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It is a welcome change to move into a new season regardless of the time of year. This current change is especially anticipated. We experienced a very long hot and dry summer and with just a few recent rainstorms the landscape has been transformed from brown and desert-looking to a lush green. Pastures are taking on the velvet look of new growth in spring. Mixed with moderate temperatures and foggy mornings giving way to sunny afternoons, life seems very comfortable. There is also some added excitement in the air. For myself and a few friends, we are awaiting the arrival of our first foals. Our mares have "the look". I first noticed "the look" about a month ago. The change was so subtle it was difficult to realize the transformation that was taking place. After all, I've never seen either of my mares pregnant and my eye kept stumbling on their bottom line. A quick glance did not reflect what I had been used to seeing. But signs of impending Motherhood are obvious now and I am finding a real pleasure in being vicariously pregnant.

This is the issue of reminders: If an expiration date of **Fall 88** appears on your mailing label, it's time to renew. NACC will again be offered for 1989 for the same reasonable rate of \$8 per year, U.S. funds, please. Overseas rates are \$10. We do have one advertising change. If you submit more than one photo per ad, there will be an additional charge of \$3 per photo.

We know there have been many new cob arrivals this year. Please forward information about your '89 foals, any cobs or partbreds you've leased, sold or purchased. We would like the '89 Directory to be as complete as possible. As more and more people become Cob owners, it is important they have access to the the wealth of information contained in Ann's data base. It enables us to keep in touch with each other and trace bloodlines and study pedigrees. When animals are offered for sale, the Directory can be a great source of information to a prospective buyer.

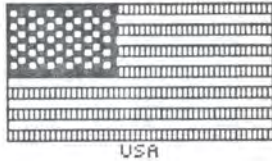
Thanks are in order to all our advertisers this year. We appreciate your efforts in supporting us not only through advertisements but also in loaning photographs and in sharing articles and news from your area.

## THERE'S STILL TIME TO...

... attend the **Annual General Meeting** of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America coming up October 28-30. Held at the Richfield Holiday Inn just south of Cleveland, it appears to be a great weekend complete with a tour of Amish harness and buggy makers as well as a clinic and demonstration. Contact Charles King at (419) 422-3780 for last-minute reservations.

... submit an advertisement for the **WPCSA's 1989 Directory**. About 1,000 Directories were mailed out in 1988 to interested owners, breeders and buyers all over the U.S., Canada and some overseas countries!. The deadline for ads is **November 15**. Costs range from \$10 for a 3-line ad to appear after your listing in the text of the Directory to \$60 for a full page ad, plus \$5 for a photograph. Call Victoria Headley, Sec.-Treas. at (703) 667-6195 today for details.

# NEWS FROM THE U.S.



Dear Ann,

Here is some news from the Northeast. We have had a busy and productive year. **Nesscliffe Sunrise's** first crop of foals included a smashing palomino colt from Donna Chase's Sec. C mare **Windcrest Tiara** (Dafydd y Brenin Cymraeg x Whalerock Celebration) and a chestnut with lots of chrome out of our Thoroughbred mare. This one is huge and really moves.

As every spare moment was spent working on our new barn, we did not show this year excepting our daughter Victoria's debut in leadline on her Welsh Mountain Pony, **Crefield Enos**. We did organize a group of seven Cobs from Maine to demonstrate at the Mt. Attitash Equine Classic. This four-day Grand Prix jumping competition was well attended and the Cobs were very well received—so much that Donna Chase sold her colt after leaving the ring!

I had a great trip to Wales for the Royal Welsh Show. It was a treat to see a half brother to my **Minyffordd Dignity, Minyffordd Principality**, win his three-year old colt class. A yearling colt out of the same mare as my filly placed well in his class, too.

Autumn is very welcomed after the horrid humidity and heat we had all summer. I am looking forward to some autumn and winter trail riding on my two three-year olds—it seems like I've been waiting a long time!!!

Signed, **India Hayes, Waterford Stud**

Bill Winkelman reports things went well for their First Annual Working Pony Auction held August 6. Despitemuch-needed rain, there was a nice turnout. Everything in the ring was ridden, driven or both which included two cobs being ridden and one being driven. Buyers arrived from four states in addition to Iowa. Melvin Kruse of Blue Springs, Missouri bought three Welsh Cob yearlings.

Doris Ganton has a new pleasure and combined video out now in three different formats under the well-known and widely-available Farnam label. There is a very useful section on difficult and dangerous situations and how to handle them. Check with your local tack shops which rent Farnam equestrian videos. Doris told me that she was really pleased at how it turned out and that Farnam had sent it out to many experienced drivers to be rated and the consensus was that it was a "10".

Submitted by Ann Lamb

Barbara Wynn, Canby, Oregon, is crazy about her chestnut colt **Wynsom's Magnificent Obsession** (Sec. C) who is the image of his papa **Brynarian Braint ap Maldwyn** (Sec. D). He further secured his spot in her heart by winning the mare and foal class at the Oregon Welsh Pony Society Show in June with his dam **Wynsom's Finally a Filly** (Sec. A) who also captured the Supreme Championship of the Show. So naturally "Filly" was sent to try for a repeat, only this time she was cautioned to "think pink" as she trekked north to visit Braint again at Avondale Farm. Well, actually "bay filly" is the specific order. While in Washington "Magnum" had quite a few local-area visitors who wanted another look at his spectacular way of going. He paid little attention to the gawkers unless they were willing to give him a generous scratch on the rump, spent most of his time growing, and as he returned home 6 weeks later, he was nearly as tall as his dam. But at only 5 months old, he wasn't about to give up the milk supply, though getting at it required some mighty clever contortions.

"Magnum" pictured right

\***Okeden Welsh Flyer**, 2 year Section D Stallion owned by Windcrest Stud, will be leased to Randy Bullard for the coming year. Randy is serious about driving and plans to get Flyer going in harness—a great way to show off his extreme reaching trot.

Copies of the AHSA Cob Show Rules, which do not take effect until after December 1, 1988 (but are effective immediately in the WPCSA) are available to members by writing the Secretary at the National Office, P.O. Box 2977, Winchester, VA 22601. These rules were printed in the Spring 1988 Issue of NACC on pages 10-12. For individual copies of NACC, send \$2.50 to our mailing address.

Over half of the registration applications received by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America are incomplete. To encourage the sending of complete information, the Society has instituted a \$10 penalty for each incomplete application. The Canadian Society also imposes a similar penalty. Please read the forms carefully for instructions and check with the Rule Book if uncertain.

Registered purebred Welsh Cobs and Ponies born before 1981 are eligible to have their full page black and white photo in the next Stud Book of the WPCSA for a sponsorship fee of \$75. This is a fine way to insure the immortality of your very best Welsh as well as to assist in the Society's very important task of publication of the official records of the breed.



# NEWS FROM CANADA



Jenny Parsons reports their Coblynau Stud Farm has had a superb show season. At the Canadian Pony Breeders show in June, under judge Mrs. Edwards of the Cascob Stud, Wales, yearling filly **Coblynau Caridwen** (Derwen Reality x Dyfnog Valiant Vixen) was Reserve Champion Welsh Cob. At the Aurora Horse Show, Parson's black mare **\*Derwen Tybed** was pinned Champion Cob under Mr. Tevor Armstrong of the Glenfied Stud, England. **Tybed** was also picked by judge Mr. Owens of Friars Stud, Wales, as Champion Cob at the Canadian National All Welsh Championship thus winning the trophy donated by Tomenson-Saunders Whitehead for Supreme Champion over all sections. Jenny adds that both of their Cob mares have been bred to imported stallion **\*Derwen Reality** and that both foals will be available for sale.

In reading the British magazine Riding, Hilary Tolhurst found the article, "Cobs in the Eighties" written by Dennis Bushby (reprinted in this issue). Her comments echo a sentiment heard time and again. Hilary writes, "Personally, I find the situation he (Dennis Bushby) describes very true. We have different types of 'D' as a result of intersection breeding. Money always has a way of increasing the numbers of a breed and not always for the best. We must retain our old D breeding and not dilute it further."

Hilary Tolhurst (Ontario) also reports she hasn't taken any of her own Cobs to shows this year (seems she keeps injuring herself). But **Lynton Camelot** by Parc Dilwyn and out of her mare Penlon Iris came in first in his class at the All Welsh show. One of her Half-Breds that had been sold (Hafael Brenin x TB) was Reserve Champion and second in a ridden class. Hilary rode her D Cob mare **\*Penlon Iris** on a 20 km. cancer ride in the Dyffesin Forest in May. Iris has been bred for 1989 to Sandy Sterritt's **\*Trevallion Royal Consort** (D).

Hilary, herself from Wales, has accepted the challenge of being Publicity Director for the Welsh Pony Society of Canada. She is taking over the task from Keith Parsons, also a Welsh Cob breeder, who has managed publicity so well during the last several years as well as serving as a Governor of the Society from the province of Ontario.

This next bit of show news is from Jean Morton about her imported mare, **Synod Rhuban Goch**. As a yearling, Rhuban was shown twice and five times as a two-year. She won seven firsts and nine Championships, which include four Best of Breed, one Youngstock Champion over all breeds, and the 1987 High Point Champion Cob Mare, any age. Rhuban has been leased to Ray Morrison to be bred to Ray's stallion, **Parc Dilwyn**. Now that should be some foal!

Nita Wilson and daughter Alana from Harris, Saskatchewan, brought Nita's Section D stallion **Brynarian Eiddwen Comet** and Alana's grade pony, Dr. Pepper, to the Welsh Show at Disbury, Alberta (near Calgary) on July 23 and 24. Under Judge Ted Chiswell of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Alana won the High Point Award and the Hunter Championship while Comet captured the first in Cobs and was second in Open Pleasure Driving. Later in the week Nita and Comet placed first in the marathon division at the Inter-Provincial Combined Driving Show, third in dressage and fifth in cones. He was second over all. Comet has been campaigned all summer in Combined Driving and has done very well. At the Whitewood, Saskatchewan Competition he was first in dressage and cones and second in marathon. Comet also did well at the Kelly Acres Stud this year. His mares produce three Section C colts, a Section D filly and a Welsh Warmblood filly.

Arlene Unger (Alberta) has a liver chestnut C colt by **Planet's Trumpet Call** out of Alvesta's Classy Lass. She hopes that he will make a harness-mate for **Philosopher of Penrhyn** (Section C).

The WPCSC has selected Nova Scotia as the venue for the 1989 Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Afiena Kamminga (New Brunswick) has had two palomino D Cob filly foals by **Cwmfelen Golden Eclipse** out of **Ashton Blodeuwedd** and **Ashton Gwenda**.



Synod Rhuban Goch, Owned by J. Morton  
Pictured at 2 years

## Canadian News - continued



Peter Wilding-Davies and Carol McDonald, both of Langley, B.C., and Liana McFarlane of Coquitlam stopped by Avondale Farm on their way home from the Snoqualmie Valley Combined Driving Event and Symposium. They wanted to see **Brynarian Braint ap Maldwyn** and **Brynarian Morwena** since both Peter and Carol are new Cob owners. Peter has just purchased **\*Llanarth Dilys** (Llanarth True Briton x Llanarth Iarlles out of Tyhen Comet) and **\*Llanarth Malen** (Tyhen Comet x Llanarth Myfanwy). Since Dilys is bred back to **\*Llanarth Maldwyn ap Braint** (Llanarth Braint x Rhosfarch Morwena by Pentre Eiddwen Comet), Peter was eager to see what a mature offspring of the two would look like. Since all of Maldwyn's offspring have been sold well away from home, Braint was the nearest one. Carol wanted to see Morwena because her four-month old Maldwyn colt out of **\*Llanarth Lady Valerie** (Parc Boneddwr x Llanarth Lady Valiant) is a full brother.

Tom Davies was himself born in Wales and lived with Cobs all around in daily life until he came to Canada. He imported **\*Llanarth Maldwyn ap Braint**, a dark bay 15.3 to 16 hand stallion, as a yearling in 1975. Maldwyn was bred to Thoroughbreds, Saddlebreds and ponies with great success, but there were no Welsh Cob mares in British Columbia until the importation of the two weanling and yearling Llanarth fillies in 1980. Although formerly a teacher, Tom has been a rancher in the mountains above Lumby, near Vernon, B.C. in the Okanagan Valley for many years and has raised many champion Polled Hereford cattle. Now retired, Tom has sold the ranch and is moving down to town and has leased Maldwyn. He has retained Lady Valerie, but the rest of the Cobs have been sold to people he knew would appreciate them and would carry on with the Welsh Cobs in Western Canada. Now that the workload has been lightened a bit, I hope we can persuade Tom Davies to write

about Cobs for the North American Cob Connection readership. I am sure he has some wonderful stories about the old days with the Cobs in Wales to share with us.

The following letter was received from Tricia Gammon:

Thank you for sending me the renewal notice for my NACC subscription; I was sure I'd sent a check sometime early this year, so I expect it went astray. It also seems that the newsletter has been getting lost on its way; since the beginning I've only received Vol. I, nos. 1, 2, 3 (shouldn't there be a number 4?) and Vol. II No. 1. Have you got back issues of the missing ones I could buy please? I find it so interesting I'd like to keep a complete set.

I hope all goes well with you and John and the Cobs and especially that your first two foals this year pleased you. We had three foals this year but only one Section D, a 50% D filly out of our Section B Westrum's Mayfair by Aelwyn. The other two were by Cadfarch out of T.B. mares. I'll send you an updated list of our Cobs and Welsh Warmbloods with new owners soon. Best wishes from Jack and me. Tricia and Cobs (Ashton Aelwyn ap Math and Ashton Cadfarch ap Math)

The WPCSC has a delightful array of collectible items in their publicity collection. A pair of beautiful signed and numbered limited edition lithographs by Rae Wilkins, a Toronto artist of great talent, is available from the Society for a very reasonable price. One is an extremely typey grey Section A stallion head while the other combines the heads of a beautiful grey mare and a dark foal. Reproductions of these drawings are also available on note cards with envelopes. An additional set of cards is reproduced from Rae Wilkins full-body study of a trotting Coed Coch stallion which you may recognize from the cover of the Canadian newsletter. Gentlemen enjoy the very attractive navy or maroon ties with a small repeated pattern of the figure of the trotting stallion. The Canadian national pin is also very desirable and will become a collector's item, since it is being replaced next year with a new design in honor the 10th anniversary of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada.

## NEWS FROM GREAT BRITAIN



UNITED KINGDOM

The WPCS reports 1229 colts, 2074 fillies and 549 geldings were registered for the period of February 1987 to February 1988, totaling 3852. There were 2067 applications pending thus making a total of 5,919, a slight increase on the previous year. Of this number, there were 125 Section C and 458 Section D colts, 170 Section C and 559 Section D fillies. Gelding were 39 and 163 respectively. Registration of colt and filly foals before December 31 of the yearling year costs £8 while registration of geldings cost £3. Annual registrations have been totaling around 6,000 for each of the past six years. The majority of those registrations were Section A Mountain Ponies (33%) closely followed by Cobs (31%). Section B's account for 16%, Welsh Part-Breds at 11% and Section C Cob-type Ponies at 9%. There were 134 Welsh exported with 33 going to Holland, 27 to West Germany, 16 to Denmark and 15 to the U.S. The annual subscription to the WPCS (in Wales) will increase to £12 (from the current cost of £10) effective 1989.

The Saltmarsh Trophy, presented to the stallion gaining the highest number of points in Section C, was once again awarded to **Nebo Brenin** (pictured right) owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones.

The Hengwm Trophy, presented to the stallion gaining the highest number of points in Section D was also awarded to **Nebo Brenin**. These two awards reflect Brenin's success as a sire of Section C and D,

The Llanarth Braint Award, awarded to the highest placed Welsh Cob at the Olympia Mountain and Moorland Ridden Championships, was presented to **Verwood Roger**, owned by Mrs. Large.

Dr. E. W. Davies reports that "Welsh Champions, Sections B and C is now available from the Society at £4.95 each.

In order for the 1989 Yearbook to be printed and delivered in a timely manner, all advertisements and articles must be in the hands of the printer of the Society by October 23, 1988. A black and white full page ad is about £85. If interested in more detailed rates and forms for advertisements, please contact Cindy, Ann or a WPCS member in your area.

The following letter was received by Mrs. D. Haak:

Dear Cindy,  
I am interested to know if the "NORTH AMERICAN COB CONNECTION" would welcome subscribers from overseas. I was sent your original circular dated November 15, 1986, but I regret to say I did not return it. However, I am very interested to know more about the activities of Welsh Cobs in North America being one of the larger breeders of Welsh Cobs in England with many Champions running in our herd now.

Yours Sincerely,

Diana Haak

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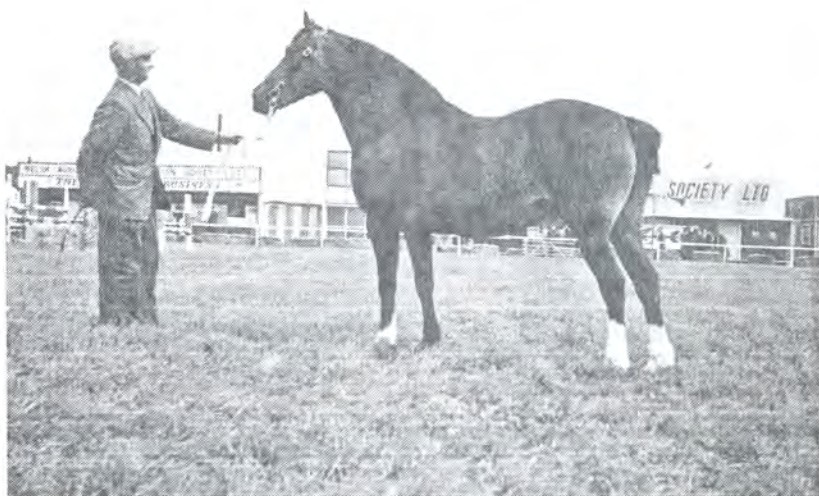
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PARC LADY (1948-1978)

Photo by Wynne Davies

PARC LADY, Section D Cob Mare

# COBS/EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

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Windcrest Stud Farm's August Sales List: Contact Carlene Sharples, 84 Gristmill Rd., Randolph, New Jersey 07869 (201) 361-4805

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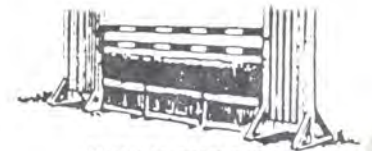
WINDCREST MOONSHADOW, 4 year Mare by \*Okeden Sensation. She is the neighborhood pet. She has been topped and ready for more training. She is an excellent hunter prospect and qualifies for pony division. \$2,000.

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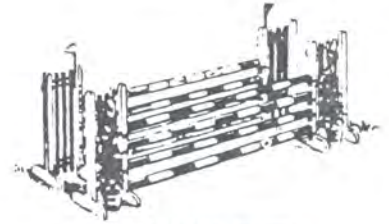
SEAWIND MARQUIESSA, 2 year chestnut Welsh Warmblood filly by \*Dafydd Y Brenin Cymraeg out of Close to Market (17 hh. TB). This filly was 16 hh. on her 2nd birthday and should top out at 16:2-17 hh. Lovely head, eye and absolutely correct conformation. Moves like an advanced dressage horse. Quiet, laid-back disposition. Natural hunter and effortlessly clears obstacles with smoothness and form. If you are a serious competitor she is the animal for you. \$18,000.

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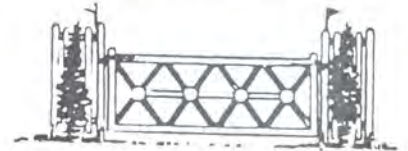
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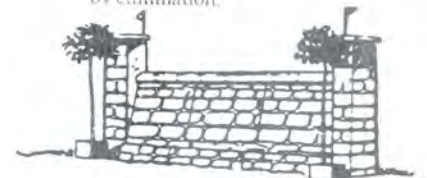
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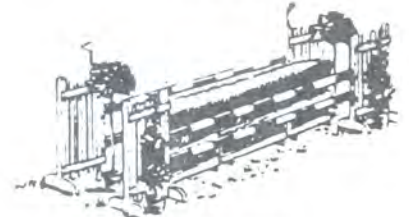
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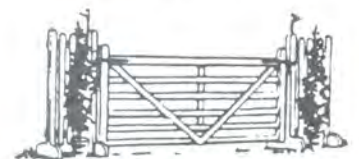
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CHRISTMAS CANDY OF PENRHYN, C-349, Gelding. Sold June 7, 1988 by Judith E. Howard to Mrs. Faith C. Newton, Box 75, Cove Creek Lane, North Marshfield, Massachusetts 02059

CROSSROADS PRINCE OF WALES, D-30, 1981 Bay Gelding (Derwen Rebound x Nance Queen of Wales) Sold June 1, 1988 by Mrs. Jane Rainis to Mrs. Timothy Porta, P.O. Box 40, South Casco, Maine 07945

CROSSROADS TROTTER, D-329, Gelding. Sold August 8, 1988 by Steve & Gail Hamilton to Mr. Gordon Heard, Box 623, Berryville, Virginia 22611

CWMFELEN HAF, [D5722] 1985 Cream Mare. (Hafael Brenin x Penlon Iris) Sold Dec. 23, 1987 by Robert & Hilary Tolhurst to Peter Lush, 460 Brant Place, Suite 16, Burlington, Ontario L7R 4B6.

DANCING BELLE OF PENRHYN, C-371, Mare. Sold August 1, 1988 by Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd. to Mrs. Paul L. Dube', 142 Old Main St., Marshfield Hill, Massachusetts 02051

FIDDLER'S FROLIC, R-8, Mare (Llanarth Math ap Braint x Twinn City, TB) Sold by Jan R. S. Investments to Mrs. M. Serin, RR #4, Dundas, Ontario L9H 5E4

LADY SARAH OF PENRHYN, D-367, Mare. Sold August 1, 1988 by Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd. to Mr. Henry Dumas, 57 Main St., Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719

LYNTON EXCALIBER, [D5156] 1983 Bay Gelding (\*Parc Dilwyn x \*Talley Rosina) Sold April 15, 1988 by Bob Baker to William Jones, Box 75, Campden, Ontario L0R 1G0

MARY'S BRONWYN, D-362, Mare. (\*Cyffylliog Pendefig x \*Llanarth Rhonwen) Sold July 11, 1988 by Polly Swinerton to Patricia Holmes, 4040 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062

MARY'S ROSALYN, D-361, Mare (\*Sinton Sultan x Kathy H.) sold July 11, 1988 by Polly Swinerton to Patricia Holmes, 4040 Woodside Rd., Woodside, CA 94062

OKEDEN SENSATION, D-89, 1981 Black Gelding (Parc Sir Ivor x Okeden Gorse) Sold August 1, 1988 by Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd. to Mrs. Ceil Delvental, RR 2, Box 288, Old Newpswich Rd., Rindge, New Hampshire 03461.

PENRHYN SWORD OF HOPE, D-364, Stallion. Sold August 1, 1988 by Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd. to Mrs. Suzanne Phillips, 141 Pine Island Rd., North Dartmouth, Massachusetts 02747

PENRHYN TROTTING RAILWAY, D-365, Stallion. Sold August 1, 1988 by Grazing Fields Farm, Ltd. to Mrs. Suzanne Phillips, 141 Pine Island Rd., North Dartmouth, Massachusetts 02747

TROLLBERG MORVA'S MERLIN, [C5569] 1985 Gelding (Crossroads Replica x Windsmore Pocket Model) Sold by Afienä Larsen-Kamminga to Mike Hall, R.R. 2, Klondike Rd., North Gower, Ontario K0A 2T0

WHITE GATE FLYER, [D5610] 1984 Chestnut Stallion (Casco Flying Colours x Cen-y-Cerrig y Penrhyn) Sold February 17, 1988 by Jane Stewart to Robert Pearson, Box 89, Dalkeith, Ontario K0B 1E0

WHITE GATE ABIGAIL, [D5721] 1985 Cream Mare (Crossroads Replica x Cen-y-Cerrig y Penrhyn) Sold February 17, 1988 by Dr. Douglas Stewart to Joanne Brown, RR #3, Dalkeith, Ontario K0B 1E0

MENAI CERIS, D-40, 1981 Bay Mare (Trefaes Dolphin x Menai Carys) Sold September 15, 1987 by Gordon Heard to Douglas Stetson and Gordon Gaskill, Beede Hill Road, Fremont, New Hampshire 03044

## NEW REGISTRATIONS

CROSSROADS DAFYDD, D-303, 1987 Bay Stallion (Casco Flying Colours x Nance Queen of Wales) Gordon T. Heard, Crossroads Farm, Box 623, Berryville, Virginia 22611

## CORRECTIONS

CROSSROADS PRINCE ANDREW has been registered as CROSSROADS PRINCE HENRY, D-257, Gelding (Casco Flying Colours x Menai Ceris)

SONGOR'S PRINCE ANDREW, D-234 and SONGOR'S PRINCE WILLIAM, D-265 are both geldings.

There is no CROSSROADS RHAYADER owned by Jean Robocker as listed in the Directory. Jean owns CROSSROADS Y RHAYADER, D-205, 1985 Bay Stallion (Casco Flying Colours x Menai Mighty Model) and CROSSROADS FLYER, D-159, 1984 Bay Gelding (Casco Flying Colours x Menai Ceris)





# WELSH COBS IN THE EIGHTIES

## Cause and Effect

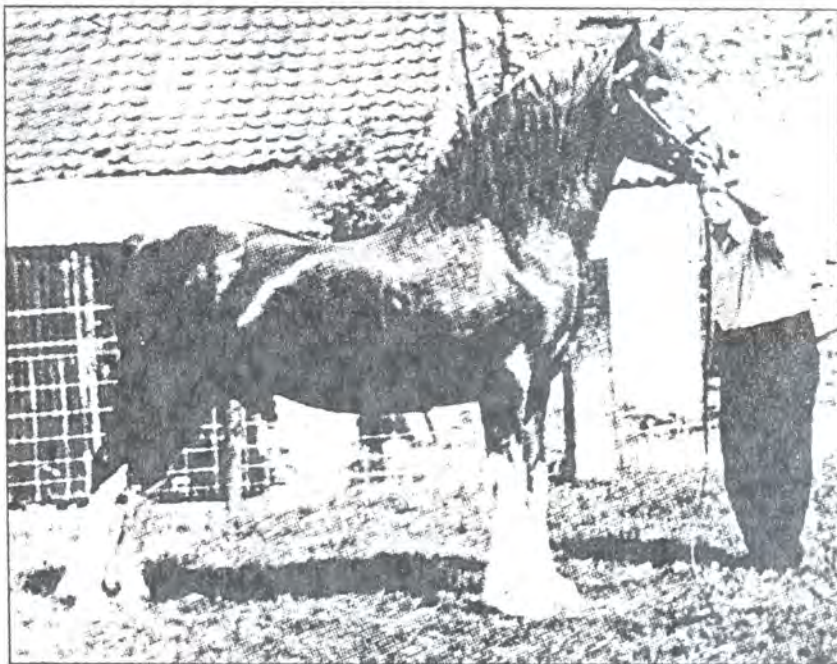
by Dennis Bushby

THIS article was conceived after a conversation between a gentleman well known in Welsh circles and a spectator who enquired of him the breed of animal being judged at the time by yours truly recently. The show is considered to be a major event in these parts and several classes are judged at the same time. When I was told of the conversation, the question took my mind back to my younger days when similar comments were being made about the New Forest ponies. And I cannot help wondering if this is history being repeated with our Welsh Cobs.

Here in Cardiganshire, whenever pony breeders gather, nothing is more guaranteed to stimulate (sometimes quite heated) conversation than the oft stated question "What is a Welsh Cob?" A glance back into the early journals will establish that this is not a new question, but, difficult as it was to answer then, we now have to consider new and more recent antecedents; and this is causing some concern to the more dedicated breeders as to whether new proposals should be put forward for discussion by the members of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society, with a view to a change in the rules.

Because of the loss of traditional markets, 50 years ago Welsh Cobs almost disappeared from the scene, for although a few, a very few, were being bred, their breeders did not bother to register them. And it is my view that today's problems stem from this point; for a new demand for Welsh Cobs began and they were not available for love or money. I think that even the most die-hard of Welsh Cob breeders will (perhaps reluctantly) concede that the present popularity of the breed was started by an English lady, Pauline Taylor of the Llanarth Stud, for it was she who, after starting her stud in the early 40s, had the foresight to show her stock "over the Bridge"; both in hand and under saddle.

To cater for this new and unprecedented demand, the then leaders of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society re-introduced the inspection rules to get "lapsed" animals back into the fold and also to allow other crosses between the sections of the Welsh Stud Book to be granted "D" status. Having given the Llanarth Stud the credit for beginning the revival, it must in fairness be noted that this stud took quick advantage of the rules to get more animals into the system. The few "D" animals were scattered throughout the Principality, but most of them were in the Cob heartland of West Cardiganshire. These



*Substance, quality, character: Hendy Brenin 1763, aged 29, with his owner, Mr Idris Davies. Hendy Brenin was actually registered as Section C, since the "D" classification was in suspension at the time he was foaled. (Photo: WPCS Journal)*

Cob breeders, household names locally, at that time chose not to advertise their wares, and potential buyers from England were lucky indeed to find genuine Section Ds of the right sort.

Round about this time, Miss Taylor decided to start the famous Llanarth Sale and, because she did not have enough stock of her own breeding for sale, she invited local Cob breeders to join her. The first sale was in 1964, and I well remember coming to Wales armed with the catalogue and being disappointed in not being able to find some of the studs and also, I am bound to say, with the quality of some of the stock on offer. When Dai Davies of Glanrannell Park Hotel fame started his pre-Llanarth Sale "Welsh Cob Holidays", potential customers were organised to visit studs who had stock for sale and obtain a better and first-hand idea of what was being offered. This was in the mid-70s.

The Llanarth Sale became so successful that when new stud owners had stock for sale

they found the event over-subscribed; and so it was decided that a second sale be started at the Royal Welsh Showground. After a rather shaky start this sale too became very popular, and after the death of Miss Taylor, despite a brave effort in 1983 by Ifor Lloyd of the Derwen Stud to keep a sale in Cardiganshire, it was decided that the Builth Sale become a two-day gathering on the Saturday and the following Monday. At the peak of the two sales in 1977, over 426 animals were entered and it could be said that the Welsh Cob had arrived.

During this period, with the explosion in the breeding and sale of Welsh Cobs, it is not surprising to see and note the increase in Cob classes in shows all round the country; and the classes at our Royal Welsh Show are bulging at the seams.

Perhaps a few examples are needed to enable readers to grasp the situation now prevailing. For this purpose, and picking the years at random, we will study the years 1968 and 1985, a period of 17 years:

	1968	1985
Using the Journals for Section D stallions advertised as standing at public stud	31	110
Using office figures for numbers bred	104	not available
Using Royal Welsh catalogues for Section D entries	71	284
Stallion entries	3	40
Sales — Llanarth, Royal Welsh	79	600

One should, however, bear in mind that these sales were for both Sections C and D. These figures show the dramatic increases in numbers and, boring as statistics are, they prove my point.

Returning to the figures for Section Ds being registered in 1968; research shows that three stallions, or 12½ per cent, had non "D" blood and 16 mares, or 20 per cent, other Welsh sections in their make-up. This also applied to the inspection animals being re-entered in the frantic rush to supply the demand. This trend has been going on since the early 50s, and this obviously has resulted in the dilution of "D" blood within the breed generally. These figures are not easily available, for it should be noted that the "D" classification was suspended between 1930 and 1946. I think that it will come as a surprise to some people that, since they were born in this period, many well-known stallions, Brenin Gwalia, Cahn Daffyd, Llwynog y Garth and Hendy Brenin, to name but a few, were registered as Section C. And no one would accuse those of not being genuine Welsh Cobs.

Now, with some trepidation, to the all important question, "What is a Welsh Cob?" Cobs appear to be different things to different people, but one can say that it is agreed that the Cob is a manufactured breed, with the fountain head being the Welsh ponies that once roamed the hills. That the mountain pony, Arab, Thoroughbred and

Welsh cart horse are mixed in is also accepted, and certainly, since they at one time shared the same stud book, the Hackney has had a great influence.

The one thing that cannot be in dispute is that the Welsh Cob is a very versatile animal. He used to work between the shafts on the farm and was equally at home taking the farmer hunting on Saturday and being in the trap to take the family to chapel on Sunday. But he was basically a *working farm animal*, and I believe this fact should never be lost sight of. Given that the Welsh Cob has a very mixed background, and even conceding that the individual breeder may also have had the odd Hackney or Arab stallion tucked away (to "improve" or accentuate the action or head?), I think we can accept that we knew what the mixture contained; that is, as I have been trying to establish, until fairly recently. So we can say that we know what a Welsh Cob was.

What then was the new market? The farm tractor had replaced the working farm horse, and the dairies, etc, had their vans; so the new role for the Welsh Cob was as a riding animal; and the phrase "True Riding Type" was coined, i.e. a more sloping shoulder and

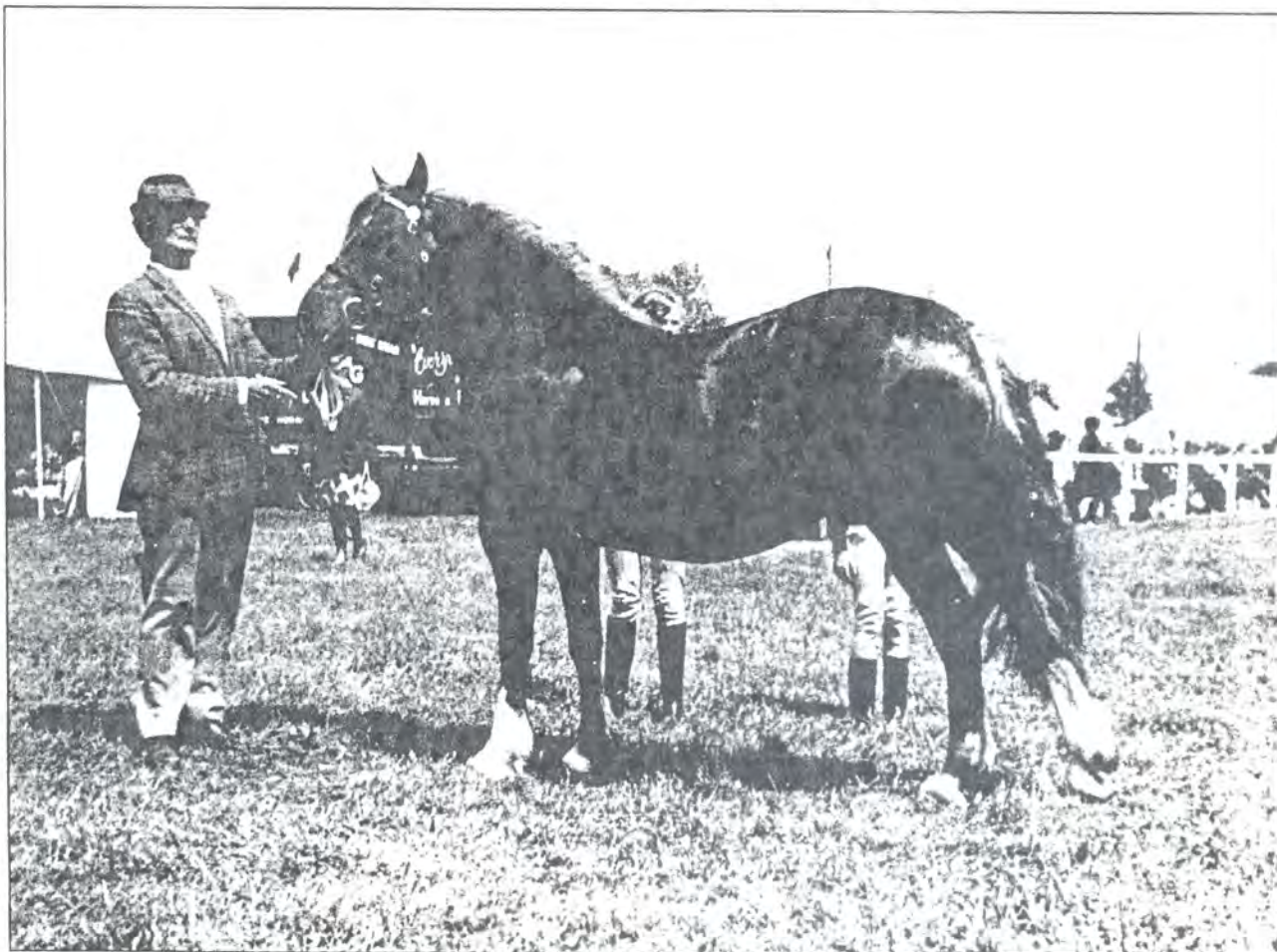
*Hendy Brenin's daughter, 17615 Cathedine Welsh Model, photographed in 1965. Like her sire, of excellent D type, she was out of Cathedine Welsh Maid (by Cahn Daffyd 1758).*

less knee action and leamer. (were Thoroughbred or Section B infusion perhaps?) The animals in their new ownership went on display and so the demand grew. A few years later, the newly emerging driving enthusiasts saw the potential in some of the Cobs being shown under saddle as driving animals. Some of the drivers at the top of the sport required even larger Cobs — and so the hunt was on.

This brings me back to my opening paragraph. The yearling class of which I spoke had 17 entries and they were all shapes and sizes — like the proverbial liquorice allsorts. Bearing in mind that there is no height limit for Section D, they ranged from 12hh-14.2hh. Most of them had very little bone below the knee and lacked "presence"; and I can well understand how the question came to be asked.

I am sure that this "presence" was the aspect of the Welsh Cob which earned the breed its present popularity and in order to retain this, new breeders would be well advised to check their pedigrees and seek out stock without the A and B crosses in their background.

There is no doubt that the latest market is for the larger animals and they are very much sought after and command very good prices. Although it has proved possible with modern feeding to help get the desired height increases, many of today's animals do lack substance and bone, and my article is an attempt to show how this has come about; and to suggest that it is time the Book is closed and only D+D matings allowed. Thankfully, all is not lost, for the old bloodlines are still around, and I am sure that people lucky enough to have the true "D" stock will find plenty of customers for their progeny.



# SHOW RESULTS

## Mid-State Fair Results, August 5, 1988, Paso Robles, California

Reg. Welsh Stallions, 3 & over, all sections (4): 4. Leyeswick Brenin, David Valcheck

## The Summer Pony Show Results, August 6, 1988. California

Reg. Welsh Cobs, Mares (2): 1. Shiloh Duchess, Jackie Hubert 2. Windcrest Marieka, Ruth Verkuyl

Reg. Welsh Cobs, Stallions and Geldings (3): 1. Cyffylliog Pendefig, Pat Holmes 2. Syndenham Lark, Anthony Owens 3. Leyeswick Brenin, David Valcheck

Halter Champion (All Sections): Cyffylliog Pendefig

The following classes included all sections. Only cobs are listed.

Beginning Hunter (15): 2. Leyeswick Brenin, Janina Owens

Working Hunter \$50 Stake (8): 5. Leyeswick Brenin, Lisa Rand

Hunter Hack (14): 4. Leyeswick Brenin, Janina Owens

Hunter Under Saddle (17): 2. Leyeswick Brenin

English Pleasure, Novice (14): 1. Syndenham Lark, Sarajane Valcheck 3. Leyeswick Brenin, Janina Owens

Welsh Cob English Pleasure, 18 and over (4): 1. Cyffylliog Pendefig, Pat Holmes 2. Syndenham Lark, Sarajane Valcheck 3. Shiloh Duchess, Jackie Hubert 4. Leyeswick Brenin, Janina Owens

English Pleasure, 18 and over (12): 2. Syndenham Lark, Sarajane Valcheck 3. Cyffylliog Pendefig, Pat Holmes

English Pleasure, \$50 Stake (16): 5. Leyeswick Brenin, Janina Owens

## Sunday, August 7, 1988, California

Pleasure Driving Limit (5): 3. Cyffylliog Pendefig, Pat Holmes

Pleasure Driving Novice (3): 2. Cyffylliog Pendefig

Walk-Trot Trail (6): 1. Shiloh Duchess, Jackie Hubert

Walk-Trot Pleasure, Western (5): 5. Shiloh Duchess, Traci Miller

Welsh Walk-Trot Equitation 8 & under (3): 2. Shiloh Duchess, Traci Miller

## California - continued

Walk-Trot Equitation 8 & under (6): 5. Shiloh Duchess, Traci Miller

Western Pleasure, Novice (5): 5. Cyffylliog Pendefig, Molly Kretchmar

Welsh Western Pleasure 18 & over (10): 5. Cyffylliog Pendefig, Molly Kretchmar

## WINNINGS FOR BALSUMA FARM

A note was received from Suzy Schockett regarding their show efforts at the National Eastern Welsh Pony Show in Quentin, Pennsylvania judged by Jean Shemilt.

Section C yearling colt **Glynwyn Acrobat** was 1st in his yearling cob class then went on to win Reserve Champion Cob Stallion. Section D **Lidgett Lady Rachel**, won 1st in the 2-year Cob Filly class and was picked as Reserve Champion Cob Mare. **Lidgett Henrietta** was pinned 1st in the 3 and over Cob Mare class and then picked off the Champion Cob Mare title. In performance, Henrietta was picked 1st in Pleasure Model Cob, 2nd in Pleasure under Saddle, 3rd in Pleasure Driving Cob and 3rd in Pleasure Combination Cob.

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# What Combined Driving is All About

By Ann Bartell

The fastest growing horse sport in the United States today is Combined Driving. It has been slow getting started on the West Coast, but we now have enough organizations in the driving Clubs of British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California to make a season of competition exciting.

Driving is one of the four equestrian disciplines sponsored by the United States Equestrian Team. Unlike Jumping, Three-Day Eventing or Dressage, driving is not an Olympic sport. However, World Championships are held for Pairs every two years on the odd year, and for Four-in-Hand . . . on the even years. About 15 nations field teams, many of them the central European countries where the horses are the product of state studs and the drivers are professionals employed by the state.

Combined Driving is modeled on the Three Day Ridden Event and follows rules written in 1969 at the suggestion of H.R.H. Prince Philip. Like combined training, it tests the versatility and mental attitude of the horses, as well as their stamina and way of going.

In competition, a dressage test is driven by each participant, during which the paces, obedience and suppleness of the horses are evaluated, as well as the skill of the driver and the quality of the turnout.

The next phase is the cross country Marathon. Each pair must pull a carriage weighing at least 350 kg (770 lbs.) plus three people over a 27 km course at speeds up to 19 kph. The course is divided into five sections and includes two compulsory 10 minute rest halts. Each section must be driven in an exact time, for penalties are incurred for finishing earlier or later than the time allowed.

The last phase of the competition is Obstacle Driving. The cones are set just inches wider than the wheels of the carriage so the horses have to remain supple and forward after the cross country test to drive accurately through the course.

Combined Driving has been popular on the East coast for many years and although there have not been International competitions for single horses, most people start out driving a single horse to a cart. Europe has now started competitions for the Single and no doubt in the next few years we will have International competitions for the Single horse.

The sport is exciting and so much fun that clubs have sprung up all over the country to promote the sport. The Western part of the country has been a little slower to get involved, but now there exist groups in California, Arizona, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia that are doing CDE. We have a West Coast Driving Magazine called Driving West just to keep all the groups informed of events as they are scheduled and to print information helpful to all drivers.

One doesn't need fancy equipment to get started; a simple cart and harness and a horse is all that's necessary.

## Books on Driving:

Art of Driving, Max Pape, J.A. Allen, London 1982 Combined Driving, Emil Bernhard Jung, Millwood, Virginia, 1981

On the Box Seat. Manual of Driving, Tom Ryder, Waterlow and Sons Ltd., London 1969

The Hungarian Driving Style, Tibor Pettko Szandtnera von Filsodriethoma, Iska Verlag, Ag, Switzerland

Driving the Horse in Harness, Charles Kellogg, Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vermont

Driving, Francis M. Ware, Doubleday, New York, 1903

Encyclopedia of Driving, Sallie Walrand, Horse Drawn Carriages, Lt., Horse Driving Trials. Sport of Competition Coachmanship, Tom Coombs, Trafalgar Square Publ, No. Pomfret, Vermont 05053

Driving, Clive Richardson, Trafalgar Square, No. Pomfret, Vermont 05053

Competition Carriage Driving, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, Horse Drawn Carriage Limited, Great Britain, 1982

## Magazines and Catalogs:

Driving Digest, P.O. Box 467, Brooklyn, Connecticut 06234, \$18 - 1 yr. / \$30 - 2 yr., U.S.

Buckeye Cart & Supply, Rt. 1 Box 284, Baltic, OH 43804. Sells E-Z Riding Cart, 32" seat, \$497 unfinished, \$506 finished. Meadowbrook, 45" seat, \$685 unfinished, \$795 finished. Add \$65 for packing plus shipping.

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# DRIVING GALORE!

A number of driving activities in the NorthWest have kept driving enthusiasts busy. The scenic Willows Ranch in Sister, Oregon was the site of a Clay Maier Driving Clinic held August 6. Doris Ganton was facilitator for a level three CDE (Combined Driving Event) in Washington state September 24-25 (in dreadful weather conditions) and Ann Bartell was the clinician for a Combined Driving Clinic held October 1 at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. Some highlights these events follow.

## Maier Clinic (pictured lower right driving Freisians)

Clay Maier, who is a California-based trainer with many years of experience driving singles, pairs, tandems and four-in-hand hitched spent a day sharing his training techniques with 41 interested drivers. He used two large Friesian mares owned by the Knapps of Willows Ranch. The morning session covered basic training for starting the green horse—lungeing, longlining and sled work. With safety always in mind, Mr. Maier emphasized the importance of disposition and responsiveness to the three aids of voice, whip and rein. If an animal's disposition does not lend itself to accomplishing the basic goals of mental relaxation, physical coordination, balance and response to verbal commands, it may be very difficult to develop a safe driving horse. Since the "pupils" of this clinic had varying levels of driving knowledge, time was spent learning to properly fit a harness, correct longlining techniques and ground driving exercises. Maier uses the practices of introducing new things in the same place in the working arena. For example, when new equipment pieces are added or changed during the course of a workout, it should be done at the same spot. When it's time to hitch to a sled or a driving vehicle, the same spot should be used. Horses are creatures of habit. The animals learn that they must stand quietly at their spot and are less likely to think about doing something else. Calmness should prevail. One of the most interesting demonstrations was the sled (or drag) work. The goals are to accustom the animals to traces and to pulling weight. Maier stated this phase of learning "makes a horse honest". If the horse starts to develop any habits to avoid doing the hard work necessary to pull the sled, he will quickly give up because of the soreness that results from not pulling straight. The training sled can be pulled in an arena, in a field, on trails or along a roadside. The afternoon session included a timetable for training a green horse to drive as well as putting the two mares through their paces hitched to a marathon vehicle. Everyone who attended got an appreciation for the amount of practice and expertise it takes to get a pair working together as did the two Friesian mares.

## Ganton CDE Event

The Equestrian Institute Snoqualmie Valley Combined Driving Event and Symposium took place on September 24 and 25 at Woodridge Farm, Old Novelty Township, Carnation, Washington. This was an American Driving Society Approved Training Level Three Phase Combined Driving Event. The Head Judge and Symposium Facilitator was Doris Ganton of Victoria, B.C.,

the Presentation Judge was Carol Robbins and the Technical Delegate was Ward Robbins, both of Sandy, Oregon. The winner of the Dressage Phase was Peter Lofgren of Puyallup, Wash. driving **Pajon's Town Scandal** (Welsh, Sec. A).

## Bartell CDE

With only 7 driver/groom teams, Ann Bartell was able to direct her Combined Driving Clinic at a relaxed pace. A variety of abilities and breeds were represented during this one-day event. Mrs. Bartell is the (unofficial) West Coast Coordinator for the American Driving Society. With contacts on every level from the local to the international competitions, she has had much first-hand experience in the area of CDE. She has competed with her late husband, Gil, in California and for one season on the East Coast. They worked with Tjeerd Velstra, twice World Champion from Holland, spent three months driving in England with Peter Munt, a well-known international competitor and two weeks driving on a stud farm on the Plains of Hungary. In addition to her discussions and stories, videos of national and international driving events were shown at the lunch break. George Bowman (who has driven and won with Welsh Cobs) is now training Lippizaner stallions. Watching the thrills and spills of international competition gave the impression at least on that level, this sport is not for the faint of heart. For the Corvallis clinic, two Welsh ponies, a POA mare, Saddlebred gelding, Arab gelding and Arabian and Shetland stallions rounded out the participants. Although drivers were not placed, they received scorecards. (However, one of the scorers leaked to the Welsh pony drivers they had the best dressage test scores—of course!) Obstacle driving seemed to be a challenge for all but the Welsh who maneuvered through cones quite easily with one pony picking up 5 penalty points and the other driving a perfect course. However, the hazards in the marathon phase eliminated all but one of the drivers (and he wasn't driving a Welsh!). For a first introduction to CDE, this event was perfect!



# Still Flying High

*One of the greatest native pony stallions of recent times is the Welsh Section D Cob Llanarth Flying Comet. Winner of the Lloyds Bank In-Hand Championship for two consecutive years, he retired from the show ring in 1980, having won every major championship available to his breed. MARCY DRUMMOND visited the Sydenham Stud in Gloucestershire where, as fit and spectacular as ever, Flying Comet is now standing.*

“**T**here’s only one ‘horse in a lifetime’ and he was mine,” Len Bigley, former manager of the Llanarth Stud, was of course talking about Llanarth Flying Comet, the little black Section D Cob whose outstanding record in the show ring has made him one of the most important horses in Welsh Cob breeding.

Flying Comet retired from showing in 1980 at the age of 12, and was bought from the Llanarth Stud last year by Miss Ann Wheatcroft and Mrs Renee Lane. Ann has known Comet all his life. “I was at the Llanarth Stud the year he was born. Len was trying to decide which of two colt foals to keep back and he asked me to help. We chose Flying Comet.”

The stallion was bred at Llanarth by the late Miss Pauline Taylor, who founded the stud, based at Blaenwern Farm.

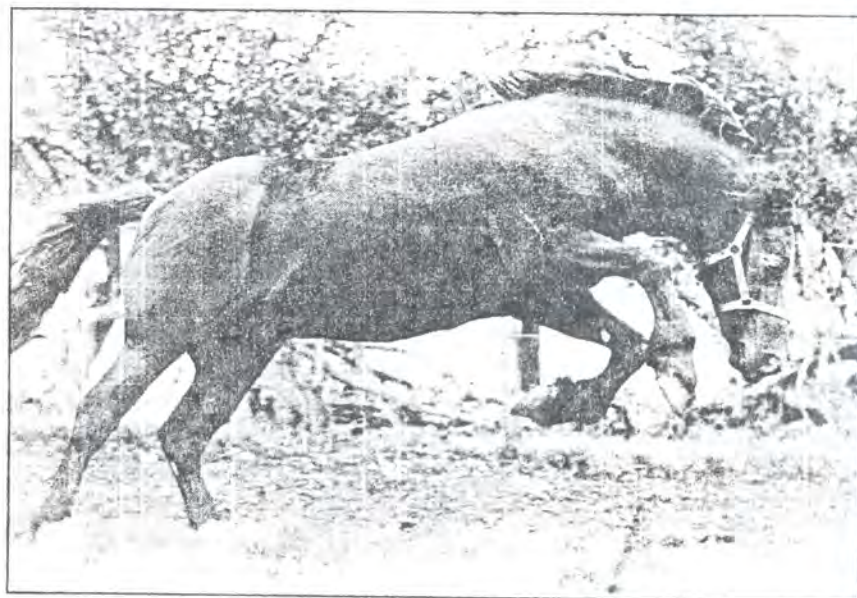
“He started to win as a yearling and never looked back,” remembers Ann.

Flying Comet was not just a show horse. He was broken to saddle and ridden around Blaenwern by Len Bigley, to look at the other horses. “We had great fun with him. As a youngster he was lunged over jumps, and he was hunted with two different packs in Wales. He was shown once under saddle.”

The Section D stallion class provides perhaps the most impressive spectacle of all in in-hand showing, the powerful animals trotting out with their characteristic high knee action, the handlers hard put to it to keep up. Flying Comet at the height of his prowess was a supreme example of how a Welsh Cob should move — straight and strong, with his hocks well under him and the power coming from behind.

The camera does not do him justice — even at 15 years old he still has that special sparkle and presence which denotes a champion, and he needs to be seen in the flesh to be fully appreciated. Nowadays he carries rather less weight than during his showing career, but he can still put on a show if he feels inclined, as he did last year for the open day at Ann’s Sydenham Stud.

“He sometimes gets anti-social when he’s asked to show himself off for people — he thinks he’s in honourable retirement. I think he was in the limelight so much that he’s



Llanarth Flying Comet enjoying himself in his paddock at the Sydenham Stud.



Pictured during his showing days with his breeder, Miss Pauline Taylor.

learned to insist on being treated with respect. But he can still perform if it suits him.”

Flying Comet’s retirement home certainly befits his star status. Tucked away in the Cotswolds, the Sydenham Stud is quiet, pretty, and under Ann’s direction is kept immaculate. There is not a wisp of straw out of place in the yard or buildings, and the atmosphere is fresh and peaceful. “Once you’ve got it tidy, it’s easy to keep it tidy,” says Ann with a grin that belies her

organising ability and eye for detail.

The boxes are arranged within a barn, keeping everything under cover and easy to manage. Flying Comet may be in honourable retirement from showing, but he is still of course standing at stud.

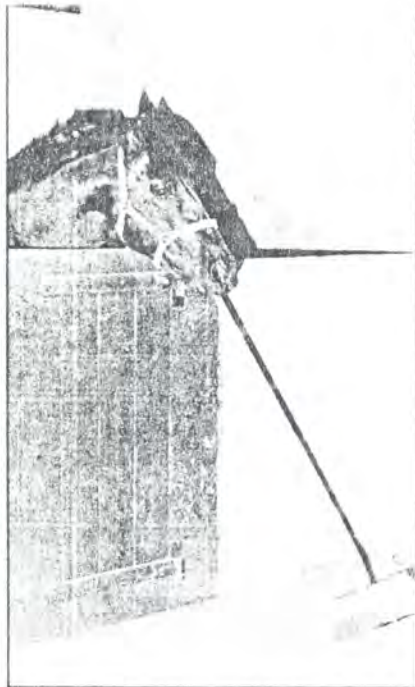
“He is very, very good with mares. He never gets upset if they are led past him. He lives in the trying box and tries all his own mares and those for other stallions. It doesn’t worry him. If the mares are brought into the adjacent boxes, he never gets upset.”

Flying Comet is fit and well and obviously enjoying his new life. He has a small, pretty head and an intelligent eye, two white socks and a small white star. His feet are hard and well shaped. “He has never had any trouble with laminitis, like some show animals that are kept heavy,” says Ann.

He is looked after by Richard Miller, Ann’s stud groom, a dedicated young man who came to the Sydenham Stud from college. “I never wanted to do anything but work with show horses,” he says.

Comet is fed on traditional hard feed of oats, bran and barley in three small feeds a day, plus HorseHage instead of hay, and he also likes carrots.

CONTINUED



Flying Comet is not above lending a hand with the stable chores!

He ran out with his mares all last summer, and three of Ann's own black Cob mares are in foal to him, including Liddle Arietta, a nine-year-old show mare who won the trophy for the best brood mare in the show at the 1983 National Pony Society Show.

The Sydenham Stud itself is quite small. There is Flying Comet, the stallion Byefields Selyf — a roan Cob of riding horse type — a young stallion standing for the first time this year as a three-year-old, and eight brood mares.

"Selyf has more the wither and shoulder of a riding horse," explains Ann. "And a slightly more extended action — that is *outwards* not downwards. He has also proved he can jump, and has thrown some very good foals to Thoroughbred mares.

"This year we will also have Derwen Rosina's Last standing here. He is owned by Mr Ifor R. Lloyd, of the Derwen Stud, and it will be the first time he has stood outside

for us!"

Ann has a close association with the original Llanarth Stud, founded by Miss Taylor and her partner, Barbara Saunders-Davies. At Miss Taylor's request she originally used the prefix Llanarth E for her own stock, as Miss Taylor was anxious to keep the Llanarth name alive and was concerned in case her own stud ever folded up. In 1966, however, she adopted the Sydenham prefix, and although she does not breed many foals each year, her stock has been exported all over the world.

"You have to work very hard at keeping up foreign contacts. My horses go to America and Austria especially!" The Welsh Cob is universally known for its substance, stamina and versatility, and Cobs from Ann's stud are used for showing, dressage and for breeding horses for all kinds of work.

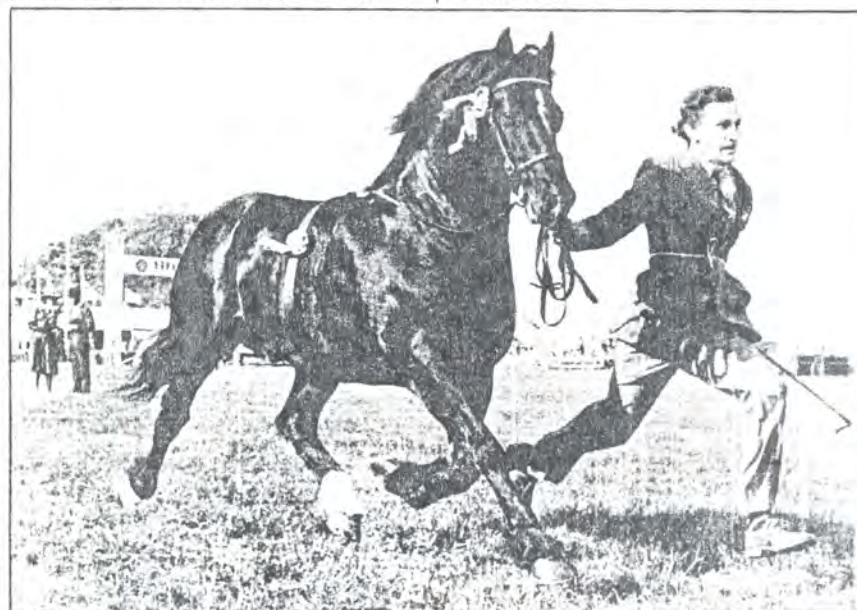
What does Ann look for in a good Welsh Cob?

"The main thing is that it has to come into the ring and *tell* you that it is Welsh. That is the first important thing. After that, it must be the right type. Nice head, not too long or heavy boned. Short ears, nice big eye. Good strong neck. Good limbs with good bone. The problem is to get the substance to the bone — you want plenty of flat bone, but without getting a coarser head!"

Some people, like Ann, have an eye for a good horse. She tried to find the words to explain what a perfect Welsh Cob should be. "Well . . . you're looking at Flying Comet really, aren't you?"



With his owners, Miss Ann Wheatcroft (left) and Mrs Renee Lane.



Being run out in the show ring by Len Bigley, who was responsible for the stallion's schooling at Blaenwern.



1977

**Ponies of Britain Stallion Show:** Champion Welsh Cob and Champion Mountain and Moorland Stallion.

**South of England Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Champion Mountain and Moorland and Supreme In-Hand Champion.

**Royal Welsh Show:** Champion Welsh Cob.

**Oswestry Show:** Champion Welsh Cob.

1978

**Grand Usk Stallion Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Reserve Champion of Show.

**Royal Welsh Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Supreme In-Hand Champion and qualified for Lloyds Bank In-Hand Championship at the Horse of the Year Show.

**National Pony Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Champion Mountain and Moorland.

1979

**West Midlands Stallion Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Supreme Welsh Pony Champion and Supreme Mountain and Moorland Champion.

**Ponies of Britain Stallion Show:** Supreme Mountain and Moorland Champion, Reserve Supreme of Show.

**Shropshire and West Midlands Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Reserve Champion In-Hand.

**South of England Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Champion Mountain and Moorland, Supreme Champion of Show, qualified for Lloyds Bank In-Hand Championship.

**Royal Show:** Champion Welsh Cob.

**National Pony Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Champion Mountain and Moorland.

**Horse of the Year Show:** Lloyds Bank Supreme In-Hand Champion.

1980

**West Midlands Stallion Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Champion Mountain and Moorland, Reserve Supreme Champion of Show.

**Ponies of Britain Stallion Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Champion Mountain and Moorland, Supreme Champion of Show.

**Bath and West Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Champion Mountain and Moorland.

**South of England Show:** Champion Welsh Cob, Champion Mountain and Moorland, Supreme In-Hand Champion, qualified for Lloyds Bank In-Hand Championship.

**Royal Show:** Champion Welsh Cob.

**National Pony Show:** Champion Welsh Cob.

**Horse of the Year Show:** Lloyds Bank Supreme In-Hand Champion.

# WALES IN BUZZARDS BAY

By Richard Miller

A crowd of over three hundred people were in attendance at Grazing Fields Farm on May 15 to attend the first Open House since the recent renovations have been started. The day was to be entitled "Wales in Buzzards Bay" and was to focus on the Farm's connection with the United Kingdom.

The presentation of horses got underway at two thirty with each of the resident stallions being paraded by Richard Miller, Penrhyn Stud manager. These included the Junior Champion Section B colt, Penrhyn Afterglow, 7-year old Okeden Sensation, the veteran campaigner Turkdean Sword Dance and current National Champion Llanarth Trustful. The new grass dressage lawn that has been set out in front of the Main barn proved ideal of the occasion with onlookers able to sit on the grass banks and watch the proceedings at leisure.

Then followed a dressage and jumping display given by riders and horses associated with the Horsemanship School at Grazing Fields this then progressed to a driving display featuring the Section C gelding, Victory Ball of Penrhyn, driven by Kim Chambers and the Mountain Pony mare, Penrhyn Wonder Why driven by Richard Miller. Victory Ball has been unbeaten in regional Massachusetts Carriage classes this summer and is a fine example of an all round pleasure pony.

To the delight of the crowd Ceulan Shoned was led out to the lawn with her charming two month old filly at her side running loose for the crowd to see. This proved to be the most delightful way to see the foals as they all gave such wonderful "shows" to the onlookers, prancing across the grass with their heads and tails held equally high, amazed by the sudden influx of visitors to their otherwise tranquil surroundings.

The mares and foals were shown in family groups as much as possible, one of the early groups being that of the Section A mare, Belle Chimes of Penrhyn with her daughters. These included our Winter Fair and National Show Champion Section B, Penrhyn Merry Chimes and the winning weanling in Toronto last winter, Southern Belle.

The Llanarth True Briton mares came out together with their black foals by Okeden Sensation, the three quarter sisters Gweneth Aur and Gweneth Pres y Penrhyn with their Llanarth Trustful foals also gave their own group parade.

The final group to show was that of Nebo Fair Lady, twenty seven years young and very proud of her family that surrounded her. These were Fair Tegolin of Penrhyn by Dafydd y Brenin Cymraeg, Penrhyn Fair Star and Penrhyn Sensational Lady by Okeden Sensation and then the next generation representative Penrhyn Lady Sarah by Llanarth Trustful.

After the parade a traditional British tea was served from the farmhouse including such favourites as Earl Grey tea, Welsh cakes, scones, trifle and of course cucumber sandwiches.

Once tea was underway we were honoured to have Jane Davies of the Ceulan Stud in Mid Glamorgan to present a selection of slides and an audio tape prepared by her father, Dr. E. Wynne Davies, Publicity Officer of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society. The topic of the talk was the history of the original Society and the changes that have been seen over the years in all aspects of the Welsh Pony. Jane was then able to give viewers some insight into the Welsh countryside from a variety of slides that featured Wales at its best.

Mrs. Ingersoll was present throughout the whole day to witness the events at her farm and judging by the smile on her face she must have been pleased at not only the good exposure the farm received but also the exposure the Welsh breed had, something that is vitally important for the success of Cobs in North America.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6-9: 1988 American National Welsh Pony and Cob Show, Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa, OK. The National is held at this location every other year. AHSA "A" rating, WPCSA Gold rating. Halter sections of C & D. Judges: Mr. G.E. Evans, Dyfyrddwy Pony Stud, Wales, and Mrs. Bitsy Shields, California.

October 28-30: Annual General Meeting, Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, Richfield, Ohio. Additional activities include a tour of Amish country with stops at carriage and harness makers, and a clinic on judging harness ponies and hitches.

November 9-20: 60th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at the Royal Coliseum, Canada. Light horse and draft. For more information call Joanne Chenier at (416) 236-2345.

December 3: Winkelman Farms' 47th Annual Pony Production Auction, Lohrville, Iowa. Saturday, 12:30 p.m. Featuring Welsh Cobs. Winkelman Farms has two Section D stallions and breeds from their Section A and Section B mares. Winks is the farm prefix.

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## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

Grazing Fields Farm is now in a position to offer top class Welsh Cobs for sale at very competitive prices due to a major shift in the emphasis of the business. These include all ages of mares, stallions, geldings and some quality Ponies by sires such as:

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While world renowned as the home of the Lipizzaners, Austria is, actually, a horse-poor country. To provide its dressage riders with domestically bred mounts, Ewald and Milos Welde, with the help of the late Col. Podhajsky started the experiment of

## GSCHWENDTHOF

By Eva Podhajsky

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On the top of a ridge in a wide open valley there lies the Gschwendthof, surrounded by meadows, fields and woods. In the pastures, a herd of horses graze and Simmental cattle ruminates. The stable yard with its yellow walls and green doors is the playground of numerous ginger cats which flock to the dairy at milking time. In the evening the people from the surrounding communities come to fetch the rich milk which is untouched by chemicals. From the open boxes, the stallions gravely observe the visitors. There is a spotless tack room with gleaming tack and harness, an open arena is set against blue pine trees and a covered riding school spans 20 by 40 meters of fine sand. It also houses an impressive collection of carriages, all about one hundred years old and in beautiful working order.

Incredibly, this peaceful rural setting is only an hour's drive away from the center of Vienna. Here, Colonel Podhajsky came to ride, to teach and to advise during the last year of his life.

When Ewald Welde, whose family had been horse breeders for generations, acquired the Gschwendthof, it was a neglected ramshackle complex of buildings with sagging floors and leaking roofs. The mansion, set apart from the farm, was only partly habitable. The restoration of the 120-year-old property went on for several years and was done with such understanding of its historical and cultural values that the Austrian Institute for the Preservation of National Monuments rewarded the efforts of Ewald and Milos Welde with an official decree, which is proudly displayed in the entrance of the riding hall.

### THE WELSH COB

The Welsh Cob that Ewald Welde introduced into Austria is one of England's basic breeds that for five hundred years has produced a compact horse of about 15 to 15.2 hands. He has a lively temperament, but an honest and good-natured disposition. His paces cover much ground to the front, he goes well forward, is naturally balanced and has, as it were, a sense of humor. He is a light feeder, has hard bones and sound hooves. In short, he is an uncomplicated horse, well suited for

today's riders who look for a "family horse," an all-round horse that is sure-footed for cross-country rides, obedient of medium obstacles and willing in dressage tests. He is eager in harness and safe in traffic.

### COLONEL PODHAJSKY

In the year 1972 until his death in 1973, Colonel Podhajsky came to the Gschwendthof five times a week to teach Milos Welde on the two stallions, Redstart and Shon. He himself rode two young mares, half Welsh Cobs and half Thoroughbred. As his way with horses was wonderful he soon had established a deep understanding with those he worked with and came to appreciate the kind and honest character of the Welsh Cob that in many ways reminded him of the Lipizzaner. Colonel Podhajsky had always stressed the importance of good temperament in a horse. Readers of his *"Complete Training of Horse and Rider"* will recall the sentence that "faults in conformation can be overcome more easily than faults in temperament." The reliable temperament of a horse has become even more important today when few riders have the chance to learn from the "old and experienced" school horse that in olden times was taken for granted in riding establishments.

### CROSSBREEDING

Training and breeding were therefore the topics of long, friendly conversations by the fireplace between Colonel Podhajsky and Ewald and Milos Welde. Neither the Lipizzaner nor the Welsh Cob compare favorably with today's tall horses and are therefore rarely seen in competitive sport. Colonel Podhajsky, though, had participated in international competitions on several Lipizzaner stallions and knew by his own experience how much Lipizzaners are at a disadvantage in dressage tests. They stand out from among other horses not only because of their relatively small height but also because of their characteristic build and paces which differ from those of other horses. As is well-known, attempts to crossbreed with Lipizzaners had been unsuccessful in the past. And yet, the idea of combining the outstanding qualities of these two old breeds, Lipizzaners and

Welsh Cob, was of great appeal. Even more so as Spanish blood went into the making of the Welsh Cob centuries ago. However, both Welsh Cobs and Lipizzaners are, as we've said, rather small horses by today's standards and crossbreeding them would not have given a satisfactory result.

Four hundred years ago, in 1579, the "Spanish horse"--offspring of Andalusian mares and Berber stallions--was introduced to the Imperial Stud Farm of Kladruby in what is Czechoslovakia today. Simultaneously (1580), the same stock of Spanish horses was transported to Lipizza and the resulting breed became the Lipizzaner as we know him now. Due to the very different influences of soil and surroundings two different breeds developed. While the Lipizzaner, raised on the hard ground and sparse grass of Karst became small and hard boned, with small feet, the Kladruber grew into a tall, powerful horse, with a large head and with noble features. In his character mingles dignity with aloofness and even distrust. The stud farm at Kladruby provided the carriage horses for the Viennese Imperial Court.

The combination of the elegant Kladruber with the lively down-to earth Welsh Cob seemed to be the answer to the ideas of Colonel Podhajsky and Ewald Welde.

### THE KLADRUBY-COB

Today, the Gschwendthof houses about a dozen of these Kladruby-Cobs, majestic greys, identical in appearance and character. Noble, fair, elegant, and very intelligent, they measure about 16.1 to 16.2 hands. They are willing but wary, not to be taken in by tricks, but of unflinching loyalty when treated with respect. Their paces are up to all the demands that are made today upon a dressage horse. They reach out from the shoulder into a brilliant extended trot and have a powerful thrust from the hindquarters which enables them to perform a correct piaffe and passage. Broken in to carriage as are all Gschwendthof horses, two dappled grey six-year-old Kladruby-Cobs won the Austrian National Driving Championship in 1979.

Colonel Podhajsky would be pleased.

# DRIVING ORGANIZATIONS

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**Gaits & Movement**  
Working Walk  
Working Trot  
Halt Through Walk

40 m circle  
Short Diagonal  
Rein Back.

80 x 40 m.  
Arena Size

**Instructions**

Transitions are made through the walk. Rein back to show some degree of submission.

		Test	Directive Ideas	Max Points	Points	Remarks
1	A X	Enter working trot. Halt. Salute.	Straightness on centerline. Transitions. Quality of halt.	10		
2	X C	Proceed working trot. Track right.	Quality of transitions. Suppleness. Turn at C.	10		
3	A	Circle right 40 m.	Quality of trot. Straightness	10		
4	KXM	Change rein across diagonal.	Quality of trot. Straightness.	10		
5	C	Circle left 40 m.	Quality of trot. Roundness of circle.	10		
6	*C-H	Working walk.	Balance in transition.	10		
7	H-B	Working walk.	Quality of walk.	10		
8	*B-F	Working trot.	Balance of transition.	10		
9	A-X X	Down centerline. Halt 3-5 seconds	Quality of transition. Halt: relaxation and immobility.	10		
10	X	Rein back 2-3 steps.	Willingness to step back.	10		
11	X-G G	Working walk. Halt. Salute.	Straightness on centerline.	10		

LEAVE ARENA AT WORKING TROT

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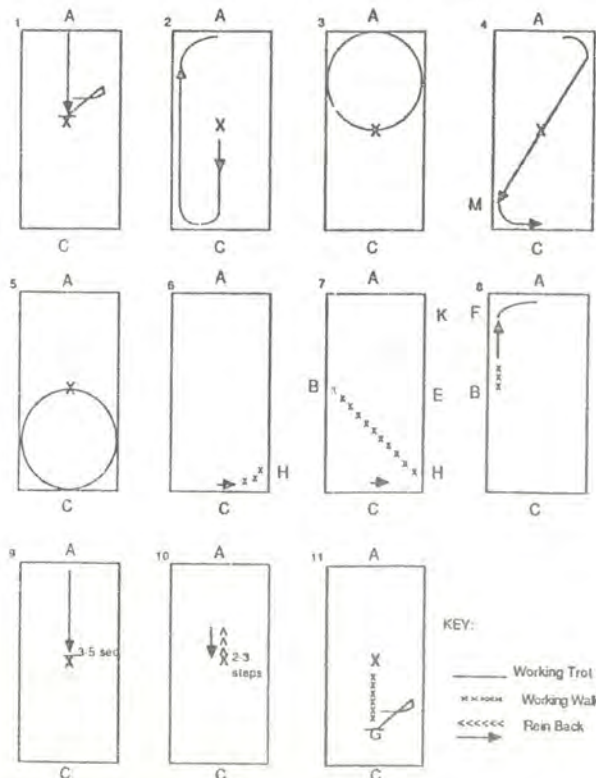
Collective Remarks				
12	Gaits	Freedom and regularity. If team or pair; maintenance of even pace and equality of work.	10x2	
13	Impulsion	Desire to move forward. Elasticity of steps. Relaxation of back. Engagement of hindquarters.	10x2	
14	Submission	Attention and confidence. Calmness, lightness and ease of movements. Acceptance of bit.	10x2	
15	Driver	Driver's position. Use of aids. Handling of reins, whip and voice.	10x2	

Further Remarks		MAXIMUM POINTS	100
Errors: 1st incident = 5 points 2nd incident = 10 points 3rd incident = 15 points 4th incident = Elimination	Sub-total		
	Less Errors		
	TOTAL POINTS		
	Less Penalties Points		
	GRAND TOTAL		

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### PURPOSE

To establish that the correct foundation is being laid for the training of the driving horse requiring the green horse to move freely forward in the free walk and the working trot, in rhythm while accepting the bit with relaxation, through transitions and 40m circles. The reinback at this level is to show that the horse is capable of stepping back for practicality and safety. This level is also intended to encourage the inexperienced driver.

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