

REGION X NEWS Winter 2022

Region X to host the 2023 American Connemara Pony Society annual meeting in Sacramento, California!

An impressive contingent from California attended this year's ACPS Annual Meeting in Lexington, Kentucky. Joan Webster, Kathy Lucas, Bonni Kelly, Sharon Jantzen, Darian Hall, and Region X representative to the Board of Governors, Robin Mercer, represented the region and reported back on a variety of topics. Our region's basket (a foaling kit complete with wine and essentials) was hotly contested in the silent auction, and our fundraiser belts and shirts were promoted. Sharon Jantzen, our Region X Webmaster and volunteer extraordinaire, is the new Internet Committee Chair for the ACPS. Sharon gave an informative presentation to the Board of Directors, discussing hot topics related to ACPS.org website design

The big news is that Region X was selected to be the host for the 2023 ACPS Annual Meeting. We will be working hard to put together a fun, productive, social and educational weekend in the Sacramento area. If you have ideas for lodging with conference space, or would like to be involved in the planning of this meeting, please contact [Robin Mercer](#) or [Lee Ramensky](#).

A huge thank you to outgoing Region X Treasurer, Bob Ashworth. Bob has managed our accounts for years and is now handing the reins and purse strings to Emily Robertson. Thank you very much, Emily, for taking on this important responsibility.

Region X is so lucky to have a great group of volunteers. Would you like to play a role in making our region better every year? Please do consider stepping into a position. There will be an election for Region X Chair and Board of Governor's Representative in September 2023, prior to the annual meeting. For information regarding these positions or to nominate a candidate, please contact current Region X Chair, [Lee Ramensky](#).

Get those Performance Awards and Fun with Pony Awards forms in by December 31, 2022.

The American Connemara Pony Society has a wonderful awards program. To be eligible, send the completed appropriate form with a copy of your ACPS membership card to the address indicated on the forms. Points earned in competition must be confirmed by the competition secretary and signed by the same. I fill out a master form for my Connemara with the names and address and then make copies to keep in the truck, so I don't forget to get them signed. Download the forms provided here and join in the fun!

ACPS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS REPORT FOR COMPETITIVE DISCIPLINES

ACPS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS REPORT FOR NON-COMPETITIVE DISCIPLINES

ACPS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS REPORT FOR FUN WITH PONY

2023 West Coast Connemara Show dates are July 28-30, 2023!

Mark your calendars now. The West Coast Connemara Show will return to the Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds. The judges will be Wayne Quarles (R) and Vicky Stashuk-Matisi (R) for dressage, and Wayne Quarles for breed and performance classes. We welcome back Margaret Shepherd as our capable secretary. On Friday, Margaret will be joined by Dawn Benson, ScoringChix, to be sure we have the horsepower to match our pony power on dressage day!

Consider applying for ACPS and ACPS/USEF Junior Scholarships

There are opportunities for financial assistance for educational activities (think clinics, lessons, etc.). ACPS and USEF have generous scholarships, so take the time to apply, you not only may receive funding, but you will also promote yourself and your Connemara.

JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Almost Famous?

The American Connemara is ready to share your story. Send photos and an article to Marynell Eyles and you may be chosen to feature in an upcoming magazine.

Have a registered Connemara for sale?

ADVERTISE FOR FREE (must be a member of the ACPS) ON THE ACPS WEBSITE FOR MAXIMUM VISIBILITY.

Pony awards are waiting for you at WCCS and open shows! Get your pony measured - asap!

Don't miss out on the Pony awards at any show. If you are not already an Active Full USEF member, join USEF. Pick a USEF rated dressage or Hunter/jumper show. Check with secretary to be sure that a USEF measuring stick and official will be present at the show. Enter the show! (You must be a current USEF member and entered to compete.)

Don't miss out on the pony awards at shows. CDS offers Pony High Point Ribbons and so does USDF Dressage Pony Cup. We awarded both at 2022 WCCS- congratulations to Aiden Beaubien!

Here is how you get measured:

1. If owner is not already an Active Full USEF member, join USEF. (**Owner** must be a current USEF member and pony must entered to compete to get an official measurement.)
2. Pick a USEF rated dressage or Hunter/jumper show.

3. Check with secretary to be sure that a USEF measuring stick and official will be present at the show.
4. Enter the show!
5. Go to the show and get it done!

To find upcoming USEF shows that may be opportunities for measurement, visit the USEF calendar page: <HTTPS://WWW.USEF.ORG/SEARCH/COMPETITIONS>

Please keep in mind that not all shows will have a stick or official to measure, so please confirm with secretary/organizer before you enter. Dressage shows may be significantly less expensive to enter than hunter/jumper shows, so if you are able, I recommend going to a dressage show to measure. They may also offer [USDF DRESSAGE PONY CUP Classes](#).

Don't forget to take your achievement awards forms and get them signed.

ACPS to offer a breeder's mentor program.

The ACPS Breeding Committee is developing an exciting new program to pair older, experienced breeders with the next generation of Connemara breeders. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Consider a Connemara chapter book for Christmas! Ideal for kids ages

8+, Elaine Henry has written a series of books featuring our favorite pony. [CLICK HERE TO ORDER ON AMAZON.](#)

Want to "Letter" in Horseback Riding?

Equestrians in grades 5-12 who are member of USEF are eligible for the USEF Interscholastic program: <HTTPS://WWW.USEF.ORG/LEARNING-CENTER/YOUTH-PROGRAMS/LETTERING>

The US Equestrian Interscholastic Athlete Program is open to equestrian athletes who participate in any breed or discipline. To earn letters, athletes should be a subscriber or competing member of US Equestrian. This program may also be helpful in communicating the level of your equestrian athletic commitment to your school.