



BREEDING

Irish Horse Board Co-Operative Society Elections 3 successful candidates: **Helen Kelly** Region 1: Counties Wicklow, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath, Louth & Dublin. **Pat McCarthy** Region 2: Counties Wexford, Kilkenny, Carlow & Tipperary. **Neil Henry** Region 5: Counties Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford & Roscommon.

The Chairman of HSI Joe Walsh said "with HSI's Strategic Plan just published and a major breeding review underway, this is an exciting time to be involved in the Breeding Sub-Board and I look forward to welcoming the new members to the Board."

The ISH Studbook Showjumping Series 2009 Winning the 6 & 7 year old final at Omagh Show on 3rd & 4th July was Clem McMahon with 'Belle Rock'. At the Ballina Show on 11th & 12th July Trevor Breen took top prize on 'Coppindell'. Full results available on www.irishsporthorse.com Entries for Tattersalls Grand Finals close on Wed. 22nd July at 5pm. Contact Sheila Kelly on 086- 8254307.

Attention! Do you have a Thoroughbred mare covered by a stallion on the Irish Horse Register? The reduced fee for the endorsement of Thoroughbred passports has been extended until 1st November. Contact Norah Byrne on **045-854550**. Passports must be forwarded to: **Registration Department, Horse Sport Ireland, Ground Floor, Beech House, Millennium Park, Naas, Co. Kildare.**

DRESSAGE

Dressage Ireland Summer Schedule 2009 available to download at: www.dressageireland.ie/downloads/downloads.htm. See show dates at a glance at www.dressageireland.ie/shows/dates.htm

Silver Spurs 2009 - For applications and full details go to www.dressageireland.ie/training/silverspurs.htm

Qualifiers: 28th July at Clonshire, Co. Limerick; 29th July at Dollanstown, Co. Meath; 30th July at Laurelview, Co. Down; 12th August at Spruce Lodge, Co. Wicklow.

Under 25s Championships at Marlton Stud, Co. Wicklow See www.dressageireland.ie/reports/reports.php for a report on the Marlton under 25s Championships. The full results can be found at www.marltonstud.com

DRIVING

Barry Capstick wins again at Catton Following up his victories at Sandringham and Farleigh, Barry had another win in a strong field in the Horse Pairs class at Catton Hall, 10th-12th July.

Training weekend with Marco Hildebrandt 18th & 19th July at Kilcoran, Co. Tipperary. For more details contact Folke Rohrssen on 086-2597280.

New Venue: The Tullamore Show 9th August, will now take place at the Butterfield Estate, Blueball, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

EDUCATION

Equestrian Skillnet – Introduction to Show Jumping Course Design with Tom Holden will be held at Mullingar E.C. on 22nd & 29th September. This 2 day course costs just €60 per person. To register please contact Cathy Cooper on 045-854514 or email ccooper@horsesportireland.ie

HSI Level 1 Assistant Coach Courses: 2 new autumn dates and venues have been announced: Cavan E.C., 10th & 11th November and Coilog E.C., 17th & 18th November. To register your interest in these courses please contact Avril O'Byrne on 045-854521 or aobyrne@horsesportireland.ie

Sport Horse Breeders Skillnet Upcoming Courses Care & Handling of Young Stock 2 day course on 15th & 16th August at Hughes' Horse Stud, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny. Sport Horse Sales & Marketing 1 day course on 16th September at Goresbridge Horse Sales. Training the Young Horse 10 week FETAC course starts on 17th August at Mullingar E.C.

EVENTING

3 Top 10 places for Ireland at Barbury 3 star Three Irish riders finished in the top 10 on Irish-bred horses at Barbury Castle on 11th July. Sam Watson was 3rd on 'Horseware Bushman', Trish Ryan was 4th on 'Fernhill Clover Mist', Elizabeth Power was 10th on 'Doonaveragh O One'.

Ballinacoola International Entries Closing Reminder to competitors that online entries close at 12pm on **Friday 17th July**. International postal applications close on Thursday 16th July. For information visit www.eventingireland.com

Stewards & Designers on Course! A jointly-funded EI/HSI Stewards & Course Designers course led by Mike Etherington-Smith was run successfully at Grove on 11th July & Camphire on 12th July. More courses will be arranged for eventing officials. See www.eventingireland.com

Cancelled: Annaharvey Farm & Kilguilkey House Events, this is due to the continued rainfall. Competitors can transfer their entries by contacting the EI Head Office on 045-854545. Please see www.eventingireland.com for full details.

JUMPING

Lynch Triumphs in Aachen Grand Prix 30th June - 5th July Denis Lynch, on Flaminia Straumann's bay gelding 'Lantinus', won one of show jumping's richest and most prestigious prizes at Aachen in Germany.

O'Connor 4th in Portuguese jump-off Cian O'Connor finished 4th on 'Rancorrado' in the jump-off competition of the Global Champions Tour at the 5 star Prix Estoril in Portugal on 10th July. He recorded one of just four double-clear rounds.

European Young Riders & Juniors Championships Hoofddorp (NL) 1st-5th July. Ireland came 4th in the Team Championships, while Aidan Killeen won the Young Riders Farewell Class with the Irish-bred 'Du Noble'.

PONIES

Irish Pony Club National Minimus Championship at Gowran, Co. Kilkenny was a great success with a record number of under 12s competing in swimming, running and cross-country riding. The winners were the Meath Girls' team and the Warrington Boys' team.

RDS

Blossom Hill Ladies' Day at the Fáilte Ireland Dublin Horse Show takes place on Thursday 6th August at the RDS with one lucky lady walking away with an amazing trip to Milan and South Africa's Cape Town. For more details visit www.dublinhorseshow.com

FACT FILE

A horse can see completely around its entire body except for small blind spots directly in front of its face, underneath its head and directly behind itself.