

## 2008 Connemara News from Belgium

D'JILL, a Belgian pony, won the BRITISH CONNEMARA PERFORMANCE AWARDS 2008. D'jill was bred in Belgium by Ariane Joly. She is by ARD CONNEELY, the former Clifden champion, standing in Belgium. Her mother is Udine, a black mare by the French sire Poker du Blin.

In 2005 D'jill was imported to the U.K. by the dealer Ran Arbel and then sold to The Strapp family. Elinor Strapp qualified her not only for the Blue Chip show jumping championships, but also for the ponyclub intermediaire dressage championships. She also won an affiliated intro event. At the BCPS awards the mare earned 11.360 points, nearly 4.000 points more than second- placed former winner Elaphine Murphy.



Irish Boy of Hazelfield

At the stallion inspection in September 2008 no new stallions were licensed. The 4-year old stallion Irish Boy of Hazelfield IMG\_3092.JPG (Apollon Pondi x Cailin of Hazelfield by Frederiksminde Hazy Match), who was approved in 2007, became champion stallion and supreme champion of the national show in 2008. Champion mare was Carla van de Groenweg (Conor Mac Nessa x Glencarrigh Delphinum by Coosheen Finn). Boy's full sister Gentle Ciarin of Hazelfield became reserve champion mare and reserve supreme champion, so full brother and sister won the championship! A very big success for this family!

The Connemara Pony Belgium is happy to announce  
**a judges' clinic with Mrs. Elisabeth Petch**  
on the **4<sup>th</sup> of April** at 2.00 p.m

All people with interest in the Connemara Pony, breeders, inspectors and judges are invited to attend this clinic that will take place at Aalter Stud Farm in **Aalter** (approx. 1 hour from Brussels airport).

For those who are interested there will also be a stallion inspection at 10.00 a.m. on the same day.

Please confirm your attendance to **Anne Storme**, if possible before March the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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