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## BREEDING

**The HSI 2010 Irish Draught & Irish Sport Horse Stallion Inspections at Cavan Equestrian Centre: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.** The Stallion Inspections are the first to take place within the guidelines of the new HSI ID and ISH Breeding Policies. Please contact Lorraine McMahon on 045-854517 or email [lmcmahon@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:lmcmahon@horsesportireland.ie) for details.

## EVENTING

**Ballinacoola International Cancelled** Following the recent death of Tim Philips, his family has cancelled this year's event. Ballinacoola should be back on the calendar in 2011.

**Events underway:** Dromiskin & Monart held successful events on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March taking over 300 entries between them. Dromiskin & Ballindenisk ran on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March with over 400 entries – a great start to the season.

**Training Classes** There is still time to hone your dressage or jumping skills before your first event. See Eventing Ireland Training Calendar on [www.eventingireland.com](http://www.eventingireland.com) for full details.

## JUMPING

**Final Leg of World's Top Show Jumping Series to take place in Ireland** The FEI has decided that the concluding competition of the Meydan Nations' Cup series will be the Nations' Cup of Ireland for the Aga Khan Trophy at the Fáilte Ireland Dublin Horse Show in August.

**CSI2\* Vilamoura Portugal 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March** Conor Swail came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Portuguese Grand Prix on 'Mojito'.

**HSI Chippison Spring Tour Grand Prix** Cian O'Connor & 'Complete' won the Grand Prix at Warrington EC on 5<sup>th</sup> April. His new horse 'K Club Lady' came 6<sup>th</sup>. Alexander Butler & Irish-bred 'Carton Free' won the Grand Prix at Barnadown EC on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Lt. Michael Kelly won the Grand Prix at Cavan on 28<sup>th</sup> March on the Minister for Defence's Irish-bred 'River Foyle'. John Floody won the Grand Prix at Kernan's EC on 21<sup>st</sup> March on 'Ashbourne'. Floody also came 3<sup>rd</sup> on Irish-bred 'Larkhill Cruiser'.

**3 Irish Riders qualify for World Cup Final in Geneva** Jessica Kurten has confirmed her position as favourite to win April's Rolex FEI World Cup Final in Geneva after her 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Netherlands put her at the top of the Western European League. Former World Champion Dermott Lennon secured an 18<sup>th</sup> place qualifying position after 's-Hertogenbosch'. Darragh Kenny is one of the top 7 in the US's East Coast league.

## PARA EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE

**The High Performance Para Dressage Squad** will take part in its third training camp for 2010 in Mellon Stud, Limerick from 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April. In attendance will be visiting international para judge Anne Prain (FRA). The squad will compete in its first 3-star international competition for 2010 at Moorsele, Belgium from 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> April.

## POLOCROSSE

**New IPA structures implemented** New Irish Polocrosse Association (IPA) Executive structure and New Club Template structure announced and implemented. See [www.polocrosse.ie](http://www.polocrosse.ie) for details. International Polocrosse Demonstration to be held by Horetown Polocrosse Club on behalf of the IPA on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at Enniscorthy Showgrounds as part of the Oylegate Show.

## PONIES

**Euro Pony Club** The Euro Pony Club (EPC) held its AGM in Istanbul on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March. Pony riding has made great progress in Turkey since 1999 thanks to Tulya Kutulan. Tulya has been the driving force for its development for the last 11 years. She is the Turkish Pony Club representative at the EPC and is a member of the Board. The Irish Pony Club has been a member of the EPC since 1989 and Sylvaine Galligan is its current President. See [www.europonyclub.eu](http://www.europonyclub.eu) for details.

## RDS

**Fáilte Ireland Dublin Horse Show 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2010.** Tickets now on sale. To book, visit [www.rdstickets.com](http://www.rdstickets.com) or call 0818 719 300. Dublin Horse Show is now on Facebook.

## RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

**AIRE Centres approved by BHS to host Riding & Road Safety Exams** Claremorris E.C., Co. Mayo: 9<sup>th</sup> April; Maynooth E.C., Co. Kildare: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> June. See [www.aire.ie](http://www.aire.ie) for details.

## REINING/WESTERN RIDING

**REMINDER! Reining & Western Information Evening Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm-10.30pm** at Coilóg E.C., Crosspatrick, Kilmeague, Naas, Co. Kildare. Don't miss this exciting event showcasing Reining & Western Riding. Highlights include a combined Western v English Style demonstration by US-based Tom Foran, NRHA World Reining Champion, and International Dressage Rider, Anne Marie Dunphy. Entry is FREE but booking is essential. Contact Zita Dowling, HSI Reining & Western Section, on [zdowling@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:zdowling@horsesportireland.ie) or 045-854 530 by 9<sup>th</sup> April.

## TOURISM RELATED EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES

**Leinster Trec** is holding its first Leinster Championships (2 day 3-phase at Levels 1, 2 & 3) at Gurteen on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Gwen Bastian on 087-6578307 or [Pro@trecireland.com](mailto:Pro@trecireland.com) Also **Level 3 Training** in Glengarriff 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April in preparation for European Championships in Austria in September. See [www.trecireland.com](http://www.trecireland.com) for details.

## UNIVERSITIES

**Irish University Team wins SRNC Leuven, Belgium 4<sup>th</sup> April.** The winning Irish Team comprised Suzie Cave (SJ), Anthony Byrne (DR) & Sarah Glynn (EV). Suzie Cave won Individual Dressage & Jumping. Chef d'Equip was Alan Walker. See [www.irishstudentriders.com](http://www.irishstudentriders.com) for full details.

## FACT FILE

**Reining** is a Western Riding competition for horses where they are guided through a precise pattern of circles, spins & stops. All work is done at the lope (a slow, relaxed version of the canter) & gallop. Reining is often described as a Western form of dressage as it requires the horse to be responsive and in tune with its rider.



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