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BREEDING

'Irish Independent Echo Beach' (ISH) & Cian O'Connor win Tripoli Grand Prix Libya 22nd Oct. Completing a fault free jump off round over 2 seconds faster than their nearest rivals. Cian took the €33,000 Tripoli Grand Prix. The duo enjoyed tremendous success at the show, taking 2nd place in the €9,000 Accumulator class as well as in the €20,000 Al Nahr Al Azim Cup.

Only €25 to register a Thoroughbred mare on the Irish Sport Horse register. Contact the registration unit on 045 854550 or email registrations@horsesportireland.ie

Closing date for foal registrations has been extended to 6th Nov., any registrations received after this date will incur a €15 fee.

DRESSAGE

Hat-trick of wins for Dressage Ireland's Anna Mervelt at La Mandria, Italy. Congratulations to Anna Mervelt and her gelding 'Coryolano' who competed at the CDI3* international dressage show 23rd - 35th Oct. Full results can be seen at www.centrointernazionaledelcavallo.it/index.php?method=news&action=zoom&id=56

Dressage Ireland Information Update Oct. 2009, the ninth Dressage Ireland information update of 2009 can be viewed at www.dressageireland.ie/info_update/update_10_09.htm

Horse passports & registrations, when registering horses please **DO NOT** send original passports to the Dressage Ireland office. See www.dressageireland.ie/index.htm and scroll down for information about registration requirements.

EVENTING

Equiform Nutrition Sportsman A&B Winners. Congratulations to Amy Begs (Sportsman A) and Wendy Seymour (Sportsman B), who are the League Champions of the Equiform Nutrition Sportman League 2010.

Try Eventing with Joseph Murphy. The Northern Region is running Try Eventing days with Joseph Murphy until March 2010. See www.eventingireland.com for information.

Regional Balls, November sees the Munster & Northern Regions annual balls taking place. Tickets are available online at www.eventingireland.com

JUMPING

Darragh Kenny produced an Irish victory in the Budweiser World Cup competition at Syracuse in New York State 31st Oct. Darragh, riding the 13 year-old bay gelding 'Obelix' made it through to the 7-horse jump-off and took the 25,000 US dollar 1st prize along with valuable World Cup points. Former World Champion Dermott Lennon finished in 4th place, riding the 9 year-old bay gelding 'Hallmark Elite'.

Jessica Kurten took 3rd place in the GPA Masters competition at Lyon, France on 31st Oct. Jessica riding 'Castle Forbes Myrtille Paulois', was one of only 3 competitors to record 2 clear rounds in the 1m60 contest.

Cian O'Connor claimed his Second Victory at France's World Cup Show in Lyon 31st Oct. riding 'Rancorrado', followed in 2nd place by Cameron Hanley & 'Southwind VDL', giving Ireland the top 2 rankings in a 14-horse jump off. Cian O'Connor also won his first five-star show in Lyon with 'Complete', beating France's Patrice Delaveau by almost 2 seconds.

MEDICAL EQUESTRIAN

The **Medical Equestrian Association (MEA)** is hosting a Seminar & Skills Training in Equestrian Sports Injuries Management for Doctors on **Saturday 28th November** from 9.30am - 3.45pm at Tattersalls, Co. Meath. Contact Dr Antonia Lehane on 01-8407430 or at antonialehane@eircom.net to register.

NEW AFFILIATE

Horse Sport Ireland is delighted to confirm that Irish Polocrosse Association has been accepted as an official Affiliate of HSI, as recommended by the HSI Sport Sub Board and subsequently approved by the HSI Board.

PONIES

Raffle tickets for the European Championship Fundraiser are now available in all areas. Prizes are as follows: 1st Prize: €2,000; 2nd Prize: €500; 3rd -7th Prizes: €100. Draw will take place on Saturday 9th Jan. 2010. The Irish Pony Society would like to thank everyone who has put time and effort into selling the raffle tickets and also to everyone who has purchased tickets.

RIDING CLUBS

Regional delegates appointed to Midlands, South Leinster & South West. The Executive Committee of the Association of Irish Riding Clubs has appointed 3 regional delegates at a recent meeting. It follows ongoing discussions since its annual general meeting earlier this year to plug a gap where regions aren't directly represented at board level. Kevin McGuinness, Fiona Furey & Tony Ennis have been appointed to act as delegates, in a voluntary capacity, for the Midlands, South Leinster & South West regions respectively.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

Butterfly Farm EC, Co. Wexford presents a 'Taster Course' for BHS Stage 3 & PTT Examinations Stage 3 commencing Fri 22nd Jan 2010. & every Fri. from 7pm - 9pm. PTT training - 26th Feb., 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March, will cover practical teaching of groups, the lunging/lead rein lessons together with the theory & presentations. Contact Alma Byrne on 087 7666618.

AIRE Competition to place your name in a draw for a family pack of 4 tickets to 'Cirque du Cheval... Christmas on Horseback' at Kill International EC, Co. Kildare on 3rd to 6th Dec. place a link or comment on the AIRE Facebook at www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/Association-of-Irish-Riding-n-Establishments/153058433724?ref=nf

FACT FILE

Horses only have one stomach, like humans, but unlike humans, they can also digest cellulose from grasses due to the presence of a "hind gut" called the cecum, or "water gut," that food goes through before reaching the large intestine. Unlike humans, horses cannot vomit, so digestion problems can quickly spell trouble, with colic a leading cause of death. Wow!!