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Embryo Transfer Scheme for High Performance Mares

The Embryo Transfer (ET) Scheme aims to increase genetic improvement by maximising the genetic potential of Ireland's top class performance mares.

- Mares must be 3 years old or older and in the ownership of the applicant.
- Registered in a DAFM approved studbook.
- Meet the 4* or 5* performance or progeny/half sibling performance requirements or have an Estimated Breeding Value (EBV-SJ) of 130 or relevant equivalent.
- Mare owners can apply for funding for up to 4 embryos under the scheme in 2018.
- Semen used for the embryo transfers must be from stallions which are Approved in a WBFSH studbook or a pony studbook approved by DAFM.

KEY DATES:

- The embryo transfer must take place at a designated clinic after the **1st April 2018**.
- An application must be submitted before the **31st August 2018**.
- A payment of €600 per embryo will be payable to the owner upon submission of a veterinary declaration confirming that the recipient has been scanned in foal.
- The closing date for all paperwork to be submitted is **31st October 2018**.

All applications will be considered if received prior to the closing date, if this scheme is oversubscribed donor mares with the best performance ratings or EBV's will be prioritised.

Please see page 24 for what you need to know about Embryo Transfer.

Please download an ET application from the Horse Sport Ireland website:
www.horsesportireland.ie



IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK SHOW JUMPING SERIES

The Series, for 5, 6 and 7 year old Irish Sport Horses, is in its fourteenth year in existence.

For 2018, there will be €80,000 in prize money on offer from the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.

Full criteria for this year's Series are now available on the HSI website. Riders and owners should ensure they familiarise themselves with the criteria. Particular attention should be paid to information on entries for these classes. Dates and venues for 2018 are also detailed below.

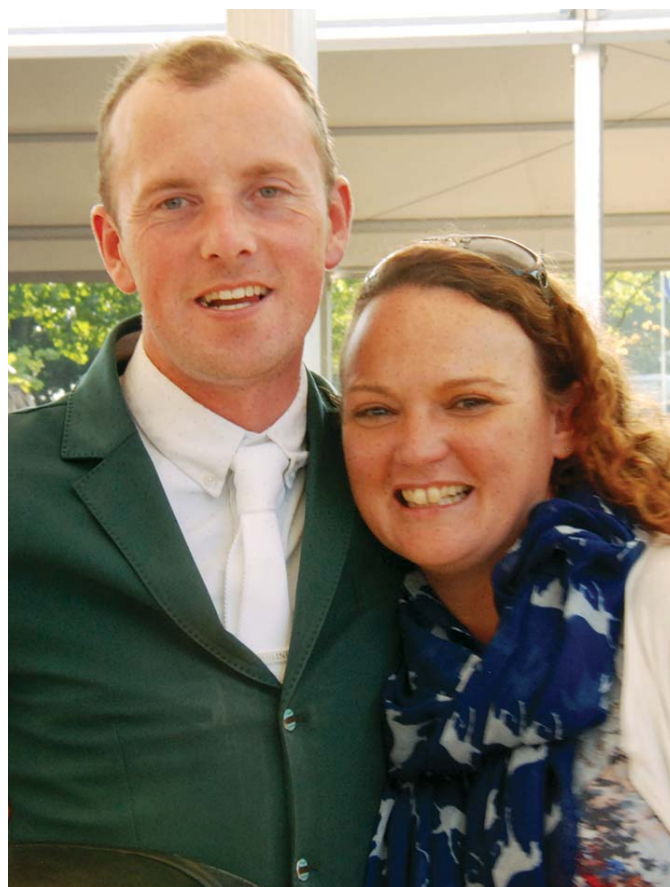


Paddy McCarthy (HSI Breeding Sub Board Member) congratulates Ger O'Neill riding Castlefield Vegas, overall Winner of the 7 year old division

ISH STUDBOOK SHOW JUMPING SERIES DATES 2018

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| The Meadows Equestrian Centre | April 21st-22nd |
| Barnadown Equestrian Centre | May 11th-13th |
| Cavan Equestrian Centre | May 18th-20th |
| Mullingar International | June 2nd-3rd |
| Coilog | June 30th-July 1st |
| Cork Summer Show | July 7th-8th |
| Tattersalls | July 21st-22nd |
| Galway Equestrian Centre | August 25th-26th |

Please see www.horsesportireland.ie for further details.



Ger O'Neill and Cynthia Murphy, the rider and breeder of Columbcille Gipsy (ISH) after winning the 6 year old Championship at Lanaken.



HORSE SPORT IRELAND

As we look forward to the new breeding season, Irish Sport Horse Breeders can reflect on a very successful 2017 with the Irish Sport Horse Studbook once again the leading eventing studbook in the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) rankings. Since the WBFSH rankings were established in 1994, the Irish Sport Horse Studbook has ranked number 1 in the eventing rankings an impressive 22 times in this 24 year period. *Cooley Cross Border* (ISH), bred by Johnny Duffy, ranked 8th individually and Irish Sport Horse *Ballaghmor Class* which was bred by Noel Hickey and ridden by Oliver Townend (GBR) won the Burghley CCI4*.

In Lanaken, Breeders Eamonn and Cynthia Murphy and Ger O'Neill delivered the Gold Medal for Ireland when *Columbcille Gipsy* (ISH) and Ger O'Neill (IRL) were victorious in the six-year-old division at the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses. In show jumping the traditional Irish Sport Horse *Ardcolum Duke* (ISH), ridden by Billy Twomey (IRL) recorded 3 big wins at CSI5* level in 2017.

The Irish Sport Horse breeding sector continues to recover, with registrations in the Irish Horse Register for last year totalling 5,165 foals, representing an increase of 4% on 2016. The numbers of foals registered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook has increased from 4,195 in 2016 to 4,311 in 2017 (a 3% increase). Foal registrations in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook showed a substantial increase of 11%, from 740 in 2016 to 819 in 2017. We are delighted to see foal registrations in the Irish Sport Pony Studbook growing steadily, further recognising the importance of the Irish performance pony. This year HSI will introduce a pony section in the HSI foal championships in addition to the Autumn loose jumping competitions for 3 & 4 year olds.

Of particular concern is the increasing number of Irish horses being registered without having their pedigree recorded. This is a regressive step which will have long-term implications for all breeds, both from a breeding programme and economic value perspective. We would encourage all stakeholders to consider this situation carefully and the merits of all equines being registered with full pedigree in an approved equine studbook. Breeders should be aware of the sire and dam of their foal, and opting for a white book devalues their foal and results in a substantial loss in information to the studbook and to the breeder in general.

The latest edition of the HSI Breeder magazine is packed full of information to help you make your breeding decisions in 2018. While breeding will always have an element of the unknown, Irish breeders have proved repeatedly that they can compete with the best in the world. It is essential that all breeding programmes are based on solid breeding goals which are adapted to the marketplace and the product being produced. In this regard, Horse Sport Ireland's online database, IHR Online, continues to be developed, with additional pedigree and performance added monthly. In 2018, the HSI's Breeding department will be rolling out a suite on additional online facilities, including mare owner declarations, covering cert check, and ultimately an online registration facility. The stallion book will include the updated Genetic Evaluation report for stallions, so I would advise any breeder to use these tools to help in your decision-making process.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact the breeding department at Horse Sport Ireland at info@horsesportireland.ie

Best wishes for the 2018 breeding season,

Alison Corbally

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Irish Sport Horse Young Breeder...

David Bourke

By EMER BERMINGHAM

At 28 years-old Enniskerry native, **DAVID BOURKE** is one of a new generation of young Irish breeders looking to establish themselves in the horse breeding industry. Without a doubt Bourke got off to a good footing. In 2009, he represented Ireland at the World Young Breeder Championships in Kildalton and his skills were recognised as he went on to finish individual fourth and was part of the team that secured bronze.

Some of his breeding success stories include *Enniskerry Foxtrot* (ISH) [*French Buffet* (TB) x *Enniskerry Tigerlilly* (ISH)] who he bred and produced to 2* international level. Taking advantage of modern breeding practices, Bourke is expecting a foal by embryo transfer this year from her to *Balou du Rouet* (OLD). Another home bred, a full brother *Enniskerry Nadal* (ISH) has delivered results up to CC11* in 2017 under Bourke's command. Broodmares in his stable include, *Enniskerry More Joyous* (ISH) [*Askoll Defi Platiere* (SF) x *Greenacres Clover* (ISH)], *Enniskerry Trendy* (ISH) [*Tinaranas Inspector* (WESTP) x *Expectation* (ISH)], *Enniskerry Tigerlilly* (ISH) [*Cult Hero* (TB) x *Cranagh Castle Fortune* (RID)].

Certainly it looks as if Bourke has all the credentials to succeed and this with the knowledge that he has gained on his ISH Young Breeder Programme and various Teagasc courses he has been afforded the opportunity to look at horse breeding outside Ireland and to bring it home to put into practice.

Bourke always had an interest in horse breeding and for him at the moment, "It's a hobby that needs to pay for itself, he says. I have always enjoyed riding and competing in both eventing and show jumping. I wanted to upgrade the quality of the stock that I was riding without spending crazy money buying horses. It started there and then the more I learnt about breeding the more passionate I became about it. The ISH Young Breeder Programme was a great opportunity for me. The programme provided me with great training on all aspects of judging stock critically. I have also made great contacts in

Germany after competing at the World Championships. It is great to be able to get their view on certain stallions and what way they are breeding. I also went to different studs big and small and met people that influenced where my breeding ideas come from. One breeder that I really related to was Hardwig Schmidt who bred *Corradina* and *Corland* to name but a few. For me, his model is the one that I want to follow. I was also fascinated by Harm Thormahlen."

Based on his parents property in Enniskerry Horse Farm, this mixed farm that stands on roughly 95 acres provides Bourke with the facilities to grow his business. "I am lucky that I have the facilities here but this is not the family's main business. We have a busy livery yard and this allowed me to develop my side of the business. Over the years we have built foal pens, mare and foal boxes, areas for handling mares, sand arenas and good paddocks for young stock. To produce horses you need all these facilities. We also have great hunting, which for me is important part of a young horse's education".

For this young breeder it's all about quality and not quantity. "I prefer to have a few quality mares and cross them with proven stallions. In my opinion breeding more will not guarantee a return. At the moment I am only breeding two or three foals a year but hopefully I will increase this over time, but only if I have the right quality of mare. I only want to breed horses that on paper have a good chance at an excellent sport career. I haven't got mares that have jumped at 1.60m but they have been successful at 1.30m. This year I will be putting three mares in foal, all of which would have competed up to 1.30m and are from good families.

"My breeding plan is a long-term plan and for me to succeed I need to build up my breeding line and to establish a family of horses that buyers want to buy. It's not about quickly turning over foals to make a small profit. I want to have a breeding line that will stand for itself because I used proven mares with good stallions."

Breeding lines are of utmost importance for him and as a result his stallion choices are well researched.

"The last couple of years Bourke has used



Enniskerry Nadal (ISH) by *French Buffet* (TB) and out of *Enniskerry Tigerlilly* (ISH).



David Bourke and Enniskerry Nadal during the trot up.

some of the best stallions in Europe by buying frozen semen and along with some Irish stallions he hopes to build on his breeding lines. His choice of stallions include, *Vigo D'Arsoilles* (BWP), *Balou Du Rouet* (OLD) and *Luidam* (KWPN). (These stallions offer frozen semen). The Thoroughbred stallions I used on the half-bred mare *TigerLilly* (ISH) included *Watermill Swatch* (TB) and *Loughehoe Guy* (ISH). I am lucky that my local vet is Larry Dunne and he is a genius at getting mares in foal. For me it is the best policy as my mares have loads of blood and quality. I believe these stallions will bring more scope and movement. I do really like the Irish Traditional horse, but I feel that it takes longer for the Irish Traditional horse to come into its own compared to their European counterparts."

The dam line is even more important for Bourke and although he has not got 1.60m jumping mares in his barn he is cleverly working on developing this. "The dam line is by a mile the most important factor and I think every serious breeder would love to get, for example, a filly from the famous *Querly Chin* mare line. I am personally very critical of my mares and there are fillies on my farm that I know I will not be breeding from because they do not have the qualities needed to continue improving my mare line. I think that the minimum requirement is that your mare should have competed at a reasonably high level herself or have direct relations competing at a high level. This is where



David Bourke and Enniskerry Nadal competing at Camphire.

I believe that we need to start and then we will just keep improving each generation."

Bourke's ethos as a breeder is something that he is crystal clear about. "I am trying to breed a modern type of sport horse with enough blood that will either showjump or event to the top level. I think when breeding you really have to aim for the highest level but in Ireland we have a fantastic history and systems for producing young horses for eventing if they are not going to be a 150/160m jumping horse. These horses go on to be world class horses."

Bourke is a realist and he knows that his success doesn't just happen

overnight. He knows that it's one thing to be passionate about horse breeding but he needs it to pay for itself. Right now he knows his limitations and he is setting down a place to improving his stock by gradually introducing new breeding lines.

In his words. "It costs the same amount and takes the same time to produce a good one as an average one so I want to give myself the best chance of getting good results. I also need to build up my own credentials as a producer and to be someone that clients will come and buy quality horses from me." Bourke is well aware that this is a long journey but it is one that he is certainly enjoying.



Amy McCarthy, PJ Hegarty, Miriam Bourke, Conor Higgins, Aine Geoghegan, Jean Meagher, David Bourke and Iris Brazil the Irish Young Breeders Team for 2009.

Irish bred ponies take home medals in Show jumping and Eventing at the 2017 European Championships

SHOW JUMPING

Irish bred ponies were at the forefront at the Pony European Championships in 2017. The GAIN Irish Pony Show Jumping team of Harry Allen, Kate Derwin, Abbie Sweetnam and Ciaran Nallon, led by team manager Gary Marshall took home Team Gold. This success continued for the Irish with two of the winning team members going on to win individual medals. Harry Allen won Individual Gold and Katie Derwin, Individual Silver.

One of the most successful ponies at the Championship was a Connemara pony (CP), taking home both Team Gold and Individual Silver medals. The Clive Swindell-owned pony *Cul Ban Mistress* (CP) ridden by Katie Derwin. *Cul Ban Mistress* is by *Silver Shadow* (CP) and out of *Cloneenagh Lass* (CP).

EVENTING

The GAIN Irish Pony (U16) Eventing team, managed by Becky Cullen, won the team Bronze Medal at the FEI European Championships for Ponies at Kaposvar in Hungary. They finished on a total of 170.20 after Dressage, Cross Country and the final Show Jumping phase.

Three of the team ponies were Irish bred. *Millridge Buachaill Bui* (ISH) is by *Templebready Fear Bui* (CP) and out of *Anna's Girl* (ISH), he was ridden by Zara Nelson. *Myshall Rodge* (CP) is by *Coosheen Thyme* (CP) and out of *Sally Ann* (CP). The final Irish bred team pony was *Colour Me Fancy* (ISH) who is by *Grand Touch* (ISH) and out of *Tena Princess* (ISH), she was ridden by Isabelle Comerford.

Ireland finished 15 penalties ahead of Netherlands in fourth, with Germany fifth, Italy sixth and Belgium seventh. France took home the Gold Medal on a score of 141.60, with Britain taking Silver on 152.40. Zara Nelson finished best of the Irish individually in ninth place with *Millridge Buachaill Bui* (ISH).



Team Gold medal and individual silver medal winners Kate Derwin and *Cul Ban Mistress* (CP).

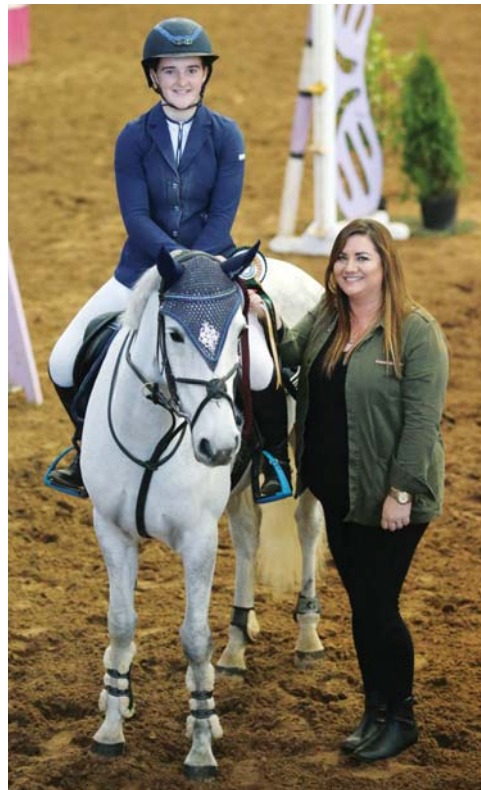


The 2017 European Pony Eventing Bronze medal winners from Ireland (L-R): Jennifer Kuehnle, Zara Nelson, Isabelle Comerford and Hannah Adams.

HSI Pony Show jumping Sponsorship 2017

Horse Sport Ireland sponsored a number of pony classes in 2017.

Having launched the Irish Sport Pony Studbook in 2016 HSI's objective is to encourage breeders to register their ponies in a DAFM approved Studbook where parentage and breeders are verified. In this way the tremendous international success of Irish ponies can be acknowledged in future and the breeders will be fully recognised for their achievements.



Kiltiernan Pride (CP) and Alana Roulston with HSI representative Nadia Rea Cavan 2017.



Angela Dolan riding Cashel Bay Meg (CP) 148cm Winner Cavan 2017.



Leading Girl Rider Millstreet 2017 Martha Hughes Bravo riding My Little Shadow (ISH) with Breeding Sub Board Member Paddy McCarthy.



138cm Pony GP Winner Millstreet 2017 Mayfly Green Peter (CP) ridden by Max Foley with HSI Breeding Sub Board Member Paddy McCarthy.



148cm Pony GP Winner Millstreet 2017 Slaney Capitalist Cruise (ISH) ridden by Oisín Aylward with HSI Breeding Sub Board Member Paddy McCarthy.

Gortfree Lakeside Lad (IDC1) displaying some of his winnings.



Liam Lynskey with Strictly Come Bouncing (IDC1) winning at the RDS



John and Mary Margaret Roche and Patrick McCarthy winning the Irish Draught Championship at Cork Summer Show with Assagart Kingstead Fiona (IDC1).

Irish Draught Successes in 2017

From its origins, the Irish Draught has always been a utility animal, required to fill multiple roles. Although mechanisation has changed how these horses are used, the versatility of the breed is undiminished, as evidenced by the large numbers of Irish Draughts competing all around the country in a variety of disciplines in 2017.

The stamina, courage and versatility of the Irish Draught make it well-suited to eventing. Last Summer, Michael McNally rode *John A (ISH) [TIH]*, a part-bred Irish Draught gelding by *Baltydaniel Silver Fox (ID)*, out of *Union Connaght Cruz (ISH)* by *Cruising (ISH)* to become the champion 4 year old event horse in the HSI Young Event Horse League. *John A (ISH) [TIH]*, was bred by John Anthony Cogan in Co. Sligo and is owned by Dr. Patrick Wall, former Chairman of HSI.

Robert and Jane Huey's *Tully's Sasha (IDC1)* by *Creevagh Grey Rebel (IDC1)*, out of *Tullys Valley (RID)* by

Crosstown Dancer (IDC1) showed that mares can contest alongside the geldings, competing at CNC1* and earning her gold merit with double clear at Maddybenny with Casey Webb on board. Bred by Charlotte and Nigel Moore, *Tully's Sasha* has now retired to breeding.

At the opposite end of the country, another mare has been blazing a trail on the Cork/Kerry show jumping circuit under Grace Santry. *Cloherview Heroine* (IDC1) by *Crannagh Hero* (IDC1), out of *Dontree Flagmont Lass* (RID) by *Flagmont King* (IDC1) was bred by John Hyde and is owned by Brian Dolan, Co. Galway. She has amassed 164 SJI points and achieved a gold merit going on to be named SJI horse of the year for the region at both 1.10m and 1.20m.

Most Irish Draughts begin their careers in the show-ring. Offaly native, Tom Mooney had a great season with his unnamed filly foal by *Fintan Himself* (IDC1), out of *Clonmel Queen* (RID) by *Star Kingdom* (IDC1) winning ISA All-Ireland titles at both Ballinasloe and Ballinrobe and the foal championship at the IDHBA National Show at Punchestown. Sean Ruane's *Strictly Come Bouncing* (IDC1) by *Moylough Bouncer* (IDC1), out of *Robeen Lass* by *Glenagyle Rebel* (IDC1) set the show circuit alight in 2017 in the hands of Liam Lynskey from Co. Mayo. Her numerous achievements included taking the Eileen Parkhill Trophy at the RDS for the second time, along with the supreme championship at the IDHBA National Show.

Wexford-based, John and Mary Margaret Roche's *Kingstead Fiona* (IDC1) is by *Huntingfield Rebel* (IDC1) and out of *Kilcooney Diamond* (RID) by *Flagmont King* (IDC1). Bred by Terence Conroy in Co. Offaly she had great success, winning numerous titles across the country, including the Irish Draught Championship at Cork Summer Show and won the Irish Draught mare class at Balmoral.

In the young horse sphere, the achievements of Kathleen Cunney's *I Dream of Ruby* (IDC1) by *Inisfree The*



Alicia Devlin-Byrne's King Flagmount (IDC1) winning the HSI/IDHBA Irish Draught Side-Saddle Championship at Punchestown with Helen Kelly.

Holy Grail (IDC1), out of *Tiffanys Dream* (RID) by *Clonleigh Dancer* (IDC1) were notable. She made a three in a row of All-Ireland Championships, taking the Three-Year-Old ID mare title at Bonniclonlon, having won both the yearling and two year old titles at Roscommon and Limerick the previous years.

The recent addition of ridden and performance Irish Draught classes to show schedules has created another outlet for IDs alongside the show hunter and working hunter classes. Glen Knipe's Irish Draught geldings had a great season with Annie Prendergast in the saddle. Most notably, *Farmhill Grange of Donard* (ID) by *Skipping Grange* (IDC2) ex *All The Diamonds* (IDC1) was reserve champion small hunter at the RDS. Sean Barker's young stallion, *Gortfree Lakeside Lad* (IDC1) by *Gortfree Hero* (IDC1), out of *Springvale Rose* (RID) by *Ginger Dick* (IDC1) was produced by Brian Murphy to take a string of titles including the Performance Irish Draught Championship at the RDS, The Irish

Horse Gateway Performance Championship at Punchestown and ridden championships at both the IDHBA and IDHS GB National shows.

Alicia Devlin Byrne's well-known gelding, *King Flagmount* (IDC1) by *Welcome Flagmount* (IDC1), out of *Spring Days* (ID) by *Ginger Dick* (IDC1) had some outstanding achievements in ridden, working hunter and side-saddle classes. His accolades included the All-Ireland Ridden Irish Draught title at Ardrahan and winning the inaugural HSI-sponsored Irish Draught Side-Saddle Championship.

Irish Draughts can also be successful show cobs and maxi cobs, as proven by Baileys Horse Feeds *Jovian* (ID) by *Star Kingdom* (IDC1), out of *Lecarrow Gypse* (ID) by *Castana* (IDC1), taking the 2017 Maxi Cob title at HOYS for Lynn Russell. Sadly, *Jovian* died in January at the young age of seven.

This is only a snapshot of the remarkable achievements of Irish Draught horses in 2017. Looking forward to what 2018 has in store for our beloved native horses.

Autumn Mare Selection Results 2017

IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK 2017

Irish Draught Mares that achieved **CLASS 1 BRONZE MERIT** status at the 2017 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

BRONZE MERIT for CONFORMATION & MOVEMENT

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|-------------|------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ritas Dawn | 2015 | Bannvalley Silver Dancer | Woodland Boy | Sadie Murphy | Sadie Murphy |
| Ritas Molly | 2011 | Huntingfield Ruler | Woodland Boy | John Burke | Sadie Murphy |

Irish Draught Mares that achieved **CLASS 1 BRONZE MERIT** status at the 2017 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

BRONZE MERIT for ATHLETICISM

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|----------------------|------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Ballymeeneey Grail | 2014 | Inisfree The Holy Grail | Westmeath Lad | Tom Daly | Martin Jas Connolly |
| Carrabeg Missy | 2014 | Clonakilty Hero | Ben Calverstown | Susan Malee | Tony Walsh |
| Corkeeran Willow | 2014 | Darragh Moylough Vision | Mount Diamond Flag | Edward Persse | Edward Persse |
| Diamond Emperor Rose | 2014 | Welcome Emperor | Classic Vision | Partick O'Connor | Michael Carragher |
| Galtee Bouncer | 2012 | Moylough Bouncer | Grosvenor Lad | Adrian Cawley | Chris & Mick Hennessy |
| Kilbegpier Polo | 2013 | Carrick Close Shave | Kensons Mosaic | Tom Murphy | Tom Murphy |
| Lady Mumbai | 2009 | Creggan Emperor | Supreme Ginger | Edwin McLoughlin | Samantha Heaney |
| Moylough Twinkle | 2014 | Fast Silver | King Henry | Christine Murphy | Patrick Hoare |
| Slieve Mish Katie | 2014 | Penmerrylls Rhythm and Blues | Flagmount King | Philip Moriarty | Philip Moriarty |
| Meadowland Honey | 2011 | Diamond Design | Annaghdown Star | Mary Murphy | Jennifer & George Haverty |

Irish Draught Mares that achieved **CLASS 1** status at the 2017 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

CLASS 1

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|--------------------------|------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ardra Lass | 2012 | Shenandoah Prince Holly | Uibh Fhaili '81 | Timothy Wilson Snr | Timothy Wilson Snr |
| Baile Liam Ruby | 2013 | Finatan Diamond | Hillviewfarm Superstar | Gary Silke | Gary Silke |
| Balcormo Shiloh | 2011 | Cork Arthur | Crannagh Hero | Anne Booham | Annette Rohan |
| Ballymorefinn Pride | 2015 | Diamond Design | Donovan (GB) | James Heery | James Heery |
| Carrigbawn Honey | 2014 | Penmerrylls Rhythm and Blues | Fast Silver | Jim Kingston | Jim Kingston |
| Castlegar Jenny | 2013 | Barracaberry Orbit | Crannagh Hero | Tom Burke | Tom Burke |
| Cloonacauneen Super Star | 2013 | Finatan Himself | Shenandoah Prince Holly | Owen Griffin | Elizabeth Freeman |
| Corker Baby Jane | 2009 | Bridgeford Stockbroker | Elm Hill | Patrick J Kenny | Patrick J Kenny |
| Corker Chessy Pearl | 2011 | Finatan Stockbroker | Grange View | James Kenny | James Kenny |
| Corrcullen Heirloom | 2010 | Fast Silver | Creggan Emperor | Sarah Hennessy | Sarah Hennessy |
| Croaghross Money | 2006 | Westmeath Lad | Silver Skip | David Gallagher | Martin Gallagher |
| Derrycarbery Rose | 2012 | Carrickcottage Star | Castana | James Gormley | James Gormley |
| Dooree Betty | 2013 | Prescotts Diamond | Carrabawn View | Michael Greene | Michael Greene |
| Ducharraig | 2013 | Allys Bridge | Ballinrobe Boy | Cathal Gorby | Elizabeth Freeman |
| Dungar Dolly | 2015 | Lock Key | Elm Hill | Cecil Shorten | John Corbett |
| Edenagor Lilly | 2013 | Gentle Diamond | Crosstown Dancer | Mary McGroarty | Lorraine Wilson |
| Elysian Fields | 2013 | Roma Caen Hill Flight | Gurraun ZIDane | Michael Loughrey | Michael Loughrey |
| Emmas Design | 2012 | Diamond Design | Glenagyle Rebel | Patrick Quinn | Patrick Quinn |
| Farmers Hero | 2014 | Tors Gentleman Farmer | Crannagh Hero | Kathleen Cunney | John Fitzpatrick |
| Geevagh Jigger | 2014 | Hillview Farm Superstat | All The Diamonds | Thomas Fallon | Thomas Fallon |
| Glassnoon Lady | 2015 | Heigh Ho Dubh | Uibh Fhaili '81 | Keith Mooney | Keith Mooney |
| Gorteen Molly Malone | 2015 | Finatan Silver | Woodland Boy | Anthony Coyne | Anthony Coyne |
| Graigaveerne Happy | 2012 | Cork Arthur | Powerswood Purple | Annette Brennan | Annette Brennan |
| Grandpas Thunder Girl | 2013 | Finatan Mist | Dunkerrin Grey Mist | Dermot Shaughnessy | Thomas Nugent |
| Highfield Finn Bell | 2013 | Finatan Himself | Corran Ginger | PJ Sheerin | PJ Sheerin |
| Kilbegpier Gypsy | 2013 | Mountain Diamond | Attwood Black Laughton | Tom Murphy | Tom Murphy |
| Lakeside Lady | 2014 | Gortfree Hero | Grosvenor Lad | Richard Duffy | Michael Conway |
| My Rosie | 2015 | Harkaway Lionhawk | Star Kingdom | Richella Murphy | Gerry Ferguson |
| Our Maedbh | 2011 | Star Kingdom | Dunkerrin Grey Mist | Donal Buckely | Seamus Connaughton |
| Pride Of Cappa | 2014 | Pride Of Meath | Merry Mate | Alan Bermingham | Noel Walsh |
| Queen Of Spades | 2014 | Roadside True Blue | Star Kingdom | John Burke | Patrick J Shanahan |
| Roma Lady | 2009 | Roma Caen Hill Flight | Carrabawn View | Michael Callanan | Orlagh Redmond |
| Roscomroe Blue Princess | 2015 | Windgap Blue | Fast Silver | Colm Doyle | Micheal Culleton |
| Rosses Welcome Eimear | 2014 | Welcome Emperor | Its The Quiet Man | George & Vivien Draper | Patrick McCauley |
| Shanavour Lady | 2009 | Rosheen Yeats | Glidawn Diamond | Damien & Mary Kenny | Kenneth Holmes |
| Slaneyside April Breeze | 2013 | Ballyhoura Breeze | Western Light | Damien Kenny | Damien Kenny |
| Tallaght Pride | 2014 | Diamond Design | Uibh Fhaili '81 | James Heery | James Heery |
| Tullys Surprise | 2014 | Diamond Design | Gortfree Hero | Charlotte & Nigel Moore | Charlotte & Nigel Moore |
| Whitegate Sunrise | 2014 | Purple Son | Merry Mate | Derrick Jones | Derrick Jones |
| Windgap Annghbrack | 2013 | Carrabawn Cross | Gortlea Ruler | Chris Mannion | Chris Mannion |
| Windgap Uibh Fhaili | 2014 | Fast Silver | Star Kingdom | Chris Mannion | Michael & Chris Mannion |

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Irish Draught Mares that achieved **GRADE UP** status at the 2017 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

CLASS 1

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|----------------------------|------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Slaneyside Jillians Silver | 2012 | Silver Banner | Gildawn Diamond | Damien & Mary Kenny | Aidan & Kerri Ann Jones |



Ritas Dawn (ID) by Bannvalley Silver Dancer (ID) and out of Ritas Lady (ID).



Ritas Molly (ID) by Huntingfield Ruler (ID) and out of Ritas Lady.

Table 1: Mares that achieved **SELECT 3* status at the 2017 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections**

SELECT 3*

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|---------------------|------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Currabawn Sky Bound | 2012 | Lux Z (HANN) | Carrolls Flight (AES) | Ian Heslin | Ian Heslin |
| Westpalstown Lady | 2004 | Ard Ohio (KWPN) | Not Recorded | Tony Corbally | Olivia Roycroft |

Table 2: Mares that achieved **SELECT 2* status at the 2017 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections**

SELECT 2*

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|---------------------------|------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Bective Cruise On [TIH] | 2002 | Flex A Bill (ISH) [TIH] | General Coleman (ID) | James Farrell | Francis Higgins |
| Carrabeg Infinity [TIH] | 2009 | Flex A Bill (ISH) [TIH] | Clover Hill (ID) | Joe Howley | Susan Malee |
| Carrabeg One To One [TIH] | 2003 | Le One (ISH) [TIH] | Ginger Dick (ID) | Kieran & Patricia Rowley | Susan Malee |

Table 3: Mares that achieved **SELECT 1* status at the 2017 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections**

SELECT 1*

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Annaghmore Dondoro | 2012 | Plot Blue (KWPN) | Cavalier Royale (HOLST) | Ann Sheehy | Gary Quinn |
| Ballylurgan Lux Good | 2012 | Kalanisi (TB) | Zero Watt (TB) | Samuel J Smyth | Samuel J Smyth |
| Castleforbes Donatella | 2013 | Casall (HOLST) | Larimar (HOLST) | Mark Martensen | Lady Georgina Forbes |
| Currabawn Monsoon | 2012 | Luidam (KWPN) | Indoctro (HOLST) | Ian Heslin | Ian Heslin |
| Derg Masterpiece | 2010 | Lancelot (KWPN) | Clover Hill (ID) | Aideen & Owen Kirby | Aideen & Owen Kirby |
| Lady Revelry | 2000 | Revelry (ISH) | Puissance (ISH) | Michael & Eva Hutchenson | Moses McCabe |
| Miss Roller | 2003 | High Roller (ISH) | Yashgan (TB) | Thomas Perry | Diarmaid Lang |
| Sligo Lord Carthago | 2010 | Lord Z (HOLST) | Carthago (HOLST) | Padraig Howley | John McGuinness |

Table 4: Mares that achieved **SELECT status at the 2017 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections**

SELECT

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|--------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Abc Cavalier Carly | 2014 | Cavalier Royale (HOLST) | Cruising (ID) | Patrick Kehoe | Patrick Kehoe |
| Ardnagaoithe Roxy | 2009 | Ringwood Harley Carol (ISH) | Well Chosen GB (TB) | Erika Leonard | Orna Casey |
| Aughlin Mrs D | 2013 | Mohill Treble C (ISH) | Touchdown (ISH) | Sean Gallagher | John Mulligan |
| Ballinteeaus Pride | 2010 | Sunny Boy (KWPN) | Chillout (ISH) | Ann O'Malley | Ann O'Malley |
| Ballykelly Notalot | 2012 | Lancelot (KWPN) | Cavalier Royale (HOLST) | James Wallace | Des & Margaret Jeffares |
| Ballylurgan Imperial Fly | 2013 | Shutterfly (HANN) | Master Imp (TB) | Samuel J Smyth | Samuel J Smyth |
| Ballylurgan What Lux | 2013 | Lux Z (HANN) | Zero Watt USA (TB) | Samuel J Smyth | Samuel J Smyth |
| Bellscross Luxs Girl | 2011 | Lux Z (HANN) | Cruising (ISH) | Alan Taylor | David Williams |
| Bien Well (IRE) | 2011 | Bienamado USA (TB) | Un Desperado FR (TB) | Denis Cummins | Roger Kiely |
| Bridevalley Zara [TIH] | 2009 | Loughoe Guy (ISH) | Bing Sink Hope USA (TB) | John Dineen | John Crowley |
| Castleroché Chanel | 2013 | Sir Shutterfly (HANN) | Clover Hill (ID) | Mary Quigley | Brian Kieran |
| Chill Lady | 2004 | Chillout (ISH) | Easy Lift (TB) | William O'Malley | Ann O'Malley |
| Corkeeran Mist | 2006 | Ekstein (KWPN) | Mount Diamond Flag (ID) | Edward Persse | Edward & Elizabeth Persse |

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Table 4: Mares that achieved SELECT status at the 2017 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

SELECT

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|----------------------------------|------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Curraduff Betsie [TIH] | 2006 | Krafty Clover (ISH) | Bassompierre (TB) | William Fennell | David Francis Jenes |
| Diamonds Courage | 2004 | Courage II (HOLST) | King Henry (ID) | Hilary Duncan | Hilary Duncan |
| Ecklands Miss Indus | 2013 | Indus (AES) | Cougar (ISH) | Ecklands Sport Horses | David Dodd |
| Elkwood Aurelia [TIH] | 2005 | Chevailier Decoupes (TB) | Golden Bash (TB) | Mary Horgan O'Flynn | Mary Horgan O'Flynn |
| Elkwood Expectant [TIH] | 2012 | WRS Sun Rich (ID) | Chevalier Decoupes (TB) | Mary Horgan O'Flynn | Mary Horgan O'Flynn |
| Elkwood Shining Star [TIH] | 2014 | WRS Sun Rich (ID) | Needle Gun IRE (TB) | Mary Horgan O'Flynn | Roger Kiely |
| Flame Hunter | 2007 | Tikkanen USA (TB) | Treasure Hunter (TB) | P. Newell | Patricia Weldon |
| Garrison Millie | 2005 | Garrison Royal (ISH) | Robertstown Boy VII (WNTR) | Charles Patterson | Gerard Murphy |
| Garryduff Muchea | 2006 | Muchea GB (TB) | Eve's Error (TB) | John Joyce | John Joyce |
| Grandpas Charm | 2012 | Ard Grandpa (ID) | Finns Clover Inn (ID) | Damien Carey | Damien Carey |
| Highland Aires | 2007 | Ricardo Z (ZANG) | Flagmount King (ID) | Tina McDermott | Elizabeth & Patrick Curran |
| Iris de Nanteuil | 1996 | Bout d'Zan II (SF) | Arthy (SF) | Messrs Jouanne | Winifred Noone |
| Jardy | 2014 | Arezzo VDL (KWPN) | Vigaro (KWPN) | J.W. Elburg | Paul Clarke |
| Judys Gift (IRE) | 2002 | Presenting GB (TB) | Carlingford Castle (TB) | Dan Rohan | Timothy Holland |
| Kenlis Coleen [TIH] | 2009 | Colin Diamond (ISH) | Van Dantzig USA (TB) | Paul Gilsean | Paul Gilsean |
| Killala Jackie | 2005 | Aldatus Z (OLD) | Glidawn Diamond (ID) | Martin Floody | John McGuinness |
| La Peregrina [TIH] | 2008 | Master Imp (TB) | Kiltealy Spring (ISH) | Patience Bennett | Rachel Bennett Hamilton |
| Laughtons Miller Princess [TIH] | 2011 | Stormhill Miller GB (TB) | Laughton's Flight (ISH) | Joseph Wolohan | June Atkinson |
| Liberty Glory [TIH] | 2003 | Bonmahon Decies (ISH) | Nelgonde (TB) | Tim McCarthy | Julie O'Neill |
| Light Devine | 2003 | Kalanisi IRE (TB) | Woodman USA (TB) | P.D. Savill | Caroline Tunney |
| Limbo Blossom [TIH] | 2005 | Freddie's Star (TB) | Bassompierre (TB) | John Sheahan | Jane Scully |
| Mohill Paris | 2013 | Mohill Treble C (ISH) | Harley (SF) | John Mulligan | John Mulligan |
| Mountcashel Freedom | 2001 | Linwood Sweet Excalibur (AA) | Regular Guy (TB) | Pamela Miller | Michael Hayde |
| Owenriff River | 2014 | Future Trend (OLD) | Beneficial GB (TB) | John Gibbons | John Gibbons |
| Ozopmas | 1999 | Sorro (RTRK) | Hosjain (RTRK) | Not Recorded | Caroline Tunney |
| Portphilip Touch Haven | 2002 | Touchdown (ISH) | Chair Lift (TB) | Bernadette Boland | Winifred Noone |
| Roadstown Lux | 2005 | Lux Z (HANN) | Cruising (ISH) | Mattie Brennan | Mattie Brennan |
| Roadstown Reve | 2009 | Guidam (SF) | Lux Z (HANN) | Mattie Brennan | Mattie Brennan |
| RSH The Door Into The Dark [TIH] | 2009 | Loughhoe Guy (ISH) | RNE Shore (ID) | Patrick Hanley | Frank & Cian Weldon |
| Stillbrook Liliana [TIH] | 2013 | Mohaajir USA (TB) | Clover Park (ID) | David Wallis | David Wallis |
| UC Lux Z Flame | 2007 | Lux Z (HANN) | Cavalier Royale (HOLST) | Jennifer Dineen | Jane Darragh |
| Lambay for Fun (Pony) | 2006 | Rathbawn Windwar | Cottrell Merrymaker | Ann Grimes | Ann Grimes |

Table 5: Mares that achieved SUPPLEMENTARY ENTRY status at the 2017 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

**SUPPLEMENTARY
SELECT**

| Name | YOB | Sire | Damsire | Breeder | Owner |
|------------------------|------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Knockilly Girl | 2013 | Newmarket Jewel (WESTF) | Not Recorded | Cornelius O'Connor | Cornelius O'Connor |
| Ballinamuddagh Errigal | 2003 | Errigal Flight (ISH) | Not Recorded | Moses McCabe | Moses McCabe |
| Lady Rich | 2007 | WRS Sun Rich (ID) | Not Recorded | Micheal Geary | Micheal Geary |
| Whitetree Ribera | 2012 | Carrabawn Og (ID) | Zero Watt USA (TB) | Aoife Maguire | Orla Cassidy |



**Ballykelly Notalot (ISH) by Lancelot (KWPN)
and out of Clooneen Cavalier Countessa (ISH)**



**Derg Masterpiece (ISH) by Lancelot (KWPN)
and out of Show Piece (ID).**

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Connecting Breeders

The Knowledge Transfer (KT) programme, administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), has now passed the half-way point of the initial three years. The Equine KT programme is currently being delivered by eight DAFM Approved KT Facilitators nationwide. This is the perspective of year one from HSI's Facilitator **Michael Doherty**.

Not without its teething issues in Year One, the KT programme is a positive step forward in bringing together what is often a fragmented sport horse industry. The life of a horse breeder can, at times, be a lonely and thankless pursuit. Having formal groups of breeders coming together around the country can not only improve farm productivity, but also offers a positive social outlet for many. Often there is a hunger for information amongst breeders who may simply require the necessary help and guidance to access the available tools and resources.

Over the past number of years I have worked closely with the Waterford Sport Horse Breeders who I feel are the 'Poster Child' for what the KT groups can strive to achieve. Passionately led by Ruth Fennell and John Walsh in recent years the group have evolved from an area of individual breeders doing their own thing, to a family like collective sharing information, travelling together, making group purchases of supplies and buying mares in breeder partnerships. Their efforts culminate in the group's Annual

Performance Show for foals and Three Year Olds which usually takes in early September. The class is used as an opportunity to showcase the fruits of their breeding programmes, take professional footage of the entries and ultimately to create their own marketplace.

Being a fellow Sport Horse breeder I feel that this allows me to better connect with group participants to understand their needs and interests. In my spare time I attend multiple shows and breeding events, at home and throughout Europe, which prove very useful in relaying up-to-date information to group participants.

As part of my role in HSI I facilitate five groups as part of the Equine KT programme; Galway, Laois/Offaly, Kildare, Sligo and Tipperary. Each group meets every four to six weeks and currently averages 15 participants with a mix of ages, gender and breeding experience. There is also a diverse range of breeder interests within each group, which can both prove challenging choosing topics and speakers, but also insightful during group discussion.

We began Year 1 with a group

meeting designed around Breeding Goals. This allowed participants to sharpen their focus on their individual breeding goals and programmes. It also gave me an early insight into each participant's primary area of interest. Subsequent topics covered in Year 1 included Analysis of Pedigree & Mareline Data where we looked at the various tools available to research pedigrees and damlines, Equine Reproduction, Farm Health & Safety and lastly Vetting for Private & Public Sales.

Following the completion of Year 1 I designed and circulated a survey to all participants to gauge overall satisfaction levels, favourite meeting topics, industry participation and desired meeting topics for Year 2.

Equine Reproduction and Vetting for Private & Public Sales were certainly group favourites. At least 70% of participants indicated that, following Year 1 of the programme, they would still like to continue in their current group once the DAFM funded programme was complete.

Thus far in Year 2 group meetings have taken place on Marketing, Equine Nutrition and thirdly The Traditional Irish Horse & Performance Pony.

Remaining topics and outings in Year 2 are likely to include Genetic Evaluation, Stallion Selection in addition to breeder and producer visits when weather and daylight improves.

The Knowledge Transfer group has been a very positive experience. Along with getting access to detailed veterinary talks, information on nutrition and marketing, we have had the opportunity to mix with other breeders and learn from their experiences. We have learnt something new at each meeting.

Frank & David Hickey
(Tipperary Group)

We have found the KT programme to be very engaging and informative. It is great to meet with fellow breeders to discuss different thoughts and ideas. The guest speakers have helped keep the meetings fresh and evoke good group discussion and knowledge sharing. We would happily advise people to get involved in future programmes and similar initiatives.

Aidan & Ray Carroll
(Laois Offaly Group)

"The KT group has made available and accessible a range of influences and experiences that has undoubtedly guided my decision-making. Every meeting has provided opinions, views and advice. My participation has benefited me and also resulted in a sale."

Pat Lynch
(Kildare Group)

HSI Supports the Industry 2017



HSI Sponsored Classes at the RDS Dublin Horse Show 2017



**Castlelawn Captain Junior (ISH),
Winner of the Cruising 6 Year Old National Championship.**



**Candy Rose (ISH),
Winner of the 3 Year Old Filly Loose Jumping Championship.**



**Lux a Special Lady (ISH),
Winner of the Mo Chroi 4 Year Old National Championship.**



**Echonix (ISH),
Winner of the 3 Year Old Colt or Gelding Loose Jumping Championship.**



**BP First Editions (ISH),
Winner of the Flexible 5 Year Old Championship.**

Champions in the 3yo, 4yo, 5yo and 6yo National Jumping Championships Sponsored by Horse Sport Ireland at the RDS Dublin Horse Show 2017

| Name | YOB | Sex | Sire | Dam | Damsire | Breeder | Owner | Rider |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Echonix | 2014 | M | Aganix Du Seigneur (SBS) | Echo Peach (ISH) | Clover Echo (ISH) | Brendan McSorley | Brendan McSorley | N/A |
| Candy Rose | 2014 | F | Sligo Candy Boy (ISH) | Lux A Gonner (ISH) | Lux Z (HANN) | Padraig Arthur | Padraig Arthur | N/A |
| Lux a Special Lady | 2013 | F | Lux Z (HANN) | Aisling Clover (ISH) | Coille Mor Hill (ID) | Patrick Walsh & Desmond Judge | Desmond Judge | Jessica Burke |
| BP First Editions | 2012 | F | Verdi (KWPN) | Ballypatrick Flight (ISH) | Laughton's Flight (ISH) | Austin Broderick | Ronan Rothwell | Darragh Ryan |
| Castlelawn Captain Jnr (TH) | 2011 | ST | Captain Clover (ISH) | Diroe (ISH) | Diamond Lad (ID) | Elizabeth Gallagher | Gabriel Slattery | Jessica Burke |

Profile of the Irish Sport Horses Competing in FEI Show Jumping Classes

Identifying which Irish Sport Horses are competing internationally has always been a challenge due to the obstacles encountered when tracking horses once they leave Ireland. Horses often change their name, rider and owner multiple times after they are exported making it difficult to verify the identity of a horse through the details recorded by the FEI or other sporting body. Throughout 2016 and 2017 Horse Sport Ireland has put considerable effort and resources into tracking Irish Sport Horses competing at FEI level and are now gaining valuable insights into this select group of horses. Here HSI's Data Analytics Manager Deirdre Harty takes a detailed look at the Irish Sport Horses that competed in FEI show jumping classes in 2017.

2017 FEI show jumping classes

In 2017 Horse Sport Ireland identified 801 equines registered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook that competed in FEI show jumping classes. 759 (95%) of these competed in horse classes and 42 (5%) competed in pony classes. The majority of the Irish Sport Horses that competed in horse classes were geldings, 38% were mares and only 2% were stallions.

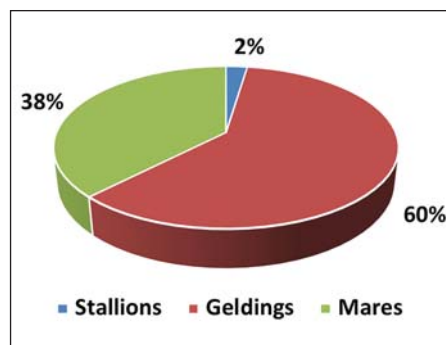


Figure 1. Sex of ISH horses that competed in FEI Show jumping classes in 2017

Age of Horses

The age of Irish Sport Horses competing in FEI horse show jumping classes in 2017 ranged from 5 to 20 years. The 1997 Irish Sport Horse stallion *Rolo Tomasi* by *Laughton's Flight* (ISH) out of a *Cavalier Royale* (HOLST) mare was still competing at 1.40m level in FEI classes last year at the impressive age of 20 years.

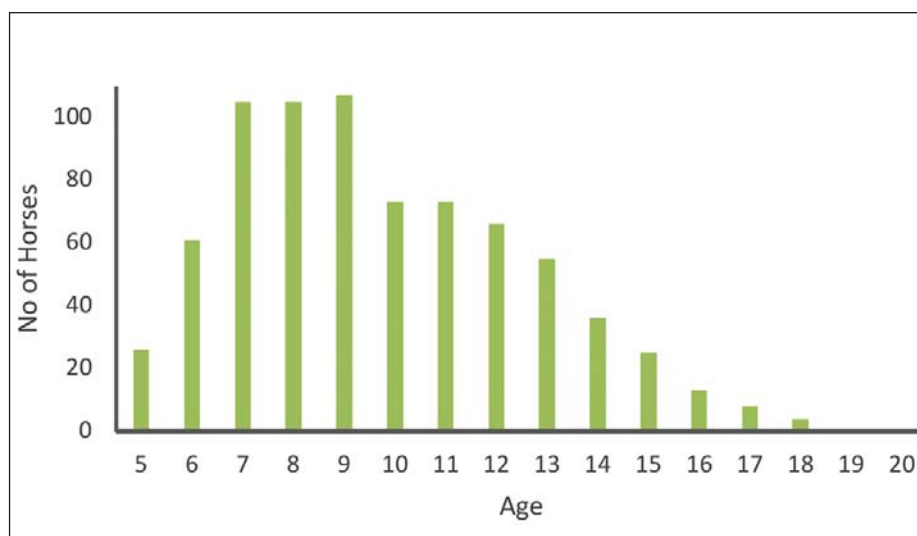


Figure 2. Age profile of ISH's that competed in horse FEI Show jumping classes in 2017

The changing breed profile of Irish Sport Horses

Almost 40% of ISHs that competed in FEI show jumping classes in 2017 were aged 8 years or under and only 3% of this younger group were traditionally bred. The breed profile of the older Irish Sport Horses that competed in FEI show jumping classes last year was markedly different with 13% of the horses aged 9 years or older being traditionally bred. The changing breed profile of the Irish Sport Horse is also evident when you look at the breed composition of the younger horses in comparison to the older group.

Table 1. Most popular sires of the 297 in the young horse group (aged 5 to 8)

| | Stallion | No Progeny |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Luidam (KWPN) | 18 |
| 2 | Ars Vivendi (HOLST) | 16 |
| 3 | Lux Z (HANN) | 13 |
| 4 | O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD) | 11 |
| 5 | Vivaldo Van Het Costersveld (BEWB) | 9 |

Table 2. Most popular sires of the 462 in the older horse group (aged 9 years+)

| | Stallion | No Progeny |
|---|----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | VDL Douglas (KWPN) | 40 |
| 2 | Lux Z (HANN) | 37 |
| 3 | Cruising (ISH) | 16 |
| 4 | O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD) | 16 |
| 5 | Harlequin Du Carel (SF) | 9 |

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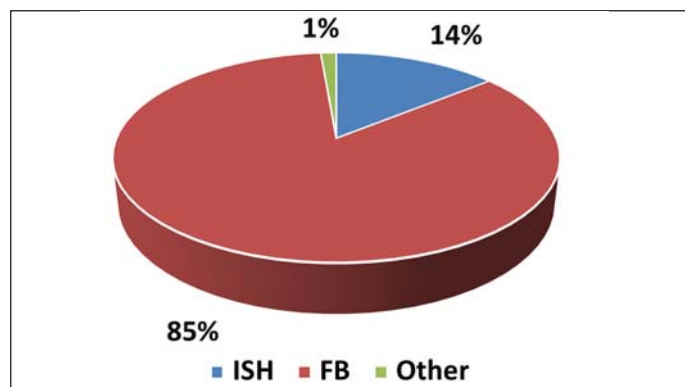


Figure 3. Sire Breeds of the young horse group

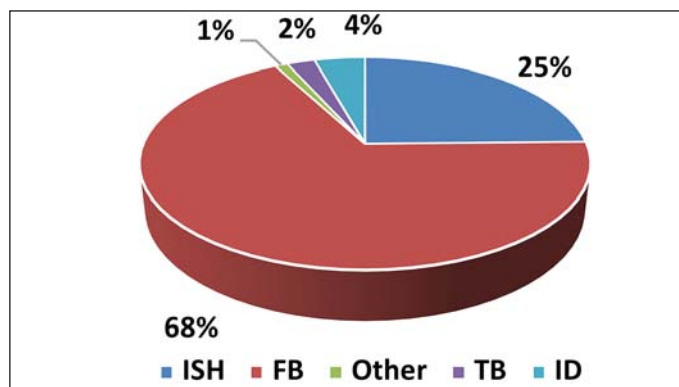


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The majority of stallions that sired the young horse group were Warmbloods, mainly KWPN, HOLST, OLD, BWP, HANN breeds.

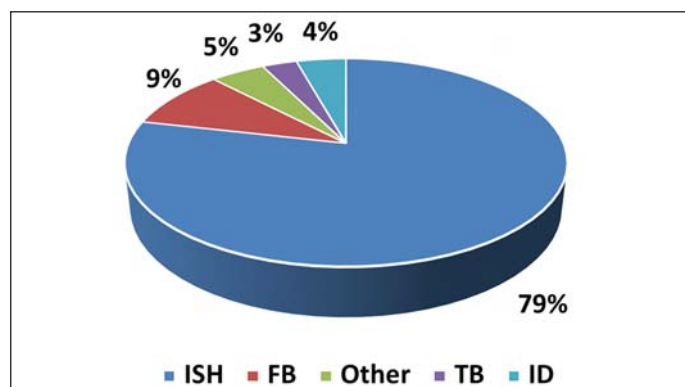


Figure 5. Breeds of dams of the young horse group

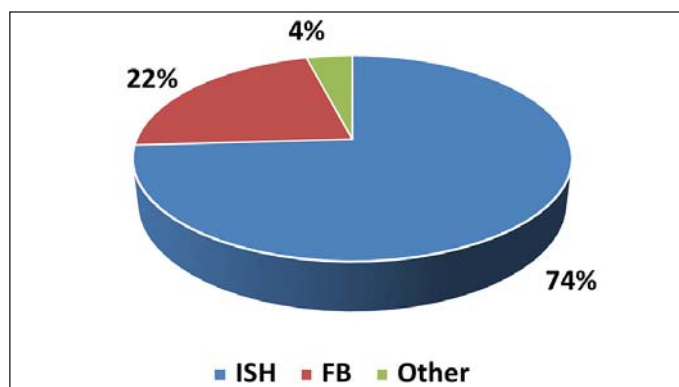


Figure 6. Breeds of dams of the older horse group

Table 3. Most popular dam sires for the young horse group

| | Stallion | No Horses |
|----|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Cruising (ISH) | 25 |
| 2 | Cavalier Royale (HOLST) | 24 |
| 3 | Touchdown (ISH) | 9 |
| 4 | Lux Z (HANN) | 8 |
| =5 | Clover Hill (ID) | 7 |
| =5 | Harlequin Du Carel (SF) | 7 |
| =5 | Olympic Lux (KWPN) | 7 |

Table 4. Most popular dam sires for the older horse group

| | Stallion | No Horses |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Cavalier Royale (HOLST) | 50 |
| 2 | Clover Hill (ID) | 45 |
| 3 | Cruising (ISH) | 24 |
| 4 | Diamond Lad (ID) | 9 |
| 5 | Touchdown (ISH) | 8 |

Who is riding our horses?

In 2017 there were 626 different riders from 53 different nationalities riding ISH horses in FEI show jumping classes. The most frequently occurring rider nationalities are shown here in Table 5.

There were almost as many British riders riding Irish Sport Horses in FEI show jumping classes as Irish riders in 2017. This demonstrates our reliance on the UK market for the sale of Irish horses.

Sourcing other markets for our horses is increasingly important in today's climate given the uncertain outlook for our long-standing UK market as Brexit approaches.

Table 6. Most common rider nationalities for 2017

| | Nationality | % Riders |
|----|---------------|----------|
| 1 | Ireland | 26% |
| 2 | Great Britain | 25% |
| 3 | Italy | 7% |
| 4 | France | 5% |
| 5 | United States | 5% |
| 6 | Norway | 4% |
| 7 | Switzerland | 4% |
| 8 | Germany | 3% |
| 9 | Austria | 2% |
| 10 | Other | 19% |

Horse Sport Ireland Breeding Awards 2017



(L-R): Jim Beecher (Acting Chairman HSI) and Tom Moloney.

The Horse Sport Ireland Breeding Awards took place on Wednesday 6th December in the Abbeylax Manor Hotel in Co Laois.

The top award on the night went to **Tom Moloney** for his **Outstanding Contribution Award to ISH Breeding**. A warrior of the Irish Sport Horse breeding and producing scene Tom Moloney of Warrington, Kilkenny was a very worthy Outstanding Contribution Award Winner. Supported by his wife Ann, they not only bred a host of international horses but their family of four, Tom Junior, Ellie, Eddie and Richie all excelled by competing these home-bred horses. Tom, Ellie and Richie all won Junior European Team medals and Richie is now one of Ireland's top international showjumpers. Tom senior's first Errigal mare has bred five international horses - a record which was acclaimed by the *Guinness Book of Records*. Among them were Eddie Macken's *Carrolls Flight* (AES) and the Stallion *Top Flight* (ISH) that Tom Junior rode to European junior team Bronze in 1987. Tom also bred *Valentine Flight* (ISH) that Ellie rode to European team silver in 1995. Tom and Ann created the great riding nursery in Top Flight Warrington Equestrian Centre which has benefited so many young riders down the years.

Eamonn Murphy the breeder of *Columbcille Gipsy* (ISH) took home the award for the **Highest Placed ISH at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken 2017**. *Columbcille Gipsy* (ISH) is by *Toulon* (BWP) and out of *Gipsy III* (HOLST). Under Ger O'Neill she won the Six Year old Championship at the WBFSH World Show jumping Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken. This Gold Medal winner was one of 53 top showjumpers selected to go under the hammer at the Paul Schockemohle Elite Auction on December 2nd and 3rd 2017 where she made a record breaking price of €700,000. Earlier in the year she also had placings in Bannow & Rathangan, the RDS and a win in the Irish Breeders Classic five/six year old final.



(L-R): Jim Beecher (Acting Chairman HSI), John Kearney and Johnny Duffy.



(L-R): Jim Beecher (Acting Chairman HSI), Sean Ruane and Liam Lynskey



(L-R): Jim Beecher (Acting Chairman HSI), Eamonn Murphy, Ger o'Neill and Ronan Murphy (CEO HSI).

Johnny Duffy the breeder of *Cooley Cross Border* (ISH) received the award for **Highest Placed ISH in the WBFSH Eventing Rankings 2017**. *Cooley Cross Border* (ISH) is by *Diamond Roller* (ISH) and out of *Whos Diaz* (ISH). His successes have helped the Irish Sport Horse Studbook top the World Studbook rankings for eventing horses following his win at the Blenheim CCI 3* 2017. Placing 8th overall at the WBFSH Young Horse Eventing Championships at Le Lion d'Angers, he also greatly contributed to the Irish Sport Horse Studbook topping the eventing leader board for an incredible 22nd time in the history of these coveted rankings. He has been ridden by America's Kim Severson throughout his career.

Mary McCarthy the breeder of *Direct Cassino* (ISH) won the award for **Highest Placed ISH at the World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses, Le Lion d'Angers 2017**. *Direct Cassino* (ISH) is by *Cassino* (ISH) and out of *Diamonds Double* (ISH)[TIH]. He won the seven year old silver medal at this year's very competitive World Young Horse Eventing Championships in Le Lion d'Angers for Britain's Izzy Taylor, just 2.5 points behind French winner *Astier Nicolas*. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook was crowned the leading studbook ahead of the Selle Francais (SF) and the Dutch Sport Horse Studbooks.

The award for **Breeder of Top Irish Draught Showing Mare 2017** went to Sean Ruane the breeder of *Strictly Come Bouncing* (IDC1). *Strictly Come Bouncing* (IDC1) is by *Moylough Bouncer* (ID C1) and out of *Robeen Lass* (RID). She was Reserve Champion at Balmoral and

Supreme Champion at the RDS earlier this year. She continued her winning streak at the National Irish Draught Show in Punchestown at the National Breed Show under Liam Lynskey.

The award for **Breeder of Top Irish Draught Horse 2017** went to **Sean Barker** the breeder of *Gortfree Lakeside Lad* (ID C1). *Gortfree Lakeside Lad* (IDC1) is by *Gortfree Hero* (IDC1) and out of *Springvale Rose* (RID). He was Champion Performance Irish Draught at the RDS, Open Working Hunter Champion and Supreme Ridden Champion at the IDHS (GB) annual show at Arena UK. He was also the winner of the 4 & 5 YO Ridden Irish Draughts at the National Breed Show in Punchestown, winner of the Irish Horse Gateways ID Performance final at Punchestown and Reserve Supreme Champion at the National Breed Show. Finally, he also claimed the Ridden Championship before going on to be crowned National Irish Draught Performance Champion under Linda Murphy.

The Young Breeder Award went to **David Browne**. David, from Castledermot, Co. Kildare represented Ireland as part of the Junior Young Breeder Team in Calgary, Canada in July. He was placed 11th individually among the junior competitors competing at World Championships in Calgary and Ranked 14th overall individually in the juniors and seniors combined.

The winner of the **Irish Pony Breeder Award** went to **Barry Connaire** the breeder of *Cul Ban Mistress* (CP). *Cul Ban Mistress* (CP) is by *Silver Shadow* (CP) out of *Cloneenagh Lass* (CP). She won Team Gold and Individual Silver at European



(L-R): Jim Beecher (Acting Chairman HSI), Sean Barker and Brian Murphy



(L-R): Jim Beecher (Acting Chairman HSI) and David Browne

Championships for her rider Kate Derwin of Athlone. Prior to her and Kate Derwin putting in such a superb performance at the 2017 European Championships this mare had a host of wins both at home and abroad. In 2015 alone they recorded five Grand Prix firsts under Mikey Pender.



(L-R): Declan Cullen and Ronan Murphy (CEO HSI).

Horse Sport Ireland held the first ISH Eventing Series Awards on Wednesday 6th December in the Abbeylisk Manor Hotel in Co Laois. The aim of these awards is to recognise the performance of the top horses and ponies that competed in the ISH Eventing Series in 2017. The series ran at selected venues across the country, starting at Punchestown in May and concluded at Lisgarvan House in September. The ISH Eventing Series continues to attract more entries each year and is extremely competitive.

The award for **Best Four Year Old Event Horse** went to Patrick Walls's **John A** (ISH) [TIH]. **John A** (ISH) [TIH] is by **Baltdaniel Silver Fox** (ID) and out of **Union Connaught Cruz** by **Cruising** (ISH). He was bred by John Anthony Cogan and ridden by Michael McNally.



(L-R): Carol Gee, Fraser Duffy, Claire Corballis and Ronan Murphy (CEO HSI).

IRISH SPORT HORSE Eventing Series Awards 2017



(L-R): Michael Mc Nally, John Anthony Cogan, Elizabeth Deane, Pat Wall and Ronan Murphy (CEO HSI).

There were joint winners of the **Best Five Year Old Event Horse**, the awards went to **Fernhill Sky High** (ISH) and **Shannondale Icarus** (ISH). Claire Corballis' and Carol Gee's **Fernhill Sky High** (ISH) is by **Affelay Z** (ZANG) and out of **Fanadwest Sky** (ISH). She was bred by John D. Carr and ridden by Fraser Duffy. Jinnie Webb's **Shannondale Icarus** (ISH) is by **Shannondale Sarco St. Ghyvan** (BWP) and out of **Shannondale Molodie** (ISH). He was bred by Mary Walsh and ridden by Louise Bloomer.

The award for **Best six Year Old Event Horse** went to Michelle Nelson's **OLS King Aragon** (ISH). **OLS King**

Aragon (ISH) is by **Samgemjee** (ISH) and out of **Just Beauty Queen** (ISH). He was bred by Kieran Connors and ridden by Cathal Daniels.

The award for best **Five & Six Year Old Pony** went to Becky Cullen's **Breeogue Breeze** (CP). **Breeogue Breeze** (CP) is by **Gurteen Paddy** (CP) and out of **Furry Grey** (CP). She was bred by Tom Curran and ridden by Caitie Slater.



Jinny Webb and Michael Walsh.



(L- R): Shannon Nelson, Cathal Daniels and Kieran Connors.



*Direct Cassino (ISH)
ridden by Izzy Taylor (GB)
and bred by Mary McCarthy.*

Irish Sport Horse crowned leading Studbook at Eventing Young Horse World Championships in Le Lion

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook was once again crowned the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) leading Eventing Studbook in the world for 2017. Since the WBFSH rankings were established in 1994, the Irish Sport Horse Studbook has won the coveted Eventing Studbook rankings for an incredible 22 of the last 24 years.

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook has won another world title following the conclusion of the six and seven-year-old competitions at the World Championships for Young Eventing horses at Le Lion in France.

Four Irish Sport Horses finished in the top-10 in the six-year-old division. The Irish Sport Horse *I Spy II* (ISH), bred by Thomas Ryan from Co Tipperary, finished in 4th place with Jesse Campbell (NZL). Elizabeth Power and *DSL The Entertainer* (ISH), bred by

Caroline Bjoerk from Co. Kildare, were just one place further back in 5th, while Rio Olympian Jonty Evans with *John The Bull* (ISH), bred by James Byrne from Co. Westmeath, finished in 9th place. *Youve got the Lux* (ISH), bred in Co Kilkenny by Jane Darragh, finished 10th with Hayden Hankey (GBR).

In the seven-year-old competition, two Irish Sport Horses went on to finish in the top-8. *Direct Cassino* (ISH), bred in Co Cork by Mary McCarthy, took the silver medal with Izzy Taylor (GBR), while *SRS Kan Do* (ISH), bred in Co Westmeath by Michael Donner, finished 8th with Kylie Roddy (GBR).

The best three scores of each studbook in both age categories counted towards the overall standings, with The Irish Sport Horse Studbook crowned champions ahead of the 12 Studbook's represented at the championships.

BREEDING

6-YEAR-OLDS

4th - *I Spy II* (ISH) [was *Lates Harry*] is by *Harlequin du Carel* (SF) and out of *Lombardos Corner* (ISH). She was bred by Thomas Ryan (Tipperary) and ridden by Jesse Campbell (NZL).

5th - *DSL The Entertainer* (ISH) is by *Omar* (BWP) and out of *Cloverhill Girl* (ISH). He is bred and owned by Caroline Bjoerk (Kildare) and ridden by Elizabeth Power (IRL).

9th - *John The Bull* (ISH) is by *Luidam* (KWPN) and out of *Think About It* (TB). He was bred by James Byrne (Westmeath) and ridden by Jonty Evans (IRL).

10th - *Youve got the Lux* (ISH) is by *Lux Z* (HANN) and out of *Valeska* (ISH). She was bred by Jane Darragh (Kilkenny) and ridden by Hayden Hankey (GBR).

7-YEAR-OLDS

2nd - *Direct Cassino* (ISH) is by *Cassino* (SWWB) and out of *Diamonds Double* (ISH). He was bred by Mary McCarthy (Cork) and ridden by Izzy Taylor (GBR).

8th - *SRS Kan Do* (ISH) is by *VDL Arkansas* (KWPN) and out of *La Vie En Rose* (ISH). He was bred by Michael Dooner (Westmeath) and ridden by Kylie Roddy (GBR).

Record attendance at the 2017 HSI Coaching and Breeding Conference



Rob Ehrens discusses how to improve a horse's way of going.

Over 430 people flocked to Cavan Equestrian Centre in November 2017 to attend Horse Sport Ireland's biggest ever Coaching and Breeding Conference. The day was a sell out and attendees were treated to some really noteworthy sessions from some of the equestrian industry's top professionals.

Russell Guire of Centaur Biomechanics



The day kicked off with both Rob Ehrens and Andrew Hoy providing an insight into their coaching philosophies in an interview facilitated by Corinne Bracken, Hong Kong's High-Performance Manager for Show Jumping. This was followed by a fascinating session from equine reproduction expert vet, Larry Dunne, who discussed the embryo transfer process. The curtain was lowered for the first practical session of the day and attention then switched to Rob Ehrens and his riders in the arena. Rob coached two riders on two different types of horses, improving their way of going throughout the session; all the while promoting rhythm, relaxation and contact and adapting his coaching styles for different skill levels.

Russell Guire of Centaur Biomechanics delivered a thought provoking session in the afternoon on horse and rider biomechanics. This session delivered some surprising research results on saddle fitting as well as activities that some riders do every day, such as mounting from the ground as well as the effects of the use of various tack, such as a fly fringe. The practical session was equally thought provoking as with the use of 'Quintic' biomechanics software and 'Visualise' jackets, Russell was able to show some surprising results in rider position.



(L-R): Ron Eherns, Andrew Hoy, Comdt. John Ledingham and Russell Guire.



Gary Marshall being presented with the Coach of the Year Award by Comdt. John Ledingham.

To close the day, international eventing legend Andrew Hoy coached a four-year-old event horse to help participants understand what he looks for in a potentially top-class event horse. He spoke about conformation, type, breeding and temperament and the various challenges faced as horses come up through the ranks in the discipline of eventing.

Speaking about the conference, Director of Breeding and Programmes Alison Corbally said;

"We wanted to have a good mixture of scientific advancement and practical applications at this conference to ensure that the event was applicable to coaches, breeders, young horse producers and all involved in the industry. It was wonderful to have such enthusiastic support of the world class panel who needed very little encouragement to present at the event! To have a full house in attendance was inspiring and demonstrates the genuine thirst for

quality, relevant information within the equestrian community in Ireland."

Newly qualified HSI Level 1 Apprentice coaches and HSI Level 3 Dressage, Eventing and Show Jumping coaches were presented with their certificates and Liam Moggan, formerly of Sport Ireland Coaching was presented with the 'Outstanding Contribution to Coaching' award.

The 2017 Coach of the Year Award was presented in two categories; Development Coach of the Year and Performance Coach of the Year.

Performance Coach of the Year went to Jane Kinsella, Co. Meath. Performance Coach of the Year went to the European Gold Medal winning Pony Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe; Gary Marshall.

Speaking following his win Gary said; "I am honoured to receive the prestige award of HSI Performance Coach of the Year, alongside great coaches that have won it in the past. I would like to congratulate the riders on their success this year and to thank the parents, trainers, sponsors, grooms, vets and everyone that made the success possible".

COURSE DATES FOR 2018

INTRODUCTION TO COACHING

| | |
|------------|--|
| 23rd April | Gurteen College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary |
| 25th June | Kernans Equestrian Centre, Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh |
| 10th July | Galway Equestrian Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway |

LEVEL 1 APPRENTICE COACH COURSE

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|------------------------------|--|
| 28-29th May (Days 3 & 4) | Kilronan EC, Swords, Co. Dublin |
| 1st-2nd May (Days 1 & 2) | Spruce Lodge Training Facility, Co. Wicklow |
| 28-29th August (Days 3 & 4) | Spruce Lodge Training Facility, Co. Wicklow |
| 4-5th September (Days 1 & 2) | Kernans Equestrian Centre, Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh |
| 4-5th December (Days 3 & 4) | Kernans Equestrian Centre, Crossmaglen, Co. Armagh |

CROSS COUNTRY / EVENTING COACH COURSE

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|----------|---------------------------------|
| 22nd May | Grange Farm, Kilcock, Co. Meath |
| 22nd May | Grange Farm, Kilcock, Co. Meath |

LEVEL 2

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| 31st May | Event Attendance @ Tattersalls International Horse Trials |
| 19-20th June | Pre Assessments @ Spruce Lodge, Wicklow |
| 2nd-4th October | Final Assessments @ Spruce Lodge, Wicklow |

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Facts on Embryo Transfer

What do you need to know?

Michael Slavin interviews Veterinary Surgeon **Larry Dunne** of Ballyorney Farm, Ballyorney, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.

Among the many modern developments in the Sport Horse world is Embryo Transfer (ET). To help get up-to-date on this I visited Ballyorney Farm in the shadow of the Sugarloaf near Enniskerry to meet with busy and well informed Vet Larry Dunne who has been using this technique on horses for 30 years now.

What is Embryo Transfer?

Embryo Transfer is the removal of a 7 day pregnancy from one mare (Donor mare) and transferred into a suitable second mare (Recipient mare). The recipient mare needs to have ovulated approximately six days before transfer in order to be suitable.

When was this technique first developed?

During the early seventies Dr. Joe Sreenan of the Agricultural Institute in Belclare, Galway and Professor Gordon of UCD were among the leading researchers in the world on embryo transfer in cattle. Meantime John Hughes was doing research studies in the USA where papers were published and he made it part of his practice when he returned to Ireland.

And how did you come into contact with the technique?

Shortly after graduating Dr. Sreenan allowed me to participate on the periphery of their research work and I began offering the service in cattle some 35 years ago and in horses some 30 years ago.

So what are the procedures used in Embryo Transfer?

The donor mare is artificially inseminated or covered naturally and time of ovulation is determined with the aid of a ultrasound scan. Some 7 days after ovulation the embryo is

recovered from her uterus. At this stage the embryo is microscopic (300 microns – not visible to the naked eye). In order to recover the embryo 1 litre of special fluid is introduced into the uterus with the aid of tubes. This medium is run through a filter which will hold the embryo. This procedure is carried out 4 or 5 times. The contents of the filter, which hopefully has an embryo and approx. 100ml of medium, are emptied into a petri dish and examined under the microscope. If an embryo is present, it is removed with special tips, washed and examined.

What happens next?

There are two options:

1. If a recipient is available the embryo is transferred directly (fresh transfer).
2. If however, no recipient is available, the embryo is frozen and transferred at a subsequent date when a suitable recipient becomes available.

The pregnancy rates from fresh transfer are over 90% and from frozen embryo transfer are 80%.

Let's talk about the first option.

In order to arrive at this point we know that the recipient is suitable (ovulation etc.). The recipient is sedated and prepared. The embryo is loaded into a 0.25ml straw and with the aid of

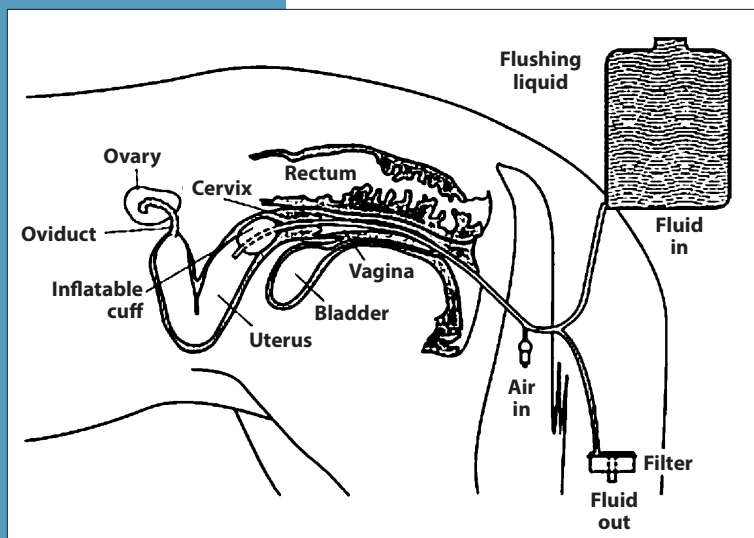


Diagram of the flushing process during an embryo transfer procedure



An equine embryo as viewed under the microscope



an AI gun the contents of this straw are deposited into the body of the uterus. The embryo can be held in the incubator in special medium for up to 3 hours before transferring without compromising the pregnancy rate.

And the second option?

If no suitable recipient is available the embryo is exposed to different concentrations of glycerine and ethanol glycol over a period of 45 minutes. The embryo is then loaded into a 0.25ml straw and placed in a freezer unit. This regulates the temperature drop from -6°C down to -35°C. This takes approx. 1 hour. At -35°C the straw is put directly into liquid nitrogen and can be stored indefinitely at -165°C (temp. of liquid nitrogen).

THE MARES

What is the ideal donor mare?

Any mare that cycles and gets pregnant when artificially inseminated or covered naturally (that can be from 2 to 26 years old). Some old mares can continue to produce good embryos. Chronic pain or joint medication can interfere with the mares ability to produce an embryo. The economics of carrying out an embryo transfer procedure will be determined by the

value of the offspring when subsequently offered for sale.

What preparation work is required for the donor mare?

The mare should be examined and scanned some three months prior to the breeding season to ascertain the health status of the reproductive tract. Attention should be paid to nutrition, teeth and worming programme.

And what of the recipient mare?

She should be between 4 and 16 years of age, be easy to handle, have previously carried a foal and be a big mare (at least as big as the donor). Three months before entering into the programme she should have a ultrasound scan to ascertain the health status of her reproductive tract, teeth checked, attention to proper nutrition and minerals. In order to be selected as a recipient she must be in season at the same time as the donor and ovulate 1 day before to 3 days after the donor.

Other than with the breeders themselves, where is this type of mare to be found?

One might borrow a mare that is not being used or use recipients supplied by specialist providers like Ronan Rothwell in Wicklow and Richard

Fitzgerald of Waterford.

THE BREEDER

For whom is Embryo Transfer a good idea?

1. Embryo Transfer is particularly suitable for someone who has an ideal riding mare that participates in local shows and hunting and would like to have a replacement when she retires without having the interruption of carrying a foal.
2. It's suitable for potential top class show jumping or eventing mares who it is hoped to sell in the not too distant future and would like to have off spring.
3. It's suitable for mares who have either competed at a very high level or produced offspring that have competed at a very high level and want to produce more than one foal per year.
4. Mares that cannot carry a foal to full term because of some pathological reason but can stay pregnant for the first 10 days may use the system.
5. Syndicates that have bought a valuable mare and require more than one pregnancy per year.

See page 2 for details of the HSI Embryo Transfer Scheme.

Foal Championship 2017

The Sport Horse Foal Championship identifies, evaluates and rewards breeders who have bred a foal that has the potential to be competitive at the highest International level in the disciplines of Show Jumping or Eventing. Foals were judged under the criteria of functional conformation, walk, trot, canter, overall athleticism and balance as well as pedigree. The final took place on the **2nd September** at the **Irish Breeders Classic Show** where a pot of €10,000 was on offer for the four Champions...Champion Show Jumping Colt and Filly and Champion Eventing Colt and Filly. There was also a special prize for the overall best traditionally-bred foal. Edward Doyle and Di Fairclough judged the Show Jumping foals while Lt Col Brian MacSweeney and Stephanie Von Schilder judged the Eventing foals. The results for each class are listed below:

| Championship | Foal | Sire | Dam | Breeder | Owner(s) |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| SJ Colt Foal | Greenacres Jordan (ISH) | Air Jordan Z (OLD) | Greenacres Quality (ISH) | Michael Callery | Michael Callery |
| SJ Filly Foal | Boleybawn Cosimia (ISH) | Cornet Obolensky (BWP) | Gowran Park (ISH) | Deirdre Bourns | Ronan Rothwell David Cullen & Steven Byrne |
| Eventing Colt Foal | Munthers Magic (ISH) | Munther (TB) | Brookfield Ruby (ISH) | Kieran O'Gorman | Kieran O'Gorman |
| Eventing Filly Foal | Kilmanahan Sapphire (ISH) | O.B.O.S. Quality (OLD) | Ballydonagh Ruby (ISH) | Paschal Connolly | Paschal Connolly |
| Traditional Foal | Derroom Eagle (ISH) [TIH] | Imperial Heights (ISH) | Rathdooney (ISH) | Ann Maguire | Ann Maguire |



Greenacres Jordan (ISH) bred and owned by Michael Callery



Boleybawn Cosimia (ISH) bred by Deirdre Bourns and owned by Ronan Rothwell, David Cullen and Steven Byrne.



Munthers Magic (ISH) bred and owned by Kieran O'Gorman



Kilmanahan Sapphire (ISH) bred and owned by Paschal Connolly

Foal Championships for Horses and Ponies Autumn 2018

Horse Sport Ireland is delighted to announce that these Championships will take place again in 2018 and for the **first time will include classes for ponies**. They are open to any horse or pony foal that is registered in a DAFM approved Studbook. Further details will be available on www.horsesportireland.ie shortly.

Lanaken 2017

Gold Medal Winners Ger O'Neill
and Columbcille Gipsy (ISH)
competing in Ireland.

Ireland's Golden Girl Columbcille Gipsy wins the Six Year Old World Championship

The World Breeding Championships for Young Sport Horses took place in Lanaken, Belgium from 20th to 24th September 2017 where Ireland's incredible gold medal winning run in Show Jumping continued, with Kilkenny's Ger O'Neill and the mare *Columbcille Gipsy* (ISH), being crowned World Champions in the six-year-old final.

The competition saw 260 of the top six-year-old horses from around the globe battle over three days of jumping, with the top 20 going forward to the final jump-off against the clock. Bred in Kilkenny by Eamonn Murphy the 2011 bay mare by *Toulon* (BWP) and out of *Gipsy III* (HOLST) finished with a perfect clear round and with over two seconds to spare over their nearest challenger, Germany's Harm Lahde. The bronze medal went to Belgium's Caroline De Laet.

The 2017 championship marks the second year in-a-row that Ger O'Neill has won the six-year-old World Championship. He also claimed gold with the Irish Sport Horse *Killossery Kaiden* (ISH) in 2016. "It's unbelievable to come back and win it again," a delighted O'Neill said. "With 260 starters it was going to be hard and this was a different horse obviously than last year. She has been very consistent all year in Ireland. She won the biggest competition of the year at the €40,000 Irish Breeders Classic and won three of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook leagues as well, but to come back and win today is a dream come through."

Columbcille Gipsy (ISH) was one of 53 top showjumpers selected to go under the hammer at the Paul Schockemöhle Elite Auction in Germany following the Championships and made a record breaking €700,000.

HSI SELECTED THE FOLLOWING HORSES FOR THEIR QUOTA OF 15 HORSES FOR LANAKEN 2017.

5 YEAR OLDS:

- *BP First Editions* (ISH)
Rider: Darragh Ryan
- *Dothraki Warlord* (ISH)
Rider: Derek McConnell
- *Forty Roses* (ISH)
Rider: Michael Pender
- *Pearls Princess Gervantus* (ISH)
Rider: Vincent Byrne
- *BBS McGregor* (ISH)
Rider: Jack Ryan

6 YEAR OLDS:

- *Castlelawn Captain Junior* (ISH)
(TIH) Rider: Jessica Burke
- *Lackamore Storm* (ISH)
Rider: Darragh Ryan
- *Columbcille Gipsy* (ISH)
Rider: Gerard O'Neill
- *Boleybawn Actor* (ISH)
Rider: Darragh Ryan
- *Sea Topblue* (ISH)
Rider: Jenny Rankin

6 YEAR OLDS:

- *Castlefield Vegas* (ISH)
Rider: Gerard O'Neill
- *MHS Attraction* (ISH)
Rider: Jenny Rankin
- *Ballypatrick Flamenco* (ISH)
Rider: Darragh Ryan
- *HHS Washington* (ISH)
Rider: Michael Pender
- *Express Trend* (ISH)
Rider: Jessica Burke

Gold Medal Winners Ger O'Neill
and Columbcille Gipsy (ISH) at
the World Championships in
Lanaken.





A special thanks to **Horseware Ireland** and **TRM** for the extensive kit which had the Irish Sport Horse teams looking very smart in Lanaken and Le Lion d'Angers 2017.





Irish Draughts have a successful 2017 in CANADA

By
REBECCA HANBIDGE

Irish Draughts and Irish Draught Sport horses have been quite active in Canada over the past year in competitions in dressage, eventing, and show jumping from local to international competition.

Some of the highlights of our Canadian horses who have been competing:

Pairadox Fella (IDSH) is by *Steeped in Luck* (RID) and out of *Final Cheer* (TB/Hanoverian). *Final Cheer* is a TB/Hanoverian cross. His Hanoverian bloodlines go back to *Goldschlaeger II* (HAN). He achieved a dressage third level championship in the province of Ontario.

Paddy's Classic Brogue (RID) is by *Mountain Pearl* (RID) and out of *Loguestown Classic* (RID). He placed 3rd in provincial standings in 3 foot hunter class over fences.

Irish Star (RIDSH) is by *Brandenburgs Winstar* (RIDSH) and out of *May Pearl* (TB). He was the Provincial 1m Jumper Champion for 2017.

The horse in Canada who has had an incredibly successful year in competition is **Steeped in Luck** (RID). Bred by James Lee the 2002 Stallion by *Mount Diamond Flag* (RID) and out of *Steepleview* (RID). This horse has been very busy competing in international dressage competitions.

Some of his results are as follows:

2017

- North Carolina Tryon CDI (International Competition)
- Grand Prix – Placed 3rd
- Grand Prix Freestyle - Placed 2nd.

Dressage at Devon CDI (International Competition)

"Dressage at Devon - CDI-W/Y/J has been the premier North American equestrian event since 1975. It combines world-class dressage competition and the world's largest open breed show."

This competition is historic and attracts a large audience, especially on the Saturday night when the CDI Grand Prix Freestyles are on under the lights in the famous "Dixon Oval" ring. The atmosphere has been described as electric which can be challenging for some horses. Horses must attain qualifying marks in the Grand Prix to make it into the Grand Prix Freestyle (as is the case for all CDI's).

Steeped in Luck and rider Elisabeth Austin made the cut and placed a very respectable 6th on the Saturday night in the Freestyle. The electric atmosphere did not seem to



Steeped In Luck (RID) competing in the Freestyle at Devon CDI.

bother the Irish Draught.

He also achieved a place on the United States Equestrian Federation GP Dressage 12 month Ranking List.

Steeped in Luck has had a successful season in the FEI World Cup Dressage North American League. He competed in both Tryon (NC) and Devon (PA) scoring 67.35% and 68.17% respectively. These results have qualified him for the final that is to be held in Paris in April of 2018. His qualifying score was 67.76%.

FEI Individual World Ranking List 2017-2018

After just two CDI's in 2017, Elisabeth Austin and *Steeped in Luck* (RID) were ranked 428 in the world and after showing in one CDI in January 2018, moved up to 367 in the world.

2018

He began the season in Wellington Florida showing at the National level: in the Gold Coast Opener at the Grand Prix level placing 1st!

That concludes our news here in Canada. We hope you all have a successful season with your horses in 2018



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THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD Loose Jumping Filly Competition 2017

Horse Sport Ireland launched a new young horse initiative in 2017 in the form of three and four year-old loose jumping competitions with the aim to identify suitable young performance fillies for the future. During the events Andrew Hughes and Olive Clarke were on hand to provide breeding advice to any owner who was intending to breed from their filly next year. The competition itself was judged by Gabriel Tunney and Thomas O'Brien at Cavan Equestrian Centre on the December 1st and by Vincent Byrne and Thomas O'Brien at Top Flight Equestrian Centre Warrington, Kilkenny on December 4th, 2017. HSI inspectors also carried out linear profiling of the entrants as part of the information gathering for Studbook purposes.

3 YEAR OLD LOOSE JUMPING CAVAN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

| Placing | Name | Dam | Breeder | Owner | Prizemoney |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1st | Unnamed (ISH) | Kec Apple Treet (AES) | William Kennedy | Kieran Kennedy | €1,250 |
| 2nd | Unnamed (ISH) | Limball (ISH) | Tom Reilly | Tom Reilly | €750 |
| 3rd | Unnamed (ISH) | Pure Irish Malt (ISH) | Rachel Hughes | Joseph Gallagher | €500 |
| 4th | SVS Sensation (ISH) | Beauty Van De Panneberg Ho (KWPN) | Brian Hutchinson | Brian Hutchinson | €250 |
| 5th | Shanbeg Tearful Sky (ISH) | Merry Serpent (ISH) | Joseph Wheelan | Gilbert Graham | €250 |

4 YEAR OLD LOOSE JUMPING CAVAN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

| Placing | Name | Dam | Breeder | Owner | Prizemoney |
|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1st | Unnamed (ISH) | Welcome De Revel (AES) | Gabriel Slattery | Gabriel Slattery | €1,250 |
| 2nd | Shanbeg Haven (ISH) | Aran More (ISH) | Michael Meehan | Gilbert Graham | €750 |
| 3rd | Derryinver Premier Sarah (ISH) | Premier Cento (OLD) | Premier Sports Horses | David Campbell | €500 |
| 4th | MHS Twenty (ISH) | MHS Lady Guidam (ISH) | Ita Brennan | Ita Brennan | €250 |
| 5th | Suburban Sky B (ISH) | Lucy in the Sky B (ISH) | Etter Sportpferde Ag | Etter Sportpferde Ag | €250 |



3YO Winner Cavan: Unnamed (ISH).



4YO Winner Cavan: Unnamed (ISH).

3 YEAR OLD LOOSE JUMPING WARRINGTON TOP FLIGHT EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

| Placing | Name | Sire | Dam | Breeder | Owner | Prizemoney |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1st | GCS Athena (ISH) | Vigo D'Arsoilles (BWP) | MHS Attraction (ISH) | Olivia Brennan | Eoin Brennan | €1,250 |
| 2nd | Unnamed (ISH) | Castlelawn Captain Junior (BWP) | Diamonds Kannan (ISH) | Charles Carter | Gabriel Slattery | €750 |
| 3rd | Unnamed (ISH) | Lancelot (KWPN) | Ballyquirke Belle (ISH) | Charles Carter | Philip & Niamh Rothwell | €500 |
| 4th | Tullibards AZ (ISH) | Tullibards Bennys Legacy (OLD) | Tullibards Hot Shot (ISH) | Hanns Jurgen Kuehnle | Hanns Jurgen Kuehnle | €250 |
| 5th | Unnamed (ISH) | Kannan (KWPN) | You Two Norma (ISH) | Eddie Moloney | Eddie Moloney | €250 |

4 YEAR OLD LOOSE JUMPING WARRINGTON TOP FLIGHT EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

| Placing | Name | Sire | Dam | Breeder | Owner | Prizemoney |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1st | Unnamed (ISH) | By Fuerty Captain Carismo (ISH) | Welcome De Revel (ISH) | Gabriel Slattery | Gabriel Slattery | €1,250 |
| 2nd | Unnamed (ISH) | Fuerty Captain Carismo (ISH) | Castlelawn Diamond Clover (ISH) | Gabriel Slattery | Michael Morrin | €750 |
| 3rd | Unnamed (ISH) | Sligo Candy Boy (ISH) | Coervers Promise (ISH) | Michael Hanley | Michael Hanley | €500 |
| 4th | You Two Pacino (ISH) | Pacino (BWP) | You Two Norma (ISH) | Eddie Moloney | Eddie Moloney | €250 |
| 5th | Cornet Clover (ISH) | Kings Cornet (ISH) | Briarhill Clover (ISH) | Anne Coyne | Killian Dunne | €250 |



3YO Winner Warrington: GCS Athena (ISH).



4YO Winner Warrington: Shanbeg Haven (ISH).

3&4 Year Old Filly Loose Jumping Championships for Horses and Ponies Autumn 2018

Horse Sport Ireland is delighted to announce that these Championships will take place again in the Autumn of 2018. **For the first time these Championships will include classes for 3&4 year old ponies.** The competitions will take place in Cavan Equestrian Centre on November 30th and in Warrington Top Flight Equestrian Centre on December 3rd. They are open to any 3&4 year old horse or pony filly that is registered in a DAFM approved Studbook.



Some Facts on SOUNDNESS

An Important Consideration for Breeders

Michael Slavin interviews Veterinary Surgeon **HUGH SUFFERN** of Tullyraine Equine Clinic, Banbridge, County Down.

In the dictionary there are many meanings for the word 'sound'. It can be what we hear, a stretch or depth of water, an affirmation or a judgement. But what of its meaning in relation to the horse? What do we mean when we say a horse is sound or unsound? Secondly which of the unsoundnesses are hereditary and thus passed on from parents to progeny?

These are serious considerations that have been argued over by academics for generations. But they are of the utmost importance for breeders and for those that are in the process of selling a performance horse.

Writing in this magazine back in 2015 well experienced FEI Vet Hugh Suffern of Tullyraine Equine Clinic, Banbridge, County Down had this to say: "There is nothing more disheartening for a breeder than to produce a lovely young horse with promising ability, sell it well, and then have it fail the vet."

Sound or Unsound

In the most simple of terms, according to veterinary journals, a horse for sale can be declared sound when it has the capacity to perform the function for which the animal is about to be purchased. Horse Sport Ireland has a list of "unsuitable conditions" for breeding purposes that will prevent a stallion or a mare gaining Approval. But the question I seek to answer is, why are these

"conditions" deemed to be unsuitable for breeding purposes?

So I went back to Hugh Suffern in search of an answer. Hugh has been in veterinary practice for over 36 years, he has been a four star competitor in eventing and has acted as Irish team vet at four Olympics, four World Equestrian games and six European Championships. He is on the veterinary panel for both Tattersalls and Cavan Sales and also acts as vet at both the Go For Gold sale in Goresbridge and at the HSI Stallion Selections.

UNSUITABLE CONDITIONS

I asked Hugh to pinpoint the serious unsuitable conditions associated with unsoundness that are most liable to be passed on to progeny by the mare or stallion. First of all he made the very sensible observation that "like many things to do with horses the answer is not a simple one." He then went on to pinpoint four conditions that "fairly clearly have an hereditary component."

These are:

1. Osteochondrosis (OCD)
2. Laryngeal Neuropathy (Wind)
3. Navicular Disease
4. Conformation defects

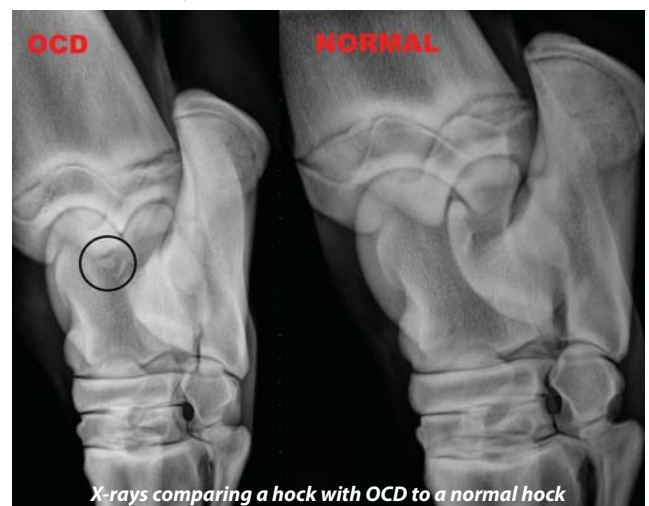
OCD

When we talk about OCD we are really referring to what are

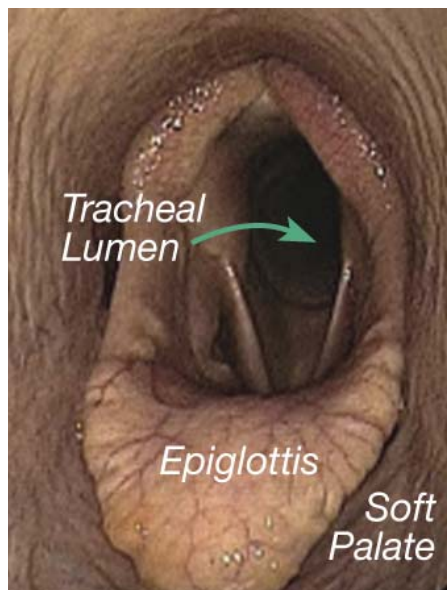
called chips or fragments that chip off the bone surface in joints such as fetlocks, hocks, knees or stifles. Hugh notes "genetics is not 100% the cause of OCD. There could be many other factors involved here like nutrition, energy levels, mineral input into a young horse and exercise. But heredity is one of them". He also says that while some chips might be of no consequence to a horse's competitive career, their presence in an x-ray image can bring about the cancellation of a sale. "They are an economic depressor, they put buyers off and tend to be exclusions on insurance."

Wind

In relation to wind or what is referred to as whistling Hugh says, "in layman terms Laryngeal Neuropathy is a paralysis of the left side of a horse's larynx. Here we have a clear, strong hereditary component. It can leap –



frog a generation so that a mare with wind problems can produce sound progeny but the condition may then come out in a following generation."



A normal scope observed during an wind examination

Navicular Disease

"Navicular Disease has a fairly clear hereditary component," Hugh says. He also notes that in the Irish context incidences of this progressively degenerative and crippling arthritis of the navicular bone have been dramatically reduced over the last 40 to 50 years. This was achieved through Irish breeders not breeding from mares

or stallions that were known to have this condition. In a sense this is a very good case in point with regard to the lessening of hereditary defects from mares and stallions in our studbook.

Conformation

On this subject Hugh stresses these important points, "most conformation issues are hereditary and can be closely aligned to defects that affect the animal's performance. Poor, weak hock conformation can lead to bone spavin and curbs. Long slack pasterns that are not compatible with the horse's animal's ability to perform and stay sound. Some of these conformational defects will be highlighted in a veterinary clinical examination."

Examination

And on this subject of examination Hugh notes that an intense amount of work has been done down the years to help vets give better opinions. "Collective experience in the profession helps for much more accurate diagnoses." He also says that x-ray technology has vastly improved in recent times so that now "lovely clear images that are easier to interpret" have become available.



Hugh preparing to assess a horse's wind after exercise on the lunge

The Message

The message and lesson from all of this is clear. Technology and veterinary expertise has been vastly advanced over the years. Hence we have the tools to warn breeders away from perpetuating faults and defects in our studbook cohort of mares and stallions. The reduction in instances of the dreaded Navicular Disease is an example of this advance. Participation in Stallion Selections and Mare Assessments can in fact be seen as benefits not only to individual breeders but to our whole Sport Horse breeding programme, since through them dams and sires that are free of the potential hereditary defects mentioned here can be highlighted and hopefully weeded out.

HSI SPRING MARE SELECTIONS 2018



Horse Sport Ireland will be holding Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse mare selections throughout the country in April. Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 19th March 2018. For further information please visit www.horsepsortireland.ie

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| 4th April | Tubberbride Stables, Co. Sligo |
| 5th April | Creagh Equestrian Centre, Co. Galway |
| 9th April | Warrington Topflight Equestrian Centre, Co. Kilkenny |
| 12th April | Ballybrack EC, Ballybrack, Glenville, Co Cork |
| 17th April | Portmore Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh |

Note: HSI is running a number of dates and venues for mare selections in Spring 2018. Every effort will be made to accommodate entries at their desired venue, however this cannot be guaranteed. Venues and dates are **PROVISIONAL**, dependent on sufficient entries and may be **subject to change**.

ISH Young Breeders Programme

The ISH Young Breeders Programme 2018 is a joint programme between Teagasc and Horse Sport Ireland. It is aimed at those between the ages of 14 to 25 years who are interested in assessing, exhibiting, and breeding performance horses. They do not have to be breeders themselves or necessarily come from an equestrian background. An avid interest and an eagerness to participate and learn is all that is required.

The skills and knowledge transferred through training serve 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.

The Young Breeders Programme is a wonderful opportunity for young people to meet with their peers and make contacts in Ireland and throughout the world who share their interest in horses.

The main activities of the Young Breeders Programme involve training days and every second year national and international competitions. The next World Championship event takes place in Austria in 2019 and the National Competition which begins the selection process for teams to participate at this championship will be early in 2019. Therefore, 2018 training events will provide training for those who are interested in competing, but also for those who simply wish to gain confidence in assessing horses and broaden their knowledge.

A huge credit goes to all the yards and trainers who provide access to performance horses, wisdom, and insight and are the strength upon which the programme is built.



Young Breeders Seminar
Careers, Opportunities, Breeding & Trade
Wednesday, 4th April | Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone

Breeding, Trade & Assessing Horses

- William Funnell, Billy Stud U.K. & International Rider
- Barry O'Connor, Trader & Coach
- Tiernan Gill, Young Horse Producer
- Andrew Hughes, Ennisnag Stud

Career Options and Pathways in the Thoroughbred Sector

- Timmy Hillman - Tattersalls & Castledillon Stud
- Guy O'Callaghan - Grangemore Stud
- Clodagh Kavanagh - Godolphin Flying Start
- Cathal Beale - C.E.O. Irish National Stud

Career Options and Pathways in General Industry & Sport Horse Sector

- Annie & Kate Madden - FenuHealth
- Barbara Murphy - Equilume & UCD
- Judith Faherty - The Irish Field
- Catherine Flanagan - Horse Sport Ireland
- Michelle Kenny - River Lodge Eventing

The Young Breeders Programme

- David Bourke
- David Browne
- Arianna Mezzapelle
- Vera O'Callaghan

Registration: 12.45pm | Fee: €20 | Light supper provided
BOOKING CLOSING THURSDAY MAR 29th
Contact: wendy.conlon@teagasc.ie or crea.english@teagasc.ie

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2018 TRAINING PROGRAMME EVENTS:

| Date | Venue | Focus | Trainer |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Apr 4 2018 | Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone Co. Westmeath | Careers Pathways, Breeding & Markets, Assessing horses (videos) with expert panel | Multiple panel discussions |
| May 12 2018 | Lissyegan Stables, Ballinasloe, Co Galway | Assessment of Conformation, Movement & Jump | Philip Scott & Teagasc Equine Specialists |
| June 25 2018 | Army Equitation School, Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7 | Assessment of Conformation, Movement & Jump | Comdt. Tom Freyne & Teagasc Equine Specialists |
| July 18 2018 | Tiernan Gill, Church Road, Ballina, Co. Mayo | Assessment of Conformation, Movement & Jump | Tiernan Gill & Teagasc Equine Specialists |
| Sept 29 2018 | Kildalton College, Pilltown, Co. Kilkenny | Assessment of Conformation, Movement & Athleticism; In Hand Presentation | Tiernan Gill, Philip Scott & Teagasc Equine Specialists |

To book any of the above courses please visit <https://teagasc.clr.events> or email Wendy Conlon wendy.conlon@teagasc.ie

HSI Registrations Developments 2018

Mare Declarations Online

For 2018 HSI is introducing a facility for mare owners to make their mare declarations online. This will enable HSI to provide the necessary paperwork to breeders to have the foals marked and DNA samples taken by their veterinary surgeons and returned to HSI in good time for the registration to be processed in advance of the issuing of the foal passport. It should be noted that the stallion owners covering certificate is still required before the passport can issue from HSI.

Further information is available from the HSI website at breeding.horsesportireland.ie

HSI will also have demonstrations of the new procedure at the Horse Sport Ireland Breeders Seminars which will take place:

- **7pm Monday 23rd April 2018**
Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
- **7pm Tuesday 24th April 2018**
Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford

Notification of Movement of Animals

Have you imported a horse recently? Equines being entered into a studbook can be identified by any appropriate approved PIO in the EU. However, the keeper must, within 30 days of the issuing of such a passport, lodge the document with an approved PIO here in Ireland where the animal is located so that its identification details are recorded on the Irish central database.

In order to do this you should arrange to have the animal endorsed on the Irish Horse Register. Endorsement costs €25/£23 and should be arranged by submitting the passport to HSI with the fee.

Change of ownership

If you have recently acquired a horse it is a legal requirement to record the change of ownership with the Passport Issuing Authority (PIO) who issued the original passport for the horse.

The form must be sent within 30 days of taking ownership of the horse.

You can download our 'Change of Ownership' form from the HSI website at www.horsesportireland.ie

The fee is just €15/£15.

Registration Discounts

Breeders should be aware that they may avail of a discount when they register ten animals or more in one single transaction. It is important to note that the registrations must all be in the same ownership. You should contact **Nadia Rea** at Horse Sport Ireland on **045-854543** in advance to arrange the appropriate discount.

You should also note that IHB/NIHB members enjoy a huge reduction in fees for studbook registrations with HSI. Please ensure that your membership is current to avail of this discount.

Horse Sport Ireland Breeders Seminars



*Jennie Loriston-Clarke
(MBE)*



*Carol Gee,
Fernhill Sport Horses*



*Alison Corbally,
HSI Director of
Breeding &
Programmes*

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Co. Wexford.

The seminars will be focusing on the breeding and production of the Event Horse with speakers including;

- **Jennie Loriston-Clarke (MBE)**, one of Britain's leading riders and trainers and has represented Great Britain in four Olympic games
- **Carol Gee, Fernhill Sport Horses** Carol Gee, Fernhill Sport horses, has sourced, produced and supplied horses winning at every level in the field of eventing.
- **Alison Corbally, HSI Director of Breeding & Programmes**, will present the new 'mare declaration' online system.

HSI staff will be available to demonstrate the online system at the end of the seminars. Further breeders' seminars will be held in other regions later in the year.

Register with the Irish Sport Horse Studbook to be eligible for:



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FOAL REGISTRATION

Shareholders of the IHB/NIHB can avail of the discount foal fee rate prior to 31st October each year.

You can check online to see if a covering certificate has been entered for your mare.
<http://www.horsesportireland.ie/passports/covering-certificate-check>

To avoid delays in processing the covering certificate please:

- Ensure the mare is **named** in her passport or identity document.
- Ensure the mare is registered **in your ownership** in the Irish Horse Register.
- If the mare is registered in **another studbook**, ensure her passport is endorsed on to the Irish Horse Register, and that the IHR number is used on the covering certificate.

Foal Registration kits are sent out on receipt of a valid covering certificate.

If you are selling your foal at the sales please allow 4-6 weeks to process your application

Please call 045-850800 for more information.

www.horsesportireland.ie