

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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It is amazing how quickly the time passes us by. With local AGM and Committee meetings, members away in Ireland for the Festival and so on and before one knows, it is out with Summer and in with winter and vice versa - depending where one resides.

News is quite sparse from the Northern hemisphere as ponies are looking to be out doors, or stabled for the winter and the show season is finished. Down under it is about to start, hence the lack of news.

In England, the sun shone brightly on yearling gelding *Innellan Rambler* (by *Anbally Cloud* out of *Glencarrig Wild Rose*) and indicates that he is one of the best yearlings in England at the moment. He was shown at seven county and two breed shows and was awarded seven first placings, four championships and three reserve championships. He was not finished with that as he was taken to the Equifest where he was awarded a first place in the young stock class; Champion Connemara and then the best M&M pony at the show. We all look forward to the return of summer in 2012 to see what he next achieves.

Connemara events in East Anglia saw some great ponies being shown. *Natchaniel Nutmeg* and *Moatwood Constance Spray* **both** left the arena with top ribbons around their necks. Sue Allen and her mount *Hobart Alchemy* took out the Ridden Championship.

The Northern Breed show also produced quality Connemara ponies. Both the adult and pure bred in hand championships were taken by *Drumcare Prince Albert*. The young stock in hand Championship was awarded to *Senruf Primula*. The pure bred ridden championship went to *Skellorn Harrison* and this stallion went on to take out the Supreme champion of the show.

“Down Under” there is little activity to report on. However, the AGM and Committee meeting of the CPBSA saw yet further changes that are being introduced to lift the Performance value of the Australian Connemara. At the completion of the first year of its introduction 76 ponies have been nominated to be considered for awards in this ongoing award scheme. At the AGM, Annual winners were announced and Green and Gold Saddle cloths and Horse rugs were presented to each of the State winners.

To comply with the Standardisation of Inspectors qualifications etc., as announced at Clifden this year, all CPBSA inspectors will have to virtually be reassessed and all new applicants for inspector role will have a set criteria to comply with, work and through for appointment as inspector. One of the major difficulties down under is the vast difference between states, studs and personnel wishing to be appointed as inspectors. It is hoped that this new criteria will help to resolve this situation.

With the Mother Society about to recognise Michael O’Malley’s 100th anniversary of great service to the Connemara Pony in Ireland in 2012, the CPBSA has also agreed to make a similar recognition at the “2012 Connemara Showcase” event at Werribee, Victoria in June 2012. The full program of this Centenary program will be announced later as it becomes firm.

Summer is on the horizon. Connemara pony owners are checking stables, paddocks etc. for creepy crawlies. Dressage arenas, show jump areas, hacking tracks are being surveyed and ponies are being worked. The early shows will quickly occur. At my age, one does have the feel that one should be “doing” something. Not having one’s ponies around and instead, looking at a suburban back yard it is quite disheartening. One can still dream!!!

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Innellan Rambler



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