



### BREEDING

**FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses** will take place from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. in Lanaken, Belgium. Those horse & rider combinations that have been selected to represent the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at Lanaken 2009 have now been announced. See [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie) for full details.

### DRESSAGE

**Merveldt finishes 25<sup>th</sup> in Historic Championship Contest, 27<sup>th</sup> Aug.** Anna Merveldt and her 13 year old gelding 'Coryolano' finished in 25<sup>th</sup> place in the Grand Prix special at Windsor, England.

### DRIVING

**Saunders Grove 2 Day Horse Driving Trials 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Sept** Stratford-on-Slaney, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow. Please contact Ross English on 087-7528650 for further information.

**Nenagh 2 Day Horse Driving Trials 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.,** Ballyanny, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. Entries close Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. For further information please contact Ciara Gaynor on 087-6483567

### EDUCATION

**Sport Horse Breeders Skillnet Sales and Marketing course** Goresbridge Horse Sales, 16<sup>th</sup> September, one day intensive course, €60 (lunch included). For further information please contact Nadia Rea on 045-854532 or email [nrea@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:nrea@horsesportireland.ie)

### EVENTING

**Necarne International Horse Trials** take place from 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September. Watch Ireland's top riders perform at this fabulous venue.

**Entry Reminders:** Grove online entries close on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.

**Craigantlet Rescheduled:** Craigantlet has been rescheduled to run on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Online entries will close on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September at noon.

**Six Events left in Season:** There are only six events scheduled to run until the end of the season. Events are scheduled for Grove, Craigantlet, Kilmanahan, Ballindenisk (2 day), Gurteen & Ballinacloyh. See [www.eventingireland.com](http://www.eventingireland.com) for more information.

**Stepping Stones Coaching & Training Programme for young 6-7 yr old horses started 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.** The programme runs over 6 days and is led by Senior Eventing High Performance Dressage & SJ coaches Ferdi Eilberg & Michael Quirke, in preparation for Le Lion d'Angers.

**Fontainebleau, France 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Capt. Brian Curran-Cournane and 'The Sally Rod' have had to withdraw from the squad due to injury & will be replaced by Ciaran Glynn with 'Killossery Kruisita'. The new squad is: Ciaran Glynn, 'Killossery Kruisita'; Sacha Pemble, 'I've Been Dun; Elizabeth Power, 'Kilpatrick River'; Patricia Ryan, 'Fernhill Clover Mist; Sarah Wardell, 'Killeenduff Boy'; Sam Watson, 'Horseware Bushman'.

**Irish Teams begin battle for European Championships** Irish Junior & Young Rider teams began their battle on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. for the European Championships titles in Waregem, Belgium. Comdt. Brian McSweeney, Chef d'Equipe to the two Irish squads, confirmed his teams: European Young Rider Team: Peter Hannigan, First Mate (ISH): Ruth Robinson, Tamino 202; Brian Morrison, Dances With Wolves (ISH); Camilla Speirs, Portersize Just A Jiff (ISH).

European Junior Team: Rachel Power, 'TLB Interactive' (ISH); Lauren Persse, 'Darragh Promise' (ISH); David Hannigan, 'Red Baron' (ISH); Michelle Kenny, 'Golden Orphan' (ISH).

### JUMPING

**6 Riders in top 100 World Rank** The latest Rolex FEI World Jumping Rankings now show 6 Irish riders in the top 100 for competitions completed by the end of August, 2009. 4 of those appear in the top 50. Jessica Kurten is highest ranked at 19<sup>th</sup>, Denis Lynch remains at 27<sup>th</sup> place. Cian O'conor has moved up 2 places to take 33<sup>rd</sup> position. Billy Twomey is ranked (43), Darragh Kerins (84), Cameron Hanley (85), Conor Swail (111), Shane Sweetnam (134), Shane Breen (159) & Dermott Lennon (192).

**HSI's team manager Robert Splaine reveals team for Spruce Meadows Nations' Cup** taking place in Spruce Meadows, Canada, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Irish team consists of: Shane Breen 'Carmena Z', Cameron Hanley 'Southwind VDL', Dermott Lennon 'Hallmark Elite' & Cian O'Connor 'Rancorrado'. Check out [www.horsesportireland.ie/participation](http://www.horsesportireland.ie/participation)

**Determined Hanley misses European Bronze Medal by a whisker.** Cameron Hanley jumped a double clear round with just a single time fault in the final competition of the European Individual show jumping championships in Windsor on 30<sup>th</sup> August. He missed winning a medal by just .65 of a point.

**Ireland finish 7<sup>th</sup> in European Team Championships** after a tension filled 2 rounds at Windsor, England on 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. A clear round from Darragh Kerins and 'Night Train' and two 4 fault rounds from Cameron Hanley with 'SIEC Livello' and Cian O'Connor on 'Rancorrado'.

### PONIES

**A record 270 members took part in IPC Tetrathlon Championships held at Tattersalls on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.** Members swam at the National Aquatic Centre, shot at Bracetown and ran and rode at Tattersalls. 354 members took part in the Horse Trials Championships at Marguerite Lodge, with Meath Hunt Branch taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Members Team Competition, which went on to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the UK Pony Club Championships.

### FACT FILE

**Horse Colours** Horses can be either the same colour all over (whole colours) or a mixture of colours (broken colours). There are thousands of different colour combinations for horses. The most commonly recognized whole colours are bay, black, brown, chestnut, dun, cream, palomino or grey. The broken colours include piebald (often called pinto), skewbald (also known as paint horses), roan and spotted (Appaloosa) horses.