

## Swedish news, March 2014

### Dressage

It is time to summarize the competition year of 2013. On the end of the year ranking we find two Connemaras and one partbred Connemara. Highest placed is the 15-year-old Okay Cosmos (by Cannon out of Iowa) in 39th place. He has victories and placings both on a regional and national level. Runner up among the Connemaras was last year's winner Tic Tac (by Countach Campbell out of Köhls Rapsodi), now with a new rider. In the total ranking Tic Tac finished number 80. Best among the partbreds in place 85 was Fix Victoria who's maternal grandsire is the dressage ace of the 90ies, Juno Rory.

Among the ten Connemaras with the most dressage points we find to grandsons of Värnbergs Orion (by Hummelbro Daf out of Jealous Lady). Rory Ruadh also has two grand-offspring through his sons Rolls Royce and Juno Rory. Aladdin (by Möllans Allert out of Gipsy Queen) has a son and a grandson. Of the ten eight are Swedish-bred, one, Pilgaard's Jason (by Hesselholts Leeroy out of Kærvangs Candie), is Danish-bred and Drumcong Lady (by Seafield Fionn out of Westside Lady) is an Irish import.

The 2014 competition year has only begun and not many competitions have been held. So far Stockmossens Tindra (by Kamillo av Haga out of Stockmossens Timandra) is off to a good start with two seconds from regional competitions. Partbred Tookwino (by Tootle U, maternal grandsire Rory Ruadh) also has a second at a regional competition



Figure 1: Stockmossens Tindra (by Kamillo av Haga out of Stockmossens Timandra), making a strong start in the 2014 dressage season. *Photo: Jenny Hagenblad*



Figure 2: Casper (by Cannon), still going strong at the age of 20. *Photo: Jenny Hagenblad*

while Lindens Angus (by Dale Haze out of Roseanne) has a third.

## Eventing

The interest in eventing is still very limited and only four Connemaras and two partbreds took eventing points during 2013. Old boy Casper (by Cannon), a partbred half brother to the dressage winner Okay Cosmos, is still going strong at the age of 20 and finished a creditable 15th place. Among the purebreds Danish-bred Camelia (by Øxenholm Godot out of Elmely's Sweet Caroline) gathered the highest number of eventing points and finished in place 35. Just behind her in 37th place was Hagens Earl (by Hagens Ryan out of Hagens Amy), winner of the 2012 Swedish Connemara championships in show jumping. Tying for third place and 43rd overall were Moon Struck (out of Moon Light) by former Swedish and Nordic eventing champion Uranus, and Sjödalens Magnolia (out of Manette) by former Swedish dressage Champion Juno Rory.

## Show Jumping

Six purebreds and equally many partbreds made the eventual top-hundred list of ponies earning jumping points. Queen among these, and in third place overall, was 19-year-old Poetic Annie (by Poetic Justice out of Myrens Anitra). The second Swedish-bred Connemara making the top 100, placed fifth among the Connemaras and 56th overall was Brolötens Cloetta, a half sister to the above mentioned Sjödalens Magnolia, out of Molly,



herself with show-jumping points.

French-born Ix de l'Aulne (by Dexter Leam Pondi out of Castille de l'Aulne) had another successful year finishing second among the Connemaras and 5th overall. Irish-bred ponies making the top 100 were Coolkill Seamus (by Dunlewey Seamus out of Coolkill Jess) in 53rd place, Birchgrove Diamond (by Kilmore Diamond out of Daisy Hollow) in place 54 and in place 59 Tullamore Dew (by Monaghanstown Fred out of Heather Beauty). Other high-placed Connemaras not quite making it the top 100 were Irish-born Westside Padraig (Westside Fred out of Aran Suzy), Belgian-born Lover de Vauper (by Thunder du Blin out of Daphné de la Dive) and the two Swedish Lindens Myrna (by Frederiksminde Hazy Chance out of Ashfield Fancy) and Brittney (by Ashfield Cathal Crobdhearg out of Hagens Grandezza). Overall among the most prominent show jumpers Poetic Justice still reigns as the most important contributor of jumping genes.

During the early season of 2014 Poetic Annie continues to do well, winning all her three classes so far. An interesting new name is Krumelur (by Rooar out of Grytåsa Kryddan) with a first, a second and a third at the regional level. Other Connemaras doing well in the early 2014 show jumping season are Coolkill Seamus, Idylle (by Kamik Breeze out of Gina 2nd), Lexus Justice (by Westside Fred out of Dunamoney Lass), Poetic Annie's full brother Ängaskogs Cooper and Bella Mi Po (by Pommac out of Benita) who qualified to compete at the international Gothenburg Horse Show.



Figure 3: Belgian-born Lover de Vauper (by Thunder du Blin out of Daphné de la Dive), eighth Connemara in the show jumping ranking 2013. *Photo: Jenny Hagenblad*

## Driving

A mention must be made of Lovöns Diezel (by Dale Haze out of Lindens Metina) who was the only Connemara to gain competition points in driving this year. Victories and placings at both local and national level earned him a 32nd place in the pony driving ranking.

## Stallion news

Lately Swedish mare owners has lost two opportunities to cover with top class show jumping Connemaras who have both returned to their native soil. Last year's most popular Connemara stallion, Idefix du Villon (by Quignon du Parc out of Hilda des Ludes), has returned to France where he will be standing with Syndicat Linaro. The Irish Silver Shadow (by Cloonisle Cashel out of Poetic Moonlight) has also returned home and will now be standing in Ireland. Fortunately Idefix had two busy seasons at stud in Sweden and there will hopefully be a son to follow in a couple of year and Silver Shadow is already represented by his son Bunowen Paddy (out of Irishtown Beauty).

At the stallion inspections French bloodlines was the order of the day when two new stallions could be passed as class I. Castle Verdi is from one of the last foal cohorts by Janus and a proof of the international nature of the Connemara breed of today. Born in Ireland he has a Swedish-born sire and a French-born dam, Orphée Schueracher. In 2011



Figure 4: Silver Shadow (by Cloonisle Cashel out of Poetic Moonlight), now back in Ireland. *Photo: Jenny Hagenblad*

Verdi was Supreme Champion at the Swedish national show. Vox Pop de l'Aulne is a French import. By Glenree de l'Aulne and with Ies de l'Aulne he has Dexter Leam Pondi as his maternal grandsire. Vox Pop showed a strong performance talent and was highly scored for his performance test.

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