

The Connemara Pony Society of New Zealand Incorporated

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Jottings From Your President

This year seems to be gathering momentum at an alarming speed, Easter is over already. Broodmares are starting to get that full look for their next foaling and weanlings starting their lives without their dams. It was a wonderful day when the drought broke here in the south and we have now had some growth before the winter sets in.

Although it seems a long time ago I thought I would give you a resume of 4 days in Connemara.

19 Aug 2003; Anne Ryan, Wayne and myself are almost in Connemara, we are at Anne's son and daughter in-laws home at Kiltullagh near the town of Loughrea. Anne led the way and we set off to the Connemara Pony show at Ballinasloe. This was our first view of Connemara ponies in Ireland and we were not disappointed, there were classes for led, saddle, sidesaddle and jumping. We met several people on their way to Clifton and also heard of the launching of the book 'Seahorses Connemara and Its Ponies' at Errislannon in Connemara. Off again, this time to Connemara, we followed Anne in her little black car, we dropped into Galway City to try and download a film only to find we had to purchase a new disk (we needed lots of film for the days ahead) and then across to Connemara. From my diary "Wow it is magic to be here".

We went through Clifden and on to Errislannon, you may think some roads are narrow in NZ but let me tell you they are highways compared with these roads!! We got there along with several hundred others, we were a little late for the launch and all the exhibitions by the members of Errislannon Riding School but I was able to speak with both the authors, albeit briefly, Stephanie Brooks (the breeder who came and visited me all those years ago when I first started breeding and gave so much encouragement and donated the Errislannon Trophy for our performance competition) and Karen Mannion. I also purchased a signed copy of the book, a valuable addition to any Connemara enthusiast, & took lots of photos. Back down that road, it was a must to all be going in the same direction. Next, Clifton and our little B&B with landlord Paddy Davis. Paddy was like a little leprechaun, he popped up, whenever we drove in at any time of the day, one moment he was nowhere and in the next there he was, an Irishman the likes of one hears about from afar!!

This night there was an evening gathering of Connemara members, so many people; it was wonderful to have Anne there to help Wayne and me through the evening. Anne knows so many and has a very good memory for names and where people come from and their Pony Stud names. Diary entry "My dream comes true I am in Connemara"
20 Aug; The annual meeting of the ICCPS, I will not repeat myself about this meeting I spoke of in the last newsletter only to say again it was another HUGE highlight of my life to be there with such prestigious Connemara Society members from throughout the world representing our NZ Society.

Following the meeting Wayne and I bought fish and chips and went down by the sea and soaked up all that makes the unique country it is—sea, seaweed, sea air, ruggedness, stone walls, narrow winding roads going on out of sight, seabirds and so much more.

21 Aug; It was raining and it rained all day, the wettest day in the 5 weeks away from home. We have to get there early says Anne to get a good seat. To repeat myself—one CAN sit from 7.45am to 7pm in the rain on a concrete seat when one travels that far and has a feast of the most beautiful ponies in the world in front of one all day.

22 Aug; Clifton Connemara Pony Sale day. Over 300 ponies sold in the cattle selling complex. We sat and watched the first 100, average price approx NZ3000. Just to hear the auction taking place was exciting, we could understand most of the time—most. We went shopping and then a drive. We saw ponies out in their natural environment, near the sea and behind stone walls. We drove for miles on these neat little roads and hardly saw another person or livestock, huge open country just as the cards depict. We went down to Ballikeneely and Roundstone. Back in Clifden we went to Pat Lynes museum and bought some books and cards AND viewed CP Roy's photo on the wall. What an educational place it was to visit. A credit to Pat and her team.

23 Aug; seminar for judges and inspectors. Another very special day with the most competent Connemara judges and inspectors and another line up of top Connemara ponies. It was a day of building on my knowledge already gained over the years and to give me more confidence in promoting our beloved pony. I valued the scoring system of inspection and have taken it back to our society.

Later in the day we left Clifton and around the coast North and so came to a close 4 days in Connemara, 4 days of so many people, so much support and so many ponies, 4 days that will be forever in my memory.

Forgive me if I have repeated some things I mentioned briefly in the last letter, should you ever go to Ireland, to Connemara, you will know what it is all about and how you can never ever write it all down.

Taieri Hore

Following her attendance at the International Reception at Clifden, Co. Galway, Ireland in August 2003, Taieri was delighted to receive this note and photo from Susan Rinehart of America. The photo is taken at the Reception and is of Taieri and Dermot Power, Chairman of the Connemara Pony Breeders Society.

Sunday, 12 October '03

Dear Taieri,

Enclosed you will find a snapshot taken during the International Reception at the Abbeyglan Hotel in August. Everyone looked so well and had a good time. It was an historic moment for NZ to attend - hooray!! I hope this was the first of many years!

It was a pleasure to meet you and your husband. My very best wishes to you, your family and ponies. With kindest regards,

Susan



From the Secretary's Office

Now the CPSNZ Incorporated is affiliated to the Royal Agricultural Society, we members have the opportunity to lobby our local area show committees for Connemara classes. In order to achieve unity throughout NZ the Committee advises the following classes as discussed at the 2003 AGM.

To start with: 1 Connemara 25% or more, registered with CPSNZ, 3yrs & over.
2 Connemara 25% or more, registered with the CPSNZ 2yrs& under.

When entry numbers are sufficient to warrant more classes:

- 1 Purebred Studbook Connemara, Male or Female 3yrs & over.
- 2 Connemara, Progeny of Studbook parents, 2yrs& under.
- 3 Connemara 25% or more, registered with CPSNZ, 3yrs & over.
- 4 Connemara 25% or more, 2yrs & under.

Ridden Connemara classes?

This is an exciting opportunity to continue to advertise the Connemara and increase the value of your investment. Good luck.

Please let the Secretary know of any shows in your area with Connemara classes or if you need any assistance. Judges are listed with the RAS, they are Susan O'Brien, Heather Ringland, Taieri Hore & Anne Ryan. In response to our enquiry Tania & Val Taylor have also made themselves available. Freda Harre is retiring from both Inspecting & Judging and we all thank her very much for her contribution & time over the years.

The Secretary holds all RAS correspondence---Rules, show dates etc so please let Bridget Turner know if you need copies of any pages.

The North Island All Breeds In Hand show have written requesting we do our utmost to encourage Connemara breeders to enter the breed classes they have at their show, as the Connemara has been poorly represented at the last 2 or 3 shows.

It would be good to have reports on Connemara classes in your area so they can be recorded for CPSNZ history & included in the Newsletter. Could those involved in organizing Connemara classes have one of you send in a report to the Secretary or Newsletter Editor.

Bridget Turner (Secretary)

- Please remember that Bridget now has a new address – Bridget Turner, Galways Road, R D 14, Cannington ph 03 6143770 fax 03 614 3772 email aturn@xtra.co.nz

Committee Members

A request has been made for an updated list of CPSNZ Incorporated Committee Members for 2003/2004. This is as follows –

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Committee members are elected annually at the AGM. The Society welcomes nominations from members for the Committee.

From the Registrars Desk

The season so far has been fairly quiet. We have had two pure bred foals registered; Tallyho Iris and Tallyho the Joker and ten part bred foals registered. There have also been eight transfers.

The next most important news I have for you is that I am retiring as Registrar as from June 1, and Rosemary Weaver is taking over. Rosemary's address is 131 Hokio Sands Road, Levin and her phone number is (03) 368-6963. She is a charming and knowledgeable person and I know she will be a great Registrar. But you must all be kind to her while she learns the ropes – a Registrar's job is not an easy one! However it can be made much easier if everyone does their bit.

I would like to say how very much I have enjoyed being the job and the contact it has given me with so many "horsy" people. I feel as if I've met you all personally; although in most cases it is just a voice over the phone. I hope you won't forget me and will still get in touch when you have a spare moment and keep me up to date with what's happening with your ponies. It is surprisingly hard to step down, but I will be 77 this year and I think one should stop whilst one is ahead, and so, as keeper of the Stud Book I would like to say "Good bye and God Bless"

Mary Kelly

AGM

It is perhaps therefore timely to now mention the upcoming Annual General Meeting for 2004. This year it will be held in the South Island at the Yaldhurst Hall, Yaldhurst Road, Christchurch on **Saturday 24th July**. Lunch will be provided at 12.00pm with the meeting to commence at 1.00pm. *Please make every effort to attend!* It is a good chance to catch up socially with your fellow Connemara enthusiasts as well as have input into the running of *your* Society. If there is any one requiring accommodation please contact a Committee member for assistance. We look forward to seeing you all there!!!!

Nomination of Candidates for Election to the Committee (per Clause 11 of the Constitution)

- 11.1 Not less than 42 days prior to the next AGM, the Secretary shall send to each full member at his or her registered address, a request for nominations of candidates for election to the Committee.
- 11.2 Nominations shall be signed by the nominator and seconder, both of whom are to be full members of the Society, and by the nominee.
- 11.3 Nominations should reach the Secretary not less than 28 days prior to the date of the AGM.
- 11.4 Not less than 21 days prior to the date of the AGM, the Secretary shall send to each full member at his or her registered address, voting papers containing the names of the duly nominated candidates.
- 11.5 Members shall return their voting papers, sealed in the official numbered envelope, marked with the words "Voting Papers" to the Secretary, no later than seven days prior to the AGM.
- 11.6 Candidates shall have been full members of the Society for at least 12 months prior to the date of nomination.
- 11.7 If no nominations for the Committee have been received by the Secretary by the time set out in sub-clause 11.3 thereof, then, but not otherwise, nominations may be called for from those members present at the AGM.

Note: Nomination forms are enclosed with this Newsletter.

Please also note that as per *Clause 16 of the Constitution* "Any person desiring a Notice of Motion to be proposed at the AGM shall give notice thereof to the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to such meeting and the Secretary shall forward details of such Notices of Motion to all members not less than 7 days before such a meeting."

Nominations as per Rules close with the Secretary on 26th June (28 days prior to AGM).

Membership Subs

These are due on the 1st of January each year. Please ensure they are paid promptly. It is especially important to retain your paid up membership status if you are a Breeder.

CPSNZ Inc. Inspected Mares as at January 2004

Ambury Summer Dawn M46	Ridgeway Gift M37
Canningvale Bonnie Bess M14	Ridgeway Pendant M31
Canningvale Bonnie Kate M29	Ridgeway Shamrock M35
Canningvale Irish Moon M12	Waterfall Enniskillen M38
Galway Jeanette M34	Waterfall Moycullen M41
Glenormiston Dingle bay M28	
Ridgeway Fantasy M16	
Ridgeway Jewell M17	

Notification from owners of mares who wish to put them forward for Inspections should be made to the President. Cost for Inspection is \$50. Inspected mares are internationally recognized as thus. This is a valuable marketing tool for those who may be hoping to export ponies in the future.

Out & About

Congratulations to the following that have had successes with their Connemaras recently at various events around the country.

- Kirstin Beaven & Tallyho Madagasca – three first placings at a Christchurch Derby Day, for the Hunter Round, Derby 75cm & Derby 90cm.

Annabelle Norman & Ridgeway Austin, Champion Connemara Winton A & P Show 2004 (pictured below)



Remember to send any results or pictures of interest to the Newsletter Editor so they can be included in the next edition.

Performance Competition

To all Connemara riders out there who are taking part in the Performance Competition, please remember that your completed Cards need to be back to the Performance Competition Co-coordinator, Taieri Hore, by 1 August 2004.

Performance Cards may be downloaded from our web site www.horsetalk.co.nz/connemara/ or from Taieri Hore ph 03 4311740

Aims & Objectives of the International Committee Connemara Pony Societies

The following is an article published in the Australian Connemara Pony Society Newsletter in December 2003. The article is written by John Tennant and is helpful in explaining what the ICCPS is all about and what it hopes to achieve.

A question was raised at the AGM (Clifden 2003) as to the role of the ICCPS and how it worked within the system of the CPBS (Connemara Pony Breeders Society) and the International Societies of Connemara Pony organizations.

The best way to answer this question is to quote from the Constitution of the ICCPS. This document was drafted, forwarded to all Societies and at a mammoth meeting in Clifden at which the CPBSA (Connemara Pony Breeders Society of Australia) moved to amend approx two thirds of the draft clauses to ensure that the document was truly an international document and not merely one to provide movement of ponies within the EC community.

Australia therefore had a major role in the development of the final document, which was unanimously agreed to by all 13 Societies, which at that stage represented the International Groups.

ARTICLE 1. The name of the organization shall be: The International Committee of Connemara Pony Societies. (ICCPS).

1.1 The ICCPS is registered in Ireland.

1.2 The ICCPS is a voluntary organization comprising Connemara Pony Societies Worldwide.

1.3 The CPBS is the parent Society maintaining the Studbook of origin of the Breed.

ARTICLE 2. Mission Statement – to develop, promote and preserve the Connemara Pony as a distinctive breed, internationally.

2.1 To develop and maintain the Connemara Pony as a distinct breed in accordance with the aims and objectives of the CPBS by promoting and fostering high standards of breeding.

2.2 To foster co-operation between member societies.

2.3 (a) To support and co-ordinate the implementation worldwide of the principles laid down in the rules of Registration of the CPBS (Ireland).

(b) On behalf of the CPBS (Ireland) to monitor the implementation worldwide of the principles laid down in the rules of Registration of the CPBS (Ireland).

2.4 To provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge and information between member Societies and Breeders.

2.5 To represent the policies and the educational research and services activities of the ICCPS to other forums concerned with equine breeding.

2.6 To co-ordinate an international breeding improvement program for Connemara ponies.

ARTICLE 3. Implementation of the Mission Statement through –

3.1 Harmonization of judging and selection standards.

3.2 Exchange of and implementation of best principles for breeding Connemara ponies.

3.3 Exchange of information on methods of breeding.

- 3.4 The establishment of an international database for the maintenance of ancestry, performance and other relevant data on the breed.
- 3.5 The provision of the required data by each member for the database.
- 3.6 The implementation of an international breeding research program for Ponies.
- 3.7 The identification and conservation of rare breed lines.
- 3.8 International promotion of the breed.
- 3.9 The organization of international working meetings.

From the above it can be seen that a comprehensive program for the preservation and development of the Connemara Pony is envisaged by this organization, but with and through the auspice of the Mother Country, Ireland.

A lot of work has been done and is still operative, in ensuring that the rules are for the control and harmonization of the pony worldwide. These rules have to be accepted by all Societies involved and in particular they must be able to be utilized within the principles of the EC, which requires free movement of all Equidae within the community.

Work is still in progress on the database and today I have received information that the person who has worked on and has now completed the “Genetic Characterization of the Connemara Pony Population” has begun work on the database program which has until now been under the baton of the Swedish Executive member. This person is looking at the last ten years of the pony. It is hoped that once this work is finalized that the program will be able to be available to all Societies and hopefully direct to members worldwide.

The ICCPS is strongly moving in the fields of the BEC pony, judging requirements, standardization of documentation, veterinary inspections, pony inspections and registrations, pony identification through Passports, inbreeding, height and loss of type within the ponies worldwide. Matters in relation to artificial breeding and semen availability, gene identification, micro chipping of ponies are also currently being debated and the development of a “Festival of Connemara Ponies” to coincide with the Clifden Show is in the pipeline. This program would enable a far greater opportunity to program seminars on a number of issues relevant to the pony worldwide and from this a greater availability of material to assist the breeder to produce ponies that meet the International standard (provisional programme follows).

Whilst the ICCPS has been operative for ten years, it is only in the last 2 years that we have been able to standardize the rules under which we operate and begin to meet the objectives in relation to the development of standards, education etc. With modesty and some pride, I believe that the forward movement of the ICCPS from its infancy to the present standard is the direct result of the Australian influence, enthusiasm and insistence that the principles of the ICCPS be met and be progressive. I believe that the CPBSA can and will continue to provide this support to ensure that the Connemara pony is recognized as the Constitution of the ICCPS requires. Your support in this approach is appreciated because it is a recognized fact now, (even in Ireland) that the Connemara pony is changing in height, type and character. It is through this consistent aggressive approach that the CPBSA has been able to provide that future Connemara pony owners and breeders will be able to breed a true Connemara and not one that is the product of the market place.

John Tennant, Chair ICCPS, CPBSA

Connemara Pony Breeders Society “Festival of Connemara Ponies”
The Showground’s, Clifden Co. Galway, Ireland
Provisional Programme 2004

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday	15/8/04	<i>Queen of Connemara.</i> A competition, starting @ 8pm to bring to select the Queen for the show and announce the opening of the festival.
Monday	16/8/04	<i>Visit to Society Connemara Pony Herd</i> An open day for all Visitors interested in the Connemara Pony. A viewing of the Society’s herd located on the Society property located with the Connemara National Park followed by a seminar detailing the Society’s plans for future development of the herd.
Tuesday	17/8/04	<i>Heritage Seminars</i> Heritage of the Connemara Pony @ the Heritage Centre. In cooperation with the Heritage Officer Galway County Council.
Tuesday	17/8/04	<i>International Committee of Connemara Pony Societies AGM</i> The Annual general meeting at which the new International board is selected and any changes to the Rules of registering Connemara Ponies or structure are passed.
Tuesday	17/8/04	<i>International Reception.</i> A chance for the local pony breeders, and interested parties, to meet representatives and visitors of Connemara Pony Societies abroad.
Wednesday	18/8/04	<i>International Conference</i> A meeting of Connemara Pony societies and representatives from all over the world to discuss breeding policy of the Connemara Pony.
Thursday	19/8/04	<i>Connemara Pony Show.</i> World famous event, details already supplied. Other events at show include, International Irish Dancing competition, Craft Fair and Show, Dog show.
Friday	22/8/04	<i>Connemara Pony Sales specifically organised for festival week</i> An opportunity for buyers from all over the world and Ireland to purchase a Connemara Pony.
Saturday	23/8/04	<i>International Judges Clinic</i> An opportunity for people outside Ireland to improve their selection and breeding techniques employed in developing the Connemara Pony worldwide.

The Society will be promoting, organising and funding the above events.

In conjunction with the local chamber of Commerce entertainment comprising traditional music, and alternatives provided by local musicians is provided in the various venues located throughout Clifden.

The Connemara pony show is an integral part of the fabric of Connemara, and it is a reasonable statement to make that, without the show the tourist season in Connemara and in many parts of the West of Galway will be shortened by 2 weeks. It is one thing to be successful but to remain successful requires development and improvement Bord Fáiltes assistance in providing funding to sustain this development is essential to the continued success and future of the Connemara Pony show and by implication the tourist season in the west of Ireland.

Enquiries email: enquiries@cpbs.ie

Interesting Websites

In order to update our own Society website (www.horsetalk.co.nz./connemara/) and make it as interesting as possible, photos are sought of the “older” ponies to be shown on the site as “The First 20 Years”. Therefore if any of you have photos of ponies that were born between 1970 – 1990 we would love to include them on the site. If you have an “action shot”, that would be even better. Photos can be emailed or posted to Sharyn Greer.

Classifieds

For Sale; *Ridgeway Kilmaddee*, Aquila Manak (anglo-arab) x Ridgeway McMurphy, rising 3years. Half sister to top jumping pony Ridgeway Kilbrennan. Shown with success in Connemara and Open classes. This pony is full of presence, excellent movement and will also be a top performer. \$2000.

Ridgeway Kilsar, rising 2yrs, gelding, Quassa (Arab) x Ridgeway McMurphy. Another top pony in the future, personality plus, success at only outing in Connemara and Open section. \$1500

Ridgeway Killashee, Fijo (andalusion) x Ridgeway Tralee, born 17.2.03. Lovely quiet filly, grow aprox 15hh. \$1250.

Contact Taieri Hore. 03 431 1740 evenings or email wayne.taieri@xtra.co.nz

In Conclusion

Our hunting season is upon us again down South, and my husband, Fen, and I are being kept busy trying to trim the surplus kilos off our hunters who have all certainly prospered on the bountiful grass we have had to hand this season. Our Opening Hunt saw me out on my Connemara X TB mare (by Barwidgee Erriff) and Fen on another Barwidgee Erriff mare, Tallyho Diva. Diva is a generous 14.2hh, but there were still a number of raised eyebrows when a senior gentleman of the Hunt came out on “a pony”. However, that “pony” stayed right up with the big guns all day, despite the unexpected weight handicap she found herself carrying. Just goes to prove, that size is really all a matter of heart.

Enjoy your ponies!

Sharyn Greer (Editor)



Photo: Julie Anne Hall & Canningvale Bonnie Rosheen. Here they were going to collect a bride for her wedding in Invercargill.



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