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BREEDING

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook has topped the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horse Rankings for the breeding of Event Horses for the 15th year in a row. The ISH Studbook has also been awarded 2nd place in the Studbook rankings, following the World Breeding Championships for Event Horses, which took place in Le Lions d'Angers in October.

Results for the Irish Draught Mare Inspections & Stallion Inspections. The results for the Irish Draught Mare Inspections in Sept. 2009 and Stallion Inspections in Oct. 2009 are now available at www.horsesportireland.ie/hsi-publications.102.html.

Central Testing of Irish Draught Stallions ends on 26th Nov. The 8 Irish Draught stallions currently in Central Testing at Tom Slattery's will undergo the end term inspection on 26th Nov. starting at 10am.

ISH Colt Retention Scheme & ID Colt Retention Scheme Colts selected in 2008 for the above schemes will be examined by HSI for compliance on 24th & 25th Nov. at selected centres.

HSI publishes Irish Draught policy for consultation HSI has published the draft report of the Irish Draught Horse Taskforce for consideration by breeders, available to download at www.horsesportireland.ie under HSI publications. HSI is seeking comments before Friday 20th Nov. for further consideration by the Taskforce, who will then submit its final report to the HSI Breeding Sub-Board.

DRESSAGE

Training with Tracy Robinson 3rd Dec. International Dressage Trainer, Tracy Robinson is coming to Marlton Stud on 3rd Dec. Lessons at all levels available. Contact Gillian Kyle, Eastern Region on 086-2581038 or see www.dressageireland.ie

Youthclub Training Camp 28th – 29th Nov. Sonnar Murray-Brown is returning to Burnside House, Antrim to give another training camp. Contact Barbara Hanna at rokvalestude1@utvinternet.com if you are interested in a lesson.

Autumn/Winter Schedule can be viewed online at www.dressageireland.ie/shows/dates.htm

DRIVING

The Carriage Driving Section of HSI Annual Awards Dinner Dance takes place on Fri. 27th Nov. at 8pm in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois. Tickets: €32. Please contact Sarah Mullins on 086-8180060 for tickets.

Carriage Driving 2010 Calendars Now on Sale. All proceeds will go towards the Irish Junior Drivers Fund. Cost €12 each + P&P. Calendars are available from Ger Hennessy on 087-2431413. They will also be for sale at the HSI Annual Dinner Dance on 27th Nov.

EVENTING

Mike Etherington-Smith Stewards Course British Eventing CEO and Olympic Course Designer Mike Etherington-Smith will be holding a course for Stewards & Course Builders on 20th Feb. 2010 at Tattersalls. Contact Alison Packman at Alison@eventingireland.com for details.

Northern Region Awards Ball Sat. 28th Nov. at Ramada Hotel Belfast. Tickets can be booked online at www.eventingireland.com

Book a lesson with International Show Jumping Trainer Ken Clawson at Marlton Stud, Wicklow on Wed. 2nd Dec. Contact Gillian Kyle on 086-2581038 for details.

Ride safely XC Seminar with William Micklem The Munster region has arranged a XC seminar open to all with William Micklem on Friday 4th Dec. at Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. Contact Niamh Morrison on 087-2265075. Cost €10.

JUMPING

CSI4* Vienna Austria 13th – 16th Nov. Cameron Hanley won the Two Phase competition on 'VDL Rocksina HD' and came close to another victory by finishing 2nd in the Derby. Cameron also was 3rd in the Austrian Golden Trophy competition. Thomas Ryan finished 4th in the Derby on 'Urleven van de Helle'.

CSI5* Doha Qatar 11th – 14th Nov. Jessica Kurten claimed two Victories on 'Castle Forbes Cosma' in the opening days. Denis Lynch finished 5th on "All Inclusive NRW" in the hotly-contested Global Tour Final. Only 18 qualified for this Final which had substantial prize funds.

CSI5*-W Verona Italy 6th – 8th Nov. Cameron Hanley had 2 top 10 places and also won the Two Phase competition. Cian O'Connor claimed the runner-up spot with Irish bred 'Irish Independent Echo Beach' in the Speed Class.

CSI4* -W Toronto Canada 6th – 15th Nov. Dermott Lennon finished 3rd on 'Hallmark Elite' in the Canadian Grand Prix on 14th Nov. The same pair came 3rd in the World Cup competition. Dermott also won with 'Tolett' in the \$25,000 Power & Speed, and again took victory with the same horse in the speed competition.

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PONIES

Tickets for the European Championship Fundraiser are now available in all areas. 1st Prize: €2,000; 2nd Prize: €500; 3rd-7th Prizes: €100 each. Draw will take place on Saturday 9th Jan. 2010. The Irish Pony Society would like to thank everyone who has put time and effort into selling raffle tickets and to all who purchased tickets.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

Association of Irish Riding Establishments (AIRE) Please see www.aire.ie for BHS Training Courses, First Aid & Child Protection Course dates over the winter. AIRE continues to encourage its members to upskill and improve their training methods.

FACT FILE

Did you Know Showjumping was first heard of in France. Early showjumping shows consisted of a parade of competitors who took off jumping across country. This sport was, however, not popular with spectators and it wasn't long before fences began to appear in the arena. This became known as 'Lepping'. The first 'horse leaping' competition took place at the Dublin Horse Show in 1869.