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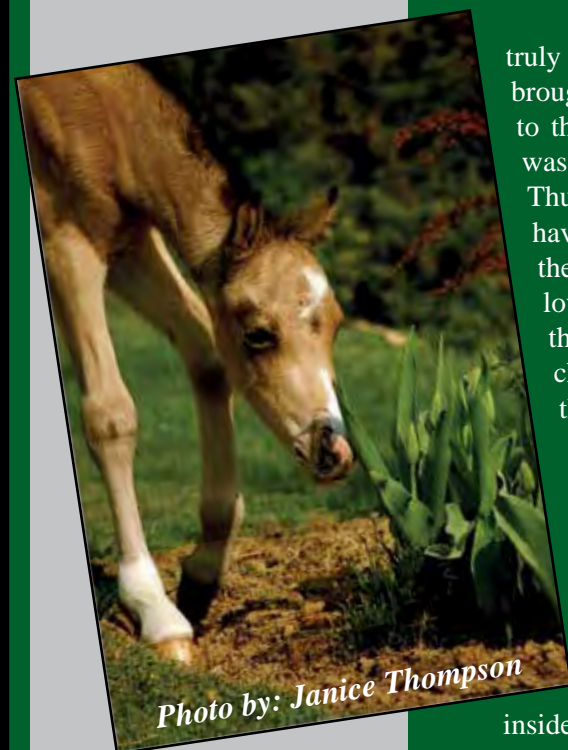
From the President

WOW! The 2013 American National Show in Tulsa was a rousing success and a truly "National" show. Exhibitors from California to Florida to Minnesota and even Canada brought over 200 ponies to participate in huge highly competitive classes. Many thanks to the Oklahoma Kansas Welsh Pony Society who went all out - the hospitality booth was elegantly decorated and provided a wonderful backdrop for the exhibitors' party on Thursday night. The food was outstanding - a professional catering company could not have done a better job. Of course the homemade goodies and coffee provided all through the show at the booth were much appreciated. Special thanks to Pam Johnson for her lovely artwork. She not only produced the American National tee shirts and sweat shirts that were a sell out, she also put together a hotly contested coloring contest for the children featuring the 4 sections of Welsh. There were many other folks who deserve thanks but the list is too long to go into detail here.

We were pleased to have large crowds in the stands for all of the performances. Congratulations to all of the winners - they had to work to win the blue. In fact if you even got a ribbon you felt like you had accomplished a great deal! Even if you didn't go home with a ribbon you went home with memories of a good time with wonderful Welsh friends and great competition. Start making your plans to be there next year - you don't want to miss it!

Speaking of not wanting to miss something, you should be planning your trip to our 2014 AGM. Our members in Minnesota promise us a good time. See inside for more details. Hope to see you there!

Dr. Ruth

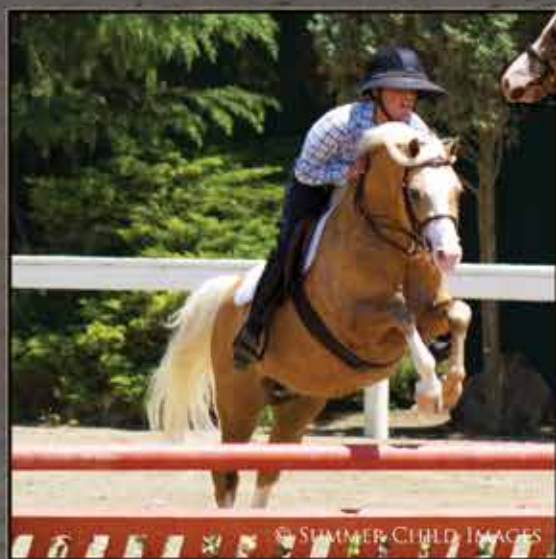


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FROM EYARTH

Influence on the Section B Welsh Pony

by Gretchen Aitken

The Eyarth Stud is world renowned for producing building blocks for some of the world's most successful Section B breeding programs. Their influence spans the globe, with Eyarth breeding being used and treasured in the UK, the Netherlands, Sweden, Russia, Australia, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Poland, the USA and more. Eyarth bred ponies have won at the world's most prestigious shows over the past decades.

In America, the two most influential Eyarth ponies have proven to be Eyarth Rio and Eyarth Beau Geste – half-brothers out of the great mare, Eyarth Zsa Zsa (Eyarth Celebration x Weston Twiggy).

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Eyarth Rio, foaled in the hills of North Wales in 1987, was his dam Eyarth Zsa Zsa's first foal and was sired by Hafodyresgob Buzby. As a yearling, Rio was purchased by David Jones and Geraint Thomas of the Telynau Stud in Wales, where he excelled both in the show ring and as a sire. Rio has had an extremely successful show and breeding career, siring foals across the UK, and also spending a breeding season in the Netherlands, where he sired over 40 foals. Rio's blood can be found in countless breeding programs around the world. In the show ring he had many illustrious wins, including qualifying for the Horse of the Year show twice and with the success of his progeny, he was the WPCS Sire Ratings winner from 1996 to 1998.

Over the years, twenty-four Rio offspring have been imported into the US. Of the twenty-four, 14 have been male, and of those 14, at least 5 have been gelded and one is deceased.

One of the first, *Telynau Elgar, arrived in Virginia in 1998 at the Lakeview Stud. Elgar has had many good wins in the UK and USA, boasting numerous supreme championships, and the success of his offspring in hand allowed him to be named the leading 2005 USEF Pony Hunter Breeding sire.

*Telynau Royal Charter is among the most well known of Rio's offspring in the USA. Since his importation to Farmore Farms in California in 1999, Charter has gone on to win many year-end and national championships, and also individual and sire LOM's, individual

TO AMERICA



*Eyarth
Rio*



*Eyarth
Beau
Geste*



****Telynau Ballerina***



****Hunter's Carmen Rose***



****Telynau Royal Charter***

and sire AOE's, as well as his sire LOH and AOH. Charter has also been the WPCSA's Sire of the Year. Charter's winning progeny have also garnered him the prestigious Get of Sire award at the Devon Horse Show and a Charter daughter, Justamere's Prom Queen, topped the 2013 Pony Finals sales auction with an impressive sale price of \$75,000.

Charter has sired many purebred breed show champions, including Farmore Prima Ballerina LOM (a double Rio granddaughter), Farmore Royal Tywyn LOM, Farmore Imagination LOM and full siblings Farmore Royal Heiress LOM/AOE and Farmore Royal Heir LOM.

On the East coast, another influential son of Eyarth Rio is *Telynau Royal Anthem (a full brother to *Telynau Royal Charter), imported by Lynn Kiefer of Falling Moon Stud. While Anthem has not shown in the WPCSA breed ring, he has sired many successful offspring who have won in both open and breed competition. Anthem's offspring have been champions at the prestigious Devon and Upperville horse shows, as well as breed ring supreme and national champions. The success of full brothers Royal Charter and Royal Anthem as sires of successful hunter ponies can be noted in the listing of this year's successful Pony Finals winners, which can be found in this issue of the Welsh Review. Both sires have offspring competing successfully at the top level of the sport, as seen in the results.

Rio's influence is not just through his sons – there have been 10 Rio mares also imported, many of which are valuable parts of various breeding programs and show stables today.

One of the most successful daughters of Rio is *Telynau Ballerina, who was originally imported by Farmore Farms in California. Ballerina was well known on the west coast show scene, regularly winning in hand and in performance. After an extremely successful breeding and breed show career, Ballerina was sold to begin a successful career as a pony hunter.

*Hunter's Carmen Rose, a UK champion and medal winner, is one of the most recently imported Eyarth Rio daughters. A successful broodmare for the Eyarth Stud, she is now in Oregon at Family Partners Welsh Ponies, along with two of her daughters.

The sons and daughters of Rio have added immense quality to the US gene pool and we are seeing the Rio grandchildren in turn producing excellent offspring for their owners.

Out of Eyarth Zsa Zsa, and by Boston Bentick, who sired numerous broodmares for the Hilin Stud, is Eyarth Beau Geste, owned by the Waxwing Stud in Scotland.

A total of 13 ponies sired by Eyarth Beau Geste have been imported, since the first, *Wedderlie Mardi Gras, arrived in 2002 (two of these were imported in utero). Six of these ponies were stallions, one of which is deceased and one of which has been gelded, and 7 are mares or fillies.

Beau Geste is an up to height buckskin stallion who has been Champion at the Royal Welsh, but has most distinguished

himself as a sire, siring numerous champions, including Royal Welsh Champion *Wedderlie Mardi Gras, the first Beau Geste offspring to be imported to the US by Family Partners Welsh Ponies in Oregon; Mynach Miss Prim, winner of multiple Royal Welsh Championships, Waxwing Prince Hal, Horse of the Year Show winner, and many other ponies successful in hand and under saddle.

*Wedderlie Mardi Gras was from Beau Geste's very first foal crop, and immediately began to make his mark by winning Champion at the Royal Welsh as a yearling. Upon his arrival in the US, he was National Champion the first year he was shown as a two year old and went on to win National Champion a second time as an adult, amidst many Supreme Champion wins.

The success of the offspring by Mardi Gras has garnered him the WPCSA's Sire of the Year twice, as well as winning his Sire Legion of Merit and Sire Award of Excellence. He has sired numerous breed show winners, including multi National Champions Clanfair Signature LOM, Goldhills Master Bronze LOM/AOE, Goldhills MakeBelievePrincess LOM/AOE and three-quarter siblings Clanfair Martina LOM and Clanfair All About Me LOM, also a Pony Finals qualifier and hunter ring champion. His son, Clanfair Signature, is the WPCSA's youngest Legion of Merit recipient ever, and many time Supreme and performance champion for Bridlewood Welsh in California. Interestingly, these three Clanfair prefixed ponies are all out of Eyarth Rio granddaughters.

Another Beau Geste son in the US is *Mynach Master Class, a young stallion imported by Family Partners Welsh Ponies. Master Class is out of Mynach Mimosa, which makes him a full brother to multi Royal Welsh Champion Mynach Miss Prim. This family of ponies is known as one of the UK's most successful families. Master Class has been National Champion twice since his importation to the US as a weanling.

Other Beau Geste daughters in the US include the champions *Waxwing Garland, *Waxwing Martini and *Waxwing Curtain Call and unshown mares *Mynach Miss Daisy and *Mynach Manilla.

Beau Geste's offspring are in demand, as there are only a few each year, and he does not stand at public stud, which makes the success of his progeny even more remarkable. From just a handful of mares each year, his get consistently make their presence known in the show ring.

Quality breeding begets quality offspring and the Eyarth ponies are known around the world for excellent quality and type, making the Eyarth influence an important contribution to Section B Welsh genetics in the USA.



**Mynach Master Class*



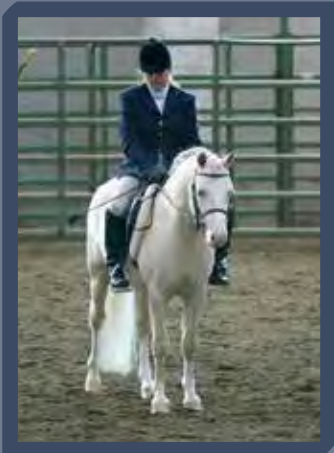
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**Wedderlie Mardi Gras*

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Welsh and Part-bred Welsh Ponies at the 2013 US Pony Finals

Submitted by Kathryn Southard

Ponies and riders from across the nation convened at the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park for the US Pony Finals held August 6-11 in Lexington, KY. Each year at this event the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America hosts a grand competition for registered Welsh and Half/Part-Bred Welsh ponies. This year out of 202 green ponies entered, there were 52 identified as registered with the WPCSA. In the regular divisions, out of 344 ponies entered, there were 89 identified as WPCSA registered. However, there were many more unregistered ponies eligible for registration. During the five days of this event several imported ponies were transferred into the WPCSA registry and several unregistered ponies were finally registered. The WPCSA tent, located beside the main show ring, entertained countless visitors. Staffed by Board members Sally Steinmetz and President Ruth Wilburn and equipped with a wi-fi enabled laptop, points were tabulated, pedigrees checked and some registrations were facilitated on site! They also produced a program that included the sire, dam and breeder of all the ponies and noted which were WPCSA registered. The WPCSA's continued presence at this prestigious event serves to attract attention to the wonderful Welsh breed. Also, with the encouragement of young riders eager for our impressive prizes, owners and trainers are more inclined to register and properly transfer their Welsh and Part-bred show ponies. Each year, as the program gains in popularity, more and more owners are trying to get their ponies registered.

The Overall High Score Purebred Welsh Green pony was awarded to SMALL INTRODUCTION, registered as *Bronheulig Athene, Section B Welsh by Bronheulig Royal and out of Nefydd Antoinette, Owned by Elizabeth Reilly and ridden by Augusta Iwasaki. This pair was 7th in the Model, 6th Under Saddle, 3rd Over Fences and 2nd Overall in the Small Green division.

The Overall Half/Part-Bred Welsh Green pony went to CHILDS PLAY HOT TOPIC, registered as Dragons Lair Bayleaf, by Smoke Tree Silver Dragon. Owned by Kathy Martin and ridden by Bernadette Chungunco. This pair placed 3rd in the Model, 15th Under Saddle, 8th Over Fences and 4th Overall in the Large Green division.

The Overall High Score Purebred Welsh in the Regular divisions was ARMANI, registered as *Bronheulog Armani, Section B Welsh by Bronheulog Royal and out of Nefydd Antoinette, Owned by Madeline Schaefer and ridden by Daisy Farish. This full sibling to the High Score Purebred Green pony placed 20th Model, 12th Under Saddle, 1st Over Fences and 2nd Overall in the Smalls.

The Overall Half/Part-Bred Welsh Award went to FROSTED, registered as Loafers Lodge Classic Jazz, By Rosmel's Dressed in Scarlet and out of Rosmel's Jazzy Jolene, Owned and ridden by Madeline Schaefer. Maddie and Frosted placed 3rd Over Fences and 6th Overall in the Regular Medium division.



Armani with Daisy Farish & Frosted with Maddie Schaefer

In 2013, the WPCSA expanded their awards to include the top four Pure or Half/Part-Bred Welsh ponies in each regular division (Small, Medium and Large) as well as each green division (Small, Medium and Large). In addition, four 'big' awards were given to the highest scoring purebred in the Greens, the highest scoring purebred in the Regulars, the highest scoring Half/Part-Bred in the Greens and the highest scoring Half/Part-Bred in the Regulars. Each of these received a beautiful garland created by Shawn Bigley (Westwood Welsh), a colorful neck sash, a trophy, a \$250 stipend and a leather halter (compliments of Just For Ponies).



Enjoy The Laughter with owner Dr. Betsee Parker and Dr. Ruth Wilburn (left)

Child's Play Hot Topic and Bernadette Chungunco (below)



Sally and Dr. Ruth hard at work



2013 HIGH SCORE SMALL GREEN PONY AWARD

1. SMALL INTRODUCTION, registered as **Bronheulig Athene*, Section B by Bronheulig Royal and out of Nefydd Antoinette, owned by Elizabeth Reilly and ridden by Augusta Iwasaki.
2. GF FORGET ME NOT, registered as *GF Babette*, Half Welsh by GF Oriental Express and out of GF Rosette, owned by Mia Green and ridden by Alexandra Pielet. 8th Model, 4th Under Saddle, 4th Over Fences, 3rd Overall.
3. FARMORE PRIMA BALLERINA, Section B by **Telynu Royal Charter* and out of **Telynu Ballerina*, owned by Sophia Roberts LLC and ridden by Caroline Passarelli. 5th Model, 7th Under Saddle, 9th Over Fences, 6th Overall.
4. SHALIMAR, registered as *Charmsley Shalimar*, Section B by **Telynu Royal Anthem* and out of *Charmsley Little Sister*, owned and ridden by Claire Campbell. 10th Model, 5th Over Fences, 7th Overall.

2013 HIGH SCORE WELSH MEDIUM GREEN PONY AWARD

1. CASANOVA, registered as *Falling Moon Cabaret*, Half Welsh by **Telynu Royal Anthem*, owned by Tracy Howe and ridden by Morgan Ward. 6th Model, 15th Under Saddle, 14th Over Fences, 6th Overall.
2. HOLLISTER, Half Welsh by **Telynu Royal Charter*, owned by Olivia Golden and ridden by Lexie Dreisbach. 24th Model, 21st Under Saddle, 6th Over Fences, 7th Overall.
3. CHRISTOPHER ROBIN, registered as *VO Christopher Robin*, Half Welsh by Fox Cry Whinny the Pooh, owned and ridden by Courtney Morton. 12th Under Saddle, 8th Over Fences, 11th Overall.
4. YELLOWSTONE, registered as *Goldhills Love Me True*, Section B by **Llanarth Byron* out of *Gayfields Love Potion No. 9*, owned by Leigh Purrington and ridden by Kaitlyn Williams. 12th Model, 24th Under Saddle, 20th Over Fences, 20th Overall.

2013 HIGH SCORE WELSH LARGE GREEN PONY AWARD

1. CHILDS PLAY HOT TOPIC, registered as *Dragons Lair Bayleaf*, Half Welsh by Smoke Tree Silver Dragon, owned by Kathy Martin and ridden by Bernadette Chungunco.
2. COLDBROOK'S CATCH A WAVE, Half Welsh by JLA Sir William, owned and ridden by Caroline Blank. 11th Model, 5th Over Fences, 5th Overall.
3. KINDA FUNNY, Half Welsh by Halcyon Sir Lancelot, Owned and ridden by Thereas Tolar. 24th Model, 7th Over Fences, 10th Overall.
4. SPOT ON, registered as *FSF Rocky Road*, Half Welsh by JG the Roan Ranger, owned and ridden by Madeline Scully. 22nd Model, 16th Over Fences, 14th Overall.

2013 HIGH SCORE WELSH SMALL PONY AWARD

1. ARMANI, registered as **Bronheulog Armani*, Section B by Bronheulog Royal and out of Nefydd Antoinette, owned by Madeline Schaefer and ridden by Daisy Farish.
2. BIT OF LOVE, registered as **Maybrock Nutcracker*, Section B by Maybrock Mankato and out of Luanshya Mimosa, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker and ridden by Emma Kurtz. 2nd Model, 1st Under Saddle, 19th Over Fences, 4th Overall.
3. CLOVERCROFT LOVE BUNNY, registered as *Clovercroft on the Veranda*, Section B by Clovercroft's Brenin and out of Clovercroft's Polyester, owned by Rabbit Hill Farm and ridden by Kyla Sullivan. 3rd Over Fences, 7th Overall.
4. ROLLINGWOODS KNEE DEEP, registered as *Rollingwoods Cookie Cop*, Section B by JG Cops and Robbers and out of Rollingwoods Lorna Doone, owned by Peacock Ridge, LLC and ridden by Farrah Rizvi. 19th Under Saddle, 20th Over Fences, 14th Overall.

2013 HIGH SCORE WELSH MEDIUM PONY AWARD

1. FROSTED, registered as *Loafers Lodge Classic Jazz*, Half Welsh by Rosmel's Dressed in Scarlet, owned and ridden by Madeline Schaefer.
2. HANDS UP, registered as *JG Hale Bop*, Half Welsh by Gayfields Call the Cops, owned by Jordyn Rose Freedman and ridden by Kayla Ryan. 23rd Model, 18th Over Fences, 17th Overall.
3. VANILLA TWILIGHT, registered as *Winding Oaks Tiara*, Half Welsh by BF Oliver Twist, owned and ridden by Anna Deubel. 17th Model, 25th Over Fences, 19th Overall.
4. HAPPY FEET, Half Welsh by Gayfields Way Too Cool, owned and ridden by Sloan Hopson. 11th Over Fences, 20th Overall.

2013 HIGH SCORE WELSH LARGE PONY AWARD

1. ENJOY THE LAUGHTER, registered as **Maddox*, Part-Bred Welsh by Monsun and out of Lolita, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker and ridden by Taylor St. Jacques. 1st Model, 1st Under Saddle, 14th Overall.
2. LOOSE BUTTONS, Half Welsh by Pengwyn, owned and ridden by Laurel Bennett. 12th Over Fences, 20th Overall.
3. ENTOURAGE, registered as *Wynbrook Barrister*, Half Welsh by Clovercroft Polarized, owned by Yandell Family Farm LLC and ridden by Sarah Clifton Yandell. 11th Under Saddle, 21st Overall.
4. FOXMOR STARSTRUCK, Half Welsh by **Telynu Royal Charter*, owned and ridden by Dawson Amick. 59th Overall.



Enjoy The Laughter & Taylor St. Jacques



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Spot On & Madeline Scully

The WPCSA is proud to acknowledge all the Welsh and Part-bred ponies competing at this prestigious event, especially those earning ribbons in the top 20 of their sections:

GREEN DIVISIONS

DRESSED TO GO (Section B registered as *Loafers Lodge Dressed to Go* by Rosmel's Dressed in Scarlet x *Loafers Lodge Lakshmi*) 16th Under Saddle, Small Green

H.G. MUD PUDDLES (Half Welsh by *Glanant Scarab*) 13th Model, 2nd Under Saddle, Small Green

HEAVENS TO BETSY (Section B registered as *Foxmor Dainty Dish* by **Telynu Royal Charter* x **Chlyncopa Bantik*) 1st Model, 15th Under Saddle, Small Green

HIDDEN SPRINGS WALTZ (Half Welsh registered as *Hidden Springs Flirtation Waltz* by *Doullhouse Mocha Lante*) 19th Under Saddle, Medium Green

IWONDER (Section B registered as *High Hopes Audi* by **Morton's Best Man* x **Waxwing Curtain Call*) 16th Model, 8th Under Saddle, Small Green

JAILHOUSE ROCK (Section B registered as *RB Copper Hills Galahad* by **Telynu Royal Charter* x *Sanalia Mylarwy Sad*) 14th Model, Medium Green

KAPALUA (Half Welsh registered as *My Spellbound Diddilina* by *Farmore Spellbound*) 10th Under Saddle, Large Green

LADYBUG (Half Welsh by **Telynu Royal Anthem*) 4th Model, 12th Under Saddle, Large Green

MAPLE LEAF'S OPULENCE (Section B by *JG Cops And Robbers* x *Rollingwoods Spellbound*) 4th Model, 5th Under Saddle, Small Green

MARANA TIA PIZZAZZ (Section B by **Telynu Bronze Statue* x *Liseter Capri's Necklace*) 14th Model, 14th Under Saddle, 17th Over Fences, 17th Overall, Small Green

MARZIPAN (Section B registered as *Misty Mom's Glory's Last Dance* by *Gayfields Glory Hallelujah* x *Patchwork Fey Ceti*) 10th Model, Large Green

OLIVER SAYS SO (Section A registered as *Blue Danube's Shadow* by *Hershey's Blue Comet* x *Fair Sleeping Beauty*) 18th Over Fences, 18th Overall, Small Green

ROSEHAVEN LEGACY (Section A by *Liseter Cadet* x *Liseter Dancing Slipper*) 17th Model, 12th Over Fences, 12th Overall, Small Green

ROLLINGWOODS LEMONY STRICKET (Section B by **Sleight of Hand* x *Rollingwoods Stuck on You*) 19th Under Saddle, 20th Over Fences, 20th Overall, Small Green

ROYALTY (Half Welsh by *Land's End Poseidon*) 8th Model, 4th Under Saddle, Medium Green

QUALEN'S COMMENCE THE MAGIC (Half Welsh out of *New Rex Commences*) 5th Model, Medium Green

TANTALLON SILVER JUBILEE (Section B by *Longacre Spinoff's Fandem Siren*) 20th Model, Medium Green

WESMOORES TANGLED UP IN BLUE (Section B registered as *Wesmoore Tangled Up in Blue* by *Rosmel's Dressed in Scarlet* x *Hillcrest Blue Robyn* s.) 12th Model, Large Green

REGULAR DIVISIONS

BENLEA MIZZOU (Section B by **Peanwood Missouri* x *Benlea Sea Tango*) 17th Under Saddle, Small Pony

CLOVERMEADE ALWAYS BUNNY (Half Welsh registered as *Clovermeade Embellished* by *Chloe Olympian* x *Clovercroft Imagination*) 8th Model, Small Pony

GLENCOE LEFT YA SPEECHLESS (Section A registered as *Glencoe Archie* by *Glencoe Nimbus* x *Ardmore Sweet Alyssum*) 10th Model

GLYNHAFAN RED KESTRAL (Half Welsh by *Glynhafan Red Hawk*) 3rd Model, Large Pony

IN A DREAM (Section B registered as *Loafers Lodge Moonshadow* by *Fox Cry Whinny The Pooh* x *Rosmel's Dreamweaver*) 9th Model, Small Pony

IPARTY (Half Welsh registered as *Loafers Lodge Surprise Party* by *Dragoncroft Pinludo*) 18th Model, 4th Under Saddle, 16th Over Fences, Small Pony

LAKEVIEW PICK POCKET (Half Welsh by **Fyarth Grenadier*) 2nd Model, 18th Under Saddle, Medium Pony

PICANTE (Half Welsh registered as *S A Picante* by *Liseter Carmelian*) 4th Model, 19th Under Saddle, 19th Over Fences, Small Pony

ROLLINGWOODS COWBOY UP (Section B by **Sleight of Hand* x *Rollingwoods Stick Em Up*) 19th Model, Medium Pony

ROSMEL'S MILLENNIUM (Section B *Brookside Pink Mignon* x *Bristol Sun Sylph*) 7th Under Saddle, Small Pony

SECRET LOVE (Section B registered as *Farmore Fancy Footwork* by **Telynu Royal Charter* x **Telynu Ballerina*) 19th Model, Small Pony

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Farm Visit

On Sept. 14th, the Welsh Society of Portland made a visit to Pat Cochran's Lochinvar Farm to learn about the ponies native to Wales. With the Welsh flag flying over the front pasture, the group gathered first for coffee, tea, and snacks. Then, it was out to the barn to meet the ponies. Pat gave a history of the Welsh Mountain Pony and how their environment created their sturdy nature, powerful action, and easy keep. She discussed the four sections of Welsh and, using her ponies as examples, identified specific characteristics that are necessary for "Welsh type".



photo by Doris Cruickshank



photo by Tyson Ferris

The group greatly appreciated the ponies' huge trots and found special delight in the antics of the foals, who felt compelled to show off for the visitors! The Welsh Society of Portland develops and perpetuates Welsh heritage, culture, and music in Oregon. The group came away from their visit to Lochinvar Farm with a deeper appreciation for the very special little ponies who have long graced the hills and fields of Wales.

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News from the Pacific Northwest



North Forks Brenin Cardi

Photo by Deb Hilberg

Article by Pat Cochran in collaboration with Heather Gaffer McKereghan, Regional Rep

Welsh from the Pacific Northwest continue to make their formidable presence known in dressage venues up and down the west coast. The brilliant stallion, North Forks Brenin Cardi, started the show season in early April, setting a high bar for the others to follow.

Team Cardi did more than hold their own at the Festival of the Horse in San Juan Capistrano, April 4-6. In their CDI Grand Prix class, they competed with Olympians and earned a very respectable 64.4%. Cardi's rider/co-owner, Jessica Wisdom, described it as 'the ride of a lifetime' and 'life changing'. Cardi did not put a foot wrong—everything was strong and correct! They returned for the CDI GP Freestyle placing fourth behind three Olympians with a 68.725%!! Two judges' scores were 71% and two scores were 66% with one 68%. A very strong performance that left Cardi's owners, Cindy Miller and Jessica Wisdom beaming!

The following weekend, at Golden State Dressage's Rancho Murieta CDI, Team Cardi placed in the ribbons in a very competitive Grand Prix class with a 62.4%. The next day Team Cardi danced to their Celtic music to WIN THE CDI GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE! Their score, a 66.9% with a panel of judges from France, Argentina, Austria, Canada and the USA! We believe this is the first time a Welsh Cob has won an International-level Grand Prix test! Welsh Enthusiasts from Oregon and California were there to witness this grand win. They included Tammy Burgin, Farmore Farm and Deb Hilberg, both from California, and Rachel Herrick and Larry Norris of Eugene, Oregon.

Team Cardi entered and won their first eventing competition

at the Northwest Equestrian Center's Mother Day Show. Cardi and Jessica were in the Open Novice division and ended up with the **BEST SCORE OVERALL**. The dressage test yielded a 20.3 score [equivalent to a 79% in dressage scoring] and the duo of Jessica and Cardi went double clear on cross country and clear on stadium. Winterlake is so proud of Jessica and Cardi noting that within a month of returning from his successful tour in California at Grand Prix, he got his jumping on and hopped away with top honors. Again. Is there anything this pony can't do?

Inspired by Team Cardi's success, and not to be outdone, other NW cobs claimed many other strong dressage wins. Winterlake Tristan (North Forks Cardi x Talywern Legally Blonde), an Oregon-bred stallion, now residing in Idaho with owner/rider Jen Fair competed at the National Dressage Pony Cup in Lexington,



Winterlake Tristan

Photo by Team Tristan

Kentucky in mid-September. Tristan was Third Level Reserve Champion, Fourth Level Champion, and Musical Freestyle Reserve Champion! WOW!

Keeping it "All-In-The-Family" was the sweet success story of Tristan's dam, Talywern Legally Blonde at the USDF/ODS Junior/Young Rider Team Dressage Championships. Held Aug 9-11 at the Devonwood Equestrian Facility in Sherwood, Oregon, Blondie and her owner/rider, 11 year old Kylee McKerregan, were the Show's 2nd Highest Overall Scoring pony of the Show and Reserve Pony Champion. Also attending this lovely show was the Sec. A Welsh gelding, Dogwood Cedrick, ridden by Quinn Iverson and Kristin Astle's Sec. B gelding Evan's El Tigre.



Talywern Legally Blonde

Photo by Heather Gaffer McKerregan

Toandos Mountain Man, known as Monty, kept the Welsh wins rolling with a Region 6 championship in Third Level Freestyle. Ridden by Bernadine Diers, Monty scored a 72.667%. This 15 year old Sec. D gelding (*Nescliffe Sunrise x *Sydenham Morweydd) is proudly owned by Sheryl Rudolph.



Photo by Sheryl Rudolph

Oregon Welsh Pony Society hosted its 43rd Annual Show at McMinnville, OR on June 28-30th. Sixteen supporters donated the funds to bring over UK judge, Adrian Bowen. Bowen teamed up with WPCSA judge, Suzanne Moody, for the halter classes. Joanne Williams and Moody judged performance. Judge Bowen's Supreme Champion was the Sec. B mare, Unbridled Vendetta, owned by Annie Beamer. His Reserve Supreme was *Tardebidge Duchess of York, owned by Annie & Tina Beamer. Judge Moody pinned Megan Burtness' Sec. B stallion, Clanfair Signature, as her Supreme, and pulled the Sec. B mare Unbridled Vendetta from the back row to be her Reserve Supreme. Posh Optimistic Outlook, owned by Cindy DiBrino and Pam Christenson was Double Supreme Champion Gelding. Grand Champion 1/2 Welsh under both judges was Cardod Sweet Sensation, owned by Amy & Candace Hale. Denise Sexton's

Designer X's and O's Reserve for Judge Bowen. Judge Moody's Reserve was Posh Golden Opportunity, owned by Cindy DiBrino.

Posh Golden Opportunity has been an All Star this year for Cindy. She has campaigned him in Oregon and California, garnering 18 Grand Championships and 6 Reserve Grands in the Half Welsh classes. He has also been a consistent winner under saddle in the English Pleasure division. Only 3 years old, "Chance" -- as he's known around the barn -- has taken everything in stride like a seasoned campaigner.



Posh Golden Opportunity

Photo by Valerie Dickey

Chance's half-brother, and the other half of Cindy's show string is the 3 year old Sec. B gelding, Posh Optimistic Outlook. Both boys were sired by the Supreme Champion Sec. B stallion, Posh Opposite's Attract. Posh Optimistic Outlook is co-owned by Pam Christanson. Pam drives and Cindy rides -- and each have won multiple division championships in their respective venues. Outlook also excelled on the line, winning 17 Supreme Gelding Championships and 3 Reserves! Now that's a showstring!



Posh Optimistic Outlook

Photo by Valerie Dickey

Welsh ponies and cobs returned to the Oregon State Fair for the first time in over 35 years! Thanks to the efforts of Gretchen Aitken and David Mauer, who served as liasons between the fair organizers and the Welsh exhibitors, 23 ponies enjoyed a slate of halter and performance classes. The State Fair, held in Salem, OR, was a wonderful showcase to large audiences of our beautiful ponies and cobs. This year's Bronze show will return next year, bigger and better, with an anticipated Double Silver sanctioning. §

Area Representatives

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Linda and I contacted everyone in our region that had an email address in the last published Welsh Directory and a few others that we happened to know off hand. As to be expected many emails were no longer valid. Though we didn't receive much response, we did get one email that told, what I believe, is the epitome of owning a Welsh bred animal. Following is Susan Hilderbrand's story of how she came to know and love the Welsh breed. It is obvious that she shares in the passion that we all possess for this awesome breed; but, her story which depicts their versatility as well as their human bond really sends it home, at least for me.

I have absolutely fallen in love with the Welsh breed and with my little guy (Silver) in particular! I came upon Silver quite by accident. I'd been riding in the mountains with some friends and we were just dropping off one of them - at the time, she was breeding Welsh and some Welsh crosses. I had ridden a couple of her Welsh and really liked them - they seemed to be as sure-footed and tenacious as my pure-bred Arabians. My little guy had come back to her because of a failed sale. In the process, he had been in a trailer accident and had a fair amount of skin missing from his forehead. He was in with a bunch of fillies which were extremely bossy. As my friend unloaded her horse, I walked over to the paddock. He came up to me and stuck his head flat against my chest and just stood there. Needless to say, I fell in love. So, he came home to our place a short time after that (the next day!) He was not quite 6 months old. I figured I had a good one when he hopped in the trailer without any hesitation or fear. One would never know that the only other trailer ride he'd been on had ended up with him getting hurt!

Silver is now 6 years old. He and I walked all over our little town that first 3 years - we got to know all the horses, alpacas, cows, donkeys, and dogs and we learned how to drink out of the irrigation boxes and where all the best asparagus grows. We started riding him at 4 and he has been up in the mountains many times. Last year, we started training him to

drive and he doesn't seem to care if he goes out by himself or with a bunch of buddies.

This past Saturday, we were at a fun day with our driving club. Today, we rode at Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, a place that is challenging for even the most experienced of mountain horses. Tomorrow I'll probably go easy on him and just ride in the arena! I need to develop his long trot so he can keep up with the gals I ride with. They all have Missouri Foxtrotters!

Silver is up for any challenge that is put in front of him. He is one of those horses that walks up to you when you go out in the pasture because he wants to be with you. If he isn't the one being loaded in the trailer, he is not happy.

I no longer compete in anything. I've lost that desire, and now that I'm retired, I don't need the incentive to get out and work with them no matter how exhausted I am because of the necessity of earning a living. Sometimes, though, I feel that old desire stirring and it's because of Silver. He is such a phenomenal horse that I know he would be a great competitor. I have 2 pure-bred Arabians who I love dearly and on whose backs I have ridden many miles and won many awards. Both are in their 20's and looking for much-deserved pasture time. Silver is the all-around, do-everything horse who will take over and allow me to enjoy horse activities in my retirement. I like to think he is the perfect cross of 2 phenomenal breeds - the laid-back attitude of the Welsh, the endurance of the Arabian, and the incredible heart they both share.

So ladies, let me know what I can do to help promote the Welsh breed. Driving, mountain riding, competitive and endurance, showing (English and Western), dressage (ok, they're a little short but they move well!) - there is nothing these horses can't do and to top it off, they are real people-lovers. It doesn't get any better!

Now this is what we need to share with those who haven't yet discovered the breed. There's a whole wonderful Welsh world out there waiting for them to discover it. Please remember that those of us in each region want any and all updates, no matter how small or how big to share and help open that world up to others just waiting to discover.

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What can we say? All eyes are fixed, all ears are bent. The time is near. Let the greatest gathering of Welsh ponies and Cobs in the USA begin! IT'S TULSA TIME!!! BEST WISHES TO ALL!!

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Currently the South East Regional Representatives are reaching out to each and every South East Regional member to try and get a feel for what they think is right about the WPCSA and what areas they think could be improved. Although the email survey is just underway a number of members have already sent in some very thoughtful ideas and great observations. Postcards are now being sent to the South East Regional members who do not have an email on file with the Society. We are hoping for a great response so that everyone's ideas are considered. We feel that our breed is a wonderfully versatile one and that each of you has valuable input that can help us make the WPCSA even better.

As a result of our initial emails we have just learned that Margaret Russell and Emilie Martin of Pensacola Florida are the proud new owners of Southsong Supermoon by G P Kupids Kaper out of Hidden Springs June Bug. Emilie, a "C" Pony Clubber is new to the Welsh breed and her family plans to breed Welsh sport ponies for carriage driving and trail riding. We want to congratulate them on joining the Welsh family and are pleased that they will help us grow the Society. We would also like to encourage each of you to share your news as you respond via email or post. We are planning a follow-up article in the next Review to cover your input and share your news.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to hearing from each of you, Margaret Almond, Deborah Branson, and Lois Ferson.

We are in the process of expanding our press release program. Have a favorite local or regional publication that includes news for all breeds? If so, please send the name and contact information to us at publications@welshpony.org so we can be sure to add them to our list.

North Forks Black Earl

(Canterbrook Llwynog Du X Sydenham Morwydden)



Earl has shown tremendous talent for dressage. His outstanding temperament and natural balance, lightness, and athleticism make him a joy to train. He has presence and charismatic charm to spare and an incredible work ethic. Earl has a great natural passage while free and a very expressive, collectible canter. He is of the finest quality and deserves your considerations as part of your cob or sport horse breeding program. Earl crosses well with many other breeds and has been successfully producing consistent, high quality foals. I am very excited to progress with this winning stallion in dressage and think there are no limits to what he can achieve. Trainer remarks by Elle Brown. Earl offspring for sale including Pleasantstone Beracah. Beracah is an eye-catching talented mare with tons of suspension and natural balance. She is sensitive towards leg and rein aids and is very happily forward thinking. She demonstrates a natural propensity for self carriage and self balance, beginning lateral work with ease. She is incredibly rideable and trainable and is quiet to work with. Would make a terrific youth or amateur horse. See her @www.elizabethbrowndressage.com. Pleasantstone is expecting Welsh Cob foals in 2014 *** We want to thank Carol Holcome, MULTI Champion Welsh breeder for the purchase of our own Pleasantstone Forevermore (Black Henry) to use in her breeding program. We wish Carol great success with her new stallion and are sure they will do very well together.

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Raffle Winners! Congratulations to 1st place winner, Sierra Bishop and 2nd place winner, Jane Fischer Dethouars! 3rd place winner, Jackie Verkuyl, has opted to donate her prize to the WPCSA! Thank you Jackie, and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!

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