Happy New Year! We all have reason to celebrate—NACC has survived its birth year and, thanks to all of you, is going for Birthday #2. Just one year ago, 31 brave souls plunked down eight bucks for a look at what was to be the first published directory of all North American Cobs and the accompanying newsletter. Promises of sharing news about our wonderful "feathered friends" took hold and the news, advertisements, and photographs started trickling in. By the end of 1987, the subscription list swelled to almost 90—growth that exceeded our expectations. Thank you. It makes your editors proud to know that you cared enough to keep this newsletter going with your support.

More good news: we are financially solvent (thus far) and able to cover our printing costs for the next few issues. Remember this endeavor is a labor of love for Ann and Cindy and is definitely a nonprofit exercise. For those of you having received four issues of NACC, it is time to renew. Upon receipt of your check, you will be mailed the 1988 North American Cob Directory with all the changes and updates from last year. If you are not able to renew, we would still like to hear from you and continue to receive notices of Cob arrivals, sales, transfers and leases to keep our records as up-to-date as possible. To renew, send $8 in U.S. funds to North American Cob Connection, 35807 Willama Vista, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455. For overseas subscriptions, please remit $10. Send all directory changes to Ann.

You must have noticed the change in newsletter format—again. Almost every 1987 issue was an "original" in its own right (we're hoping some day they will be considered collector's items). Well, what you now see is the way it will be for a while. Both of your editors have taken a class to learn more about Desktop Publishing. If you haven't heard that terminology before, it's an '80s kind of phrase for a skill that newspaper editors have been using for hundreds of years. Basically it means newsletter layout (but the "in" thing to call it when applied to computers is Desktop Pub.). Anyway, we hope it appeals to you.

One more reminder: we need to receive ads, articles and photographs by the 1st of January, April, July and October in order to be able to include them in the current newsletter. We're thankful to have received a number of photos from Windcrest Stud and Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd. taken on trips to Great Britain.

NEWS FROM CANADA

*PENLOX IRIS, owned by Hiliary Tolhurst, Cwmfelen Stud Farm, has been leased to Barb Pancino until May 1988 for riding. Barb reports Iris is getting along quite well. On her first ever hunt race (a 2 1/4-hour course over and through natural obstacles) they came in first! Barb's daughter won a second in the junior division on Ashton Gwenda.

Jean Robocker writes to bring us up to date with her daughter, Elise, and family. "Elise moved to a new job as well as to a new farm in 1987. They are now near Airdrie with excellent facilities for the horses. Crossroads Y Rhayader has been to the Stampede in Calgary and driving meets and is a gentlemen to take anywhere in any company. He will have 6 foals in 1988; all but one in the Calgary area. Scole Sally went to an Eventing Clinic last summer and had her first real jumping and cross-country experience. She shows such a good attitude after she foals in April, she'll be started conditioning so that she can go ahead when her foal...
is weaned. Scole Mai will foal in May. Both foals are by Crossroads Y Rhayader. There will also be a 1/2 Cob 1/2 TB foal available.

Jean added this philosophy about cobs: "One of the pleasures of owning the Welsh Cobs is a turnback of the clock (or calendar). Do you remember when the Arabian horse was an equine that would live in your tent? I can remember back in the 30's and 40's when this was almost true. But by the 50's the Arabian was becoming a different breed and now bears little resemblance to those early imports, especially in temperament. It would be foolish to say that all Welsh Cobs are like the early Arabians in temperament, but surely some are! We have three out of five that are so responsive and show great interest in doing just what is asked, without resistance or rebellion, that "old people" with bad backs and children are able to use and care for these Cobs, and as naturally as if they had been trained for years by experts. In fact, they've had almost no "training", but loving handling and instruction. Some of our Welsh Ponies were like this. You have read of ponies with a week or two of riding going into the show ring successfully. Three of our Cobs could do this! One is a stallion, one a mare, one a gelding."

NEWS FROM THE U.S.

Janina Owens, a Welsh Pony breeder and school teacher from Suffock, England, spent the school year of 1985-86 in Southern California teaching in the Los Angeles School District. Returning for 1987-88 with a contract to teach in the L.A. city schools, Janina has made plans to import her Section D Welsh Cob stallion and weanling Section A which she acquired during the intervening year in Great Britain. It is her hope they arrive in Los Angeles by the Christmas Holiday and be sent to University of California at Davis for the quarantine period. LEYESWICK BRENNIN is a 7-year old bay with 30
progeny already to his credit. Once out of quarantine, Brenin will be stabled at Pony Cross Farm. Importing mature animals to the West Coast is time-consuming (long quarantines) and expensive, but we will be interested to hear whether Janina has been able to cut through some of the red tape and costs. No matter, we’re sure it will be well worth the trouble.

Windcrest Farm reports they are expecting the arrival of four foals in April: *Okenen Honeysuckle* is bred to *Okenen Taffy*. *Llanarth Melangell* is bred to *Okenen Sensation*. *Okenen Teleri* and Windcrest Moonshadow have been bred to Dafydd y Brenin Cyrmeg. Teleri is expecting her first foal and the vet will be making a trip to determine whether Teleri is carrying twins! Three stallions are standing at stud this year. Dafydd y Brenin Cyrmeg is getting up in years, so if you desire a ‘D’ foal, plan to breed to this stallion within the next few years. *Okenen Taffy* is open to outside mares and has two bookings left open. *Okenen Welsh Flyer* will be open to a few mares during his first breeding season.

This new year holds great expectations for Windcrest. They plan to show four animals in the performance Cob divisions.

**NEWS FROM BRITAIN**

Spied in the ‘Native News’ section of Riding Magazine, October 1987 appears an article about the Northern All Welsh Youngstock Medal Show and Cob Premiums held at Ruforth Park. In addition to A’s and B’s, Section C’s and D’s were also in attendance and judged by Mr. Len Bigley from Hereford. Valerie Russell writes: “The C’s may have lacked quantity, but quality abounded, and Steve and Gwen Heppenstall’s GLYNWYN GWILYM was Mr. Bigley’s final selection. This pony went on to take the C championship, and then the supreme youngstock championship of the show. The Heppenstalls were also successful in the C premiums, winning with PERSSIE RAMROD.”

It was the Section D’s, however, that really stole the day, both in the youngstock classes and the premiums. Numbers and quality were superb, with the two-year old CALERUX BLACK LADY being the best youngstock D for Mr. Holland. A good crowd turned up to watch and applaud the D premiums in true Welsh fashion and left Mr. Bigley in no doubt whom they favoured.

Fourteen Cobs were forward, and the eventual winner, FFOSLAS DAFYDD, looked a picture. It is good to record that this is the third year running that a Floslas Cob has taken the North of England premium. The second premium went to M. A. Long’s GERDDAN GERALLT.”

**IN THE MAILBAG**

Sept. 14, 1987—Dear Ms. Lamb and Ms. Dishman: We would like to tell you that we think the NACC is fantastic! Being a new Cob owner we find the NACC very informative. Since a lot of Welsh Cob people are talking percentages lately, in your list of “names” our pony is listed as a “75%”. If that is supposed to reflect the percent of Cob blood, the figure is wrong. Our colt is “100%” Cob plus his second generation is 100% Welsh Cob. So you might say he’s a “200%” Welsh Cob. We have a real Welsh Cob and we would not want breeders or Cobby people to think we have a “75%” animal. You would be doing everyone a great service if this could be corrected. Thank you.

Editor’s Note: Thank you for writing to give us the opportunity to explain how percentages are derived. All of the Welsh Ponies of Cob Type and Welsh Cobs listed in the Directory published in the first issue were purebred Welsh, as indicated by their registration numbers which included C or D, indicating their section. Partbred numbers are prefixed with H (half) in the United States and R in Canada. The percentage you mentioned refers to the amount of Welsh Cob (D) or Welsh Pony of Cob Type (C) blood on the animal’s close pedigree (parents and grandparents).

Your pony is obviously a purebred and registered Welsh Pony of Cob Type. His sire is a purebred C. His dam is by a Section D and out of a Section A. She is under 13.2 hands, and is therefore a Welsh Pony of Cob Type (Section C) too. Three of the four grandparents are C’s or D’s. One is an A. This is why he was noted as being of 75% Cob blood (although certainly 100% Welsh). Most of the C’s now alive were “created” precisely in this way, although in the United Kingdom it is no longer necessary since there is now enough Section C stock available to breed from.

Most registration fees for the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America have been revised (effective April 15, 1987) although the first deadline rates remain the same:

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Four clear color photos showing all leg markings, one taken from each side, front and rear, are required with the application.

Stallion Service Reports must be filed by all U.S. stallion owners by December 31 of the year of service. An additional $45 registration fee and a clear 3 x 7 color photo must be sent to the national office along with the registration certificate upon submission of the first stallion service report. There is a $5 penalty for each month this report is late, up to a maximum of $50.
Sept 15, 1987—At our Governor's meeting last week, I happened to glance a marvellous picture of a Cob in the Welsh Connection (NACC). (Keith Parsons was reading it at the time.) My first reaction was "please let it be a colt!" then Keith told me it was Rhuban!!! I didn't recognise her, the background or the picture—no person in it to give a clue and as the book came from the States it just never occurred it could be mine. What a superb photograph; it's the best I have seen of her and that's including all the professional ones. To look at an animal with an unprejudiced eye and think it's great, then find out it's your own, is most gratifying.

Her (Synod Rhuban Goch) show record this year in line classes has been most impressive; one Reserve Best of Breed, four Best of Breed, one Youngstock Champion over all breeds and High Point Champion Mare—any age—for 1987. Not bad for a 2-year-old! You can see I am a very proud Mother. I must admit I am thoroughly enjoying her; she is so different to the Section A's—much more of a challenge. She certainly has a mind of her own and does things in her own sweet time such as loading. One day she will walk straight on the trailer, the next she decides she will get on when she is good and ready. No point fighting with her; she's a heck of a lot bigger than me! Fortunately she is a very kind mare and learns very quickly; no more fuss about clipping or spray bottees—must takes everything in her stride—and what a stride!!

Our trip to Wales was fabulous. The Royal Welsh Show unbelievable. To see 42 Cob stallions come thundering into the ring is mind boggling. What a spectacular display with every exhibitor trying to outdo the other amidst the roar and whistling of the crowd. What a crowd, too—grandstand packed to capacity, people deep around the ring and the hill opposite the grandstand a solid mass. Cob stallion day is the most popular of course—over 50,000 attending. The atmosphere is electric; makes you have goose pimples the size of eggs!! The Welsh people are wonderful; the hospitality shown to us overwhelming. We were treated royally and thoroughly spoiled. After experiencing The Royal Welsh, I would now like to attend The Fayre Oaks Sale; apparently that is quite the experience, too. Who knows, perhaps next year we might do just that.

Signed, Jean Morton (Jean is Ontario Governor of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada. The photo she referred to was taken by Ann Lamb when attending the Canadian Annual General Meeting in April 1987.)

October 1987

In reply to your paragraph in the Autumn 1987 edition of the North American Cob Connection regarding the trimming of Welsh Cobs, I should like to share with your readers the following information.

Whilst attending the National Eastern Welsh Pony Show at Quentin, Pennsylvania this summer, I was asked to attend a meeting of the A.H.S.A. Welsh Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Gary Baker. At this meeting it wa suggested that both Mrs. Swinerton and myself should go over the Cob rules already to hand and try and apply them where possible to the current Section A and B rules in the A.H.S.A. rule book. This was thought to give us more of a chance to have Cob information included rather than the A.H.S.A. setting up a complete new section. That will hopefully be achieved at the next meeting of the Rules Committee which I believe is in two years' time.

First of all we copied out the Welsh Pony and Cob Society's breed description as it appears in the Stud Book. As we went through the rules, I noticed several items of importance that needed clarification, one of these being that feather should be left on fetlocks when showing in a breed class, be it in hand or under saddle. Personally I feel it is up to the individual if they want to trim feather for open competition though in a breed class, as it is in England and Wales it should be left on. In the breed description it states that a moderate amount of silky feather is not objected to but coarse, wiry hair is a definite objection. Curly, coarse hair can never be hidden but any excessive feather can be thinned carefully with the aid of thinning scissors and regular brushing. However if you have a good quality Cob it is very rare that you have to worry about their feather as they simply grow a tidy amount of silky hair. Hairs behind the knees and half way down the cannon bones will usually come out with the winter coat or if not can be plucked between thumb and finger or run over with a pair of small trimming clippers.

The statement "Cobs are to wear long, natural, unbraded mane and long, natural, ununginated tail. Tails are not to be thinned. A small bridle path may be clipped. The long hair of the ears may be clipped." I feel this needs a little clarification with regard to what is commonly seen in the show rings of England and Wales. When showing any "Native" breed, they should be shown unbraded, except in the case of Section B's when simply the tail is braded and the mane left loose. However, this doesn't have
to mean totally untouched. Together with judicious thinning of the tail, mane trimming is one of the arts of producing your animal to its best advantage in the ring. A heavy mane, hanging below the line of the neck can do nothing to show off your horse's front and straight away give a weighted-down appearance. A heavy, bushy tail can give the impression of weighing the quarters down and doesn't show off the Cobs strong, round backend. Also, the characteristic "flagging" of the tail when the Cob is really moving gives an even better effect when it isn't weighted down. Some Cobs just don't grow a lot of hair and simple grooming keeps it tidy. However, some are prone to growing masses which needs keeping under control. Unset and unginned tails are a must and I have never seen the need to do the latter though I know people who do it as a matter of course, however the trimming of manes and tails ought to be left to personal taste. Banged tails are rarely seen in the Breeding class ring at home, though some ridden animals have them. This does strike a little close to the Hunter turnout and the majority of Cobs are not turned out this way.

A small bridle path can be a definite must on some Cobs, but should definitely not exceed more than two inches, whether it be on a Cob or a Mountain Pony. One would simply get laughed out of the ring in England with a mane shaved half way down the neck. If at all possible I try not to have to put a bridle path in but instead make use of the permissible one loose braid behind the ear which acts to flatten out the hair at the back of the ear and also shows off the animal's throat line. This is quite acceptable and commonly practiced in all four sections of the Welsh Stud Book and some would even say essential.

The studying of photographs of major show winners in England and Wales will give you a good idea as to how to turn your Cob out. Some animals look better with a lot of trimming, some simply need none. For those people that attended the Nationals in Elmira may have noticed that although four Cobs were produced from Grazing Fields, they were all turned out slightly differently to suit each animal's needs. Showmanship and production go hand in hand and with certain guidelines should be allowed to flourish to each individual's needs. However, one thing should always stay in place . . . the feather!

Submitted by Richard L. Miller

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Add these events to your calendar:

**FEBRUARY**—The Welsh Pony Association of California's annual Awards Banquet and General Meeting will be held February 6, 1988 in the Cabana Room of the San Luis Bay Inn at scenic Avila Beach. The meeting includes the election of officers, discussion of the upcoming year and presentation of the Pacific Coast High Point Awards. If you plan to attend notify Jackie Hubert, 1263 Southwood Dr., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or call (805) 549-9026. The price is $10 which includes sales tax and gratuity.

**MARCH**—The Annual Meeting of the British Columbia Welsh Pony & Cob Association will be held in Kamloops on March 12.

**APRIL**—The Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada will be held April 23, 1988 at the Surrey Inn in Vancouver, BC. A farm tour will follow on the 24th. Costs will be very reasonable and, based on past meetings, the hospitality exceptional. Ken Hubert may be contacted for more information. Watch for more details in the newsletter of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada.
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100% Section D, 15 h.h.

Whether riding or driving, Brenin shows he's not just a pretty face. Although shown very lightly due to my other commitments, he's the perfect gentleman whether I ask him to trail ride, jump, haul hay and fence posts or go to a dressage clinic. This is what a Welsh Cob should be! Moreover, he gives his ability to his get—the oldest being 3 years and already out riding and driving.

- Oakhatch Cymydog Da
- Hafael Linda (prize winner owned by Len Bigley)
- Cahn Dafydd
- Parc Dafydd
- Mathrafal
- Parc Pride
- Maylord Charm
- Maylord Pride
- Gwenlli Merry Boy
- Llanarth Braint
- Tyhen Comet
- Pentre Eiddwen Comet
- Eiddwen's Image
- Tyhen Mattie
- Mathrafal
- Farian Prince
- Cahn Dafydd
- Hwyllog Guinevere
- Hwyllog Snowdrop
- Cejn Coch Country Sweet

Send inquiries to **H. Tolhurst, RR #1, Kemble, Ontario, Telephone: 519-376-4866**
WINNERS

Judge: Mr. W. J. Trapp. Location: Jefferson, Wisconsin
Halter Classes:
Cob, C & D, foal, yearling & 2-yr. old: 1. MADOC GYPSY MOTH, Mary Alice Williams 2. MADOC PRINCESS ANN, M. A. Williams 3. MADOC SARA MARGARET, Miriam Williams
Cobs, 3, 4 & 5-yr. olds: 1. BRYNARIAN CERYS, David Ford 2. WARCOLAG COMET MOTH, M. A. Williams 3. BRYNARIAN BRITON, Mary Ann Chambers
Cobs, C & D, 6 & over: 1. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams 2. BRYNARIAN GWENNO, M. A. Chambers
Novice Cob at Halter: 1. WARCOLAG COMET MOTH, M. A. Williams 2. BRYNARIAN CERYS, D. Ford 3. CROSSROADS RECALL, C. Cavanaugh
Supreme Champion Cob: BRYNARIAN CERYS, David Ford
Reserve Champion Cob: BRYNARIAN GWENNO, Mary Ann Chambers.
The following places were taken by cobs in performance classes:
Model Western Pleasure (8): 3. BRYNARIAN GWENNO, M. A. Chambers
Novice Western Pleasure (9): 2. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, Miriam Williams 3. WARCOLAG COMET MOTH, M. A. Williams
Junior Exhibitor Western Pleasure (7): 3. WARCOLAG COMET MOTH, M. A. Williams 4. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams
Open Western Pleasure (7): 3. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams 4. WARCOLAG COMET MOTH, M. A. Williams
Pony/Cob Hunter Model (11): 2. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams
Novice Hunter over fences (10): 5. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams
Novice Hunter Under Saddle (11): 2. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams
Model English Pleasure (10): 4. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams
Senior Exhibitor English Pleasure (3): BRYNARIAN CERYS, D. Ford
Junior Exhibitor English Pleasure (9): 3. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams
Open English Pleasure (3): 3. TREVAILLON LADY DIANA, M. A. Williams
Groom's In Hand Class (9): 5. BRYNARIAN CERYS and D. Ford
Groom's Walk-trot class (6): 4. BRYNARIAN CERYS, J. Chambers

1987 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR HORSE SHOW, Western National Welsh Pony Show, September 11-20, 1987, Judge: Claudia Kirkpatrick. Location: Sacramento, California
Welsh Cob Sections C & D, All Ages: 1. SHILOH DUCHESS, Handler: Wendy Sharples; Owner: G. R. Ranch 2. YONDER FARMS BANDWAGON, Handler: Gay Radovich; Owner: Kris & Gay Radovich 3. SHILOH CONTESSA, Handler: Jeanie Mielenz; Owner: Jeanie D. Connor
Welsh Cob English Pleasure, Riders Any Age: 1. SHILOH DUCHESS, Rider: Wendy Sharples; Owner: Bar G. Ranch 2. SHILOH TIGER BAY, Rider: Karen Young; Owner: Karen Young 3. SHILOH CONTESSA, Rider: Jeanie Mielenz; Owner: Jeanie D. Connor
Welsh Cob Western Pleasure, Riders Any Age: 1. SHILOH TIGER BAY, Rider: Karen Young 2. SHILOH CONTESSA, Rider Jeanie Mielenz 3. SHILOH DUCHESS, Rider: Wendy Sharples

The Oregon Welsh Pony Society presented High-Point and Reserve awards for 1987 on December 5 at the Monarch Hotel, Portland, Oregon. OKEDEN JOLLY owned by Winterlake Farm, Bill and Cindy Dishman, won Reserve High Point Halter Mare competing against all sections.

NATIONAL HIGH POINT AWARDS - WP&CSA

Section C Halter: SILVER JUBILEE
BALL OF PENRHYN, Campbell Lawrence, Glendower Farm

Section D Halter:
Ch. Filly: MADOC GYPSY MOTH, Mary Alice Williams, Madoc Welsh
Ch. Colt: LLANARTH TRUSTFUL Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd.
Ch. Mare: LLANARTH MELANGELL, Carlene Sharples, Windcrest Farm

Cob Performance Division
English Pleasure: BAYFORD TRUE PATRIOT, C. A. Shields, Hastening Farm
Western Pleasure: OKEDEN TELERI, Carlene Sharples
Pleasure Driving: SILVER JUBILEE BALL OF PENRHYN, Campbell Lawrence Hunter: BAYFORD TRUE PATRIOT

1989 WELSH BREED CALENDAR

It is not too early to be thinking about buying a page in the upcoming 1989 Welsh Pony & Cob Calendar. If you have seen the 1988 calendar published by Pony Cross Farm and Mary's Farm, you already know the art work, copy and photographs are of the highest quality. Based on the same format as the calendar published in Wales, full color detachable post cards are featured for each month. If you are interested in either buying a page or placing an order for the 1988 calendars still in supply, contact Stephanie Abronson, Pony Cross Farm, 543 Cold Canyon Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302. To order, send a check for $6.95 plus shipping costs of $1.10 for each calendar ordered to Pony Cross Farm. Allow two weeks for delivery.
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(by *Hafael Brenin, imp., by Oakhatch Cymydog Da, out of *Penlon Iris, imp., by Llangybi Seldom Seen), at stud.

14.3 hh. palomino, strikingly handsome, pronounced Welsh type, delightful personality, exciting action.

Eclipse offers: a sound and sane body and mind, abundant substance and power, balanced movement, thrilling good looks, triple versatility under saddle and in harness, loads of quality, natural jump; he has proven to produce foals much like himself out of different mares.
COBS FOR SALE/LEASE


CWMFELEN HAF (D 5722) By *Hafael Brenin x Oakhatch Cymydog Da and out of *Penlon Iris. 100% Welsh Cob filly, 2 years. A nicely made filly; lovely, quiet temperament and good mover. Professionally broken and going nicely; very comfortable ride. Only for sale due to being own daughter. Ideal family cob and breeding mare. Contact H. Tolhurst, Cwmfelin Stud, RR #1, Kemble, Ontario.

For Lease: WINK'S GLOWING DAY, Section D stallion. See Advert. Contact Kathy L. Rose, RR 1, Rockwell City, IA 59579, Telephone: 712-297-8406.

PARTIAL DISPERSAL SALE by Trollberg Farm of the animals listed below. To request photographs and transportation terms write: RR #1, Maplewood, NB, E0H 1M0, Canada. Telephone (506) 463-8164.

1984 100% Section D Palomino stallion. By Cwmfelin Golden Eclipse (*Hafael Brenin by Oakhatch Cymydog Da) out of *Penlon Iris by Llangybi Seldom Seen. 14.2 hh. Green broke to saddle, drives, used for farmwork and has been breeding for two seasons. Very kind and sensible disposition. His bloodlines are impeccable and virtually unrelated to most other Welsh Cob stock in North America.


1985 50% Section C Bay gelding, TROLLBERG MORVA'S MERLIN. By Crossroads Replica by *Derwen Rebound out of Windsmore Pocket Model, Section B, by Glannant Warlock. 13 hh. Ground driven and backed, ready to go on driving and riding. Will excel at both. Well built, substantial pony. Truly a brilliant mover and suitable for all round family pony.


1986 Welsh Warmblood Black Bay filly, TROLLBERG WOL'S SWIFT. By Raterdzi, TB, out of Ashton Blodeuwedd, Section D by *Llanarth Math Ap Braint. To mature 14.3 to 15 hh. Classy looking with calm, kind disposition. Extremely balanced elegant mover who will excel at many things. Springy, reaching gaits with more lift than TB, not as much as W. Cob.

1980 Section B Strawberry Roan mare, WINDSMORE POCKET MODEL. By Glannant Warlock out of Chamcook Miss Bebe. 13 hh. A sweet and trusting mare that would make a first rate child's pony. Could be bred to our Welsh Cob stallion, Eclipse, for a Section C foal.

Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd. offers the following animals for sale:

1987 Section D Black filly, PENRHYN MARIAH. By Okeden Sensation and out of Sydenham Keria by Oakhatch Cymydog Da, this free-moving filly traces back to the old Hewid bloodlines that are so successful in the U.K. $4,500.

1987 Section D Bay filly, PENRHYN BLUE MOON. By Okeden Sensation and out of Bwyd y Barcud by Honyton Michael ap Braint. This flashy filly is out of one of the original imports to Grazing Fields. Michael ap Braint is known for producing tremendous riding and driving stock. $3,200.
COBS FOR SALE - CONTINUED

1987 Section D Bay filly, PENRHYN BRIGHT VALENTINE. By Okeden Sensation and out of Fair Tegolin of Penrhyn by Dafydd y Brenin Cymraeg. This well-grown, attractive filly is out of a Nebo Fair Lady daughter who was Supreme Champion at the 1987 Canadian Welsh Pony Breeder’s Show. $4,500.

1986 Section D Bay filly, PENRHYN BRIGHT SUNSHINE. By Okeden Sensation out of Fair Tegolin of Penrhyn by Dafydd y Brenin Cymraeg. 14.2 hh. This full sister to Penrhyn Bright Valentine is a promising competition horse. $4,000.


1986 Section D Palomino gelding, PENRHYN SABRE DANCE. By Turkdean Sword Dance out of Gwethen Pres y Penrhyn by Dafydd y Brenin Cymraeg. 14 hh. A very well-mannered and friendly gelding, this pony is a super child’s prospect. $1,800.

1986 Partbred Black filly, NASHODA. By Okeden Sensation and out of Canterbury (a TB cross), this filly is an exciting competition prospect. Her dam has evented, won 2nd level dressage, and now competes in hunter classes with success. 14.2 hh. $800.

1984 Section D Bay mare, PENRHYN SENSATIONAL LADY. By Okeden Sensation out of Nebo Fair Lady by Meiarth Royal Eiddwen. 15.1 hh. A rare opportunity to find a daughter of the wonderful old mare Nebo Fair Lady. Believed in foal to Supreme Champion Llanarth Trustful. This filly was Reserve Champion Welsh Cob at the National Eastern Welsh Show as a yearling. Not shown since. $7,000.


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For more information and photographs upon request write Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd., Bournedale Road, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 or telephone (617) 759-3763.
COB QUESTIONNAIRE—AGM

Representatives of Grazing Fields Farm Ltd. and Glendower Farm would like to thank all those members who took part in their recent survey regarding the registration, promotion and cross breeding of Welsh Cobs. The following statement was read out at the A.G.M. in Lexington on November 7th. The Board of Directors were given copies of all the returned letters and will hopefully take note of the responses given. Nothing was passed or voted on at that meeting though we feel that enough people were concerned that something should eventually be done to secure the future of Cobs. A handbook for Welsh Cobs printed by the Welsh Pony and Cob Foundation was available at the meeting.

To: The Welsh Pony and Cob Society Board of Directors:

The National Show this year brought together the largest concentration of Cobs and Cob owners ever assembled in the United States. At the show, and throughout the summer, it has become apparent that there is concern regarding any new rules and ideas that might be being suggested about the breed. Representatives of Grazing Fields Farm Ltd. and Glendower Farm obtained a fairly up to date listing of Cob owners from the North American Cob Connection. We then put together a letter of questionnaire outlining our ideas on the promotion, registration and cross breeding of Welsh Cobs and asked for peoples' comments and suggestions on these topics.

The response to this questionnaire was very interesting. We sent out a total of 101 copies and had a 41% response rate. The letter was split into three areas.

Firstly we felt that it was important that a handbook was assembled so that new breeders and judges that were not used to seeing Cobs could get an idea

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COB QUESTIONNAIRE -- CONTINUED

about what is expected. Eighty-four percent thought that the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America should publish an official breed handbook, with 74% of those people wanting to see a draft copy of such a book sent to the Welsh Pony and Cob Society in Wales for their comments before being printed.

The overall impression was that a mixture of photographs and drawings should be used with a staggering 92% of members replying wanting such a handbook to be sent to all American Horse Show Association Judges.

Since writing our letter we have learned that a Welsh Cob Handbook is in fact being put together and we would like to think that the Society will take note of its members' wishes before sending this book to print.

Probably the most important and controversial part of the letter was that regarding registering Welsh Cobs, Sections C and D.

Both Grazing Fields and Glendowner Farms feel that it is very important to establish a strict system of registration in the United States to ensure continuation of a common breed type. We feel that the percentage formula designed and adopted by the Canadian Welsh Pony and Cob Society is most beneficial to all concerned in the long run and one that can be worked most successfully. The Foundation Stock idea that the Welsh Pony and Cob Society used in the beginning of their Stud Book would be impractical in this country due to the distances involved and the lack of qualified inspectors.

It would also seem beneficial to have both breed societies in North America working together for a common goal.

- 57% agreed with the percentage table.
- 15% agreed in principle but had questions regarding the definition between Sections C and D.
- 21% disagreed.

No one came forward with another suggestion.

Firstly, no one would be stopping anybody from mixing the Sections, however what would happen is that you would have to disclose how much Cob blood the animal actually had. Having 100% Cob blood would class the animal as a pure Welsh Cob, Section C or D, depending on height.

For instance; if you had a Section B and crossed it with a Section D the result would still be called a Welsh Cob and would be eligible to compete in Welsh Cob competitions. However, if it were a stallion it could not be used as a herd sire nor could it be used to breed a herd sire if the result was a mare. The percentage rate would be marked on its registration paper and until the animal was classified as being 100% it could not act as a herd sire or produce a herd sire.

Welsh Cobs, Section C or D, currently registered with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America and Cob foals due on the ground in 1988 and currently eligible for registration would be classified as 100%. Foals born in 1988 would then come under what we hope will be the new ruling. Welsh Cobs, Section C or D bred in the United Kingdom would all also be classified as 100%.

One common concern was that this structure was not like the table of registration accepted in Wales. This is true. However, correct type and movement is judged by tradition and years of experience in their land of origin and an animal not of the correct type can be, and often is, easily discarded and replaced by one that fits the bill. In America we have not got that tradition or depth of available bloodlines so we want to safeguard what we have at present.

Crossing an A or B with a Section D in America to produce a pure Section C is not the same as it is in Wales. In America, unlike Australia and Europe, the ponies are taller for one thing and very often interbred. That is, the Mountain Ponies and Riding Ponies are crossed. We feel that for the long-term benefit of the breed this is the course to take [adopting the Canadian rules] and as the official breed description only separates Section C's and D's by height we feel that we should stand by this when we refer to Welsh Cobs as a generalization of Sections C and D.

As happens in Wales, a variety of different types of Cobs can still be bred, but this way they will all fall within a certain standard. A standard that will ensure that they are all 100% Welsh Cobs with bone, feather, substance and stamina.

The third part of our letter dealt with the opening up of the Half Welsh registry to allow animals that only have one Welsh grandparent. Forty-five percent of people that returned their questionnaire agreed with this. Thirty-seven percent disagree. Others did not respond. As breeders of Welsh Ponies and Cobs we feel that recognition of any Welsh relative in a competition animal's pedigree is good to attract business. For example, a Welsh Cob cross Thoroughbred produces a good, large, ridden animal. Put that to another Thoroughbred and you have a potential international competition horse. We feel that it would be nice to keep that animal registered as a Part Bred Welsh so that it might encourage the use of Cobs in the competition horse breeding programme. This applies to keeping track of the Welsh ancestors in Hunter ponies pedigrees as well and may well increase membership and registrations for the Society. You could also still put your half Welsh back to a Welsh if you so wished which is also the case with the Welsh Part Bred registry in the United Kingdom.

The reason behind our survey was one of deep concern for the direction the breed will take as it gains popularity. Five years from now is too late to realize something has to be done to retain type as it is found in England and Wales. To us, the wonderful response to our letter should indicate to the Board of Directors the concerns and wishes of Cob owners throughout the United States.

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At the foundation of any project there has to be rules and guidelines. If you have to make rules to accommodate breeders and their fashions, then you are not dealing with true horse breeders but opportunists.

We wish that this letter be included in the minutes of the 1987 Annual General Meeting and that the Board of Directors will give serious consideration to our views and the views of its members that participated in our survey.

Signed, Aaron W. Garland, President, Grazing Fields Farm Ltd. and G. Campbell Lawrence, Glendower Farm.

Note: A Cob brochure is now available from the WP & CSA free of charge to members. P.O. Box 2977, Winchester, VA 22601.

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE—The Penn-Maydel Welsh Pony and Cob Society is planning its Second Annual Welsh Show in June 1988. This year Cob Breeding and Performance Classes will be offered in an attempt to promote Section C and D Cobs. The society would like your response to the following questions: 1.) What classes/divisions would you like offered? should these include prize money? 2.) Do you have recommendations for a particular British judge? 3.) How many Cobs would you plan to bring? 4.) Would you be able to make a donation towards the Cob divisions?

Sponsors of $100 or more are entitled to free advertising space in the program, mention by the announcer during the show, and a free ticket to the Exhibitor's dinner party. Other categories of donations are: Class Sponsor, $50; Patron, $25; Donor, $10. Send your responses/donation right away to the Penn-Maydel WPCS, Helen Clardy, 90 Camp Road, Nottingham, PA 19362, 717-529-6288.

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A LEGACY

By Arlene Unger, Velveterra Acres

Wow, was I excited! A real Welsh Cob stallion in Alberta, of all places—not 100 miles from where I lived! Old. Twenty years old! Hadn't been used for 13 years—could he still pass on his magnificent genes? Thirty year old bloodlines—by Llanarth Brain and out of Eiddwen Chess; his lineage captivated my breeder's heart! (Eiddwen Chess is by Meiirth Royal Eiddwen x Verwig Bess.) There was one other problem. Pete and Prue Mason, owners of Llanarth Daniel ("Planet") had never sent into the British Society the signed application for registration and transfer of ownership. Technically, Planet wasn't registered and had never produced registered offspring! There was no time to lose worrying about the paperwork—my Section D mare Ashton Blodeuwed (Llanarth Math ap Brain x Merch Euraidd o'r Penrhyn) was sent to the kingy stallion and there was no doubt in his mind as to his abilities! Pete and Prue bred none of their own mares—all was for the two rare Welsh Cobs, hoping that they might leave a legacy to their ancient blood; the mare also had the blood of Brain running in her veins.

That same fall of 1983, Planet (Llanarth Daniel) was lovingly laid in the soil of the Mason's farm. Few can relate to how they must have felt—for they had brought four Welsh Cob stallions to these shores and none had been received and used here. Like Golden Glory, the time was not right for Cobs then.

The Masons had done much for Cobs. In the Bertram Mills Circus in Britain they showed their four liberty stallions. (Shown is a photograph of a string of Llanarth-bred cobs in the 1950's ranging in height from 13.2 hh. to 14 hh.) But theirs is another story to be told by them!

Yes! She appeared to be in foal to Daniel. Fighting through an almost fatal bout of colic and later hemorrhaging upon foaling, we almost lost her. But our miracle was meant to be—a lovely gift from God. The colt I had prayed for—bold! big boned and all cob! Prue and Pete were as excited as I. They said I could use Planet’s name for the foal. That felt so right, for it seemed I had little to do with his birth; I just couldn’t put my prefix on him. He became Planet’s Trumpet Call.

It took yet another year to get him registered. Canada refused. Britain refused. The WCSA refused but the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America examined all the reams of old documents, pictures (supplied by Llanarth), bills for breeding, shipping, correspondence—you name it. The governors (directors) cared enough to take a personal interest and look at the data that would have held up in any court—and they approved! How fitting that this stallion was eventually sold to the United States!

As a young stallion I feel so proud to have cared for him these past three years. Never used here in Canada by anyone else, and because of my personal circumstances, he was put up for sale.

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The 1988 Yearbook will focus on four long-time Welsh breeders in the U.S. They include Mrs. J. Austin duPont, Liseter Hall Farm; Mrs. Hope Garland Ingersoll, Grazing Fields Farm; Mrs. S. B. Romaine, Farnley Farm; and Mrs. Karl D. Butler, GlanNant Farm. If you have ponies and/or cobs from these breeders or have an interesting story to tell, please send a short write-up. The Yearbook depends entirely on advertising to cover the costs of printing. We must have your ads with payment by March 31, 1988.

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**LAST MINUTE NEWS**

FROM PAC. NW

At the January meeting of the Oregon Welsh Pony Society, two giant steps forward were made for Cobs. First, a Cob Futurity was added for cob foals born this year to be shown as 2-year olds. Secondly, a Cob Halter High Point award will be given in 1988. These are both "firsts" for the OWPS.

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