



SIMPLY THE BEST

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DENMARK: The Danish Connemara pony Society will this year celebrate its 45th Anniversary. An inspection of ponies and a Connemara show will be held on 31/7/09 at Bornholm and on 1st and 2nd August an inspection and show will be held on Zealand.

Last year the Danish Stallion Ravnsholt Diablo (Laerkens Callaghan) was exported to Ireland. In return, Glencarrig Fionn (Castlestrange Fionn) and Lissroe Hurricane (Gun Smoke) became residents in Denmark.

The Danish Society's AGM will be held on 14th March on Zealand and in April and June Agricultural shows for young ponies of all breeds will be held throughout Denmark.

AUSTRALIA: A part bred Connemara mare Garnet Kailah (Glenormiston Thady – warm blood mare) has really let the cat amongst the pigeons in the harness world down here. Kailah began her career as a harness pony at Easter 2008. She has been performing extremely well. Her owner/driver David Rozynski recently took her to her first "real" harness show in Stanthorpe to see how she performed, both in serious competition and with the pressure of lots of vehicles, people everywhere, loudspeakers and so on.

David's first impression was "what the hell am I doing here?" The first competitors he saw was the Australian champion harness driver and owner, Vince Corvi, along with his Australian winning Hackneys and the gleaming Viceroy's that they squire around the arenas. Vince is, amongst other things, the EFA National Show driving coach. After the initial shock he reminded himself why he came and began the work of preparing Kailah.



The upshot was that David and Kailah took out the Champion harness horse/pony, beating Mr. Corvi and another top line combination. As David stated – “Go the Connies!” Kailah and David are now preparing for the 2009 Australian combined driving championships to be held at “Witwood” Canberra this Easter. The first day of the competition will be the anniversary of the mare being put to harness.

Connemaras can do anything - and better than most!

IRELAND: The MIDLAND CONNEMARA PONY BREEDERS GROUP AGM. recently saw the following officers elected for 2009:

Chairman – Eddie Fleming Vice Chairman – John Moran

Secretary - Mary Rabbit Treasurer – John Durkin

PR officer - Ruth Rogers.

Ruth will provide the ICCPS with information of show results, Connemara information and generally keep us informed of events and happening within the Midland group’s domain. Ruth is working on trying to obtain DVD or video access for the ICCPS on the video that I showed in Clifden many years ago entitled “The Irish Pony – Return of a Native” .

Ruth is also, as you know, Editor of “An Capaillin”. Incidentally, I have seen the copy of the new “An Capaillin”, It is a beauty, probably the best yet and something for everyone. Try to get your copy as soon as they are released, you will not be disappointed.

Well, first attempt at a new format. One photo per mail so should be easier to handle. Hope you enjoy. Say if you do not!

Regards to all

John Tennant