

## **Lus na bPog/Sean MacLochlainn Foundation Broodmare Award**

Donated by Tom and Maire MacLochlainn of the Ashbrook Stud, Co. Galway, and Doris Jacobi of Avilion Gleann Farm, Alberta, this is a lifetime award to honour a broodmare that has contributed to the Connemara breed in Canada through her purebred offspring. Tom's father, Sean MacLochlainn, a well-known Connemara breeder in Ireland, owned the broodmare Lus na bPog. One of her daughters, Ciotog, was exported to Montana in 1966, and it was her daughter by Ruta Raitna, Avenns Golden Ruby, who was imported to Canada by Doris Jacobi as one of her foundation mares. This award honours original foundation broodmares of stud farms in Canada. Some of these mares also went into competitions which helped to promote the breed.

Criteria for the award state that the mare should:

- Be registered with the CCPS, ACPS or other recognized Connemara society
- Be aged or deceased
- Have produced at least five purebred registered foals, some of which are breeding stock
- Have second and perhaps third generation registered offspring to be considered
- Have been resident in Canada for at least some of her productive years

Criteria for nomination include:

- Mare may be nominated by her owner or by another society member with the agreement of the owner
- Nominator must be a member of the CCPS
- Mare owner, if still alive, should be or have been a member of the CCPS or ACPS

### **Guidelines**

The mare should have spent some time in Canada and bred at least one foal while in Canada. Her foals and second and third generation offspring born in and resident of any country with a recognized Connemara pony society can be included in the nomination and taken into consideration.

There will be no requirement for the mare to have been inspected as this was not available or mandatory in earlier years. Records of progeny should include their inspected status where applicable.

The award is designed to reward broodmares that have contributed to the breed by producing offspring of quality rather than merely quantity. The performance record of the offspring will also be considered as well as their breeding record. This will reflect the aim of the society to encourage the breeding of good quality saleable performance ponies as well as high-quality breeding stock.

Nominations should be accompanied by a good photo of the mare, a conformation shot if possible, a performance photo if applicable, and photos of at least three of her offspring.

The award does not have to be presented every year but only when a mare is considered to be a truly foundation mare. The award also pays tribute to the dedicated Connemara stud farms who have many generations of offspring that are breeding, competing and promoting the breed across Canada.

Nomination forms are available under “forms” on [www.canadianconnemara.org](http://www.canadianconnemara.org) or contact:

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