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From the President

During the last few months there was a great deal of discussion about the American National Show. One of the points of controversy was whether or not the show should be rated with the U S Equestrian Federation (USEF). Many members felt that rating the show with the USEF would impose too many restrictions and fees. Recently another discussion about an area hosting a new show produced the reply from a member that they would be willing to come but only if it was not USEF rated.

Why bother with the USEF and rating shows with them when we have our own WPCSA shows? There are many reasons but most of our members have no idea why being associated with the USEF is beneficial. The WPCSA has been an affiliate member of the USEF since the 1960's and is one of it's earliest affiliates. Equestrian sport is made up of many varied groups but we should all have one goal in mind- promoting and protecting the horse and all things related to it. Joining with other breeds and disciplines gives us a bigger voice concerning the future of equestrian sport. The USEF is designated as the United States National Governing Body (NGB) and as an affiliate we have certain protections afforded us. We have access to their legal counsel and hearing committees of which we have availed ourselves. This alone has saved us a great deal of money. As an affiliate we pay \$150 annual dues and in the last year the USEF has given back to us approximately \$ 4000. Part of the money returned to us is based on the number of people who join the USEF and mark Welsh as their primary breed or discipline. That's a pretty good return on an investment!

Another perk is the huge year end awards program that recognizes national and regional winners at USEF rated shows. These award winners are promoted to all USEF members as well as the general public through print and social media. Many of the breed affiliates have their National Championships live streamed through the USEF Network. However since our National Championship is not USEF rated, the likelihood of that happening is zero. We are one of the few breed affiliates whose National Championship is not rated with them.

Recent changes in the top leadership of the USEF should bring changes that will encourage greater participation. So join the USEF and make sure you designate Welsh as your primary breed or discipline.

~ Dr. Ruth



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Submitted by: *Martha Stover*

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America (WPCSA) held its 2015 Annual General Meeting over the weekend of February 25 – 28, 2016 in beautiful San Antonio, Texas. Over 150 members from across the United States and Canada were part of this exciting annual event. San Antonio and the Red River Welsh Pony Association welcomed all of us with open arms, great weather and lots of historical and memorable sightseeing options for families and friends. Several Facebook postings featuring Texas sized drinks and River Walk poses tempted those of us that fielded questions in committee meetings and worked to keep all of the entire meeting a success.

Again, we would never have been able to run so smoothly without the help of Jim and Lois Ferson in our hospitality room welcoming attendees and inventorying auction items. The room was a busy hub of activity during the AGM. A big thank you to Pat Kultgen for allowing us to ship auction items to her home prior to the meeting. There were so many items received that Pat made at least two 6-hour round trips from her home to the hotel to ensure that everything was in place. Faye Cole-Tanner and her team of Robin Nowak, Peggy Ross, Susan Crozier and Belinda Meyers amassed a delightful assortment of samples and swag for the excellent gift bags that were handed out to attendees. Each event was beautifully decorated thanks to Robin Nowak and her sister, Kay Countis. This will be a very hard AGM to forget; I imagine the scent of hay cubes is still wafting through the lobby of the hotel!

The Open Forum hosted by Hetty Abeles generated discussion on many topics: marketing ideas, Section A working group, new class suggestions and more. Several new show rules for 2016 are now officially in place and everyone agrees that the American National Show details are

now much better defined and shared between the Society and the OKWPS. Please check your rulebooks for the upcoming show year! And by the way, our beautiful new rule book can be ordered online at www.lulu.com for only \$3.00 plus postage.

A highlight for many was the Friday afternoon “Grand Dames of Welsh” Breeders Panel Q & A featuring six of our beloved breeders who shared their insight, perspective and personal stories - invaluable to all breeders and admirers of the Welsh breed.



Mary Alice Williams, Gail Thomson, Belinda Meyers for Cherry Wilson, Sabra Schiller, Hetty Abeles and Tiz Benedict. Photo by Lisa Landis

The Annual General Meeting was held Saturday morning and since the four incumbent board members ran unchallenged; our bylaws allowed us to suspend the balloting process and, therefore, save money on accounting fees. Dr. Ruth Wilburn remains as President and Jackie Verkuyl continues in the Vice Presidential position.

Dr. Ruth Wilburn, WPCSA President, presented the 2015 Achievement Award to Joann Williams, Cambridge Farm, Elkhorn, WI for her dedication to the sport of dressage and the effort she has made to acknowledge Welsh Ponies and Cobs in the dressage world. Achievement awards are given to those who take on projects and roles that assist the Society in the promotion and care of our breed.



Dr. Ruth Wilubrn presents Joann Williams with the WPCSA Achievement Award. Photo by Patricia Cochran

up and amaze us all by growing up way too fast. There truly is a camaraderie among the kids that show and they look forward to reconnecting at the AGM. Megan Burtness expertly produced a power point presentation to accompany all of the award presentations eloquently emceed by Marissa Gomez, Alexandra Johnson and Arthur Thomson. It was nice to see some of these kids accept their awards in person and once again Audrey Schulze was thrilled to receive her championship in the 12 and under Division, with reserve going to Skylar Millhouser. We welcomed back Kaitlin Hofer for her championship in the 13-17 age group with reserve going to Marissa Gomez. Congratulations to all of these young people for all their hard work and success showing their animals at WPCSA rated shows. You will find other articles in the 2015 WPCSA Journal issue about our Lifetime Award recipients. I hope that award winners brought an extra suitcase to carry home all of their winning swag!



Photo by Patricia Cochran

Judith Hartman was the winning bidder for this lovely saddle donated by Dr. Carolyn Fricke.



Cherry Wilson, Photo by Lisa Landis

This year's annual fund raising auction was a great success and resulted in a record breaking total of \$8300.00! The funds raised this year are slated for website improvements. Again, we had over 150 items donated for the event, all unique and thoughtful. We have so much fun during the auction and it is a chance for some of us to let our hair down and "pony up" for the Society!

On Sunday a Judges clinic on Welsh conformation and breed type was presented by Mrs. Cherry Wilson, long-time Welsh breeder (Bristol prefix) and judge. Cherry has worked long and hard on this subject and has developed a DVD that was used during the clinic. Much discussion expanded on the DVD and provided valuable information to judges and breeders.

The awards banquet is one of the main reasons members attend the AGM. Ribbons and trophies represent the personal goals and happy successes of a year spent with people and their ponies. Many are energized to make plans for the upcoming year. We become unrecognizable for a moment in more formal attire! The kids and young adults dress

The Society is excited to announce that the tentative 2016 annual meeting location is San Francisco, California. The Society encourages its members and anyone interested in Welsh ponies or cobs to make plans to attend the meeting in California, February, 2017.

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Allison Cyprus and Madoc Gareth Go Up Against the Big Boys at U.S. Dressage Finals

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Allie Cyprus, a 17-year-old high school senior from Magnolia, Texas, went down centerline with her 11-year old Welsh Cob Madoc Gareth (Sydenham Henry x Okeden Mai) and competed against the pros in the open classes at the 2015 U.S. Dressage Finals. The two took on tough competition in the Fourth Level Championship, Fourth Level Freestyle Championship and the Prix St. Georges Championship classes. They scored in the high 60s in all the classes and placed in the ribbons in the fourth level class with a 68 percent. Cyprus was ready to move up to Young Riders, but because her horse is not a big Warmblood, she wanted to take a year to confirm him at Prix St. Georges. Her trainer, Nancy Hinz, suggested she compete in Open classes and Cyprus and Gareth moved up the ranks from local, to regional to the national show. It was her first year to show at the finals and said it's a bit rattling to go up against the big boys and girls, but she knew she could handle it.

"It's a little intimidating but my horse grows," she said. "He goes from 15.2 to 16 hands. My trainer says, 'You know he's little but he looks like one of the big guys out there.' I feel confident and I work hard. There are amazing riders and great quality horses, so it's different than regionals, but I felt ready to compete. It's intimidating in the warm-up with six giant Warmbloods, but you just have to stay on your line and go. You can't

let intimidation get to you. My mind has to be on the job."

Cyprus credits a lot of her confidence to Lendon Gray's Dressage4Kids(D4K) program, which encourages riders under 21 to grow in their horsemanship through a variety of learning opportunities and programs. She has participated in the D4K Emerging Dressage Athletes Program (EDAP) as well as the Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic held in Florida in January.

At the last EDAP clinic held in the Houston area, Gray allowed Cyprus to shadow her while she instructed riders. Cyprus has been teaching and conducted a clinic for beginning 8 to 15-year-old riders, so she took notes as she imagined what she would say to the riders. Later, Gray and Cyprus dissected the notes and Gray took the time to explain why she chose her words during the clinic. "Lendon was amazing," Cyprus said. "That was a great experience and I learned a lot."

Cyprus, who has already been accepted to Texas A&M University to study Animal Science with an emphasis on animal nutrition, will head to South Florida for the January Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic held at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. This will be her fourth year to participate in the event in which some of the top names in high-performance

dressage give lessons and Gray arranges for other horse professionals from farriers to saddle fitters to speak to the participants.

The 2016 line-up includes Steffen Peters, Laura Graves, U.S. Team veterinarian Dr. Rick Mitchell, Jane Savoie, judge Janet Foy, sports psychologist Laura King, journalist Ken Braddick, master saddle fitter Charlie Tota, international competitor Endel Ots, and Kimberly Herslow, a member of the Gold Medal-winning U.S. dressage team at the 2015 Pan American Games in Canada.

“Dressage4Kids gives us so many opportunities,” Cyprus said. “With Robert Dover and all the clinicians they bring in--I would never be able to learn from those people if it weren’t for Lendon and her program.

“I liked the chiropractor and anything for the health of the horse,” she said of the 2015 clinic. “A lot of us

don’t pay attention to our horses and our trainers or parents look after them. I think when we start to get to our young adult years, we need to pay attention and be able to talk to the vet.”

Cyprus, who plans to take her horse through Young Riders and on to the Brentina Cup, is thankful for the variety of scholarships the D4K program awards and has applied for one to train with Pam Goodrich in Florida before the January 5 start of the Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic. Goodrich trains Cyprus’ trainer, Nancy Hinz. “That could be really expensive, but Lendon is awesome with all the sponsorships she gives to make it very affordable for everybody,” Cyprus said. “They may have the time but not the money. I’m hoping to get a scholarship to help pay my way. Keep your fingers crossed!”



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DYCOTT SUPERLATIVE

by Arthur Thomson

“Raise one hand if it’s a colt!”

With those words ringing in my ears, I left my dry seat in the main stand and began trudging through the ankle deep mud, which threatened to suck the boots off my feet with every step.

On one of the few patches of grass, standing along side her mother was a little palomino foal. I turned towards the grandstand and Gail, staring across the main ring that more resembled a lunar landscape, than the normally lush greenery, seen at the Royal Welsh Show. I thrust two arms upwards towards the dark, stormy clouds hovering over Llanelwedd. Thus began our association with the Dycott Stud.

“But she’s Georgie junior’s pony, and you want to take her to America.” It was Christmas Eve, and snow was falling in London’s Bond Street. Over the snap, crackle and pop of Georgie senior’s cell phone, allied to the noise of passing vehicles, and a thick London accent, we concluded our business. It was decided that a sizeable contribution to six-month-old Georgie junior’s future college fund, best served all concerned!

The rear door of the hauler’s trailer creaked open, and a little palomino face greeted us. She was not shy, confidently striding down the ramp, and at precisely 2:18 pm, wearing her little blanket against the cold February weather, Dycott Superlative planted her feet firmly on Arkansas soil.

Perl had landed!

We put her in with the previous year’s foals, and within ten minutes it became quickly apparent, there was a new sheriff

in town! Several of those foals towered over her. She might be the only Section ‘C’ at Gayfields, but that did not mean she could not be Numero Uno in the pecking order. The others swiftly fell into line!



This is myself and Perl after being presented with the American National Supreme Championship.



Perl and I with the Judges, Geriant Davies and Susan Strahan at Tulsa.

She made her first US appearance at Tulsa in the Fall, shown by Randy Bullard, winning her class under both judges.

It was obvious Perl loved to show, and the following year she repeated her winning ways in the halter classes.

Over the years, Claire Grainger and Georgie Mitchell of the Dycott Stud have produced many great driving ponies. Perl’s sire, Cargarsar Silver Shadow has been driving champion at the Royal Welsh several times. His flashy, extravagant movement has brought the packed grandstand to its feet in rapturous applause, as he thunders past. We decided that Perl should follow suit and take up a career between the shafts.

This would not be the first time she had been attached to a driving vehicle. As a young foal she was tied to the back of a cart whilst her mother Dycott Heulwen, was exercised.

Together they walked and trotted through the narrow, tree lined lanes of Chingford Essex,

before clip clopping over the cobble stoned streets of London’s busy east end, back to the Dycott yard.

To further her career, Perl moved to the Golden State and began training with Jackie, Gerald and Samantha Verkuyl at Goldhills Welsh Ponies. We followed her progress, devouring reports and pictures of her west coast exploits.

Perl it seemed, under Goldhills’ expert tutelage was doing just fine, and was ready to make the trip across country to compete



Perl setting foot in Arkansas January 2011.



A young Perl struts her stuff at Gayfields.

in the big time at Tulsa. It had been a wee while since Gail and I had seen her. Gone was the young pony. In her place stood a beautiful, jaw dropping palomino filly, ready to compete. This would be the first time Perl and I would perform together in halter, and after the necessary instructions from Jackie, off we went.

Under both judges, Perl won the blue ribbon in a very strong class, and as we left the ring, I thought to myself, "With a little bit of luck, this could be a rather good day." Under the bright lights in the Mustang Arena, Perl performed like a champion, then became one. Judge Geraint Davies from Wales made her his Supreme Champion, and under the US judge, Suzan Strahan, she was Reserve Supreme!

Perl was not finished.

The driving classes beckoned, and this time she was between the shafts and not tied behind the cart! Judge John Almond made her the WPCSA Carriage Driving Champion, where she excelled in the cones class, winning in an impressive time. Considering the short time Perl had adjusted to this new life, and the only cones she had previously seen was from the trailer going through construction zones, she did remarkably well!

Dycott Superlative joins a long list of American National Champions produced by Gayfields Welsh Ponies, most notably Sleight of Hand, who won this prestigious honor three times.

Go Perl!!



Perl, with Jackie Verkuyl, driving the cones course on her way to winning.



Cargarsar Silver Shadow, Perl's sire, winning at the Royal Welsh



Here-Be Seren Gwyn (Minyffordd Megastar x Synod Wrought Iron Ringlet)

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Judging Tulsa

A Word from Our American National Performance Judge John Almond



Judge Almond looks over one of his many large classes at the 2015 American National. Photo courtesy of Winona Myers.

I was invited to judge the American National at the Tulsa State Fair 2015 as the performance judge. I wanted to share with our Welsh Membership how very impressed I was with the Welsh Ponies I judged. I judged the under saddle classes with 17 in some of them. What a thrill. I could not believe the quality of the ponies that came to the American National as a whole. I had 15 out of 17 spectacular ponies that all deserved 1st place. As a rule in the English Pleasure I see several exhibitors on the wrong lead or several that break from a canter down to the trot. Not here at the American National. I had so many impressive movers with very accomplished riders who all looked ready to exhibit at Madison Square Garden. Ponies with beautiful necks and shoulders and lovely hindquarters moving well up and exhibiting lovely balance. I was torn by not being able to give a well deserved ribbon to so many of these talented riders and ponies. As a breeder, I am so very proud of the members who have worked so hard to produce ponies that can com-

pete and model anywhere in the United States.

In the driving divisions I was blown away. The turnout and attention to detail was so impressive. I saw gorgeous harness with brass sparkling and gleaming. The carriages were a highlight of the show. Restored pieces were shown with phenomenal attention to detail. Some were painted that enhanced the total picture with a gorgeous pony and just drew your eye to them. White lace gloves neatly tucked and presented on the seat next to the driver, gorgeous whips, with spares kits in wicker baskets making the turn out complete. Mostly ladies driving, I think, in most of the classes, sporting gorgeous hats tastefully accompanied by plumes of different fowl. Hats that added the finishing touch to the total picture. The dresses and lap robes were only the finest quality. I had small ponies driving with numbers into the teens. The ponies were turned out to a T. I got to see some really spectacular driving ponies. I

was thrilled to see how accomplished the whips were with their reinsmanship skills. Each driver politely calculating their position to show off their pony. Ponies were working exhibiting three distinct changes in gait. Ponies showing reach and drive from behind and lovely balance at a walk and the different trots requested. Each turnout was a pleasure to see and to admire. The work and dedication to detail with so many turnouts was something to be seen. The competitive spirit of these drivers was so awesome. I could not have been more impressed as each driver was well in tune with their pony. I would love to own such a wonderful, talented driving pony like the ones that I saw in these classes.

Half Welsh/part-breds, and all Sections A,B,C,and D were exhibited in each of the disciplines. All the entries showing at the American National 2015 were wonderful representatives and a tribute to the breed. I was really in WELSH PONY HEAVEN.



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Here-Be Seren Gwyn

(*Minyffordd Megastar LOM, LOM (sire)
x *Synod Wrought Iron Ringlet)

Amer. Nat'l Ch. English Pleasure
C/D Jr., 2015 Yearend Res.Ch in
English Pleasure C/D & Hunter C/D



Jireh Mercy

(*Minyffordd Megastar LOM, LOM (sire)
x *Synod Rosie-O-Grady)

2015 Yearend Ch. Adult Pleasure
Driving C/D



Photo by Arthur Thomson

OUR COB ODYSSEY

By Cameron VanBuskirk

Our journey began with Hattie, our youngest, wanting to ride since she was able to carry on a conversation. We wanted to find something that was smaller in size, but with good pony mentality. Our search guided us to the Welsh ponies, Section B. One thing about our family is we go all in, when we become passionate about something. And passionate is what we became with the Welsh breed. Hattie was progressing very well and we decided to start breeding Section B's. About this time, Fisher, our middle child, started to show more interest in riding. And for a short period of time, we attempted to get a Welsh pony big enough that would compliment his 6'2" slender frame. I was convinced that he had the right match with a half Welsh, Gayfields Banjo. Yet, everyone would nicely comment that the boy needed something bigger in size.

After deep family discussion, we decided to pursue a cob for Fisher. It happened that in the barn that we train in, two nice cob geldings were coming on the market. The first time, Fisher mounted "Chips" it was a match. However, more importantly that was the first time we fell in love with the Cob stature. Such a magnificent creature, that has great power and presence that can be restrained by the rider/handler. A gentle beast in our eyes. Fisher advanced very nicely with Chips and they became great friends.

As we watched our children ride (I had always ridden quarter horses), we decided that I would find me a Cob. We found a very gentle soul named *London Taffetta. We were set, all good on cobs except maybe something to breed Taffy too, so I started looking at Cob stallions for AI purposes. I then saw Danaway Sunny, WOW! I just had one mare but what a

horse, I got in touch with Tina Beamer about him. I quickly realized that one mare didn't really warrant such a stallion at our house. After going to shows and watching the classes, we soon realized that we wanted to get more involved with the breeding aspect of Cobs.

The Cob bug bit us; we started looking online in mainland Europe and the United Kingdom for a couple of mares. We found some very nice cobs for sale, but nothing that felt like what we wanted to bring home. At first we were looking at bred mares and had found one in Holland that was of interest. We were planning our trip to Wales and thought about taking an excursion and seeing the mare. But as the time came closer, we changed our minds and headed to Wales to attend The Royal Welsh. I had been to Wales the year before with the two horse riders of the family. But Paula and our oldest daughter, Hunter, had not been able to attend and I wanted so much for them to experience the show, the beauty of the country and warm welcoming spirit of the people. With all plans in place we had decided to visit a few studs while in Wales, and we were lucky to have great friends Arthur and Gail Thomson escort us on our journey. They practically know every stud in Wales.

We arrived at Heathrow airport, got our luggage and headed for our first stop on the adventure, the Trevallion Stud. We had been in contact with Dean Smith, and he had a colt that he felt we would be interested in. We spent most of the day, looking at Cobs and watching movement. The colt fit the bill, what we were looking for as a future breeding stallion. His mother Trevallion Racheals Miracle was lovely. I knew he was coming to America and I had already giving him his name before

we left. Trevallion Tulsa Time. The Smith family was a very gracious host and made us feel right at home.

We left Coventry and headed to Builth Wales. We got settled in to our 200-year-old barn that had been converted to a vacation cottage. It was off the beaten path in the countryside. A little slice of heaven to call our home base for the next two weeks. Since the studs were very busy preparing for the big show we put our search on hold and enjoyed the sights, fun and friends. All the animals at the show were the best of the best. The show was a hit and now it was back to the search for our Cob mob that would soon be hitting the grounds of America. We visited a couple of studs and didn't see anything that we couldn't live without.

We met up with one Cob breeder at a small show. We showed up early at the grounds and it was pouring rain and not many people. The rain kept pouring and brought with it more people and there were lorries everywhere. Next, the land rovers started pulling in with dogs in the back -Welsh hounds, lurchers and terriers. It actually turned into a true Dog and Pony show. We saw some very nice Welsh ponies and cobs showing outside in the rain and neither show skipped a beat.

The next day we continued our adventure with Gail and Arthur. We went to visit with the Nebo Stud at Ceredigion. It was close to St. Georges Channel. What an amazing sight, seeing Cobs on the countryside running with the sea as the background. They have beautiful cobs both C and D. Truthfully, it was hard to turn our head from the C's at all the different studs. But we are in the market for D's. We picked out a nice chestnut filly with four

whites and a blaze. A stout little thing. They had named her Nebo Marshmallow. We headed into the kitchen for cake, tea and fellowship. Their house was beautiful, the ceiling in every room had a different texture design. After visiting, we were informed that Owen was an exporter and we were able to inspect his lorry while we were there. Our count was at two and everything was falling into place.

Our next visit was to the Llanarth stud. The kids and I had visited the previous year, so we knew what to expect. First we looked the Cob stallions over, they have an excellent lineup of stallions with the Prince of Wales cup winners and Royal Welsh winners.

Next, we drove to check out Gail's favorite, the B side of life. Then off to see the Cob broodmare pasture. It was one of nature's most powerful scenes, rolling hill, lush green pasture and the Cob mares with foals on their side coming over the hill in an horizontal formation. It was an amazing site and you could hear and feel the thunder of their hooves. We quickly picked out two bay fillies. But our excitement was short lived when we were told that the Aussies were there a few days before and nothing was left to purchase. The Aussies had beaten us to it. With our hopes dashed, we headed to their home. The Quaker House has 2-3 foot thick walls and massive fireplaces, big doors with hobnails. The exposed beams in the rooms are huge Oak beams. We had stepped back into history and it was so well preserved. We sat close at the kitchen table, ate cake and drank tea. While we visited, their son Simon came by and mentioned that he may let his yearling out of Llanarth Pam Evans go, since it was confirmed that she was back in foal.

What, there was more that we had not seen. He left to gather them up from a larger pasture and we were to follow with Lynn. We parked at the bottom of a large hill and walked up the path and there stood our next two additions ... A chestnut filly, named *Llanarth Gwenellen and a black filly named *Llanarth Black Betty, one belonged to Simon and the other to their daughter Catrin. They were what we were looking for. It wasn't a done deal; they needed to talk with Catrin about Gwenellen. We left in high hopes that they would say yes.

We took a break from visiting studs and did a day at the coast for Fisher's birthday, he turned 18. It was a great drive, very scenic, the cliffs lined the beach and there were Welsh ponies grazing on them. It was full of vacationers, and a little chilly, but that didn't stop Hattie. Everyone was in wet suits and she was sporting a bathing suit. I literally had to go in to get her to come out of the water. We enjoyed the day and headed back to the base camp.

We later received a call that both Catrin and Simon would sell their prospects. Lynn added more news that one of the Australians had to back out due to medical reasons on one of the bay fillies we wanted. Now the count was at five, and we felt we were done once again.

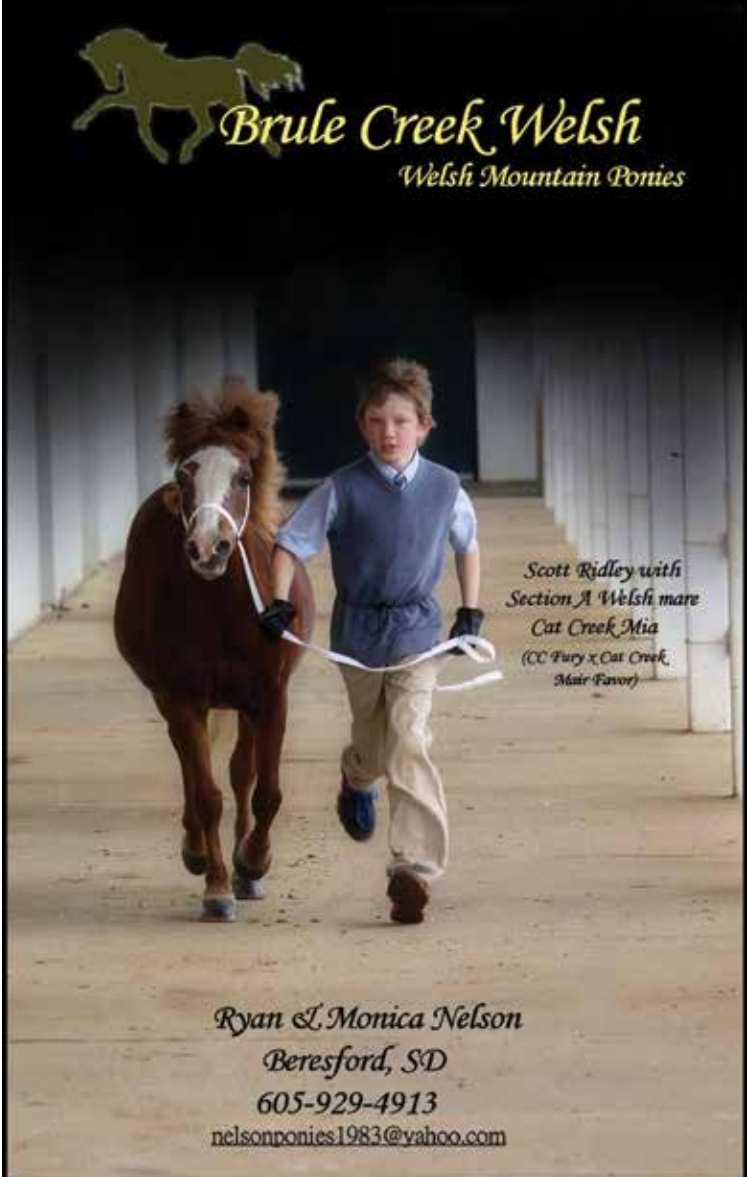
We decided to visit a couple of castles, now that our Cob search was complete. We had plans to visit with the Smith family at Trevalion on our way to London for our flight home. We spent the last day looking at horses, and old pictures of famous Cobs. While there we visited a pasture that was not close to the home place - it had yearlings. Once again, we were bit with the bug and we added another Trevalion Cob. This time a bay yearling named *Trevallion Aphrodite. We had found the bloodlines and the conformation that we had been searching for. We were happy. What a successful trip, we were blessed to have great company on our adventure. We were able to experience great fellowship, food and beautiful sights. It was hard to leave with the Cobs not in the luggage area, but we knew we needed to get back and prepare for them. While talking with Owen he felt with weather and weaning that November was the best time for the mob to journey across the pond to their new home. Now we only had to wait....

We were waiting in anticipation at home when we received news that the stallion that we were interested in the states was available for purchase. After checking with Paula, *Danaway Sunny was in our grasp and would be perfect for our herd of Cobs. So we were able to add one more. We were definitely done at this point; we just needed to get our cobs home. It was about three weeks from their journey when we received a

message from Ann Bigley that the other filly was available and wanted to know if we would be interested. Her dam was scanned in foal and they knew we had really wanted her. So once again, I checked with Paula, since it was one of our top picks. Of course, she said yes. I thought we would have to wait till spring or summer to ship. All of the others had now been picked up by Owen and were getting ready to travel. They had a better idea, they would get the filly to Owen and it would go out in this shipment, So *Llanarth Seren was coming to the USA and so once again, we were done.

Now with a herd of nine imported cobs and one bred here in the states, I "think" we are done, but I'll have to ask my wife about that.

I would like to Thank Arthur and Gail Thomson and Randy Bullard for all of the help and guidance they have given us before and after the trip to Wales.



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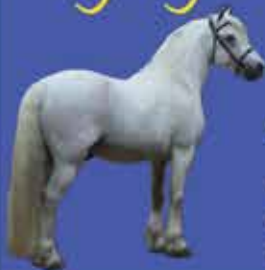
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Glynhafan Hermione

(Glynhafan Red Hawk x
Glenmagic Lorelei)

Bred by Glenda Armstrong and owned by Elizabeth and Kaitlin Hofer, Glynhafan Hermione was one of nine horses (and only the second Welsh in history) to be inducted into the EQUUS Foundation's Horse Stars Hall of Fame.

"Equestrian ambitions tend to be more often dashed than realized. As anyone who is involved with horses knows, it seems there's more that can go wrong than goes right. Sometimes, however, talent, persistence and luck can pay off, as they have for Elizabeth Hofer of Saddle River, New Jersey, and her daughter, Kaitlin," wrote Nancy Jaffer on January 24, 2014 in "Mother-daughter team sweeps national Welsh pony championships" for The Star Ledger.

That same talent, persistence and luck continued to pay off in 2015 when Glynhafan Hermione showed why she is one of the top Welsh ponies in the country and earned recognition as a National Horse of Honor by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).

Glynhafan Hermione, known as Bunny, is a 2003, 13.0 7/8 hand Section B mare, by Glynhafan Red Hawk out of Glenmagic Lorelei. She was bred at Glynhafan Farm by Glenda Armstrong and is proudly owned by Kaitlin and Elizabeth Hofer. Elizabeth is not only Kaitlin's mother, she is also Kaitlin and Bunny's trainer.

In 2015, Glynhafan Hermione showed her versatility by competing in Breed, Hunters, English Pleasure, and Western Pleasure divisions, and earning top honors in all of them. She repeated her 2014 USEF Horse of the Year wins, once again claiming Grand Champion Welsh, and three Horse of the Year (HOTY) National and Region 1 Championships for Welsh Hunter Section A&B, Welsh Pleasure Section A&B, and Welsh Pleasure Adult Section A&B. She is the National Champion in three divisions of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, including English Pleasure 12.2-14.2, Hunter 12.2-14.2, and Western Pleasure, and National Reserve Champion in Adult English Pleasure A & B. She is once again High Point Section B.

Elizabeth Hofer was looking for a short stirrup mount for Kaitlin when they discovered Hermione. Elizabeth recollected, "We first saw Bunny at the 2008 Bel Air Welsh Classic where she swept both the Adult English Pleasure and the Adult Hunter divisions. Kaitlin tried her there, and they seemed a good match, so she came home with us - luckily, we had room for her on the trailer!" Even with the late start for the season (June), Hermione showed ended up with her first USEF Grand Champion Welsh, and USEF National Champion in both Welsh Hunter Adult A & B and Welsh Pleasure Adult A & B, plus a WPCSA National Reserve Champion Adult English Pleasure A & B.

Her USEF record is impressive. She has been Grand Champion Welsh an unprecedented 5 times - 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. She holds 12 National Champion and 4 National Reserve Champion titles in four divisions- Welsh Hunter Section B, Welsh Pleasure Section B, Welsh Hunter Adult Section A & B, and Welsh Pleasure Adult Section A & B. She is also a 2015 USEF Horse of Honor.

Her WPCSA record is equally impressive - she has 15 National Champions and 8 National Reserve Champions in Short Stirrup Hunter, Hunter 12.2-14.2, English Pleasure 12.2-14.2, Western Pleasure, Adult English Pleasure A & B, and Adult Western Pleasure A & B. She has been High Point Section B 4 times- 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015. She has won Supreme



Kaitlin & Liz Hofer

Championships in Breed. And she has completed all her lifetime awards- Legion of Merit (LOM), Award of Excellence (AOE), and the Order of the Dragon (OD) which requires 10,000 points.

A decade later, with trophies and ribbons to fill a room, Elizabeth said, "Bunny's good at a lot of things - hunter, halter, english pleasure and western pleasure. We've learned a lot of things together. She never needs to school. She is incredibly brave jumping- she will jump any course cold, and even jumped a fence when the brush box blew down right in front of her! Kaitlin and I have been so lucky to own her. She is truly special."

Whether at a show or at home where she is a saint for leadline and therapeutic lessons, Glynhafan Hermione gives her all.

A Place to Shine

The National Dressage Pony Cup gives Welsh ponies a national showcase to celebrate their talent for dressage

By Jennifer M. Keeler for the NDPC

Imagine a place where dressage ponies are celebrated as they compete for a vast array of awards in one of the world's most stunning venues. A place where people can show off their Welsh ponies' talent in the show ring while networking with other enthusiasts from across the country. A place where, instead of being underestimated as being mounts only for kids riding in short-stirrup classes, ponies compete with top riders of all ages all the way up through the FEI levels.

This event is no fantasy – it takes place every summer at the National Dressage Pony Cup (NDPC), which this year will be held July 8-10, 2016 at the picturesque Kentucky Horse Park, home of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. In the eight years since the NDPC's inception in 2007, the popularity of this event has skyrocketed. Last year, nearly 100 small but mighty entries from more than 20 different states converged on Lexington in pursuit of \$15,000 in prize money and championship honors as well as special high-point, musical freestyle, and breed awards for Intro through FEI levels and in Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior/Young Rider divisions. But the biggest goal of all is to crush stereotypes that ponies are only for youth or are limited in their ability to excel in the international sport of dressage.



Elizabeth Clifton's Welsh pony Ranlan Llyced DU earned top honors at last year's National Dressage Pony Cup. Photo by Jennifer M. Keeler



Marie Wagner celebrated success with her Welsh ponies at the 2015 National Dressage Pony Cup. Photo by Jennifer M. Keeler.

“This has caught on like wildfire, and it's great to have an event like this that is devoted to ponies,” said Welsh enthusiast Elizabeth Clifton. Her Welsh pony Ranlan Llyced DU earned top ribbons at last year's NDPC with rider Jamie Lawrence, and she looks forward to once again making the drive to Kentucky from Hernando, Miss. to compete. “We had two ponies last year, but we have a much bigger group coming this year. It's a well-run show with such a

happy atmosphere. We saw lots of nice ponies there, but the Welshes seem to be exceptionally lovely. Some of our clients have actually acquired new ponies so they plan to come also - it seems like everybody wants a pony to take to the Pony Cup!"

Adult Amateur competitor Marie Wagner of Barberton, Ohio also enjoyed her experience at the 2015 show as she earned division titles with both her Welsh Cob gelding Ranlan Jack Flash and her Welsh Cob mare Castleberrys Delight. "I am a great pony fan and we just love coming here," said Wagner. "The National Dressage Pony Cup never disappoints. We'll keep coming back because we always know we'll have fun!"

A new partnership for 2016 with the Kentucky Dressage Association (KDA) will not only provide competitors with an exceptional show experience, but also allows for the addition of new NDPC divisions. "First, our competitors will have the chance to show off their ponies at the NDPC Breed Show as part of the KDA Breed Shows I & II which will be held on Saturday July 9th and Sunday, July 10th, with a full range of classes for ponies from current-year foals to materiale along with Individual Breed Classes (IBC)," explained NDPC founder Jenny Carol. "Secondly, I'm thrilled to announce that we will offer a special NDPC Young Pony Futurity for four, five, and six-year-old ponies competing at Training, First, and Second Level (respectively) as well as U.S.-bred pony awards."

Even though Clifton does not currently have a young pony, she applauded the announcement of the new initiatives. "I think

it's a great idea to include this, not only for riders but also for breeders because it creates more demand," she explained. "My personal opinion is that some dressage competitors out there are over-horsing themselves, and they may be happier and more comfortable on a large pony. The sport seems to be growing and evolving to the point where people are more and more looking for the right match for themselves, not just the huge movers, and this is a trend we've experienced with our own clients. So I think one of the great things the Pony Cup is doing for the sport is saying, 'there's nothing wrong with riding a pony. Our ponies can certainly compete with horses out there, and often beat them! I feel like ponies are really closing the gap on horses and I think we're not seeing some of the prejudices that we used to. The Pony Cup is really helping to change that."

In addition to the annual showcase event in Kentucky, the NDPC works to promote ponies on a local and regional level with its nationwide Partner Show program, which grew from 27 shows in 2014 to over 100 shows in 2015 and is on track for another banner year in 2016. Partner shows offer designated pony classes, conduct official measurements, and provide special awards provided by the NDPC, with scores tracked and counted towards year end awards. To find out more information about the NDPC and how you can become a member, or sponsor, visit www.dressageponycup.com, and to see updates and photos from the competition, visit their Facebook page.

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Hello to all our Welsh Pony and Welsh Cob friends in the Southwest Region! We decided it is time to do an "update" as your WPCSA regional representatives, as we work to keep all of you "informed" of national and regional "happenings", and encourage you to provide us comments and news. We need feedback from everyone in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico to really make this "blog" work. It's for everyone!

In the event that you have missed updates from the WPCSA, we'll give you an overview of information from them. Again, the WPCSA websites are welshpony.org and wpcsamembers.com, the latter where you need to use your membership number to establish a user name and password, then log in - very easy. It is really easy to keep up with what is going on with our Society and the Board of Director's on-line, including reading the minutes from the Board of Directors meetings and committee reports (see <https://wpcsamembers.com/about-wpcsa/minutes/> for further information). Letters and on-line comments received from members are included with the minutes and committee reports, so reading through this will really give you a good sense of the society's discussion. And as a reminder to our southwest region members, Jackie Verkuyl and Megan Burtness (both from California) are on the WPCSA Board of Directors. Feel free to contact any of the board members with questions as well as your ideas.

The WPCSA American National show in Tulsa, Oklahoma was a huge success this past fall. The show has built a huge turn-out and been a great success the last four years, with 218 ponies from 130 farms

from 18 states exhibiting in 2015. There has been extensive discussion among the Board members and on the Yahoo group lists about the future of this show. The OKWPS has found it challenging, to say the least, to work with the new Tulsa State Fair management, but thankfully, the WPCSA and OKWPS have teamed up again to be able to hold the American National Show in Tulsa again this fall 2016 from September 28 to October 1. That is wonderful news!

The 2016 convention and annual general meeting (AGM) for the WPCSA was just held in San Antonio, Texas, February 25 - 28. Once again, the Embassy Suites was the host hotel, with beautiful San Antonio having its famous "River Walk" along the San Antonio River, where the Alamo is located and lots of wonderful shops and restaurants, historic ranches (like the King Ranch), and many other wonderful attractions, as well as incredible food! The AGM had an excellent turn-out, and the Friday evening auction brought in \$8,000, the highest amount ever (I believe) for this fundraising event. Thank you to everyone who contributed auction items and who bid on and purchased them.

And as announced earlier, we in California will help host the 2017 WPCSA convention and annual meeting, this time in San Francisco. We have identified an Embassy Suites hotel just north of the San Francisco International Airport and right on San Francisco Bay that might be the AGM host hotel. Stay tuned for more information.

Now - on to regional news - and this is where we need you to share with us in the on-line blog so we can all learn what is happening across the southwest region.

We invite you to check out the WPCAC website at any time. <http://wpcac.com> As you scroll down, you will see a large box telling you that the latest issue of the Bulletin is available. If you are interested in older Bulletins (aka Newsletters), please go to the "News" section under the Site Menu, and you will find them there. Those who work on the Bulletin put a great deal of work in it for your benefit. There's always news, pictures, and articles that we are sure will be of interest to you.

If you wish to become a member of the WPCAC, please go to the "Membership Form" under the Site Menu, print it,

complete it, and mail it to the club's PO Box. There's a wide variety of memberships available, and they are outlined on p. 2 of the Membership Form.

We in California are currently planning our 2016 activities and shows, also working with our good friends in the Northwest Region to know what Oregon and Washington shows we might be able to participate in. Pam Christensen and Carol Maurer are the WPCSA Northwest Regional Representatives. Our current show calendar is as follows:

- April 3, Central Coast Kick-off, Welsh Pony/Cob and Open Equine Show, Atascadero, CA, bronze, Megan Burtness, contact (see 2016 show calendar at www.welshpony.org for premium download); not a WPCAC High Point show.
- May 13 - 15, WPCAC Spring Gold Show, Brookside Equestrian Center, Elk Grove, CA, gold, Kim Boyd, show manager and Jen Sommer, show secretary (Note: There will be a few Mountain and Moorland classes.) (see www.wpcac.com). Judges: Guy Clardy and Faye Tanner.
- June 17 - 18, Far West Championship Horse Show, Welsh Division, Redmond, OR, gold, Pam Christensen, contact (see www.farwestmorgan.com/index.html). Judges Joann Williams and TBA; not a WPCAC High Point Show.
- July 7 - 9, Santa Barbara National Horse Show, Welsh Division, Santa Barbara, CA, gold, contact Diane Isaacson (805)729-0888 diane@chaparralstud.com (see website: <http://www.earlwarren.com/national-horse-show/> for premium download). Judges Suzan Strahan and Suzanne Moody.
- August 5 - 7, OWPS Welsh Show, Eugene, OR, not a WPCAC High Point Show.
- September 2 - 5, WPCAC Brookside/Pacific Coast Classic shows (4 days, not 5 days,) Brookside Equestrian Center, Elk Grove, CA, silver/gold, Jackie Verkuyl contact, Jen Sommer show secretary(see www.wpcac.com). Brookside show (silver 1 day) Judges Christy Wood and TBA; Pacific Coast Classic (gold 3 days) Judges Shawn Bigley and Margaret Edwards (Nefydd Stud - UK).
- September 28 - October 1, WPCSA American National Show, Tulsa State Fair/OKWPS, Tulsa, OK, gold, contact Connie Moore; not a WPCAC High Point Show.

We in WPCAC held our annual meeting and awards luncheon on February 6 at the

Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course Clubhouse in Sacramento. Rebecca Kirtlan was our capable hostess, and once again, she provided beautiful weather so we could hold our event outside on the clubhouse deck. The meeting is a really great chance for club members to get together, visit, contribute to our business meeting, and celebrate the high-point awards and perpetual trophies received by our members and their ponies and cobs. One of the highlights of the business meeting this year was our youth members wanting to form a youth committee, and then James Anders agreeing to serve as the youth member of our WPCAC Board of Directors - congratulations to James!

What is happening in Colorado with the Welsh? What is happening in Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, and Arizona with your Welsh? Please let us know what you are you doing with your ponies and cobs. We know that many of you participate in open shows, do trail riding, combined driving and other things. We would really love to hear about some of your activities.

Please remember, we have a WPCSA Southwest Region Members Page on Facebook. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/groups/1391422291178354> to see that page, add comments and photos, etc.

Questions? Please ask. Please share with us what's happening "in your neighborhood". We look forward to seeing you at the shows and out and about! All the best, Debbie Elliott-Fisk and Judy Hubert

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We are pleased to welcome two new North Central Area Representatives: Reita Gelande and Monica Nelson. We asked them each to introduce themselves:

Hello, I am Reita Gelande from Whipperwil Farm in west central Wisconsin. I had my first pony before I was 5 yrs old, an older grade gelding that came from the pony rings used at the fairs. I moved

up to a grade quarter pony type mare and raised a few foals from her by a reg Morgan stallion. Next was a reg 3/4 Arab mare that I also raised a foal from, by a reg Arab stallion. I showed in the local county fair in 4-H, along with showing beef cattle and other craft/baking projects. After marriage to my husband Jim and the birth of our daughter Tasha, [her third birthday present was a bred grade Shetland mare] we started getting more into raising ponies. In 1999, a lady in our area had to sell a pony because of a house fire. In talking to her, we found out the mare was a Reg Sec A Welsh mare, 10 yrs old, but had not had anything ever done with her, she was just a pasture pet. After getting her to agree, we acquired Asgard Bronze Sand, and it began. To find out more about her, we contacted the Asgard farm, owned by the Lapicola sisters. They were so happy to know where she was and they ended up leasing her from us for a couple of years. I also ended up leasing, then buying from them the Sec B filly, Asgard Silver Harp, and so our life in showing the Welsh began. Our farm is now a family affair with all of us working with the ponies. Jim takes care of the farm and most of the hay hauling. Tasha and I do most of the showing and we all work on the training of the foals. I started driving about 7 years ago and love it. I show in pleasure, carriage and draft. I have even been know to ride in a class or two in the past. We raise Sec A, B, the occasional 1/2 Welsh, and possibly even a C foal now and then.

We received this from Monica Nelson: I have a life-long love for the Welsh Mountain pony, being the third family generation continuing the breeding program that began with Harlan and Grace Hoffa with the AR-SH-WE prefix in 1960. It was then that marked a family passion continuing with my mother Sally Davidson at Cat Creek Welsh Stud. Under the influence of the Welsh Pony bug, I began my own herd of Mountain ponies using direct descendents of the beloved AR-SH-WE and Cat Creek ponies, bringing to light a new farm: Brule Creek Welsh.

Here at Brule Creek, I breed and show a handful of ponies, dragging along my husband Ryan (Base) and our three children wherever I can. I am honored to be

an area representative and I look forward to many years of fun and new faces!

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Howdy from the South Central Region! First, Kudos go out to our Texas Welsh friends for hosting the recent AGM in San Antonio. I understand it was very successful with plenty of Texas hospitality. Thanks to everyone that helped to make it a success.

Next, we are looking forward to a busy show season. coming up April 15-17 is the Texas Rose Spring Breed show in Tyler, Texas. The show includes Welsh and USEF classes. Coming May 6-8 is the Red River show in Sulphur Springs, Texas. May 28-30 will be the TAPS show in Claremore, OK. Included in the show this year will be a Drive and Ride class as well as a ridden cones competition. - Denise

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There is not much going on in the Northeast region this month, but it looks like it is going to be a great show season. The first show in the region this year is May 20th-22nd, 2016 - NY State Horse Breeders in Syracuse, NY.

The show will feel a bit newer this year - construction is underway in the Coliseum. The riding arena will be expanded and other upgrades to the equestrian facilities near the coliseum should be completed by the May show.

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Southeast regional members were among the 130 plus members in attendance at the 2016 Annual General Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The consensus from everyone we spoke to was that this was an awesome meeting. In fact, San Antonio was probably one of our best meetings in recent years! Our hosts from Texas and the surrounding states literally overwhelmed us with their hospitality and all the effort they put into making our time in Texas fantastic.

During the meeting we learned that through the efforts of staff and the Board we will be able to expand the coverage and content of the Review in 2016; in addition, the Review is back on schedule; and plans are now in place to offer you additional savings and incentives to advertise your farm and your ponies in the Review. So, take advantage of all these improvements in 2016! Please help us make the Southeast Region's column a success too by letting us know what you are doing or are planning to do with your ponies and cobs.

Another very positive and informative update consisted of an overview of our new website: www.wpcsamembers.com

If you have not yet logged on or if you have not visited the site recently, you will be impressed by the wealth of information about our ponies, the Society, future events, and much more. Megan Burtness, staff, and other Board members have a number of ideas for future enhancements and they are looking for your feedback as well. So please share your thoughts for future improvements, and be sure to check out the new look and content. For those of you who show regularly, you will want to look at the 2016 show listing that is already

well-populated with early Spring shows. And if you do show, please send us your 'brags' so we can share them on our blogs and in the Review. www.wpcsamembers.com/show-program/show-calendar

In addition to the overall Society website, those of you who are Facebook members may want to visit our Southeast Region page at www.facebook.com/WelshSE1/?fref=ts and once there, of course don't forget to "like" our page. Thank you, and a special thank you to Elrita Annett, who created this dedicated Facebook site for our use and enjoyment.

During several committee meetings and evening social conversations we enjoyed and learned a great deal about how other members are promoting their ponies and cobs in a wide variety of venues such as: Pony Finals, the National Dressage Pony Cup, recognized USDF dressage shows, Pony Club, 4H, Competitive Driving, competitive trail riding, and a host of other activities. Since we would all like to "steal these and similar ideas with pride"; please let us have your thoughts, ideas, and success stories so we can promote them through our blogs, Southeast Region reports, and Facebook. All of us already know what great temperaments and athletic abilities are ponies have; these ideas will help us spread the word and share our enthusiasm with others.

Thank you in advance for making our Southeast Region news timely and interesting this year. Please send your 2016 photos and stories to one of us. Our contacts are listed above.

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Doreen Rose and Talywern Fair Rose

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Doreen Rose and her 14.1 welsh cob mare Talywern Fair Rose (Flora) from Long Island, New York, have been actively competing in the sport of dressage for the past four years. They train in Manorville, New York at Victamar Dressage under trainer Victoria Mortimer. The pair compete at dressage events in Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut. Doreen and Flora have competed successfully from Introductory through First Level dressage and have earned many local and USDF awards along the way. Doreen earned her USDF Rider Performance Awards in both Training and First Level on Flora. This past summer, Flora earned her USDF Horse Performance Award in First Level. The pair was also part of the third place winning team “The Long Island Buccaneers” at the Northeast Re-



gional Adult Amateur Dressage Championships held in Mystic Valley, Connecticut, this past fall and placed 9th overall in the individual championships. They are this year's USDF/WPCSA All Breeds Reserve Champions and WPCSA's Open Competition Reserve Champions for First Level Dressage. They recently began showing musical freestyles, which Flora shows a natural flair for, and have started jumping. They look forward to another successful competition year ahead. They begin showing second level dressage this spring.



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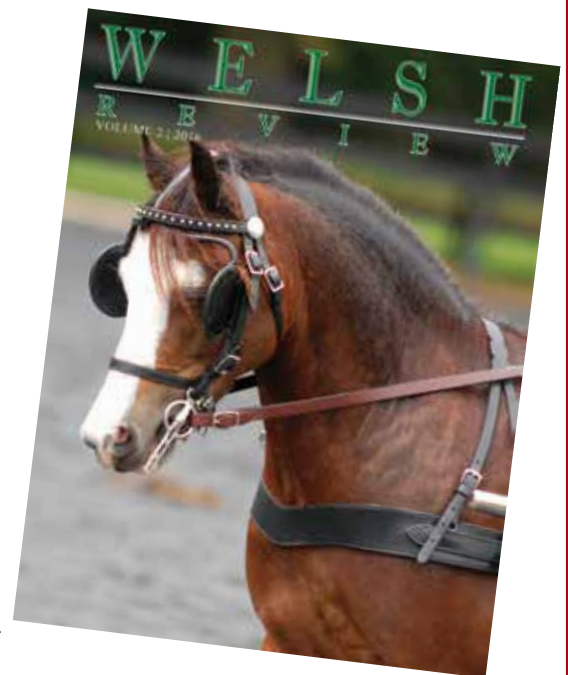
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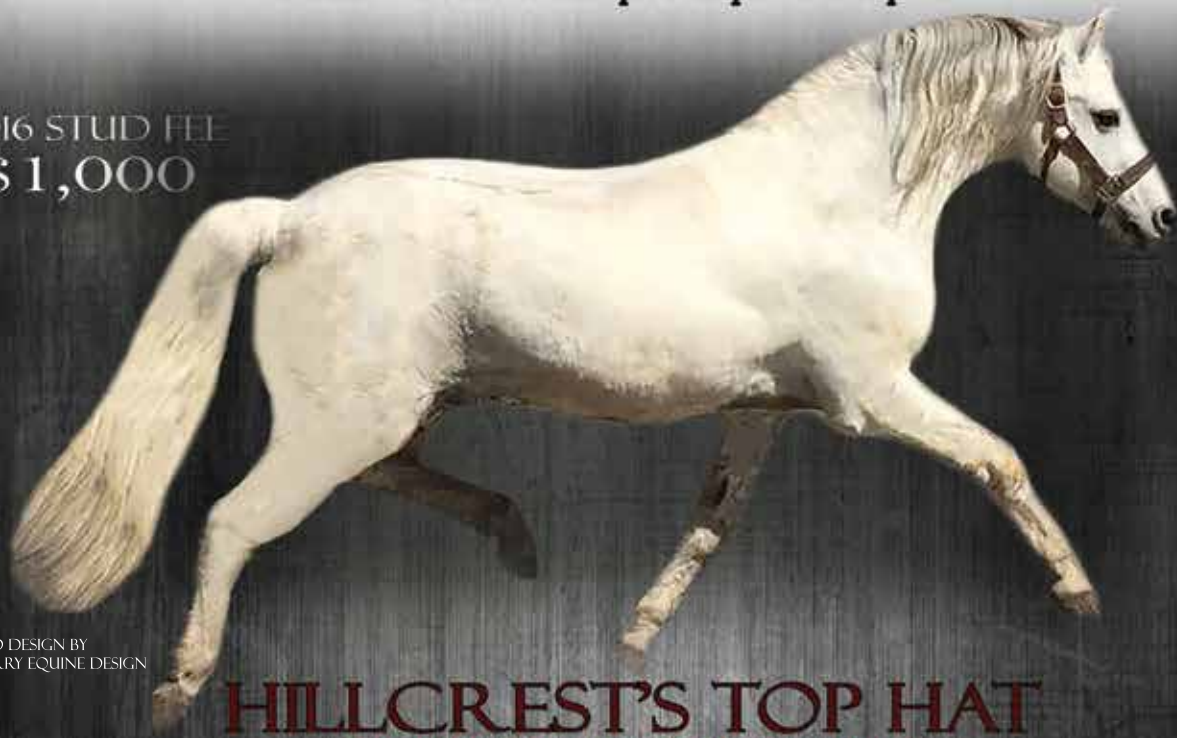


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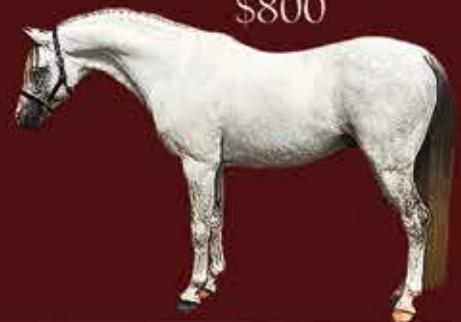
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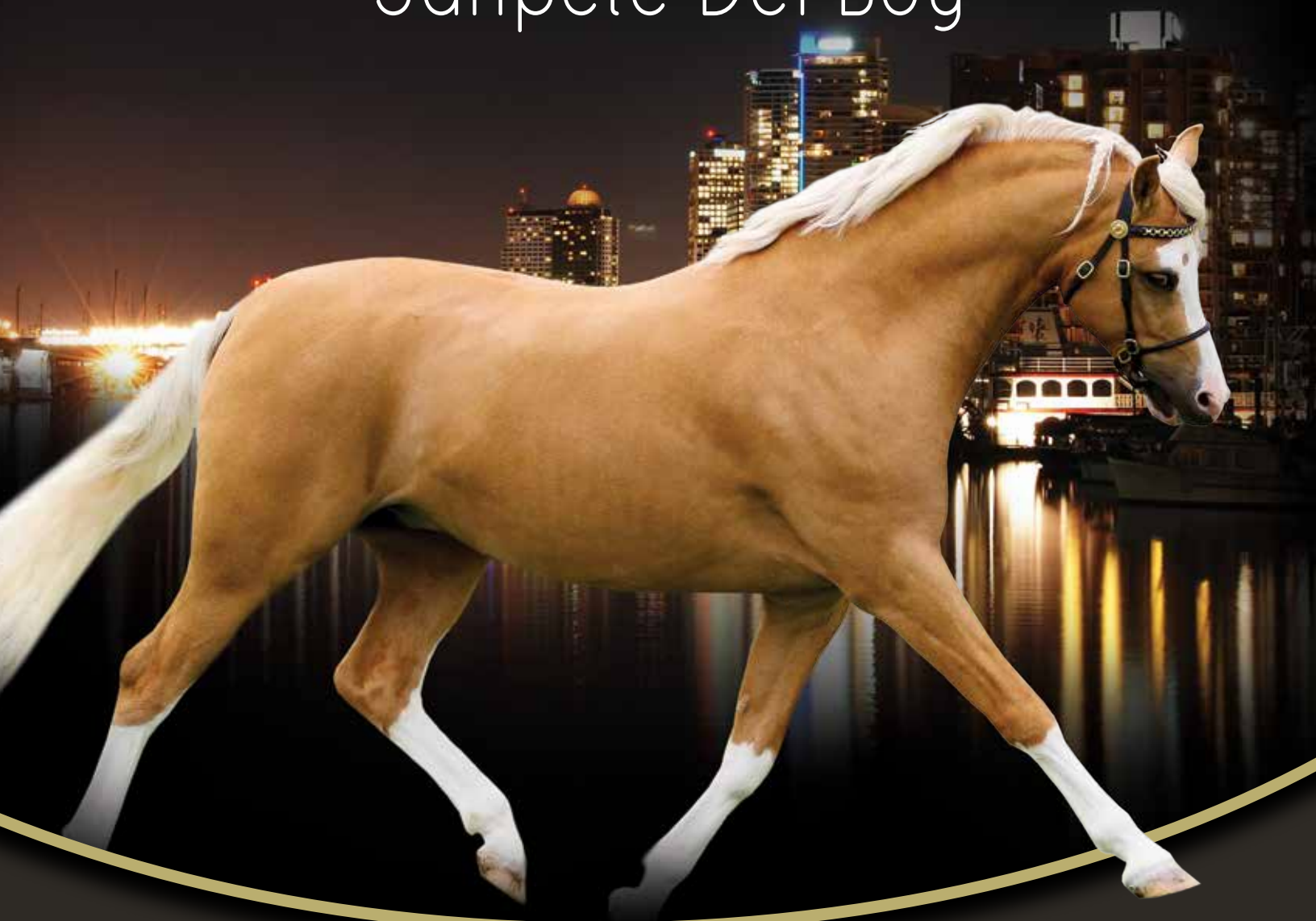
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