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SWA Profile Interview Featuring... Helicon Oaks Sport Ponies

Welcome to Helicon Oaks! You can find out a great deal about our gang on our website at www.heliconsportponies.com. Most of our ponies are with us in Florida now, as George is not able to do the 1200 mile runs back and forth to Illinois since his heart attack here on November 3. Neither one of us are up to showing without a lot of help, but we still love raising the youngsters and standing the stallions.

Glannant Country Roads, a former Section A Supreme Champion and Driving Champion, as well as WPCSA National Champion 12.2 & Under Hunter Pony, at ages 19 and 20, is now 24. This is his third season with us and he has sired foals in CO, MN, WI, IL, and FL since we've had him. We are so glad to bring in the *Cusop Sparklet, Revel, Coed Coch, and Severn bloodlines with the type,

long necks, long movement, good croups, and athleticism!

Daughter Molly & I have known Country since he was a foal, as well as his dam and grand-dam, so he is very special to us – and then Molly saddle trained him as a 3 year old and had to compete against him in driving (her nemesis) in the '80s. Interesting, Country has the same Bowdler Blue Boy – Bowdler Brightlight sire line as GlanNant Epic!

Everyone deserves a “fantasy horse” once in a lifetime and Helicon Corsair is our “Black Stallion” – elegant, bold moving and magnificent! We are so fortunate to have him, as his sire, GlanNant Skipper was kicked during his first season at stud, so Corsair is his “only child”. George and I got to see Skipper (showing as “Believe in Magic”) at HITS in Ocala in March & still love him so much! The owners and trainer got to come see his son and grandkids here and were so thrilled!

Skipper is double “Puff” (*Coed Cock Prydyddes by Criban Victor) so we have this “golden cross” through his son Corsair, as well as through the offspring of our “Puff” son, GlanNant Epic, who passed away in 2000, at age 36. I'd first seen “Puff” in 1959 at Daisy Broderick's famous Coed Cock Stud in Wales and the elegance, flair, huge trot, and athleticism have been the basis of our show

and breeding programs over the years.

The “Puff” descendants still at Helicon include the Epics: Helicon All Smiles (one-eyed “Amber”) and the palomino filly you saw (just foaled) at the SWA meeting and 35th birthday party for Epic in April 1999, H. Epilogue (1 ½) and his full brother H. Special Notice (3) aka “Hot Rod” (both out of Rollingwoods Gin-N-Tonic who goes back to “Puff” through Findeln Blue Danube). Through Corsair, we have H. Corinna (out of GlanNant Aria, a “Puff” granddaughter and H. Corvette – both 3. These are all crossbred Welsh. Our purebred descendant of “Puff” here is H. Bon Voyage (2), a daughter of H. Tiddlywinks who is still in Illinois.

We also have in Illinois, a Country x Tiddlywinks yearling filly, H. Primrose Path by Country Roads, and are hoping for a repeat this year! Another in IL is our Epic/Arab mare, Cat Creek Rose of Grace, who is an approved First Premium American Sport Pony (AWR) Mare and the dam of Helicon Cordelia. She was the 2001 IL Inspection Site Champion, by Corsair. Grace will have a Country foal this year. Our plans are to further crowd our 10 acres in Alachua by bringing our last 4 or 5 ponies here.

Our daughter, Molly Rinedollar, remains an integral part of the operation with her Helicon Show

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Stables in Colorado. We are pleased that she has earned the CHJA Best Trainer Award for the past 2 years and that she will be judging the American Nationals in June. Our H. Buccaneer and H. Poetess (both by Epic and with “Puff” grand-daughters as dams) plus H. Beacon Light (C.C. Fury x Grace, a “Puff” grand-daughter) are currently showing in CO.

We are hoping to drive George’s imported Fronarth Cob mares as a pair this year. Klaus Biesenthal trained them in IL last year and they have their own Coyaltix wagonette. Huge “Cobbie” (H. Steppin’ Out) has been on vacation as well – sad but true.

We cordially invite you all to the upcoming meeting here! Right now, we are eagerly awaiting our Country x Gin-N-Tonic foal!

Next Meeting:

The April 14, 2002 SWA meeting will be at George and Thalia Gentzel’s Helicon Oaks. Pony tours are at noon, followed by potluck at 12:30pm. Bring meat to grill, if you wish, and a chair.

To reach George and Thalia’s at 10919 NW 202 Street, Alachua, FL (phone 386-462-7373)...read through and circle YOUR ROUTE!

1) From Newberry Road (Rte. 26)...N on CR 235 to 94th Ave. 7.2 miles. **L** (west) on 94th Ave. 1 mile past RR tracks. **N** on NW 202 St. almost 1 mile. At end of no-climb fence with top board, go **R** (east) on easement (Happy

Acres Farm arrow on bank at woodlot on N). Go .3 miles to board panels and double gate on right (equine liability sign), tin roofed barn. You have finally located Helicon Oaks!

2) From Solstice Welsh Cobs and Dragons Lair...come N on NW 202 St. to “T” at 46th Ave. Go **L** (west) on 46th Ave. **R** (north-east) on CR 235, 3.5 miles to 94th Ave. Go **L** (west) on 94th. Follow directions as listed under number 1.

3) From the traffic light at Newberry – Rte. 26 and 27/41...**N** on 41 6.5 miles to 94th Ave. **R** (east) on 94th 3 miles to NW 202 St. **L** (north) on 202 almost 1 mile – follow directions on #1.

4) From the South on I-75...Exit 77 W on CR 232/39th Ave. to “T”. **R** (north) on CR 241, 3.5 miles to 94th Ave. **Cross CR 235** at stop sign. Continue W...follow directions from #1 – 94th Ave. 1 mile – **west** to NW 202 St.

5) From the North on I-75...Exit 78 W on 441, 2.7 miles. **L** (south) on NW 202 St., 2.7 miles to stop sign. **Cross CR 2054** and make an **immediate L and then R** (south) on the dirt continuation of NW 202 St. Go 1 mile south and look for “High Springs Dairy” sign on L (east). Go **L** (east) .3 mile to board panels and double gate on R (south), equine liability sign, tin-roofed barn and Featherlite stock trailer. You have reached Helicon Oaks at long last! If you stopped at the goats, geese, chickens and

plain Appaloosa horse, you weren’t in the right place!

Cooperative Advertising

Thalia would be glad to coordinate a SWA cooperative ad for the Summer Welsh Review. This would be similar to the WPCSA ads which have appeared in the Chronicle and Horse Show (AHSA/USA Eq.) magazines. However, we would be able to have larger spaces (the others have been 1/9 page) for less money!

Please bring ad copy and payment to the April meeting or send them to 10919 NW 202 Street, Alachua, FL 32615 (still no email). Questions – phone (386)462-7373. The due date for the Review is May 5th so April 20th would be the closing date for submission to Thalia.

Pricing:

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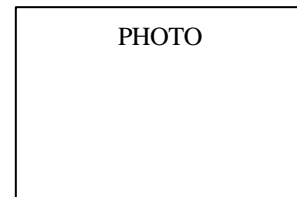


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Text one-liners...information such as Name, City, State, Phone, Website or email address (8 lines) This issue should be out by the end of June.

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Please submit all proposed agenda items by phone or e-mail to: 352-493-0522 or Welshponies@yahoo.com

If anyone has any show or training successes, new foals, etc. please submit any items of interest and “barn news” to Leah McFarlin, 352/529-0380 or email wowelsh@atlantic.net

Barn News...

Well, not exactly, but Leah & Chris McFarlin welcomed a new member to our “herd” on March 15th...Alexandra Lee joined us. If all goes well, she will be joining us at the next SWA meeting.

2002 Calendar of Events

Bronze Shows:

May 18 & 19

October 19 & 20

December 14 & 15

November 16 & 17: Silver Rated “All Pony Show” at Canterbury Show Place, Newberry, Florida.

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For Sale: Summer Sky Casanova, Sport Pony Prospect: 7 month old colt, registered half-Welsh, by Blaengwyn Dafydd y Gwas and out of unregistered Sec. C mare Dragon's Lair Miss Maggie. Bay, 2 high white stockings behind and one white fore sock. Big white blaze. Very flashy. Will mature to 14 hands. Lots and lots of bone. Full brother, Summer Sky Traveler, on premises. Sacrifice at \$2000 or make offer. Call Robbi at 386-418-0674 or email at robbi309@aol.com

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