



### ARMY EQUITATION

**Capt. O'Brien injures ankle** Capt. David O'Brien fractured a bone in his ankle during the last competition of the year in Wieze, Belgium on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Thankfully this came at the end of a successful jumping season for David, although unfortunately he will spend the next few weeks in plaster. In the qualifier, O'Brien & 'Mo Chroi' (ISH) finished less than a second behind the winner in a field of 78. We wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

### DRESSAGE

**Train the Trainers Day with Conrad Schumacher** will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10am to 12.30pm & 13.30pm to 15.45pm Venue: Spruce Lodge, Ballyrogan Stud, Redcross, Co. Wicklow. For more details phone 0404-47377/086-8373348 or email [joanakeogh@eircom.net](mailto:joanakeogh@eircom.net)

### DRIVING

**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.

### EDUCATION

Horse Sport Ireland Coaching Courses 2010		
	Date	Venue
<b>Intro Level</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Tues)	Ballyellen EC, Gorey, Co. Wexford
<b>Intro Level</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb (Tues)	Kennedy EC, Adare, Co. Limerick
<b>Intro Level</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March (Tues)	Castle Leslie EC, Glaslough, Co. Monaghan
<b>Intro Level</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March (Tues)	Tubberbride, Collooney, Co. Sligo
<b>Level 1</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb (days 3 & 4)	Cavan EC, Co. Cavan
<b>Level 1</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> (days 3 & 4)	Coillog EC, Kilmeague, Naas, Co. Kildare
<b>Level 1</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Spruce Lodge, Redcross, Co. Wicklow
<b>Level 1</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Maryville Stables, Carrigaline, Co. Cork
<b>Level 1</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Kernan EC, Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh
<b>Level 1</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Upper Mace EC, Claremorris, Co. Mayo
<b>Level 2</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Kill EC, Kill, Co. Kildare
<b>Level 2</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Tattersalls, Ratoath, Co. Meath

For further info. or to receive an application form, contact Avril O'Byrne on 045-854521 or at [aobyrne@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:aobyrne@horsesportireland.ie)

### EVENTING

**Mike Etherington-Smith Stewards Course** British Eventing CEO & Olympic Course Designer Mike Etherington-Smith will be holding a course for Stewards & Course Builders on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at Tattersalls. Please contact Alison Packman in the first instance to express your interest [Alison@eventingireland.com](mailto:Alison@eventingireland.com)

**Ride safely XC Seminar with William Micklem** The Munster region has arranged a XC seminar open to all with William Micklem on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Firgrove Hotel, Michelstown. For more info contact Niamh Morrison on 087 2265075, cost €10.

**Training with Becky Cullen HSI Level 2 Coach** Focus on your xc riding skills by training with Becky Cullen. €45 per horse/rider for training at three locations in December. Contact Becky on: 044-7976071222 for further information or at [www.eventingireland.com](http://www.eventingireland.com)

### JUMPING

**CSI4\* Maastricht Netherlands 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Cian O'Connor was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Maastricht speed class on 'Splendor'.

**CSI3\* Dresden, Germany, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Shane Carey had a win in the first Speed Class on 'Twister W' and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place on 'Lotus Elise' in the Grand Prix Qualifier. On 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Billy Twomey was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the second Grand Prix Qualifier on 'Blue Thunder', he also won the second Speed Class, with 'Ceasar'. Finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the same class was Shane Carey on 'Twister W'.

**CSI3\* Wieze Belgium 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.** Trevor Coyle was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Belgian Grand Prix on 'Bijon van de Vijfheide'.

**CSI5\* Stuttgart, Germany 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.** Denis Lynch wins the rentES Speed Master competition on 'Upsilon d'Ocquier'. Denis past the post a mere fiftieth of a second clear of Germany to collect the trophy.

### HSI NEWSLETTER

**The HSI E-Newsletter is Now Available Online.** To view & download the HSI Newsletter, please click under HSI Publications on the HSI website. All back issues are available at [www.horsesportireland.ie/hsi-publications/hsi-newsletter.4927.html](http://www.horsesportireland.ie/hsi-publications/hsi-newsletter.4927.html)

### PONIES

#### Irish Pony Riders take top two places in Belgian Grand Prix 29th Nov.

14 year-old Emma O'Dwyer rode 'Kalim De Montlieu' to victory, while 15 year-old Michael Duffy on 'Silloque Darkie' was in the runner-up spot in a field of 31 international starters. Both riders were members of the Irish European Silver Medal-winning team in August's European Championships at Moorsele in Belgium. Michael Duffy also claimed the runner-up spot in the Juniors' Grand Prix on Irish-bred grey gelding 'Killard Horizon'. Ireland had consistent success at the Belgian venue, with another European Team Silver Medallist, Emily Turkington, claiming 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Two Phase class, with Michael Duffy again runner-up. Turkington also won the speed class.

### RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS

**Association of Irish Riding Establishments (AIRE)** BHS Riding & Road Safety Exam dates 2010 at [www.aire.ie](http://www.aire.ie) The BHS Riding & Road Safety Test is the only test that could potentially save your life. To book a place contact Di Parkinson, BHS Safety Dept. on 0044-1926707782. For First Aid & Child Protection course dates around the country log onto [www.aire.ie](http://www.aire.ie) and click onto news & events and scroll down to relevant topic.

### FACT FILE

**Did you know,** Eventing receives its roots from the military. During its first years the sport was so aptly named "The Militaire". Eventing was the military mission of a cavalry officer that had to deliver a message through enemy lines and back again.