

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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Not much material is available from the Connemara worldwide since the European Show Jumping Championships and the great results of the Irish team in Moorsele, Belgium. The CPBS certainly made the most of it with the appearance of individual Medallist Ballyowen Maybelle Molly and silver team member Sillogue Darkie being paraded at the historic Clifden showgrounds during the Connemara festival in late August. I have it on good authority that Molly has now been sold to a Belgian owner.



In trolling through overseas magazines it appears that the new Connemara Performance Hunter Classes have proved popular in England with Rachel Suffern topping the 5yr – 7 yr class with the Ashfield Festy bred ANNAGH STORM. Brenda Short also made a successful return to the ring to ride NEWTON BLOSSOM to first place in the National Ridden Connemara title.



At the NPS Summer Championships, Malvern Worcs. Sarah Dowdell's Connemara, JOHN'S CUCKOO, ridden by Mathew Lawrence claimed the Mountain and Moorland Silver medal. A further Mountain and Moorland Pony show at Castlewellan, Northern Ireland saw 5year old County Down based ABBEY STORM take out the ridden mountain and moorland Championship. Storm was ridden by Sylvia Henry. This win added to the Pony's success at Cavan Equestrian centre where he won the Northern Ireland Dressage Preliminary Championship.

- John Tennant