

## 2021 Tooreen Laddie Hall of Fame Winner, Balmullo's Beacon

14.3h grey, S545 XXXI (1992 – 2020)

SIRE: Aladdin (Erin Laddie x Fox Ridge Irish Lady)

DAM: Tullymor's April Fool (Montully's Son x Ailte Mhuire)

Bred by Donna Duckworth, Owned by Vanessa Morgan, Foothills Farms/Piedmont Connemaras

Color coding: **First Generation**, **Second Generation**, **Third Generation**

Besides his own competitive successes, which earned him the ACPS "An Tostal" Hall of Fame Trophy in 2012, I believe the greatest impact Balmullo's Beacon (a.k.a Bubba) has had on the Connemara breed, has been the joy and successes he brings to owners of his offspring.

As of 2020, Bubba has 27 registered purebred foals and sired 35 halfbreds. Although he left no stallion sons, his legacy is carried on through a dozen or more grandchildren, three of which have produced several high quality purebred offspring of their own. Trainability, rideability, athleticism and fun temperaments have consistently marked his offspring, and has attracted countless Connemara enthusiasts and new owners to the breed.

At least **7 of his daughters** have produced **purebred foals**. Below are five examples:

**Foothills Faithfillly**, (out of Foothills Hopefillly), is owned by Donna Huntsman in Oregon. Faith has competed successfully with junior riders in eventing, dressage and pony club, and has also produced **3 purebred foals** of her own, including **Castletown Johnny Come Lately** (by Potiquimi Keely Shay), pictured below left:



**Beacon's Siobhan** (out of Big Bear's MacCushula) produced **Bailey's Irish Dream** (by Balias Turlough), a purebred stallion, owned by Pat Shields. Dreamer (above right) is ACPS Approved, Inspected Westfalen, and is a proven producer of champion youngstock and sport horses for Dry Brook Farm, CT. **Siobhan** is also the dam of **Corner Oak Loch Lorian**, another beloved eventing pony.

Beacon's Piper (out of Pegeen's Quest) had two purebred mares, Indian Summer's Keelin and Indian Summer's Kaylee, for Sandy McShea, and both went on to be eventing partners for their owners.

Foothills MayBee a.k.a. Bea (out of Blue Hills Erin), was bred to \*Gun Smoke, while I still owned her, and she produced Arbor Lane's Bailey and Foothills Field Marshall (a.k.a. Bruiser). Bea is currently owned by Elaine Meilhan, who has enjoyed riding and showing her in her local riding club shows and events and has earned top ribbons at the ACPS Region III shows, including 2012 Champion. Bea has another young purebred filly on the ground by Tre Awain Goldsmith.

Beacon's granddaughter, Bailey (out of Bea), is now owned by Tracy Fiona Cheevers and has had 7 purebred foals, including Windy Isles Quiet Kate (by \*The Quiteman). Kate has won several high awards at the Region 4 shows and is her all-around "partner in crime", according to Tracy. Bailey also has 1 TB cross foal.

Below L-R: Bailey (with filly, Stoney Creek Luna, by Redrock Blue Moon) and Bruiser, under Elliott Timmons



Beacon's grandson, Bruiser (also out of Bea), is Donna Duckworth's successful eventing stallion who has brought tremendous recognition to the breed under rider/trainer Elliott Timmons and, like his grandsire, has a dual career of competition and breeding. Bruiser has over a dozen purebred get, as well as at least 3 partbreds.

Beacon's Cherubim Cathleen is dam of Valley Creek's Carlin LeBeau (by Heaven's Ridge Patrick LeBeau). Carla, breeder, trainer and rider, culminated her partnership with her homebred by winning the American Eventing Championships BN Master Amateur division in 2019:

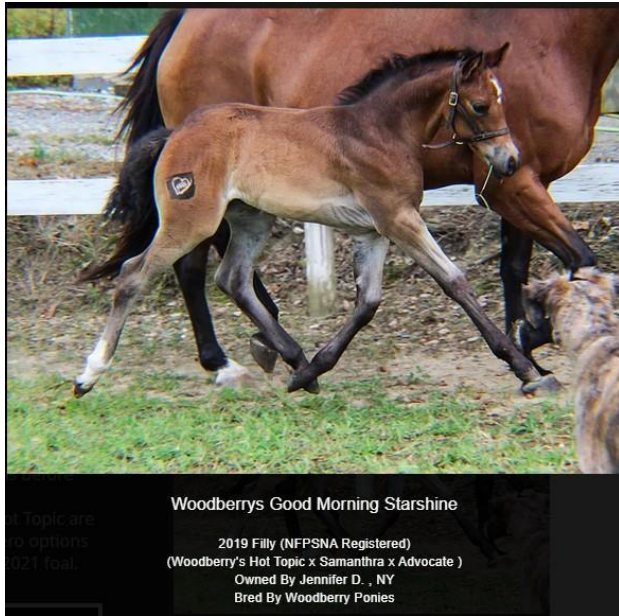


A few noteworthy cross-bred get of Bubba are listed below, starting with the easily recognized, fan favorite, [Piedmont Herman](#) (below left). He is a product of a PMU rescue/Percheron mare, Ruby, and has been owned and competed in eventing with Gardner Cook and dressage partner for his mom, Kathee, for several years.



**Piedmont Sundance**, a TB cross, (above right) has had a long and notable career, earning an Award of Excellence in Eventing, with the Schroeder family, primarily ridden by oldest daughter, Zoe. Sunny evented through Preliminary and ran the AECs more than once. He is pictured above right, with the Schroeder sisters, bringing along a new generation of Connemara riders.

A halfbred daughter, **Silver Mist**, (out of cross-bred pony, Something Special), was bred to the Trakehner stallion, Advocate, and produced **Samanthra**, a Connemara sport pony who is now a cornerstone in the broodmare band at Woodberry Ponies in NC. Below is her **2019 filly**, with a full sibling due in 2021.



Thank you to the ACPS for awarding Balmullo's Beacon this place in the Hall of Farm and to all the owners and breeders of his offspring, for keeping his wonderful qualities alive in the breed!

Balmullo's Beacon (below L) with his son, Piedmont Sundance, winning 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division in KY.

