



AVLSFORENINGEN FOR CONNEMARAPONYER I DANMARK

REPORT FROM DENMARK - 2019

2019 is the year, where the Danish Connemara Pony Society has celebrated our 55 year anniversary. On that occasion some new initiatives were launched: "Brood Mare of the Year 2019" and "Connemara Pony of the Year 2019". The members got the conditions for obtaining points and on behalf of the applications the council received, the ponies with the highest score were awarded the titles.

Brood Mare of the Year went to **Bredemadgårds Cilla** (Laerkens Callaghan x Hyldens Primula) owned by Theresa and William Philipsen, Auriklen Stud. Cilla is bred by Theresa's grandmother Anne Stilling.



Bredemadgårds Cilla

Connemara Pony of the Year went to **Enghøjs Red Scarlet** (Coosheen Finnegan x Enghøjs Lovely Lauren) owned by Birgitte Gøtske, Skærgården Stud and bred by our late former president Birgit Jørgensen.



Enghøjs Red Scarlet

And finally, referring to our Anniversary, we invited Tom MacLochlainn over for a talk with the title "A history of the Connemara Pony (function, conformation, origins)". It was quite a day - as always Tom had the audience "in his hand".

Inspection and show

This year we had inspection and show on Bornholm and Zealand. As judge/inspector we were very happy again to welcome John Noel Mullen, Ireland. As co-inspectors he had Anita Birk Jensen and Jorgen Finderup on Zealand, and Ann Dupont and Anita on Bornholm.

Because of the Anniversary there were some new classes. A family class - a family consisted of ponies from the same dam line. Additionally, we had some ridden classes. A combined class in dressage or jumping, and showing by hand.

Results - Bornholm:

Bornholm is a small island, and there were not many ponies this year, but especially in show the ponies were very good.

Only 4 ponies were put forward for inspection. Best pony was **AC-Sherman (Æ) af Engvang** (Hohnhorst Jeremy x AC-Star Quickie af Engvang) owned by AC-Engvang Stud.

Champion of the show classes went to **AC-Sille Yemanja af Engvang** (Skousboe Morning Rock x AC-Soft Jewel af Engvang) owned by AC-Engvang Stud and Reserve Champion went to **Siegårds Britania** (Øxenholm Godot x Hesteklewa Bess) owned by Siegård Stud.

Champion foal was **Bækkehalls Doofenshmirtz** (Kilpatrick Boy x Paradisets Dolly) owned by Marianne Jensen.

Because of our Anniversary, the ponies were awarded gold, silver or bronze. Besides the Champions 6 ponies were awarded gold. As mentioned above, we had a family class: the winning family went back to Wild Wisdom - 2 ponies, **AC -Sille Yemanja af Engvang** and **AC-Silver Light af Engvang** (Lærkens Cascade Dawn x Øxenholm Sleepy Eyes) - both achieved gold. Both are owned by AC-Engvang Stud. 20 year old **AC-Silver Light af Engvang** also achieved the title Grand Old Connemara Pony.

Results - Zealand:

8 ponies went for inspection. The title Best Pony of the inspection went to **Elmely's Dancing River** (Kingstown Boy x Elmely's River Dance) owned by Lise Bjerregård.



Best pony of the inspection Elmely's Dancing River

For the first time in several years, a stallion came forward, and was graded class 1 **Frederiksminde Milton** (Cashelbay Prince x Frederiksminde Mathilda) owned by Langtoftegård Stud.

Champion of the show classes was **Møllekærs Irish Coffee** (Hedehusets Mulgatavny x Skousboe Cookie) owned by Nanna Bang-Hansen, and Reserve Champion was **Nyholt's Lacour** (Kilpatrick Boy x Enghøjs Lovely Lauren) owned by Nyholt Stud.



Champion Møllekærs Irish Coffee

Besides the Champions 9 ponies were awarded gold. Also on Zealand there was a family class. It was won by Aughris Bay descendants. There were 3 ponies: **Pilgaards Maybie** (Hedehusets Chan-Roa x Kærvangs Candie) and **Hesselbjerggård Manila** (Hohnhorst Jeremy x Pilgaards Maybie) both owned by Janne Nielsen and **Nyholt's Lacour** from Nyholt Stud - all achieved gold. The title Grand Old Connemara Pony went to 20 year old **Pilgaards Maybie**.

Riding

Especially in military (cross country) our ponies has done so well. 2 ponies were selected for the Nordic Championship: **Hesteklewa Be My Best Smokey** (Hohnhorst Jordan x Hesteklewa Blanche) ridden by Siw Kaas and **AC-Star Quickie af Engvang** (Skatholm Thunder Ball x AC-Sille Yemanja af Engvang) ridden by Freya Engmann.



Hesteklewa Be My Best Smokey

Hesteklewa Be My Best Smokey was on the winning team and was no. 5 individually. Earlier this year they went to Sweden and Poland, and won their classes at both horse shows.

3 Danish ponies participated at the European Championship. The 2 mentioned above in cross country and **Langtoftegård Leandro** (Sternbergs Larry Jr. x Barholts Rosaleen) ridden by Ann Van den Broeck in dressage.

At the Nordic Championship in jumping the Danish team was no. 3. 2 Connemara ponies were on the team: **Jack the Lad** (Rynn Richard) and **Attyrory Rebel** (Tempo Active Atlas).

At the Horse of the Year Show in UK 2 Danish bred stallions drew attention. **Banks Timber** (Teglstrup Duke x Bank Squares Do-Do) won the title Best of Breed.

Frederiksminde Volcano (Lisroe Hurricane x Frederiksminde Christel) won HOYS 2019 M&M Ridden class - Connemara.

Many more ponies are doing well in competitions both national as well as International.

International results

Two stallions passed inspection in Ireland - **Banks Donovan** out of **Banks Nellie**, and Ard bear Village Robin by **Laerkens Cascade Dawn**.

One stallion passed inspection in Holland; **Skærgårdens Celtic Night** out of **Barholts Evita**. He also got the title Supreme Champion.

The Supreme Champion in Clifden Glencarrig Princess Katie is by Glencarrig Knight/Janus/**Øxenholt Marble Jr.**

Junior Champion Castle Marksman has the same sire as Katie. Looking at all the show classes, there were 10 of the winning ponies, who had Danish ancestry in the pedigree. And looking through all the classes, there are several more to find.

In Belgium the International Supreme Champion Patricks Meirliún is by **Skousboe Morning Rock**.

In UK Reserve Champion Loughmore Rebel is out of Wyncroft Hero/**Laerkens Cascade Dawn**.

In Germany Supreme Champion AC- Samson af Engvang is by **Skousboe Morning Rock** out of **AC-Soft Jewel af Engvang**.

In Sweden Holmtebo Umbrella is out of Hagens Ultra/**Frederiksminde Hazy Match**.

Many more names could be found among winners and placements - also in France.

Connemara-Day

Also this year the Zealand Region held a day with riding classes. It is a popular day, where the youngest children also can participate. Langtoftegård Cup in dressage was won by **Søndergårds Victor** (Coosheen Finnegan x Nørgårds Misty) ridden by Lea Pedersen.

The winner of Langtoftegård Cup in jumping was **Nørlunds Bruce** (Kilpatrick Boy x Nørlunds Shiba Rock) ridden by Isabella Sjøquist.

The best wishes to Connemara friends all over the world.

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secretary