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## Register your foal — it's the law

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### Register before 31st October 2011

A special foal registration **discount rate of €50** is available for members up to 31st October 2011. This includes the cost of DNA testing to verify parentage. After 31st October and before 31st Decem-

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If you have not received your kit, contact the stallion owner to ensure he has sent the Covering Cert. to HSI and check the mare is registered in your name.

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Do you own an adult horse that is either unregistered or registered without recorded pedigree? If so, don't miss out on our Registration Discount.

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- All registered horses will also appear in HSI's new online register 'CapallOir'.

For further information contact **Donna Craig** on 045-854503 or email [dcraig@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:dcraig@horsesportireland.ie)

## HSI Mare Inspections autumn 2011

**T**HE HSI autumn 2011 Mare Inspections for the ISH and ID Horse Studbooks will take place throughout September. The closing date for applications was Monday 18th July 2011. If you missed the closing date there will be further Mare Inspections taking place next year.

Mares presented for inspection undergo a veterinary examination and are assessed by a panel of three HSI inspectors. Conformation, walk and trot are assessed in hand and athleticism in loose jumping pen. The mare is then released and her paces are assessed under the control of a trained arena party. A linear profile is recorded and scores are attributed for conformation, movement and athleticism. These are provided to the owner following inspection. The benefits include the opportunity for entry into a higher section of the Studbook. The progeny of SELECT and CLASS 1 mares will be tracked with the potential to receive further merits and star ratings, which should add value to the mare and her progeny.

### Additional Mare Inspection day — Cavan Equestrian Centre, Tuesday 23rd August

For mares not already entered for inspection, HSI will provide an inspection day at Cavan Equestrian Centre on Tuesday 23rd August when entries will be taken on the day.

There are a limited number of places so to guarantee your place, book beforehand. Contact Antonette Doran or Lorraine McMahon on 045-854508/517 or email [adoran@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:adoran@horsesportireland.ie)

## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER 2011

- **HSI/Teagasc regional breeder meetings October 2011 (all 8pm):**

- Mon. 17th Oct., Ard Ri House, Tuam, Co. Galway;
- Tues. 18th Oct., Dunraven Arms, Adare, Co. Limerick;
- Wed. 19th Oct., Dunboyne Castle, Co. Meath;
- Thurs. 20th Oct., Carlton Millrace, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.

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### NOVEMBER 2011

- **Teagasc National Equine Conference:** 15th November, Fermoy, Co. Cork (see page 20 for details).

**Breeding Registration Helpline:** Lo Call 1890 929 989. Open 1.30pm to 3.30pm each working day. Email: [registrations@horsesportireland.ie](mailto:registrations@horsesportireland.ie)



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**W**ELCOMETO the latest edition of HSI  
*Breeder Magazine*. In this issue we  
meet breeder **Brian McAuley** and his  
mare, '**Dunadry Lady**', who produced the sen-  
sational '**Larkhill Cruiser**'. We celebrate his  
remarkable Nations' Cup performance at La  
Baule, where he took the Irish Team to victory in  
the first leg of the 2011 FEI Superleague.

There are signs that the Irish Sport Horse  
Studbook is on its way back to being a world-  
leading producer of Irish-bred show jumpers.  
Successes so far this year include '**Slieveanor-  
ra**' (ISH), '**Will Wimble**' (ISH), '**Cos I Can**' (ISH)  
and '**Annestown**' (ISH).

As part of our remit to provide breeders  
with practical information, we have launched  
**CapalOir**, our innovative, easy-to-use online  
**Irish Horse Register**. This is a game changer  
for the industry and will significantly help  
Irish breeders to make the best possible  
decisions. For too long our sector has been  
living on claim and counter-claim about our  
horses. This new online database will provide  
verified data, allowing breeders, producers  
and buyers to inform themselves with the  
latest available data. At the touch of a button  
you can look up pedigree, progeny and  
performance for horses to help you best  
match your mares. I would like to thank the  
FEI, Eventing Ireland and Showjumping  
Ireland for their co-operation on this project.  
It shows what can be achieved by working  
together.

You can try out **CapalOir** yourself at the  
**Horse Sport Ireland Trade Stand** at the RDS. I  
would encourage everyone to attend this  
flagship annual event and I look forward to  
meeting many of you there.

As this is our special Discover Ireland  
Dublin Horse Show edition, we have included  
a handy pull-out section featuring the time-  
table and entries for **HSI Supported Classes** at  
this year's show. Included in this issue is the  
latest available statistical information on **4 &  
5 Star Stallion Ratings**, **WBFSH Stallion  
Rankings**, **HSI Show Jumping Series Sires** and  
**2010 Registered Foals**. We visit **Cavan Sales**  
and advise on how best to prepare your foal  
for sale. We also set out the merits of **Genetic  
Diversity** in the Irish Draught.

Horse Sport Ireland was delighted to  
sponsor the purchase of the Irish Draught  
**Embarr**, the newest addition to the **Garda  
Mounted Unit**.

Don't forget to take advantage of our **Re-  
gistration Discount**, available until 31st Au-  
gust to paid-up IHB members who wish to  
register older horses and have their pedigree  
verified.

We want to know what you think of the  
magazine as we are always looking at ways to  
improve it for our readers. Tell us what you  
think and **win Team Ireland Equestrian kit**  
with our Irish Sport Horse Facebook com-  
petition.

**Joe Walsh**  
Chairman,  
Horse Sport Ireland





Brian McAuley with 'Dunadry Lady' at his farm, Larkhill, in Co. Antrim.

# McAuley's mare produces world class show jumper

**A**FTER purchasing Larkhill Farm in Co. Antrim in 1995, **Brian McAuley** decided to purchase a broodmare as he wanted to become involved in breeding. Working as a vet, he got called out to Muriel Shanks of Dunadry, Co. Antrim, one night to assist a mare foaling. The foal was delivered safely out of a RID mare called 'Clonhean' and was the first filly foal by 'Crosstown Dancer' (ID C1).

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This was a real test for Joey, as it was his first Nations' Cup and his first experience at this level. We had one fence down the first time out but he produced a really class second round and left all the poles standing. I'm really proud of him and I'm glad we were able to produce the goods when they were needed

— Cian O'Connor

Brian decided to purchase the foal as his first broodmare.

This decision proved very successful for Brian as he has enjoyed tremendous success with his mare '**Dunadry Lady**'. 'Dunadry Lady' was the Reserve All-Ireland Champion Irish Draught Filly as a yearling in 1996 and as a two-year-old in 1997. She was also the Northern Ireland Yearling Filly Champion in 1996. She was awarded Premier Mare status and, as a result of the exceptional success of her progeny, she achieved a Gold star rating.

In 1999 Brian decided to breed an Irish Draught and took his mare to 'Huntingfield Rebel' (ID C1). In 2000 she gave birth to a colt which Brian sold as a foal. This colt was named '**Eastern Hero**' and showed excellent potential as a youngster when he came first in the National Breed Show Millhollow Stud Yearling colt class in 2001. From this he progressed and is currently jumping up to 1.35m. He was recently classified as an ID Class 1 stallion and ISH Approved in

the HSI 2011 Stallion Inspections.

Changing his breeding goal, Brian decided he would like to breed a show jumper and chose to send his mare to 'Cruising' (ISH). In 2001 'Dunadry Lady' foaled a colt called '**Larkhill Cruiser**', the most successful of 'Dunadry Lady's' progeny to date. In 2007, 'Larkhill Cruiser' and John Floody enjoyed tremendous success in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series, winning two of the nine qualifying finals and being placed in a further two finals.

The duo went on to win the 6/7 Year Old Grand Final of the 2008 Series and finished in second place in the 6/7 Year Old League. As the top 7-year-old in the League that year, 'Larkhill Cruiser', affectionately known as 'Joey', secured his place for Lanaken, where he represented the Irish Sport Horse Studbook at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses. At Lanaken, 'Larkhill Cruiser' took top prize in the 7 Year Old qualification



class. In 2010 'Larkhill Cruiser' won eight Grand Prix titles and a Derby while being ridden by John Flood. In 2011 he has continued to achieve numerous international successes with Cian O'Connor on board, including winning the Dubai Grand Prix Qualifier and taking the Gulf News Dubai Cup.

His most notable success occurred in May when 'Larkhill Cruiser' was part of the Irish team who pulled off a spectacular win in the first leg of the 2011 FEI Nations' Cup Superleague in La Baule, France.

In 2006 Brian decided to breed a replacement mare and chose to send 'Dunadry Lady' to 'Welcome Flagmount' (ID C1). In 2007 she foaled a filly named 'Larkhill Ladette', which is currently looking very promising as a show jumper. Brian will compete her in show jumping competitions but his main aim is to use her as broodmare.

In 2007 Brian took 'Dunadry Lady' to 'Gurraun Golden Eye' (ID C1), resulting in a colt born in 2008.

In 2009 Brian was keen to continue using the Cruising lines and so chose the approved stallion 'Cruising's Micky Finn' (ISH). He currently has a yearling named 'Larkhill Mr Finn'. 'Dunadry Lady' is currently in foal again this year to 'Cruising's Micky Finn'.

When choosing stallions, Brian would only use **Approved** stallions for his mare

as he believes you should only use the best stallions available.

He said: "I would put great emphasis on the stallion's performance. The star rating system is helpful as it allows breeders to see at a glance what level of performance a stallion or his progeny have achieved. I think breeders should really look at performance records and what type of progeny stallions have produced also."

The market and demand for certain types of offspring would also influence his decision but his overall aim is to produce Irish-bred quality animals that can perform at the top level.

Brian only breeds from correct mares with **sound conformation**. He is keen to continue using mares with traditional Irish breeding and the mare he has bred as a replacement for 'Dunadry Lady' is by 'Welcome Flagmount' (ID C1). "I like quality Irish Draught types that fit the breed description and have good athletic ability. I've had great success with the traditional Irish Draught by Irish Sport Horse cross so I would be keen to continue with this type," he said.

On the new breeding policy Brian feels that it allows breeders to be clear on how animals are **classified**. "I think a good element of it is the fact that an animal's progeny are taken into account for star ratings but I feel that perhaps the requirement for two progeny to have reached the required levels for the stallion or dam to

receive the appropriate star rating is a little harsh."

In light of the challenges facing breeders, Brian would be keen to see more breeders focusing on breeding **traditional Irish-bred horses** and getting back to basics. "There are too many foreign-bred animals on the market at present and I would be keen to see breeders return to the traditional ID x ISH cross which has been so successful historically. I think there are still good quality Irish-bred stallions available and breeders should consider using these over foreign-bred stallions. Once you use a foreign-bred stallion, what can you then use on the offspring? There is a lack of Irish-bred horses and these are dwindling due to the large number of foreign-bred stallions being used."



This was a great win for Ireland, in the first leg of the 2011 Nations' Cup League. There were great performances from everyone, but especially the Irish-bred **Larkhill Cruiser**, making his debut at this level and producing a vital clear round for the team

— Robert Splaine, Team Ireland Equestrian Showjumping Manager



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# CapallOir — Horse Sport Ireland's new online Irish Horse Register

**H**ORSE Sport Ireland has developed an online version of the Irish Horse Register called **CapallOir**. The database contains records for over 320,000 horses, with pedigree dating back to before 1900.

A four-generation pedigree and progeny report can be displayed on-screen with a facility to have either report emailed to the user as a PDF document.

The on-screen report contains hyperlinks throughout the sire and dam lines, enabling effortless viewing of the horse's lineage.

In cases where horses have competed under Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI), Showjumping Ireland (SJI), or Eventing Ireland (EI) rules, there will be a link directly to that horse's results in the relevant database.

The screen grab (right) shows an example of a mare's progeny report containing FEI logos indicating the progeny that have competed internationally. A user can click on the logo and be brought directly to that animal's results in FEI competition.

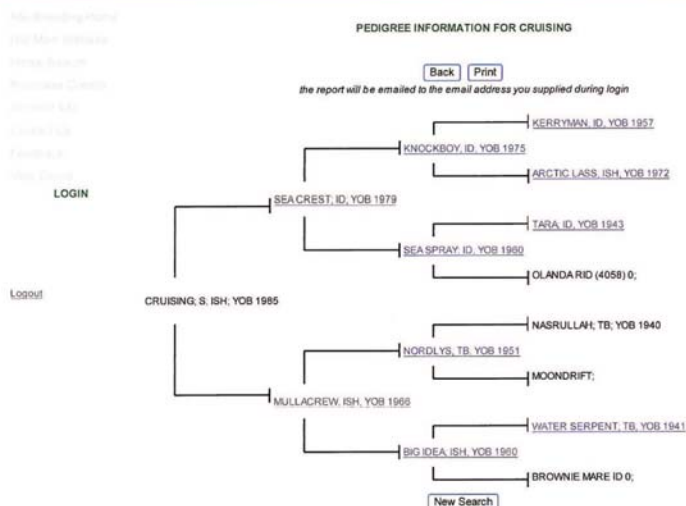
Genetic diversity percentages are shown on **CapallOir** for Irish Draught stallions and mares in Ireland, Australia and Canada. This will enable breeders to see genetic diversity information for their mares and stallions (see pages 22 to 23 for further details on Irish Draught Genetic Diversity).

## Game changer

Horse Sport Ireland chairman Joe Walsh said that the new database would be a 'game changer' for the sector in Ireland. "This new database will provide objective information to breeders and those involved in the sector, and it will be an invaluable tool for anyone thinking of breeding or buying an Irish Sport Horse or Irish Draught Horse," he said.



Joe Walsh, chairman, Horse Sport Ireland.



PROGENY

Name: DUNADRY LADY  
Year Of Birth: 1995  
Breed: IRISH DRAUGHT  
Sex: F  
Sire: CROSSTOWN DANCER (1 Credit)  
Dam: CLONHEAN (1 Credit)

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View	EASTERN HERO	HUNTINGFIELD REBEL	2000	S	GREY	ID	MR BRIAN MCAULEY
View	LARKHILL CRUISER	CRUISING	2001	G	CHESTNUT	ISH	MR BRIAN MCAULEY
View	LARKHILL CRUZ	CRUISING	2003	C	CHESTNUT	ISH	MR BRIAN MCAULEY
View	LARKHILL LADETTE	WELCOME FLAGMOUNT	2007	F	GREY	ID	MR BRIAN MCAULEY
View	LARKHILL SAFFRON	GURRAUN GOLDEN EYE	2008	C	CHESTNUT	ID	MR BRIAN MCAULEY
View	LARKHILL MR FINN	CRUISING MICKY FINN	2010	C	CHESTNUT	ISH	MR BRIAN MCAULEY

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"We in Horse Sport Ireland see our role in the sector as providing objective information. Following on from the new *Breeder* magazine and the enhanced stallion book, this is the next and most significant step in that process," he added.

All members of the Irish Horse Board, who had paid their annual renewal before 28th March 2011, were invited to participate in a trial of the **CapallOir** system. Horse Sport Ireland was very happy with the feedback received and would like to thank those who participated in the trial phase.

## CapallOir at the Dublin Horse Show

It is intended that **CapallOir** will be officially launched before the 2011 Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show which runs from 3rd to 7th August. Visit the HSI stand for a demo or to try it out yourself. **CapallOir** can be accessed from the Horse Sport Ireland website at [www.horsesportireland.ie](http://www.horsesportireland.ie)



## ASK THE EXPERTS: INDUSTRY VIEWS ON CAPALLOIR



**Sascha Geraghty**

"All of the journalists in The Irish Field are using CapalOir on a regular basis and have found it to be a very useful tool.

"We are always trying to provide more information on the breeding of animals and give credit to the breeders, so to have it all there on one site has made it much easier. It has set the standard for others to follow and, hopefully, more sectors of the industry will use the database to improve the information available, whether it's for show or sales catalogues."

— **Sascha Geraghty,**

Horse World editor, The Irish Field



**Charlie Ripman**

"As I research some 60 to 70 new horses each week when putting the eventing results together for Horse Sport Ireland, I used to take up to 15 minutes on some of them. With CapalOir, the same job can be done in less than half the time.

"There is, however, one 'problem'; it is so informative that one can get carried away following the breeding of an interesting mare or sire, and the information available is fantastic!"

— **Charlie Ripman,**

journalist and eventing enthusiast



**John Watson**

"For me, the proof of breeding is results. The FEI logo in the progeny report gives me a quick picture of where there are international results, plus a link to follow up on them.

"It is wonderful then to 'surf' through the generations of a particular family.

"CapalOir can be the pan with which to go prospecting for nuggets in our Studbook."

— **John Watson,**

Breeder and former international event rider



**Norman Storey**

"During the trial period I used CapalOir to obtain information for a research study I am working on. I was looking for figures on the number of foals bred out of specific mares.

"I found the system easy to use and got the information I wanted very quickly and, more importantly, it was up to date.

"I think it will be a great asset to breeders in the future."

— **Norman Storey,**

Teagasc Equine Specialist Adviser



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# Stallion Inspection Results 2011

## Irish Sport Horse Studbook Approved



### ■ BEOWULF (ISH) (ISH Approved) (1\* SJ OP)

1999 By Cruising (ISH) ex Loughtown Laura (KWPN) by L. Ronald (HOLST)  
Breeder: Mary I. McCann  
Owner: M. Quirke, Ballymureen Stud, Co. Tipperary  
Upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the show jumping own performance criteria.



### ■ COTTAGE FIRE (IRE) (WNTR) (ISH Approved) (1\* SJ OP)

1990 By Seamanship (TB) ex Caher Rush VII (WNTR)  
Breeder: Not Recorded  
Owner: C. Connolly & M. Hynes, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the show jumping own performance criteria.



### ■ CLIPPER VD BEGIJNAKKER (BWP) (ISH Approved) (2\* SJ OP)

2002 By Lux Z (HANN) ex Qualite VD Begijnakker (BWP) by Rivage Du Poncel (SF)  
Breeder: Antoine Keisse  
Owner: Catherine & Edward Doyle, Naas, Co. Kildare.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 70/100, Movement 67.5/100, Athleticism 78.5/100.  
Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the show jumping own performance criteria.



### ■ JUPITER DU THOT (SF) (ISH Approved) (1\* EV OP)

1997 By: Cincaba Rouge (SF) ex Udine Du Thot (SF) by Pandore Du Thot (SF)  
Breeder: Jean-Francois Noel  
Owner: Helen Troughton, Ballinteggart Stud, Co. Armagh.  
Upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the eventing own performance criteria.



### ■ STORMHILL MILLER (TB) (ISH Approved) (2\* EV PP)

1996 By Vouchsafe (TB) ex Lucky Harvest (TB) by Oats (TB)  
Breeder: Mrs A. E. Ratcliff  
Owner: James Shannon, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.  
Upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the eventing progeny performance criteria.



### ■ VALENT (KWPN) (ISH Approved) (2\* SJ OP)

2002 By Hors La Loi II (KWPN) ex Sarnike (KWPN) by Lux Z (HANN)  
Breeder: GJW Sikes  
Owner: Keonan Stables Ltd, Craigavon, Co. Antrim.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 80/100, Movement 85/100 Athleticism 86.25/100  
Stage 2 Scores: Athleticism: 75/100  
Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the show jumping own performance criteria.

## Irish Draught Class 2 Horses Approved in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook



### ■ CARLTON HILL (ID Class 2) (ISH Approved)

1996 By Clover Hill (ID C1) ex Coole Pride (RID) by Pride of Toames (ID C1)  
Breeder: Mrs Breda Pollard  
Owner: Filan Brothers, Homeville Stables, Co. Sligo.  
Upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the Irish Draught show jumping own performance criteria.



### ■ CLONEEN CLOVER (ID Class 2) (ISH Approved)

1991 By Clover Hill (ID C1) ex Ballycoogue Ashfield (RID) by Slievenamon (ID C1)  
Breeder: Edmond Keane  
Owner: Ian Smyth, The Ridge, Co. Carlow.  
Upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the Irish Draught show jumping own performance criteria.



### ■ MACKNEY HILL (ID Class 2) (ISH Approved)

1997 By Clover Hill (ID C1) ex Thunder Girl (RID) by Diamond Lad (ID C1)  
Breeder: Padraig Clarke  
Owner: Padraig Clarke, Rose Cottage, Co. Galway.  
Upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the Irish Draught show jumping own performance criteria.



## Irish Sport Horse Studbook Riding Pony Approved



### ■ MR HALE BOB (RP) (Riding Pony-Approved)

1997 By Magnum (RP) ex Dalli (WPC)

by Bajar (SHAR)

Breeder: Petra Teegan

Owner: Maurice Smiddy, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork.

Inspection Scores: Conformation 85/100, Movement 80/100, Athleticism 80/100.

## Irish Sport Horse Studbook Preliminary Approved



### ■ CASTLECOMER Q (ISH) (ISH Preliminary Approved)

2002 By O.B.O.S Quality 004 (OLD) ex Loon Candle (ISH) by Candle King (ISH)

Breeder: James Crennan

Owner: William McDonnell (Jnr), Pallas Stud, Co. Tipperary.

Inspection Scores: Conformation 70/100, Movement 67.5/100, Athleticism: 75/100.

Stage 2 Scores: Athleticism: 75 /100.



### ■ GAWTCHA K (AES) (ISH Preliminary Approved)

2006 By Guidam (SF) ex Royale Girl (ISH) by Cavalier Royale (HOLST)

Breeder: Eyleen Nugent

Owner: Knightfield Stud, Co. Kildare.

Inspection Scores: Conformation 70/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism: 70/100.

Stage 2 Scores: Athleticism: 75/100.

## ■ LEGEND

SJ: Show Jumping; EV: Eventing; SH: Showing; OP: Own Performance; PP: Progeny Performance; ID: Irish Draught; C1: Class 1; C2: Class 2.

Irish Sport Horse Studbook	Criteria
<b>ISH Approved</b>	Stallions that have met the requirements for Approval in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook.
<b>ISH Preliminary Approved</b>	Stallions that have met the requirements of Stage 1 (including veterinary) & 2 of the stallion inspection process.
<b>Not Approved 1 (NA1)</b>	Stallions that have not met the criteria for Approval, or Preliminary Approval, but have met the veterinary criteria.
<b>Not Approved 2 (NA2)</b>	Stallions that have not met the veterinary criteria.
<b>ISH Upgrade criteria for approval in ISH Studbook</b>	
<b>SJ OP</b>	4 double clear rounds at National 1.40m level or higher.
<b>EV OP</b>	3 Top 10% finishes at CIC/CNC2* level or higher.
<b>EV PP</b>	2 progeny each with 2 Top 10% finishes at CIC/CNC2* level or higher.
<b>ID Upgrade criteria for approval in ISH Studbook</b>	
<b>SJ OP</b>	4 double clear rounds at National 1.20m level or higher.
<b>Irish Sport Horse Studbook Star Ratings</b>	
<b>1* SJ OP</b>	2 double clear rounds at National 1.40m level or equivalent or higher or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level.
<b>1* EV OP</b>	2 Top 10% finishes at CIC/CNC 2* level or higher.
<b>2* SJ OP</b>	2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level in FEI competitions or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 double clear rounds at National 1.50m level or higher.
<b>2* EV OP</b>	2 Top 25% finishes at CCI 2* level or higher.
<b>2* EV PP</b>	2 progeny each with 2 Top 10% finishes at CIC/CNC 2* level or higher.
Irish Draught Horse Studbook	Criteria
<b>Class 1 (ID C1)</b>	Class 1 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook, has met all the inspection requirements.
<b>Class 2 (ID C2)</b>	Class 2 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook, has met the veterinary requirements of the inspection.
<b>Irish Draught Horse Studbook Merits</b>	
<b>Gold (SJ OP)</b>	4 double clear rounds at 1.30m level.
<b>Silver (SJ OP)</b>	4 double clear rounds at 1.20m level.
<b>Bronze (SJ OP)</b>	2 double clear rounds at 1m level OR jumps 1m level under saddle as a four year old or older at the stallion inspections and achieves a score of above 70%.
<b>Bronze (SH OP)</b>	1st in the ID stallion showing class at the RDS.

# Irish Draught Horse Studbook Class 1



## ■ BALLINEEN IT'S WILLIAM (ID Class 1) (ISH NA1)

2008 By Bealagh Blue (GB) (ID) ex Ballineen Glen Abbess (RID) by Torspark Benedict (ID)  
Breeder: Mrs E. Lord  
Owner: James Quinn, Cappa Stud, Co. Galway.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 70/100, Type 70/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 70/100.



## ■ CARRABAWN CROSS (ID Class 1) (ISH NA1)

2008 By Young Carrabawn (ID C1) ex Annaghbrack Lass (RID) by Holycross (ID C1)  
Breeder: PJ Fitzpatrick  
Owner: PJ Fitzpatrick, Annaghbrack, Co. Offaly.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 75/100, Type 70/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 73.75/100.



## ■ CARRICKCOTTAGE STAR (ID Class 1) (ISH NA1)

2007 By Carrickrock Close Shave (ID C1) ex Huntingfield Hat-Trick (RID) by Huntingfield Rebel (ID C1)  
Breeder: Colin A. Coulter  
Owner: Joan Bellew, Carrick Rock Stud, Co. Tyrone.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 70/100, Type 70/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 65/100.



## ■ CRYSTAL CREST (ID Class 1) (Silver SJ OP) (ISH Approved)

2005 By Coolcronan (ID C1) ex Derrynasagart Queen (RID) by Mountain View (ID C1)  
Breeder: Kevin Robinson  
Owner: E. McArdle, Drumhowan Stud, Co. Monaghan.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 75/100, Type 65/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 76.25/100. Also upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the Irish Draught show jumping own performance criteria.



## ■ DUNBEGGAN GREY MIST (ID Class 1) (Bronze SJ OP) (ISH NA1)

2005 By Dunkerrin Grey Mist (ID C1) ex Gortnalea Honey (RID) by Shuttlecock (ID C1)  
Breeder: Cyril Tierney  
Owner: James McNally, Dunbeggan House, Co. Longford.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 75/100, Type 75/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 65/100.



## ■ EASTERN HERO (ID Class 1) (Gold SJ OP) (ISH Approved)

2000 By Huntingfield Rebel (ID C1) ex Dunadry Lady (RID) by Crosstown Dancer (ID C1)  
Breeder: Brian McAuley  
Owner: S Higgins, Bridge House Stud, Co. Westmeath.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 70/100, Type 65/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 70/100.  
Also upgraded to Approved in the ISH Studbook having met the Irish Draught show jumping own performance criteria.



## ■ HUNTINGFIELD SUNNY C (ID Class 1) (ISH NA1)

2004 By Western Sun (ID C1) ex Clady (RID) by Attwood Black Laughton (ID C1)  
Breeder: D. Paul  
Owner: John Forrest, Clogga, Co. Kilkenny.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 70/100, Type 65/100, Movement 72.5/100, Athleticism 70/100.



## ■ KING OF MOURNE (ID Class 1) (Bronze SJ OP) (ISH NA1)

2003 By Star Kingdom (ID C1) ex Kiltulla Rose (RID) by Grey Macha (ID C1)  
Breeder: Moira McKenna  
Owner: Samuel D. Brown, Castlewella, Co. Down.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 70/100, Type 65/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 65/100.



## ■ SCRAPMAN (ID Class 1) (ISH NA1)

2008 By Crosstown Dancer (ID C1) ex Radiance (RID) by Kildalton Gold (ID C1)  
Breeder: Carol Dempsey  
Owner: Paul Maguire, Moate, Co. Westmeath.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 75/100, Type 75/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 65/100.



## ■ TORS GENTLEMAN FARMER (ID Class 1) (Bronze SH OP) (ISH NA1)

1998 By King Elvis (ID C1) ex Roma Forest Fox by Silver Jasper (ID C1)  
Breeder: Mrs Shervington  
Owner: Patrick Murphy, Charlestown, Co. Mayo.  
Inspection Scores: Conformation 75/100, Type 75/100, Movement 70/100, Athleticism 66.25/100.



# Mare Inspections 2011 results

## IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK

Table 1 IRISH DRAUGHT MARES that achieved CLASS1 BRONZE MERIT status at the 2011 Mare Inspections					BRONZE MERIT
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
ANNADALE LADY	2008	CASTANA	KING HENRY	MARTIN MCGLYNN	MARTIN MCGLYNN
COOLROCK BELINDA	2008	LUKE SKYWALKER	CREAM OF DIAMONDS	LARRY MULDOON	SEAN CULLETON
GOLDSMITH COUNTRY LADY MARY	2008	CASTANA	GOLDEN WARRIOR	PATRICK FINN	Aidan Flanagan
GOLDSMITH COUNTRY MOLLIE	2007	GRANGE BOUNCER	ANNAGHDOWN STAR	MICHAEL BYRNE	Aidan Flanagan
OATSFIELDS MAGGIE MAY	2008	CARRACKROCK CLOSE SHAVE	CLOVER HILL	MARTIN DONNELLAN	SINEAD WHITE
THE COACHMAN'S STAR	1999	ANNAGHDOWN STAR	SILVER GLIDER	JENNIFER DEVINE	LARRY MULDOON
UNNAMED (IHR: 4680148)	2008	STAR KINGDOM	COOLCRONAN WOOD	MESSRS CARROLL & BRANNIGAN	CARMEL BRANNIGAN

Table 2 IRISH DRAUGHT MARES that achieved CLASS1 status at the 2011 Mare Inspections					CLASS1
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
BALLYARTAN HEATHER DIAMOND	2007	CARRICKROCK CLOSE SHAVE	ALL THE DIAMONDS	EOGHAN & SIOBHAN KENNEDY	RICHARD HUGHES
BALLYDEELY ELLIE	2008	ITS THE QUIET MAN	CROSSTOWN DANCER	NIALL O'DWYER	NIALL O'DWYER
BAWN DUN LADY	2008	HUNTINGFIELD REBEL	CORK ARTHUR	JAMES QUINN	JAMES QUINN
BAWN MISTY LADY	2008	CAPPA COCHISE	DUNKERRIN GREY MIST	JAMES QUINN	ADRIAN BURKE
BENS DIAMOND	2002	GLIDAWN DIAMOND	BUSY NAVIGATOR	SEAMUS LEAHY	STELLA HEALY
BLACKFORT DIAMOND	2007	GLIDAWN DIAMOND	CLOVER HILL	JIM SEYMOUR	ANN NIHILL
GLENCARRICK CREST	2008	HUNTINGFIELD REBEL	SEA CREST	PAUL O'DEA	JOHN CARROLL
GLENVILLE DAPPLE SILVER	2008	FAST SILVER	RUSHEEN LAD	ARNOLD LANDEN	ARNOLD LANDEN
GRANSHA TARRANGO	2008	CROSSTOWN DANCER	BLUE HENRY	JOSEPH M. STEWART	JOSEPH M. STEWART
LADYMAY	2007	HUNTINGFIELD REBEL	SILVERSTONE	MARTIN CASEY	PADRAIC KELLEHAN
LISSYEGAN REBELQUEEN	2008	OH CAROLS REBEL	ANNAGHDOWN STAR	THOMAS GRIFFIN (SNR)	ROBERT SANDS
OHILLY SILVER	2007	FAST SILVER	WESTMEATH LAD	BERNARD CUMMINS	STAN PAGE
SALINA	2008	HUNTINGFIELD REBEL	SANDYHILL BOY	JERH O'RIORDAN	PADDY KELLY
SHANWAR DAWN	2008	GROSVENOR LAD	KINGSWAY DIAMOND	TONY DEACY	KATHLEEN GIELTY CUNNEY
PHILS FANCY	2007	SHENANDOAH PRINCE HOLLY	UIBH FHAIL' 81	WILLIAM MOLLOY	WILLIAM MOLLOY
UNNAMED (IHR: 5063504)	2008	CAPPA COCHISE	CREGGAN EMPEROR	DAVID & ANN O'REILLY	DAVID & ANN O'REILLY
WELCOME LADY	2002	WELCOME DIAMOND	MOUNTAIN VIEW	ZORA FEURER	NOEL PERRY

Table 3 IRISH SPORT HORSE MARES that achieved GRADEUP REGISTER status at the 2011 Mare Inspections					GRADEUP
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
CLIFF HANGER LADY	2008	HUNTINGFIELD HEATHCLIFF	CRANNAGH HERO	MARTIN RYAN	RICHARD DROHAN

## IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK

Table 4 Mares that achieved SELECT 3* status at the 2011 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections					3*
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
ABIGAIL 45 (GWB)	1994	ACORD II (HOLST)	WEINBERG (HANN)	GESTUT MUHLENHOF JURGEN SCHMITZ	ETTER SPORT HORSES LTD
BLAINROE PRIDE (ISH)	1998	SENANG HATI (TB)	SPRING DIAMOND (ISH)	JAMES C. KISSANE	RAYMOND DOYLE
HONEYBIRD (ISH)	1997	FARNEY CLOVER (ISH)	BALLYSIMON (ISH)	M. SHEEHY	CLAIRE MCDONNELL
LUCY BLUE (ISH)	2003	CRUISING (ISH)	MISTER LORD (USA ) (TB)	CLAIRE MCDONNELL	CLAIRE MCDONNELL
WENDOLIENE (BWP)	1999	DARCO (BWP)	FERRUM (SF)	PIETER PAESEN SIJMONS	TOM TAITE
WHAT A CRUISE (ISH)	1998	CRUISING (ISH)	LEABEG (ISH)	CREIGHTON CONSTRUCTION	FRANCES CLEARY

Table 5 Mares that achieved SELECT 2* status at the 2011 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections					2*
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
CHIP SUPREME (ISH)	2004	CHIPPISON (ISH)	ABLE ALBERT (TB)	WILLIE BOLAND	WILLIE BOLAND

Table 6 Mares that achieved SELECT1* status at the 2011 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections					1*
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
CLONADERIG LASS (ISH)	2003	VDL RICOCHET (ex ROMKE) (KWPN)	CRANNAGH HERO (ID C1)	JOHN & FIONA SMITH	BERNARDINE MORAN
CLONEEN DIAMOND (ISH)	2000	CRUISING (ISH)	DIAMOND LAD (ID C1)	KATHLEEN BRADY O'NEILL	PATRICK KEHOE
CLOUNLAHEEN REGION (ISH)	2006	NORDIC REGION (TB)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	JOSEPH MCGUIRE	JOSEPH MCGUIRE
COUNTRYMANS MOONLIGHT (ISH)	2000	CARRABAWN VIEW (ID C1)	ERRIGAL FLIGHT (ISH)	DANNY DALY	DAMIAN MCGUIRE
DUCAREL CLOVER (ISH)	2005	HARLEQUIN DU CAREL (SF)	WHITE CLOVER (ISH)	JOHN AHERNE	JOHN AHERNE
GLENMORA FILICE (ISH)	1998	FILICE DE CHAMPEIX (AA)	HALLO (SF)	JAMES MURPHY	JOHN VAUGHAN
GOLDEN ACE (ISH)	1993	HORACE (AA)	PARNELL (ID C1)	BRIAN MCCARRON	ORLA HUGHES
KYLE VANO (ISH)	2008	SILVANO (KWPN)	COOLCORRON COOL DIAMOND (ISH)	TIMOTHY RYAN	TERENCE KEOGH
POLLYDOLL DANCER (ISH)	1999	CROSSTOWN DANCER (ID C1)	GLEN BAR (ISH)	MICHAEL BYRNE	LUCY GREGAN
SALLYS STAR (ISH)	2006	STAR KINGDOM (ID C1)	SALLUCEVA (TB)	GERARD KEENA	GERRY KENNA
SHANBO IMPALA (ISH)	2002	MASTER IMP (TB)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	FRANCES CLEARY	FRANCES CLEARY
SOVEREIGN BAY (ISH)	2005	SOVEREIGN WATER (FR) (TB)	NOT RECORDED	MRS PAMELA HALLEY	DEIRDRE FRENCH
ALLWEATHER (ISH)	2007	FRENCH BUFFET (TB)	CRUISING (ISH)	MATTIE BRENNAN	THOMAS SEXTON
UNNAMED (IHR: 5072083) (ISH)	2008	CAPTAIN CLOVER (ISH)	LESTER LAD (GB) (TB)	PETER DIAMOND	PETER KELLY
WISTARIA (HANN)	1995	WOLKENSTEIN (HANN)	PINKUS (HANN)	FRIEDRICH GRUBE	HANS-JUERGEN KUEHNLE

Table 7 Mares that achieved SELECT status at the 2011 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections					SELECT
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
CARRABAWN Z (ISH)	2006	RICARDO Z (ZANG)	BALLINVELLA (TB)	CARMEL CASEY	JOHN LEE
CASEY COEVERS (ISH)	1998	COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	CHILON (TB)	JEANETTE GLYNN	PATRICK MURPHY
COOLBOY CRUISE BAWN (ISH)	2006	ATLANTIC CRUISE (ISH)	PRIDE OF TOAMES (ID C1)	PATRICK ENGLISH (JNR)	SARAH KIERNAN
COVERS HILL (ISH)	1994	COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	FRANK BURKE	THOMAS HANNON
CROSSBORDER BABE (ISH)	2003	CHEVALIER DECOUPES (TB)	WHISTWORD (TB)	KIERAN O'CALLAGHAN	DAN O'BRIEN
CULNAHAILIE (ISH)	1994	SILVER WONDER (IRE) (TB)	KING HENRY (ID C1)	PADRAIG BRACKEN	SAM CEVERELL
CUM GRANO SALIS (IRE) (TB)	2000	SHERNAZAR (IRE) (TB)	OVER THE RIVER (FR) (TB)	MISS V. CHARLTON	S. ANDERSON & E. BOYLAN
DROMALGA DARCEY (ISH)	2006	CLASSIC VISION (ID C1)	GENJO (ARAB)	DR HARRY BLAKE	TOM CARROLL
FD CRANDY (ISH)	2006	EKSTEIN (KWPN)	GOLDEN CLIFF (TB)	PATRICK TUNNEY	SHANE DELAHUNT
HASARA (ISH)	2002	NAHEEZ (USA) (TB)	CREAM OF DIAMONDS (ID C1)	PAT GAVIN	LARRY MULDOON
JERPOINT MIST (ISH)	2002	CLOVER MAN (ISH)	CHAIR LIFT (TB)	MARTIN J. COLLINS	WILLIAM SAVAGE
KERRI MAE (ISH)	2007	SUNNY BOY (KWPN)	PRIDE OF GLENOGRA (ID C1)	JAMES O'LOUGHLIN	JAMES O'LOUGHLIN
KINGUAIRE LADY (ISH)	2008	SILVANO (KWPN)	BRILLIANT LAD (ID C1)	MICHAEL NAUGHTON	MICHAEL NAUGHTON
LOUGH NA CARRAIGE (ISH)	2007	CASTANA (ID C1)	MISTER LORD (USA) (TB)	JAMES & TOM GALLAGHER	TOM GALLAGHER
MAGHERA ROSE (ISH)	2004	COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	WILLIAM BOLAND	JOHN JOE O'HALLORAN
RATHBAWN SUSHI (ISH)	2002	CRUISING (ISH)	ASHFIELD BOBBY SPARROW (CP)	ISOBEL REYNOLDS	ISOBEL REYNOLDS
RICH LOU LOU (ISH)	2003	BIG SINK HOPE (USA) (TB)	RICH REBEL (USA) (TB)	PAT BLAKE	ANN O'BRIEN
ROYAL DREAMER (ISH)	2005	ROYAL PERSIAN (TB)	KILDALTON SON (ID C1)	NOEL CLANCY	DAVID DUNNE
SHANBO IMPEL (ISH)	2002	MASTER IMP (TB)	KILDALTON KING (ID C1)	FRANCES CLEARY	FRANCES CLEARY
SOLSBORO CECILY (ISH)	2006	COLIN DIAMOND (ISH)	CANDLE KING (ISH)	MARIE C. ENNETT	VALERIE DAVIS
UNNAMED (IHR: 5057316) (ISH)	2008	POWER BLADE (IRE) (TB)	GOLDEN TRUMP (ID C1)	MICHAEL KENNY	CECILIA DELANEY
UNNAMED (IHR: 4532292) (ISH)	2007	CROSSTOWN DANCER (ID C1)	SEA CAPTAIN (ISH)	BRIDIN MCGARRIGLE	BRIDIN MCGARRIGLE
WRS BOROVOE GIRL (ISH)	2007	WRS SUN RICH (ID)	BOROVOE (TB)	DONAL SHINE	DONAL SHINE

Every effort has been made to ensure that no inaccuracies have occurred in collating this data. If you would like your mare's passport updated to reflect her current classification, please send it in to the HSI Registrations Department. If your mare meets the criteria for 3 Star Level or above, please contact the HSI Breeding Department with the relevant performance information and your mare will be upgraded to SELECT, upon verification of the performance records.

# Garda Mounted Unit

## Welcome Embarr — the Garda

**E**MBARR, the youngest Irish Draught to join the Garda Mounted Unit, was presented by HSI Chairman Joe Walsh to Garda Commissioner Martin Callinan on 27th June. "I feel Embarr will act as a fantastic ambassador for the Garda Mounted Unit and the Irish horse," the Chairman said.

This marks the beginning of Embarr's career following a six-week trial period and the end of an extensive search for a suitable Irish Draught for the unit. A competition to name the horse resulted in almost 400 suggestions. Deirdre Orme, a design student from Mullingar, won with 'Embarr' (see page 13 for the meaning of Embarr). All Garda Mount names are derived from Irish mythological folklore.

The 4-year-old Irish Draught gelding is by Rockrimmon Silver Diamond (ID C1) out of Clogheen Cavehill Pride (RID), by Cork Arthur (ID C1). He was bred by Patrick Egan from Athlone, Co. Roscommon.

### IN CONVERSATION WITH SERGEANT BRENDAN DUFFY:

#### ■ How was Embarr selected for the Garda Mounted Unit?

"We usually look for horses between four and six years of age. Embarr is the youngest horse to join the Mounted Unit. He is a full Irish Draught and is the right stamp for the breed. He is a nice type and has a very kind temperament. He has good presence, which is very important for a Garda Mount."

#### ■ What tests did he undergo before his selection?

"After undergoing a veterinary exam, Embarr was taken into the Mounted Unit for a six-week trial. With any horse joining the unit, they must be fully broken and riding before we will consider them. They must also handle well. With the trial period, the aim is to assess if the horse can cope with the specific conditions that a Garda Mount will face over his career."

"We take them through this period very slowly, allowing them to find their feet and get used to the work. It's all about building things up step by step. We tend to know very quickly if a horse is unsuitable."

"Initially, we worked Embarr on the lunge and then under saddle. Gradually, we built this up by introducing him to 'nuisances' like umbrellas, plastic bags, flags, cones, balloons, etc. This was all carried out in a controlled environment in our all-weather training arena."

"From there he was taken out on short patrols within the Phoenix Park to expose



him to traffic, buses, parked cars, etc."

#### ■ What's next for Embarr?

"Working with new horses is all about building them up slowly. After the trial, they undergo a final veterinary exam to see how they stood up to the work. From there we increase their exposure to 'nuisances'. Embarr will be exposed to an increasing amount of daily patrols, mainly patrol work around the periphery of Dublin City."

"One of the main tasks for a Garda Mount is working with public order. Embarr will progress to 'nuisances' such as bangers, metal shutters, helium balloons and air horns. A horse's natural instinct is to flee from danger but we very much use the herd instinct in their training. We will slowly introduce Embarr to these things by slotting him into a line of eight or 10 more experienced horses at a public event where they may come across loud noises and big crowds. We find that if the other horses remain still and calm, new horses very quickly learn that is what they're being asked to do. Initially, Embarr will be

brought to events and allowed to observe from a distance. If he is feeling unsettled, we can remove him from the situation and reintroduce him slowly at the next event. He will also get more exposure to street work and crowd control, to noise and atmosphere."

#### ■ Will he be assigned to a specific member of the Mounted Unit?

"Embarr has been assigned to Garda Lisa Halligan. While it is important that all Garda Mounts can be ridden by any Garda Mounted officer, I tend to match less experienced horses with a more experienced partner. Similarly, when a new Garda joins the unit, we try to team them up with one of the more experienced horses. However, we try to rotate things every six to eight months to ensure the horses don't get too comfortable with just one Mounted officer."

#### ■ Explain why the Mounted Unit is such a vital part of an Garda Síochána.

"The Garda Mounted Unit is an integral part of an Garda Síochána and is respon-



# a Mounted Unit's newest recruit



**Clockwise (from left): Garda Commissioner Martin Callinan, Garda Lisa Halligan, Mounted Unit, on Embarr, and HSI Chairman Joe Walsh at the Phoenix Park. Garda Lisa Halligan and competition winner Deirdre Orme. Joe Walsh with breeder Patrick Egan. Joe Walsh and Commissioner Callinan with Embarr's passport.**



## The meaning of 'Embarr'

**Embarr** is an old Celtic word meaning imagination. In Irish mythology, Embarr belongs to Niamh, one of the Queens of Tir na nÓg. Embarr can run across sea and land without touching water or the ground. Niamh crossed the Western Sea on Embarr to ask Oisín to come to Tir na nÓg. Oisín agreed, promising his father he would return soon. Embarr cannot be killed by man or god.

Name :	EMBARR
Breed :	Irish Draught (R.I.D.)
Born :	01/07/2007
Height :	171 hands
Donated by :	Horse Sport Ireland
Named by :	Deirdre Orme

sible for highly visible proactive policing. We are a national resource and operate throughout Ireland at major events, agricultural shows, community engagement visits, etc. The main policing role involves crowd control, as we can generally move crowds without any confrontation. Apart from being highly visible, Irish people have a natural affinity with horses and this helps enormously with breaking down barriers between the Gardai and the general public.

"Our aim is always peaceful chaperoning but, if things turn nasty, the sheer presence of a horse is invaluable for crowd control. All Mounted Unit Gardai wear helmet-mounted cameras and, due to the height advantage, this has proven very useful as evidence in court.

"The Garda Mounted Unit is one of four operational support units. The four units have common search capabilities and it is an area where I feel the Mounted Unit could be used more. A horse is much more useful over difficult terrain than a vehicle and, for this reason, the unit is used for missing

person searches. This type of policing requires very specific search training and is a hugely important part of our work."

### ■ Why has the Irish Draught horse been recognised as the most suitable for this type of work?

"The Irish Draught possesses the right build for this type of policing. They have great presence, are steady, have good bone and the right temperament. They are an indigenous Irish breed, which is also very important."

### ■ What is their daily routine like?

"The unit operates two shifts each day and the Garda Mounts patrol during these times. At the weekends we operate a third shift. For special events, such as the recent State visits, we operate as the timetable dictates. Basically, the Mounted Unit is available at any hour, as operationally required."

### ■ Tell us about Embarr.

"Embarr is the youngest member of the

unit and, understandably, he is still a bit juvenile. He has a lovely temperament and is very easy to work with. He has excellent stable habits and is a very pleasant horse. He's like a big baby at the moment — perfectly happy to follow his fellow Garda Mounts and do as he is asked."

### ■ How has he settled in to his new home?

"He has settled in very well. All the Garda Mounts are turned out every day, come rain or shine, and we try to buddy them up with another horse in the unit.

"Like any horse owner, our top priority is to keep our horses happy, healthy and injury free. I try to pair up horses with similar temperaments. Embarr is paired up with Cumhall; neither has over-dominant temperaments and they get on very well together."

### ■ What do you think about the name Embarr?

"I think the story behind Embarr's name is very appropriate."





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Day	Time	Class	Arena
Wednesday, 3rd August	09:00	6 Year Olds - 1st Qualifier	Main Arena
Wednesday, 3rd August	13:40	4 Year Old Horses - 1st Qualifier	Simmonscount
Wednesday, 3rd August	15:45	The Irish Sports Council Classic	Main Arena
Thursday, 4th August	14:00	5 Year Olds - 1st Qualifier	Simmonscount
Thursday, 4th August	18:15	3 Year Old Loose Jumping	Simmonscount
Friday, 5th August	08:00	6 Year Olds - 2nd Qualifier	Simmonscount
Friday, 5th August	10:10	5 Year Olds - 2nd Qualifier	Simmonscount
Friday, 5th August	13:00	4 Year Old Horses - 2nd Qualifier	Simmonscount
Saturday, 6th August	15:30	4 Year Old 'Mr Springfield' Championship Final	Simmonscount
Saturday, 6th August	19:55	6 Year Old 'Cruising' Championship Final	Main Arena
Sunday, 7th August	09:05	5 Year Old 'Carling King' Championship Final	Main Arena

Please note: Times & locations are subject to change

**C = Colt F = Filly M = Mare G = Gelding S = Stallion**

3 Year Old Loose Jumping Championship, sponsored by Horse Sport Ireland

Horse	Colour	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Owner
Boulabeha Sarco Sundance (ISH)	B	F	Shannondale Sarco (BWP)	Mac Tweed (ISH)	Uncle Paul (ID)	Carol Neilson	Joe Gallagher
Casta Diva (ISH)	B	F	Ars Vivendi (HOLST)	Warrenstown Cassy (ISH)	Harlequin Du Caryl (SF)	Ronan Tynan	Ronan Tynan
Castlemitchell Princess (ISH)	B	F	Guidam (SF)	Coolamber Princess (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Patrick Purcell	John & Tracy Walshe
Dawn Lux (ISH)	B	C	Lux Z (HANN)	Kilnamac Dawn (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	James J Ryan	Kedrah House Stud
Faith Not Fortune (ISH)	B	C	Argentinus (HANN)	Athena N (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Vincent Digby	Vincent Digby
Fly By Argentinus (ISH)	B	C	Argentinus (HANN)	Maktoub (ISH)	Voltaire (HANN)	Patrick J Kearns	Patrick J Kearns
KMS Romeo (ISH)	B	C	Womanizer (KWPN)	Uganna (KWPN)	Corland (HOLST)	Ivor Broderick	Carroll Brothers
Lux Alluring (ISH)	B	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Ballyduffbeg Diamond (ISH)	Glidawn Diamond (ID C1)	Bernard Keane	Peader Byrne
Newmarket Clare Lady (ISH)	B	F	Newmarket Jewel (WESTF)	Newmarket Clare (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Billy Daly	Billy Daly
Quality Dreams (ISH)	CH	F	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Galtee Dreams (ISH)	Tenor De La Cour (SF)	Eamon O'Dwyer	Eamon O'Dwyer
Temple Sure (ISH)	CH	G	Temple Clover (ISH)	Elegance Lady (ISH)	Ricardo Z (ZANG)	Kieran Dunphy	Kieran Dunphy
Unnamed (ISH)	B	F	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Cavalier Hugh (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Peter Rice	Alanna Morgan
Unnamed (ISH)	B	F	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Shannondale Fusion (ISH)	Rantis Diamond (ISH)	Peter Rice	Ralph Morgan
Unnamed (ISH)	B	G	Newmarket Jewel (WESTF)	Garranassig Lass (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Sean & Christine O'Connor	Michael O'Callaghan
Unnamed (ISH)	B	G	Captain Clover (ISH)	Belfields Pride (ISH)	Tremblant (TB)	Patrick Prendergast	Patrick Prendergast
Unnamed (ISH)	GR	F	Cruising (ISH)	Maureens Lady (ISH)	Puissance (ISH)	John Hannon	Noel Cawley
Unnamed (ISH)	BR	G	Beach Ball (ISH)	Chip Of Coevers (ISH)	Coevers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Norman Watt	Norman Watt
Unnamed (ISH)	GR	G	Beach Ball (ISH)	Coevers Midnight Mist (ISH)	Coevers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Norman Watt	Norman Watt
Unnamed (ISH)	B	F	Diamond Roller (ISH)	Whos Diaz (ISH)	Oslivis (KWPN)	John Kearney	John Kearney
Unnamed (ISH)	B	F	Amiro M (ZWEI)	Cavaliers Pet (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Tom Clements	Brian Douglas

3 Year Old total entries — 20

All details correct at time of going to press

## 4 Year Old Showjumping Championship, sponsored by Horse Sport Ireland

Horse	Colour	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Owner	Rider
Always On My Mind (ISH)	B	G	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Sandiamo (AES)	Andiamo (NRPS)	Edgar Hogg	Edgar Hogg	James Hogg
Ard Toffee (ISH)	DN	G	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Ard Caramel (ISH)	Ard Ohio (KWPN)	Richard & Heather Wright	Natasha Costello	Natasha Costello
Ballyvadd Olympic Clover (ISH)	B	G	Olympic Lux (KWPN)	Milestone Clover (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	John Harty	Andrew Kinwan	Francis Connors
Captain Carusette (ISH)	BR	M	Captain Clover (ISH)	Chantel S (DR)	Caruso (HOLST)	Charles Hanley	Charles Hanley	Gabriel Slattery Jnr
Captain Rossi (ISH)	BR	G	Captain Clover (ISH)	Fisco (ISH)	Roscommon Boy (ID C1)	Edward Matthews	Ronnoco Jump Ltd	Deane Rogan
Cast a Dream (ISH)	CH	M	Castana (ID)	Tobyhanna (TB)	Scribano (TB)	Terry McLoughlin	Terry McLoughlin	Shane Goggins
Castleforbes Tina (ISH)	GR	M	Clinton (HOLST)	Catania 0067 (HOLST)	Carthago (HOLST)	Lady Georgina Forbes	Lady Georgina Forbes	Gael Lhermile
Claddagh Iroko (ISH)	CH	G	Iroko (WESTF)	Another Cruise (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Charlie McElhinney	Gabriel Mullins	Shane Goggins
Codarco (ISH)	B	S	Darco (BWP)	Vereendom G (KWPN)	Orame (KWPN)	Thomas O'Brien	Thomas O'Brien	David O'Brien
CSF Whitecock Cruise (ISH)	RO	M	Cruising (ISH)	Coolcaum Emma (ISH)	Diamond Serpent (ISH)	Patrick Connolly	Anne Clancy	Cathal McMunn
Darrara Achilles (ISH)	B	S	Vancouver (KWPN)	Darrara Queen (ISH)	Cezaro (HOLST)	Dermott O'Brien	Dermott O'Brien	Shane O'Reilly
Drumiller Dynamite (ISH)	CH	G	Larino (KWPN)	Danish Dynamite (SWB)	Lavallo (HOLST)	Paul Dillon	Paul Dillon	Paul Dillon
Ecclesville (ISH)	GR	G	Clover Echo (ISH)	Maisy (ISH)	Tyrone Diamond (ID)	Newberry E Wilson	Elaine Whiteside	Yvonne Whiteside
ESI Hanoi (ISH)	B	S	Guidam (SF)	Visage Van T Paradijs (BWP)	Landetto (HOLST)	Cian O'Connor	Hannah Joyce	Hannah Joyce
Flash Diamond	B	M	VDL Candidat (HOLST)	Cornescrfebe Diamond (ISH)	Flagmount Diamond (ID C1)	Not recorded	Breda McMunn	Cathal McMunn
Hawkswings (ISH)	B	G	Heartbreaker (KWPN)	Crewe Lass (ISH)	Laughton's Flight (ISH)	Ramsey Stewart	Susan Stewart	Clem McMahon
Hollybank Destiny (ISH)	CH	M	Guidam (SF)	Be Lucky (ISH)	Baloubet De Rouet (SF)	Suzanne McConnell	Suzanne McConnell	Francis Connors
Ironik (ISH)	B	M	Iroko (WESTF)	Expectation (ISH)	Coevers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Charles Pidgeon	Ellen Riordan	Ellen Riordan
Kilpatrick Royal (ISH)	GR	S	Concorde (KWPN)	Kilpatrick Miss Cruise (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Joan J Dolan	Joe Dolan	Shamac Konopacki
Lalique (ISH)	GR	S	Diamant De Semilly (SF)	Rincoola Bua (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Harold McGahern	Harold McGahern	Joe Owens
Larry's Cruise (ISH)	B	S	Cruising (ISH)	Discovery C (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Jennifer Crowley	Jennifer Crowley	Richard Kerins
Legaland Courage Z (ISH)	B	M	Courage II (HOLST)	Currabawn De Lux (ISH)	Lux Z (HANN)	Patrick J Heslin	Catherine Thornton	Catherine Thornton
Lux Classic (ISH)	B	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Nadia S (UNK)	not recorded	Patrick A Walsh	Noel Delahunty	Tomas O'Brien
LVS Heartache (ISH)	B	G	Heartbreaker (KWPN)	Wonder Why (KWPN)	Cento (HOLST)	Anne-Marie O'Gorman	M. Duffy & Ronoco Ltd.	Mark Duffy
LVS Vanessa (ISH)	B	M	Vancouver (KWPN)	Suir Forever (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Anne-Marie O'Gorman	Caledonia Stables	Greg Broderick
Maximus (AES)	B	G	Ulysses M2S (KWPN)	Novel (KWPN)	Zeoliet (KWPN)	Linzi Johnston	Linzi Johnston	Daniel Coyle
MHS Shamrock (ISH)	B	G	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Mill Royale (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan	Austin Broderick	Greg Broderick
Newgrange Lady (UNK)	B	M	not recorded	Mackentranny Diamond (ISH)	NC Amiro (AES)	Martin McLaughlin	Sean Kavanagh	Sean Kavanagh
OBOS Pepper Pot (ISH)	B	G	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	OBOS Nancy Broone (ISH)	not recorded	O.B.O.S.	Michael Meehan	D.J. O'Sullivan
Piltown Carell (ISH)	B	M	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Piltown Clover Rose (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Patrick Doody	Elizabeth Cash	MI. McGuinness
Ramiro Coco (ISH)	B	S	Ramiro B (BWP)	Coco Cavalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	David Reid	David Reid	Aoife O'Connor
Saunders Master (ISH)	CH	G	The Bard (ID)	Pearl Bush (ISH)	Master Imp (TB)	Francoise Blacque	Elizabeth Cash	Eddie Moloney
The Windmill Shutterfly (ISH)	B	G	Sir Shutterfly (HANN)	Lady Elle (ISH)	Euphemism (TB)	E & F Carson	Fiona Carson	Peter Smyth
Triona (ISH)	B	M	Courage II (HOLST)	Thornhill Penny (ISH)	VDL Arkansas (KWPN)	Betty Hodgins	Andrew Hodgins	Andrew Hodgins
Ultimate B (ISH)	B	G	Radolin (KWPN)	Nothing Compares B (ISH)	Quatro V (SF)	Etter Sport Horses	Etter Sport Horses	Philippe Moirard
Uppercourt You Two (ISH)	B	M	Warrentown You 2 (ISH)	Uppercourt Ivy (ISH)	Loughehoe Guy (ISH)	Paul O'Byrne	Paul O'Byrne	Gerard O'Neill

4 Year Old total entries — 36



## 5 Year Old Showjumping Championship, sponsored by Horse Sport Ireland

Horse	Colour	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Rider	Owner	Rider
Ardarco Cruiser (ISH)	CH	G	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Hyundai Santa Fe (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Oliver Walsh	Thomas O'Brien	Oliver Walsh	Thomas O'Brien
BP Elastic (ISH)	GR	G	Cruising (ISH)	Warrentown Josie (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Clodhna Gleeson	Darragh McCarthy	Austin Broderick	Darragh McCarthy
Bungowla Bua (ISH)	GR	M	Errigal Flight (ISH)	Moylisha Spring (ISH)	Sky Boy (TB)	PJ Farrell	Cian Melia	Kiera Hawkins	Cian Melia
Byrneskill Lux Espresso (ISH)	B	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Queen of Pearls (ISH)	Regal Sting (TB)	Frank Guiry	Thomas O'Brien	Noel Delahunty	Thomas O'Brien
Captain Fantastico (ISH)	B	M	Captain Clover (ISH)	Knockdoe Disneyland (OLD)	Der Clou (HANN)	Dara O'Malley	Fiona Beirne	Dara O'Malley	Fiona Beirne
Captain Phoenix (ISH)	BR	G	Captain Clover (ISH)	Ballydunne Jess (ISH)	Hallo (SF)	James Murphy	Ciara Desmond	Sharon Desmond	Ciara Desmond
Catch Me (ISH)	BL	G	S Creevagh Ferro Ex Siebe (KWPN)	Gasabella (HOLST)	Carolus I (HOLST)	Charles Murray	John Higgins	John Higgins	John Higgins
Cavalier Rusticana (ISH)	B	G	Try-Time (KWPN)	Coppa Leaf (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Martin Kenny	Peter Smyth	Gillian McCarthy	Peter Smyth
Charlton Clio (ISH)	B	M	HHS BR Charlton (ISH)	Admiran Clio (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Peter Mulrine	Richard Smyth	Richard J.W. Smyth	Richard Smyth
Claddagh Cruise On (ISH)	B	M	Cruise On (ISH)	My Cherie (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Hazel Matthews	Shane Goggins	Gabriel Mullins	Shane Goggins
Clinton Jack (ISH)	B	G	Clinton (HOLST)	ISHD First Chance (ISH)	Concorde (KWPN)	Gerard Corry	Shane McFadden	D. & S. McFadden	Shane McFadden
Columbille Rose (ISH)	B	M	Puissance (ISH)	Sidestep (ISH)	Edmund Burke (TB)	Eamonn Murphy	Gerard O'Neill	Eamonn Murphy	Gerard O'Neill
Ferro Royale (ISH)	B	G	S Creevagh Ferro Ex Siebe (KWPN)	Avena Diamond (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Gerry Favey	Richard Kerins	Francis Kerins	Richard Kerins
Finod Vancouver (AES)	CH	M	Eurocommerce Vancouver (SF)	Finod Nora (ISH)	Ballysimon (ISH)	Martin Cowley	Cian Melia	Dara Hawkins	Cian Melia
Hallowberry Cruz (ISH)	GR	S	Cruising (ISH)	Calcutta Clover (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Caroline Byrne	Gerard O'Neill	Caroline Byrne	Gerard O'Neill
Hearts Are Trumps (ISH)	B	G	Heartbreaker (KWPN)	Khan Diamonds (AID)	Diamonds Are Trumps (ID C1)	Matthew McBreen	Daniel Walsh	Daniel Walsh	Daniel Walsh
HHS Comporta Beach (ISH)	B	G	Beach Ball (ISH)	Elle's Next In Line (ISH)	Coevers Diamond	Norman E Watt	Marion Hughes	Marion Hughes	Marion Hughes
Icost Alot (ISH)	B	G	Cruising (ISH)	Perfect Cavalier Queen (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Marshall Jenkinson	Declan E. Egan	Deirdre Bourns	Declan E. Egan
Kilcloghan Clover Cruise (ISH)	GR	G	Cruising (ISH)	Clover Dream (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Denise Gleeson McDonagh	Trevor Breen	Trevor Breen	Trevor Breen
Lavish (ISH)	B	M	Limmerick (HOLST)	Golden Liffy (TB)	Golden Cliff (TB)	Martin O'Hare	Gabriel Tunney	Lisa Morrison	Gabriel Tunney
Legavallons Moonshine (ISH)	BR	M	Courage II (HOLST)	Legavallon's Pride (ISH)	not recorded	Helena O'Kane	Kevin Mackey	Helena O'Kane	Kevin Mackey
LVS Full Time (ISH)	B	M	Try-Time (KWPN)	Suir Forever (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Anne-Marie O'Gorman	Greg Broderick	Caledonia Stables	Greg Broderick
Morning de Reve (ISH)	CH	M	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Morning Extra (ISH)	not recorded	Gabriel Jackman	James Hogg	Alan Cheney	James Hogg
Oilean Uno (ISH)	BR	G	Le One (ISH)	Oilean Cadena (ISH)	Easy Lift (TB)	Raymond O'Connor	Francis Connors	Karen McAnerney	Francis Connors
Oldtown Gypsy Jazz (ISH)	GR	M	Cruising (ISH)	Oldtown Katie (ISH)	Clover Fields (ISH)	Martin Coffey	Trevor Breen	M. & P. Coffey	Trevor Breen
One Ders (ISH)	B	M	VDL Arkansas (KWPN)	Vahine De La Cense (SF)	Lama Des Landes (SF)	Heemskerk Irl Ltd.	Declan Egan	Deirdre Bourns	Declan Egan
One Time (ISH)	BR	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Killoserry Apricot (ISH)	White Clover (ISH)	Killoserry Lodge Stud	Cathal McMunn	Michael Culligan & Martin Davorn	Cathal McMunn
Realteen (ISH)	CH	M	Cruising (ISH)	Canistar (ISH)	Salluceva (TB)	Michael Duignan	Richard Kerins	Michael Duignan	Richard Kerins
Reminisce One (ISH)	B	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Astralege (SF)	Jalisco B (SF)	Don Hadden	Gary Quinn	Kieran Ryan	Gary Quinn
RNH National Natal (AES)	RO	G	Natal (HOLST)	Too Posh Lady (ISH)	Coevers Diamond	Norman Hammond	Mary Ellen Rice	Mary Ellen Rice	Mary Ellen Rice
Saunders Sparkie (ISH)	B	G	Atlantic Sparkey (ISH)	Atlantic Bianca (ISH)	Aldatus Z (OLD)	David Browne	Eddie Moloney	Elizabeth Cash	Eddie Moloney
Shannondale Solly (ISH)	BR	M	Shannondale Sarco St. Ghyvan Z (BWP)	Cavalier Hill (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Peter Rice	David Blake	Michael Meade	David Blake
Therapeutic (ISH)	B	G	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Lismore Promise (ISH)	Western Promise (ISH)	Maeve McEvoy	James Hogg	James & Edgar Hogg	James Hogg
Tirconnail River Rose (ISH)	GR	M	Loch Cruise (ISH)	Moville Lass (WNTR)	Perpendicular (TB)	Enda Craig	Richard Smyth	Enda Craig	Richard Smyth
Tonagh Trip The Lights (ISH)	BR	M	Camiro De Haar Z (ZANG)	Vanir Aldata (ISH)	Aldatus Z (OLD)	Gerard Green	Mary McShane	Gerard Green	Mary McShane
Winter Cruise (ISH)	GR	M	Cruising (ISH)	Irco Rain (ISH)	Irco Mena (SWB)	Noel Cawley	Greg Broderick	Lisa Cawley	Greg Broderick

5 Year Old total entries — 36

## 6 Year Old Showjumping Championship, sponsored by Horse Sport Ireland

Horse	Colour	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Owner	Rider
Annaghmore Diplomat (ISH)	B	G	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Cavalletti (ISH)	Euro Clover (ISH)	Gavin McGuigan	Ellie Moloney	Ellie Moloney
Ballyapple Mist (ISH)	GR	M	Boherdeal Clover (ISH)	Bally Capple Cruise (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Henry J Fleming	Marti Rudd	Thomas Doyle
Blakeney Crannagh	GR	G	Crannagh Hero (ID)	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	Tim Beecher	Tadhg Beecher
BLM Lucy Lux (ISH)	B	M	Lux Z (HANN)	B.M. Diamond (ISH)	Young Convinced (TB)	Katy Murphy	Katy Murphy	Francis Connors
BP Rose (ISH)	CH	M	Cruising (ISH)	Lucky Mermaid (ISH)	Prospect Pride (ID C1)	Thomas Ryan	Austin Broderick	Josh Kerrigan
Cappanaleigh Cruise (ISH)	B	M	Cruising (ISH)	Teaca (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Barry Kiernan	Jim Bourke	Greg Broderick
Carneyhaugh Manx (ISH)	CH	G	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Carneyhaugh Surprise (ISH)	Hampton Clover (ISH)	Patrick Breen	Ringwood Construction Ltd.	Alexander Butler
Carrenroe Limited Edition (ISH)	B	G	Puissance (ISH)	Para's Katie (ISH)	Highland King (ISH)	Thomas Hickey	Marguerite Ryan	Eddie Moloney
Clarequest Chippy Cruise (ISH)	B	G	Chippison (ISH)	Clovers Cruising (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Marie Burke	Marie Burke	Joan Greene
Corbeagh Luxor (ISH)	B	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Corbeagh Vella (ISH)	Ballinvella (TB)	Barbara McGreal	S. Hamilton & M. Cave	Michael Cave
Cornascriebe Cava Diamond (ISH)	B	M	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Cornascriebe Diamond (WNTR)	Diamond Serpent (ISH)	Carol Armstrong	Carol Armstrong	Cormac Rafferty
Cracker Camiro (ISH)	BR	M	Camiro De Haar Z (ZANG)	Celtic Cracker (ISH)	not recorded	Peter Buckley	Tara Cullen	John McGuinness
Cruising Lux (ISH)	GR	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Cruising Line (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Lesley Ann Kelly	Kathleen Gallagher	Peter Smyth
Cuffesgrange Harleking (ISH)	BR	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Cuffesgrange Kings Fortune (ISH)	Heritage Fortunas (HANN)	Ronan Sheehan & Eamon Sheehan	Aidan Killeen	Aiden Killeen
Damastown Dancer (ISH)	B	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Moneen View (ISH)	Carrabawn View (ID C1)	Joseph P Kelly	Rosemarie Campbell	Oisín Cooke
Derryinver Luxury Cruise (ISH)	GR	S	Lux Z (HANN)	Icing (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Tom & Linda Magee	David Campbell	Harry Marshall
Diamond De Luxe (ISH)	RO	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Deerpark Diamond (ISH)	Diamond Lad (ID C1)	John Muldowney	Brigid Byrne	Alexander Butler
Doug's Diamond (ISH)	CH	M	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Ruby Diamond Girl (ISH)	Flagmount Diamond (ID C1)	Desmond Rolston	Desmond Rolston	Gabriel Tunney
Electric Feel (ISH)	CH	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Gleasons Cruise (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Tim Gleeson	Frances O'Regan	Alan O'Regan
Farrellys Spirit (ISH)	GR	G	Dow Jones Courcel (SF)	Farrellys Cruise (ISH)	Cruise On (ISH)	Cathal Farrelly	Cathal Farrelly	John McGuinness
Galactico Z (ISH)	B	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Hallo Bay Beigh (ISH)	Hallo (SF)	Michael Murphy	Killian Sheehan	Adrian Sheehan
Golden Exchange (ISH)	CH	M	Cruising (ISH)	Ballinakil Cruise (ID)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Noel Cawley	Lisa Cawley	Greg Broderick
Goodwins Chiko (ISH)	B	G	Seko (HOLST)	Goodwins Pet (ISH)	Puissance (ISH)	Lawrence Costello	Lawrence Costello	Gerard O'Neill
HHS Noble News (ISH)	GR	G	Last News (TB)	Noblina (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Anne Hughes	Marion Hughes	Edward Doyle
Hunters Lodge Puissance (ISH)	B	G	Puissance (ISH)	Waterglass Duchess (ISH)	Duca Di Busted (TB)	Michael Phelan	Andrew Byrne	Derek McConnell
Kinnitty Royal Touch (ISH)	B	G	Touchdown (ISH)	Aprhill (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Patricia Grimes	Patricia Grimes	Francis Connors
LCC Caseys Cruise (ISH)	GR	G	Cruising (ISH)	Carritubber Diamond (ISH)	Diamond Lad (ID C1)	Martin G. Conneely	Paul Devlin	Paul Devlin
Lux Like Narcos (ISH)	B	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Miss Jackson (ISH)	Narcos II (SF)	Joe O'Flaherty	Bernie Tarpey	Sorcha Tarpey
Luxroe (ISH)	B	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Dirree (ISH)	Diamond Lad (ID C1)	Elizabeth Gallagher	Joan Greene	Joan Greene
Merrywell Alfie Douglas (ISH)	B	G	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Merrywell Bonnie (TB)	Torus (TB)	Kevin Geraghty	Trevor Breen	Trevor Breen
Mullentine Loughgall (ISH)	B	G	Tialoc M (SF)	Croskeys Cavalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	George Allen	Capt E. Lavelle & Minister For Defence	Michael Kelly
Mylenium Joe (ISH)	B	G	Cruising (ISH)	Discovery C (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Jennifer Crowley	Deirdre Bourns	David Blake
Ocala Justice (ISH)	GR	G	Crannagh Hero (ID)	Bally Voreen (ISH)	Delamain (TB)	Edward Campbell	Cashel House Hotel	Sean Glynn
Peanut Vendor (ISH)	B	M	Touchdown (ISH)	Lappan Lady (ISH)	Creative Plan (TB)	Nora Hannigan	Martin Flesk	Shamac
Renolli (ISH)	CH	G	Poltarf (TB)	Coolmannon Porsch (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Anthony Connolly	John Scally	Konopacki
Requiem Hall (ISH)	CH	M	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Quartz Z (ZANG)	Quito De Baussy (SF)	Don Hadden	Kieran Ryan	Gary Quinn

6 Year Old total entries — 36



# HSI National Showing Championship Series

In association with the Irish Shows Association

**T**he Horse Sport Ireland National Showing Championship Series, in association with the Irish Shows Association (ISA), was launched on 16th June in Moate, Co. Westmeath.

The Championship Series will see over €20,000 in prize money being made available to exhibitors in 2011.

The series will consist of 10 championship finals taking place at 10 of Ireland's top rural shows.

The series began with the All Ireland Three Year Old Horse Final in Bannow & Rathangan in Co. Wexford on 14th July. It will conclude with the Irish Draught Filly Foal Championship in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway in October.

## Qualifiers

There will be a total of 206 qualifying classes run around the country in the lead-up to the finals.

As well as providing funding for the series, Horse Sport Ireland is keen to increase the profile of the showing championships around the country.

## Comments

HSI CEO Damian McDonald said: "Qualifiers for these championships take place in every corner of Ireland at rural shows and are accessible to breeders. The shows are run on a voluntary basis with all the funding going directly to the exhibitors. Our vision is for these championships to become the Champions League of Showing."

ISA National Secretary Michael Hughes said: "The sponsorship of €20,000 from Horse Sport Ireland was a very welcome development indeed, particularly in the current economic climate, as the money goes straight to the exhibitors who, in very many cases, are also the breeders."

The timetable (right) includes the full list of finals in the HSI National Showing Championship Series 2011.



From left: Hugh McCusker, HSI Board Member, PJ Foy, HSI Breeding Sub Board Member, Catherine Farrell, HSI, Michael Hughes, ISA National Secretary, John O'Hara, ISA National President, Damian McDonald, HSI CEO.

## Horse Sport Ireland National Showing Championship Series 2011



In association with the Irish Shows Association

### The Championships

Date	Championship	Venue
14th July 2011	3 Year Old Horse All Ireland	Bannow & Rathangan, Co. Wexford
30th July 2011	2 Year Old Filly All Ireland	Kildysart, Co. Clare
31st July 2011	Broodmare Championship	Ennis, Co. Clare
20th August 2011	Irish Draught Yearling Filly	Roscommon
21st August 2011	Irish Draught Mare & Foal	Mohill, Co. Leitrim
27th August 2011	Filly Foal All Ireland	Moate, Co. Westmeath
28th August 2011	ID 2 Year Old All Ireland	Limerick
3rd September 2011	Yearling Filly All Ireland	Scariff, Co. Clare
20th September 2011	Irish Draught Stallion All Ireland	Clonaslee, Co. Laois
1st October 2011	Irish Draught Filly Foal	Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

## Foals

# Preparing foals for sale

Most breeders breed to sell. The horse breeder's harvest is the day of the sale so we must prepare properly if we are to maximise our return

**Norman Storey** B.Agr.Sc.,  
Teagasc Equine Specialist Adviser

**S**ALES and weaning are stressful times for the foal. Our job is to minimise the stress through good foal management so that when it is sold, it will continue to thrive for the new owner. Remember, a satisfied customer may be back next year.

The key areas are: feeding, weaning and handling.

### ■ Feeding

Creep feeding foals — feeding while still suckling the dams — is a must. Many research studies highlight the beneficial effects.

Foals should be fed in a special enclosed area where the mares cannot intrude. The advantages are that foals get used to eating away from their dams and consume more feed if located in a smaller area.

Bodyweight and condition scores are better in foals that receive supplementary feeding before weaning. They have a 10% better daily gain and lose less weight at weaning time.

Studies have also found that creep feeding can cut down on post-weaning development problems. As foals are



more used to being away from the dams, the stress is reduced, and they grow at a steadier rate.

Creep feeding also reduces the stress as foals do not miss the milk as much. Again, they are used to being somewhat separated from the mare.

For those of us trying to make money from breeding, one study showed that the creep fed foals sold for more than double the price of their non-creep fed colleagues.

At the sales they also looked much better. For an outlay of a couple of bags of balanced feed, creep feeding paid off handsomely. Depending on grass supply, creep feeding should begin in late August or early September.

### ■ Weaning

Foals should be weaned before bringing them to the sales. It is so easy to bring mare and foal and wean after selling the foal. This is not a good idea.

Weaning should only take place if the foal is healthy and eating at least one kilogram of feed per day. If you have only

one mare and foal, introduce a companion horse a couple of weeks prior to weaning so that when you take the mare away, the foal will have company.

At Kildalton College, we always wean in the field. Foals are familiar with their environment, know where and how to eat and have company. While the foal is feeding, we take the mare away up to the yard, out of earshot.

### ■ Handling

Teach the foal to lead and to be handled before weaning. At the sales they will settle quicker and it gives a very good impression to potential customers.

Customers can get a better look at them. They need to walk and trot in hand.

Always have somebody with the foal at the sales who knows all about it: sire, dam, dam sire, and can provide up-to-date information on the performance of siblings or relatives.

This can be verified by owners and purchasers on **CapallOir**, HSI's new online Irish Horse Register located at [www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding](http://www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding)

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## Building on the strengths of the Irish Horse

A panel of experts will discuss the merits of the Irish horse in international competition. Speakers include Oliver Townend, GB international event rider; Robert Splaine, Team Ireland Chef d'Equipe; Edward Doyle, international show jumper and breeder; Wiebe Yde van de Lageweg, interna-

tional show jumper and breeder, of VDL stud in Holland; Alison Corbally, HSI Director of Breeding & Programmes, together with Teagasc equine specialists. This event is sure to be of huge interest to those involved in breeding and producing sport horses. The merits and strengths of our industry

will be discussed and how we build on these into the future.

### Booking

- Pre-booking is essential and places will be limited.
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# 2010 Breeding Statistics

**TABLE 1 — 2010 Foals Registered**

YEAR	NUMBER OF LIVE FOALS REGISTERED WITH RECORDED PEDIGREE	NUMBER OF LIVE FOALS REGISTERED WITH UNKNOWN PEDIGREE	TOTAL NUMBER OF LIVE FOALS
2005	6,550	529	7,079
2006	6,848	690	7,538
2007	7,440	2,217	9,657
2008	7,633	2,791	10,424
2009	7,191	1,951	9,142
2010	5,879	1,124	7,003

**TABLE 2 — Breakdown of 2009 coverings and 2010 foal registrations by breed**

Coverings			Foals		
		%			%
by TB sires	940	11.7	by TB sires	714	12.1
by ID C1 sires	1943	24.2	by ID C1 sires	1386	23.6
by ID C2 & ID C3 sires	578	7.2	by ID C2 & ID C3 sires	386	6.6
by ISH sires	1892	23.6	by ISH sires	1399	23.8
by Foreign Breed sires	2266	28.2	by Foreign Breed sires	1734	29.5
by other sires	401	5.1	by other sires	260	4.4
Total number of coverings	8020	100.0	Total number of foals	5879	100.0

**TABLE 3 — Breakdown of 2010 foal registrations by stallion category**

	%	
by Irish Sport Horse Studbook Approved \ ISH Supp. App. \ Irish Draught Horse Studbook Class 1 (ID C1) sires	4109	69.9
by Irish Sport Horse Studbook Not Approved 1 (NA1) \ Irish Draught Horse Studbook Class 2 (ID C2) sires	1254	21.3
by Irish Sport Horse Studbook Supplementary Not Approved 1 (SNA1) sires	46	0.8
by Irish Sport Horse Studbook Not Approved 2 (NA2) \ Irish Draught Horse Studbook Class 3 (ID C3) sires	419	7.1
by Irish Sport Horse Studbook Supplementary Not Approved 2 (SNA2) sires	51	0.9
Total number of foals	5879	100.0

**TABLE 4 — Statistics by breed of sire**

Year	No. of Foals Registered	% by ISH Sires	% by ID C1 Sires	% by TB Sires	% by ID C2/ C3 Sires	% by Foreign Breed Sport Horse Sires	% by Other Sires
2005	6550	28.2	18.0	22.9	3.7	21.8	5.4
2006	6848	28.6	22.8	19.6	5.1	18.2	5.7
2007	7440	27.5	25.6	17.5	6.3	17.6	5.5
2008	7633	25.5	26.5	14.7	6.3	21.5	5.5
2009	7191	24.6	26.4	13.9	5.8	24.8	4.5
2010	5879	23.8	23.6	12.1	6.6	29.5	4.4

**TABLE 5 — 2010 foals by breed of sire and dam**

		FOALS					MARES BREED							TOTAL
		TB	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught	Appendix Irish Draught	Irish Draught	Foreign Breed	Weatherby NonTB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony	Other		
SIRES BREED	TB	4	591	52	4	14	9	11	0	0	2	27	714	
	ISH	163	1089	24	6	19	23	25	0	1	11	28	1389	
	ID C1	86	307	784	64	89	3	13	1	0	0	39	1386	
	ID C2/C3	62	240	44	7	17	1	9	0	0	4	2	386	
	Foreign Breed	76	1407	24	10	14	132	31	0	1	9	30	1734	
	WNTR	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	
	ARAB	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	
	CP	41	92	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	16	36	194	
	RP	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	
	OTHER	6	38	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	6	54	
TOTAL		439	3777	930	93	156	171	92	1	3	45	172	5879	

# Genetic Diversity

## Genetic diversity in the Irish Draught

**A**S the only native breed in Ireland, the Irish Draught Horse occupies a unique and historic role in Irish horse breeding. However, the breed is designated by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) as endangered and preservation of the breed and its genetic diversity are increasingly important for the breed's long-term survival.

The long-term survival of the Irish Draught breed requires a breeding policy that includes and balances the dual aims of breed improvement and breed preservation. This policy aims to provide breeders with a wide choice of stallions that meet with breed standards but that may contribute to the breed's development in a variety of ways. These include genetically diverse stallions that will contribute to genetic diversity as well as more popular bloodline stallions whose individual strengths may lie in their traditional breed type or athleticism.

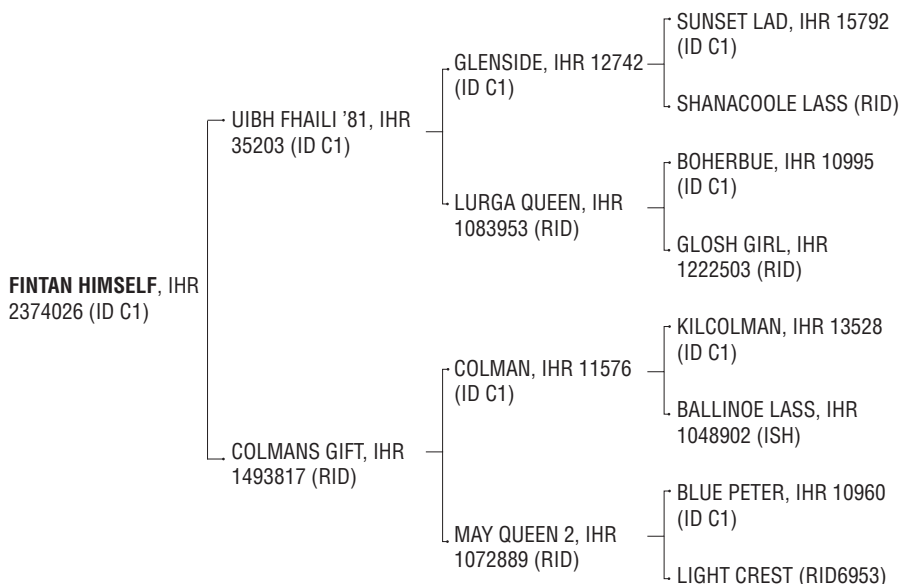
### What is genetic diversity?

Genetic diversity refers to the variety of individual genes within a breed. Traditionally, the Irish Draught horse's greatest strength was its versatility. This versatility reflected the variety or diversity of the genes present in the breed.

Breed preservation plans focus mostly on genetic diversity. Genetically diverse bloodlines are in most danger of dying out and are focused on because, once lost, they cannot be recovered. However, all bloodlines contribute to genetic diversity, and a broad base provides a versatile foundation for future breeding. Long-term genetic diversity in the breed can be ensured by avoiding the over-use of both rare and popular stallions and bloodlines.

Measurement of genetic diversity is becoming widely used in the conservation of rare breeds. The aim of measuring genetic diversity is to identify rare bloodlines so that they can be preserved, giving the Irish Draught breed the broadest possible base while also preserving its unique and traditional characteristics.

Genetic diversity of Irish Draught horses in Ireland is calculated by:



Pedigree information for **FINTAN HIMSELF**.



**FINTAN HIMSELF.**

- Calculating the relationship between a particular horse and every individual Irish Draught mare in the Irish stud-book;
- Averaging all these figures to give a single percentage figure (called the 'mean kinship') for the particular horse.

At present, this includes over 4,500 Irish Draught mares registered in Ireland since 1995. A computer program calculates the relationship between a horse and each of the mares in this population; for example, the relationship between parent and offspring is 50%, the relationship between full siblings is 50%, and the relationship between half siblings is 25%. All pedigree recorded in the IHR is taken into account in the calculation.

The mean kinship for a particular horse measures the degree to which that horse is related to Irish Draught mares in Ireland. The lower the mean kinship between a horse and the mares in Ireland, the rarer its bloodline.

Mean kinships provide a snapshot of the rarity of a horse's bloodlines at a point in time.

The mean kinship for a hypothetical mating can be estimated by breeders by adding the relevant figures for the pro-

spective sire to those for the prospective dam and then dividing by two.

### CapallOir

Mean kinships with Irish Draught horses in Ireland, Australia and Canada are available for all Irish Draught stallions and mares from Horse Sport Ireland's new online CapallOir database, available at [www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding](http://www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding). This will enable breeders in each participating country to see genetic diversity information for their mares and stallions.

For example, the genetic diversity information that appears in CapallOir is shown here for **FINTAN HIMSELF**, a genetically diverse Irish Draught stallion who achieved Class 1 status in Ireland in 2010.

**FINTAN HIMSELF** has a mean kinship to the Irish Draught mares in Ireland of 1.65%. Looking at **FINTAN HIMSELF**'s pedigree shows us that he does not trace directly back to any of the three most influential ancestors in the Irish Draught breed: King of Diamonds, Ben Purple and Pride of Shaunlara. His relationship to King of Diamonds and Ben Purple is less than 1% and his relationship to Pride of Shaunlara is only 2.7% through Milestone, who first appears in the 5th generation of **FINTAN HIMSELF**'s pedigree. This means that **FINTAN HIMSELF** is an out-cross to most Irish Draught mares.

The mean kinship of young horses is exactly the average of the figures for their parents. It may then increase or decrease over time, depending on the number of purebred progeny that they breed.

### Avoiding inbreeding

Avoiding inbreeding is also important to maintain genetic diversity in Irish



## HORSE DETAILS

Name:	FINTAN HIMSELF
Year Of Birth:	1994
Colour:	GREY
Sex:	S
Breed:	IRISH DRAUGHT
Breed Code:	ID
Sire:	UIBH FHAILL '81 (1 Credit)
Sire Breed:	ID
Dam Name:	COLMANS GIFT (1 Credit)
Dam Breed:	ID
Breeder Name:	ANTHONY GORDON

Relationship To...			
ID Mares In Ireland:	1.65%	King Of Diamonds:	0.73%
ID Mares In Australia:	4.28%	Ben Purple:	0.44%
ID Mares In Canada:	2.76%	Pride Of Shaunlara:	2.70%

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### Genetic diversity information from CapalIOir for FINTAN HIMSELF.

Draught horses. Breeders choosing to include genetic diversity in their mating plans must still check that prospective sires and prospective dams are not closely related, even if both are genetically diverse when compared with the breed as a whole.

Pedigrees can be easily checked for common ancestors using the new CapalIOir database. Breeders may also wish to consider the percentage thoroughbred of potential stallions; for example, some sons of Clover Hill have relatively low mean kinships due to Clover Hill's thoroughbred sire. Many of the genetically diverse Irish Draught horses are outside of Ireland.

HSI is working with Irish Draught studbooks outside of Ireland to include their Irish Draught stallions and mares in the calculation so that in future years all Irish Draught mares worldwide will be included. It is hoped that the additional pedigree information required to enable global calculations will be available soon.

### Mares

HSI has identified a number of genetically diverse mares in Ireland and the owners of these mares will be notified in the coming weeks.

Research into genetic diversity is supported by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food through their Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources scheme and is carried out in collaboration with ICBF and the UCD School of Agriculture, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine.



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# Show jumpers



Annestown (ISH) & Capt. David O'Brien — double-clear in Copenhagen.



Larkhill Cruiser (ISH) & Cian O'Connor — clear in La Baule.



Will Wimble (ISH) & Alexander Butler — clear in Copenhagen.

## Irish-bred show jumpers make progress

IRISH show jumping horses were once the most sought after in the world. However, in recent years, the standing of Irish-bred show jumpers has declined to the point where the Irish Sport Horse Studbook now ranks 9th in the world for the breeding of show jumpers. However, there are signs of improvement. In 2009, Ireland won its first medal at the **World Breeding Championships in Lanaken** when **Drumiller Lough** (ISH) and Capt. David O'Brien won Silver in the Six Year Old Championships. In 2010, the news was better again when two Irish-bred horses won medals, with **NLS Coole Al Clover** (ISH) and Clem McMahon winning Gold in the Six Year Old category and **Ballypatrick Mystique** (ISH) and Greg Broderick winning Bronze in the Seven Year Old category.

This year got off to a good start with a number of Irish-bred horses winning **Grand Prix** classes in Europe. These include **Slieveanorra** (ISH), who won in Viduban (France), **Will Wimble** (ISH), who won in Lummen (Belgium), Lark-

hill Cruiser (ISH) who won in Dubai (UAE), **Roller Coaster** (ISH), who won in Vilamoura (Portugal), and **Heritage Fortuna** (ISH), who won in both Vimeiro (Portugal) and Vilamoura (Portugal).

Another measure of progress can be seen on Irish Nations' Cup Teams where four Irish-bred horses have delivered clear rounds for Ireland so far this year. **Camblin** (ISH) and Shane Breen delivered a four and a clear in Lummen. In the first **FEI Nations' Cup Superleague** of the year, **Larkhill Cruiser** (ISH) delivered a four and a clear second round under Cian O'Connor to propel Ireland to victory. Another very promising Irish-bred horse to come on the scene is **Cos I Can**. This eight-year-old featured on the FEI Nations' Cup Superleague team in Falsterbo, Sweden, where he made a major contribution to Ireland's fifth placing when he jumped two four fault rounds under Shane Breen. Ireland also recorded a victory in the promotional league in Copenhagen where Alexander Butler and **Will Wim-**

**ble** (ISH) delivered a clear and a four and **Annestown** (ISH) jumped a double clear under Capt. David O'Brien.

Other Irish-bred horses to feature on Nations' Cup teams include **Fresh Direct Kalico Bay** (ISH), who featured for Great Britain in the Superleague team in St Gallen, and the evergreen **Flexible** (ISH), who featured on the Nations' Cup team in La Baule, Rome, and St Gallen. While **Harristown Princess** (ISH) under Paddy O'Donnell, **Chatsworth Dan** (ISH) under Eddie Moloney and **Heritage Fortuna** (ISH) under Marion Hughes, featured on the Irish Team in Lisbon.

As of July 8th, the Irish Sport Horse Studbook was in seventh place in the WBFSH Rankings, with the following horses in the top 150 list: **Flexible** (12th), **Larkhill Cruiser** (41st), **Roller Coaster** (81st) and **McGuinness** (132nd).

There is no doubt that there is a long way to go to re-establish the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as a world leader in the breeding of show jumpers but there are some encouraging signs.

### Breeding details of the above Irish Sport Horses

Horse	Birth Year	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder
Annestown	2002	Royal Concorde (ISH)	Annestown Cavalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Margaret Moore
Ballypatrick Mystique	2003	Heritage Fortunus (HANN)	Lady Ligustra (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan
Camblin	2001	Olympic Lux (KWPN)	Cummer Beauty (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Michael Ryan
Chatsworth Dan	1998	Not recorded	Clogh Cailini (ISH)	Diamond Serpent (ISH)	John McDonald
Cos I Can	2003	Olympic Lux (KWPN)	Carel Vew Lass (ISH)	Harlequin du Carel (SF)	John Griffin
Drumiller Lough	2003	Heartbreaker (KWPN)	Pearl Diver (ISH)	Mountain Pearl (ID C1)	Paul Dillon
Flexible	1996	Cruising (ISH)	Flex (ISH)	Safari (TB)	Catherine Doyle
Fresh Direct Kalico Bay	2001	Limmerick (HOLST)	Missisle C (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Terry Shiels
Harristown Princess	1998	Clover Flush (ISH)	Jasusa Kildalton (ISH)	Kildalton Gold (ID C1)	Thomas Power
Heritage Fortuna	2001	Heritage Fortunus (HANN)	Dreaming Of U (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Thomas Hughes
Larkhill Cruiser	2001	Cruising (ISH)	Dunadry Lady (RID)	Crosstown Dancer (ID C1)	Brian McAuley
McGuinness	1995	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Farnagh Goldie (ISH)	Not recorded	Josephine Jordan
NLS Coole Al Clover	2004	Aldatus Z (OLD)	Laural Lodge (AID)	Clover Hill (ID C1)	Eamonn Kenny
Roller Coaster	2001	High Roller (ISH)	Coral Bay (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Seamus Cawley
Slieveanorra	2002	Voltaire (HANN)	Creevagh Quaich (ISH)	Flagmount Diamond (ID C1)	Ronnie Hollinger
Will Wimble	2000	Touchdown (ISH)	The Woosack (ISH)	Not recorded	Harold McGahern



# Progeny from the best Irish-bred dams preferred at Cavan Sales

*Breeder Magazine* got the views of Stuart Clarke, Cavan Sales

## ■ What type of horse do the majority of your customers require?

Customer requirements can be broken into four sections: eventers, show jumpers, show horses and ponies, pleasure horses and ponies. Ireland still holds a very good reputation worldwide in each of these categories.

## ■ Is 'Irishness' still vital to the equation?

Very much so. People come to Ireland to buy Irish horses. In recent years we had quite a lot of European bloodlines used and this can be a positive element in improving the standard once the high level of bloodlines is used.

I believe it is important for breeders to re-input the Irish sport horse sires and Irish thoroughbred sires with the mares to continue the Irish bloodlines within the breeding.

## ■ Cavan enjoys an excellent reputation as a source of show jumping horses. Have these buyers changed their buying habits?

Since starting auctions we have sold a huge number of very successful show jumping horses through the sales ring, such as **Quick Dollar**, who competed in his first World Cup finals last year with American rider Joie Gatlin, a successful graduate reaching the pinnacle of the sport at World Cup level.

The habits of the purchaser have not really changed over the years but domestic and international purchasers are always eagerly searching for good young show jumpers.

## ■ Cavan is also a successful source of event horses. How do these buyers view things?

Event horse buyers are similar to show jumping buyers. We have sold a huge number of very successful event horses through the auctions, probably our most famous being **Ringwood Cockatoo** and **Fernhill Clover Mist**.

The customers are still coming regularly to every sale to buy event horses. One of our regular faces is Oliver Townend, who has a number of horses eventing at different levels that were purchased at Cavan sales.

## ■ Statistics show that the continentally-



Ringwood Cockatoo and Bettina Hoy, multiple CCI 4\* Eventing winner.



Quick Dollar, winner of the €50,000 GP, Thermal.



Fernhill Clover Mist, ridden by Patricia Ryan and shortlisted for the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

## bred foals dominate the foal returns. Is it not hard for breeders to choose to breed otherwise?

This is not totally true. Certainly, the foals bred by a sire that has competed successfully at the highest level in world cups and world games — out of a dam that has also competed successfully to a level — are the ones people seek but, in most cases, the dam would still be Irish bred and this would certainly be the preference.

## ■ Many breeders cite the shortage of suitable thoroughbred sires as an issue. What is your opinion?

There is a shortage of good thoroughbred sires and this is difficult because it is very important to inject this

blood into our pedigree, especially for event horses.

## ■ Finally, what advice do you have for breeders?

Breeders have a very difficult job and don't often get enough credit for any successes. I think the most important thing for breeders is to think carefully about what they are trying to breed, i.e. eventer or show jumper. They should then decide whether the mares they are breeding with are of a high enough standard.

This is of the utmost importance; if a mare is not of a high enough standard, no matter what sire you use it is going to be very difficult to breed a good performance horse.

# 5\* and 4\* stallions

## 5\* & 4\* Stallions standing in Ireland

The following is a list of Approved/Supplementary Approved Stallions in the ISH Studbook that meet 5 or 4 Star performance criteria in the Olympic Disciplines

5* STALLION	BIRTH YEAR	SIRE	DAM	DAM SIRE	OWN PERFORMANCE (OP) RATING	PROGENY PERFORMANCE (PP) RATING
ALDATUS Z (OLD)	1985	ALDATO (HOLST)	CAPRICE (WEST)	CALETTO I (HOLST)	5* Show Jumping	5* Show Jumping
ARS VIVENDI (HOLST)	1993	ACCORD II (HOLST)	DOLORIS (HOLST)	ALOUBE Z (HANN)		5* Show Jumping
BOHERDEAL CLOVER (ISH)	1991	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	VIRGINIA WOLFA (ISH)	REGULAR GUY (TB)	5* Show Jumping	
CHIPPISON (ISH)	1993	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)			5* Show Jumping	
CLOVER BRIGADE (ISH)	1990	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	BRIGADE PRINCESS (TB)	LIGHT BRIGADE (TB)		5* Eventing
COOLCORRAN COOL DIAMOND (ISH)	1989	GLIDAWN DIAMOND (ID C1)	BONMAHON BELLE (ISH)	BRONTI (ISH)	5* Show Jumping	4* Eventing
CRUISING (ISH)	1985	SEA CREST (ID C1)	MULLACREW (ISH)	NORDLYS (TB)	5* Show Jumping	5* Show Jumping 5* Eventing
HERITAGE FORTUNUS (HANN)	1993	FOXHUNTER (HANN)	MERABELL (HOLST)	METELLUS (HOLST)	5* Show Jumping	
HERMES DE REVE (SF)	1995	QUITO DE BAUSSY (SF)	DIRA COURCELLE (SF)	MUGUET DU MANOIR (SF)	5* Show Jumping	
IROKO (WEST)	1990	PILOT (WEST)	BIANCA (WEST)	BENGAL (WEST)	5* Show Jumping	4* Show Jumping
KROONGRAAF (KWPN)	1992	BURGRAAF (HOLST)	RIANNE (KWPN)	RAMIRO Z (HOLST)	5* Show Jumping	4* Show Jumping
LANCELOT (KWPN)	1993	VOLTAIRE (HANN)	DIADEEM (KWPN)	NIMMERDOR (KWPN)		5* Show Jumping
LAUGHTONS FLIGHT (ISH)	1983	KING OF DIAMONDS (ID C1)	HIGHLIGHT 2 (AID)	HIGHLAND LIGHT (TB)		5* Eventing 4* Show Jumping
LIMMERICK (HOLST)	1990	LANCER II (HOLST)	ZIERBLUETE I (HOLST)	CALETTO I (HOLST)		5* Eventing 4* Show Jumping
LUIDAM (KWPN)	1993	GUIDAM (KWPN)	ELJENOHE (KWPN)	AKTEUR (KWPN)	5* Show Jumping	4* Show Jumping
LUX Z (HANN)	1988	LORD CALENDON (HOLST)	APOCALYPTE Z (HOLST)	AHORN Z (HANN)	5* Show Jumping	5* Show Jumping 4* Dressage
MERMUS R (KWPN)	1994	BURGRAAF (HOLST)	DWERMIE (KWPN)	RAMIRO (HOLST)		5* Show Jumping
PETER PAN (OLD)	1991	PILOT (WEST)	GETSAMANE (OLD)	DOMINO (HANN)	5* Show Jumping	4* Show Jumping
PUISSANCE (ISH)	1988	IMPERIUS (TB)	LADY MARLANE (ISH)	DIAMONDS ARE TRUMPS (ID C1)		5* Eventing
RICARDO Z (ZANG)	1994	REBEL II Z (HANN)	KURIOSA (BWP)	FURIOSO II (SF)		5* Eventing
4* STALLION	BIRTH YEAR	SIRE	DAM	DAM SIRE	OWN PERFORMANCE (OP) RATING	PROGENY PERFORMANCE (PP) RATING
CARRICK DIAMOND LAD (ISH)	1993	FLAGMOUNT DIAMOND (ID C1)	GREAGHWILLAN PEARL (ISH)	SKY BOY (TB)		4* Eventing
CASSINO (SWWB)	1992	CASSINI I (HOLST)	ROSANNA (HOLST)	ROMAN (HOLST)	4* Show Jumping	
COEVERS DIAMOND BOY (ISH)	1989	DIAMOND LAD (ID C1)	LOUGHNAVAR LADY (ISH)	COEVERS (TB)		4* Eventing
CONDIOS (HOLST)	1995	CORIANO (HOLST)	FERBENA (HOLST)	LANDGRAF I (HOLST)	4* Show Jumping	4* Eventing
CORONEA EAGLE (ISH)	1990	CORONEA ROYALE (TB)	CORONEA CRU (ISH)	BASSOMPIERRE (TB)		4* Eventing
FARNEY CLOVER (ISH)	1990	CLOVER HILL (ID C1)	FARNEY PRINCESS (TB)	PITPAN (TB)		4* Eventing
FRANKFORT BOY (TB)	1991	STEP TOGETHER (TB)	LADYSIN (TB)	PADDYS STREAM (TB)		4* Eventing
GHAREEB (TB)	1990	DANCING BRAVE (TB)	DAYAJEER (TB)	SHIRLEY HEIGHTS (TB)		4* Eventing
OMAR (BWP)	1991	DARGO (BWP)	UCALINDA (KWPN)	AMAGUN (TRAK)	4* Show Jumping	4* Show Jumping
PARKMORE NIGHT (ISH)	1987	CARNIVAL NIGHT (TB)	PARKMORE JEWEL (RID)	ATLANTIC BOY (ID C1)		4* Eventing
PORSCH (BWP)	1992	LATANO (BWP)	QUI BELLA (BWP)	LUGANO VAN DE LA ROCHE (HANN)		4* Eventing
RANTIS DIAMOND (ISH)	1989	DIAMOND LAD (ID C1)	BRACKLOONE LADY (ISH)	DARANTUS (TB)		4* Eventing
RINGFORT CRUISE (ISH)	1997	CRUISING (ISH)	RENKUM WOODINA (KWPN)	NIMMERDOR (KWPN)	4* Show Jumping	
TAMPA (HOLST)	2000	CONTENDER (HOLST)	IDUN (HOLST)	COROFINO (HOLST)	4* Show Jumping	

Only the 4\* and 5\* elements of each stallion's Star Ratings are included in this table. Some stallions may have additional 1\*, 2\* or 3\* ratings based on their own performance, or progeny performance, in other disciplines. For more details see the 2011 Stallion Book which has been sent directly to all IHB shareholders who have renewed their 2011 annual membership.



## ISH Studbook 4 & 5 Star rating criteria for the Olympic Disciplines

Rating Type	Minimum Performances Required for each Rating Level	
	5*	4*
Stallion performance - Showjumping	2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 5* level in FEI competitions (GP or Nations' Cup class or equivalent, fence height at least 1.50m)	2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* or CSI/CSIO 4* level in FEI competitions (GP or Nations' Cup class or equivalent, fence height at least 1.50m)
Stallion progeny - Showjumping	2 progeny each with 2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 4* level, or equivalent, in FEI competitions (GP or Nations' Cup class fence height at least 1.50m or higher)	2 progeny each with 2 double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* level or higher in FEI competitions or 2 double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or 2 top 4 placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.50m at CSI/CSIO level
Stallion performance - Eventing	2 MERs <sup>1</sup> at CCI 4* level	2 MERs at CCI 3* level or higher
Stallion progeny - Eventing	2 progeny each with 2 MERs at CCI 3* level or higher	2 progeny each with 2 MERs <sup>1</sup> at CCI/CNC 3* level or higher
Stallion performance - Dressage	2 placings at CDI/CDIO5* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 placings at CDI/CDIO4* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher
Stallion progeny - Dressage	2 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI/CDIO4* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher	2 progeny each with 2 placings at CDI/CDIO3* level (big tour or equivalent) with a score of 65% or higher

<sup>1</sup>MERs are the Minimum Eligibility Requirements as set out by the FEI (2010). In summary, a MER is achieved by completing a competition within the minimum parameters of all round performance.

This is the ISH Studbook star rating criteria for Approved/Supplementary Approved Stallions as of 1st January 2011 and is subject to change.



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# In Focus



**19 May 2011:** HM Queen Elizabeth II with Ms Chrissy O'Reilly, Chair of the Board of the Irish National Stud, during a visit to the National Stud, Tully, Co. Kildare, where they were met by Capt. Geoff Curran on **Kilmichael** (ISH) — 1999 grey gelding by Cruising (ISH) out of Dunahall Diamond (RID) by Diamond Rock (ID C1). Bred by David O'Brennan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Owned by the Minister for Defence.

**BELOW:** Team Ireland's equestrian athletes Conor MacGearailt (left), Athy, Co. Kildare and John Loughnane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, at the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, Opening Ceremony, Athens, Greece.



**9 July 2011:** Irish Under-14 Children on Horses Team who won the European Championship Gold Medal at Comporta, Portugal (from left): Cormac Hanley (Mayo), Tim McDonagh (Galway), Tommy Harty (Waterford), Kerry Taggart (Fermanagh), Hannah Smyth (Tyrone). There were three Irish-bred horses on the team: Pageant Prince (ISH) 2002 G by Primo Pageant (TB) ex Lady In Clover (ISH) by Cloughjordan Boy VII (UNTR); Young Limerick (ISH) 1999 F by Ballinvilla Lad (TB) ex Limerick (ISH); and Miss Contradiction (ISH) 2001 F. Breeding not recorded.



**ABOVE, 27 & 28 June:** At the Irish Draught Linear Profiling Familiarisation Training Course at Coilóg Equestrian Centre are participants and tutors, with HSI Chairman Joe Walsh.

**BELOW, 14 July 2011:** Seamus Lehane is congratulated by HSI Board Member John Jude Doyle after 'Ballard Eagle' won the €6,000 Galway Crystal/Belleek China 3YO Championship Final. Also pictured is John O'Hara (ISA President) and Walter Kent, Vice-Chairman, Bannow & Rathangan Show Committee.

**Picture:** Siobhán English.



**2 May 2011:** At the FEI Eventing Veterinary Course, Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, from left, Graeme Cooke, Vet MB, MA, MBA, MRCVS, Veterinary Director FEI; Damian McDermott, CEO Horse Sport Ireland; John McEwen, BVMS, MRCVS, Senior Vice President and Chairman of the Veterinary Committee FEI; and Dermot Forde, MVB, MRCVS, FEI National Head Event and MCP Veterinary, Ireland.







**28 May 2011:** The Only One and Jane Doherty at the Cross Country Tattersalls International Horse Trials & Country Fair, Ratoath, Co. Meath. The combination finished 4th in the Irish Field CCI3\* Class.



Emma O'Dwyer jumped the anchor leg for the victorious Irish Team at the Pony Nations' Cup at Fontainebleau, France. Emma and Joanne O'Dwyer's Irish-bred gelding Jacknell Street (ISH) were also anchor leg riders on victorious Irish Teams in Hagen, Germany and Wierden, Holland.

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# WBFSH world stallion rankings 2010

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

The WBFSH generally promotes the common interests of its member studbooks and acts as a representative body for the sport horse breeding

sector. Every autumn the WBFSH Stallion Rankings are produced based on the FEI/WBFSH Horse Rankings ([www.wbfs.org](http://www.wbfs.org)). The points shown reflect the progeny performances in international completions run under FEI rules.

WBFSH Jumping Sire Ranking 2010					(last updated 19.10.2010)
Rank	Sire	IHR Classification	Birth year	Ranked progeny points	Number of ranked progeny
1	DARCO (BWP)*	Approved	1980	9937	69
2	CARTHAGO (HOLST)*	Approved	1987	8807	67
3	QUIDAM DE REVEL (SF)*	Approved	1982	7336	63
4	CARETINO (HOLST)*	Approved	1983	6439	39
5	BALOUBET DU ROUET (SF)*	Approved	1989	5604	52
6	HEARTBREAKER (KWPN)*	Approved	1989	5388	60
7	NABAB DE REVE (BWP)*	Approved	1990	5081	37
8	KANNAN (KWPN)*	Approved	1992	4598	48
9	MR BLUE (KWPN)*	Approved	1988	4534	24
10	QUICK STAR (SF)*	Approved	1982	4366	34
11	NUMERO UNO (KWPN)*	Approved	1995	4231	23
12	CONTENDER (HOLST)*	Approved	1984	4225	32
13	CALIDO I (HOLST)*	Approved	1991	4207	33
14	CORLAND (HOLST)*	Approved	1989	4001	30
15	CUMANO (HOLST)*	Approved	1993	3991	25
16	INDOCTRO (HOLST)*	Approved	1990	3954	41
17	CONCORDE (KWPN)*	Approved	1984	3911	40
18	LIBERO H (HOLST)*	Approved	1981	3829	25
19	NONSTOP (BWP)*	Approved	1990	3817	11
20	ANDIAMO Z (NRPS)	Approved	1993	3479	36

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

30	CRUISING (ISH)	Approved	1985	2655	18
34	LUX Z (HANN)	Approved	1988	2308	29
41	LANCELOT (KWPN)	Approved	1993	1985	11
46	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	Approved	1978	1821	19
48	GUIDAM (SF)	Approved	1988	1781	15
82	MERMUS R (KWPN)	Approved	1994	1015	4

\*Stallions Approved in IHR standing abroad

WBFSH Eventing Sire Ranking 2010					(Last updated 19.10.2010)
Rank	Sire	IHR Classification	Birth year	Ranked progeny points	Number of ranked progeny
1	HERALDIK (TB) [SVK]*	Approved	1982	1361	36
2	MASTER IMP (TB) [IRE]	Approved	1987	1200	35
3	CRUISING (ISH)	Approved	1985	720	19
4	CAVALIER ROYALE (HOLST)	Approved	1978	599	27
5	FINES (TB) [SPA]		1983	525	5
6	PRIMITIVE RISING (TB) [USA]	Approved	1984	504	17
7	FLEETWATER OPPOSITION (HOLST) *	Approved	1977	454	9
8	VOLTAIRE (HANN)*	Approved	1979	442	3
9	PUISSANCE (ISH)	Approved	1988	405	16
10	JUMBO (BSHR)	Approved	1984	367	19
11	BLUES TRAVELLER (TB) [IRE]	Approved	1990	354	2
12	MUHAYAA (TB) [USA]		1989	334	1
13	STAN THE MAN (TB) [IRE]*	Approved	1982	329	4
14	YARLANDS SUMMER SONG (AES)	Approved	1986	318	19
15	GROSVENOR (TB) [NZ]		1979	317	7
16	RUSTIC AMBER (TB) [GB]		1983	304	1
17	SALUTE (KWPN)		1986	288	3
18	GALOBAR		N/A	277	1
19	EIGHTY EIGHT KEYS (TB) [USA]		1985	276	4
20	FLORESTAN I (RHEIN)		1986	265	2

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21	ABDULLAH (TB)	Approved	1991	264	3
23	CULT HERO (TB)	Approved	1991	255	18
26	SEA CREST (ID C1)	Approved	1979	250	2
28	GHAREEB (TB)	Approved	1990	240	17
33	LIMMERICK (HOLST)	Approved	1990	226	12
37	DON JUAN DE LA BOUVERIE (sBs)	Not Approved 2	1987	219	12
43	STORMHILL MILLER (TB)	Approved	1996	210	3
46	DUCA DI BUSTED (TB)	Approved	1983	207	2
64	I'M A STAR (TB)	Approved	1977	180	2
65	TALDI (TB)	Not Approved 2	1990	179	3
67	TOUCHDOWN (ISH)	Approved	1982	176	11
68	ZERO WATT (TB)	Approved	1984	175	3
82	VECHTA (KWPN)	Approved	1991	158	5
83	CLOVER BRIGADE (ISH)	Approved	1990	156	6
86	DIAMOND CLOVER (ID C1)	Approved	1990	155	3
88	CHACOA (HOLST)	Not Approved 1	1996	154	3
97	RAMIRO B (BWP)	Approved	1994	148	6

\*Stallions Approved in IHR standing abroad



## Responsible horse ownership key to improving horse welfare

**E**ARLIER this year, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) issued a statement on horse welfare in response to international coverage of horse welfare issues in Ireland.

The press release stated that comments at the start of 2011 that 20,000 horses are abandoned and neglected in Ireland are exaggerated and cannot be substantiated in any way.

There are incidents of straying horses in some urban areas and in other pockets in Ireland. A small percentage of these horses are neglected, which is unacceptable, but the perception being created abroad that straying horses are all former racehorses or sport horses that have been abandoned due to the economic decline is not accurate.

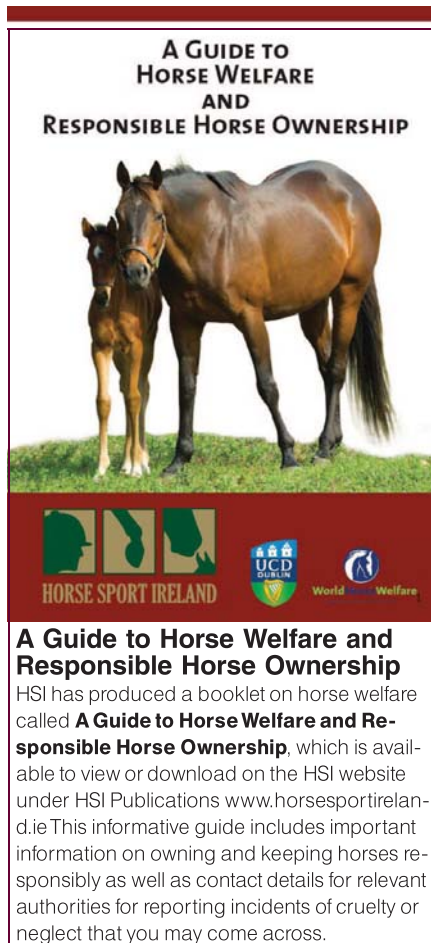
Welfare standards in the organised Equestrian sector have never been higher, with all competition bodies having protocols in place. The international governing body, the FEI, supports 'The Five Freedoms' that a horse must be entitled to and these are highlighted here.

The problem of urban and straying horses is a complex societal issue and one that pre-dates the economic boom and subsequent decline. Legislation to deal with this matter of straying horses, the Control of Horses Act, was introduced in Ireland as early as 1996.

The Control of Horses Act of 1996 is enforced by local authorities. Provisional figures show that 1,825 horses were impounded by local authorities under this Act in 2010. Over 1,000 of these were seized in Dublin, Cork City or Limerick City. Subsequently, 1,478 of these horses were reclaimed by their owner or re-homed. Many straying horses have owners, as evidenced by the reclaim rate at local authority pounds. However, many of these owners have insufficient knowledge of how to look after horses and, consequently, this occasionally results in incidents of neglect, which is to-

While everybody in the sector is very conscious of the need for responsible horse ownership, the way this situation is being presented by some individuals and groups is overstated and unbalanced. While there are incidences of straying and neglected horses, which is totally unacceptable, this is a complex societal problem which pre-dates the economic boom. Love of the horse is a deep-rooted tradition in Ireland and the vast majority of horses in Ireland are very well cared for by their owners

— Joe Walsh, HSI Chairman



tally unacceptable.

Our sector regularly produces booklets and information on responsible horse ownership and horse welfare for distribution to our members. However, the challenge is to communicate effectively with horse owners who are not involved in any organised equestrian activities. Within the organised Equestrian sector it is important that if horses are being sold at the end of their competitive or breeding career, that they are sold to a reputable source for an alternative use. However, this is not always possible and, while nobody likes to see a horse being destroyed, humane destruction/licensed slaughter is often the most responsible way of disposing of an unwanted horse.

There is increased recognition of this across the sector, including by the Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Council, which comprises representatives from a number of organisations including veterinary and animal welfare bodies. In 2010, over 7,000 horses were slaughtered in licensed abattoirs in Ireland under official veterinary supervision. This was

### THE FIVE FREEDOMS

- **FREEDOM** from hunger, thirst and malnutrition: this requires a supply of fresh, clean water and an appropriate diet to maintain health and vigour.
- **FREEDOM** from physical and thermal discomfort: this requires that horses have sufficient bedding and shelter to insulate them against adverse climatic conditions.
- **FREEDOM** from pain, injury and disease: these should be prevented, where preventable, and otherwise there should be rapid diagnosis and treatment of injury, infections, infestations and disease.
- **FREEDOM** from fear and distress: horses should not be subjected to prolonged periods where they experience significant psychological distress.
- **FREEDOM** to express most normal patterns of behaviour: horses are sociable animals; they should have the company of other animals, preferably horses, and be kept in situations that foster normal behaviour patterns.

**Table 1.1 - Horses slaughtered in licensed abattoirs**

**Year 2008:** Number of horses 2,002

**Year 2009:** Number of horses 3,220

**Year 2010:** Number of horses 7,009

**Table 1.2 Foal registration numbers**

Year 2008	Thoroughbreds	Non-TB
	Weatherbys	HSI
	12,419	10,424
Year 2009	Weatherbys	HSI
	10,100	9,142
Year 2010	Weatherbys	HSI
	7,588	7,003

over double the 2009 number (see Table 1.1). While the issue of straying horses, particularly in urban areas, is a long-standing problem, the increase in the production of horses in Ireland has made them more accessible and reduced their value. However, the number of foals being born in Ireland has declined significantly over the past two years (see Table 1.2). Between 2009 and 2010, the number of foals registered fell by almost 25%. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has an outstanding traceability system in place for cattle, sheep and pigs. If a similar traceability system was introduced for horses it would mean that owners could be held to account for the condition of their animals.



Horse Sport Ireland is Welfare Aware

# ISH Show Jumping Series sires

## Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series 2011 — Stallions with progeny with League points

SIRE	YOB	TOTAL LEAGUE POINTS	5 YO PROGENY				LEAGUE POINTS	6 YO PROGENY				LEAGUE POINTS	FOALS 2004	NUMBER IN SERIES	7 YO PROGENY		LEAGUE POINTS
			NO FOALS 2006	NUMBER IN SERIES	APPEARANCES IN QUALIFIERS	APPEARANCES IN FINALS		NO FOALS 2005	NUMBER IN SERIES	APPEARANCES IN QUALIFIERS	APPEARANCES IN FINALS				APPEARANCES IN QUALIFIERS	APPEARANCES IN FINALS	
Cruising (ISH)	1985	134	66	12	39	25	44	86	9	25	20	51	78	4	10	11	39
Lux Z (HANN)	1988	81	138	12	35	20	45	190	13	21	9	6	194	11	31	17	30
Captain Clover (ISH)	1991	36	51	7	21	13	34	57	1	3	2	2	43	0	0	0	0
Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	1995	30	93	5	12	8	17	129	9	20	12	12	43	1	2	2	1
Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	1978	23	9	2	7	6	22	16	3	9	6	1	14	0	0	0	0
Hermes De Reve (SF)	1995	21	53	3	12	10	21	44	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
VDL Arkansas (KWPN)	1996	20	11	2	8	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	76	2	2	1	10
Limmerick (HOLST)	1990	17	24	3	10	8	17	35	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0
Simba (KWPN)	1999	12	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	6	12
Touchdown (ISH)	1982	10	33	0	0	0	0	73	5	14	8	10	114	0	0	0	0
Tlaloc M (SF)	1991	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	9	0	0	0	0	0
Poltarf (TB)	1991	8	19	0	0	0	0	27	1	5	4	8	11	0	0	0	0
Randi (HANN)	1984	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	3	8	2	0	0	0	0
Warrenstown You 2 (ISH)	1998	7	11	2	8	5	7	13	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Aldato (KWPN)	1982	6	17	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	40	2	6	2	6
Dow Jones Courcel (SF)	1991	6	14	0	0	0	0	14	2	6	2	6	42	0	0	0	0
Chippison (ISH)	1993	5	23	1	1	1	5	19	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
Clinton (HOLST)	1995	5	4	1	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Condios (HOLST)	1995	5	5	1	6	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Cruise On (ISH)	1991	5	10	1	2	2	5	10	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0
Ekstein (KWPN)	1986	5	18	1	4	2	5	57	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0
Glidawn Diamond (ID)	1982	5	25	1	1	1	5	43	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0
Le One (ISH)	1995	5	15	2	3	2	5	9	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	1992	5	16	2	4	3	5	15	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0
Quiletto (SF)	1994	5	4	1	2	2	5	9	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
Boherdeal Clover (ISH)	1991	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	4	3	4	2	0	0	0	0
Clover Echo (ISH)	1989	4	53	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	52	1	2	2	4
Vechta (KWPN)	1991	4	11	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	9	1	3	1	4
Guidam (SF)	1988	2	36	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Tadmus (KWPN)	2000	2	19	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Data is included for the 6 qualifying legs in the Series, the Grand Final is not included
- Every effort has been made in collating the data to ensure no inaccuracies have occurred
- League points are awarded in the Finals and Grand Finals. In the 5 yo classes, 2 points are awarded for a single clear round and 5 points for a double clear round. In the 6/7 yo classes, points are awarded from 1st to 10th place (10, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1).
- For the 2011 Series, there was €10,000 on offer at each of the qualifying legs and €15,500 on offer for the Grand Final.