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BREEDING

Breeding Statistics

Foals registered in 2009: 1,083 ID Foals; 5,561 ISH Foals (2,870 Section A, 2,486 Section B, 205 Supplementary); 1,486 Foals of unknown breeding.

DRESSAGE

Dressage Ireland Silver Spurs Dates for 2010

30th March - Clonshire, **31st March** - Mullingar, **1st April** - Laurel View, **2nd April** - Spruce Lodge. See www.dressageireland.ie for more info.

DRIVING

Carriage Driving 2010 Calendars on sale. All proceeds go towards Irish Junior Drivers Fund. Cost €12 each + P&P. Contact Zita Dowling, Carriage Driving Section of HSI on 045-854530 or Ger Hennessy on 087-2431413.

EDUCATION

Horse Sport Ireland Coaching Courses 2010		
	Date	Venue
Intro Level	26 th Jan. (Tues)	Ballyellen EC, Gorey, Co. Wexford
Intro Level	2 nd Feb. (Tues)	Kennedy EC, Adare, Co. Limerick
Intro Level	2 nd March (Tues)	Castle Leslie EC, Glaslough, Co. Monaghan
Intro Level	16 th March (Tues)	Tubberbride, Collooney, Co. Sligo
Level 1	9 th & 10 th Feb. (days 3 & 4)	Cavan EC, Co. Cavan
Level 1	16 th & 17 th Feb. (days 3 & 4)	Coilg EC, Kilmeague, Naas, Co. Kildare
Level 1	9 th & 10 th March	Spruce Lodge, Redcross, Co. Wicklow
Level 1	23 rd & 24 th March	Maryville Stables, Carrigaline, Co. Cork
Level 1	6 th & 7 th April	Kernan EC, Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh
Level 1	27 th & 28 th April	Upper Mace EC, Claremorris, Co. Mayo
Level 2	29 th & 30 th March	Kill EC, Kill, Co. Kildare
Level 2	31 st March	Tattersalls, Ratoath, Co. Meath

For more details or to receive an application form, contact Avril O'Byrne on 045-854521 or at aobyrne@horsesportireland.ie

EVENTING

South Leinster Combined Training League Killossery Lodge every Sunday from 7th Feb. for 4 weeks. 7 classes from intro to advanced level. €35 per horse/rider, online entries through website.

North Leinster Combined Training Consecutive Wednesdays starting 17th Feb. 1 hr 25 min. sessions for €190 in groups of four. Contact Gervaise Maher on 087-2500546 or see website.

Northern Region U21 Training Training for all Pony, Junior & Young Riders. Contact Debbie Byrne at Debbie.Byrne@nrc.ac.uk

2010 Dates Published 2010 Eventing Calendar now on website.

GENERAL

Team Ireland Equestrian Become a fan of Team Ireland Equestrian on Facebook & Twitter. Check out www.facebook.com & www.twitter.com

JUMPING

Superb Start to 2010 for Ireland with Outstanding Wins.

Leipzig Germany 21st – 24th Jan. Jessica Kurten won the Rolex FEI World Cup Qualifier on 'Castle Forbes Libertina'. She came 2nd in the Leipzig Championship on 'Castle Forbes Myrtille Paulois' and 5th in the German Two Phase Jumping on 'API Largo'. Cian O'Connor won the Opening Competition on 'Splendor', his sixth win in four weeks.

Amsterdam NL 21st – 24th Jan. Billy Twomey won the BMC Amsterdam Grand Prix on 'Je t'Aime Flamenco'.

Basel Switzerland 14th – 17th Jan. Cian O'Connor won the H. Moser & Cie Grand Prix on 'Rancorrado' & the Leading Rider Award. He won the Preis des Grand Hotel 'Les Trois Rois' Two Phase & the Preis der Garage Nepple on 'Irish Independent Echo Beach'. He came 2nd in the Preis des Elite-Kaders Schweiz on 'Splendour'. Jessica Kurten won the Preis der LGT & the Preis des Kantons Basel-Landschaft on 'Castle Forbes Cosma'.

Green Cove Springs Florida USA 15th – 16th Jan. Darragh Kenny won the US World Cup Qualifier on 'Obelix'.

REINING/WESTERN RIDING

Shannon Kerr, International Barrel Racer & trainer, recently visited Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) to support Guistina Macari's ambitions to become Ireland's first international barrel racing competitor. Guistina is currently undergoing training with Shannon and intends to compete at the NHBA Barrel Racing World Cup in Verona, Italy 4th – 7th Nov. Guistina is actively promoting the development of the sport through the Reining and Western section of HSI.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

PTT Training at Butterfly Farm E.C. Co. Wexford starts 26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March. Tel: 087-7666618

BHS Stage 1 & 2 Training at Balcultry Stables, Swords, Co. Dublin starts Wed 20th Jan. Tel: 086-8523405. AIRE is on facebook at www.facebook.com

UNIVERSITIES

Ireland wins 2 Cups at SRNC World Finals Ireland won the World Final Show Jumping Cup 2009 and the President's Cup for combined results at the Student Riders' Nations' Cup World Finals at Ravensdale Lodge EC, Dundalk. Ireland came 2nd in team show jumping & 3rd in the combined team competition. Natalie Quinlivan, Chef d'Equipe & IURCA secretary, won the National Accumulator Class.

FACT FILE

Did you know that the earliest saddles were simple pads attached with a surcingle seen by 800BC, with the saddle tree coming into use circa 200BC and paired stirrups by 322AD? Saddles in the styles seen today date back to the 18th & 19th centuries. The modern saddle comes in a wide variety of styles, each designed for a specific equestrian discipline and requires careful fit to both rider and horse.