

ANN BUSH

Ann has spent a lifetime with horses being given her first pony, a part Timor, at the tender age of 3 yrs. With a Mother being a very keen horsewoman, Ann, along with her sisters, Jane and Pat, were taught to care for their own ponies, never being allowed to just hand over the reins to the employees.

Mrs. Bush ran a standardbred stud for many years and later bred a few thoroughbreds. Ann and her sisters were required to help handle and prepare the yearlings for sale which necessitated getting out of bed quite a bit earlier the mornings of a show to groom these yearlings before preparing their show horses or having to do them when they got home.

An accomplished rider Ann has competed successfully in many disciplines, including hacking, novelties, dressage, showjumping, polocrosse and possibly what Ann enjoyed most, hunting.

Never having a purpose bought horse or pony, Ann along with her sisters had to make do with whatever they had, train them themselves, and always managed to end up with a good handy animal.

Ann became involved with Connemara Ponies after seeing a photo of Connaught of Millfields on the front cover of the magazine "Hoofs & Horns" and decided that she had to have a foal by this pony. She sent a mare to Connaught, the resulting foal being the very handy partbred "Ningana" (known as Kelly to his many friends). Kelly convinced Ann the Connemara Pony was definitely the way to go so Ann then made enquiries about an eighteen month old dun filly in Queensland. From a video and friends checking out this filly, Ann bought Noweddie Najoy. Joy became a brilliant and versatile pony winning Ann many prizes including National Connemara of the Year.

Ann then decided to purchase the lovely dun mare Easter Journey, in foal to Glenormiston O'Neill Clanaboy, producing "Larrigan" who turned out a great ambassador for the Connemara breed. Journey, foundation brood mare for Ann's Mayo Stud, went on to produce three more foals before she stopped breeding. Another purchase from Queensland was Kilkieran Rinamee, a prolific winner in the show ring and dam of Mayo Estelle.

Ann was asked by a friend if she would take Connemara Park Andrew for a short time as they were moving interstate and had no facilities for a stallion. Reluctantly Ann agreed and Andrew spent the rest of his life at Mayo Stud.

Joy was retired and bred from producing the very beautiful and true to type gelding, Mayo Bryan, the very successful mare Mayo Mary, both by Connemara Park Andrew, and also the overheight Mayo Kylemore by Aran Milo who is Ann's present day riding horse.

Ann has travelled overseas a few times, her first sojourn being to the World Equestrian Games in Stockholm, to China and also three times to Ireland with John and Pat Tennant.

Ann joined the CPBSA Committee as Federal Representative in 1989 and had never missed a Committee meeting up until her resignation in mid 2004, certainly an achievement to be proud of. From her first involvement with Connemaras Ann has dedicated herself to promote the Pony, particularly in her home State of South Australia as a very active member of the South Australian Connemara Action Group. Ann gave up breeding ponies after the loss of her much loved pony, Joy, but continues to support Connemara classes at shows and is still a much valued committee member of the SA Action Group.