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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Death of Douglas Bunn** Horse Sport Ireland extends its sympathies to the family and friends of Hickstead founder Douglas Bunn. Lt Col Ned Campion represented Horse Sport Ireland at the funeral service which took place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex. Hickstead celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

## BREEDING

**HSI National Young Breeders Competition** The 4<sup>th</sup> annual competition, run in association with Teagasc, took place at Gurteen College on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. P.J. Hegarty won the Junior Section with 352 points. Regina Daniels won the Senior Section for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running with 320 points.

**WBFSH International Young Breeders Championships** The Championships take place at Kildalton College from 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July. Tasks include a theory test, judging gaits and loose jumping, assessing mare conformation and presenting a horse in hand.

**Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series 2009** The 4<sup>th</sup> leg of the ISH Studbook Showjumping Series took place at Galway County Show. Winning the 6/7 Year Old Final was Ross Mulholland and 'Diamond Toby' (ISH). Full results from the four legs plus information on the Series are available on [www.irishsporthorse.com](http://www.irishsporthorse.com)

## DRIVING

**Barry Capstick won the Advanced Horse Pairs at Sandringham** 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June with his horses 'Wilson', 'Turbo', 'Zorro' & 'Jack Hackett'.

**Carriage Driving Championships 3 Day Event 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow** Entries close Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. For details please contact Hazel Hughes, Event Secretary on 086-8405765.

## EDUCATION

**Equestrian Skillnet CLIPED** Computer Licence for Irish Participants in Equestrian Disciplines (FETAC Level 3). The next course starts on 7<sup>th</sup> September in Naas, Co. Kildare. Course Fee €295. For more information please contact Cathy Cooper on 045-854514 or at [ccooper@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:ccooper@horsesportireland.ie)

**Coaching Courses Autumn dates** Level 1 Part 2 (days 3 & 4): Maryville Stables, Carrigaline, Co. Cork: Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ballyellen, Inch, Gorey, Co. Wexford: Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; Ard Chuain EC, Corballa, Co. Sligo: Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>; Kernan EC, Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh: Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. For further information contact Avril O'Byrne on 045-854521 or at [aobyrne@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:aobyrne@horsesportireland.ie)

**Sport Horse Breeders Skillnet** Offer courses in Equine Nutrition, Care & Handling of Young Stock, Sport Horse Sales & Marketing and Training the Young Horse. For more information please contact Nadia Rea on 045-854532 or at [nrea@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:nrea@horsesportireland.ie)

**Equestrian Sport Trauma Management** The Medical Equestrian Association (MEA Ireland) is planning to hold this skills training course in October 2009. It is specifically for doctors who act as medical officers at various equestrian events. Interested doctors should contact Dr. A. Lehane on 01-8407430 or at [antonialehane@eircom.net](mailto:antonialehane@eircom.net)

## EVENTING

**Eventing Ireland Schedule now available** The Summer/Autumn Edition of the Schedule has been sent to all members, detailing events for the rest of the season, along with topical news items.

**Volunteers required at Boulta (5<sup>th</sup> July)** Anyone able to help volunteer in any capacity at the Boulta Event, for a minimum of one hour, please contact Niamh Morrison urgently on 087-2265075.

**International Applications Ballinacoola** Reminder to all competitors that they must complete the International Application Form before being allowed to compete at international events. To access the form go to [www.eventingireland.com/international](http://www.eventingireland.com/international) Applications for Ballinacoola close on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**.

## JUMPING

**Brilliant results for Breen brothers at Hickstead** Trevor Breen won the Speed Derby on 'Adventure de Kannan' while his brother Shane came 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Irish-bred 'Royal Concorde'. Shane Breen came 8<sup>th</sup> in the DFS Derby with 'Mullaghdrin Gold Rain' and 9<sup>th</sup> with 'Dorada', both Irish-bred horses.

**Top 2 Prizes at Vilamoura Grand Prix** Dermott Lennon & Conor Swail continued their run of success with Lennon claiming 1<sup>st</sup> place in Portugal's Vilamoura Grand Prix on 'Hallmark Elite', with Swail coming 2<sup>nd</sup> on 'Gold Digger'.

**Strong results in Hamina & Hoofddorp** John Hickey came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Finland's 3-star Hamina Grand Prix with the 8-year-old gelding 'Ian'. Cian O'Connor came 6<sup>th</sup> on 'Splendor' at Hoofddorp's 2-star Grand Prix in The Netherlands.

**Monaco Grand Prix Global Champions Tour** Jessica Kurten came 5<sup>th</sup> in the prestigious Grand Prix Global Champions Tour in Monte Carlo on 'Castle Forbes Myrtille Paulois'. Dennis Lynch came 4<sup>th</sup> on 'Nabab's Son' in the Prix Bitburger.

**European Young Riders & Juniors Championships** Hoofddorp, (NED), 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July. Junior Riders: Nicholas Butler, Shane Connell, Conor Drain, Holly Gordon, Robert Harrison. Young Riders: David Blake, Alex Duffy, Aidan Killeen, Kelly O'Connor, David Simpson. Results available on [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie)

## RDS

**Fáilte Ireland Dublin Horse Show, August 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2009** A celebration of Ireland's affinity with the horse, from the best show horses to the best international show jumpers as well as shopping, arts, antiques, entertainment, food and fashion. Visit [www.dublinhorseshow.com](http://www.dublinhorseshow.com)

## SPORT

**New Sport Sub-Board** HSI has established a Sport Sub-Board in place of the Affiliate Forum. Affiliates are asked to nominate one member from their organization to the Sub-Board before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please send nominations to [tconnors@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:tconnors@horsesportireland.ie) or phone 045-854501.

## FACT FILE

The record for the highest jump made by a horse is held by a horse named 'Huaso' who jumped 8ft, 1.25" on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1949 in Vina del Mar, Chile. He was ridden by Captain Alberto Larraguibel.