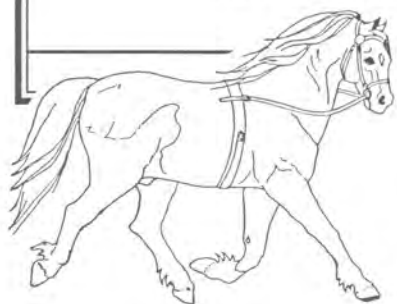


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***** NEWSFLASH! ***** WELSH TO STRUT THEIR STUFF IN PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL PARADE!

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! With only 11 days before the Presidential Inaugural Parade, Welsh ponies, riders and drivers are preparing for what will probably be the most public exposure of their lives January 20 as they prance and strut through the streets of Washington D.C.. With the help of two U.S. Senators a request this year by the Welsh Pony & Cob Society to participate in this internationally televised celebration was granted. (The Society has made the same request in previous years but has always been denied.) Four outriders and one driven team will compose the Welsh entry. A Sec. A pony ridden Hunt Seat, a small Sec. B in formal Dressage, a large Sec. B in Hunting attire and a Sec. D (*Okeden Teleri ridden by Wendy Sharples) in Western riding round out the riding team. Carlene Sharples, assisted by Janis Shaneberger and the national office is racing against time to make the necessary preparations including getting all riders (and Welsh, too?) through the Secret Service security checks. When all is said and done, Carlene will have had enough experiences to write a book--and she should! BE SURE TO WATCH!

JANUARY 20, 1989

WELSH COBS DISCOVERED IN CALIFORNIA!

Rumors lead to clues, clues lead to facts, and facts tell the story. The rumor was that there was a pair of Welsh Cobs being driven in California. The clue came from Callie Jordan, the leader of the active Committee for Combined Driving of Washington's Equestrian's Institute. She had some photos which were taken at the PCDC Combined Driving Event at Woodside, California, over the Labor Day weekend of 1987. They were marked with the name and town of the owner and the nicknames of the Cobs. The telephone company provided the phone number and the fascinating story unfolded.

Middleton Taffy (41085) and Llanarth Rhain, "Concord", (41084), a matched pair of black 15.2 hand Welsh Cobs were purchased in England by Ray Freschi of Pebble Beach, California, after he saw them competing at Windsor. Having recently retired, Freschi was attending the driving championships with his wife who is British-born, and was overwhelmed by the magnificent pair and prevailed upon Paul Gregory to let him buy them. With Gregory as whip, the British Driving Champion pair had also won the International Championship in Rome in 1983 and were driving champions of England. They had the experience to bring Freschi into the world of combined driving in confidence and style.

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LETTERS IN THE MAILBAG

Dear Cindy--Enclosed please find my check for another year's subscription to the North American Cob Connection. I enjoy it so much and appreciate the effort that so obviously goes into it.

I have sold my bay D gelding, **CROSSROADS VALIANT FLYER** to one of my riding students, 10 year-old Jessica Haag of Claremore, Oklahoma. She has already had great success with him so far: High-Point Pony and High-Point Junior Exhibitor at the 4th Annual Tulsa Area Pony Show; Grand Champion Gelding (over horses of several breeds) at the 1988 Rogers County Fair; and lastly, they went very recently to their first Combined Training Event, where they were 6th out of 12 good entries. I miss my "Jack" very much, but it is gratifying to see my hard work paying off in the success of his new rider. I expect we will be hearing a lot about this new team in the future.

My Cob mare, **MADOC KATIE SCARLETT** is bred to Mary Alice Williams' Sec. D stallion, ***KENTCHURCH CHIME** for a 1989 foal. This will be her first foal ever and Windy Hill Farm's first in three or four years. We're looking forward to it!

Please keep up the good work with the newsletter. See you in the mailbox.—
Sincerely, Liz Seidenberger, Collinsville, Oklahoma

Dear Ann-- I lost my beautiful palomino cob, "Danny," early this spring in a freak accident. (**CHWEDL aur y PENRHYN**) However, I am now back in the Cob world with **SYNDEHAM KERIA**. Danny did leave two fillies behind (out of 'A' mares) and they will carry on where he left off.

Your last issue of 1987 showed illustrations of a driving bridle with an overcheck hooked into the driving bit. With all due respect to Mrs. Ganton, overchecks should be attached to a bridoon bit—NEVER to the driving bit as this interferes with the action of the reins. It also pulls the bit up into the mouth, off the bars, where the bit should correctly rest.

Several very good books on driving and harness are available—one by Tom Ryder and one by Charles Kellogg. I have driven roadsters, fine harness, pleasure (breed ring) and ADS. I also board Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds. In any case, anytime an overcheck is used, a second (bridoon) bit is required. The fact that it is quite common to see the overcheck hooked into the driving bit does not make it correct. Side checks, if used, should also be attached to a bridoon bit.

I'm looking forward to getting my first issue of NACC. Keep up the good work!—Sincerely, Marsha Himler, Middleburg, New York

Dear Cindy—I hope this renewal for NACC reaches you in time for the 1989 Directory. I found last years' helpful, particularly as a breeder.

Neil and I had a good year with our Cobs. The Sec. D stallion we've been standing (**CWMFELEN GOLDEN ECLIPSE**, "Palle") for Kamminga-Larsen's had a very successful year with 10 foals down to date and 8 more on the way for '89. At only 4 years old, we feel he has done very well for himself especially in an area like ours where Welsh Cobs are virtually unheard of. We also used Palle on trail rides and in harness. This autumn, he pulled out our winter firewood for us—a really useful and uncomplicated fellow.

This past May we delivered the two Sec. D Cobs, **WHITE GATE FLYER** and **WHITE GATE ABIGAIL** to new homes in eastern Ontario and returned with our new Sec. B mare and the leased 2-year old Sec. D stallion, **CENTURION AP CADFARCH** (see photo below). Centurion been occupied mostly with growing this summer but I've given him a little advance training so he'll have a head start on the more serious work in '89. I've backed and ridden him very lightly and have introduced him to driving. He took to both with no fuss at all. We had him to a T.E.A.M. (Tellington-Jones Equine Awareness Method) clinic in Oct. where he was a big hit. Centurion has a lovable disposition and eyes that could melt butter. The T.E.A.M. Clinic was fantastic and I highly recommend it to anyone who owns a horse. You won't be sorry! The method has changed my entire approach to training and had a similar effect on other clinic participants. It's a pleasantly sensitive and gentle approach which often produces immediate and lasting results. Problem horses probably benefit most but all horses can improve their performance and comprehension when we use the basic simple principles T.E.A.M. advocates.



Last week we finally found and bought our first Sec. D broodmare. **CEN-Y-CERRIG Y PENRHYN**, "Lichen" (Dafydd y Brenin Cymraeg x Bwyd y Barcud) was imported in 1980 from Grazing Fields in Mass. She proved her value as a broodmare with Doug but he recently gelded his stallion and decided to retire from breeding. He then offered Lichen up for sale and began looking for a gelding to match with his **CROSSROADS REPLICA**. Doug had always had a soft spot in his heart for Lichen's Sec. D colt **WHITE GATE DANCER** which he had sold to us in his weanling years and we had subsequently decided to sell him. So, Doug is now

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the proud owner of Danny once again and though we'll miss seeing his breathtaking trot, we're thrilled to have Lichen. This week she and Palle have been busy producing a future Sec. D foal for us. Lichen will require extensive retraining but once she's ready, I hope to compete with her on Distance Rides and we may also show her lightly. If she adapts well, we may take her to the 1989 AGM and the Canadian Pony Breeder's Show in 1990. Lichen has won our hearts already with her inspiring good looks, eager to please personality, so we're anxious to see what she can do!—Keep up the good work! Barbara Brown and Neil Ferguson, Rexton, New Brunswick

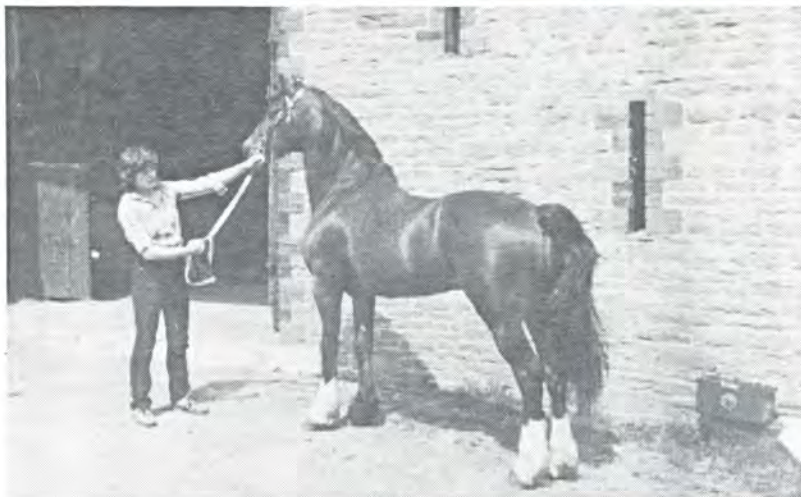
Dear Ann—Just got back from a brief visit to the U.K. where I was able to make a quick side visit to Len Bigley at the Llanarth Stud in Herefordshire. Most of his mares are away for the winter but I did see **LLANARTH SALLY** (by Meredith ap Braint) who has had a very successful showing season this year, including a win at the Royal Welsh apparently. Also, his current stallion **LLANARTH LORD NELSON** (by Tyhen Comet out of Lady Valiant), a grand sort in spite of being on 14 hh, plus a couple of mares. He told me that the three mares Tom Davies had (**LLANARTH LADY VALERIE**, **LLANARTH MALEN** and **LLANARTH DILYS**) were as good as any and that when Tom (Davies) was over he (Len) wanted to hide them but Miss Taylor said "No, if they're going to Canada we should show him our best."

My vet has tested Dilys and he says she is definitely in foal (to Maldwyn) so that is exciting. Look forward to seeing you again one of these days.—Yours, Peter Wilding-Davies, Langley, B.C., Canada

Pictured Right: Several cobs owned by Gordon Heard, Crossroads Farm, Berryville, Virginia. Photos from 1986.



Mare by *Derwen Rebound, foal by *Cascob Flying Colours

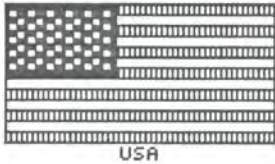


*Cascob Flying Colours x Nebo Dafydd



A Crossroads colt foal

NEWS FROM THE U.S.



SANDY CARLSON, show secretary for the 7th Annual Piedmont Driving Club Show and CDE, reports one of the largest turnouts ever held on the manicured grounds of the historic Foxcroft School for Girls in Middleburg, Virginia on September 10-11, 1988. Dressage judge was Mrs. Igor Presnikoff while the Pleasure and Working classes were judged by Kelly Valdes. Virginia Welsh Cob breeder Kate Shields took both first and third in Open Dressage/Single Horse, and first in Working Pleasure/Single Horse. Although it was not stated, we are assuming that Kate drove her handsome young imported Cob stallion ***BAYFIELDS TRUE PATRIOT**, who serves her well on other days as her hunter. (See Summer 1988, 'A Visit to Hastening Farm')

BALSUMA FARM is expecting their first Cob foal (by A.I.) from imported mare Ch. ***LIDGETT HENRIETTA** who was matched with S. Ch. ***LLANARTH TRUSTFUL**. Henrietta is due in March. The farm welcomed another imported Cob filly, this time ***LLANARTH NANCI**, a Sec. D yearling who was retained at the Llanarth Stud for the '88 show season with Len Bigley. Nanci had a very successful show season while in the U.K.

IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE COVER of the July-August 1988 issue of the Welsh Roundabout, you're missing out on a wonderful photograph of Mr. A. Bristow's Welsh Cobs regally turned out and hitched to a 4-wheeled vehicle. The Cobs are a matched foursome with each flaunting four white socks and blaze. Driven by Mr. J. Collinson, the Cobs include **NEBO TYWYSOG**, **CATHEDINE WELSH KING**, **COURTNEYS TAWNEY BOY**, and **MADENI SPITFIRE**. Copies and subscriptions are available by writing to Valerie Lopicola, 5051 Townline Road, East Troy, WI 53120.

AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the WPCSA, President Gail Morris announced the presentation of a special appreciation award to **Donna Chase** of Red Ebony Studio of Harrison, Maine for her artistic contributions to the Society and the Foundation. Donna designed the Welsh pony and Welsh cob heads that are used on the breed sun visors. The Welsh pony head is also used on the Society's new decals. In addition, Donna designed coloring posters for children depicting all four sections of the Welsh breed.

A.I. IN THE U.S.

Dr. Wilburn reported for the Artificial Insemination Committee at the recent AGM. She said many have heard that we have had the first AI foal born this year. It is a Sec. D filly foal and is yet unnamed. Fourteen stallions have AI permits; four As, five Bs, one C and four Ds, although one of the Sec. Ds has since been gelded. Several mares have been bred this year and two that are in foal are crossbreds.

WPCSA ON EXCESSIVE WHITE

Directors have made the following ruling on **WHITE MARKINGS IN WELSH PONIES AND COBS** effective October 28, 1988: "Any Welsh pony or cob with large white areas having clearly defined edges on the body, except for belly spots, will not be registered. For purposes of this rule, the body is defined as the area behind a line drawn from the withers to the point of the shoulder and above the elbow and stifle. Questions regarding eligibility of a Welsh pony or cob under this rule will be decided by the Board of Directors."

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The first ever International Congress of the leaders of the Welsh pony societies of the world and hosted by the Welsh Pony & Cob Society will be held in Clyro, Wales immediately following the Royal Welsh Show in July of 1989. We have been asked to send two official delegates and invite members of our Society to come as observers. There is only one meeting the observers won't be attending and we have been told that nothing will be voted on this year. If you are interested in attending, contact the National Office for information.



Donna Chase 21

*This design, by Donna Chase, is of her Section C, **Windcrest Tiara**, at 3 months of age*

NEWS FROM CANADA



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the WPCSC will be held in Nova Scotia, May 26-29, 1989.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY PINS, in a limited edition of 300, are available at a cost of \$5.00 (Can.). They feature the lovely pony head logo in silver, in relief against a black background. Collectors, place your order now to avoid disappointment. Contact Jean Morton, 52 Sterne Street, Bolton, Ontario LOP 1A0, (416) 857-2405.

PETER WILDING DAVIES reports that **LLANARTH MALDWYN AP BRAINT** is standing at a stable in Armstrong, British Columbia and is being used on Thoroughbred mares.

FROM JANUARY 1988 to October 1988, the WPCSC grew in membership from 270 to 294 members.

THE MANITOBA WELSH PONY ASSOCIATION will be again publishing its biannual Newsbook. Members and other interested parties are encouraged to send articles, letters about families and activities, and up-to-date lists of their ponies. Advertising is available for \$5.00 for prepared ads (send 100 copies) or \$10.00 for ads which will be prepared by the editors (include all information). The deadline is March 1, 1989. Newsbooks will be sold for \$4.00 a copy. Editor: Sally Dale, Box 190, Hamiota, Manitoba R0M 0T0

Arlene Unger (Velveterra) of Alberta has sold her Welsh Ponies and Cobs and moved to Maryland. **PHILOSOPHER OF PENRHYN**, Sec. C gelding by Christmas Ball of Penrhyn out of Llanarth Phillida has been sold to Jennifer MacDonald (Majick) of Maple Valley, Washington. He will be shown in 1989 as a hunter pony.

ELISE ROBOCKER-EBERTS (Alberta) has sold **CROSSROADS FLYER** to Jackie Moore (Holly Hill) of Snohomish, Washington, and a weanling Cob D filly by Crossroads Y Rhayader x Scole Sally to Montana.

RAY MORRISON, driving his Welsh Cob **PARC DILWYN** competed successfully at the second annual Bromont Combined Driving Event. This competition, held in Quebec, offered Advanced, Intermediate and Training Levels over a very challenging course. Rick Hardman, a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team, won his division and had the lowest overall score of any competitor. Second place overall was taken by Ray and Dilwyn. Of the seven hazards, Dilwyn's time in two of them equaled the best time of the horses and in one of the hazards, his time was unbeaten by anyone! The Canadian Combined Driving Association took advantage of this show and used it as part of their ongoing program to train potential judges. (Ed. note: Ray Morrison was the first president of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada, long-time supporter and early importer of Welsh Cobs and a NACC subscriber.)

NEWS FROM THE U.K.



Prices averaged 400 guineas for Cobs being sold at the Welsh Pony and Cob Spring Sale held May 14, 1988 at the Royal Welsh Showground. This rate was the highest ever returned for the Spring sale. Prices for a few of the ridden and driven pure-bred Cobs are as follows:

Bishwell Firefly, over 15 h. gelding jumper - 1,350 gns
Pipers Green Gentle Rain, over 15 h. mare - 1,300 gns
Glantreath Welsh Flyer, 2 year old black stallion - 1,000 gns
Mabnesscliffe Fashion, filly - 1,200 gns
Sec. C: Bodwenarth Lydia Treasure - 850 gns

Dr. June Alexander, Okeden Stud, reports a turnout of 550 Cobs offered at the Builth Wells sale in October '88. All Cobs were sold with some mares fetching between £5,000 and £10,000.

Glanusk Show

Royal Welsh Showgrounds,
5/7/88, Judge: Mrs. J. Lutey

Show entries totaled 374 and about 50 stallions competed for premiums
Champion Sec. C: **Parc Marvel**, 10 year old bay by Tyssul Coram (Telfy Jones); Res. Champion Sec. C: **Orllwyn Coram** also by Tyssul Coram) Alun & Kathleen Lewis
Yearling colt winner: **Tinvaal Prince** (John Davies)
Champion Sec. D stallion: **Ebbw Victor** (David Weeks) Res. Champion D: **Cathedine Telynor** by Cyttir Telynor (Gwyn Jones, Fronarth Stud)
Youngstock Cob Champion: **Northleach Duchess**, 3 years, by Derwen Adventure Boy (Cheryl Mace)

Royal Welsh

1988 Cob Champions

Section C Male - Champion **Nebo Bouncer** (Nebo Brenin x Nebo Shani Llwyn); Reserve: **Leyeswick Flyer** (Cledlyn Rustic Lad x Cwnlle Charm)
Section C Female - Champion **Neuadd Parc Welsh Maid** (Nebo Daniel x Saltmarsh Belinda); Reserve: **Menai Cat** (Nebo Daniel x Menai Catrina)
Section D Male - Champion: **Nebo Daniel** (Nebo Brenin x Nebo Princess Anne); Reserve: **Ty'r Capel Calon Lan** (Derwen Desert Express x Ty'r Capel Sadie)
Section D Female - Champion: **Northleach Duchess** (Derwen Adventure Boy x Northleach Danielle); Reserve: **Glantraeth Miss Magic** (Cippyn Real Magic x Trevallion Violet)



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Crossroads Flyer (Section D Cob gelding) has arrived in sparkling shape. Those of you who don't know, we had to let go of my beloved Quarter Horse gelding a few months back. He was to be my "jumper" and I was most depressed. "Flyer" is trained to cart (both single and pairs), he jumps and has a firm beginning in dressage. He immediately endeared himself to me and is going to be a wonderful NEW BEGINNING.

Thank you Elise & Jean Robocker, Cornerstone Farm. He is all and more you represented him to be. We know he will be an ambassador for the Section D Welsh Cob in the show ring.

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What Is a Cob?

BY RICHARD MILLER

There are often times when you sit back and think to yourself, "Well, what should a Cob look like, am I on the right lines?" Usually this self-doubt comes after visiting a show where the judging has not been very special or after a sale when the highest priced animal has done nothing to arouse your interest whatsoever. Quite often after a few days the uncertainty dies down and you are back to appreciating the attributes of your own Cobs, but I often wonder how people new to the breed feel when they are confronted with such diversity of opinion as to what a Welsh Cob should look like.

Having owned Welsh Cobs from the age of 14 and been passionately interested in Mountain and Moorland ponies since I was old enough to take note, I have listened and seen evidence of quite a few varying opinions as to the makeup of different animals, some of which I should like to share with you in the hope that it might help somebody who has a certain problem with what should be what! However, before I go any further, I want to point out that I don't profess to be an expert by any stretch of the imagination and in saying that, I hope I do not express any opinion for which people think I am not qualified.

So, introductions aside, what is a Welsh Cob? One often reads in pony books that Welsh Cobs are descendants of Spanish stallions shipwrecked off the coast of Wales that swam ashore to mate with the native mares. Perhaps this is true, but if you read literature from all the other eight Mountain and Moorland breed societies, then the entire coasts of England, Scotland and Ireland must have been littered with shipwrecks and the beaches crammed with rampaging stallions desperate to cover the nearest mare! It is a romantic idea but perhaps just a little overplayed! It is a proven fact though that primitive ponies virtually identical to our Exmoor ponies of today were present in England as the land masses separated from the continent, forming what is now the British Isles. These ponies, having been trapped here unable to make their migratory journey to the south of France for the winter months, were without doubt the ponies that would have crossed with the "rampaging" Spanish stallions and formed a basis for the old Welsh Cart horse and the Breconshire Pack Horse. You often hear people refer to the "old" type of Welsh Cob, meaning a short, stock animal with a lot of bone and feather, 14:2hh in height and invariably chestnut with white stockings. But then under what category does *King Flyer* come? The great grandfather of *Pentre Eiddwen Comet* was dark brown with virtually no white on him, stood 15:2hh and was a lot rangier in proportion. The answer is that they were all Welsh Cobs but of different strains and before you go any further in deciding what strain you prefer, you have to know what you want your Cob to do for you.

We have many different sorts of mares come to stud; so when they arrive, I make a mental note of what category I would put them into: riding, driving or dual purpose. This is not to say that one cannot drive a riding Cob or vice-versa but as they stand that is how I would label them. First, the driving Cob, usually descended from *Brenin Gualia*, through *Hendy Brenin*, *Llwynog-y-Garth*, etc., of the sort epitomized today by *Nebo Brenin*. They have good bone, plenty of feather, good sensible heads on a strong, four-square body with powerful high action and are very attractive. Secondly, the riding Cob, generally descended from *Cymor Llwyd* through *Llanarth Braint*. Once again, good bone but less feather, very well laid back shoulder and on the whole standing over a lot more ground with a lower, possibly more reaching action. Finally, the dual purpose animals which covers most of the mares that we have to stud and combines both the type and bloodlines that we have listed already. It is here that one has to know the bloodlines before one can make any opinion on this category — especially when choosing youngstock. Reading as many *Journals* as you can and getting your hands on and reading Dr. Wynne Davies' book, "Welsh Ponies and Cobs," like a Bible is the only way to establish in your mind's eye what the older Cobs were like and what nicks with what so that you can look at an animal's breeding in a sale catalogue and picture what it should look like before it appears in front of you. So often we see people with Cobs trying to do the exact opposite to what their animal is capable of. We all do it; we are so keen to get started, "rush in where fools dare to tread," then after a while get disillusioned when we have an animal that won't perform as we had hoped. Those people shipping animals to the United States have an extra responsibility not only to themselves but to the entire foundation of a breed in a new country and that responsibility is greater than many people seem to realise. It is here that one must know what bloodlines work together and what they stand for. Look at different families that have proven successful.

Pentre Eiddwen Comet and his sons *Tyher Comet* and *Nebo Black Magic* crossing with *Llanarth Flying Saucer* by *Llanarth Braint*; *Parc Welsh Flyer* crossing with the blood of *Cahn Dafydd*, *Nebo Black Magic* crossing with the blood of *Cahn Dafydd* to produce *Derwen Rosinas Last* who crosses back well with *Pentre Eiddwen Comet* through *Coedllys Stardust* to produce *Derwen Black Magic* and *Derwen Supreme*. Who, when put together with some *Carodog Llwyd* produce such notables as *Hewid Cardi*. It may appear very bemusing but when looking at youngstock in particular, it is necessary information. Please do not make allowances for Section B breeding in a Cob's pedigree. More often than not it leads to a lack of Cob characteristics which is exactly what you don't want. There is an old adage: "It's not the pedigree you buy, it's the horse in front of you." Very true, but don't you think it is reassuring to know what has gone before?

Just one point here though. If in your studies or travels, you come across a Cob that does not appeal to you, please do not write it off and disregard any influence it may have or have had on the breed. So often people get stuck in one "camp" and are totally blind to anybody else's animals. I like to go by the rule that I like all Cobs; I simply prefer some to the rest and my opinions are quite

open to change if the occasion arises for me to be impressed by an animal previously downgraded on my list!

Action is another point for great diversity and again it depends on what you expect your animal to do. A driving Cob will want high knee action with a definite "snatch" from the ground, up to his elbow and out again. A riding Cob wants a long, low action with less "snatch" and more extension. However, this does not mean it should "daisy cut." No Mountain and Moorland pony should "daisy cut," meaning to move very low to the ground pointing the tip of the toe out and downwards. This sort of action is usually paralleled with poor rear propulsion and is not good at all to cover rough terrain. A Cob to ride should have natural extension at least up to, if not beyond a line drawn down from the tip of his nose to the ground. Also make sure it can gallop. I appreciate that a Welsh Cob's forte is his trot, but nobody wants to hammer around a cross-country course at an extended trot! Let him show you that he can flatten to the ground and push on, not spending all his time climbing; that is giving the appearance of using his front legs to pull himself along. I have noticed quite often that if you have an animal that trots a lot out of its own free will when turned out to play and does not go from a jog into a jerky, bouncy canter, nine times out of ten, it will have good paces at all speeds. A lot of action can be made or ruined by the shoeing. Personally, I do not think that giving an animal a long, narrow hoof shape is at all justified. It is the weight of the shoe itself; for your high "snatch," a heavy wide shoe is needed, possibly with the toe filled in with lead. For a low reach all you need is a light aluminum plate, the sort used for flat racing. All the Cobs at Sydenham are shod in aluminum plates for the ring with the exception of anything being ridden. They have ordinary fullered exercise plates — no heavy irons at all.

Going right back to our dual purpose animal that may be unsure how it is supposed to move at all, look for something that comes off the ground. Quite often one will see a Cob that bangs along, not helped by the shoes it wears, almost appearing to be digging itself a trench with its front feet as it goes along the ground. See if it brings its head up, tucks its hocks under and springs forward. If it does, then there is action in it waiting to be produced. After a little work it will soon move with that eye-catching dash. Do not be fooled by mistaking a round action for high knee action. A Cob should not bend its pasterns right up when it moves like a Park Morgan and all action in front must come from the shoulder, not the elbow.

The head of a Cob can play a great part in the forming of an opinion. Though should it? I recall the tale of a dealer showing a prospective customer an animal and on her comment, "It has got a large head, don't you think?" the dealer replied, "Well, ma'am, he's carrying it, not you!" So possibly it should be our last concern, but in these days when horses are kept purely for pleasure why should we put up with an animal with a "shoe box" for its head? I do not think anyone has come up with the ideal head for a Welsh Cob. Some say they should be dishd, some say not, some say they should have large flaring nostrils, others say their noses should be small enough to fit into a pint pot. It really is whatever pleases you most. You and only you will have to look at it first thing every morning! A few "nit-picking" points are to have its ears up on the top of its head, not lopping out sideways (donkey ears) and look for a big, wide, flat forehead, definitely without a bump. Its eyes ought to be a good size and I have heard it said very often that as long as the socket and the bone structure is present a horse's eye will get bigger as it gets older. Another warning here is that quite often a pretty head is accompanied by a shortage of bone and when that goes you are three-quarters of the way toward losing your Cob. Not only should he have more than adequate bone for his weight, he must have the knees and hocks to accompany it. Big flat knees, flat strong hocks, able to stand up to a lot of work in all terrain. Ideally the bone below those knees and hocks should be hard, flat and shiny with a fair amount of silky (not curly) feather. The best bone I have ever seen was, in fact, on a Mountain Pony by *Criban Brenin* and if you are anything like me, the hairs on the back of your neck will stand up with sheer pleasure at the sight of it! Incidentally, that pony had super limbs, a super length of rein and terrific action but just lost out on his head. Nothing ever works out just as it should! Needless to say, however much bone any animal has, it will not move a yard unless it possesses equally as good forearms and second thighs.

Whatever head you find on your Cob, do ensure that it is fitted correctly on the neck. It is rare to find a Cob with a long, swanlike neck as after all, they are basically work horses, so if the head has plenty of throat space in which to flex that will make up for any misgivings it may have in the length of neck.

One could write page after page on conformation but the perfect horse has yet to exist. Some have come very close to perfection but the only way to recognise what is good and bad is to look, watch and absorb. I feel greatly honoured to have looked after two of the best examples of the light horse or pony alive today. The Cob, *Llanarth Flying Comet* and the small hunter mare, *Little Primrose*, Lloyd's Bank Supreme Champions 1979, 1980 and 1981. With two animals of that calibre in one's care, one cannot help learning from them. I think I learned more from just watching and comparing those two than I could ever have learned from a textbook and, of course, *Comet* is still with us as a constant reminder in our pursuit of excellence.

I have probably done nothing more than confuse you, but in sorting this all out, it might occur to you that within the Welsh Pony and Cob Society's description there is your whole host of different alleys that you may go along, concentrating on certain aspects that you feel rate highest on your list of priorities within the breed. But please do not underestimate the power you hold in breeding these magnificent animals away from their native country. Above all else keep the bone, keep the Welshness and let that sparkle shine on for many years to come.

Freschi - continued

Later Freschi purchased another black Welsh Cob at Aberystwyth from Ivor Lloyd of the Derwen Stud. This was a yearling colt, since gelded, name Derwen Sion ap Neath (26348) by Derwen Llwynog out of Neath Black Magic. He is now coming 5 and working with Taffy or Concord as an alternate and a unicorn hitch is planned.

Asked why he chose Welsh Cobs, Freschi said that when he saw them first at Windsor, he saw that they were the right size, were easy to work with and knew that they would do well.

Combined Driving is increasing rapidly in popularity in California, as it is elsewhere in Europe and North America so there are many opportunities to compete with the Cobs. He also drives an occasional wedding party to and from the ceremony. On June 18 a Concours d'Elegance will be held at the Monterey Fairgrounds. Both automobiles and carriages will be judged and there will be driving exhibitions in which Ray Freschi's Welsh Cobs will be seen by thousands of spectators. Freschi is also actively involved in training and driving other pairs as well, including Percherons and Haflinger-Welsh crosses. As President of the Pebble Beach Trail Club, Ray Freschi has also helped to assure an extensive trail system for the use of the horse-men of the area. Quite a retirement!



Middleton Taffy and Llanarth Rhain in CDE at Woodside, California, Labor Day 1987. Whip: Ray Freschi

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 18, 1989 is the date of the 7th Annual Basics-time with the handicapped. More information is available from Renee Wilson (515) 544-3340 or Bill & Betty Winkelman (712) 465-2125.

August 5, 1989 is the Winkelman Farms 2nd Annual Working Pony Select Consignment Auction in Lohrville, Iowa. For more information contact Renee Wilson, Special Events Coordinator, 515-544-3340, Farnhamville, Iowa or Bill & Betty Winkelman, 712-465-2125.

1989 CO-OPERATIVE ADVERTISING

Advertisements in the following magazines for 1989-90 for Welsh Pony and Cob breeders will be placed in the November 1989, issue of The Chronicle of the Horse and in the January 1990 issue of Practical Horseman. The price of being a member in the Welsh Pony & Cob Breeder Co-operative

Advertising program is \$50.00 per ad. If you wish to join now, remit a check to PONY CROSS FARM, 543 Cold Canyon Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302 (818) 704-6344. Five advertisements were run in five different horse magazines in 1988.

NEWS FROM DRIVING DIGEST

PLANNING TO BUILD YOUR OWN OBSTACLE COURSE FOR DRIVING? Driving Digest Number 50, 1988/6 has a helpful article with handy tips on acquiring materials and construction drawings. Another useful article on the construction of obstacles for practice or for a competition course, and directions on how to drive them, can be found in Driving Digest Number 40, 1987/2. Back issue of the magazine are available from the address below for \$3.50 per copy.

Have a nice photo of your Welsh Cob or Partbred driving? Help spread the word about our favorite breed (for free) by sending it to "The Who's Who of

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WANTED: SPORT HORSE REGISTRY INFORMATION

How does the Welsh Cob fits into the Sport Horse program? What performance and inspection criteria must be met in order for registration to be allowed?

If you have answers to the questions above, or any additional knowledge on this subject, we would like to hear from you--Canadians and Americans alike. As the number of Welsh Partbreds increase, breeders need to remain competitive with other Warmblood breeds. One way to accomplish that is to offer Sport Horse Registration.

THE PROOF IS IN THE PERFORMANCE

Ann Fisher, Royal Welsh Cob Farm, has proven time and again that Welsh Cobs can compete and win against European Warmbloods, Thoroughbreds and other breeds. She ought to know. Ann's love is Dressage and she does it so well. In 1987 paired with her imported Section D stallion, ***LOCKERIDGE WATERLOO** (Hewid Meredith x Lockeridge Supreme) Ann and Waterloo won first place for the USDF All Breeds Award. The U.S. Dressage Federation also sponsors Qualified Rider Awards which Ann won with two of her Cobs—mare ***LOCKERIDGE VICTORIA** and ***LOCKERIDGE WATERLOO**. Ann's immense respect and love for Welsh Cobs is reflected through her reference to them as being "... not only willing and obedient but "naturals" for dressage because they are balanced in both body and soul." In addition to training and competing, Royal Welsh Cob Farm produces Section D and Welsh Warmbloods.

*Pictured Right: **ROYAL COB BOROMIR** accepting the bit at the trot under the tutelage of Ann Fisher. Below: ***LOCKERIDGE WATERLOO** and Ann in competition*



We thank our Welsh Cob Stallion, **CWMFELEN GOLDEN ECLIPSE**
(100% Section D)
14.2 hh by *Hafael Brenin (by Oakhatch Cymydog Da)
out of Llangybi Seldom Seen)



CWMFELEN GOLDEN ECLIPSE
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Section D 100%

and our

Welsh Cob Mare, ASHTON BLODEUWEDD
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10 year-old mare
Section D 100%



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TROLLBERG MEGWEN
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14.3 hh black-bay filly, Welsh Cob + TB (reg'd), foaled June 1986.

Sound, well proportioned, lovely conformation, excellent legs and feet. This filly has a trusting, very cheerful attitude, a big stride, energetic, very balanced action. She's talented and promises great versatility. Could be headed for Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, as well as Long Distance Riding. Also very suitable as a Driving prospect. Truly a horse for the entire family. Has been lunged, ground driven and backed.

Price negotiable, but will go up next spring with training.

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NACC'S DIRECTORY

The Directory came into being before **The North American Cob Connection** and helped us make contact with our future subscribers. To date, it has grown to 450 purebred Welsh Cob entries and 34 Welsh Warmbloods (partbreds). The current list of transfers, imports and new registrations includes 29 entries for autumn 1988. The list is updated as often as we receive new information. Please help us by reading the entries for your own Cobs and correcting any errors or omissions. We would also appreciate hearing about new registrations, including those pending.

As before, we are publishing with the January issue two lists from our data base. One list is based on an alphabetical list of the Cobs' names, and includes sex, registration number, sire, dam, birthdate and color,

and owner. The second list is an alphabetical list by owners' last names and includes address, city, state, postal code, and names of Welsh Cobs owned. Since the data base is on an AppleII/IGS using AppleWorks, it is possible to sort the list by any other criteria we would like to select, such as owners in a particular state or province, or offspring of a certain animal. If you would like to request a printout of a certain selection, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your request, to Ann Lamb, 10015 Avondale Road, Redmond, WA 98052.

YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR DIRECTORY? Check the mailing label on your newsletter. If it has a colored bar through your name, you need to renew. As soon as your renewal is received, a Directory will be mailed.



*Pictured: **SCOLE NOBLEMAN**
3 Phase Event, 2nd place
Rider: Kate Shields*

The following article is excerpted from the May 1966 issue of Riding magazine. Though written over 22 years ago, the implications of the message are still fascinating today.

Cymru am Byth!

Sir--Regarding your Editorial note on the Morgan Horse in your February number, may I suggest that the Morgan is much more likely to have descended directly from the Welsh cob rather than from an English Thoroughbred as is commonly believed in the U.S.A.

The strong, compact and amazingly prepotent little horse, Justin Morgan (who gave the name to the breed) was born in New England in 1789, soon after the end of the American War of Independence. From the Middle Ages right up to the 1914-18 war, vast numbers of Welsh cobs were used by the British army and what is more probable than that many of these were left behind on the withdrawal of the British. True Briton (sire of Justin Morgan) is a name characteristic amongst the early Welsh cob stallions and there is scarcely a registered Welsh cob today that does not go back to one or more of the many True Britons. Could it possibly have been that the initials of True Briton gave rise to the theory that he was an English T.B.?

Then again in support of my thesis, the three men known to have been concerned in the origin and whole history of Justin Morgan all have Welsh names. There is Justin Morgan himself, the schoolmaster and singing teacher, who gave his name to the horse; Robert Evans, to whom the little horse, which could out-pull and out-run any other horse in the district, was leased to clear his ground in Vermont, and who entered him for all sorts of competitions; and finally Sheriff Rice, to whom the schoolmaster gave the horse in 1798.

I quote from an article in "The Morgan Horse", May 1964 on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of his birth. "This amazing animal was not a large horse and during a lifetime of hard work among Vermont farmers did not weigh over 1,000 pounds. He was dark bay with a thick wavy mane and tail. A very compact horse, he had a short back, rounded body and powerful quarters . . . he had many essentials of the perfect horse, docility, speed, endurance and above all the ability to pass these traits on to his descendants".

Such a description does not, on the fact of it appear to indicate an animal of Thoroughbred breeding. The modern Morgan has now no doubt some measure of Thoroughbred blood, but he still maintains his Welsh appearance and character to a marked degree. — Pauline Taylor, Llanarth Stud, Blainwern, Llanarth, Cardiganshire.

CORRECT ENGLISH FASHION

. . . From the Tack Trunk

With the growing number of beautiful horses and talented riders, some extra attention to the details of a rider's turnout can make the difference between champion and reserve. Here are a few tips to help you get started.

Field or dress boots should be polished. Remember, boots will settle as they break in and shorten about an inch in the leg. Few things look worse than a boot halfway down the calf. On the other hand, if the boot is too tall it will wrinkle all the way down the leg.

The breeches should be snug. Beige, rust or light grey are the accepted show ring colors. You will find that the European breeches tend to fit on the hips rather than right up to the waist. This may feel odd while standing, but when you are on the horse, the breeches will move up. Socks should be worn over the breeches to help hold them down while riding. Most breeches are machine washable and should be washed in cool water—not dry cleaned. Fabric softener added to the rinse water will help keep the leather soft.

Riders under the age of twelve are properly dressed in cuff jodhpurs and laced riding shoes. The shoes offer economy over a dress boot and the advantage of a firm sole. Rubber boots should not be used with rubber pads in the stirrups. The rubber against rubber will not permit the foot to slip out of the stirrup easily in case of a fall. Leather garters worn below the knee will keep the jodhpurs from working up.

The riding shirt should be worn with a choker for ladies and a tie for men. The shirt color should complement the jacket and breeches. A pinstripe shirt with a pinstripe jacket is very acceptable as long as the colors coordinate. The choker is best monogrammed neatly. A pin is also acceptable but is becoming less common.

The most important item is the jacket. The material will be more comfortable and keep its crisp look if it is wool. Even in hot weather, a light wool flannel jacket will be more comfortable than a polyester one. The jacket should fit squarely on the shoulders. When standing straight only a half inch should be pinchable on the center seam between the shoulder blades. The jacket should clear the saddle when astride. The waist should be snug. If it isn't, the jacket will blouse and pucker when the number is fastened on. The sleeve edge should come to the knobby bone at the wrist when the arms are held at your sides with a right angle at the elbow. If the sleeve is too long it will wrinkle all the way to the shoulder. The shirtcuff should peek out by a half inch.

If you are going to own just one jacket then navy or black are the most versatile and practical choices. A child's jacket which is meant to be "grown into" often lessens the child's chances in the show ring by camouflaging good position.

A snug fitting brown or black glove should be worn in the ring. And of course a safety helmet with a flexible visor and attached harness is a must for juniors and a sensible choice for seniors. A velvet cover is most durable and has the best look in the show ring.

The next issue of NACC will feature farm stories about Glendower and Grazing Fields Farm as well as "Horses for Riding and Driving", an article by Dr. Wynne Davies covering the success of the Welsh Cob Cross.

Mary's Farm Welsh Cob Dispersal

Mrs. Polly Swinerton, Mary's Farm, is dispersing her herd of Welsh Cobs and Welsh Partbreds. Most mature animals are under 15 h. Prices begin at \$1,000. Direct all inquiries to Jean Terry, 5233 Loop Rd., Marysville, CA 95901 (916) 743-8374

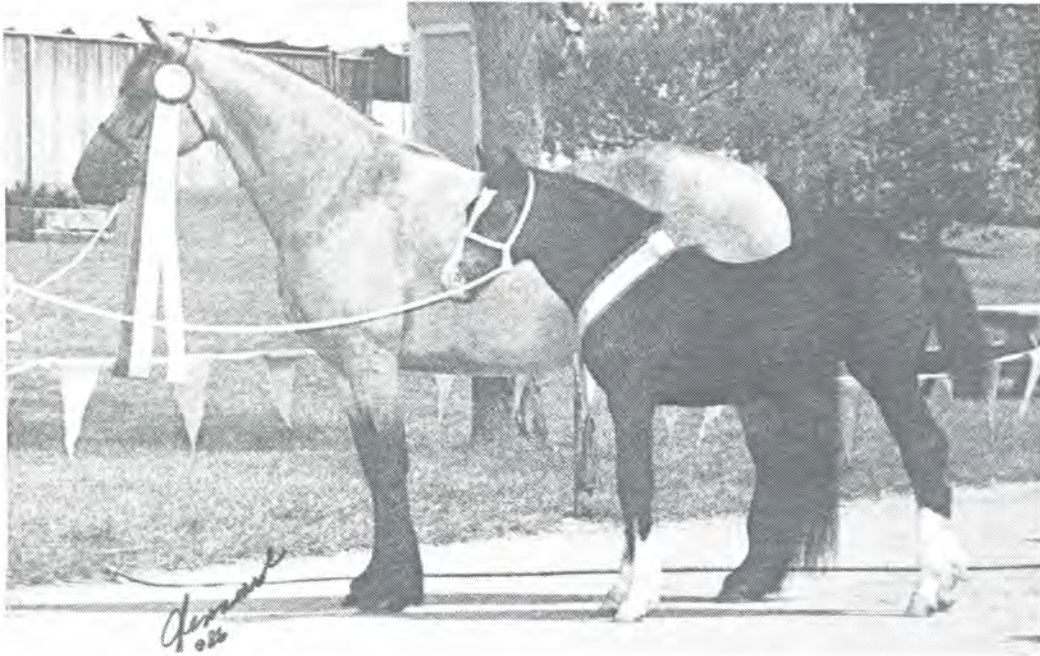
Welsh Cobs

- ***SINTON SULTON** D-41 14/2 hh. (Derwen Supreme x Byefields Rachel) 1980 roan gelding. Has been ridden; light and responsive
- ***LLANARTH RHONWEN** D-74 [71021] (Llanarth Flying Comet x Llanarth Rhiange) 1982 Dun Mare
- ***KATHY H.** D-73 [71268] (Llanarth Flying Comet x Llanarth Sian) 1982 Bay Mare, extremely friendly
- ***TREVALLIAN QUEEN OF HEARTS** D-75 [69466] (Tyhen Comet x Faelag Fashion) 1981 Bay Mare
Has been ridden
- MARY'S WARRIOR** D-249 (*Sinton Sulton x *Scole Sarah) 1986 Bay Gelding
- MARY'S CADI** D-248 (*Sinton Sulton x *Kathy H.) 1986 Chestnut Mare
- MARY'S LLANCES** D-250 (*Sinton Sulton x *Llanarth Rhonwen) 1986 Black Bay Mare.
Supreme Champion, California State Fair 1986.
- MARY'S ST. PATRICK** D-188 (*Sinton Sulton x *Trevallian Queen of Hearts) 1985 Bay Gelding; has been ridden
- MARY'S BRENIN** D-246 (*Sinton Sulton x *Trevallian Queen of Hearts) 1986 Bay Gelding
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MARY'S MARGED, Welsh Partbred Mare

Photo by Janet Gaffer



*Welsh Cob Section D **MARY'S LLANCES** and dam
* **LLANARTH RHONWEN**
Champion and Reserve at the 1986 California State Fair*

Photo by Glencarol

Welsh Partbreds

MARY'S JOCELYN H-2521 (*Sinton Sulton x Myra S., TB #775090) Welsh Warmblood gelding. Black Bay. Has been ridden; super disposition

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MARY'S MARGED (*Sinton Sulton x Margot, Part Trakenor mare) Black, 15:2 h. Ridden 3 years; does many things well. Has been used for Search and Rescue in mountains and Tevis Cup Ride. Very nice mare.

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Trollberg Welsh Cobs offers the following pair of Cobs for sale:

Now that we no longer can continue to breed horses, we're looking for new homes for CWMFELEN GOLDEN ECLIPSE ("Palle") and BLODEUWEDD ("Wol"). Wol is 10 years old, a seasoned broodmare, as well as a willing, exhilarating horse under saddle, with great presence, and the exciting flying extended trot she owes to Llanarth Braint, her grandsire. Palle is green broke to ride and drive, ready to go on and show the world what a true Section D is all about. (He works in heavy harness too, yarding trees from our woodlot.) This mare and this stallion, together or in other breeding combinations, have a contribution to make to the North American Welsh Cob scene. You'll find the Canadian dollar prices very affordable for these trained and tried user horses, and proven breeding animals of solid, authentic Section D type and breeding. Contact Afiena or Hans Kamminga, R.R. #1, Maplewood, N.B. Canada E0H 1M0 (506) 463-8164

The following two listings are offered by Barbara Brown, Thornbeck Farm, R.R. 2, Rexton, N.B. Canada E0A 2L0:

Matched pair of registered 1/2 Welsh palominos sired by CWMFELEN GOLDEN ECLIPSE [D5590]. '87 filly and '88 colt with strong Welsh type and powerful, reachy strides. Great combined driving prospects at an affordable price. Brave and calm temperaments suitable for novices. Should mature to 15 hands (+ or -). Will sell separately but it seems a shame to split them!

Feb. 1988 blue roan registered 1/2 Welsh colt by CWMFELEN GOLDEN ECLIPSE out of Newfoundland pony mare. This colt has flashy knee action and a bold but sensible temperament, sharp head, excellent feet and correct conformation. Should mature just over 14 hands. Also has jumping ability and is affectionate with children.

RARE OPPORTUNITY for a patient driving enthusiast to acquire, at a sensible price, two quality-matched Welsh Cobs, grey, 14.1 hands, eminently suitable for Combined Driving competitions as well as for pleasure driving. ASHTON GWENETH (4) is going quietly under saddle. Her full sister, ASHTON GWYLAN is a weanling. They will make a super pair in a few years' time. If you want quality, substance and terrific movement, and if you are prepared to wait a couple of years rather than paying fancy prices for a ready-to-drive pair, meanwhile of course enjoying riding and/or driving Gwyneth right now, contact Patricia Gammon, Ashton Stud Farm, Ashton, Ontario, KOA 1B0, Canada (613) 257-4701

COBLYNAU CYMRAES, 100% Section D Cob Mare, foaled June 7, 1985 by *Hafael Brenin out of *Dyfnog Valiant Vixen. Palomino, 14.1 hh. Started under saddle. \$3500 (Can.) Call or write for pedigree and photos. Barbara Pancino, R.R. 4, Denfield, Ontario, NOM 1P0 (519) 461-1094

WANTED: A breeding pair of Cobs. Sylvia Bailey-Gomes, 880 Cole Rd., Aromas, CA 95004

Two Sec. D mares, LADY STARLIGHT II and PENRHYN, 8 year old grey by Dafydd Arwr y Penrhyn out of Lady Starlight of Penrhyn and her 4 year old bay daughter by *Okeden Sensation. Contact Bill Seabrook, c/o Ashton Stud Farm, RR #2, Ashton, Ontario KOA 1B0 or call (613) 2570-4701

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SMOKE TREE ELLA LEE (*Merioneth Merlyn x *Knockbridge Lyn. 1988 chestnut filly. Classy little filly with a lot of substance, should mature 13:0+-. All imported bloodlines with Menai Fury and Synod William close up.

*SMOKE TREE STRIKE-A-LIGHT (Mylyncroft Spun Gold x Cascob Lady Go Bang by Llanarth Braint). Golden dun 1986 gelding. A very nice performance prospect from the good moving Llanarth Braint line. Will be started under saddle Spring 1989.

*MENAI CRYWYS (Menai Furious x Menai Catti II by Nebo Daniel). Dark liver chestnut 1987 colt. Grandson of Nebo Daniel, 1988 Royal Welsh Champion Stallion. Lots of style and a great mover. Available after the 1989 breeding season.

*KILGOUR GWAWL (Cippyn Red Flyer x Caeresgob Fairy). Chestnut 1987 gelding. Grandson of Nebo Black Magic. Well conformed and a nice mover with a super sweet disposition. To mature 13:0+.

COBS FOR SALE - continued

SMOKE TREE MINNIE HA HA (Tapanui T.B. x Issaman Sian by Chancerie King Flyer). Black elegant filly, 1986. To mature 14:2+. Quiet, pretty, super mover. A real star for dressage or for breeding large pony hunters.

Royal Cob Farm offers the following Welsh Cobs and Partbreds for sale:

ROYALCOB BIT O' HONEY, Cob x TB, 1984, 15.3 hh. Flashy chestnut filly, green-broke, ready to start a serious discipline now. Has been ridden with correct basics.

ROYALCOB BOROMIR, Sec. D gelding, (11985) will be 15 hh. Bay. Very green broke to ride and/or drive. Has been harnessed and is currently being ridden. Super temperament.

ROYALCOB CHIT-CHAT, Sec. D gelding, 1988. Large colt with very affectionate temperament. Is full brother to above gelding.

ROYALCOB DAPHNE, Sec. D filly, 1988. A great-looking bay filly; cutest foal in the world! Lovely temperament.

ROYALCOB SILVER DIVA, Cob x TB filly, 1988. Big, very dark bay. Should be very athletic and elegant when grown up. Is shedding out to grey.

More information may be obtained by writing or calling Ann Fisher, Royal Cob Farm, Headquarters Road, Box 244, Litchfield, Connecticut 06759, (207) 567-0426.

CROSSROADS ROSINA (*Derwen Rebound x Crossroads Happy Day), 5/10/78. Rosina is a beautiful black stocky cob, with an air of nobility. She is 14 hands and over 900 lbs. of sweet pony pleasure. My 10 yr. old daughter has shown her and started her over fences. She has been trail ridden and is an easy keeper. Contact Linda Evans (703) 747-5267

EVANSWOOD ANHEUSER ROSE (Snaps Charger x Crossroads Rosina), 4/2/87. Chestnut w/flaxen mane and tail. A gelding with stallion characteristics. Excellent manners, heavy boned, small ears, large eyes and flaring nostrils. He is a "C" who may make a "D". Worth looking at. Contact Linda Evans (703) 747-5267

Fancy friendly Section D 1986 mare. Beautiful Golden Dun with black points by *Kentchurch Chime. Being quietly broken to saddle. Will make ride/drive or broodmare. Mrs. A. Williams, Rt. 1, Box 186, Waldron, Arkansas 72958

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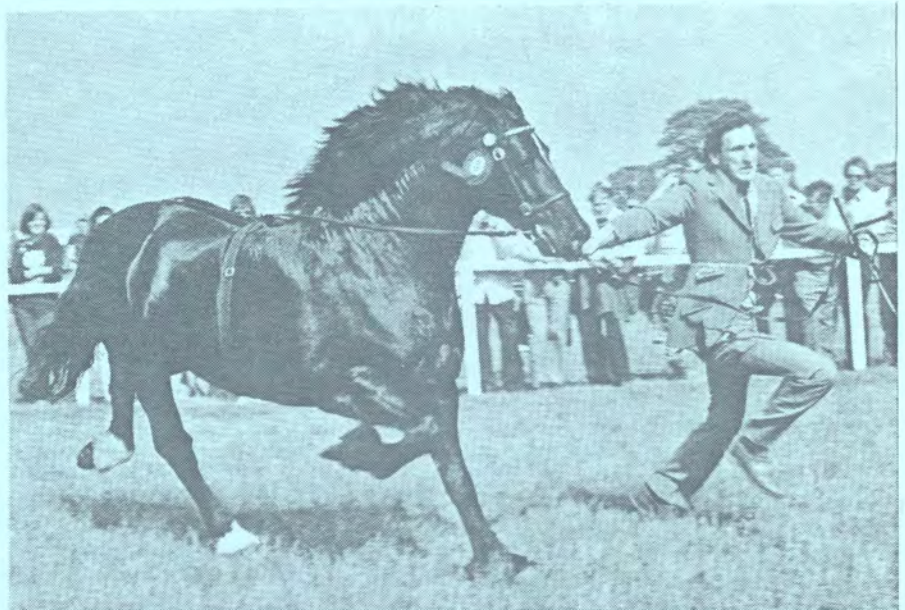
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- >> run free ads of cobs for sale
- >> share the winnings and accomplishments of cobs in all aspects of showing and daily living
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