



BREEDING

Important Notice: For the month of October the registration Unit phone lines **will only be opened between 1.30pm – 3.30pm each day**. This is due to clearing the backlog & processing passport. Please note that the processing of passports is taking 10 working days.

FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horse, Le Lion d'Angers, France 2009 from 15th - 18th Oct. The following horse & rider combinations have been selected to represent the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at the Championships: **6 Year Olds:** 'Amacuzzi' (ISH) & Stuart Crawford, 'BLM Diamond Delux' (ISH) & Sarah Ennis, 'BT Crew Master' (ISH) & Camilla Speirs. **7 Year Olds:** 'Coolio' (ISH) & Mark Kyle, 'GFG Rambo Man' (ISH) & Sam Watson, 'Killossery Harvey' (ISH) & Ciaran Glynn, 'Roll On Dargle' (ISH) & Melanie Ashe, 'Sumas Black Fox' (ISH) & Nicola Ennis, 'Westwinds El Divo' (ISH) & Louise Codd.

Some Day Soon (ISH) & Piggy French (GBR) take Individual Silver at European Eventing Championships 23rd - 27th Sept. Best of the Irish was Patricia Ryan who finished in 19th place with Fernhill Clover Mist (ISH).

DRIVING

Punchestown Hunt Festival 17th & 18th Oct. A wonderful opportunity for drivers to compete at such a large event with an enthusiastic audience. Interested drivers should contact Sarah Mullins on 086-8180060.

EVENTING

HSI High Performance Manager Ginny Elliott confirms team for Boekelo International Event in the Netherlands 8th – 10th Oct. In total 8 Irish combinations will compete but the Chef d'Equipe must select 4 combinations to count towards the team score. The selected combinations are: Camilla Speirs; 'Portersize Just a Jiff', Elizabeth Power; 'September Bliss', Aoife Sisk; 'Master Crusoe', Michael Ryan; 'Ballylynch Adventure'.

Ballindenisk Results Capt Geoff Curran won the CNC*** at Ballindenisk on his Olympic ride Kilkishen, back on form after a recent break. Capt Curran also claimed 4th on The Jump Jet. Geoff's winning streak also stretched to the O/CNC** on 'Luggala'. Trisha Ryan won the CNC* on 'Lady Chatterbox'.

Entry Reminders Last event of the season, Ballinacloy online entries close on Tuesday 13th Oct. at noon.

Tredstep Junior Rider League Final leg of Tredstep Junior Rider League takes place at Gurteen College on 10th Oct. See www.eventingireland.com for more information.

JUMPING

Jessica Kurten wins the 4-star Grand Prix at Moorsele in Belgium 4th Oct. where she was one of only 2 Irish competitors in a field of 50 starters. Jessica riding Lady Georgina Forbes's 9 year-old mare 'Castle Forbes Myrtille Paulois' through 2 clear rounds & powered the horse across the line in a 16-horse jump off just under a second ahead of last year's winner, the Netherlands' Uriel Taken and 'Rendez-Vous', to claim the €12,500 first prize.

The Grand Prix was dedicated to Jean-Claude van Geenberghe, the famous Belgian Olympic show jumper who died earlier this year at the age of 46 from a cerebral haemorrhage after dismounting from his horse.

Shane Breen 2nd & Alex Duffy 6th In the Athens Grand Prix, Shane Breen claiming the runner-up spot with 'Carmena Z'. Alex Duffy came in 6th place on 'Tampa'. Nicola FitzGibbon, riding her own 12 year-old bay gelding 'Puissance', took 7th & Niall Talbot & 'Tequi d'I' finished 14th in a field of 34 starters.

PARA EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE

6 riders qualified for the Dressage Ireland National Championships which were recently held in Cavan. All the riders achieved a very pleasing standard in the competition which was held over 2 days. Congratulations to Eilish Byrne (Grade II) who is 2009 Para Equestrian Irish National Champion & to Breda Bernie (Grade Ib) who is reserve champion. Many thanks to Dressage Ireland for including the Paras in their Championships & making us all feel most welcome. Kathryn Wheelock travelled from GB for the competition, where she also recently qualified & took part in the Para Equestrian class at the British Dressage National Championships.

PONIES

Congratulations to 11 yr old Shannon Sheridan who had great success at the BSPS Championship at Grantham. Riding her mother's 122cm pony, 'Padley Little Richard', she won the Gold Cup Championship against all heights as well as 3 other championships.

Winter Foal Show & Seminar 2009 The IPS Winter Foal Show has been scheduled for November 29th 2009. Show commences at 10.30am and will be held in Roscrea Equestrian Centre. Entries close Thursday 19th November (no entries on the day).

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

Assessment Day The venue for the next Assessment Day on Tues. 27th Oct. is Gurteen College, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. Cost €150. For more info www.aire.ie (under news & events).

TOURISM RELATED EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES

TREC Ireland Irish Championships 19th & 20th Sept held in Bracklin Little Co. Offaly by kind permission of Carina O'Donovan. Riders came from North East & West Cork, Leinster & Mid West to fight it out for the title of Irish Champion, which in the end was done by French riders Claire Bigot (member of Leinster TREC) & Frederic Airoldi. All groups were well represented in the results, with Leinster's Rosemarie Bryson winning Best PTV, West Cork's Shirley Squire winning Best Control of Paces, Mid West's Bambi Carroll & Dede Clune winning Best POR. Best Connemara went to Kirstie Haverty, Best Irish Draught to Judy Pearson, Best Under 16 to Iona Nicol & Best International Rider went to Frederic Airoldi. For more info www.trecireland.com

FACT FILE

You will often hear a horse referred to as 'rising 4' or 'rising 5'. This means that they are about to turn that age. The term is used most often when talking about young horses.