

The Mane Thing

Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Alberta May Newsletter

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For this issue I have asked Marg Allen, President of the Manitoba Welsh Pony & Cob Association for permission to copy her editorial.

“2009 is a new year and with it comes that chance to start fresh and plan new goals for the coming year. For Welsh lovers, likely many of them will include our equine companions.

Goals can be large or small. Maybe you want to try something new with your pony. Have you considered driving, or if you already drive, what about riding? Perhaps you can introduce a new person to the world of Welsh ponies and Cobs. What about that pony you have put in mothball? Maybe it's time to get it out and renew old skills. I'm sure we can all think of something, even just approaching a business or asking a friend so sponsor a class.

Show plans are well under way. Of course there's always a need for more volunteers, you know the old saying “Many hands make light work!” It's everyone's club and show, therefore everyone has a responsibility to help out wherever they can.

I'm sure that there are quite a few foals expected this spring. With the current economic situation it is important to be a responsible breeder and pony owner. Hopefully this situation will soon turn around.

Let's all be inspired to try something new for 2009. Be creative, think positively and follow your dreams, whether they are large or small. Above all, have a happy, healthy and pony-filled year!

Sincerely, Marg Allen, President Welsh Pony and Cob Association of Manitoba.”

Suggestion: Why don't we all invite a new Welsh owner to come out to our show, either as a competitor or just as a spectator? What better way to encourage them to meet other Welsh enthusiasts?

Show season is about to start again, please try to and support the shows and remember, it's not really all about how well your pony or Cob did on that day that people will remember but how they perceived your sportsmanship.

The All Breed Pony Show prize list and sponsor form are now on line! Go to www.albertawelshponyandcob.com and look under shows for the prize list. Your hard copy is enclosed with this issue but having it on line will enable you to let others who are interested in the show get it, plus you can get your extra entry forms and waivers there.

Now would be a good time to visit the club web site at www.albertawelshponyandcob.com and under Awards, review the rules and regulations for the high points. The main one is that you must be a Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Alberta member in order to have your points count.

In order for our show to keep going with its lovely ribbons and trophies, we will need lots of sponsorship support. Please find enclosed our sponsorship form, we would ask that you copy it and try to get at least one or two more sponsors. The best time to ask for them is before other groups start to ask, so don't be slow – get out and start asking. The sponsorship form, for those of you who want extras, is under the Show page on the web site.

We have heard from the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada that our invitation to host their 2010 AGM has not been accepted and it will be held in Quebec instead.

FARM NEWS

News from Willowbrand

As many of you are aware, I had open heart surgery last November and have been somewhat restricted with my ponies and cobs. I have 8 youngsters all the way to breeding mares available for sale. I am **open** to offers!!! They need to move on to their new homes, so if you are looking to pick up a quality bred Welsh Cob as very reasonable prices, now is the time.

Available as of May 15, 2009, **Willowbrand Beau Daniel**, 4 year old Cob gelding; **Willowbrand Nickles Allure**, 4 year old Part bred Cob; (both have approx. 3 months training); **Avaelon Icini Buddug**, 14.3 hh liver chestnut cob mare-8 years; **W.Auryn Joules**, 2 year old buckskin purebred cob gelding; **W. Augustus** 1 year old Palomino gelding; **W. Jasper**-1 year old part bred gelding; **W. Miss Daisy** 2 year old buckskin mare; **W. Ffairn**-1 year old purebred cob filly.

I intend to keep a few, for pleasure and showing! Hope to see you all soon.

I have not updated my website (www.willowbrandwelsh.com) in a while but they are all on there, plus numerous photos on www.flickr.com/willowbrand . Or contact me at 403-567-1020. Sherri Brandsma Balzac, Alberta

Calgary Stampede

If you are interested in helping promote the Welsh breed, either by bringing a pony down, taking part in the demos or manning the booth, please contact Sheila at (403) 852-8878. She will also need some help prior to opening to set up the booth. Remember – there is no cost to displaying your pony there and the club brochure will be handed out

MEMORY LANE PONIES SPRING 2009

Memory Lane ponies is proud to announcement the acquisition of Legend Ring Of Fire, the fabulous yearling chestnut colt bred by Pat Clay and Kathleen Alves. His sire is "Supreme Champion Morton's Prestige;" the Morton prefix being noted for their high quality ponies all over North America with wins from the Royal to American Hunter Champions. Prestige has some of the best imported Welsh pony blood from the UK. Fire's dam is a member of the fantastic four; the four full sibling sisters of the great "Ring Family" from Pat and Jim Clay's Pajon herd. All are daughters of the great old Wales import stallion**Rosedale Royal Flare* and all four of these great ladies are Supreme or multiple Supreme Champions. Fire's dam Pajon's Anniversary Ring also is the dam of a Supreme Champion mare. With this exceptional we could not let an opportunity to get this yearling colt slip by, He is Anastasia's latest outside addition who will eventually replace General Lee who is 24.

Legend Ring Of Fire is a large yearling colt of exceptional temperament, loveable, trainable and kind . He will add his great genetics to Annie's small herd in the years to come. His conformation is wonderful with a very long neck and good shoulder along with quality legs with substantial bone. He is just over 13.0hh but growing like a weed. I expect him to finish around 13.2hh or slightly larger. We can not wait to show him this year. Many thanks to Kathleen Alves and her children for allowing Memory Lane ponies and Annie Aiton the opportunity to own such a wonderful young colt.

We have had a great foaling year here at Memory Lane. Annie told me back in March we would have all fillies on the farm this year and sure enough we are four for four.

After losing her first daughter as a yearling to colic and having six consecutive colts. Annie's Rainbow has foaled a very powerful and pretty dark chestnut filly with what is turning out to be a silver flaxen curly mane and tail. Sassafras Barn name Sassy (Eye Of The Storm Black bay Welara X Egyptian Rainbow Welara), came out ready for -60 weather with a coat as long as a Yak's but a very pretty head and neck with her dam's huge eyes and her sire's lovely movement.

We have had 2 fillies by GCH Model Hunter Golden D' Nile. The first, a dark palomino out of the black Ebony Eye, (daughter of the stallion Eye Of The Storm above). Her foal is named Creamsicle (Yummy for short) and has its sire's nice hunter conformation with a great rump and wonderful legs. Next up was Flirtatious (our triple registered main mare book approved RPSI GRP) with a light palomino foal by Golden D' Nile. This is a big filly foal with lots of bone, body and an extremely long full rump. She is named Twilight Fascination (or Bella after the movie character), she is less huntier in form and more riding pony with a lovely head and neck.

Lastly, late Friday night - early Saturday morning, Summit Black Magic foaled a black biggest yet filly for her. Like I said, she was born black with one L-rear stocking and a narrow blaze. She is a very tall filly for Black Magic as her colts are big at birth and her fillies small. This little, although dainty foal, has long, long legs and is as exotic as her dam with her dam's short dished head, shoulder and chest. She has her sire's wonderful long rump, a long elegant neck and his exceptional rear legs. She already trots like she is trotting on egg shells – light, airy and with good extension. Black Magic will be bred back the same way for another just like this filly who has been named Midnight Serenade (Sarah).

All of the mares so far that we had sold or leased with a filly back option to rebuild my herd have been colts with 2 more to go So Annie has all the luck and a beautiful group of fillies to choose from to add to her budding herd. Meanwhile my herd has shrunk to a grand total of 2- Golden D' Nile and Freaky Tiki but still a place to start.

Hoping your foaling season has been as productive as ours. Good luck, Tim Aiton.

www.memorylaneponies.com

Happy Spring Everyone !!!!!

We are back, Pat's computer and ours had a fight, not communicating to one another so we have been out of the loop, so to speak, but now, we are communicating once again!!! Modern Technology???

Hope all who are foaling at this time of the year are having wonderful foals, it sure is nice not having any bugs around "Yet" to pester the foals, they seem pretty happy so far. We got a strange couple of colored foals this year and not sure where one of them came from. A blue eyed cream from a Grey mare (foaled black) and our Palomino stallion, Flare's Royal Signature. Needless to say we were some surprised at the color. I watch the mares like a hawk and was lucky enough to see five out of five foals be born, I love that part !!!!! We are so excited this year as all the foals are Signature foals, for the first time, so it will be interesting to see how the babies grow up. So far they were all born with cute little Signature faces and good strong legs.

The grass here is very slow to grow and turn green. The young ponies are having a time eating that short grass, I bet they are wishing it was a foot tall so they would not have to do the Giraffe splits to get a mouth full. I don't know how the other areas are doing for moisture but we could sure use a rain.!!!

We are in the process of redoing our web page, so if you do visit and it seems out of sorts, sorry for this, it should be corrected by the time this issue of the Mane Thing arrives.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you good people at the pony shows this summer. Seems just like funerals and weddings are the only time people get together anymore and now with the ponies and the pony friends, the only time we get together is at the pony shows, Ha Ha Ha !!!!! I wish someone would bring their ponies here and go for a good long ride with me !!!!! In the past, riding was number one and our horses/ponies were a lot better trained to all kinds of situations because they went everywhere, brandings, trail rides, the mountains etc. now a days, everyone is so darn busy this seldom happens anymore. So here is wishing that this year gives you more time to view the world through the ears of your pony, riding or driving !!!!!

Hope that are the foals that are yet to be born have a healthy safe delivery !!!!! Have a Wonderful Spring !!!!!

Here is a little humor that some mornings I can relate to, or after trimming 6 or 7 ponies in a day!! A little old farmer named Roy shuffled into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he orders a banana split. Mary the waitress asked Roy kindly, "Crushed Nuts?" "No," Roy replied, "Arthritis."

Prairie Sun Welsh Ponies www.prairiesunwelshponies.com Randy & Mary James, Drumheller, Ab

News from Daventry Farms

Daventry Farms is excited to announce the arrival of Section A stallion Penrhyn Sporting Chance. Sporting Chance is a USEF Horse of the Year Leading Pony Hunter Breeding Sire and has also been on the USEF Leading Pony Hunter Sire List for eleven consecutive years and top Canada Stallion on the list each year. He is currently in 8th place for the 2009 show season. His son, All Heart, sold for \$75,000 US and holds the record for the Highest Selling Pony ever at the American Hunter Pony Classic Auctions. His daughter Monroe finished off the 2008 season as the USEF Horse of the Year Grand Champion Green Pony Hunter. We are lucky to have had the opportunity to purchase Sporting Chance and hope to produce many more outstanding hunter pony with him.

Along with Sporting Chance, we purchase a fabulous new pony hunter broodmare bred and raised in Virginia called Rosecroft Smart Cookie. She is by the famous pony hunter sire Farnley Belshazzar and is wonderfully bred. She is the sire of Poster Boy, by Penrhyn Sporting Chance, who was fourth overall at the USEF Pony Finals and also a top seller at the American Hunter Pony Classic Auction. Several of her other babies are winning in the pony hunter and jumper rings. We look forward to breeding her once again to Sporting Chance this year.

At the end of April, we flew up Jos Mottershead from Equine Reproduction LLC who froze semen on all three of our stallions for seven days. We learned a lot of new cutting edge techniques and the latest biosecurity procedures due to the recent outbreak of CEM in the United States. The learning experience was worth its weight in gold, and we now have frozen semen for Goldhills Brandysnap, Penrhyn Sporting Chance and an additional supply for Alvesta Picasso, who has been frozen previously.

Two days rest is all we had after freezing semen all week, and then we were off to judge the brand new A Rated USEF Bonnie Blue National Horse Show in Lexington, Virginia. Tammy Cooper of DreamTime Welsh tagged along to view the Welsh competition down south. With 86 ponies attending the show, there was lots to watch and learn.

Tracy Dopko, Daventry Farms

Whiskyjack Welsh Ponies

Hi everyone: Young's Lil Gem just had a foal May 4th, Smokey black colt with chrome, will turn black. Just waiting for Hew R You to foal now and she is bagging up fast.

I have been very ill this spring, so I haven't been doing a lot. Whiskyjack Casanova went to a good home, people want to raise some quarter ponies.

I am standing Young's Proud Memories at stud this year, I have one more opening, Stud fee is \$500. Booking fee \$150.

I have a nice 2008 Section A filly for sale Whiskyjack June Bug, Asking \$1600. firm.

Whiskyjack Welsh Ponies, Roxanne McCallum

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News from Alvesta Farm

Our first foals of the season have arrived; we are very pleased with them. We would have preferred a filly from Alvesta Buttons N Bows, as she has so many stud colts, but he's a real character and a lovely bay roan colt. Alvesta Mystique surprised us with a big, beautiful black filly... Mystique and Buttons always being the first two of the season have had the same sex foals for the past six years, this is the first time they've broke the cycle in seven years! We're very happy with both of our babies and are looking forward to the rest!

Last fall we brought in a new addition to our herd from the Llanarth stud: Llanarth Tarquin. We've admired the Cwrtycadno Cymro line from a distance for a while now, so we're thrilled to finally have a colt sired by him in our breeding program.

As usual, geldings are beginning to accumulate here, so if anyone is looking for a great harness or riding gelding, we've got some great prospects at very reasonable prices!

Happy foaling, hope to see everyone out at the shows this summer!

Brenda Podolski

FROM SHELL CREST WELSH PONIES

Well it looks like the weather is starting to smarten up, hopefully it starts to get warmer or I'm going to have some fuzzy ponies at the shows. This winter I have been busy being a hockey mom for Brady and Kassie who started this year and likes it. Help !!

Was running to games every weekend. Sure glad Hockey is over now!!! Kassie is playing soccer right now. So I have finally got time to play with the ponies.

I have no foals right now; waiting for DayDream Fascination who is bred to Shell-Crest Pure Country. We're hoping for a filly since Pure Country is at a new home in New Jersey where he is doing great. Young's Atomic Lady and Young's Gold Fascination are bred to Dandardel Flit. Young's Akure For Luv and Young's High Time are bred to Brady's colt HEW'S Black Magic so curious to see what his first foals will be like. And then we have Cutie Pie Kassie's Shetland mare who is bred to Young's Country Rock, this I'm sure will have a name like Apple Pie. I

have been looking for a broke pleasure pony for Kassie if anyone knows of one please could you contact us.

I'd like to thank Cheryl Blatz from Clive for purchasing last years colt Shell-Crest Anything For Luv, I know he is going to a good home and will do well for her.

Anyone looking for some nice colts I have some for sale.

Hope to see everyone at the shows !!!

Shelly, Brady and Kassie

On the fly from Marsh Haven Farm:

We had a great Mane Event!! The result of a long story, we had two booths; one for the farm and one for Anivac Cleaning Systems. We also did Caspian breed demonstrations, had a horse in the driving clinic and were sponsoring a fundraising horse wash in the barn for Olds College Intercollegiate Equestrian Team. Needless to say, we were exhausted. Thanks to Vanessa Quartly for coming to our rescue with an extra bale of hay and supporting our horse wash.

Then we were off to the Maritimes to see our son Greg graduate from Officer Training School in Gagetown and a weekend in Halifax. He has been posted to PPCLI First Brigade so he will be at Edmonton Garrison. I know I can't push, but I sure hope I have my rider back.

Then to Grande Prairie for the Double Dollar Barrel Race Finals. No surprise I've been sick since the Mane Event, but I finally gave in and am now on antibiotics. Next, plan my summer Anivac circuit while working in some Welsh Pony Shows.

We traded our Caspian stallion Talib for a two year old stallion prospect, Kristull Goldmine. Although he had lots of nice things about him, they didn't add up to stallion - so we have gelded him and will put him in training as a hunter prospect.

We have all the stallion we need anyways, in Illusion. However the first of Talib's babies is on the ground, out of Wynona our 14:2+ 3/4 Hannoverian Mare. She is perfect and will be grey. We've named her Gidget. We also have 3/4 Dutch pinto filly by Versace B and a TB colt by Snowbound Paisley. I fell in love with Paisley from his ads, but when I met him in person, he's a 17 HH photocopy of Illusion, without the attitude; how could I not breed to him. Two more of mine by Talib, one out of a Dutch mare, the other out of a TB to go. Tricia Willsher is also expecting a Talib foal from her Welsh/Mini cross.

I have to get my phantom to the upholsterer, then we'll begin phantom training for Illusion. We're cutting our breeding program back this year because of the economy. I have two outstanding stud fees to use, one for a Selle Francais and the other a Caspian for one of my Caspian mares. We'll breed Illusion to either our Dutch/TB mare Taylor and/or Wynona. We're making some tough decisions right now due to the economy and Wynona may be for sale bred to Illusion, to the right home. She is registered Canadian Warmblood and 2nd premium North American Sport Pony. Illusion is registered, licensed First Premium North American Sport Pony, so resulting foal would be eligible for Half Welsh Registry and NASPR. If you are interested, please inquire.

Donna O'Neil

The Gwynne News

I have a lovely 15 inch all calfskin jaguar English pony saddle, used only a few times..\$2600.00 new..now \$900.00 obo..wide fit so great for those round ponies! and a fabulous deal ..the calf skin is very grippy so works well to hold the rider on.

Medium pony harness for sale..brand new..would suit Sec C Cob, it's too chunky for my B's. Brand new..\$700.00, very nice leather and saddle with spine relief

Pajon's Royal Promise Ring has been started driving so I'm well on my way to driving a pair..may try a unicorn hitch as that way I don't have to buy another buggy! will see how it goes. Snow here again today so really glad we came home early from the Anderson jumping show! Darcie and her new big guy Adelmo did well..placing 2nd out of over 50 entries in the .9m class..I still prefer my ponies.....About all for now..hoping spring will come and that the last 2 hot days weren't all of our summer. Hoping to see you all at our show. Have a great summer

Monty Gwynne

Shell-Crest Welsh Ponies is Offering for Sale

Shell-Crest Royal Jestor Sec A colt Chestnut 2008

Shell-Crest Pure Country x Shell-Crest Royal Fortune

This colt has it all he is a full brother to last years Grand Champion SC Royal Puzzler,
& SC Dusty Gold

Shell-Crest Black Lite Sec B Colt Blk Roan 2008

Westrum's Morrocco x Young's Atomic Lady

He is going to show for he has conformation and color reminds me of
his Dad.

Shell Crest Dream Catcher Sec A Colt Palomino 2008

Shell Crest Pure Country x DayDream Fascination

This colts pedigree tells it all for I'm sure he will also excel.

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Coyote Run Welsh

Arrow Valley Eirys presented us w/ a big black colt a week ago and the other 2 mares are getting quite close. Anderin's Caerwynne Wynn is home now and just covered Eirys on her foal heat. Haven't ridden for over a week now but enjoying it when I do...even have pics!!

Brenda Harder

V.L.Q. Arabians and Welsh ponies

I don't have too much news so here goes. Hope it is enough!....Dr. Loren and Vanessa Quartly of V.L.Q. Arabians and Welsh ponies, would like to say thank you to Sherri Brandsma of Willowbrand Welsh for letting us purchase "Willowbrand Ffionna" 2007 section "D" filly. We also wish her a full and speedy recovery from her recent surgery. We would also like to congratulate Mr. Keith Colbert on the purchase of "Gypsy Heart", 2007 reg. 1/2 Welsh filly.

We hope to see everyone again this year at the shows. I am not sure yet which ponies are coming with me this season but I know we'll be there!.. Well, that's about all the news I have for now.

Sincerely, Vanessa

Pajon Pony News: Pajon's Royal Cameo Ring has a chestnut filly by Morton's Prestige Named Legend's Eternity Ring.