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# News

## Glanbia and GAIN Horse Feeds to sponsor Team Ireland Equestrian

**I**n February, HSI announced that GAIN Horse Feeds will be the official feed consultants to Team Ireland Equestrian teams.

In addition, Glanbia and GAIN will be the official sponsor of Team Ireland Equestrian underage eventing and showjumping teams.

### Official sponsor

Henry Corbally, Glanbia PLC vice chairman explained: "Team Ireland Equestrian teams have made fantastic progress in recent years, with consistently excellent results culminating in an Olympic medal and Paralympic medals in 2012. Glanbia and GAIN Horse Feeds are delighted to be official sponsor of the underage teams to help build on this success for the future."

HSI Chairman Dr Patrick Wall said: "We are delighted that Glanbia and GAIN Horse Feeds are supporting Team Ireland Equestrian.

"The additional support to our un-



At the launch of the new partnership between HSI and GAIN Horse Feeds were [L-R] Katie Nolan, Young Rider Eventing Team Ireland silver medallist; Henry Corbally, vice chairman Glanbia PLC; Dr Patrick Wall, chairman Horse Sport Ireland; Max O'Reilly-Hyland, Junior Rider Eventing Team Ireland gold medallist.

derage teams will be very welcome, as will their expertise in equine nutrition.

"Glanbia is a very successful Irish

company on the world stage and we look forward to working with them over the next four years."

## New chairman of Horse Sport Ireland

**P**atrick Wall was appointed as the new chairman of Horse Sport Ireland on 6th February following his nomination by Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Leo Varadkar.

Patrick Wall is Professor of Public Health at University College Dublin and is qualified both as a veterinary surgeon

and a medical doctor. He was nominated by Minister Varadkar, in consultation with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, and with Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, Michael Ring, and appointed by the board of directors of Horse Sport Ireland.

Minister Varadkar said: "Patrick Wall brings a wealth of experience and expertise which will enable Horse Sport Ireland to develop further in the years ahead, building on the very solid foundation which has been laid for the organisation by outgoing chairman Joe Walsh.

His previous experience as a chairman and a chief executive will be useful in this role, along with his ongoing participation in equestrian sports. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Joe for his exemplary work in bringing the different elements of equestrian sport together and for his contribution to the sport".

Joe Walsh said: "Professor Wall has an outstanding CV and I am sure he will be a strong, progressive and independently-minded chairman of Horse Sport Ireland."

Dr Wall was co-author of the 2010 UCD report on horse welfare in Ireland, commissioned by World Horse Welfare. He is a co-director of the UCD/Redmills Advanced Certificate in Applied Equine Husbandry, a new course developed for individuals from the fledgling Chinese sport horse industry. He is the former head of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland and a former chairman of the European Food Safety Authority.

### HORSE SPORT IRELAND ISH & ID MARE INSPECTION DATES - SPRING 2013

The following dates and venues have been selected for the HSI Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Mare Inspections in Spring 2013.

DATE	VENUE
Monday 8th April	Topflight EC, Warrington, Co. Kilkenny
Wednesday 10th April	Galway EC, Athenry, Co. Galway

For an application form and fee details go to the breeding section of [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie)

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For further information please contact Antonette on 045-854508 or Lorraine on 045-854517.

**Closing date for entries is Friday 22nd March 2013**



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- Free access to CapallOir (subject to usage limit)
- Inclusion on the mailing list for publications
- €50 registration discount from FBD insurance
- Entitlement to vote in IHB elections





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It is an honour to be the new chairman of HSI and I hope with the help of the HSI executive staff and the members of the management board, sub boards and committees, that, together, we can build on the many achievements to date, overseen by my predecessor Joe Walsh.

We have never had as many elite riders willing and able to don the green jacket. The HSI coaching regimes are bearing fruit and we have a great cohort of young people coming through. We have great riders but we are currently not breeding enough horses capable of competing internationally in a showjumping sport that is continuously becoming more challenging.

We can regain our rightful position as we have the right type of land to breed good horses, we have the stock people to care for them and we have the riders both to produce and compete them – and we have a passion and enthusiasm for the horse unmatched by other countries. However, we need to acknowledge that we have to become very selective in the mares and stallions we use if we aspire to breed more horses for the lucrative market of international hopefuls.

There is a global market for a range of horses of different abilities for riders of different capabilities. As we face into the new breeding season, we have to do so with optimism and confidence but breeders must consider what segment of the market they are targeting with their breeding strategy.

The high net worth individuals need to be looking to Ireland as the optimum source of sound performers. If we can achieve this, we will get the financial return we deserve for our efforts. The thoroughbred breeders have the mantra: "France for the wine, Brazil for the coffee and Ireland for the horses!". And that's the way it should be for the sport horse also.



**Dr Patrick Wall**  
Chairman,  
Horse Sport Ireland



National Development Plan 2007 - 2013

# International horse of the year

## Flexible tops off a glittering 2012

**I**RISH Sport Horse Flexible won the prestigious United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) International Horse of the Year award for 2012 in January.

Flexible was bred in Ireland by Edward and Catherine Doyle. Partnered by the 53-year-old American rider Rich Fellers, at 17, Flexible himself is one of the oldest horses competing at the top level of international show jumping.

Now owned by US couple Harry and Mollie Chapman, Flexible had a remarkable year in 2012, and, among other major victories, won the show jumping World Cup for America after a 25 year drought and also finished eighth individually in the London Olympics.

A son of the famous Approved Irish Sport Horse stallion Cruising, who was runner-up in the World Cup in 1999 with Irish rider Trevor Coyle, Flexible is an Approved stallion in the Irish Sport Horse studbook.

Edward Doyle was honoured with the award for Breeder of the Top International Show Jumper by Horse Sport Ireland in November last year.

USEF said of its nomination of Flexible: "Flexible has done the unthinkable time after time in his storied career. The stallion with a unique jumping style has twice come back from career threatening injuries and captured top standings at prestigious competitions."

"In 2012, with rider Rich Fellers, Flexible ended the US's 25-year winning drought at the Rolex/FEI World Cup Jumping Finals by out-running the eventual Olympic champions in a jump-off for the ages. Flexible kept up his winning ways in

the 2012 US Show Jumping Observation Events where he claimed victory four times."

"He won twice in Del Mar (the \$50,000 Surfside Grand Prix and the \$100,000 Hermes Grand Prix of Del Mar) and then again six weeks later at Spruce Meadows. Fellers and Flexible jumped four clear rounds in two classes, including two jump-offs in Calgary, to win the \$35,000 Husky Energy Cup and the \$200,000 CN Performance Grand Prix. They then earned their ticket to represent the US at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, where they finished in the top ten and were the highest placing American pair."

Fellers says that Irish Sport Horses are sturdy, brave and intelligent, making them some of the finest equestrian athletes competing today.

"Their natural courage and instincts for jumping, combined with carefulness and competitive desire, make the Irish Sport Horse ideal for show jumping. Flexible is a joy to train. He is still enthusiastic about his work every day, even at the age of 17."

Winning the 2012 Showjumping World Cup finals in 's-Hertogenbosch in The Netherlands was the highlight of the Fellers/Flexible partnership – and indeed Fellers' entire career.

"It is quite unusual for a final to end up in a tie after



three days of competition requiring a jump-off to determine the clear winner," Fellers explains.

"It is also unusual, after completing so many massive rounds, that the two tied horses would jump clear and fast in the jump-off. That was the case on the final day in 's-Hertogenbosch. Flexible's incredible heart and competitive fighting instincts carried us to victory."

"To win the world's most testing indoor competition is an amazing tribute to the quality of Irish breeding, and I want to congratulate the breeders Edward and Catherine Doyle and of course the American rider Rich Fellers for his tremendous skill. I believe it is a testament to the soundness and longevity of the Irish Sport Horse that a horse like Flexible can not only continue to compete at the age of 17, but also beat the world's best in the very toughest of competitions," said former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh after Flexible's victory at the Rolex FEI World Cup.

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Horses are**  
sturdy, brave and intelligent, making them some of the finest equestrian athletes competing today

— Rich Fellers



Edward Doyle receiving his award for 'Breeder of the Top International Showjumper' from HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher at the HSI Breeder Awards on 13th November in Gorey, Co Wexford.







## Festival 2013

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# Olympics & Paralympics review

## A huge success for Irish Sport Horses

**S**ixteen Irish-bred horses competed at the London Olympic Games, these included 15 Irish Sport Horses and one Irish-bred thoroughbred. Four Irish Sport Horses featured in the top 10 in Eventing, while two Irish Sport Horses finished in the top 20 in Showjumping.

### Eventing: Four in top 10

In Eventing, the British team that won the silver medal featured two Irish Sport Horses, Imperial Cavalier (individual fifth), ridden by Mary King, and High Kingdom (individual eighth), ridden by Zara Phillips. The top-placed Irish rider was Aoife Clark on board Master Crusoe (ISH) who finished seventh individually. The top-placed US horse was Mr Medicott (ISH), who finished ninth individually with Karen O'Connor. The remarkable 20-year-old Lenamore (ISH), ridden by Caroline Powell, was part of the New Zealand bronze medal winning team. The Irish Team finished fifth overall and consisted of five Irish Sport Horses. The next best Irish rider was Joseph Murphy, who finished 14th on Electric Cruise (ISH), while Mark Kyle finished 21st on Coolio (ISH).

### Showjumping: Two in top 20

In Showjumping, two Irish Sport Horses finished in the top 20, with Flexible (ISH) and Rich Fellers finishing eighth for the USA and the mare Castlefield Eclipse (ISH) and Paul Estermann finishing 17th for Switzerland.

### Paralympics: One silver, two bronze

In the Paralympics, Helen Kearney from Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow, rode the remarkable Mister Cool (ISH) to win individual silver and individual bronze medals and led Ireland to a historic team bronze medal.

Horse Sport Ireland produced a special supplement with details of all Irish Sport Horses selected for the Olympic Games and a list of all Irish Sport Horses that made the nominated entry list. This was widely circulated to the media at the Games and was used by TV commentators all over the world



who announced breeding details for these Irish Sport Horses.

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, also issued a press release congratulating the breeders, commenting: **"This is a fantastic accolade for all the Irish Sport Horse breeders involved. To breed a horse that is good enough to be selected for the Olympic Games is a great honour. Ireland is known throughout the world as a horse breeding nation and this is even further evidence of our prowess in the breeding of sport horses."**







#### NUMBERED CAPTIONS:

1. Mister Cool & Helen Kearney (IRL) – Paralympics Individual Silver, Individual Bronze, Team Bronze
2. High Kingdom & Zara Phillips (GBR) Eventing Team 2nd & Individual 8th
3. Lenamore & Caroline Powell (NZL) Eventing Team 3rd
4. Flexible & Rich Fellers (USA) Showjumping Individual 8th
5. Mr Medicott & Karen O'Connor (USA) Eventing Individual 9th
6. Electric Cruise & Joseph Murphy (IRL) Eventing Team 5th & Individual 14th
7. Imperial Cavalier & Mary King (GBR) Eventing Team 2nd & Individual 5th
8. Coolio & Mark Kyle (IRL) Eventing Team 5th & Individual 21st
9. Castlefield Eclipse & Paul Estermann (SUI) Showjumping Team 4th & Individual 17th
10. Master Crusoe & Aoife Clark (IRL) Eventing Team 5th & Individual 7th

## Industry report

# How the sport horse industry contributes to the economy

An in-depth study into the sport horse industry was commissioned by Horse Sport Ireland in 2012. The study was funded under the National Development Plan 2007 to 2013 and was prepared under the guidance of Dr Alan Fahey, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science.

The resulting report – *Economic Contribution of the Sport Horse Industry to the Irish Economy* – was launched by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, on 21st November.

The report examined participation, employment and expenditure within the main sport horse sectors: breeding, hunting, competition, equestrian leisure, showing and country shows. Sport horse trade, imports and exports were also examined.

The results of the study highlight the importance of the sport horse industry and its contribution to the Irish economy. Some of the key findings include:

- The sport horse industry contributes €708 million per annum to the Irish economy.
- The sport horse population in Ireland was estimated to be 124,000 equines.
- Over 47,000 people are estimated to be involved in the industry.
- Some 29,295 individuals derive all or part of their income from the sector.
- Total full-time employment in the sector was estimated to be in excess of 12,500 people.

### Breeding sector

Breeding was found to be the largest sector within the industry and accounted for a total expenditure of €226 million within the economy. It was estimated there are approximately 15,110 active breeders in the sport horse industry and 74% of employment within the industry is attributed

to the breeding sector.

In 2011, there were over 9,000 foals registered in Ireland (excluding thoroughbreds) in studbooks approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the majority of which (approximately 90%) were registered in the Irish Horse Register or the Connemara Pony Studbook.

The reported use of AI among sport horse breeders doubled in Ireland between 2005 and 2011, reaching 32% in 2011.

Although AI usage has increased in Ireland in recent years, it still lags behind other European countries where usage rates are generally over 90%.

### Horse sales

The sale of horses through private sales and public auction was investigated using data from public sales venues and questionnaire responses.

It was estimated that 73% of horses are sold privately at an average value of €4,755 and 27% are sold through public auction at an average price of €2,296. With regard to horses sold for export, it was estimated that 56% sold



at auction are exported and 44% sold privately are destined to go abroad.

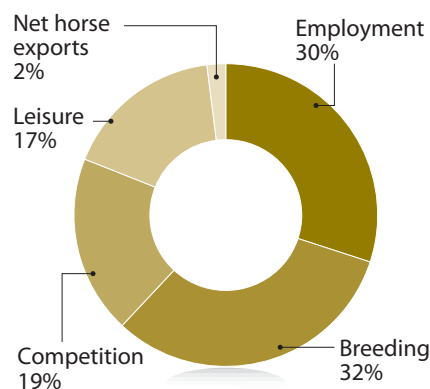
Overall, the report demonstrates that the sport horse industry in Ireland is a vibrant and complex one. While separate sectors exist (breeding, competition, leisure, etc.) they have a strong symbiotic relationship and, when all sectors are combined, the extent and importance of the industry is evident. Sport horse activity is prevalent in every county in Ireland and, for a relatively modest Government investment, it makes a very significant impact on the Irish economy.

Speaking after the launch of the report, Minister Coveney said: "The sport horse sector is an important part of the economic and social fabric of rural Ireland.

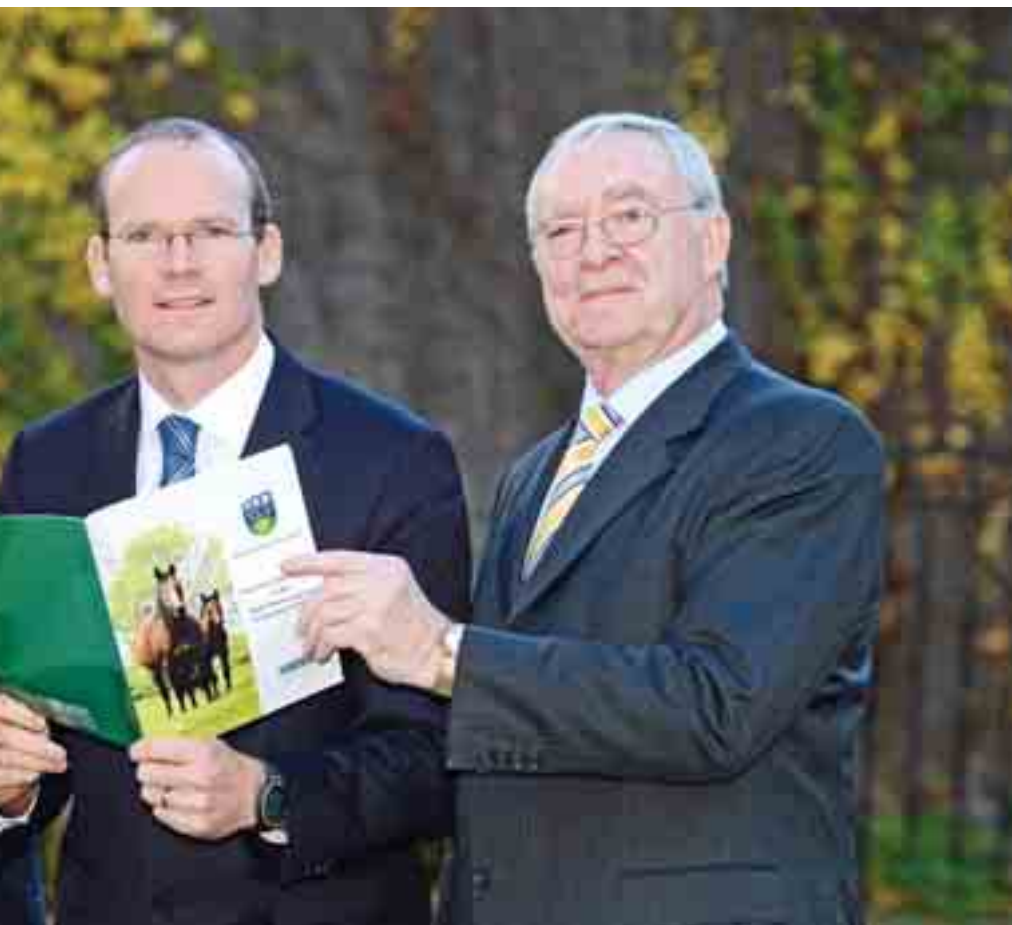
"This report confirms that fact and also provides a very useful source of up-to-date information in terms of devising policy for the sector. I am very pleased that my Department was able to fund the project through the National Development Plan and I want to compliment UCD and Horse Sport Ireland for the professional way in which the project results were presented".

Former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh said: "I would like to thank UCD and our affiliate bodies for their assistance with the project which is a

### Distribution of expenditure in the sport horse sector







[L-R] Dr Alan Fahey, UCD School of Agriculture & Food Science, Minister for Agriculture, Food & The Marine Simon Coveney and former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh at the launch of the industry report on 21st November.

comprehensive and detailed piece of work. It will be very helpful in demonstrating how important the sport horse sector is to every parish and village in Ireland”.

Copies of *Economic Contribution of the Sport Horse Industry to the Irish Economy* can be downloaded from the HSI website [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie). Hard copies are available upon request from HSI. Tel: +353 (0)45 850800 or Email: [info@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:info@horsesportireland.ie)



## Horse Sport Ireland in partnership with Irish Ferries Freight



### HSI International Shows 2013

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) is delighted to announce that Irish Ferries Freight has generously extended its preferential rates to include international competitors competing at international shows here in Ireland. Preferential rates on Irish Ferries for the transport of horses are now available to members of HSI Affiliate Organisations and also international competitors who will be competing in Ireland with an FEI registration number.

Irish Ferries sailings are available from Dublin to Holyhead, Rosslare to Pembroke and from Ireland to France via Rosslare to Cherbourg or Roscoff. For information on all services including sailing schedules visit [www.irishferriesfreight.com](http://www.irishferriesfreight.com)

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## Northern Ireland Horse Board affiliates to Horse Sport Ireland



(L-R) Des Stewart, Treasurer NIHB, Samuel J. Smyth, Chairman NIHB, Alison Corbally, HSI Director of Breeding & Programmes, Joe Walsh, former Chairman HSI, Damian McDonald, CEO HSI, at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk on 30th November.

**I**n an historic move, the Northern Ireland Horse Board (NIHB) became affiliated to Horse Sport Ireland from 1st January 2013. The decision to affiliate was approved unanimously at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Northern Ireland Horse Board in November.

Chairman of the Northern Ireland Horse Board, Sam Smyth, said: "We are delighted to have reached this agreement with Horse Sport Ireland. Breeders in Northern Ireland will now receive the same benefits that Horse Sport Ireland is providing to members of the Irish Horse Board.

"Our members are particularly excited about having access to CapallOir as we have been hearing great reports of it from our colleagues across the border.

"The fact that our breeders will be dealing directly with Horse Sport Ireland in relation to registration matters will also improve efficiency.

"The NIHB office will remain open and we will be focusing on recruiting new members and providing seminars

and other services to our members," he explained.

### Registration discounts

As a result of this decision, members of the NIHB will receive registration discounts on the same basis as members of the Irish Horse Board (IHB). All passports and registration applications will be sent directly to Horse Sport Ireland in Naas, Co. Kildare, and all processing will be carried out by Horse Sport Ireland.

NIHB members will also receive Horse Sport Ireland publications and will have free access to the widely acclaimed horse resource database CapallOir, up to the same usage limit as IHB members.

The NIHB has also agreed to support an additional leg of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Series, to be held in Northern Ireland, as well as joint initiatives in other disciplines.

### Historic development

When the initiative was first announced, former HSI Chairman Joe

Walsh commented that this was "an historic development for the sport horse sector.

"The NIHB is the democratically elected representative body for breeders in Northern Ireland. Horse Sport Ireland has already been recognised as the Governing Body by Sport Northern Ireland."

### Working together

"Since Horse Sport Ireland was established our modus operandi has been to work with the democratic bodies within the sector to try and pull the sector together.

"The only way to move forward is by working together. I am particularly pleased that this decision was approved unanimously at an EGM of the NIHB."

"The real challenge now is to secure more funding for our sector so that we can have improved prize money, and the organisation of an aggressive marketing programme and new training and education programmes at grassroots level."





## Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada harmonises with Ireland

**T**he Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada (IDHSC) has entered into a harmonisation agreement with Ireland. This follows on from the agreement in 2011 which saw the Irish Draught Horse Society of Great Britain (IDHSGB) agreeing to harmonise their studbook rules with the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland.

Under this agreement, Canada has adopted Ireland's classification and inspection system for Irish Draught Horses. In return, Canada's Irish Draught Horses are now entered into the Irish Draught Horse Studbook in Ireland, giving Canadian horses the same standing in Europe as Irish Draught Horses owned and bred in Ireland and in the UK.

More specifically, this means breeders in Ireland and the UK can now use Canadian Draught stallions (and mares) in their breeding programmes, following the same rules for the progeny's eligibility for registration or inspection.

### Worldwide evidence-based approach

The harmonisation agreement is the result of many years of discussion between the Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada and Horse Sport Ireland. Canada sees this agreement as a major step towards a worldwide approach to understanding, preserving and protecting the Irish Draught Horse herd.

"Canada is pleased to be the first non-EU Irish Draught Horse Studbook to harmonise with Ireland," commented Cheryl Anderson, registration officer for Canada, adding: "Harmonisation of Canada does two things for the breed. Firstly, it adds another herd into the HSI database of Irish Draughts found worldwide. HSI's analysis of Irish Draught Studbook genetics allows Canada, the UK and Ireland to take an evidence-based approach to decisions on respective studbook direction. Secondly, it removes trade barriers between Canada and Europe, consistent with our pending free-trade agreement. This is helpful not only to people looking to buy and sell horses, it allows for much freer and less expensive movement of genetic material, which becomes very important when we try to introduce or re-introduce given bloodlines into a country."



At the signing of the Irish Draught Canada agreement. [L-R] Alison Corbally, HSI Director of Breeding & Programmes, Heather Chaplin, Sue Benson, Brian Gates, Cheryl Anderson, IDHSC registration officer and Deirdre Harty, HSI assistant breeding manager, at the RDS in August 2012.



Dr Charlotte Moore discusses measuring bone on A Real Gem by Glidawn Diamond out of Gurraun Mijanou.

The inaugural meeting of International Irish Draught Daughter Studbooks took place at the RDS Dublin Horse Show in August last year, where Canada formally signed the harmonisation agreement.

After the meeting Ms Anderson commented: "The Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada has long believed that if we are serious about preserving the Irish Draught and its characteristics, we must have a single, fact-based understanding of the herd – its composition, its genetics and its traits – on a worldwide basis. Ireland (HSI) has demonstrated that it is willing and able to collect, analyse and share this type of information."

Mare and gelding inspections quickly followed the harmonisation agreement. In October, Dr Charlotte Moore and John Butler travelled to Toronto to conduct inspections and to provide

what turned out to be a very successful education seminar on linear scoring. The owners and participants travelled as much as 800km to watch the process, to listen and learn.

### Strong working relationships

Alison Corbally, HSI Director of Breeding and Programmes commented: "It has taken a lot of dialogue, meetings and the development of strong working relationships over the past two years to arrive at this point. I think it is an exciting development for the long-term future of the Irish Draught breed. This will enable easier and hopefully greater trade in both semen and horses in the future, which can only augur well for the spread of genetics within the breed."

Canada is looking forward to a long and fruitful partnership with Ireland and Britain in preserving and promoting the Irish Draught Horse.

# Breeder feature

# Imperial Cavalier impresses at London

**I**MPERIAL Cavalier was the most successful Irish Sport Horse in Eventing at the London 2012 Olympics, securing a silver medal for Team GB and an Individual fifth placing for Mary King. Together since 2007, Imperial Cavalier and Mary King have competed in an incredible nine four-star international events including London 2012.

## World-leading ISH Studbook

Imperial Cavalier, ranked fifth by the World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses (WBFSH), along with Mr Medicott (ISH) ranked first, have helped to raise the profile of the Irish Sport Horse around the world. With Irish Sport Horses of this calibre, it comes as no surprise that the Irish Sport Horse Studbook is currently the leading event horse studbook in the world, winning the FEI WBFSH World Studbook Rankings for Eventing in 2012 (see *Table 1* below).

Bred by John Brennan of Ballyscanlon, Tramore, Co. Waterford, John broke Imperial Cavalier and produced him until he was a four-year-old, as he does with many of his youngsters, then sold him in Goresbridge to Vicky Brake. Vicky began eventing him until

Mary King took over the ride in 2007.

John's aim has always been – and still is – to breed a “good jumping horse with blood and plenty of quality”. Imperial Cavalier's dam Gene Pool (ISH) by Imperius (TB) died last year aged 28, having bred 11 foals with the last born in 2009. Currently, John has three half-sisters to Imperial Cavalier.

Imperius added a lot of quality to Imperial Cavalier, particularly in scope and movement. According to John, it was evident immediately that he was “a gorgeous horse from the day he was born”. He wasn't easy as a three-year-old and it wasn't until he was four or five that he began to show his true potential. John wasn't surprised as many of his siblings had been the same.

Imperial Cavalier was never bold but often energetic, tough and sharp. John explained that “he could spot something five minutes before you would” and that “you'd need a good breakfast before you'd ride him”.

In the run-up to London 2012, Mary King discussed her plans and aims for the Olympics, commenting: “I am so pleased that ‘Archie’ will get the chance to compete at an Olympic Games, he so deserves this opportunity and I am sure he will rise to the occa-



sion. He is a big, powerful horse which means he should be able to cope well with the undulations and be strong enough to handle galloping up and down those hills.”

## Imperial Cavalier's achievements

Imperial Cavalier has had an extremely successful career to date. In 2007, he competed in his first four star in Pau, France, where he finished second with Mary King on board.

In 2008 the pair finished in third position at one of the world's toughest four star cross-country tracks; Burghley Horse Trials. In 2009, an injury ruled him out of the European Championships in Fontainebleau, France.

Since returning to competition in

**Table 1: FEI WBFSH World Rankings Top 6 Irish Sport Horses – counting towards ISH Studbook win**

RANK	HORSE	BIRTH YEAR	SIRE	DAM	DAM SIRE	BREEDER	RIDER
1st	Mr Medicott (ISH)	1999	Cruising (ISH)	Slieveluachra (ISH)	Edmund Burke (TB)	Dr Donal Geaney	Karen O'Connor (USA)
5th	Imperial Cavalier (ISH)	1997	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Gene Pool (ISH)	Imperius (TB)	John Brennan	Mary King (GBR)
26th	Sugar Brown Babe (ISH)	2002	Porsch (BWP)	Sugar Cube (ISH)	Renkum English (KWPN)	Miriam Cunning	Sarah Ennis (IRL)
29th	The Jump Jet (ISH)	1998	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Sea water (ISH)	Triggerero (TB)	Andrew Thornton	Capt. Geoff Curran (IRL)
33rd	Trading Aces (ISH)	2004	Coervers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Ballyvannon Beauty VII (ISH)	Leabeg (ISH)	Patrick Minogue	Boyd Martin (USA)
39th	Ballynoe Castle RM (ISH)	2000	Ramiro B (BWP)	Ballyvaldon Natalie (ISH)	Blue Laser (TB)	Sylvester Cullen	Bruce Davidson JNR (USA)





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■ **BREEDING:** Imperial Cavalier (ISH) – 1997, 16-year-old bay gelding, by Cavalier Royale (HOLST) out of Gene Pool (ISH), by Imperious (TB). Imperial Cavalier (ISH) is 16.2hh and has over 1,500 British Eventing points. Bred by John Brennan, Ballyscanlon, Tramore, Co. Waterford. Owned by Janette Chin and Mr & Mrs E. Davies. Rider: Mary King (GB).

March 2010, Imperial Cavalier has achieved top placings at some of the world's most challenging international events: Fourth at Badminton Horse Trials and sixth in The Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event.

In 2011, they achieved such results as third in Badminton four star, fourth in Aachen three star and fourth in Pau four star. The combination rose to the occasion with Team Silver and Individual fifth at the London 2012 Olympics.

#### Badminton 2013

Mary King and Imperial Cavalier are looking forward to Badminton Horse Trials in April this year.

With top placings at Badminton already under their belt – 3rd (2011) and 4th (2010) – we wish them the very best for 2013.

A collage of images showing equestrian athletes celebrating with trophies and horses, alongside bags of GAIN Horse FEEDS. The text "Gain the Advantage" is written in a red banner across the middle. The GAIN Horse FEEDS logo is in the top right corner. The bottom section contains contact information and logos for Team Ireland Equestrian and Glanbia.

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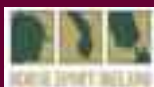
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## IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK

Table 1: IRISH DRAUGHT MARES THAT ACHIEVED CLASS 1 BRONZE MERIT STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS				FOR ATHLETICISM & FOR CONFORMATION & MOVEMENT	
NAME	YOB	SIRE	DAMSIRE	BREEDER	OWNER
ROBE COLLEEN RUA	2009	CARRICKROCK CLOSE SHAVE	CASTANA	DECLAN MURPHY	GABRIEL MURPHY
ELM LILY	2009	ELM HILL	SIR RIVIE	RAYMOND SLOYAN	TIMOTHY & MARY KELLY
A REAL GEM	2003	GLIDAWN DIAMOND	DUNKERRIN GREY MIST	KASSANDRA LADD	GAIL PLETSCHE
GORTFADDA STAR	2009	STAR KINGDOM	UIBH FHAILI '81	KAY BLACKWELL	PADRAIG BOHAN
Table 2: IRISH DRAUGHT MARES THAT ACHIEVED CLASS 1 BRONZE MERIT STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS				FOR CONFORMATION & MOVEMENT	
HUNTINGFIELD HOLLO	2008	HUNTINGFIELD HEATHCLIFF	CARRABAWN VIEW	LORRAINE RIORDAN	NICK WHELAN
Table 3: IRISH DRAUGHT MARES THAT ACHIEVED CLASS 1 BRONZE MERIT STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS				FOR ATHLETICISM	
GRANDPAS CLOVER LASS	2007	ARD GRANDPA	CAPTAIN CLOVER (ISH)	PETER MCHUGH	JOSEPHINE KILLALEA
LETTERLOUGH MOLLY	2008	CASTANA	CLOVER HILL	KEVIN FLYNN	JOHN O'MALLEY
ARDCARNE BLUEBELL	2008	CASTANA	GLIDAWN DIAMOND	JOHN GILBOY	JOHN GILBOY
LISMULLEN CHEROKEE ROSE	2007	CLONLEIGH DANCER	SNOWFORD BELLMAN (IDGB)	ANTHONY & DEIRDRE OWENS	PAT & JACKIE CALLAN
LURGANS DIAMOND LADY	2009	CRANNAGH HERO	FLAGMOUNT DIAMOND	TOM JONES	JOHN JONES
CRUMMY WHITE STAR	2009	CREEVAGH GREY REBEL	AGHERLOW	BALLYHAISE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE	CYRIL MCWEENEY
THE BLACK SWAN	2008	CROSSTOWN DANCER	COILLE MOR HILL	PATRICK DELANEY	MICHAEL GAYNOR
MY CARRICK DOLLY	2007	CROSSTOWN DANCER	SOFT CENTRE	DESMOND BUCHANAN	DESMOND BUCHANAN
MY GREY MIST	2008	DUNKERRIN GREY MIST	BEN CALVERSTOWN	TONY WALSH	TONY WALSH
QUIGNALEGAN GIRL	2009	DUNKERRIN GREY MIST	BEN CALVERSTOWN	TONY WALSH	TONY WALSH
ELM JOY	2008	ELM HILL	WESTERN PRIDE	JOHN SHORTEN	CECIL SHORTEN
YOUNG DISNEY	2007	GRANDPAS DIAMOND	CORRAN KING	PATRICK JOSEPH FLYNN	PATRICK JOSEPH FLYNN
KILCANNON GREY MIST	2009	GRANGE BOUNCER	BLUE CHAMPION	MARY BOLGER	MARY BOLGER
BALLYLICKY BOUNCER	2009	GRANGE BOUNCER	GOLDEN WARRIOR	WILLIAM LYNCH	WILLIAM LYNCH
SAOIRSE EILE	2009	GROSVENOR LAD	DUNKERRIN GREY MIST	PAULINE FLYNN	PAULINE FLYNN
ANNEFIELDS AMBER	2009	HOLYCROSS	MACKNEY CLOVER	JOSEPH WALSH	JOSEPH WALSH
LYRE LARA	2008	HUNTINGFIELD HEATHCLIFF	BROWN LAD LARA	MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN	DONAL QUILL
HUNTING IN THE DAWN	2008	HUNTINGFIELD HEATHCLIFF	OAKLEY DAWN	JOHN SHORTEN	CECIL SHORTEN
ARDRINANE CHESTNUT LADY	2008	KEC DIAMOND MILLINIUM	CORRAN GINGER	KEVIN KNIGHTLY	KEVIN KNIGHTLY
GOLDSMITHCOUNTRY ADVENT	2009	LUKE SKYWALKER	CLONAKILTY HERO	PAUL & NOEL MURPHY	AIDAN FLANAGAN
OILEAN SVALLA	2008	MOYLOUGH BOUNCER	DULEEK HERO	RAYMOND O'CONNOR	RAYMOND O'CONNOR
ABBEYWARD CORCAIGH	2009	MOYLOUGH BOUNCER	WESTMEATH LAD	TOM DALY	TOM DALY
TULLYLOST BREEZE	2009	SIR STORMY BREEZE	BALLINROBE BOY	MAIRE O'CONNOR	EAMON O'CONNOR
ABBEYWARD MILLIE	2004	WELCOME FLAGMOUNT	CRANNAGH HERO	TOM DALY	TOM DALY
BALLYSAX ALICE	2001	YOUNG GEORGE	HOLYCROSS	TIM O'DONOGHUE	LEANNE O'SULLIVAN
Table 4: IRISH DRAUGHT MARES THAT ACHIEVED CLASS 1 STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS					
FIRMOUNT RUBY	2009	AGHERLOW	CROSSTOWN DANCER	JOHN & FIONA SMITH	PAUL SAMMON
CLONEYHEA AIREY YERNISH	2008	ARTHURS GOLD	DIAMOND ROCK	THOMAS MEANEY	RUSSELL & JUDITH COWLEY
BONANE LADY	2009	BEALAGH BLUE (IDGB)	ROMA DIAMOND SKIP	VINCENT CRONIN	VINCENT CRONIN
LIATH VENUS	2009	CARRICKROCK CLOSE SHAVE	CARRABAWN VIEW	JOHN GILLIVAN	JOAN FITZGERALD





NAME	YOB	SIRE	DAMSIRE	BREEDER	OWNER
COILLDARACH VENUS	2008	CARRICKROCK CLOSE SHAVE	WELCOME FLAGMOUNT	PATRICIA BLYTH	DAMIAN HENRY
SPRINGVALE DAWN ROSE	2008	CASTANA	GINGER DICK	NOEL SHERIDAN	ANNE RABBITTE
DUNLECKNEY ORIOLE	2009	CLASSIC VISION	LAKE VIEW PRIDE	DONAL N. MILLS	DONAL N. MILLS
BARNAVIEW QUEEN	2008	CLONAKILTY HERO	ANNAGHDOWN STAR	HUGH MURPHY	MARY T. MURPHY
LISHEENABRONE BLATHIN	2006	CLONAKILTY HERO	CLOVER HILL	JOE HOWLEY	JAMES MURPHY
STILLBROOK MILLIE	2007	CLOVER PARK	TOWNRATH PRIDE	DAVID WALLIS	DAVID WALLIS
BALLYHIST COOL DIAMOND	2009	COOLCRONAN WOOD	CREGGAN DIAMOND	ELAINE BOWE	DAVID LONERGAN
BALLEA WOOD	2009	COOLCRONAN WOOD	FLAGMOUNT KING	RICHARD DELANEY	RICHARD DELANEY
SHANNONRAL ECAILIN	2009	COOLCRONAN WOOD	GLIDAWN DIAMOND	DAN MURPHY	JOHN MURPHY
GOLD WOOD	2007	COOLCRONAN WOOD	GOLD MIST	BRID DESMOND	BRID DESMOND
CAHERAGH JILL	2009	COOLCRONAN WOOD	RAKISH PADDY	MICHAEL COUGHLAN	MICHAEL COUGHLAN
DERRYNASAGART WOOD	2008	COOLCRONAN WOOD	THE CONQUEROR	MICHAEL COLBERT	SEAN SCANNELL
PLUAISE SHANKS MARE	2007	CORK ARTHUR	HOLYCROSS	PATRICK EGAN	PATRICK HENNESSY
LISSYEGAN DANCING QUEEN	2007	CRANNAGH HERO	CROSSTOWN DANCER	MARGARET GRIFFIN	STEPHEN MCDONALD
SHEEN STAR	2008	CRANNAGH HERO	RED HACKLE	DENIS O'CONNOR	DENIS O'CONNOR
GUILLA MEAUVE	2009	CRANNAGH HERO	SILLOT HILL	HAZEL A. BYE	HUMPHREY MOYNIHAN
DRUMBRADE HILL	2007	DRUMHOWAN GOLD	CLOVER HILL	LUKE O'REILLY	LUKE O'REILLY
COFFEYS MIDNIGHT LASS	2009	ELM HILL	HOLYCROSS	PATRICK J. O'SULLIVAN	PHILIP COFFEY
INISFREE TOP OF THE HILL	2007	ELM HILL	MERRY MATE	EDDIE MURPHY	EDDIE MURPHY
SANDY ELM	2008	ELM HILL	SANDYHILL BOY	JOHN SHORTEN	CECIL SHORTEN
ELM DOLL	2009	ELM HILL	WESTERN PRIDE	JOHN SHORTEN	CECIL SHORTEN
DOONVILLA SILVER PRINCESS	2008	FAST SILVER	GLENLARA (GB)	GERARD NEVILLE	AMANDA TARPEY
CLOGHEEN WHIRLWIND	2009	FAST SILVER	TIMAHOE HEATHER	DANIEL MOLLOY	DANIEL MOLLOY
WINDGAP GLEE	2008	GORTLEA RULER	BLUE HENRY	CHRIS MANNION	CHRIS MANNION
LACKAGH CASTLEVIEW	2007	GORTLEA RULER	CARRABAWN VIEW	CHRIS MANNION	CHRIS MANNION
DERRYNAGARRA PATIENCE	2009	GRANGE BOUNCER	BALLINROBE BOY	HELEN & CHRISTOPHER KELLY	CHRISTINE & FRANCIS NEVIN
LISHEENABRONE MOLLY	2008	GROSVENOR LAD	DIAMOND LAD	ANTHONY GAVIN	JAMES MURPHY
CARRIGFADA PRINCESS	2009	GROSVENOR LAD	GLIDAWN DIAMOND	JAMES COOKE & L. FITZPATRICK	JAMES COOKE & L. FITZPATRICK
CLEOS PRIDE	2006	GROSVENOR LAD	SILVERSTONE	PAT RUANE	GEORGINA BENNETT
CALLATRA BEAUTY	2009	GURRAUN ZIDANE	FINNS CLOVER INN	EUGENE CASEY	EUGENE CASEY
DANDELION MEADOWLARK	2009	HARKAWAY LIONHAWK	HEATHERCOMBE IRISH LACE	LUCY STEVENSON	KATHRYN HICKS
WHITECROSS LADY	2009	HOLYCROSS	ANNAGHDOWN STAR	EDDIE MURPHY	EDDIE MURPHY
LADY ANNADOWN	2009	HOLYCROSS	ANNAGHDOWN STAR	MARY MURPHY	ALICE O'CONNELL
BARRACK CROSS LADY	2008	HOLYCROSS	GOLD MIST	JOHN O'LEARY	DONAL O'SULLIVAN
LISSINARD REBEL	2008	HUNTINGFIELD REBEL	CARRABAWN VIEW	NOEL GLENNON	NOEL GLENNON
DUNLECKNEY SKY	2009	HUNTINGFIELD REBEL	CROSSTOWN DANCER	DONAL N. MILLS	DONAL N. MILLS
THE SILVER STAR	2008	HUNTINGFIELD REBEL	GLIDAWN DIAMOND	EUGENE LAHEEN	EUGENE LAHEEN
FIOR GAELACH	2006	ITS THE QUIET MAN	DIAMOND LAD	JOHN MCGUINNESS	MESSRS CASHMAN & DANDO
DONFREE DAWN	2008	KEC BLUEJAY DIAMOND	DULEEK HERO	DIARMUID DONOVAN	JOHN HYDE
LISMULLEN DIAMOND BEAUTY	2008	MOUNTAIN DIAMOND	BLUE RAJAH	PAT & JACKIE CALLAN	PAT & JACKIE CALLAN
MOUNTAIN ANA	2009	MOUNTAIN DIAMOND	CASTANA	FRANCIS LAFFERTY	FRANCIS LAFFERTY
KILBEGPIER RAINBOW	2009	MOUNTAIN DIAMOND	GINGER HOLLY	TOM J. MURPHY	TOM J. MURPHY
AHERLOW PEARL	2008	MOUNTAIN PEARL	POWERSWOOD PURPLE	THOMAS FAHEY	MARTIN RUSSELL
SPLIT ROCK SKIPPY	2009	MOUNTAIN PEARL	THE CONQUEROR	ANN LANGAN	ANN LANGAN
UMGOLA BOUNCING BELLE	2008	MOYLROUGH BOUNCER	JACK OF DIAMONDS	BILL LEEMAN	FRANCES LEEMAN

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NAME	YOB	SIRE	DAMSIRE	BREEDER	OWNER
GROVEHILL DARCEY	2008	MOYLOUGH BOUNCER	THE COMMETT	NOELEN BOYLE	SUSAN WILSON
ALMATY EXPRESS	2009	OH CAROL'S REBEL	CREGGAN EMPEROR	JAMES C. DALY	JAMES C. DALY
ROCHESTOWN HARMONY	2008	PENMERRYLS RHYTHM AND BLUES	GLIDAWN DIAMOND	JEREMIAH O'DONOGHUE	JEREMIAH O'DONOGHUE
DAPPLED BEAUTY	2004	POWERSWOOD PURPLE	MERRY MATE	JOHN BURKE	LEONIE QUIGLEY
CUSHNAHANS MIST	2008	ROCKRIMMON SILVER DIAMOND	ANNAGHDOWN STAR	NIGEL MCCLURE	NIGEL MCCLURE
LITTLE HOLLY CLASSIC	2009	ROCKRIMMON SILVER DIAMOND	DONOVAN (GB)	GERARD, OLIVIA & JAMES SWEENEY	DEREK SCOTT
CORRCULLEN DIAMOND	2008	ROCKRIMMON SILVER DIAMOND	GREY MACHA	PATRICIA HENNESSY	PATRICIA HENNESSY
ROSHEEN LADY GREGORY	2007	ROSHEEN YEATS	ITS THE QUIET MAN	PAULINE FURLONG	PAULINE FURLONG
FINTANS NOVA	2009	SHENANDOAH PRINCE HOLLY	DULEEK HERO	BRENDAN GARDINER	WILLIAM KILROY
DERRYNAGARRA BLISS	2009	SIR RIVIE	CROSSTOWN DANCER	HELEN & CHRISTOPHER KELLY	ANGELA LOUGHNANE
EDENBREEZE	2009	SIR STORMY BREEZE	BLUE RAJAH	WILLIAM CORRIGAN	CARMEL DUGGAN
HER EXCELLENCE	2009	SIR STORMY BREEZE	CLASSIC VISION	MAIRE O'CONNOR	ANNETTE BRENNAN
CLONMELL DAINTY DAISY	2009	STAR KINGDOM	DONOVAN (GB)	THOMAS MOONEY	TOM MOONEY
CLONMELL QUEEN	2006	STAR KINGDOM	GOLDEN WARRIOR	PASCAL CLAFFEY	TOM MOONEY
LUCKY ARDNACLOUGHY	2006	WELCOME DIAMOND	GLENLARA (GB)	JOHN O'DONOGHUE	PATRICK CRONIN
DAME HILL	2009	WINDGAP BLUE	GOLD MIST	TIMOTHY WILSON	TIMOTHY WILSON
CASTLEGAR COUNTESS	2009	YOUNG CARRABAWN	ALL THE DIAMONDS	TOM BURKE	TOM BURKE
KILBEGPIER DAWN	2009	YOUNG CARRABAWN	ATTWOOD BLACK LAUGHTON	TOM J. MURPHY	TOM J. MURPHY
CREGGANNA ROSE	2009	YOUNG CARRABAWN	DRUMHOWAN GOLD	TIM CONNOR	TIM CONNOR
STONEPARK QUEEN	2008	YOUNG CARRABAWN	ISLAND KING	DERMOT O'BRIEN	DERMOT O'BRIEN
CASTLEGAR GIRL	2008	YOUNG CARRABAWN	POWERSWOOD PURPLE	TOM BURKE	TOM BURKE
OWER BETTY	2009	YOUNG CARRABAWN	POWERSWOOD PURPLE	EAMON MCDONAGH	EAMON MCDONAGH

**Table 5: IRISH DRAUGHT GELDING THAT ACHIEVED CLASS 1 STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS**

SOMS SILVER KINGDOM	2006	STAR KINGDOM	CREGGAN EMPEROR	THOMAS KEVILLE	LORRAINE MCELROY
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**Table 6: IRISH SPORT HORSE MARES THAT ACHIEVED GRADE UP REGISTER BRONZE MERIT STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS** FOR ATHLETICISM

GRAINNE UAILE	2009	CLONAKILTY HERO	ROCK CHANTEUR (TB)	GERRY GILLESPIE	GERRY GILLESPIE
TULLYORAN CAILIN DEAS	2009	HILLVIEWFARM SUPERSTAR	DIAMOND LAD	PATRICK WALPOLE	PATRICK WALPOLE

**Table 7: IRISH SPORT HORSE MARES THAT ACHIEVED GRADE UP REGISTER STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS**

CARRIGBEG PET	1999	KILDALTON GOLD	HOLYCROSS	PATRICK COFFEY	SUSAN PATTERSON
THE VIRGINIAN	2009	SHENANDOAH PRINCE HOLLY	CARRABAWN VIEW	BERNIE FOX	GERARD FOX

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**Table 8: MARES THAT ACHIEVED SELECT 5\* STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS**

ISHD BLACK MAGIC (ISH)	1994	FURISTO (HANN)	BAHRAIN (TB)	MARK BLACK	C.A.F.R.E.
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**Table 9: MARES THAT ACHIEVED SELECT 3\* STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS**

LADYBIRD ALLEY (ISH)	2003	ALDATO (KWPN)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	PATRICIA HASSETT	PATRICIA HASSETT
WHAT A LASS (AES)	2004	ARD VDL DOUGLAS (KWPN)	ZERO WATT [USA] (TB)	SAMUEL J. SMYTH	SAMUEL J. SMYTH
CRUISE GROVE (ISH)	1998	CRUISING (ISH)	ARCTIC QUE (TB)	MARY JONES	SEAN JONES
PARKROE DAISY (ISH)	2000	CULT HERO [CAN] (TB)	KNOCKBOY (ID C1)	HELEN MCMAHON	SORAYA MORSCHER
CARNEYHAUGH ALLEGRO (ISH)	2004	DON JUAN DE LA BOUVERIE (SBS)	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	PATRICK BREEN	PATRICK BREEN





NAME	YOB	SIRE	DAMSIRE	BREEDER	OWNER
BREEMOUNT STAR (ISH)	2006	ERRIGAL FLIGHT (ISH)	BLUE HENRY (ID C1)	LARKIN BROS. INT. LTD.	LEO MONAGHAN
MJI BELLE BONITA (ISH)	2006	GEE APOLLO (WNTR)	BELFALAS (TB)	JOANNE JARDEN	JOANNE JARDEN
CARNEYHAUGH SURPRISE (ISH)	2000	HAMPTON CLOVER (ISH)	CORAWICE (TB)	PATRICK BREEN	PATRICK BREEN
FEMME FATALE M2S (ISH)	1999	LIMMERICK (HOLST)	NIMMERDOR (KWPN)	HARRON EAKIN FARMS	EAMONN HOGAN
LOUGHVIEW LOLA (ISH)	2009	LIMMERICK (HOLST)	JACK OF DIAMONDS (ID C1)	JUDITH SOSSICK	JUDITH SOSSICK
KILLOSSERY ROBINS NEST (ISH)	2000	MASTER IMP (TB)	DIAMONDS ARE TRUMPS (ID C1)	NOEL SKELTON	GEMMA LYNCH
OLDROCK IMP (ISH)	2005	MASTER IMP (TB)	LAUGHTON'S FLIGHT (ISH)	MICHAEL DOYLE	DON COEN
CARNEYHAUGH ENIGMA (ISH)	2005	MISTER BOND (ISH)	CORAWICE (TB)	PATRICK BREEN	PATRICK BREEN

**Table 10: MARES THAT ACHIEVED SELECT 2\* STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS**

CARRIGEEN PRINCESS (ISH)	1996	CRUISING (ISH)		TOM HARTY	NOREEN HARTY
SCEILIG PHOEBE (ISH)	2002	FILICE DE CHAMPEIX (AA)	COOSHEEN THYME (CP)	NICHOLAS BROWNE	SEAMUS CONDON
CIMENTA C (SPH)	2002	ORLANDO VAN DE HEFFINCK (KWPN)	KARNAVAL (KWPN)	JEAN CUSTERS	OLIVE CLARKE
ROSE OF DELVIN (ISH)	2002	PORSCH (BWP)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	MRS ANGELA GILSENAN	CLARE SLOAN
HORSEPLAY JAMBOREE (ISH)	1999	PUISSANCE (ISH)	MARSHALSEA (TB)	MRS YVONNE MONAHAN	JENNY DORAN
BUTUELA (KWPN)	2006	ULTIMO (KWPN)	VOLTAIRE (HANN)	BV DE RADSTAKE	DAVID PRENTICE GROUP
SUMAS ERICA (ISH)	2003	VDL RICOCHET (KWPN)	HOROS [USA] (TB)	SUMA STUD	TANYA SMITH
BEAUTY VAN DE PANNEBERG HOEVE (BWP)	2006	VINCENZO (KWPN)	HARCOS (SBS)		BRIAN HUTCHINSON
GATESTOWN DIAMOND (ISH)	2006	WATERVALLEY COOL DIAMOND (ISH)	DIAMOND CHIN (ISH)	AIDAN HOGAN	AIDAN HOGAN

**Table 11: MARES THAT ACHIEVED SELECT 1\* STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS**

SHENANDOAH RAMONA (ISH)	2001	ALDATO (KWPN)	GINGER DICK (ID C1)	THOMAS MCENTEE	THOMAS MCENTEE
ALAMBER (ISH)	2003	ALDATUS Z (OLD)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	JAMES J. RYAN	PADRAIG MCCARTHY
FERMOYLE JANE (ISH)	2007	CAPTAIN CLOVER (ISH)	DIAMOND LAD (ID C1)	PADDY SWEENEY	HENRY GARDINER
ABC SKY PLUS (ISH)	2009	CLOVER BRIGADE (ISH)	SKY BOY (TB)	DAVID KEHOE	PATRICK KEHOE
ROCKMOUNT CC (ISH)	2008	CONCORDE (KWPN)	CRUISING (ISH)	SEAN NUGENT	SEAN NUGENT
KILBEG COOL DIAMOND (ISH)	2003	COOLCORRON COOL DIAMOND (ISH)	ARD ALLEZ CAT (TB)	JAMES SWEENEY	MESSRS NOLAN & GREY
CRUISING LOUGH DERG (ISH)	2002	CRUISING (ISH)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	JERRY MOYLAN	EAMONN HOGAN
PLEASANT CHERRY BLAZE (ISH)	2001	FAST SILVER (ID C1)	SMOOTH STEPPER (TB)	GERALD ALLEN	GERALD ALLEN
BELLVILLE DIAMOND (ISH)	1998	FLAGMOUNT DIAMOND (ID C1)	REGULAR GUY (TB)	AISLING MCCONVILLE	NUALA O'HARE
BALLYLYNCH BABE (ISH)	2001	FREDDIE'S STAR (TB)	RIVERBANK (ID C1)	TOM & CAROL HENRY	TOM & CAROL HENRY
TABAZIMBI (ISH)	1997	FURISTO (HANN)	DIAMOND LAD (ID C1)	PETER RICE	SAM DEVERELL
LATES LASS (ISH)	1999	GHAREEB (GB) (TB)	LEGAUN PRINCE (ID C1)	MISS ROBERTA DOWLEY	MICHAEL HAYDE
MONASTERY STUD GOLDEN GIRL (ISH)	2006	LUX Z (HANN)	QUIDAM DE REVEL (SF)	MICHAEL LEDDY	MICHAEL LEDDY
MISS IMP BORO (ISH)	2002	MASTER IMP (TB)	GOLDEN CLIFF (TB)	ANDREW DEEGAN	GER DEERE
CLOGHERA ME (ISH)	2006	NASH ME [IRE] (TB)		NOEL NIHILL	NOEL NIHILL
GOODWINS SCEAD (ISH)	2009	O.B.O.S. QUALITY 004 (OLD)	LAUGHTON'S FLIGHT (ISH)	LARRY COSTELLO	LARRY COSTELLO
GOODWINS DRAIOCHT (ISH)	2009	O.B.O.S. QUALITY 004 (OLD)	MASTER IMP (TB)	LARRY COSTELLO	LARRY COSTELLO
GOODWINS GO DEO (ISH)	2009	O.B.O.S. QUALITY 004 (OLD)	PUISSANCE (ISH)	LARRY COSTELLO	LARRY COSTELLO
THE DREAMSEEKER (ISH)	2001	RAMIRO B (BWP)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	MARTIN REILLY	FRANK GORDON

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NAME	YOB	SIRE	DAMSIRE	BREEDER	OWNER
GUCCIE (ISH)	2001	RANTIS DIAMOND (ISH)	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	MARIE DUGGAN (RYAN)	MICHAEL & LINDA CUNNINGHAM
NELGARA VIXEN (ISH)	1999	RIBERETTO (TB)		JOHN MOHER	SEAN MOHER
DANTZIG QUEEN (ISH)	2005	VAN DANTZIG [USA] (TB)	GLENLARA [GB] (ID C1)	MARTIN CULLETON	PATRICK CULLETON
WHAT PRIDE (ISH)	1998	ZERO WATT [USA] (TB)	FRENCH WOOD [USA] (TB)	SAMUEL J. SMYTH	SAMUEL J. SMYTH
<b>Table 12: MARES THAT ACHIEVED SELECT STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS</b>					
BUTTERCUP ELM (ISH)	2004	ALDATUS Z (OLD)	PIMPERNALS TUNE (TB)	JOANNE MURPHY HANLEY	JOANNE MURPHY HANLEY
SHARAMIRO (ISH)	2001	AMIRO M (ZWEI)	JACK OF DIAMONDS (ID C1)	VALERIE MCBRIDE	PATRICIA MEEKE
PORTLAOISE PENNYLANE (ISH)	2009	ARS VIVENDI (HOLST)	ERRIGAL FLIGHT (ISH)	DAVID MOLLOY	DAVID MOLLOY
CLONEYHEA ELLEN (ISH)	2009	ARTHURS GOLD (ID C2)	RYMER (TB)	CLONEYHEA EQUESTRIAN SERVICES	CLONEYHEA EQUESTRIAN SERVICES
CLONEYHEA PEAS (ISH)	2008	ARTHURS GOLD (ID C2)		CLONEYHEA EQUESTRIAN SERVICES	CLONEYHEA EQUESTRIAN SERVICES
MY DIAMOND STRIKE (ISH)	2009	BAHRAIN CRUISE (ISH)	MALTSTRIKER (KWPN)	ANNE MARIE BUTLER	ANNE MARIE BUTLER
HVL BALOUBENA (ISH)	2009	BALOUBET DU ROUET (SF)	HEARTBREAKER (KWPN)	TINA MCDERMOTT	TINA MCDERMOTT
COEVERS HOPEFULL DIAMOND (ISH)	1998	BIG SINK HOPE [USA] (TB)	COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	JOHN WALSH	JOHN WALSH
CLOONELARA HOPE SO (ISH)	2005	BIG SINK HOPE [USA] (TB)	DAIL EIREANN (TB)	REBECCA GIBNEY	CHRISTINE NEVIN
TERRASETA (ISH)	2009	CAPITALIST (HOLST)	ARD BLACK CAT (ISH)	JOHN & JULIA CROSBIE	JOHN & JULIA CROSBIE
MJI SCARLETT ROSE (ISH)	2009	CAPPA COCHISE (ID C1)	MOOTHYEB [USA] (TB)	JOANNE JARDEN	JOANNE JARDEN
UNNAMED (IHR: 4829930)	2008	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	CRUISING (ISH)	DIANA H. WARRINGTON	DIANA H. WARRINGTON
KEEFORD CA CHING (ISH)	2007	CHACOA (HOLST)	CRUISING (ISH)	JOE O'SULLIVAN	NOEL MCKEE
LAKEVIEW VISION (ISH)	2009	CLASSIC VISION (ID C1)	NAHEEZ [USA] (TB)	GERARD KEENA	GERARD KEENA
TULLIBARDS SHAKIRA (ISH)	2007	CLINTINO (BAV)	WOLKENSTEIN (HANN)	HANS JURGEN KUHNLE	ANTHONY MCFARLAND
TOO POSH LADY (ISH)	2003	COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	BALLYSIMON (ISH)	KIERAN KELLY	CHRISTINE MANHINNEY
BALLYDUNNE COEVERS (ISH)	2009	COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	GERARD MURPHY	GERALD MURPHY
ABC MIDSUMMER NIGHT MAGIC (ISH)	2006	COLOURFIELD (TB)	SKY BOY (TB)	DAVID KEHOE	MIDSUMMER NIGHT INITIATIVES LTD.
ISHD FIRST LIGHT (ISH)	1998	CONCORDE (KWPN)	DIAMOND LAD (ID C1)	I.S.H.D.	C.A.F.R.E.
LISCARROW CONISTA (ISH)	2008	CONDIOS (HOLST)	COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	JOSETTE GORE	DENIS GALLAGHER
BALLYVOUREEN DIAMOND (ISH)	2009	COUGAR (ISH)	DIAMOND LAD (ID C1)	PATRICK FINN	PADRAIG GLEESON
MISS MARPLE (ISH)	2008	COUGAR (ISH)	DIAMOND SERPENT (ISH)	JOHN J. FLYNN	THOMAS J. HURLEY
COOLQUILL CALISTA (ISH)	2004	COURAGE II (HOLST)	FAST FRIGATE (TB)	SEAMUS CAREY	JENNIFER O'BRIEN
CRUAGHS GIDDY UP (ISH)	2003	CROSSTOWN DANCER (ID C1)	ARD ALLEZ CAT (TB)	ANDREW THORNTON	ANDREW THORNTON
CRUISINGS ELLA (ISH)	2004	CRUISINGS AMBASSADOR (ISH)	FURISTO (HANN)	PATRICK CAIRNS	PATRICK CAIRNS
TULLIBARDS ASK BENNY (ISH)	2009	CRUISINGS MICKY FINN (ISH)	WOLKENSTEIN (HANN)	HANS JURGEN KUHNLE	HANS JURGEN KUHNLE
RYAN'S JULY (AES)	2009	DESIR DU CHATEAU (SF)	FARNEY CLOVER (ISH)	CHARLES CONLON	CHARLES CONLON
RYAN'S LAVIN (AES)	2009	DESIR DU CHATEAU (SF)	RICARDO Z (ZANG)	CHARLES CONLON	CHARLES CONLON
Z. NOTHING EXTRA ADDED (KWPN)	2004	EKSTEIN (KWPN)	TORUS (TB)	GEORGE CHRISTA	CHRISTA GEORGE
PORTLAOISE KIMBERLY (ISH)	2002	ERRIGAL FLIGHT (ISH)	ARD BLACK CAT (ISH)	PETER MOLLOY	DAVID MOLLOY
KNOCKKRAHEEN ZORA (ISH)	2005	FRANKFORT BOY (TB)	IRELANDS PRIDE (ID C1)	JOHN MEDLYCOTT	TOM MEDLYCOTT
GORSEHILL GABI (ISH)	2009	FRENCH BUFFET (TB)	MASTER IMP (TB)	ANNE BANNON	ANNE BANNON
AILISH BLACK (ISH)	2007	FRENCH BUFFET (TB)		GER GOREY	GER GOREY





NAME	YOB	SIRE	DAMSIRE	BREEDER	OWNER
MJI WENDY (ISH)	2007	GEE APOLLO (WNTR)	ISLAND BLAZE (ID C1)	JOANNE JARDEN	JOANNE JARDEN
PARKMORE REEBA (ISH)	2004	GHAREEB [GB] (TB)	COOLCORRON COOL DIAMOND (ISH)	PATRICK WAFER	MICHAEL COURTNEY
GOLDEN MORNING (ISH)	2006	GOLDEN MASTER [IRE] (TB)	GUTER STERN (TRAK)	LUTZ OERTEL	LUTZ OERTEL
TC SILVER BOUNCE (ISH)	2009	GRANGE BOUNCER (ID C1)	MASTER IMP (TB)	TOM CLANCY JNR	TOM CLANCY JNR
HARRIET DE CAREL (ISH)	2007	HARLEQUIN DU CAREL (SF)	CHEVALIER DECOUPES (TB)	ELIZABETH O'CONNOR	ELIZABETH O'CONNOR
KILMASTULLA HARLYS DI-AMOND (ISH)	2008	HARLEQUIN DU CAREL (SF)		FIONA O'DONNELL	TANYA SMITH
CAVALIER CLASSIC (ISH)	2003	HIGH ROLLER (ISH)	MORGANGOLD MAJOR (ZWEI)	PADRAIG MCGUINNESS	SIOBHAN MCGUINNESS
KARINELLA RUBY (ISH)	2008	IROKO (WESF)	SEA CREST (ID C1)	EVELYN O'FARRELL	FIONA MCKENNA
ROYAL GALA (ISH)	1998	KILDALTON GOLD (ID C1)	FAST FRIGATE (TB)	SEAN KINANE	PETER KINANE
RED RUBY ROUGE (ISH)	2008	KINGS MASTER (ISH)	ALDATUS Z (OLD)	JOSETTE GORE	RUTH MAWHINNEY
BALLYTOHILL GUY DAISY (ISH)	2007	LOUGHEHOE GUY (ISH)	ARD GRANDPA (ID C1)	TERESA FOX	TERESA FOX
LUXSALLY (ISH)	2009	LUX Z (HANN)	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	WILLIE KETT	WILLIE KETT
TISRARA LUX (ISH)	2008	LUX Z (HANN)	CRUISING (ISH)	IVOR KEARNEY	IMELDA MORAN
FD RUBY (ISH)	2007	LUX Z (HANN)	GOLDEN CLIFF (TB)	PATRICK TUNNEY	SHANE DELAHUNT
KEEFORD ATHENA (ISH)	2009	LUX Z (HANN)	RICARDO Z (ZANG)	VINCENT BURTON	NOEL MCKEE
TEMPLEPATRICK A TO Z (ISH)	2009	LUX Z (HANN)	TOUCHDOWN (ISH)	DOROTHEA WILSON	DOROTHEA WILSON
CUSHLAS SKYIMP (ISH)	2009	MASTER IMP (TB)	SKY BOY (TB)	WILLIAM DONEGAN	JP FINLAY
MAUDLIN SALLY (ISH)	2008	MASTER IMP (TB)		RAY HOLOHAN	RAY HOLOHAN
ESTOIA (ISH)	2009	METROPOLE (KWPN)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	MARIE QUIGLEY	ANTHONY O'REGAN
KILCANNON QUALITY CRUISE (ISH)	2009	O.B.O.S. QUALITY 004 (OLD)	CRUISING (ISH)	MICHAEL DOYLE	MARY BOLGER
OJASPERS GIRL (ISH)	2003	OJASPER (KWPN)	ROLL ON (ID C1)	TREVOR BADGER	CATHERINE DONNELLY
MEDIANNE (TB)	1997	OVER THE RIVER [FR] (TB)	SEA CREST (ID C1)	SHEELAGH HICKEY	MICHAEL HICKEY
LA FILLE DE RAMON (ISH)	2005	RAMON (KWPN)	ALDATUS Z (OLD)	MICHAEL SHANNON	KAREN COUGHLAN
BALLINABARNEY GOLDI-LOCKS (ISH)	2009	RICARDO Z (ZANG)	MINSTREL BOUNCER [IRE] (TB)	ANGUS WOODS	NORMAN STOREY
AILINS CHERRY TART (ISH)	2006	RICARDO Z (ZANG)		AILIN WALSH	AILIN WALSH
KILKEANY SEA MIST (ISH)	2001	SEA CREST (ID C1)	DOWN THE HATCH (TB)	MARGARET WALSH	MARGARET WALSH
MISS SARCO EKSTEIN (ISH)	2007	SHANNONDALE SARCO ST GHYVAN (BWP)	EKSTEIN (KWPN)	JOHN GEOGHEAN	MICHAEL FUREY
SUIR TOUCH (ISH)	2000	TOUCHDOWN (ISH)	HAYS (TB)	LEONIE SUTTON	GERARD O'CONNOR
ANNAHARVEY ROYAL TOUCH (ISH)	2004	TOUCHDOWN (ISH)	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	SAM DEVERELL	AISLING DEVERELL
GURTERA CARA DUBH (ISH)	2009	VDL ARKANSAS (KWPN)	TOUCHDOWN (ISH)	JIM & ANNE BRADLEY	JIM & ANNE BRADLEY
AUNG SAN SUU KYI M2S (WSI)	2009	WANG CHUNG M2S (KWPN)	IROKO (WESF)	MORNINGSIDE STUD	ANN MARIE HUGHES

**Table 13: MARES THAT ACHIEVED SUPPLEMENTARY SELECT STATUS AT THE 2012 IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK MARE INSPECTIONS**

MISS P REBEL	2002	RICH REBEL [USA] (TB)			LINDA SKILLEN
NINA SIMONE	2004	CLOVER ECHO (ISH)			GER GOREY
OUR SILVER STAR	2001		SILVER HUNTER (ID C1)	EDWARD & BARBARA HARDING	EDWARD & BARBARA HARDING

Every effort has been made to ensure that no inaccuracies have occurred in collating this data. Please see the breeding section of the HSI website [www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding](http://www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding) for a full list of mares that were inspected at the 2012 Irish Draught Horse Studbook and Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections.

If you would like your mare's passport updated to reflect her current classification, please send it in to the HSI Registrations Department. If your mare meets the criteria for 3 star level or above please contact the HSI Breeding Department with the relevant performance information and your mare will be upgraded to SELECT upon verification of the performance records.

# Genetic evaluation

## The importance of breeding values

A horse's performance ability is due to a combination of its genetic merit and a range of environmental influences, including its rider, training, feeding, etc. For breeding purposes, only the horse's genetic merit is important as this is a component that can be passed on to its offspring.

### What is a genetic evaluation?

Genetic evaluation is a scientific objective and statistical assessment of the genetic merit of horses. The results are published as breeding values (BV) which are predictions of the genetic advantage that a horse will pass on to its offspring for a particular trait. A horse's breeding value measures the difference between its genetic ability and the average genetic ability of the population.

HSI carries out a genetic evaluation for showjumping horses in Ireland. Breeding values for showjumping ability at international level are produced. These measure the difference between each horse's genetic ability for international level showjumping and the average genetic ability for showjumping for the Irish population.

#### ■ For publication, breeding values for stallions are divided into three groups

**1.** Stallions that have at least five competing Irish Sport Horse progeny that are at least 10 years of age. These stallions have had the opportunity to produce international level progeny. Their BVs are based mainly on their progeny's performance.

**2.** Stallions that have at least five competing Irish Sport Horse progeny that are at least four years of age. These stallions have progeny competing at national level but their progeny have not yet had the opportunity to compete internationally. The BVs for these stallions are based on a combination of progeny, own performance and pedigree information.

**3.** Stallions that do not have sufficient competing Irish Sport Horse progeny and are evaluated on the basis of their own performance. The BVs for these stallions are based on a combination of their own performance and pedigree. This group includes many recently classified stallions including young stallions that have been recently inspected.

*Breeding values for mares are available to owners upon request.*

### How are breeding values calculated?

Three sources of information are used to calculate breeding values for international level showjumping ability: pedigree, own performance and progeny performance. Pedigree information for the genetic evaluation is supplied by the Irish Horse Register. Performance information is based on comprehensive national level information from the SJI database and international results collated by HSI from the FEI and other sources.

Pedigree information measures the showjumping ability of a horse's known relatives, including parents, full and half-siblings, grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. The amount of emphasis placed on a relative's performance depends on how closely they are related. For example, breeding values of young stallions that have yet to compete are based solely on their pedigree. Their sire contributes 50% of their genes and, therefore, 50% of their breeding value. Breeding values based on pedigree alone are termed 'pedigree indexes' in HSI publications.

As stallions begin a competitive career, the emphasis shifts from their pedigree to their own performance. A stallion's own performance information is combined with his pedigree information to determine how much of his performance can be attributed to his genes and how much is due to environmental factors (e.g. rider, training). Breeding values based on own performances tell us if a horse is living up to the potential indicated by its pedigree.

The third source of information used in calculating the breeding values is progeny performance and the relative importance of pedigree and own performance decreases as more progeny are recorded in sport. Progeny information is the most reliable source of information in the genetic evaluation process. Breeding values are adjusted to take into account the quality of the mares that a stallion has been mated with. Breeding values based on progeny information tell us the degree to which a stallion has been a breed improver for international showjumping ability when crossed with Irish mares.

### How do I interpret genetic evaluation results?

Breeding values are expressed as an index with an average value of 100. This baseline value of 100 reflects the average genetic merit of active breeding Irish Sport Horse mares born

NAME	BREEDING VALUE SJ	RELIABILITY SJ
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**Table 1: Stallions whose showjumping Irish Sport Horse**

CRUISING	136	0.98
HERITAGE FORTUNUS	136	0.75
LIMMERICK	134	0.87
LUX Z	131	0.95
HARLEQUIN DU CAREL	131	0.91

**Table 2: Stallions whose showjumping Irish Sport Horse**

ROYAL CONCORDE	137	0.58
CAMIRO DE HAAR Z	134	0.63
CHIPPISON	133	0.78
TABASCO VAN ERPEKOM	131	0.55
HERMES DE REVE	130	0.77

**Table 3: Stallions without progeny evaluated on the**

FLEXIBLE	153	0.55
CARMENA Z	150	0.44
CLIPPER VD BEGIJNAKKER	142	0.49
OLDTOWN KC	141	0.52
ORESTUS	140	0.42

between 1994 and 2008, and it enables comparisons between horses. Horses with breeding values of over 120 are considered to be of high genetic merit and are breed improvers. Horses with breeding values over 130 are considered to be superior breed improvers.

Breeding values are estimates of genetic merit, the true genetic merit of a horse can never be known exactly, as performances are affected by factors other than genetics. In addition, breeding values can change every year as more data becomes available, for example, as the number of a stallion's progeny competing increases. For these reasons, the reliability value should always be taken into account when interpreting breeding values.

The reliability value reflects the amount and type of information used in the calculation of a breeding value and can range from 0% to 100%. More information on a horse results in a higher reliability. Breeding values with a reliability of 90% or more are very reliable and are unlikely to change greatly. Breeding values with a low reliability are likely to change, either upwards or downwards, as more information becomes available. Breeding values with a reliability between 30% and 50% are considered to have a poor reliability. Breeding values with a reliability below 30% are not published.

### Are breeding values published for thoroughbred and foreign-bred stallions?

Yes. However, in general, there is less information available on these stallions compared to Irish Sport Horses, as they tend to have very few relatives that have competed in Ireland. This leads to lower reliability values for these stallions.

### Why should I refer to breeding values when choosing a stallion?

Breeding values for international level





BREED	SIRE	DAM SIRE	STAR RATING SJ OP	STAR RATING SJ PP
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progeny are at least 10 years of age

ISH	SEA CREST	NORDLYS	5	5
HANN	FOXHUNTER	METELLUS	5	3
HOLST	LANCER II	CALETTI II	-	5
HANN	LORD CALEDO	AHORN Z	5	5
SF	ROSIRE	STARTER	-	3

progeny are at least 4 years of age

ISH	CONCORDE	KING OF DIAMONDS	3	1
ZANG	CHELLANO Z	RAMIRO Z	2	-
ISH	CAVALIER ROYALE	-	5	1
BWP	DARCO	SAMBER	-	1
SF	QUITO DE BAUSSY	MUGUET DU MANOIR	5	2

basis of their own performance and pedigree

ISH	CRUISING	SAFARI	5	-
ZANG	CARTHAGO	IRCO MENA	4	-
BWP	LUX Z	RIVAGE DU PONCEL	2	-
ISH	CRUISING	CLOVER FIELDS	-	-
KWPN	INDOCTRO	RAMIRO Z	1	-

showjumping should be considered as a useful tool for breeders wishing to breed for the showjumping market. Irish Sport Horse stallions with breeding values greater than 130 will have over 20 times as many of their offspring competing at international level compared to the offspring of stallions with less than 100. Foals by stallions with breeding values above 130 achieve, on average, €445 more at auction than foals by stallions with breeding values below 100.

Breeders should view breeding values as a tool to assist in the selection of stallions. Other important factors such as conformation, movement, temperament and veterinary status, are not reflected in a stallion's breeding values for international level showjumping. It should also be noted that breeding values for international level showjumping do not indicate a stallion's ability in any other discipline, such as eventing or dressage. It is hoped that breeding values for eventing will be available in the near future, however, in the meantime, breeders may find stallion star rating information very useful when selecting stallions to produce horses for the eventing market.

#### Where can I find the breeding values of stallions?

They are published in the Stallion Book and are available on the HSI website [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie). Breeding values are published for stallions that have been classified or had progeny registered in the last three years and are included on the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Stallion list. This list includes current stallions classified as Approved (APP), Recognised (REC), Preliminary Approved (PA), Supplementary Approved (SA) or Preliminary Recognised (PR) in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

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Breeders should view breeding values as a tool to assist in the selection of stallions

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Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider
<b>6 Year Old ISH Ridden by Irish Riders</b>								
Bridgehousestud River Wild (ISH)	2006	M	Riverland ROI (SF)	Havana Club (ISH)	Not Recorded	Rachel Corrigan	Jessica Acheson	Jessica Acheson (IRL)
Cooley Rorkes Drift (ISH)	2006	G	Courage II (HOLST)	Doon-A-Ree Lass (ISH)	Rachelle Comet (TB)	William McCarrison	Fiona Elliot	Jonty Evans (IRL)
Day By Day (ISH)	2006	M	Jumbo (BSHR)	Decision Day (ISH)	Lafontaine (TB)	Kate Jarvey	Kate Jarvey	Austin O'Connor (IRL)
<b>7 Year Old ISH Ridden by Irish Riders</b>								
Ballygreen Millord (ISH)	2005	G	Kings Master (ISH)	Ballygreen Anouschka (ISH)	Orbis (TB)	David Asp Cosby	Lawrence Patterson	Louise Codd (IRL)
BT Border Bandit (ISH)	2005	G	Warcraft (TB)	Wanda XVI (WNTR)	Weltstar (OLD)	Ronnie Kelly	Camilla Speirs	Camilla Speirs (IRL)
Double Dashing (ISH)	2005	G	Poltarf (TB)	Desart Countess (ISH)	Not Recorded	Thomas R. Bratten	Fred Scala	Fred Scala (IRL)
Dunlough Striker (ISH)	2005	G	Maltstriker (KWPN)	Beau Rua (ISH)	Beau Royale (ISH)	Linda Downes	Victoria Brown	Robbie Collins (IRL)
Gorsehill Pearl (ISH)	2005	M	Hermes de Reve (SF)	Holly Clover (ISH)	Minstral Bouncer (TB)	Anne Bannon	Anne Bannon	Luke Drea (IRL)
Hip Hop Hero (ISH)	2005	G	Cult Hero (TB)	Bing Power (ISH)	Tongar Powercrest (ISH)	Bryan Maquire	Bryan Maquire	David Richards (IRL)
Horseware Lukeswell (ISH)	2005	G	Puissance (ISH)	Gentle Servant (ISH)	Kings Servant (ISH)	Teresa Walsh	Tom MacGuinness	Sam Watson (IRL)
Killobery Jupiter Rising (ISH)	2005	G	Master Imp (TB)	Sesheta Flight (ISH)	Laughton's Flight (ISH)	June Atkinson	Laura & Ciaran Glynn	Ciaran Glynn (IRL)
Kliptrick Knight (ISH)	2005	G	Master Imp (TB)	Golden Choice (ISH)	Golden Trump (ID C1)	Joan J. Dolan	Mrs Wendie Foster	Austin O'Connor (IRL)
Tredstep Bold Flyer (ISH)	2005	G	Barnaby Flight (ISH)	Ballylaur Bold (ISH)	Balboa (TB)	Joseph Walshe	Larry Deaton	Aidan Keogh (IRL)
Willows Dark Stranger (ISH)	2005	G	Limmerick (HOLST)	Skeenmor Dark Stranger (ISH)	Big Sink Hope (TB)	Jim Tempamy	Daisy Duggan	Daisy Duggan (IRL)
<b>Other ISH 6 Year Olds</b>								
Cavaller Venture (ISH)	2006	G	New Market Venture (ISH)	Newmarket Rare Cavaller (ISH)	Cavaller Royale (HOLST)	Bill Daly	Janette Chin, Edward & Sue Davies	Mary King (GBR)
SBT Prospector (ISH)	2006	G	Tasset (TB)	Silverlady (ISH)	Prospect Pride (ID C1)	Myles Nugent	Antonia Brown & Sarah Lucas	John-Paul Sheffield (GBR)
OBOS Cooley (ISH)	2006	G	OBOS Quality 004 (OLD)	OBOS Demira (ISH)	Cavaller Royale (HOLST)	OBOS	George & Jane Apter	Laura Collett (GBR)
Premier Clover Royale (ISH)	2006	G	Geivin Clover (ID C3)	Rosy Cavaller (ISH)	Cavaller Royale (HOLST)	Dominic Rice	AZ. AGR Moranzoni Elisabetta	Gian Luca Gardini (ITA)
Up Up And Away (ISH)	2006	G	Puissance (ISH)	Coolmore Frolic (ISH)	Paris Lights (SF)	Marie Creighton	Mr & Mrs Cameron Crawford	Caroline Powell (NZL)
Spring Sensation II (ISH)	2006	M	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Good Lady (TB)	Good Thyme (TB)	John Martin McLoughney	Shonaid Jemmett Page	Anna Hilton (GBR)
Port Royal (ISH)	2006	G	Garrison Royal (ISH)	Robertstown Maid (WNTR)	Robertstown Boy VII (WNTR)	Charles Patterson	Mark Todd	Mark Todd (NZL)
Regal Mix (ISH)	2006	G	Diamond Imp Lad (ISH)	Odin Lady (ISH)	Odin (TB)	Thomas Hayden	Amelia King	Andrew Heffernan (NED)
<b>Other ISH 7 Year Olds</b>								
Graf Liberty (ISH)	2005	G	Limmerick (HOLST)	Lisheen Star (ISH)	Cavaller Royale (HOLST)	Brian Livingstone	The Graf Liberty Company, Christopher Burton & Jill Martin	Christopher Burton (GBR)
Shannondale Santiago (ISH)	2005	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Be-Bop (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Susan Lamb	Hugh Treanor	Sammi McLeod (AUS)
The Court Jester (ISH)	2005	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Frankfort Diamond (ISH)	Frankfort Boy (TB)	Michael Byrne	Kyrie Arscott, Mr & Mrs D Chappell	Nick Gauntlett (GBR)
Cooley Business Time (ISH)	2005	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Moxella (OLD)	Quick Star (SF)	Don Hadden	Andrew Cawthray	Oliver Townend (GBR)
Atlantic Domino (ISH)	2005	G	Maltstriker (KWPN)	Atlantia Amanda (ISH)	Glidawn Diamond (ID C1)	David Browne	Shelagh Morley, Mark & Tanya Kyle	Tanya Kyle (GBR)
Tarbert Eiffel (ISH)	2005	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Tarbert Crest (ISH)	Sea Crest (ID C1)	MJ Coolahan	Maria Doel	Tanya Kyle (GBR)
Boleybawn Ace (ISH)	2005	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Queen Cee (ISH)	Cavaller Royale (HOLST)	Ronan Rothwell	Top Eventers Syndicate & Andrew Heffernan	Andrew Heffernan (NED)
HHS Dasset Appeal (ISH)	2005	G	Ghareeb (TB)	La Juanita (ISH)	Don Juan de La Bouverie (SBS)	Marion Hughes	Dasset Eventing & The Jazz Syndicate & Kate Rocher	Kate Rocher (GBR)
Cooley Master Class (ISH)	2005	G	Ramiro (BWP)	The Swallow (ISH)	Master Imp (TB)	John Hagon	Jenny Newton	Georgie Strang (GBR)

**LANAKEN - SHOWJUMPING:** Each year Lanaken in Belgium hosts the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses WBFSH/FEI World Young Showjumping Horse Championships. In total, Ireland can send 15 Irish Sport Horses to Lanaken, 5 in each age category.

Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider
<b>5 Year Old ISH</b>								
Codarco (ISH)	2007	S	Darco (BWP)	Vereedom G (KWPN)	Orame (KWPN)	Thomas O'Brien	Thomas O'Brien	Thomas O'Brien
Harlequin Bay (ISH)	2007	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Ballykealy Girl (ISH)	Rimilis (TB)	Eamon Kenny	Robert Nethercote	Gareth Nethercote
Laique (ISH)	2007	S	Diamant De Semilly (SF)	Rincoola Bua (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Harold McGahern	Harold McGahern	Joe Owens
Lux Classic (ISH)	2007	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Nadja S (KWPN)	Holland (KWPN)	Patrick A. Walsh	Noel Delahunty	Thomas O'Brien
MHS Shamrock (ISH)	2007	G	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Milly Royale (ISH)	Cavaller Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan	Austin Broderick	Darragh McCarthy
<b>6 Year Old ISH</b>								
Bronson De Reve (ISH)	2006	G	Hermes de Reve (SF)	Oktober (ISH)	not recorded	Eamon McGuirk	Eileen Duggan	John Floody
Cushions (ISH)	2006	M	Flexible (ISH)	Ard Flo (ISH)	Flagmount Diamond (ID C1)	Catherine Doyle	Manuela Martinelli	Edward Doyle
Reminisce One (ISH)	2006	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Astragele (SF)	Jalisco B (SF)	Don Hadden	Kieran Ryan	Gary Quinn
Coco Chanelle (ISH)	2006	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Orchid Hill (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Eamonn Gleeson	Deirdre Bourns	Declan Egan
MHS Going Global (ISH)	2006	G	Quidam Junior I (KWPN)	Gowran Lady (ISH)	Cavaller Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan	Caledonia Stables	Greg Broderick
<b>7 Year Old ISH</b>								
BP Blondey (ISH)	2005	S	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Cummer Beauty (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Michael Ryan	Caledonia Stables	Greg Broderick
Coco Chic (ISH)	2005	M	Touchdown (ISH)	Rincoola Abu (ISH)	Cruising (ID C1)	Harold McGahern	Harold McGahern	Michael Duffy
Milano (ISH)	2005	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Royal Irish (ISH)	I'm A Star (TB)	R. Thornton	Catherine Thornton	Catherine Thornton
Mullentine Loughgall (ISH)	2005	G	Tialoc M (SF)	Crosskeys Cavalier (ISH)	Cavaller Royale (HOLST)	George Allen	Capt. Eoghain Lavelle & Minister for Defence	Capt. Michael Kelly
Renolli (ISH)	2005	G	Poltarf (TB)	Coolmannon Porsch (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Anthony Connolly	John Scally	Gary Quinn



## Dedicated Irish Horse TV online channel



A new online TV channel dedicated to both Irish horse racing and Irish horse sport activities was launched on 5th February at The K Club in Straffan, Co. Kildare. Irish Horse TV is the first Irish station of its kind to combine news features on racing along with the Olympic disciplines of showjumping, eventing and dressage, as well as other equestrian pursuits. The station is targeted at both a domestic and international audience and will serve to reinforce Ireland's image as the 'Land of the Horse'.

Managing Director of Irish Horse TV, Len Regan, gave a short presentation on the station, commenting: "We are very excited about the collaboration with HRI and HSI as it brings all equestrian pursuits together at one easily accessible source. People can watch Irish Horse TV any time of the day or night on their PC, laptop, smart phone, iPhone, iPad or any other device connected to the internet, so you can keep up with your favourite sport and industry news."

A short video then gave the guests a flavour of what was to air on the station and also



Jockey Paul Carberry, Olympic Eventer Camilla Speirs and Vintage Crop having fun in the snow!

### Team Ireland Equestrian

Team Ireland Equestrian has finished fourth in the Equestrian Social Media Awards, in the category 'Best Use of Social Media in the UK & Ireland'.

featured a pre-recorded interview with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, who said: "It is a very positive initiative and it is our job, collectively, to build a reputation and a brand around Irish horses, Irish trainers, Irish breeders and Irish riders. This channel will play a significant part in doing that."

Leo Varadkar, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, added: "This is particularly important as it is the first joint collaboration between Horse Sport Ireland and Horse Racing Ireland and is a very valuable tool in promoting Ireland as the 'Land of the Horse'."

The equine industry has warmly welcomed the initiative, with Horse Racing Ireland and Horse Sport Ireland, the respective governing bodies for the racing and sport horse sectors, coming on board as founding partners. The main commercial sponsor is Connolly's Red

LEFT: Irish Horse TV Managing Director Len Regan interviews former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh

Paralympic triple medallist Helen Kearney interviews 26-year-old racing legend Vintage Crop



Mills, while sponsorship has also been secured from other stakeholders, including founding members the RDS and the Irish National Stud.

The channel is free to watch and the content will be varied in a bid to maximise audience share and viewership.

Visit [www.irishhorse.tv](http://www.irishhorse.tv) to see the latest breeding programmes and HSI's weekly equestrian news, including news on Irish-bred horses competing on the world stage.

### Irish International dates 2013

Each weekend in Ireland, sport horse competitions take place. It is important for breeders to attend these events to see the types and models of horses competing.

In addition, in 2013, some 10 international shows/events will be held in Ireland. See below. All dates and venues may be subject to change.

#### April

- 20th-22nd: Ballindenisk International Horse Trials, Watergrasshill, Co. Cork.

#### May

- 15th-17th: Balmoral Horse Show, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- 23rd-26th: Mullingar International Horse Show, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

#### May/June

- 30th-2nd: Tattersalls International Horse Trials, Ratoath, Co. Meath.

#### July

- 6th-7th: Mallow International Horse Trials, Mallow, Co. Cork.
- 25th-28th: Camphire International Horse

Trials, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford.

#### August

- 7th-11th Dublin Horse Show, RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.
- 13th-18th: Millstreet Horse Show, Cork.

#### September

- 18th-22nd: Ballindenisk International Horse Trials, Watergrasshill, Co. Cork.

#### November

- 8th-10th: Cavan International Horse Show, Latt, Co. Cavan.

# The market

## Strong overseas attendance but

Sally Parkyn

**A** welcome number of positives emerged from the sport horse sales of 2012, none less than the healthy attendance of overseas customers at every single fixture. Other positives included a glut of high prices across the age groups, each one greater than the corresponding figures from the previous year.

While this makes welcome reading, further analysis illustrates that the bulk of these headlining prices were received at the specialist event horse sales, and although several other individuals made an impact at sales across the country, the general overview was not so rosy.

Figures show that the current market was strong for the well-produced, older horse with form. The age group sold consistently well throughout the year, boasting the biggest clearance rates, along with the year's top price of €48,000. This honour, received at the Goresbridge Go for Gold Sale, fell to the event horse Tomgar Rembrandt, a six-year-old son of the Thoroughbred sire Easy Lift out of Kellyroselady (Daaman (TB)).

The younger age groups, however, revealed figures that were two-tier. While buyers were present in numbers

for the correct individual – and paid commercial prices – they were scarce and cautious for the numerically stronger remainder. This, in turn, left a complete absence of a middle market, which is unhealthy and a concern for the coming year. This trend was evident in the four-year-old age group but became even more marked at the three-year-old dispersals.

### Road to profitability

Breeders face difficult decisions, but the year's returns offer firm indications of the road to profitability. Current trends clearly illustrate that

there is no market for younger plain horses. Every sale-topping horse was by a recognised sire, and all bar one were destined for the event track.

This lucrative market has opened the doors for the specialist event horse sales, which now dominate the annual returns.

The Goresbridge Go for Gold Sale, in particular, was responsible for the top ridden horse prices across the board, including the four-year-old SRS Quality at €28,000.

As his name suggests, this well-produced gelding was by the versatile OBOS Quality, a stallion also respon-



Top price 3YO (pictured above) sold for €19,500 at Goresbridge in September. Charlie Pigeon's gelding by OBOS Quality out of Simply Chic (Cruising).

### ■ Cavan Equestrian Centre Sales 2013

#### April

- 23rd & 24th: Two-day International Performance Sale

#### June

- 25th & 26th: Two-day International Performance Sale

#### July

- 2nd: 3 Year Old Loose Jumping: Viewing Day for August Premier 3 Year Old Sale
- 16th: 3 Year Old Loose Jumping: Viewing Day for August Premier 3 Year Old Sale

#### August

- 20th, 21st, 22nd: International Performance & Premier 3 Year Old Sale
- 27th: Elite Foal Viewing Day in conjunction with October Young Stock Sale

#### October

- 1st, 2nd: Young Stock Sport Horse and Elite Foal Sale
- 3rd: National Registered Irish Draught Sale
- 5th, 6th: Cavan National Amateur Indoor Championships
- 9th, 10th: Two-day International Performance Sale
- 11th: Registered Connemara Sale
- 15th: 3 Year Old Loose Jumping

Competition in conjunction with Cavan International Show

- 22nd: 3 Year Old Loose Jumping Competition in conjunction with Cavan International Show

#### November

- 25th: Registered Irish Draught Sale
- 25th: Registered Connemara Sale
- 26th, 27th: Two-day International Performance Sale
- 28th: Young Stock Sport Horse Sale

Dates subject to change. Entry forms and catalogues available on [www.cavanequestrian.com](http://www.cavanequestrian.com)





# mixed prices in 2012

sible for the best priced three-year-old at €19,500. Sold in September at Goresbridge, the latter was a well-related gelding out of Simply Chic (Cruising) and a half brother to the international Grand Prix performer Credit Cruise and the Grade A Equality. Other good returns in the age group went to traditionally-bred sons of Cougar, Loughoe Guy and Kings Master as well as a filly by Shannondale Sarco.

Reflecting on the past year, Martin Donohoe of Goresbridge said: "I've always said that if vendors give us what the market requires then we can sell them well – this was true of all our sales and highlighted further at the Go for Gold Sale last November. Building on that success we are aiming to make it better again this year."

While the tables show that the better prices fell to individuals with tradi-

tional and continental bloodlines, the foal sales portrayed an entirely different picture. Here, imported semen governed the market, although it was also noticeable that even these top prices have dropped for the third year in succession.

Stuart Clarke of Cavan Equestrian Centre said: "Our elite foal sale stayed a success, despite maybe dropping a little in average. This is almost certainly due to the current economic climate and the fact that the foal trade is largely a domestic market. Breeders have a tough job and definitely need to try to improve their mares. These days a mare needs pedigree and if she hasn't performed herself she needs to be correct and show some ability. Breeders also need to make a plan – decide what they are aiming to breed and when to market it."

**Table 1: Top five foals, 3YO, 4YO and older in 2012**

Older stock	Four-year-olds
6yo g by Easy Lift (TB) - €48,000	g by OBOS Quality (OLD) - €28,000
5yo g by Beach Ball (ISH) - €40,000	g by OBOS Quality (OLD) - €27,000
5yo g by Harlequin du Carel (SF) - €27,000	g by Kings Master (ISH) - €26,000
5yo by Mighty Magic (HOLST) - €27,000	g by Harlequin du Carel (SF) - €25,000
5yo by ArdVDL Douglas (KWPN) - €20,000	f by Diamond Roller (ISH) - €23,000
Three-year-olds	Foals
g by OBOS Quality (OLD) - €19,500	f by Chacco Blue (HOLST) - €6,250
g by Cougar (ISH) - €18,000	f by Emilion (KWPN) - €6,200
g by Loughoe Guy (ISH) - €18,000	c by Plot Blue (KWPN) - €5,250
f by Shannondale Sarco (BWP) - €17,500	c by Kannan (KWPN) - €5,200
g by Master Imp (TB) - €17,000	f by Flexible (ISH) - €5,000

## ■ Goresbridge Horse Sales 2013

### March

- 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd: Sport Horse Performance Sales
- 19th: Registered Connemara Sales
- 22nd: Registered Irish Draught Sales

### April

- 6th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales

### May

- 4th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales
- 14th, 15th, 16th: Sport Horse Performance Sales

### June

- 1st: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales

### July

- 6th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales
- 16th, 17th, 18th: Sport Horse Performance Sales

### August

- 3rd: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales

### September

- 7th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales
- 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th: Sport Horse Performance Sales

### October

- 5th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales
- 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th: Broodmare, Foal & Yearling Sales
- 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th: Sport Horse Performance Sales

### November

- 2nd: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales
- Goresbridge Go for Gold Sale

### December

- 5th: Registered Connemara & Irish Draught Sales
- 6th: Sport Horse Performance Sales
- 7th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sales

All dates subject to slight alteration. Entry forms available on [www.irishhorse.com](http://www.irishhorse.com)

## HSI HORSE SALES WEBSITE



In recent months, Horse Sport Ireland has been working on a new project to market Irish-bred horses abroad. The centre piece of this initiative will be the establishment of a dedicated website (working title: Irish Horse Gateway) where breeders and producers will be able to advertise and sell Irish horses in export markets.

Other services to assist foreign buyers will also be included on the site.

### One-stop shop

Horse Sport Ireland will then market this site worldwide as a 'one-stop shop' for buying Irish-bred horses.

It is intended that the website will be used to market any horse which is registered in a Studbook approved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, with recorded pedigree (sire and dam) verified by DNA.

### Code of conduct

In order to ensure high standards, sellers using the Irish Horse Gateway will be required to sign a code of conduct and will receive guidance and training in uploading pictures and videos to the site.

The aim will be to present Ireland and the Irish horse in the most positive possible light.

### Contact HSI

If you are a breeder who would consider using such a site to sell your horses, please send an email with your contact details to [ihg@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:ihg@horsesportireland.ie) or phone/text 086-4110016 and you will be sent an information pack. It is intended that the new site will be operational by May 2013.

# Showing Championship 2012

## HSI All-Ireland Showing Championship Series winners

Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner
<b>The 3 Year Old Horse All-Ireland Championship - Bannow &amp; Rathangan</b>							
Unnamed	2009	M	Emperor Augustus (TB)	Garron Rebel (ISH)	Rich Rebel (TB)	Norman Graham	Wafer Bros, Co. Wicklow
<b>The County Clare Broodmare All-Ireland Championship - Clare County Show</b>							
Assagart Saviour (ISH)	2002	M	Flagmount King (ID C1)	Assagart Kitty (ISH)	Not recorded	John Roche, Co. Wexford	John Roche, Co. Wexford
<b>The Kildysart Two Year Old Filly All-Ireland Championship</b>							
Unnamed	2010	F	Porsch (BWP)	Tattygare Golden Delight (ISH)	Euphemism (TB)	Hurst Show Horses, Co. Fermanagh	Hurst Show Horses, Co. Fermanagh
<b>The All Ireland Irish Draught Yearling Filly Championship - Roscommon</b>							
Unnamed	2011	F	Elm Hill (ID C1)	Morning Glow (RID)	Sir Rivie (ID C1)	Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo	Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo
<b>The Leitrim Irish Draught Breeders All-Ireland Championship - Mohill</b>							
Elm View (RID)	2007	F	Elm Hill (ID C1)	Morning Glow (RID)	Sir Rivie (ID C1)	Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo	Seamus Sloyan, Co. Roscommon
<b>The A Browne Filly Foal All-Ireland Championship Final - Moate Show</b>							
Unnamed	2012	F	Ramiro B (BWP)	Bagnelstown Imp (ISH)	Master Imp (TB)	Mrs Valerie Breen, Co. Tyrone	Mrs Valerie Breen, Co. Tyrone
<b>The Irish Draught 2 Year Old Filly All-Ireland Championship - Limerick</b>							
Unnamed	2010	F	Clew Bay Bouncer (ID C1)	Ballintaff Lady (RID)	Grosvenor Lad (ID C1)	Seamus Sloyan, Co. Roscommon	Seamus Sloyan, Co. Roscommon
<b>The Yearling Filly All-Ireland Championship - Scariff</b>							
Unnamed	2011	F	Lux Z (HANN)	PJ's Hope (ISH)	Big Sink Hope (TB)	PJ Lehane, Co. Cork	PJ Lehane, Co. Cork
<b>The Irish Draught Filly Foal Championship</b>							
Unnamed	2012	F	Holycross (ID C1)	Inisfree White Lady (RID)	Crannagh Hero (ID C1)	James Whyte, Co. Cork	James Whyte, Co. Cork

## Advice for the upcoming breeding season

### HSI Voluntary Code of Practice

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) advises that breeders should familiarise themselves with the HSI Voluntary Code of Practice for stallion and mare owners for the upcoming breeding season.

The code of practice outlines voluntary recommendations to help breeders, in conjunction with their veterinary surgeons, to prevent and control specific equine diseases.

The preventative measures included in the code of practice will help to increase fertility rates and reduce additional expenditure on covering and veterinary fees.

The HSI Voluntary Code of Practice outlines the following recommendations for mare owners:

- Prior to covering, mares should be tested for EVA and equine infectious anaemia (EIA) and should be swabbed for venereal pathogens.
- When choosing a stallion to cover your mare, enquire as to whether the stallion has been tested for these diseases.
- If importing semen, ensure that the semen is certified as EVA and pathogen free.
- Vaccinate all pregnant mares against equine herpesvirus (EHV).

Copies of the HSI Voluntary Code of Practice for stallion and mare owners



Raymond Sloyan receiving the 'Breeder of Top Irish Draught Showing Mare' award for Elm View (RID) from HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher.

are available upon request from the HSI offices and can be downloaded from the HSI website at [www.horses-portireland.ie](http://www.horses-portireland.ie)

### Covering certificates

In order to avoid any untimely delays in registering foals, mare owners should ensure that they pay covering fees promptly and receive a covering certificate, which should then be sent to HSI.

It is also advisable to retain proof of payment for covering fees (copies of cheques, receipts, etc.).

Contracts between mare and stallion



John Roche accepting the 'Breeder of Top ISH Showing Mare' award for Assagart Saviour (ISH) on behalf of his late father Michael, from HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher.

owners may be helpful in the event of a dispute. Agreement between stallion and mare owners in relation to keep fees should also be reached prior to covering.

### Register your foal

By law, foals must be registered before they reach six months of age. It should be noted that foals not identified before 31st December in their year of birth, or within six months following the date of birth (whichever date occurs later), are required to have their passports stamped as being not eligible for human consumption.





# Young breeders

## ISH Young Breeders' Programme 2013

Wendy Conlon

The ISH Young Breeders' Programme is now in its seventh year since inception in 2005. It is a joint programme between Horse Sport Ireland and Teagasc, who are delighted to announce that Connolly's Red Mills will partner the programme for 2013. The programme is aimed at those aged 14-25 years (in 2013) who are interested in assessing, exhibiting and breeding performance horses. An avid interest and an eagerness to participate and learn is all that is required.

### Developing skills for the breeders and producers of the future

This year will see the hosting of both National and World Championship Young Breeders' competitions. The nationals will take place at Kildalton Agricultural College, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on 20 April. The World Championships will be held in Bollerup, Sweden from 12 to 14 July. Participation at the National competition is necessary to qualify for selection to represent the ISH Studbook at the World Championships. The top eight in both the 16-19 and 20-25 year age categories will go forward for further training and selection before the teams are selected for the World Championships at the end of June. Fourteen and 15-year-olds can compete at national level only.

The Young Breeders' Championships are based on five key areas:

- 1) Theory (stable management, the sport, breeding, feeding, health and welfare)
- 2) Assessment of conformation
- 3) Assessment of loose movement and loose jumping
- 4) Presentation of horses in hand using the triangle system
- 5) Turnout of horses

All of the above are important as a foundation for those with an interest in developing their knowledge of the horse. These skills come into focus for varied uses, including purchasing a new horse/pony; deciding about which mares/stallions to use for breeding; assessing offspring; presenting horses for inspection, sale, show or competition.



### Training Programme 2013

To ensure that participants are adequately prepared for competition a comprehensive training programme is in place preceding the National Young Breeders Championships:

Date	Venue	Focus	Trainer
23 March	Tiernan Gills', Mayo	Conformation Movement	Tiernan Gill, Phillip Scott
7 April	Gurteen College, Tipperary	In Hand	Teagasc Equine Team
20 April	Kildalton College, Kilkenny	National competition	

Young people are encouraged to attend training days and become familiar with what's involved. Alongside the core principles of the competition, training days also focus on developing general knowledge through audiences with riders and industry professionals.



### Arena party training

There is an opportunity for senior young breeders (18-25), who have actively attended training sessions, to partake in further training to become an arena party member for loose movement/jumping at HSI mare and stallion inspections. This aspect of training begins in the spring with Declan McArdle of Teagasc. Participants are trained in all aspects of arena party activity. Successful

candidates can achieve FETAC minor award accreditation. The training is integrated with the HSI mare inspections and to get on the panel participants must pass an exam. To remain on the panel they must complete an annual refresher course. The bonus is that candidates are paid a fee for their work at inspections.

### Contact us

New participants are always welcome. More information is available on both the Teagasc and Horse Sport Ireland websites. There is also a Facebook page: ISH Young Breeders. Pre-booking is necessary for all events, contact Wendy Conlon on 087-9879083 or at [wendy.conlon@teagasc.ie](mailto:wendy.conlon@teagasc.ie)

## Ignite your online presence


### Equine Marketing Conference 29th April 2013

Teagasc and Horse Sport Ireland will host an Equine Marketing Conference at the Mullingar Park Hotel on Monday 29th April 2013 with registration at 1.30pm.

This conference presents a unique opportunity for all equine businesses whether you are a stallion owner wishing to promote sires; a breeder planning to market stock; a riding school aiming to attract more clients or any other form of equine business with ambitions to increase your client base.



### Irish Horse Gateway

The conference will also feature details of Horse Sport Ireland's new website for selling Irish horses and ponies abroad – the Irish Horse Gateway.



This is a conference not to be missed. It is a digital age and, to be commercial, breeders must also embrace technology and utilise digital marketing to its full extent in marketing stock and encouraging clients through the farm gate. The panel includes speakers from Google; The Digital Marketing Institute; O'Leary Analytics; Fáilte Ireland; Teagasc and Horse Sport Ireland.

For further details please contact:  
Declan McArdle on 087-6831876 or Wendy Conlon on 087-9879083.

## WBFSH world stallion rankings 2012

The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) is a non-profit federation of sport horse studbooks from around the world. The WBFSH promotes the common

interests of its member studbooks and acts as a representative body for the sport horse breeding sector. Every autumn the WBFSH Stallion Rankings are produced

based on the FEI/WBFSH Horse Rankings ([www.wbfsch.org](http://www.wbfsch.org)). The points shown in the tables below reflect the progeny performances in FEI international competitions.

### ■ WBFSH Jumping Sire Rankings 2012 (Last updated 28/10/12)

Rank	Sire	IHR Classification	Birth year	Ranked progeny points	Number of ranked progeny
1st	BALOUBET DU ROUET (SF)*	Approved	1989	10328	62
2nd	KANNAN (KWPN)*	Approved	1992	9576	74
3rd	DARCO (BWP)*	Approved	1980	8442	62
4th	QUICK STAR (SF)*	Approved	1982	7983	42
5th	HEARTBREAKER (KWPN)*	Approved	1989	7499	75
6th	CARETINO (HOLST)*	Approved	1983	6844	37
7th	QUIDAM DE REVEL (SF)*	Approved	1982	6308	48
8th	NABAB DE RÊVE (BWP)*	Approved	1990	6067	42
9th	DIAMANT DE SEMILLY (SF)*	Approved	1991	5644	49
10th	CARTHAGO (HOLST)*	Approved	1987	5585	46
11th	CLINTON (HOLST)*	Approved	1993	5480	38
12th	ANDIAMO Z (NRPS)*	Approved	1993	5047	37
13th	CONTENDRO I (HOLST)		1997	4645	32
14th	NUMERO UNO (KWPN)*	Approved	1995	4550	30
15th	CORNET OBOLENSKY (HANN)*	Approved	1999	4428	32
16th	CONTENDER (HOLST)*	Approved	1984	4258	25
17th	CASSINI I (HOLST)*	Approved	1988	4038	44
18th	INDOCTRO (HOLST)*	Approved	1990	3970	46
19th	MR BLUE (KWPN)*	Approved	1988	3894	23
20th	KASHMIR VAN SCHUTTERSHOF (sBs)		1994	3757	35
The following stallions are standing/stood in Ireland and appear in the Top 100 rankings					
28th	GUIDAM (SF)	Approved	1988	3188	16
29th	LUX Z (HANN)	Approved	1988	3181	28
33rd	CRUISING (ISH)	Approved	1985	2917	13
55th	LIMMERICK (HOLST)	Approved	1990	1820	5
58th	O.B.O.S. QUALITY (OLD)	Approved	1992	1597	5
70th	VECHTA (KWPN)	Approved	1991	1370	2
72nd	JACOMAR (KWPN)	Approved	1991	1360	2
87th	LUIDAM (KWPN)	Approved	1993	1120	4

\*Stallions Approved in IHR standing abroad

### ■ WBFSH Eventing Sire Rankings 2012 (Last updated 28/10/12)

Rank	Sire	IHR Classification	Birth year	Ranked progeny points	Number of ranked progeny
1st	HERALDIK [SVK] (TB)*	Approved	1982	1837	37
2nd	MASTER IMP [IRE] (TB)	Approved	1987	945	35
3rd	CRUISING (ISH)	Approved	1985	833	12
4th	RICARDO Z (ZANG)	Approved	1994	807	32
5th	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	Approved	1978	692	15
6th	JUMBO (BSHR)*	Approved	1984	575	18
7th	FINES [ESP] (TB)		1983	553	4
8th	GHAREEB [GB] (TB)	Approved	1990	486	19
9th	PUISSANCE (ISH)	Approved	1988	423	19
10th	CONTENDRO I (HOLST)		1997	380	11
11th	SALUTE			368	5
12th	RAMIRO B (BWP)*	Approved	1994	367	5
13th	GROSVENOR [NZ] (TB)		1979	359	5
14th	COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	Approved	1989	351	7
15th	DALEY K (HANN)		1984	344	4
16th	CONTENDER (HOLST)*	Approved	1984	343	10
17th	IRCO MENA (SWB)*	Approved	1982	342	4
18th	OLYMPIC LUX (KWPN)	Not Approved 2	1996	331	12
19th	YARLANDS SUMMER SONG (SF)*	Approved	1986	323	21
=20th	LIMMERICK (HOLST)	Approved	1990	312	18
=20th	RUSTIC AMBER [IRE] (TB)		1983	312	1

The following stallions are standing/stood in Ireland and appear in the Top 100 rankings

26th	STAN THE MAN [IRE] (TB) *	Approved	1982	275	2
34th	TOUCHDOWN (ISH)	Approved	1982	259	11
41st	ALDATUS Z (OLD)	Approved	1985	244	12
46th	PORSCH (BWP)	Approved	1992	238	4
47th	CULT HERO [CAN] (TB)	Approved	1991	236	16
49th	DON JUAN DE LA BOUVERIE (sBs)	Not Approved 2	1987	233	9
73rd	ARD OHIO (KWPN)*	Not Approved 1	1996	169	3
78th	HERITAGE FORTUNUS (HANN)	Approved	1993	165	2
80th	CLERKENWELL [USA] (TB)	Approved	1993	163	2
86th	LAST NEWS [USA] (TB)	Not Approved 2	1994	156	4
=92nd	CONDIOS (HOLST)	Approved	1995	151	6
=92nd	CROSSKEYS REBEL (CP)	Approved	1992	151	1
=92nd	DIAMOND MINE (ID C2)	Not Approved 1	1992	151	2

\*Stallions Approved in IHR standing abroad



# Irish Breeders' Classic

## Bens Lady Lux (ISH) wins the inaugural Irish Breeders' Classic

**B**reeder Ann Marie Blessington of Tober, Granard, Co. Longford, won the inaugural Irish Breeders' Classic top breeder's prize for producing Bens Lady Lux (ISH) 2007, brown mare by Lux Z (HANN) out of Leading Edge (ISH) by Cavalier Royale (HOLST). Bens Lady Lux (ISH) was ridden to victory by Harry Marshall at this showcase for Irish-born horses, held in Barnadown, Co. Wexford in September last year.

### World's richest young horse class

The Irish Breeders' Classic is a showjumping competition for five and six-year-old Irish-born horses, with a total prize fund of €50,000, making it the richest young horse class in the world. Five percent of the overall prize fund went to breeders, with the winning breeder's prize of €1,000 provided by Horse Sport Ireland. The prize fund is generated by voluntary contributions from organisations and individuals within the Irish Sport Horse industry. Last year's competition was a huge success, with 86 entries and 30 combinations making it through to the final. Competitors included Cian O'Connor (Olympic Bronze medallist), Francis Connors (10 times National Champion) and Greg Broderick (highest ranked Irish rider). The event was streamed live on [www.livestream.ie](http://www.livestream.ie) and is still available to view on [www.irishbreedersclassic.com](http://www.irishbreedersclassic.com). Horse & Country TV aired the competition and footage of the winning round was aired on RTE Six One News.

The aim of the Irish Breeders' Classic is to make it viable for people to invest in an Irish-born sport horse to compete, in turn, creating demand for horses bred by Irish breeders. The competition mirrors the product that racing offers an owner. Instead of producing a horse over several years to international level with top prize funds, an owner can purchase an Irish-born sport horse and have an opportunity of winning a top prize in a shorter space of time.

HSI CEO Damian McDonald commented: "After its successful inauguration, I'm sure this event will be here to stay. The industry owes a debt of gratitude to organiser Ronan Rothwell who had the courage to take on this project and make it such a success. Barnadown also did a fantastic job."

### Irish Breeders' Classic 2013

Plans include adding a four-year-old



Ann Marie Blessington receives the inaugural Irish Breeders Classic breeder's prize from HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher, accompanied by her husband (right) and Irish Breeders Classic organiser Ronan Rothwell (left).

showjumping competition, which would be judged on a clear rounds basis, along with a four and five-year-old young event horse class. Both classes will be open only to Irish-born horses.

A 'horses for sale' section on the Irish Breeders' Classic website is at the planning stage which will be a free facility for sponsors.

This year's show will have more trade stands, interactive competitions and other side attractions. The show will be promoted in the UK, attracting overseas competitors and generating maximum exposure for sponsors. An association with Bolesworth Castle Horse Show has been agreed.

The first show was made possible through the support of a forward-thinking and generous group of sponsors. The future development of the Irish Breeders' Classic will benefit every

breeder in Ireland and this can only be done through continued support from sponsors. You can become a sponsor from just €100. Visit [www.irishbreedersclassic.com](http://www.irishbreedersclassic.com) to find out more.



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# HSI Breeders' Awards 2012

*Horse Sport Ireland held its 2012 Breeders' Awards in Gorey, Co. Wexford on 13th November. The awards recognise the achievements of Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse breeders who have produced outstanding results throughout the year. There were 13 awards presented on the night, 10 of these are included in this photo gallery. See pages 4 and 26 for more results. HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman Jim Beecher presented the awards to the recipients.*

**RIGHT:** Outstanding Irish groom at the WBFSH Young Horse Championships: Ashleigh Skillen, Greg Broderick's groom at Lanaken 2012.



**ISH that contributed most in FEI Nations' Cup League Series: Castlefield Eclipse (ISH) bred by Pat Nihill – Sinead Nihill accepted the award on behalf of her father.**



**Highest Placed ISH at FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken: Codarco (ISH) bred by Thomas O'Brien.**



**Greatest Support of Irish Sport Horses: Clare Ryan.**



**Breeder of medal-winning Irish Sport Horses at Paralympics: Yana Verling, breeder of Mister Cool (ISH).**





**Breeder of the Top International Event Horse: Mr Medicott (ISH) bred by Dr Donal Geaney. Margaret and Donal Geaney accepted the award on behalf of the late Dr Donal Geaney.**



**ISH that contributed most to the Irish Senior Event Team: Master Crusoe (ISH) bred by Michael Doyle, who accepted the award accompanied by his mother Phyllis Doyle.**



**ISH that contributed most to the Irish Showjumping Team: Lisona (ISH) bred by Comdt John Ledingham. Alison Ledingham accepted the award on behalf of her husband.**



**Outstanding Contribution Award: Iris Kellet. Joyce Swanton accepted the award on behalf of her cousin, the late Ms Iris Kellet.**



**Young Breeder Award: Iris Brazil.**

## Horse Sport Ireland Coaching Programme

### Spring 2013 Coaching Courses

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) offers equestrian coaching courses accredited by Coaching Ireland. HSI Coaching courses are competition based coaching qualifications, using modern techniques to improve both horses' and riders' performance and are led by professional equestrian tutors.

#### HSI Introduction to Coaching

9th April 2013	Kennedys Dohyle House Stud, Co. Limerick
13th May 2013	Tubberbride Riding Centre, Collooney, Co. Sligo

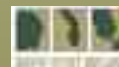
#### HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach (Days 1 & 2 – first two dates of a four day course)

11th & 12th March 2013	Spruce Lodge Training Facility, Co. Wicklow
22nd & 23rd April 2013	Kennedy Dohyle House Stud, Co. Limerick

#### HSI Level 2 Coach (Days 1, 2 & 3)

Day 1 – 25th March 2013	Spruce Lodge Training Facility, Co. Wicklow
Day 2 – 26th March 2013	Spruce Lodge Training Facility, Co. Wicklow
Day 3 – 27th March 2013	Grange Farm, Drumlargin, Kilcock, Co. Meath

More dates will be announced throughout the year. For more information contact Catherine Farrell on +353 45 854512 or email [cfarrell@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:cfarrell@horsesportireland.ie)





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