

‘Seeking to widen the gene base of the breed here, (Winnie) imported frozen semen from the outstanding multiple championship winning stallion, Spinway Comet. Early this year, Winnie was rewarded for her outlay and endeavour by three foals, two colts, Lonsdale Legend from L. Silken Wind (Chiltern Sunsilks – Windward) and Lonsdale Galaxy from L. Minstral (Chiltern Sunsilks – L. Gentle Breeze), and a filly, Lonsdale Seleme from L. Gentle Breeze (Ganty Champ – L. Silken Wind).

Spinway Comet is by the legendary Connemara, Thunderbolt, which was exported to England from Ireland, where he had been a travelling stallion and then

a teaser at a thoroughbred stud. In fact, a syndicate of studs – Spinway, Sydserf, Oaklands, Cocum and Chiltern - and a veterinary surgeon rescued him when he was more or less en route for the local meat factory at 21 years of age. Subsequently, Thunderbolt bred a number of good ponies, the most renowned of which was Spinway Comet bred by Sarah Hodgkins.”

Winnie is naturally thrilled to bits with her youngsters. She has no intention of gelding the colts in the foreseeable future , so there is an exciting prospect here for breeders in New Zealand.

Winnie is of course also the breeder and owner of **Lonsdale Legacy** who is now based with Susan O’Brien at Morrinsville. Legacy is, as ever, a lovely type of pony, and is available for service to outside mares.

Keltic O’Se’ & The Hodge Family

My name is Rebecca Hodge. I am 13 years old. I broke in and ride Keltic O’Se’. He is a pure bred Connemara colt by Glenormiston Jasper out of Leitrim Ardan. He stands at 14hh and is 4 years old. He is extremely well mannered and quiet.

My brother and I have been riding him like any other pony. He goes to Pony Club, dressage days, show jumping days, gymkhanas and the beach. The local Pony Club has been wonderful allowing him to attend and do so because his manners are so impeccable. My younger sister, Mandy, aged 9, jumps him each week at riding lessons. He is proving to be a very talented jumper.

He has had a few pony mares already and we also intend to put him across some larger mares this season.

We love him, he is a joy to ride and handle.

Subs

A reminder that subs are due on the 1st of January annually. You will receive an invoice for your sub and the Society would greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Also a reminder that the offer of paying a Life Membership sub of \$150 is available until 1st January 2003 only. After this date the Life Membership sub will become \$300.

News from the North

Best news of the moment is that planning is under way for our local Connemara own show day – a concept started by Tom McNamara, this has been in recess for 5 years, but driven by Mary Kelly and John Fleet, it is under way again. Proposed date is 1 Feb, proposed venue Sonshine Ranch, Creightons Road, Ardmore – enquiries to A McNaughton Ph 09 2350 851 or John Fleet Ph 09 2359 261. the format will be led classes in the morning with ridden classes and jumping in the afternoon.

Local Ponies. Bunratty Caroles Delight is pony clubbing, trekking & has just completed her first ODE in the hands of Josh O’Leary at Patumahoe, and is also booked for the N.I. All Breeds Show. Mystic Angel (formerly Takou Bay Tamara), is a super type of pony and is showing great promise show jumping and has qualified for the Pony Club N.I. Showjumping at Cambridge on 20, 2 January. Jacinda Garner is

the lucky rider. Jacindas mum, Karen, has the dun stallion, Sun n Air of Summer Valley. He has served a book of thoroughbred mares this season.

A team of the “Sonshine” pure and part bred Connemaras have qualified for the Pony Club Zone Games Finals at Kumeu on Anniversary Weekend – these versatile ponies are ranch trekkers as well as mounts for the Ardmore Pony Club riders.

A little bird has sighted Tom McNamara in New Zealand for the summer. We hope to catch up with Tom at our Connemara show. The same little bird suggested that interest in the Spinway Comet colts bred by Winnie Tatham should be directed to Tom – these colts will be looking for very good homes.

My last purebred Connemara, Kohekohe Vogue, has been served by a Welsh Section A in the hopes of producing a top jumping 14.2hh pony. Her dad, K.Paddy Boy, is in training for the Adult Riding Clubs NITE event early January and will also do some show hunter, show classes and ODEs. His other progeny, K. Vanity, a bay mare out of an Avon Valley line TB mare, is in work with Sherry in Northland and she is for sale, enquiries to 09 401 9115.

Lost – has anyone seen or heard of these two – Kohekohe Frosty Boy, full brother to paddy Boy, 15.2hh + grey gelding, now aged 6. last heard of at Kaipara Hunt, and Kohekohe Clare, pony mare by Bunratty Chieftan out of Bella Donna, striking dark bay with white socks and face, last seen winning the foal class at NI All Breeds Show 1997 and based in the Taupo / Aratiatia area?

Regrds

Anna McNaughton

In Conclusion

I hope you all have a safe and happy festive season. Thank you to those of you who have contributed to the newsletter this year, and for those of you who have something you wish published, please do not hesitate to send it to me. The next newsletter is scheduled for March/April and we hope to feature the Performance Ponies, so I expect to be inundated with Profiles from everyone who is out there “doing it”!! We would all love to know who you are, where you are, what you are doing and what you hope to do in future. If you come across anything of interest between now and March, send it to me straight away, I can hold it on file and make sure it appears next issue.

Sharyn Greer

Editor