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Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, with (from left), Comdt. Brian MacSweeney, Officer Commanding at the Army Equitation School, Prof. Pat Wall, Horse Sport Ireland Chairman, Professor Cathal O'Donoghue, Chairman of Sport Horse Strategy Committee, Pat Hanly, Deputy CEO, Royal Dublin Society and Commodore Mark Mellett, at the launch of the Irish Sport Horse Industry Strategy Committee at The Army Equitation School. Picture credit: David Maher / SPORTSFILE



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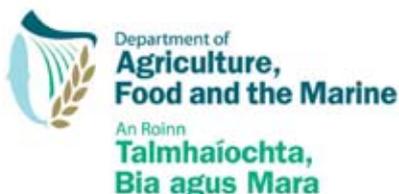


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Breed for the market place

I am now two years as Chair-
person of Horse Sport Ireland
and it has been a great honour
to hold the position. We have a
fantastic 32-county sector with great
people, some of whom are in the
game for pure enjoyment. Others
appear content to make sufficient to
cover the cost of their pleasure and
others are trying to make a living
from sport horses.

We live in a free country and peo-
ple can breed whatever they want,
but if we aspire to get a financial
return for our initiatives, we need
to breed with a particular market in
mind. The old adage “breed the best
to the best and hope for the best”
still rings true and although horses
can always make liars out of you,
and the odd freak appears, if you
breed from mares that are perform-
ers, or who have performers in their
pedigree, the chances of success are
greatly improved.

Horses with minimal athletic abil-
ity won't cover their cost of produc-
tion. If we strive to breed the very
best horses for show jumping and
eventing and if they are produced
well, those that don't make the top
grade and serious money will fulfill
a role in the pleasure and novice
rider categories.

The recruitment of a Marketing
Director in HSI is a welcome initia-
tive and hopefully will help with
exports. The minor game is in Ire-
land but the senior game is abroad
and we need to get the international
buyers looking to Ireland as the
source of a horse, or pony, for all
level of riders.

For marketing to be successful, we
need the correct product, so what-
ever category of breeding enter-
prise you are engaged in, you must
know your intended market, focus
on quality and produce the very
best stock you can and then we can
look forward to this breeding season
with optimism.

Prof Patrick Wall
Chairman,
Horse Sport Ireland



In memoriam – Joe Walsh

Former Chairman of Horse Sport Ireland, Joe Walsh, passed away on November 9th 2014 at Cork University Hospital following a short illness, at the age of 71.

Mr Walsh served as the Minister for Agriculture in Ireland from 1992 to 1994 and from 1997 to 2004. In that role he is perhaps best remembered for his capable handling of the 2001 Foot and Mouth crisis, when his decisive actions and calm communication were widely commended.

Joe was one of the longest-serving Ministers for Agriculture in Europe. In September 2002, the French Government awarded him the Légion d'Honneur. In February 2003, King Juan Carlos of Spain honoured him with the insignia of the Grand Cross of the Agricultural Order of Merit for distinguished service to agriculture.

After his retirement from Dáil Éireann (Irish Parliament) in 2007, Joe was appointed Chairman of Horse Sport Ireland (Irish National Federation), a position he held until he stepped down in 2013.

Joe believed passionately in structures and governance. During his chairmanship he worked with the Irish Sports Council and equestrian affiliate organisations to introduce new structures to the High Performance Programmes for Irish teams. The results were clear, as Ireland won some



Joe Walsh (far left) with Ireland's 2012 Olympic medal winners.

25 European medals from 2008 to 2012 and equestrian sport was the only one in which Ireland won medals in both the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games at London 2012.

Joe was committed to Clean Sport and, under his leadership Horse Sport Ireland introduced new rules for Irish international riders as well as a National Equine Anti-Doping Programme.

He pioneered the development of Horse Sport Ireland's online pedigree,

progeny and performance database, CapallOir.

He also played a key role in ensuring the National Horse Sport Arena was at the centre of Ireland's new National Sports Campus at Abbotstown in Dublin. Equestrian sport is now at the heart of one of the most significant developments in the history of Irish sport.

Joe Walsh is survived by his wife Marie and their children Ronan, Denise, Killian, Brian and Kate.

Elaine Hatton appointed international marketing director with Horse Sport Ireland

Elaine Hatton has been appointed the role of international marketing director with Horse Sport Ireland and takes up her new role on June 7th.

Ms Hatton will lead a new international marketing division within Horse Sport Ireland, the creation of which was recommended in the Industry Strategic Plan 'Reaching New Heights'.

The division will be funded from an additional allocation made to Horse Sport Ireland by Minister Simon Coveney in the 2015 budget. Ms. Hatton is currently the general manager with Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM) which promotes Ireland as the leading source for the production and sale of quality thoroughbreds worldwide.

Her experience with ITM will be very valuable as she will now take on the same role for the sport horse and pony.

HSI CEO Damian McDonald said that

HSI was delighted to welcome Elaine on board.

"There is a global market for horses and ponies for all levels of riders and we need to connect our breeders and producers with buyers in a range of markets. Elaine's experience in ITM, which does outstanding work in marketing to the thoroughbred sector abroad, will be a huge asset as we start out on the journey of establishing an international marketing division for the Sport Horse sector.

"The Irish Sport Horse sector is worth over €700m to the Irish economy and we believe we can grow the sector further by driving export growth in the coming years."

Speaking after her appointment was announced Ms. Hatton said: "I am delighted to be taking up the role of international marketing director for Horse



Elaine Hatton.

Sport Ireland. The sport horse industry is one that is very close to my heart and one which I strongly believe has great potential."



Phil Meaney, Chairman of the Irish Greyhound Board, Minister of State Tom Hayes, Edward Butler riding CFS Whiterock Cruise, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Simon Coveney and James Kennedy, Chairman of the Finance Committee for Horse Sport Ireland, at the launch of Jumping In The City at Shelbourne Park

Jumping In The City

JUMPING In The City is a radical new initiative to bring show jumping into greyhound stadia in Irish cities during the summer.

Launched at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium by Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food, the Marine and Defence, Jumping In The City will take place in greyhound stadia in Limerick, Cork and Dublin on Friday nights during the month of June. It hopes to attract not just show jumping fans but also people looking for an alternative experience on their Friday night out.

Run by Horse Sport Ireland in conjunction with the Irish Greyhound Board and Show Jumping Ireland, it will see three different classes of competition each night, including an amateur series for grassroots riders, a Grand Prix for Ireland's top riders and the big crowd favourite – a Puissance.

The Grand Prix at the final in Shelbourne Park will feature four FEI-ranked riders, the top four riders from the Limerick leg, the top four from Cork and four riders selected by the organising committee.

Prize money of €66,000 is on offer throughout the series, with a total prize fund of €13,000 for the amateur classes, €14,000 for the Puissance and a

bumper €39,000 across the three Grand Prix competitions.

The series begins in Limerick on Friday June 5th, moves to Cork on Friday June 12th, with the series reaching its finale in Shelbourne Park, Dublin on Friday June 26th. All events start at 6.30 and will run to 11pm. General admission is €15, €10 OAP/student and children under 14 free if accompanied by an adult.

Raise the profile

Minister Coveney said: "I commend Horse Sport Ireland for organising the 'Jumping in the City' series of competitions which will raise the profile of show jumping and attract new audiences and sponsorship to the sport. Recognising that the sport horse sector contributes in excess of €700m to the economy annually, I was delighted to be in a position to allocate extra funding to Horse Sport Ireland in budget 2015. Some of the extra funding is being used for this initiative which is part of Horse Sport Ireland's programme to implement the recommendations in the 'Reaching New Heights' strategy document that I recently launched."

James Kennedy, chairman of Horse Sport Ireland's finance committee,

added: "I believe Jumping In The City has the potential to move show jumping in Ireland to a whole new level.

We have experienced terrific success in the sport all over the world, and it's great that people can see more of our riders and horses performing within our own cities. Horse Sport Ireland is very grateful to Minister Coveney for providing funding for this new initiative. We also have to thank The Irish Greyhound Board for their co-operation on this project, and our affiliate body Showjumping Ireland who have really embraced the project."

Minister of State, Tom Hayes, also commented: "I welcome the close collaboration between Bord na gCon and Horse Sport Ireland which brought about this innovative series of show jumping competitions. In working closely with Horse Sport Ireland, I commend Bord na gCon for exploring ways of generating extra commercial income from their excellent facilities at greyhound tracks, with the prospect of also attracting new audiences to greyhound racing."

The Jumping In The City Series will be in support of Special Olympics Ireland Equestrian Athletes travelling to represent Ireland at the World Summer Games 2015.



HSI Breeding Sub Board 2014

The HSI Breeding Sub Board, December 2014. Back row: Neil Henry, Kieran O’Gorman, David McCann, Tom MacLochlainn, Michael Grace, HSI Chairman Prof Pat Wall. Front row: Sean Kavanagh, Joanne Jarden, Jim Beecher (Chairman of the Breeding Sub Board), Barbara Hatton, Pat McCarthy, Jack Murphy. Missing from photo: Alex Deon, Anne Bannon, Ann-Marie O’Gorman and Paul Duffy.

Innovation Fund allocations

HORSE Sport Ireland has announced the list of successful projects that will benefit from its recently advertised Innovation Fund.

The funding for the scheme came from the additional €600,000 allocated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to Horse Sport Ireland, announced by Minister Simon Coveney in the 2015 budget.

Following public advertisements, applications for 68 projects were received, seeking prize money allocations of in excess of €730,000.

Following an adjudication process, 11 projects have been chosen for funding. A full list of the successful projects is below.

HSI Finance Committee Chairman James Kennedy said that it was very positive that so many project applications had been received.

“We are very pleased that Minister Coveney provided the sector with this extra funding,” he said.

“This allowed HSI to have a fund like this as well as setting up an International Marketing Division and funding a number of other competitions in line with the recommendations of the industry Strategic Plan ‘Reaching New Heights’,” he said.

“I am confident that the Minister will see positive impact from these projects in 2015,” he added.

Listed in alphabetical order

- Ballina Agricultural Show (3 year old sport horse futurity competition) Prize Money Allocation €2,000
- Connemara Pony Breeders Society (Connemara Pony Performance Mare Championship) Prize Money Allocation €5,000
- Dunmanway Show (All Ireland Young Show Person Championship) Prize Money Allocation €1,500
- Eventing Ireland (Eventing Ireland National Championships) Prize Money Allocation €20,000
- Millstreet Equestrian Services (Pony Owners Charity Show /Millstreet International Pony and Young Rider show 2015) Prize Money Allocation €20,000
- Mullingar International Horse Show (Bet Showjumping Live) Prize Money Allocation €20,000
- Oughterard Show Society (Irish Draught All Ireland Performance Championship) Prize Money Allocation €9,000
- Royal Dublin Society (Connemara Performance Nations Cup) Prize Money Allocation €4,400
- Tattersalls International Horse Trials (CCI YH 1*) Prize Money Allocation €7,000
- Traditional Irish Horse Association (TIHA Hunter Equitation Class at Limerick Show) Prize Money Allocation €4,500
- Waterford Sport Horse Breeders Group (Breeder to Buyer Competition) Prize Money Allocation €4,500
- Total Prize Money Allocation €97,900

Inaugural HSI Sport Horse Foal, Show jumping Mare and Eventing Mare Championships

Horse Sport Ireland is pleased to announce a very generous prize fund of €30,000 for an inaugural Sport Horse Foal Championship. There will also be championships for five and six-year-old mares for show jumping and eventing, with the same €30,000 prize fund divided equally for the each discipline.

The HSI Sport Horse Foal Championship will aim to identify, evaluate and reward breeders who have bred a foal that has the potential to be competitive at the highest international level in the disciplines of show jumping or eventing. There will be regional championships held in July/August, with separate sections for potential show jumping foals and potential eventing foals to qualify for the final.

The aim of the mare championships is to identify, evaluate and reward owners of mares that are capable of performing at the highest level in show jumping and eventing and are suitable for producing progeny that would be competitive in this discipline. The mare has to meet one of many performance criteria options to qualify. The final will be held in October/November.

For further information please see www.horsesportireland.ie

Knowledge transfer launch



Minister Coveney launches Knowledge Transfer Measure under Ireland's Rural Development Programme

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney TD, announced the launch of the Knowledge Transfer measure under the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 with the opening of an online facility for agriculture consultants to register their interest in operating as Knowledge Transfer Group facilitators.

The Minister said: "I am pleased that the emphasis on one to one discussion between farmer and adviser to develop a Farm Improvement Plan will benefit not just the individual farmers participating but also each of farming sectors concerned."

He added: "The scheme design has been informed by extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholder."

The measure involves Department-approved knowledge exchange groups operating over a three-year period with farmer meetings involving the exchange of information and best practices facilitated by qualified advisers.

Advisers will also assist participating farmers in the completion of a tailored Farm Improvement Plan that will address issues such as profitability, sustainability, herd health and farm safety.

The Minister added that he was

delighted that "the innovative scheme design will not only ensure that key issues around profitability and sustainability will be addressed, but also that important issues such as farm safety and farm progression will be covered. The feedback received from participants in the previous knowledge transfer/discussion groups has been extremely positive".

“ The innovative scheme design will not only ensure that key issues around profitability and sustainability will be addressed, but also that important issues such as farm safety and farm progression will be covered

– Minister Simon Coveney

Knowledge Transfer is one of a suite of measures included under the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and will involve the formation and admin-

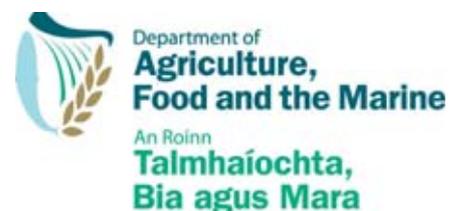
istration of knowledge transfer groups across the Beef, Dairy and Equine sectors in 2015.

Further knowledge transfer groups under the Poultry, Sheep and Tillage sectors will commence in 2016. Funding of €100m under the Rural Development Programme has been allocated for 27,000 farmers to participate for three years in Knowledge Transfer Groups.

The scheme is co-funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). The Minister urged advisers wishing to participate to register their interest using the online facility which is available on the Department's website at www.agriculture.gov.ie.

In conclusion the Minister said that the closing date for this tranche of expressions of interest is 22nd May, 2015.

Visit www.agriculture.gov.ie for further details.



Breeder feature – Paula Cullen

Traditional Irish breeding wins

STEPHEN SPARKES

Last May, Paulank Brockagh became only the fourth mare in history to win the coveted Badminton trophy. Her proud breeder, Paula Cullen, recalls the early days

By Marianne Van Pelt

Born on a windswept Wicklow hillside, she grew up to battle her way to a surprise victory at one of eventing's most prestigious horse trials, on the magnificent grounds of Badminton House, in some of the worst conditions in history, as millions of people around the world watched and cheered.

This is the story of Paulank Brockagh who last summer became only the fourth mare in history to win Badminton with rider Sam Griffiths of Australia. It's a great horse story, and a particularly Irish one, about a horse bred and produced the traditional way by people who believe passionately in preserving the bloodlines of our native sport horse.

Bred by Frank and Paula Cullen, 'Brocks' is by Touchdown out of Calendar Girl, by Triggerero. "We like a traditionally bred horse", Paula explained. "Touchdown had that bit of Selle Francais so he was Irish-bred, but not completely Irish if you know what I mean. But none of us 13 years ago was thinking about 'traditional breeding'. Calendar Girl is traditionally bred though. She's Irish through and through."

Touchdown, who was foaled in 1982 and died in 2007, was an Irish Sport Horse, and one of the first part-warm-blood stallions to stand in Ireland.

He was by the Selle Francais Galoubet A, out of the international show jumper Lady Willpower, a daughter of the thoroughbred Cheyne.

Touchdown was bred by Frank and James Kernan and James rode him in the Barcelona Olympics, while also part of the winning Aga Khan team at the Dublin Horse Show in 1992.

"Calendar Girl had a couple of foals by Touchdown. He was very much 'THE horse' at the time," Paula said.

The mare was purchased as a yearling during a sport horse sale at Fairyhouse on the back of a winning streak on the circuit. "She'd won some things in-hand so there was that bit of show quality, but basically I just liked her," Paula commented. "We presented



Paulank Brockagh eyes up the Badminton Trophy after her magnificent win last May with Sam Griffiths.

her for the mare inspections when she was four – so she has the premier mare status but she was never competed."

"We're not a big operation here. We have the capacity for five broodmares, but in reality they're not all going every year. Calendar Girl has bred 14 foals, and we have two of her daughters."

"Her first foal was Paulank Kimble. We've repatriated her from Italy having sold her there as a three-year-old. She went on to be an international show jumper – she was carrying a foal when we sold her and he also went on to be an international show jumper – that's the Cruising blood.

"I think it's important to get these good mares back to Ireland. So many of them have gone – the really true traditional-breds are largely gone. And

traditional Irish mares are definitely disappearing.

"I'm not knocking the foreign-breds but I am a little bit concerned that we are going to lose our identity here for breeding an Irish horse. It's easy to say that a horse born in Ireland is Irish bred – but to me Irish bred means both parents are as near to a thoroughbred/Irish Draught cross as possible.

"I'm not sure we always appreciate what we have here – Irish horses have the courage, the stamina, the hardiness. The Draught keeps them sound longer, gives them the durability and sensibility. Irish horses are the best for amateurs – they might be a bit slower to mature but they just go on getting better and go on competing longer. Any studbook that can dominate a sport – as Ireland does in eventing – for nearly

20 years is doing something right.”

Paula goes to great lengths to pick the best stallions for her mares, but it’s not always easy. “We basically have all traditionally-bred mares now, and excluding the older mares we’d like to have two out of three in foal. “We try to stick to the traditionals, so that means the thoroughbreds or the 75% cross sport horse. With Calendar Girl I used a traditional sport horse and I used a thoroughbred horse, but I think in hindsight the thoroughbred horse suited her better because there was just that little bit more quality when it came to the job I was looking for – eventing. Her first two foals were by Cruising so those were more show jumping horses.”

‘As well as Calendar Girl’s daughter Paulank Kimble we also kept Paulank Calla Lily. She was competed to one-star level, but she was always going to be the replacement broodmare for her dam Calendar Girl. She now has a filly foal at foot by Jumbo and we’re very excited about her. I believe you have to breed for purpose – for us that’s eventing.”

To breed a Badminton winner is nearly every eventing breeder’s dream but Paula is humble in her success as a breeder. “People hate it when I say this, but lot of it is luck. We were over



Paula Cullen with Calendar Girl, dam of Paulank Brockagh.

the moon when Brocks won Badminton, and in those conditions. Winning in those conditions just shows what

a great tough mare she is. And that’s the strength of the Irish again, coming through. That’s the Irish advantage.”



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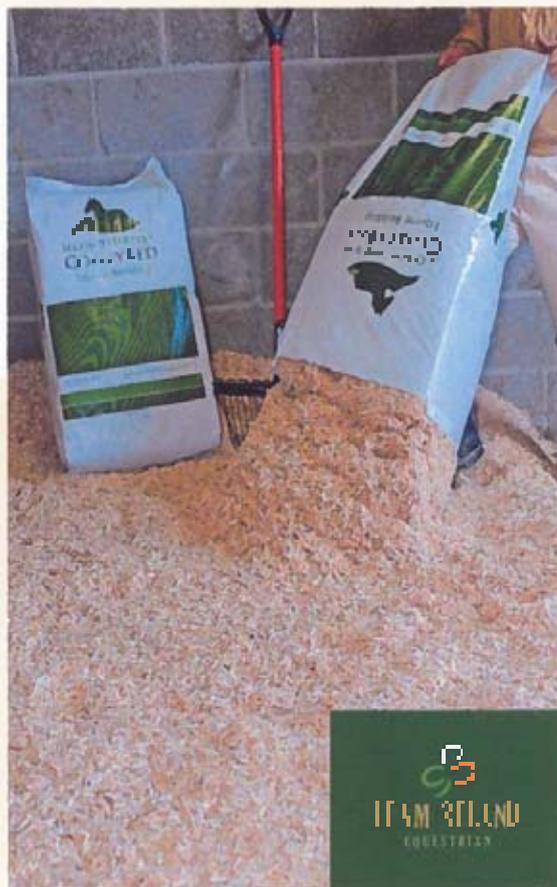
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Gateway to finding the perfect Irish horse

The Irish Horse Gateway was initiated by Horse Sport Ireland in 2013 to connect the world to the Irish Horse. It is the first point of contact for overseas clients seeking information on sourcing Irish horses and ponies for equestrian sport and leisure.

The Irish Horse Gateway has established a database of Registered Irish Sellers who have signed up to a Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is designed to increase confidence in attracting overseas clients.

Aims of the Irish Horse Gateway

- To help breeders and producers in Ireland to market high quality Irish horses and ponies in international markets.
- To give foreign buyers increased confidence in buying horses and ponies in Ireland
- To assist foreign buyers in sourcing reputable providers of other services they may require
- To provide market feedback to Irish breeders and producers

Trade Missions

Horse Sport Ireland was represented at the 8th China Horse Fair held in Beijing, China 22nd to 24th October 2014. Enterprise Ireland organised a trade stand at the Fair which included Horse Sport Ireland.

The emphasis of Horse Sport Ireland's participation at the Fair was the promotion of the Irish Horse Gateway. China is an emerging market for Irish horses.

Buyer nations

Through direct sales from the Irish Horse Gateway website and viewing days arranged by the Irish Horse Gateway our Registered Sellers have sold horses to countries including Canada, China, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Oman, Sweden, UK and the USA.

Most recently the Irish Horse Gateway arranged viewing days at the Emerald International Equestrian Centre for Chinese and Indian clients based on the specifications and requirements supplied by the prospective buyers.

Through the organised viewing days and also the Chinese clients existing contacts in Ireland eight sport horses were selected. In addition to this the Chinese client also selected a further four thoroughbred horses through their existing relationship with Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM) and BBA Ireland.

The Irish Horse Gateway has worked closely with Irish Thoroughbred Marketing to ensure that both the sport horse and thoroughbred needs of international clients are met. Overseas clients support Irish Government backed structures as it gives increased confidence in doing business with Ireland.

Becoming a Registered Seller

The Irish Horse Gateway works closely with Registered Sellers to ensure equal and transparent opportunities are developed. On receipt of a client specification the Irish Horse Gateway team email the details to each of our Registered Sellers who can then reply if they have a suitable horse or pony for consideration by the client. Text notifications are also sent to ensure the emails are read in time.

Irish breeders and producers can become a Registered Seller with the Irish Horse Gateway online by creating an account and signing a Code of Conduct, allowing them to advertise horses or ponies for sale. One year's membership costs €99 plus VAT for an unlimited number of adverts.

All revenues are reinvested in building the brand internationally. All horses must be registered in an approved studbook and have recorded pedigree. The site can be viewed at www.irishhorsegateway.ie

CapallOir

CapallOir is an online version of the Irish Horse Register developed and maintained by Horse Sport Ireland. The database contains approximately 420,000 horses, with pedigree dating back to before 1890 where applicable.

When you search for a particular horse, you can generate a four-generation pedigree and progeny report on your computer screen. This report can then be e-mailed to you or used to create a PDF document for printing.

In cases where horses have competed under Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), Showjumping Ireland (SJI), Eventing Ireland (EI), or Association of Irish Riding Clubs (AIRC) rules, there will be a link directly to that horse's results in the relevant database. Horse Sport Ireland and British Eventing (BE) have recently facilitated links between CapallOir and the British Eventing database.

How can a user view the following?

Pedigree – Search for a horse, choose the relevant horse and click the 'Display Pedigree' button below the horse details

Progeny – Search for a horse, choose the relevant horse and click the 'Display Progeny' button below the horse details

Performance – Where performance is available for an animal one or more of the following logos will be visible - FEI, SJI, EI, BE or AIRC. Click the logo of the performance you wish to view. This will direct you to the performance results page for that horse with the specific sporting organisation.

Note: Some horses may be registered with more than one equestrian sporting organisation.

PICTURE CAPTION: Owners Larry Costello (far left) and Margaret McCabe, Said Ali Salim Al Hashimi (trainer), Khalil Salim Said Al-Obaidani (purchaser), Chris Ronan and Mark Bolger after the contract was signed for the sale of three Irish-bred mares to Oman last autumn.



Soundness in the sport horse stallion

By Hugh Suffern

Stallions accepted into the Irish Horse Register must pass a thorough clinical and radiographic examination. The presence of any one of a list of unsuitable conditions will prevent the horse getting approval.

So how is this list compiled? And how relevant are the undesirable traits to be excluded from our breeding stock?

Since its inception the Irish Horse Register has emphasised the importance of breeding from clinically sound stock. The present list of unsuitable conditions for stallions (and premier mares) was first compiled in 1995. This list is annually reviewed by a panel of experienced sport horse veterinary surgeons and representatives of UCD Veterinary Hospital and Horse Sport Ireland.

The conditions on this list are deemed undesirable in a competition horse and are known to be heritable.

If your prospective sire is a multiple Grand Prix winning, Super League performer, does it matter if he has a slight wind problem? Does it matter if he has osteochondral fragments in his joints? After all, these issues didn't stop the horse himself performing at the highest level, so why should they affect his offspring?

Breeders use a successful show jumping sire on their mare in the reasonable expectation of breeding another top class performer. That is how breed selection works - choose sires with desirable traits and hope that the offspring will inherit these traits. However, as we all know, in breeding you can't pick and choose which particular traits you want the stallion to confer. You may get the big jump but if the sire also has a wind problem, then you have a great chance of breeding that too. When there is mention of a 'wind problem' it usually refers to the heritable condition Laryngeal Neuropathy. The horse with wind issues may well end up at the top of the sport, but usu-



ally there is some degree of exercise intolerance present, inevitably requiring corrective surgery along the way.

On a level closer to home there is nothing more disheartening for a breeder than to produce a lovely young horse with promising ability, sell it well and then have it fail the vet.

The sire may have performed well with wind issues but that is highly unlikely to help the sale of his promising, but whistling offspring.

A wind issue in a young horse generally has the serious economic effect of either devaluing the animal greatly or leaving it unsellable.

In a second example 'bone chips', OCD, osteochondrosis, osteochondral fragments, are all terms used to describe another source of exasperation in the horse world.

Nutrition and management are factors, but there is a clear heritable component to its presence. In Ireland thankfully we have a low incidence of osteochondrosis.

In a recent study of several hundred young horses offered for sale I noted an incidence of about 8%, which is low when compared to some of the continental breeds with an incidence approaching 40-50%.

So how relevant are 'bone chips' in a competition horse?

There are many top class competition horses with small chips embedded in the cartilage around the fetlock

joint or hock or stifle. These are often asymptomatic and of no consequence to the animal's career.

In some cases surgery can be successfully performed to remove the chips, but do we really want to produce horses that require surgery prior to their working career?

The most pertinent implication of this condition is at time of sale. So often the deal is done, the horse is sold, and it passes the clinical examination. Then the x-rays are taken, a chip is found and the sale is off.

Nowadays radiographs are a non-negotiable part of the pre-purchase examination. Whether the horse is being sold abroad, or equally sold to be produced with export in mind, it must have clean x-rays.

The sport horse industry in Ireland is based on the production of horses for sale. Primarily we need to produce a horse capable of performing successfully for our clients, but to get that sale completed we need a sound horse with clean x-rays.

Clearly classifying from the studbook that carry undesirable heritable traits will help achieve this goal. A clear example of this policy working is seen in the reduced incidence of navicular issues in Irish horses. Navicular disease and poor navicular x-rays were once a huge factor in loss of sales. Over the past number of years the exclusion from the studbook of stallions with poor x-rays has led to a major reduction in these traits.

In conclusion, we can successfully breed competition horses for the world market, but we also must recognise that the final step of any sale is the soundness examination. Failure to exclude the unsound traits from our breeding stock will increase the chances of disappointment for both producer and buyer at point of sale.

Hugh Suffern is the HSI studbook vet and the team vet for the Irish eventing team and senior show jumping team

Sales dates

Cavan Horse Sales 2015

June

16th, 17th: Summer Horse & Pony Sale

August

18th, 19th, 20th: Performance Horse & Pony And Premier 3yo Sale
18th: Premier 3yo Sale

September

24th: Elite Foal Sale. Foals Selected through a Viewing Day on Tuesday 25th August

30th: Young Stock Sport Horse Sale

October

1st: National Registered Irish Draught Sale

1st: Registered Connemara Sale

Goresbridge Horse Sales 2015

May

2nd: Monthly Horse & Pony Sale

12th, 13th, 14th: Sport Horse Performance Sales

June

6th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sale

July

4th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sale

14th, 15th, 16th: Sport Horse Performance Sales

August

1st: Monthly Horse & Pony Sale

September

3rd, 4th: Supreme Sale of Show Jumpers

5th: Monthly Horse & Pony Sale

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th:

Sport Horse Performance Sales

*To Include Ridden Irish Draught Section on September 12th *

Monart Horse Sales 2015

November

4th, 5th: Event Horse Sale

Breeders' awards

The winners

1. Breeder of the Top International Event Horse
Kilronan (ISH) (TIH) - 2001 gelding by Ghareeb (TB) out of Ramble Way (ISH), by Diamond Lad (ID). Bred by Patrick Fenlon. Rider: Paul Tapner (AUS)
2. Breeder of the winner of the CCI4* at Badminton Horse Trials
Paulank Brockagh (ISH) - 2003 mare by Touchdown (ISH) out of Calander Girl (ISH) by Trigerero (TB). Breeder: Paula Cullen. Rider: Sam Griffiths
3. Breeder of the winner of the CCI4* at Rolex, Kentucky
Bay My Hero (ISH) (TIH) - 2003 gelding by Cult Hero (TB) out of Bing Power (ISH) by Tomgar Power Crest (ISH). Breeder: Bryan Maguire. Rider: William Fox-Pitt (GBR)
4. Highest Placed ISH at World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses, Le Lion d'Angers
Cooley Dream Extreme (ISH) - 2008 gelding by Cruising (ISH) out of The Dreamseeker (ISH) by Ramiro B (BWP). Breeder: Frank Gordon. Rider: Piggy French (GBR)
5. Owner and breeder of the most successful young event horse
Rioghan Rua (ISH) - 2007 chestnut mare by Jack Of Diamonds (SWB) out of Highland Destiny (ISH), by Flagmount King (ID). Owner/Bred by Margaret Kinsella. Rider: Cathal Daniels (IRL)
6. Highest placed show jumping rookie in the WBFSH rankings
Special Lux (ISH) - 2004 gelding by Lux Z (HANN) out of Aishling Clover (ISH), by Clover Hill (ID). Bred by Des & Seamus Judge. Rider: Jonathan McCrea (USA)
7. Breeder utilising modern breeding technologies with success
Pembrook Milenia (ISH) - 2009 mare by Diamant de Semilly (SF) out of Pembrook Lisalea (ISH), by Lux Z (HANN). Bred by Finbar & Joanne Muuligan. Rider: Stacey Babes (GBR)
8. Highest Placed ISH at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken
Ard Ginger Pop (ISH) - 2009 mare by Luidam (KWPN) out of Derrylea Greylady (ISH), by Cruising (ISH). Bred by Heather Dean-Wright, Co. Meath. Rider: Angelica Augustsson (SWE)
9. Breeders of the winning Nations Cup Team Odense
Dougie Douglas (ISH) - 2005 gelding by Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN) out of Neills Girl (ISH), by High Roller (ISH). Bred by John O'Brien. Rider: Holly Gillott (GBR) Santa Cruise II (ISH) - 2004 gelding by Randi (HANN) out of Tamerarra (ISH), by Cruising (ISH). Bred by Hartwell Stud. Rider: Tim Page (GBR) A Touch Imperious (ISH) - 2004 gelding by Touchdown (ISH) out of Cavimperius (ISH), by Cavalier Royale (HOLST). Bred by Leo Rice. Rider: Harriet Nuttall (GBR) Touchable (ISH) - 2001 mare by Touchdown (ISH) out of Ircó Rain (ISH), by Ircó Mena (SWB). Bred by Dr. Noel Cawley. Rider: Jessie Drea (GBR)
10. Breeder of Top ISH Showing Mare
Inistioge Best Betty (ISH) (TIH) - 2009 mare by Ghareeb (GB) (TB) out of Sallys Pride (ISH), by Prospect Pride (ID). Bred by Thomas Smyth.
11. Breeder of Top Irish Draught Showing Mare
Elm View (ID) - 2009 mare by Elm Hill (ID) out of Morning Glow (RID), by Sir Rivie (ID). Bred by Raymond Sloyan.
12. Irish Sport Horse mare that achieved highest scores at inspection
Cillbhríd April (ISH) - 2009 mare by Lux Z (HANN) out of Cillbhríd Avoca (ISH), by Crosstown Dancer (ID). Bred by Richard Power.
13. Irish Draught Horse mare that achieved highest scores at inspection
Gweebarra Genesis (ID) - 2009 mare by Crosstown Dancer (ID) out of Gweebarra Gen (RID), by Huntingfield Rebel (ID). Bred by Charmaine Kee
14. Leading event horse stallion in the World Breeding Federation For Sport Horse (WBFSH) sire rankings
Master Imp (TB) - 1987 stallion by Imperius (TB) out of Tranquilla (TB), by Hul A Hul (TB). Bred by the late Loftus O'Neill.
15. Outstanding Contribution Award to ISH Breeding
Mary McCann, Co Kildare.

Horse Sport

Horse Sport Ireland held its annual Breeders' Awards in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, in November. The awards highlighted the best of Irish breeding and honoured the breeders of top class Irish Sport Horses and Irish Draught horses.

Among the recipients were Paula Cullen and Bryan Maguire, breeders of the Irish Sport Horses Paulank Brockagh (ISH) (TIH) and Bay My Hero (ISH), who were both winners of the Badminton Horse Trials and Rolex Kentucky respectively.

The accolade for breeder of the Top International Event Horse went to Patrick Fenlon for the Ghareeb gelding Kilronan (ISH) (TIH), who recorded a fourth place finish at Badminton and individual 15th at the World Equestrian Games.

Frank Gordon picked up an award as breeder of Cooley Dream Extreme (ISH), who was the highest placed ISH at Le Lion d'Angers when he claimed the bronze medal in the six-year-old division.

Margaret Kinsella received an award as the owner and breeder of the most successful young event horse Rioghan Rua (ISH). The mare was ridden by Cathal Daniels and Rioghan Rua to win team gold and individual silver at the European Junior Championships.

They also competed at Le Lion d'Angers where they finished best of the Irish in the seven-year-old division.

Des and Seamus Judge bred the Lux Z gelding Special Lux (ISH), the highest placed show jumping rookie in the WBFSH rankings.

With American rider Jonathan McCrea he placed second in the \$400,000 Grand Prix at Spruce Meadows and also helped team USA take second place in the CSIO4* Nations Cup of Mexico.

Joanne and Finbar Mulligan received the award for the breeder utilising modern breeding technologies with success for the Irish Sport horse Pembrook Milenia, who, with Stacey Babes (GBR), finished in fourth place in the five-year-old final at Lanaken.

Heather Dean Wright collected an award as breeder of Ard Ginger Pop (ISH), the highest-placed Irish Sport Horse at Lanaken when second in the five-year-old final.

The award for breeder of the Top ISH Showing Mare was presented to Thomas Smyth for his Ghareeb mare Inistioge Best Betty (TIH), winner of the TIHA Perpetual Challenge Trophy at Limerick, and also winner of the middle/heavyweight mare class in the RDS.

Raymond Sloyan received the



Ireland Breeders' Awards 2014



Recipients of awards gathered in the Horse & Jockey Hotel

award for the breeder of the top Irish Draught showing mare for the second year in a row. This was Elm View (ID C1) who scored a rare hat-trick in the RDS Irish Draught broodmare championship when she added the 2014 accolade to her 2013 and 2010 titles.

An award was presented to Slyguff stud Barbara Hatton on behalf of the late Loftus O'Neill. Long-time leader Heraldik has been overtaken by Master Imp to become the leading event horse stallion in the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horse (WBFSH) sire rankings.

The 2014 Outstanding Contribution Award was presented to Mary McCann of Hartwell Stud.

Through selective breeding of the Irish Sport Horse for 25 years they have combined the Irish Draught (renowned worldwide as a foundation cross for top-class performers) with the three-quarter bred and thoroughbred to produce some of the best young horses jumping and eventing in the world today.

The late Cruising was the only stallion in Ireland to have three five-star ratings for his performance and the performance of his offspring in both show jumping and eventing.

Among his successful offspring are Mr Medicott (TIH), Mr Cruise Control (TIH), Electric Cruise (TIH), Flexible (TIH), Mo Chroi (TIH), Larkhill Cruiser (TIH) and Solerina (TIH).



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Horse Sport Ireland Coaching Programme



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

HSI Introduction to Coaching

26th May	Portmore Equestrian Centre, Lurgan, Co. Armagh
23rd June	Rafeehan Stud, Kells, Co. Meath
1st Sept	Woodlands Equestrian Centre, Killarney, Co. Kerry

HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach

(Days 1 & 2 – first two dates of a four-day course)

18th & 19th May	Gurteen College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
21st & 22nd July	Portmore Equestrian Centre, Co. Armagh

For more information on any of these courses please contact Catherine Farrell on + 353 45 854512 or email cfarrell@horsesportireland.ie



* Please note that dates and venues are subject to change at the discretion of the HSI

Breeding feature – Hugh Leonard

A lifelong equine connection

By Michael Slavin

Traditional Irish Horse Association chairman Hugh Leonard's family has generations of dedication and commitment to the Irish horse.

Hugh's grandfather John was vice-president and Treasurer of the RDS, and his father Jack also followed on the tradition by being a Council member.

An avid horseman, Jack rode polo ponies during World War II and one bred seven winners on the track, including Gilt Edge and Time Will Tell.

Hugh's first proper introduction to hunting came when John was gifted a mare from the legendary master of the Meath Hunt, Mrs Connell. She was covered by Gold Court and the result was a filly named Stella.

Hugh rode Stella to hounds when he was just 12 years old, but she was then sold to British eventing team member Bertie Hill and competed in the Helsinki Olympics.

Some years earlier Hugh began following the hunt on a lead rein on a pony called Dinky. He also did some show jumping, but his real love was point-to-pointing which brought him a number of wins under rules.

During his life Hugh has also been a regular judge in the show ring. He recalls one occasion at Ballivor when he and Barney Foster were presiding over a heavyweight class. Among the entries was a very green four-year-old on its first outing with Frances Cash.

"His head seemed the largest part of him and we were not impressed from the ground," he said. However, when Hugh rode him he found that there was more to him than met the eye. So much so he ended up reserve champion.

Two months later, the same horse, Standing Ovation, was crowned supreme hunter champion at the RDS.

"You can learn more in 10 yards on a horse's back than you could looking at them for a week," Hugh notes.



Hugh Leonard, left, chairman of the Traditional Irish Horse Association, with Prof Patrick Wall, chairman of HSI.

As to breeding preferences, Hugh prefers crossing the Irish Draught mare to the thoroughbred rather than the other way round. "I find this method produces a calmer horse than when you bring the thoroughbred to the Irish Draught stallion."

Currently Hugh has three mares - by Carrick Diamond Lad, Flagmount Diamond and Golden Trump.

Hugh's commitment to the Traditional Irish Horse Association is as solid as it is practical.

So what is so special about the Traditional Irish Horse? "Common sense," he says.

"Eighty per cent of the half-bred market is for easy to ride, quality horses with a good temperament. The fame of the Irish horses derived from the thoroughbred/Irish Draught cross or thoroughbred/Connemara cross provides us with the Traditional Irish

Sport Horse or TIH."

"In a short few years, foreign blood could trickle through every vein. With this image in prospect the Traditional Irish Horse Association was formed in order to preserve the reputation of the Traditional Irish Horse that is famed for its beauty, courage, soundness, longevity, good nature and fifth leg."

Hugh goes on to report that currently 2,500 traditional Irish mares that foaled since 2010 have been identified by HSI and are to be identified in a separate section within the Irish Sport Horse Studbook of the Irish Horse Register.

"These mares and others represent a pool of unique genetic gold and they should be ring-fenced, graded and matched with superior sires. There should also be a scheme to encourage breeders to keep top filly foals. They will be the corn seed of the future."

Inaugural meeting of Traditional Irish Horse Breeding Committee

The new Traditional Irish Horse Breeding Committee held their first meeting at the Horse Sport Ireland offices. They aim to develop and encourage the breeding of traditionally bred horses and consists of representatives from the Traditional Horse Breeding Association (TIHA) and the HSI Breeding Sub Board.

From 2015 all foals that are traditionally bred are being identified upon registration and will be recorded as 'ISH (TIH)' on their passports. All TIH Irish Sport Horses are being identified separately within the Studbook's database. TIH stallions have been identified in the new 2015 Stallion Book and the suffix (ISH) (TIH) is included on all HSI press releases which publicise the performances

of traditionally bred Irish Sport Horses.

Other initiatives which will feature highly on the Committee's Agenda include opportunities to encourage traditional breeding through 'Knowledge Transfer Equine (KTE)', proposed research projects and ensuring that TIH horses are marketed through HSI's new international marketing division to be headed by Elaine Hatton.

Breeding feature - Master Imp

Master Imp leaves a great legacy

Established by Tom O'Neill in the mid 1900s, Slyguff Stud in County Carlow has been providing top quality stallions for the Irish Sport Horse industry for three generations.

Among the greats to have passed through the stable doors are King of Diamonds, Highland King, Imperius and Kings Master. However, there has been none better than Master Imp who, although now passed away, has left a hugely positive legacy in his progeny. So much so, he is currently rated the top sire in the world for breeding event horses.

By Imperius out of a mare by the thoroughbred Hul Master Imp was foaled at Slyguff in 1987 and lived out his life there until his passing in 2010.

Long before then Tom's grand-daughter Barbara Hatton had joined Loftus in managing this superb sire.

Master Imp was never raced, nor was he ever lunged, but Barbara notes that he was a "really good mover and we just wanted to keep him as a sire."

Even as a two-year-old he began serving mares and among the early foals



The late Loftus O'Neill with Master Imp (Photo: Susan Finnerty)

was Master of Moments, who went on to be a Grand Prix winner.

Later he sired Zinzan, winner of the supreme hunter championship at the Horse of the Year Show, but it is as a sire of eventers that he has really made his mark. Names such as Master Mexico (ISH), Mandiba (ISH) and Golden Master (ISH) are well remembered.

Barbara recalls back to 2012 when he

had four of his progeny competing at the London Olympics, including High Kingdom (pictured) and Master Crusoe who both finished in the top 10.

Others that have contributed to Master Imp's rankings include Improvise, Park Trader and Ballygowan Ginger.

With Master Imp no longer here, it is now great to see his son Kings Master carrying on the legacy. And long may it continue.

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Registrations

Important reminder: registering

Registration of Equines

The benefits of timely registration

- Avoid having your foal's passport stamped with 'not eligible for human consumption'
- Avail of cheaper registration fees
- An additional benefit of a Studbook passport – entitles you to eligibility for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) Scheme and Irish Draughts are also eligible for the Department of Agriculture, Marine and Food GLAS scheme (subject to terms & conditions).

Waiting times for passports

- HSI's target is to process passports within 7 days of receipt, subject to the DNA results being received from Weatherbys. DNA testing takes between four and six weeks in addition to HSI processing time.

Avoid delays

- Prompt payment of covering fees will facilitate a timely submission of covering certificates.
- Ensure that you are the recorded owner of the dam and that it is named on its passport.
- Enclose the correct registration fee with the application (see current 2014 registration fees).
- Make sure the form is fully complete and that it has been signed by your vet and by you as the applicant. If it is not signed HSI is obliged by law to return the form to have it signed.

Stamped out of the food chain

- Breeders should be aware that all foals must be registered by law before they reach 6 months of age or before 31st December in their year of birth (whichever date occurs later). If foals are not registered within this time-frame HSI is required, by legislation, to stamp the passport with 'not intended for slaughter for human consumption'. While many do not agree with this exclusion it is an EU requirement, and is not something that HSI or even the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine can waive.

Covering certificates

Under the rules of the Irish Horse Register stallion owners are required to submit covering certs to HSI before 1st October in the year of covering. Receipt of the covering certificate triggers the issuing of the foal kit to the Registered Mare Owner. At present there is poor compliance with this rule which is contributing to delays in the registration process as covering certs

Sample application

Correct fee

Owner must sign here

Vet must sign and stamp here

Issued to mare owners once covering cert. is received by HSI.

are coming in during the peak registration period. Please note that the Foal Registration Kit is issued to the mare owner listed in our system so please ensure that your mare is in your name. You can now check online to see if the covering certificate has been received by HSI and also check when the foal kit was sent out. See <http://breeding.horsesportireland.ie/DeclaredCoverings.aspx>. If your mare is not listed contact the owner of the stallion to ensure he has forwarded the certificate to HSI.

Sales

Breeders who intend selling their animals in sales should endeavor to register them as soon as possible after birth to ensure that they have passports in time for the sales. Breeders should keep in mind the fact that DNA testing can take up to six weeks.

VAT on Registration Fees

As of 1st January 2015 VAT at 23% is charged on all Registration services.

Register your foal

In 2014, HSI issued approx. 800 identification documents for non-Studbook registered foals, in addition to the 4,400 passports for Studbook foals. Breeders should be aware that foals with identification documents (not a Studbook passport with verified pedigree) achieve a lower price at public auction and are more limited in terms of their eligibility for certain competitions and initiatives. No additional value will accrue to your broodmare and subsequent progeny if the foal goes on to be successful.

Transfer ownership

On foot of a Statutory Instrument signed into law by the Minister for

your foal

Agriculture Food and the Marine, it is now a legal requirement to report changes of horse ownership to the Passport Issuing Authority who issued the original passport for a horse within 30 days of purchase. This applies for any horses whose ownership changed after July 1st, 2014. Change of ownership forms should be completed and returned to Horse Sport Ireland along with the passport and the appropriate fee. www.horsesportireland.ie/passports/transfer-ownership/

Equine premises registration

- A person may not have an equine in his/her possession or under his/her control unless the details of his/her premises are registered.
- All Registered premises must have a nominated keeper
- Upon Registration an Equine premises number – called a herd number – will be issued to the applicant.
- Holdings that are already registered to keep cattle and/or sheep/goats will have their registration amended to include horses.
- Application forms are available from: <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/animal->

Registration fees from 1st January 2015 including VAT at 23%

Details	IHB/NIHB Members	Non-IHB/NIHB Members
Foals with pedigree applies until 31st Oct.	€62/£52	€98/£84
1YO, including DNA typing & naming	€111/£92	€148/£123
2YO & older, including DNA typing & naming	€148/£123	€185/£155
Identification document (white passport)	€43/£37	€43/£37
Change of registered owner	€15/£15	€15/£15
Naming an animal	€25/£21	€62/£52
Animal name change	€43/£37	€80/£68

Register your foal

	Equines Registered in the ISH Studbook with Recorded Pedigree	Identification Documents (Not Studbook Passports)
Eligible to compete in ISH Showjumping & Eventing Series	✓	✗
Eligible to compete in WBFSH Young Horses Championships (Lanaken & Le Lion d'Angers)	✓	✗
Eligible for HSI Breeders' prizes & awards	✓	✗
Eligible for ISH Studbook Inspections	✓	✗

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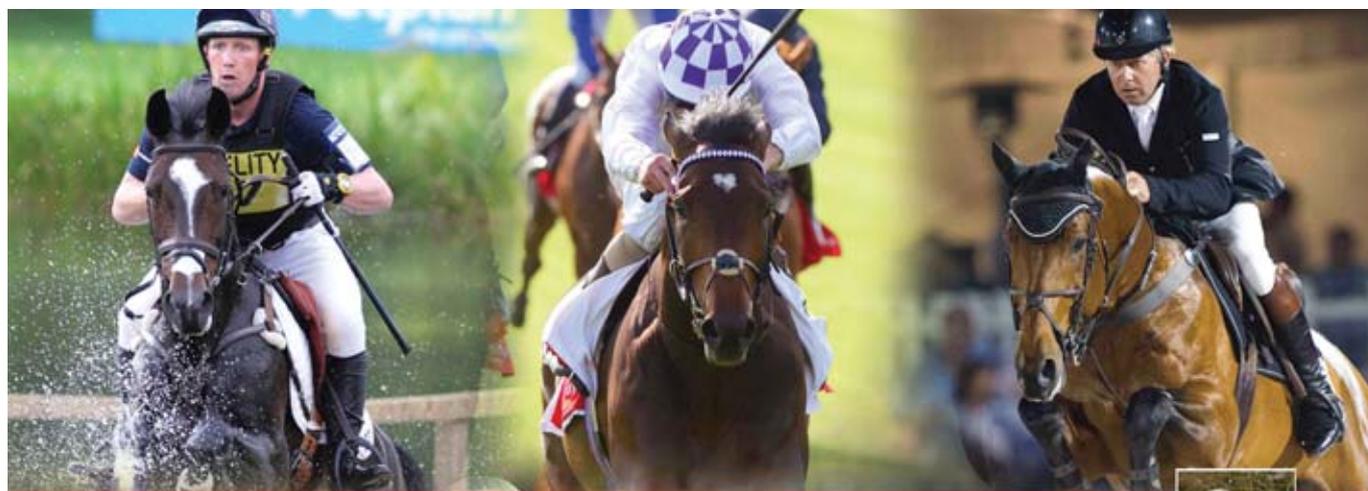
Mares going to stud 2015

- Choose a stallion to suit your mare
- Vaccinate and Swab your mare – HSI publish Voluntary Code of Practice for Mare and Stallion Owners
- Bring the mares passport with you – Required under Law for the movement of all horses
- Put a service contract in place – this

outlines the service you should expect to receive and what is expected of you. (Sample contracts are available from <http://www.horsesportireland.ie/breeding/breeding-contract/>)

- Agree payment terms – this should be included in the contract
- Insist on a receipt or mare owner copy of covering certificate

Please ensure you are happy with the terms of service before entering into a contract. The industry pays the price when a dispute arises.



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Bright new

Each year, the Army Equitation School recruits a select number of young Irish-bred horses for the team. Here, Michael Slavin takes a look at five of the latest additions to McKee Barracks, along with a star of the future

“**W**e have a nice group of young horses at the moment and we feel very positive about the future,” says Army Equitation School OC Lt. Col. Brian MacSweeney.

Throughout almost 90 years of its existence the Equitation School's fortunes have gone in cycles and these were mostly determined by the availability of elusive 'stars' such as Limerick Lace, Ballyneety, Loch and Easpaig, Inis Meain, Rockbarton and Kilbaha.

At the passing of these great performers an era ended and the search was on for one more exceptional horse that would bring glory to the School, and to Ireland.

At the 2014 Dublin Horse Show an era was indeed brought to a bittersweet close with the retirement of the great Grand Prix winning mare Mo Chroí after she had won the Speed Championship with Captain Michael Kelly.

It is hoped that these young horses, in time, will also add their names to that same Roll of Honour.

• SHOW JUMPERS

DUNGANSTOWN BOY (ISH)

This eight year-old grey stallion was bred in Granard by Harold McGahern and carries tremendous bloodlines as a son of the former multiple winning Army mare, Rincoola Abu. His sire is the Selle Francais Diamant De Semilly who is currently ranked third in the WBFSH Top 10 Show Jumping Sire Rankings.

Named after President John F. Kennedy's ancestral home of Dunganstown in Wexford, he represented Ireland at the World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken as both a five-year-old and six-year-old. He has now progressed up to 1.40m-1.45m level and is ready to go international.

GLENGARRA WOOD (ISH)

Purchased from Lissava Stud in 2014, Glengarra Wood is a five-year-old gelding by the Capitalist out of a mare by Cavalier Clover Lad. He was bred by Myles Somers in Wexford.

stars ready to fly Irish flag

Glengarra Wood qualified for the RDS as a four-year-old in 2014 but did not compete. Instead he was brought on slowly for the Cavan Indoor International where he placed second in both the four-year-old preliminary and the final for Lt David Power.

TEMPLETOUHY (ISH)

Marion Hughes bred this seven-year-old mare and she was first ridden by Greg Broderick before coming to the Equitation School in 2013.

She is by Hughes' jumping stallion Heritage Fortunus out of La Juanita, by Don Juan de la Bouverie.

Templetouhy qualified for the RDS as a five-year-old and placed fifth in the final. She has now progressed to 1.30m level.

• EVENT HORSES

BISHOPS QUARTER (BALLYDUNE JIM) (ISH)

A new recruit to the Army Equitation School, Ballydune Jim is an eight-year-old by OBOS Quality 004, who



River Derg

also sired the top international mare Lisona bred by former Army rider Comdt John Ledingham.

This gelding is jointly owned by Maurice Cassidy who also owned the international campaigner, The Jump Jet. Ballydune Jim is currently being aimed at one-star events and will hope-

fully go for a three-day in the autumn.

RIVER DERG (ISH)

This nine year-old bay gelding is by Ard VDL Douglas out of the Irish Sport Horse mare Lismore Promise, by Western Promise. He was bred in Omagh by Maeve McEvoy in Omagh and came to the School through Edgar Hogg.

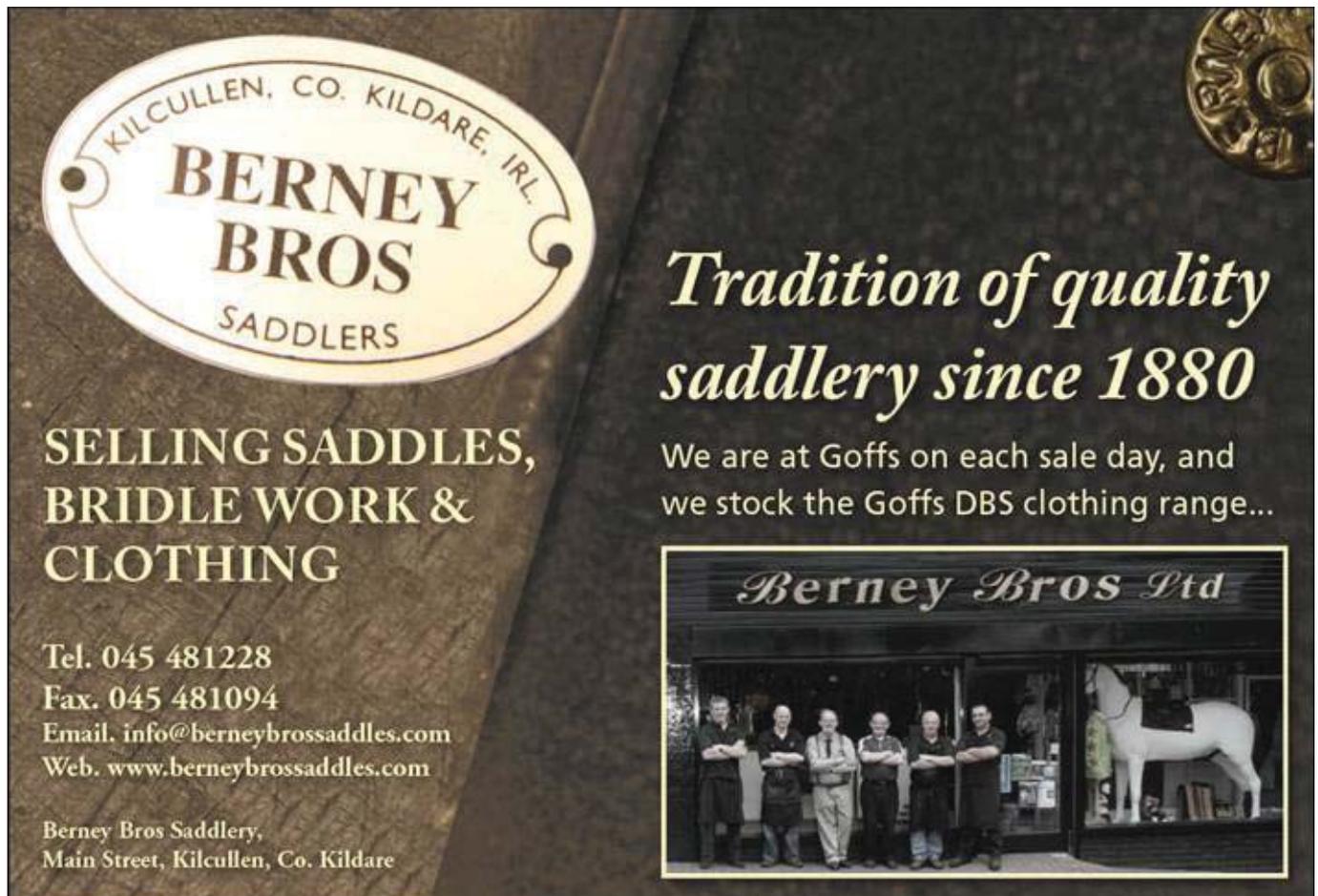
• STAR OF THE FUTURE

A star in the making is Ringwood Glen (ISH), an 11-year-old bay gelding by VDL Arkansas out of Penny Royale, by Kilglass Pennistone.

He was bred by Ray O'Reilly from Ballinagh in County Cavan and bought by the Army from Peter Leonard in Limerick.

As a five-year-old he jumped for Ireland in Lanaken and also qualified for the RDS. As a seven-year-old he won the HSI class at Louth County.

He is ridden by Captain Michael Kelly, with whom he jumped up to five-star Grand Prix level in 2014 and had a clear and a four on the Irish team at the Lisbon CSIO.



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Linear profiling

Linear profiling traits

Linear profiling involves a detailed assessment of the conformation, movement and loose jumping carried out by trained and experienced inspectors. This assessment passes on information to owners as to whether a certain characteristic of a horse is average or tends toward one extreme or the other compared to the average for the Irish Sport Horse breed.

Linear profiling of progeny provides an objective assessment of the progeny of stallions to breeders. For the

studbook, the data is important as it reflects the development of the breed.

The rate of genetic improvement in a breed depends on the accuracy with which superior stallions and mares are identified and the time taken for these superior horses to produce the next generation.

Studbook breed improvement programmes aim to provide breeders with a range of reliable predictors that are available early in a horse's lifetime and that address all of the characteristics defined in the breeding goal. This

requires the studbook to identify and record traits that are objective, repeatable, have a clear and unambiguous definition, can be accurately, cost-effectively and comparably assessed in show/inspection environments and are expressed in horses at a young age.

Linear profiling complements existing phenotypic measurements for sport horses. Performance in open competition is a direct measure of phenotypic ability in sport horses, however, this can only be measured late in a horse's lifetime.

Table of conformation traits

Trait	Biological Extremes	Relevance to breeding goal
Conformation	Body: shape	Rectangular – Square Horses with a rectangular body shape tend to be athletic and more elastic Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Body : direction	Uphill – Downhill Horses with a downhill body direction tend to be harder to collect Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Head-neck connection	Light – Heavy Horses with a lighter head-neck connection tend to be more accepting of the bit Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Length of neck	Long – Short Neck length affects the balancing ability of the horse Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Position of neck	Vertical – Horizontal Showjumpers tend to have a more horizontal neck position so that they can more easily collect themselves just before and during take off Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Muscling of neck	Heavy – Poor Correct muscling of the neck is important for horses to have more power and the ability to move and jump well Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Height of withers	High – Flat Height of the wither is important to allow for the attachment of the shoulder to the rest of the horse's body and for good saddle placement Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Position of shoulder	Sloping – Straight Horses with straight shoulders have shorter muscular attachments and less ability to contract and lengthen. This shortens the stride length and reduces elasticity, stamina and soundness Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Line of back	Roached – Weak A smooth well-muscled topline enables the horse to move with good use of the back Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Line of loins	Roached – Weak Strong muscling is needed to stretch the back and hindquarters when jumping Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Shape of croup	Sloping – Flat Horses with a flat croup tend to have a longer, more elastic stride Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Length of croup	Long – Short A long croup allows for more muscling in the hindquarters, with longer and more powerful paces Related trait in breeding goal: Athleticism
	Stance of forelegs	Over at knee – Back at knee Horses that are obviously over or back at knee tend to be more prone to unsoundness Related trait in breeding goal: Soundness
	Stance of hindlegs	Sickle – Straight Horses that are obviously sickle or straight hocked tend to be more prone to unsoundness Related trait in breeding goal: Soundness
	Stance of pastern	Weak – Upright Horses that are obviously sickle or straight hocked tend to be more prone to unsoundness Related trait in breeding goal: Soundness
	Shape of feet	Wide – Narrow Horses that have obviously wide or narrow feet tend to be more prone to unsoundness Related trait in breeding goal: Soundness
	Heels	High – Low Horses that have moderately high heels tend to be more sound Related trait in breeding goal: Soundness
	Quality of legs	Lean – Blurred Horses with lean legs tend to be more sound Related trait in breeding goal: Soundness
	Substance of legs	Heavy – Fine Horses with fine legs in proportion to their body, tend to be more prone to unsoundness Related trait in breeding goal: Soundness

Linear profiling is preferable to subjective assessment of young horses as it has proven in many studbooks to be more objective and detailed. Research by the KWPN and Wageningen University has shown that the linear profile traits are heritable and genetically predict performance in competition in later life (Ducro B, Koenen EPC, Van Tartwijk JFMF & Bovenhuis H, 2007, Genetic relations of movement and free-jumping traits with dressage and show-jumping performance in competition of Dutch Warmblood horses. Livest. Sci. 107, 227-234).

Recent Swedish research has confirmed the genetic correlations between conformation traits scored at studbook inspections and horse health and competitive performance and longevity (Associations of health status and conformation with longevity and lifetime competitive performance in young Swedish Warmblood riding horses. Johansson L, Egenvall A, Roepstroff L, Nasholm A, Dalin G, Philipsson J. J Am Vet Med Assoc. 2014 Jun 15; 244(12):1449-61).

The adoption of linear profiling by European warmblood studbooks has increased in recent years. In warmblood horses, its use was pioneered by the KWPN in 1989 and has since been adopted by many studbooks including Switzerland (CH sport horses - 1991), Belgium (BWP - 2003), Ireland (ISH - 2010), Germany (e.g. Holstein - 2010, Oldenburg - 2011/2012), Denmark (2012-2014) and Sweden (2012-2014).

Traits assessed

Thirty-seven traits are included in a horse's linear profile comprising nineteen conformation traits, nine movement traits and nine loose jumping traits.

All of the traits assessed are included in the linear profile as they correspond to the studbook's breeding goal: To produce a performance horse that is sound, athletic with good paces and suitable temperament and capable of winning at the highest international level in FEI disciplines.

Figure 1: A sample linear profiling sheet

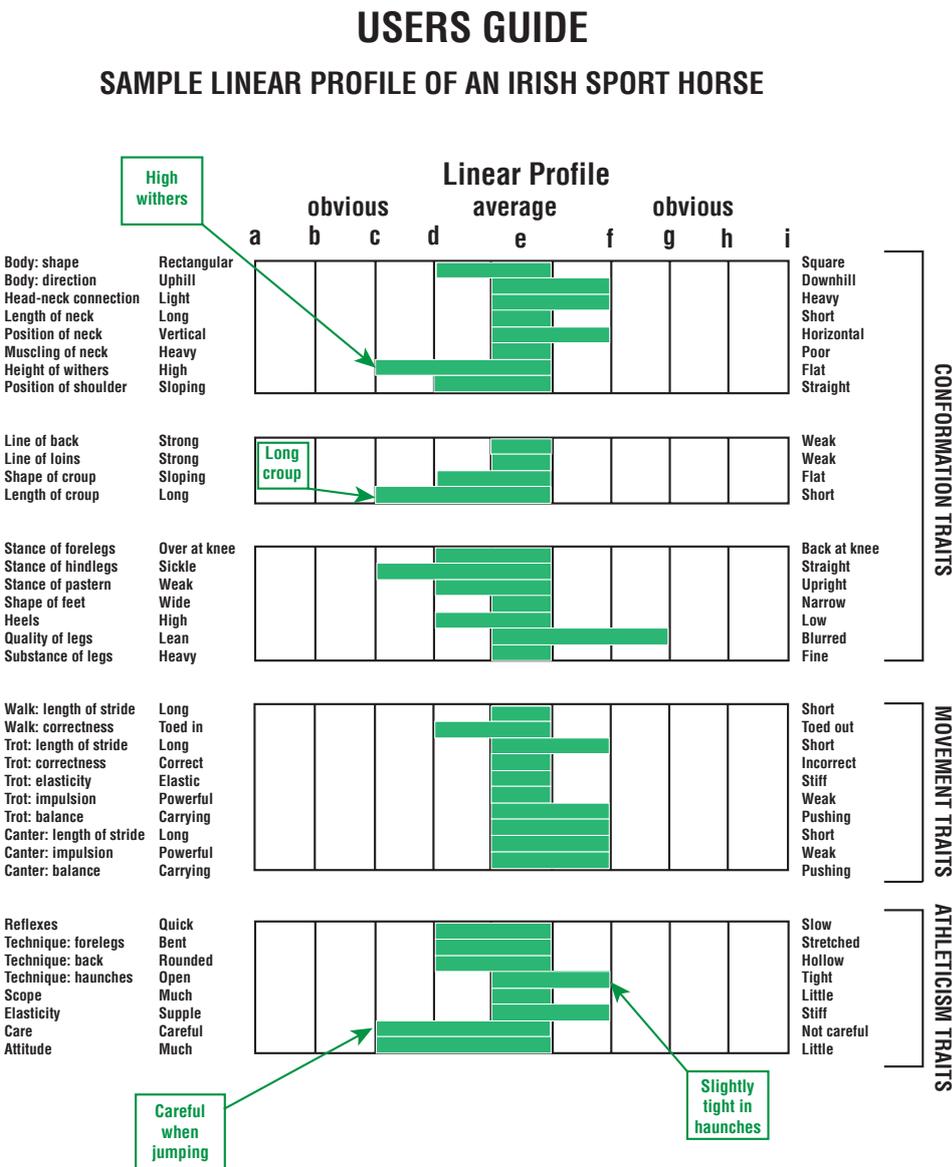


Table of movement traits

Trait	Biological Extremes	Relevance to breeding goal
Walk: Length of stride	Long – Short	Assessment of athleticism and future performance potential
Walk: correctness	Toed in – Toed out	
Trot: Length of stride	Long – Short	
Trot: Elasticity	Elastic – Stiff	
Trot: Impulsion	Powerful – Weak	
Trot: Balance	Carrying – Pushing	
Canter: Length of stride	Long – Short	
Canter: Impulsion	Powerful – Weak	
Canter: Balance	Carrying – Pushing	

Table of athleticism traits

Trait	Biological Extremes	Relevance to breeding goal
Take off: direction	Upwards – Forwards	Assessment of athleticism and future performance potential
Take off: quickness	Quick – Slow	
Technique: forelegs	Bent – Stretched	
Technique: back	Rounded – Hollow	
Technique: haunches	Open – Tight	
Scope	Much – Little	
Elasticity	Supple – Stiff	
Care	Careful – Not careful	
Attitude	Much - Little	

Breeders review

Future champions make their mark

Susan Finnerty looks back on the 2014 showing season

Irish show rings are often a shop window for future winners and Fenya's Elegance is one shining example. Ten years after she won the All-Ireland filly foal final for her owner-breeder PJ Hegarty, the Ricardo Z mare and Aoife Clark represented Ireland at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

That Moate-hosted final is now part of Horse Sport Ireland's National Showing Championship Series which supports several of the Irish Shows Association's finals.

This series began at Bannow & Rathangan in July and ended with the show season finale at Ballinasloe.

The lucrative three-year-old final at Bannow & Rathangan is always one of the most hotly-contested championships, with former winners including the four-star international eventer The Deputy. Heading the 2014 line-up was Gerard Mullins' Electric Flash (Cougar – Figaro's Girl, by Painters Row. Breeder: Cyril Conway), with Dessie Gibson's performance-bred Glountane Premier (Hold Up Premier – Arko Daes, by Arko III. Breeder: Timothy Brosnan) in reserve.

Wexford owner Margaret Jeffares won the two-year-old filly final, hosted at Kildysart during the August bank holiday weekend, with her home-bred Ballykelly Empress (Emperor Augustus – Debbie's Clover, by Farney Clover) ahead of Dublin winner Rebecca Monahan's Notalot (Lancelot – Clooneen Cavalier Contessa, by Cavalier Royale. Breeder: James Wallace).

Both Jeffares' winner and Kieran O'Gorman's All Ireland yearling filly champion Brookfield Royale (Lux Z – Kildysart Royale, by Cavalier Royale) are out of former Dublin Breeders' Championship winning dams.

Standing reserve at Scarriff to O'Gorman's filly was Valerie McAllister's Knockrath Dolly (Porsch – DA Soffer, by Carrolls Flight. Breeder: Norman Allen).

Tom Newell's excellent record in the Moate final continued when his Bahrain Cruise filly foal (out of Kilcahill Naomi, by Clover Brigade) won another



Breeder Cyril Conway with Electric Flash, All-Ireland three-year-old champion at Bannow and Rathangan.

title here. Another Dublin winner in Stephen Culliney's OBOS Quality 004 filly out of the Ghareeb mare, Kilkeany Mystic, took the reserve tricolour.

The Moate win was the first part of a Newell All-Ireland double when the Claregalway family's Financial Reward filly out of the Colin Diamond dam, Kilcahill Diamond, won the All

Ireland traditional filly foal crown.

P.J. Lehane's long trek from Clonakilty to Mountbellew paid off when his Munther filly out of another prolific showing producer in P.J.'s Hope (Big Sink Hope) was reserve.

In the colt foal division, Ballinrobe breeder Noel Sheridan's colt by the thoroughbred Elusive Emir, (out of the



The McNulty family's All-Ireland Irish Draught filly foal champion at Ballinasloe with ISA president Jim Harrison and HSI Breeding Sub Board member Pat McCarthy.

Castana dam Dawn Beauty) first stood top of the All Ireland line-up, ahead of Margaret Jeffares' finalist by Gortfree Hero out of the Salluceva mare, Corrib Eva. Sheridan's winner then stood overall traditional foal champion, with Newell's filly as reserve.

Ballinasloe

A similar head-to-head championship was a feature of a packed Ballinasloe. Amongst the All Ireland championships ran on the final show of the 2014 calendar were the Irish Draught foal finals, which always attract an audience of breed enthusiasts.

Eddie Murphy's colt by his own Inisfree The Holy Grail out of the Annaghdown Star mare Inisfree Grey Knave won the opening round. Standing reserve was another stallion owner in Tom Burke with his Barracaberry Orbit – Coolagh Mist contender.

Taking the red ribbon in the following filly foal final was Donegal breeder Jim McNulty with his champion by dual Dublin winner Cappa Cassanova and out of the Fast Silver mare, Edenagor Wendy.

Inisfree The Holy Grail supplied another prize winner here when Kathleen Cunney's finalist out of the Clonleigh Dancer dam, Tiffany's Dream, was reserve, before McNulty's filly went on to win the overall Irish Draught foal championship.

The 2013 All Ireland champion foal, Aidan Kelly's Ballykilkross Gypsy Queen, by Fintan Himself, added another title when she won the yearling final at Roscommon. Pdraig Bohan's Gortfadda Ruby Kingdom took the reserve tricolour.

Moving on to the two-year-old filly



Andrew Gardiner with Sean Barker's Gortfree Hero, the All-Ireland Irish Draught stallion champion at Clonaslee.

final, hosted at Limerick, saw a win for another Mayo owner, Martin Murphy. His finalist Fuerty Princess (Welcome Emperor – Bengour Mist, by Ben Calverstown. Breeder: Michael Bailey), won out here with namesake Eddie Murphy in reserve with one of the last of Holycross' progeny, a half-sister to the approved stallion Young Carrabawn. Both are out of the Ginger Dick mare, Ginger Grace.

The Leitrim Breeders combination final resulted in another win for Seamus Sloyan's Dublin champion mare Elm View (Elm Hill – Morning Glow, by Sir Rivie. Breeder: Raymond Sloyan) and

her Fast Silver colt. Jim Steele's Manor Over Draught (Rockrimmon Silver Diamond – Bell Lady, by Star Kingdom. Breeder: Sean Colhoun & Madeline Tunney) with her Coolcronan Wood foal took reserve at this Mohill event.

Last but not least, an intriguing clash at Clonaslee resulted in Sean Barker's gold merit stallion Gortfree Hero (Castana – Princess Royale, by Uibh Fhaili '81. Breeder: Francis Lafferty) completing a rare Dublin-All Ireland double.

Reserve here went to Paddy Joe Foy's Clew Bay Bouncer (Grange Bouncer – Durrus Pride, by Western Pride. Breeder: Michael Moynihan).

Irish Draught Task Force report

David Maher / SPORTSFILE



Neil Henry, chair of the Irish Draught Horse Taskforce, presents a copy of the recommendations to Deputy Martin Hayden TD, chair of the Fine Gael agriculture committee. Also in the photo are Prof Pat Wall, Horse Sport Ireland chair, and task force members Pat Mc Carthy and Dr Jack Murphy.

Changes to Irish Draught Horse breeding policy announced

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) has published the report outlining the recommendations of the Irish Draught Horse Studbook Breeding Policy Review Taskforce. The Breeding Sub-Board and the Main Board of HSI have both agreed the recommendations and the changes will be implemented in 2015.

The review of the Irish Draught Horse Breeding Policy was conducted by a taskforce convened by the Breeding Sub-Board of HSI. The taskforce was chaired by Breeding Sub-Board member Neil Henry and included nominees from the Irish Draught Horse Breeders' Association, the Irish

Draught Horse Society of Great Britain, the Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada, as well as representatives from the panel of Irish Draught Horse inspectors.

Over 30 submissions were received from individual breeders and interested organisations from Ireland, Great Britain, Canada and the United States.

The Taskforce has made 70 recommendations that cover eleven aspects of the breeding policy and addressed the two main challenges facing the Irish Draught Horse Studbook. The first challenge is to preserve/conservate the breed by maintaining numbers and genetic diversity in the face of dimin-

ishing economic returns. The second challenge is to maintain the traditional characteristics of the breed.

Each of the recommendations have been made based on careful consideration of the views of Irish Draught horse breeders as outlined in the submissions, studbook statistics and the expertise and experience of Taskforce members. The rationale underpinning each recommendation and suggestion not adopted is also provided in the report.

Following an in-depth review, the Taskforce has recommended that improved classification and inspection systems for Irish Draught horses

remain core elements of the Irish Draught breeding policy.

The Taskforce recommended a new wording for the breeding objective and breed summary in order to better clarify their intent, to better focus attention on the critical components of the breed standard and to highlight the intended uses of the breed.

The proposed new wording of the breeding objective and breed summary is: "The breeding objective of the Irish Draught studbook is to breed sound Irish Draught horses with correct conformation, type, movement and action, calm and willing temperaments and sufficient athleticism that conform to the Irish Draught breed standard. These animals will serve one or more of three functions:

- Participate in preservation and on-going breed improvement programmes
- Perform as pleasure, leisure or performance horses
- Contribute to cross-breeding programmes with other breeds.

The Taskforce recommended the retention of the current classification system with a number of modifications including renaming 'Class 4' to 'Uninspected'.

The Taskforce recommend the retention of inspections at the core of the

The members of the taskforce were:

- **HSI breeding sub board:** Neil Henry (chair), Pat McCarthy and Dr Jack Murphy.
- **IDHBA:** Kitty Cotter and Damian Kenny.
- **IDHS (GB):** Gaynor Mitchell/Sue Benson.
- **IDHSC:** Cheryl Anderson/Jennifer Brownlow.
- **Inspectors:** Michael Kirwan and Dr Charlotte Moore.

breeding policy and that more owners should be encouraged to present their horses for inspection and linear profiling.

A number of changes have been recommended including forming inspection panels solely made up of Irish Draught Horse Inspection panel members and abolishing Pedigree Bonus Points.

The vital role breeder information and education play in ensuring the breed's survival is acknowledged by the Taskforce. The Taskforce recommended further promotion and development in the marketing of Irish

Draught horses in Ireland and worldwide.

Taskforce Chairman, Neil Henry, said: "Thanks to steps taken in 2010, the taskforce was able to take a facts-based approach in reviewing the Breeding Policy for the breed. All concerns raised in submissions were given careful consideration, and where appropriate, were addressed."

HSI Chair, Pat Wall, added: "Firstly the Irish Draught is one of our indigenous breeds, a special animal for a special client. One of its key attributes is its temperament. There is a market for docile, rideable well-produced Irish Draught horses. The big challenge to be addressed is connecting breeders and producers with the market.

"I compliment the Taskforce on their work and their deliberations will help the breed going forward. It is important that all Irish Draught breeders and producers work together with the shared objective of preserving the breed and getting an adequate financial return for their endeavours. Hopefully the new marketing function in Horse Sport Ireland will make a contribution here."

Further information and copies of the report are available from Horse Sport Ireland.



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Stallion selections

Stallion Selections Results 2015

Irish Sport Horse studbook
Approved

■ HANNIBAL V OVERIS Z (ZANG) 2* SJ OP

2005 by Heartbreaker (KWPN) ex Aira (BWP) by Perhaps VD Molenvondel (BWP).

Breeder: G. Lenaerts.

Owner: Martin Walsh, Shannondale Stud, Rehy, Carrigaholt, Kilrush, Co Clare.

Upgraded to approved in the ISH studbook having met the performance show jumping own performance criteria.



■ HANS (KWPN) Approved

Approved as a pony in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and in the Irish Sport Pony Studbook.

2012 by Kojak (KWPN) ex Oprah (KWPN) by Holland (KWPN).

Breeder: Stal Eursung.

Owner: Liam Lynskey, Derryronane, Swinford, Co Mayo.

Inspection scores: conformation – 85/100, movement – 77.5/100, athleticism – 75/100.



■ ISLAND COMMANDER [USA] (TB) Approved

2008 by Giant's Causeway [USA] (TB) ex Island Escape [USA] (TB) by Petionville [USA] (TB).

Breeder: Everest Stables Inc.

Owner: J.S. Bolger, c/o Clohamon Stud, Bunclody, Co Wexford.

Inspection scores: conformation – 70/100, movement – 65/100, athleticism: – 75/100.



■ KOJAK (KWPN) 4* SJ PP

1992 by Pit I (WESTF) ex Roos (WESTF) by Rex Fritz (WESTF).

Breeder: R. Billie.

Owner: Liam Lynskey, Derryronane, Swinford, Co Mayo.

Upgraded to approved in the ISH studbook having met the performance show jumping progeny performance criteria.



■ SNIPE (ISH) 2* SJ OP

2003 by The Wren Boy (ISH) ex Leskinfere Lady (ISH) by Cavalier Royale (HOLST).

Breeder: John Walsh.

Owner: Andrew Dunne, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew, Co Wicklow.

Upgraded to approved in the ISH Studbook having met the performance show jumping own performance criteria.



■ **CAPPA ARISTOCRAT (IDC1)**

2011 by Star Kingdom (ID C1) ex Bellview Golden Girl (RID) by Carrabawn View (ID C1).

Breeder: Pascal Claffey.

Owner: James Quinn, Cappa Stud, Annaghdown, Co Galway.

Inspection scores: conformation – 75/100, type – 70/100, movement – 75/100, athleticism – 65/100.



■ **DS BALLAGH BOUNCER (IDC1)**

2012 by Moylough Bouncer (ID C1) ex Mount Diamond Princess (RID) by Mount Diamond Flag (ID C1).

Breeder: Brendan Duffy.

Owner: Liam Lynskey, Derrynane, Swinford, Co Mayo.

Inspection scores: conformation – 70/100, type – 65/100, movement – 72.5/100, athleticism – 68.75/100.



■ **GORTFREE LAKESIDE LAD (IDC1)**

2012 by Gortfree Hero (ID C1) ex Springvale Rose (RID) by Ginger Dick (ID C1).

Breeder: Sean Barker.

Owner: Sean Barker, Treanlaur, Tourmakeady, Co Mayo.

Inspection scores: conformation – 75/100, type – 65/100, movement – 75/100, athleticism – 67.5/100.



For full details, including linear profiles, inspector comments and videos of these stallions, visit the HSI website www.horsesportireland.ie and click on the breeding tab, choose stallions, then HSI Stallion Inspection Results 2015.

STALLION INSPECTIONS LEGEND BOX

SJ: Show jumping; OP: Own performance; PP: Progeny performance; ID: Irish Draught; C1: Class 1.

Irish Sport Horse studbook	Criteria
ISH approved	Stallions that have met the requirements for approval in the Irish Sport Horse studbook.
Not approved 1 (NA1)	Stallions that have not met the criteria for approval, or preliminary approval, but have met the veterinary criteria. (This includes the stallions that have passed stage 1 of the selection process).

ISH upgrade criteria for approval in ISH studbook

SJ OP	Four double clear rounds at National 1.40m level or higher.
SJ PP	Two progeny each with two double rounds at 1.40m level or higher.

Irish Sport Horse studbook star ratings

2* SJ OP	Two double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 2* level in FEI competitions or two double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.40m at CSI/CSIO level, or two top four placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level, or two double clear rounds at National 1.50m level or higher.
4* SJ PP	Two progeny each with two double clear rounds at CSI/CSIO 3* level in FEI competitions or two double clear rounds in FEI competitions at a fence height of at least 1.45m at CSI/CSIO level or two top four placings in FEI speed classes at a fence height of at least 1.50m at CSI/CSIO level or higher.

Irish Draught Horse studbook	Criteria
Class 1 (ID C1)	Class 1 in the Irish Draught Horse studbook, has met all the selection and veterinary requirements.

For further details on stallion classifications, star ratings and merits please see the stallion book/breeders' annual

Stallions that met Stage 1 criteria

STALLION NAME	YOB	Sire	Dam Sire	Owner	Classification
ADIEU Z (ZANG)	2011	ANDIAMO Z (NRPS)	QUIDAM DE REVEL (SF)	ERIKA LEONARD & ELEANOR O'DEA	NA1
CARISMA (SF)	2012	NABAB DE REVE (BWP)	FOR PLEASURE (HANN)	TEAM Z7 c/o MARION HUGHES	NA1
CELTIC HERO BZ (ZANG)	2012	CALIKOT HERO (SBS)	CARETANO Z (HOLST)	ANDREA ETTER	NA1
KILTEALY GHAREEB (ISH) (TIH)	2011	GHAREEB (GB) (TB)	KILDALTON KING (ID C1)	JJ BOWE	NA1
KINGSHIP COURCEL (ISH)	2011	DOW JONES COURCEL (SF)	PORSCH (BWP)	FRANCES HORGAN	NA1
MR NELSON B (ISH)	2012	RADOLIN (KWPN)	LOMBARD (HOLST)	ANDREA ETTER	NA1
Z7 ASCOT (ISH)	2011	NONSTOP (BWP)	VOLTAIRE (HANN)	TEAM Z7 c/o MARION HUGHES	NA1

Breeder feature

Top of the pops

By Joanne Fox

At the World Championships in Lanaken last autumn, a plucky Irish Sport Horse mare, Ard Ginger Pop, proved her worth on the international stage and lived up to her name as champagne corks popped from Meath to mainland Europe.

Ard Ginger Pop proved herself a feisty animal from the start,” explained her breeder Heather Dean-Wright of Ard Cherrymount Stud in County Meath.

Heather is a familiar face in the sport horse world and her family have steadfast ties with both Connemara pony and sport horse breeding for many years.

2014 was a truly remarkable year for Heather and her home-bred Ard Ginger Pop, who, with Swedish rider Angelica Augustsson, finished a creditable second in the five-year-old final at the prestigious FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships in Lanaken.

“Ard Ginger Pop was born in the field without any assistance which is unusual for us,” Heather commented. “I remember her vibrant chestnut colour most of all. She was a plucky, lively little thing and I knew I had to find her a suitably bubbly name. I always name my foals before I sell them.”

Great success

Ard Ginger Pop was sired by Heather’s resident stallion Luidam. As a young horse, he changed hands for over €1 million and went on to achieve great success for Ireland under Billy Twomey.

“I always felt Luidam, much like our other resident stallion Douglas, needed blood from the mare and agility. I was always a fan of Cruising mares as they tended to be sparky just like their sire.”

Ard Ginger Pop’s dam, Derrylea Grey Lady, bred two foals while based at Ard Cherrymount, and it was a credit to her breeder when Ard Greyman Attyrory also flew the flag at the World Breeding Championships for Young Event Horses in Le Lion D’Angers.

Sadly though, the break-up of Heather’s marriage and the resulting dispersal sale saw both Derrylea Greylady and Ard Ginger Pop sold to

well-known breeder Peter Rice from County Monaghan. Ard Ginger Pop changed hands again as an unbroken three-year-old when purchased at Goresbridge by Johnathan Fitzpatrick, sister of twice medal-winning pony show jumper Susan Fitzpatrick.

“The Fitzpatricks told me they had loose jumped her at home and to their amazement she jumped straight out over a gate measuring 1.7 metre. They had initially bought her to produce her and sell her on and I advised them to keep her as I still had a feeling about her,” remembers Heather.

The mare was then sent to Ger O’Neill, who first produced her to win the Irish Sport Horse Studbook League for five-year-olds, including the final, before landing the Millstreet Ruby five-year-old final. From there she won the Dublin Horse Show qualifier before finishing a good second at the RDS.

She was then entered in the Irish Breeders’ Classic Sale at Barnadown, where she smashed all records at public auction when purchased by Europe-based Irish riders Enda Carroll and Carl Hanley for €95,000. Soon afterwards Carroll bought out Hanley’s share.

Mixed emotions

Although the sale was exceptional, there were also mixed emotions as the mare was now heading to Lanaken with different owners. “Sharon (Fitzpatrick) rang me to say she had been sold and that our trip to Lanaken was off,” Heather recalled. “But I convinced her to go anyway and that was a good decision in the end. Angelica Augustsson took the ride at Lanaken and the rest as they say is history.”

The gutsy mare went to secure second place in the highly-competitive five-year-old final when just pipped by the final combination – Maikel van Mierlo on Earley – on that Sunday morning in September.

Heather is anxious to stress the great work Zangersheide do in promoting and rewarding sport horse breeders. “As the breeder of Ard Ginger Pop I was brought up to the podium to receive a cheque of €3,000. I was very proud that day to have bred an Irish sport horse that had beaten over 250 of the best five-year-olds in the world.”

Having been given a well deserved rest after Lanaken, Ard Ginger Pop will be ridden by Carroll this summer with a view to returning to claim the six-year-title at Lanaken in the autumn.



Breeding advice

“I have always tried to upgrade my mares as often as I can afford to. Breeders require a better-bred mare if the plan is to sell the foal.

“My mare selection process is very strict and based on own performance or pedigree.

“The mare must have jumped 1.30 metres or more or be a full or half sister to an international show jumper.”

Breeder Heather Dean-Wright (left) with Ard Ginger Pop's former owner Sharon Fitzpatrick and rider Angelica Augustsson after the mare placed second in the five-year-old final at the prestigious FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships in Lanaken



■ **Ard Cherrymount Stud – A breeding business**

“Our breeding operation has always been very focused on the performance of the animals and, as it is a business, the horses have to pay for themselves,” explains Heather. “I always felt that to make money from sport horse breeding, our business required we keep stallions.

“One of the consequences of standing stallions is that your own breeding decisions are influenced. Normally breeders pick a stallion to match their broodmare,

in our case we began to look out for mares that suited our stallions. I’m not just talking about matching pedigree, I am also very particular about matching dam and sire in terms of conformation.

“We had lots of broodmares that suited Douglas, who was a very important stallion for us, and as it turned out many of these actually suited Luidam too.”

RIGHT: Ger O’Neill produced Ard Ginger Pop to win a host of competitions in Ireland, most notably the Irish Sport Horse Studbook League Final



Mare Inspection Results 2014

IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE STUDBOOK

Table 1 Irish Draught Mares that achieved CLASS 1 BRONZE MERIT status at the 2014 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections					BRONZE MERIT for ATHLETICISM and CONFORMATION & MOVEMENT	
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner	
Fuerty Princess	2012	Welcome Emperor	Ben Calverstown	Michael Bailey	Martin Murphy	
Montiques Carrickrock	2011	Carrickrock Close Shave	Corran King	Damien Cregg	Damien Cregg	
Seabanks Sallys Pride	2009	Crosstown Pride	Uibh Fhaili '81	Andrew Waldron	June Holmes Kelly	

Table 2 Irish Draught Mares that achieved CLASS 1 BRONZE MERIT status at the 2014 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections					BRONZE MERIT for ATHLETICISM	
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner	
Ballyglass Blue Dolly	2009	Windgap Blue	Ginger Holly	Mary Cogan	Mary Cogan	
Braeview Codega	2007	Flagmount Clover Diamond	Mountain Pearl	Padraig McKernan	Heather Knox	
Calypso Rose	2010	Holycross	Coolcronan Wood	Tom Kearney	Maev & Catherine Holohan	
Carrickrock Lady	2011	Carrickrock Close Shave	Merry Mate	Cyril McDermott	Cyril McDermott	
Castlegar Belle	2010	Windgap Blue	Elm Hill	Tom Burke	Tom Burke	
Castlegar Flight	2010	Heigh Ho Silver	Glidawn Diamond	Tom Burke	Tom Burke	
Gweebarra Genesis	2011	Crosstown Dancer	Huntingfield Rebel	Charmaine Kee	Charmaine Kee	
Lismoye Petes Venture	2009	Gortfree Hero	Flagmount King	Messrs Delaney, Mcloughlin	David Dodd	
Maperath Sapphire	2010	Mountain Diamond	Crosstown Dancer	Eoin & Olivia Sharkey	Eoin & Olivia Sharkey	
Mountbriscoe Rebel	2011	Huntingfield Rebel	Uibh Fhaili '81	Margaret Edgill	Michael Joe Barrett	
Star Sepranza	2011	Fintan Himself	Star Kingdom	Pascal Claffey	Padraig Arthur	
					BRONZE MERIT for SHOWING OP	
Lilly B	2009	Gurraun Zidane	Sir Rivie	John Burke	Sadie Murphy	

Table 3 Irish Draught Mares that achieved CLASS 1 status at the 2014 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections					CLASS 1	
Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner	
Aidans Lucky Star	2011	Star Kingdom	Mount Diamond Flag	Peter Keelagher	Peter Keelagher	
Ballyboodin Hero	2009	Crannagh Hero	Mountain View	Kevin Brennan	Kevin Brennan	
Ballycasey	2012	Mountain Diamond	Coolcronan Wood	Michael Fleming	Michael Mc Hugh	
Ballyglass Mayflower	2010	Creggan Emperor	Carrabawn View	Brian Cogan	Amanda Tarpey	
Ballylickey Princess	2010	Heigh Ho Dubh	Golden Warrior	William Lynch	William Lynch	
Beechmore Silver Lilly	2012	Fast Silver	Supreme Ginger	Sean Noone	Sean Noone	
Birchwood Lady	2012	Holycross	Crannagh Hero	Eddie Murphy	Patrick Finan	
Bramblebrough Christmas	2010	Huntingfield Rebel	Kildalton King	John Brady	Joan Douglas	
Castlelodge Drumri Rose	2011	Drumri	Castana	Robert Graham Currie	Patrick Kelly	
Ceide Sea Pigeon	2011	Clew Bay Bouncer	The Pride of Gloster	John Walsh	John Walsh	
Clifden Minty	2008	Star Kingdom	Crannagh Hero	John Shannon	John Shannon	
Clogheen Lisa	2010	Cork Arthur	Timahoe Heather	Daniel Molloy	Annette Brennan	
Coffeys Cliff Ross Queen	2010	Huntingfield Heathcliff	Glidawn Diamond	Margaret Buckley	Philip Coffey	
Coffeys Daisy Bui	2008	Penmerryls Rhythm & Blues	Holycross	Patrick J O'Sullivan	Philip Coffey	
Conna Lilly	2010	Fast Silver	Huntingfield Heathcliff	Patrick & Catriona Quinn	Tommy Hurley	
Cooloo Clover (C2 already)	2011	Mountain Diamond	Golden Trump	Patrick Finnegan Snr	Patrick Finnegan	
Corrcullen Blue	2010	Windgap Blue	Crosstown Dancer	Patricia Hennessy	Seamus Lucey	
Crannagh Hill Girl	2011	Crannagh Hero	Sillot Hill	Hazel A Bye	Hazel Bye	
Cregganna Golden Eye	2010	Gurraun Golden Eye	Grosvenor Lad	Martin Davoren	Tim Connor	
Drumeineigh Lass	2012	Carrickrock Close Shave	Mountain Diamond	Tom Burke	Kevin McGovern	
Drumhubrid Lady	2012	Tors Gentleman Farmer	Merry Mate	Eddie Murphy	Kevin McGovern	
Dublin Ruler	2010	Huntingfield Ruler	Mount Diamond Flag	Jim Heery	James Heery	
Dungar Quick Silver	2011	Fast silver	Cream of Diamonds	John Corbett	William O'Reilly	
Elms Choice	2011	Elm Hill	Sir Rivie	Raymond Sloyan	Raymond Sloyan	
Flighty Kathy	2010	Huntingfield Heathcliff	Coolehane Flight	John Shorten	Annette Brennan	
Glasson Fintan Evie	2011	Fintan Himself	Romas Diamond Skip	Christopher Powell (Snr)	Joseph Rohan	
Glenville Mizen	2011	Luke Skywalker	Coolcronan Wood	Leslie Landen	Leslie Landen	
Golden Dawn	2009	Gurraun Golden Eye	silver Glider	Gordon Cowan	Declan Devine	
Gortfadda Diamond Cross	2011	Welcome Diamond	Holycross	Sean Scannell	Padraig Bohan	
Holycross Grace	2012	Holycross	Ginger Dick	Eddie Murphy	Eddie Murphy	
Ivy A Do	2010	Star Kingdom	Uibh Fhaili '81	Kay Blackwell	Kay Blackwell	
Jaynes Grey Lady	2010	Huntingfield Rebel	Diamond Clover	Jayne & Mary Kenny	Kay Blackwell	
Juno Star	2010	Star Kingdom	All the Diamonds	Mick O'Neill	Adrian Burke	
Keel Molly	2010	Coolcronan Wood	Glidawn Diamond	John Evans	John Evans	

Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
Kentucky Broker	2008	Bridgeford Stockbroker	Elm Hill	Mary Kenny	Vanessa Lennon
Kilcommon Star	2008	Grange Bouncer	Coille Mor Hill	John Donald	Sally Begg
Kilconnell Welcome	2006	Welcome Diamond	Ballinrobe Boy	Noreen Kelly	Padraic Tully
Kilcoolen Pride	2009	Grange Bouncer	Silver Granite	Eugene Doran	Denis Noone
Killowen Lady	2009	Sir Stormy Breeze	Ballinrobe Boy	William Bennett	William Bennett
Lady Dubhessa	2011	Cappa Cochise	Crannagh Hero	Adrian Burke	Adrian Burke
Lady Grey of Taramore	2008	Huntingfield Rebel	Glidawn Diamond	FS Crawford	John Platts
Lissyegan Chancer	2011	Cloonacuneen Fourth Champ	Annaghdown Star	Thomas Griffin (Snr)	Owen Griffin
Loughmelvin Trionaid	2010	Holycross	Welcome Flagmount	Fiona Watkins	Fiona Watkins
Mademoiselle Carrabawn	2011	Young Carrabawn	Star Kingdom	Caroline Gillespie	John Walsh
Maperath Ruby	2011	Mountain Diamond	Crosstown Dancer	Eoin & Olivia Sharkey	Eoin & Olivia Sharkey
Millies Blue Diamond	2011	Gentle Diamond	On a High	Lorcan O' Connor	Lorcan O' Connor
Monaghans Star	2011	Aghlow	Kildalton Son	Vincent Burns	Vincent Burns
Orlcon Star	2008	Star Kingdom	Grosvenor Lad	James Gerard Sweeney	George Burrowes
Rear Two	2009	Star Kingdom	Flagmount King	Michael Conroy	Simon Purcell
Rineen Crannagh Dancer	2009	Crosstown Dancer	Crannagh Hero	Michael Tierney	Lindy Nixon Gray
Robe Cailin Aluinn	2010	Carrickrock Close Shave	Castana	Declan Murphy	Gabriel Murphy
Rosses Gentle Lady	2011	Gentle Diamond	Holycross	George & Viven Draper	Robert Reid
Roughra Nora	2010	Rockrimmon Silver Diamond	Crosstown Dancer	Caroline Gillespie	Caroline Gillespie
Roussillion Silver Rebel	2009	Huntingfield Rebel	Fast Silver	Patrick Walsh	Nikki Burnham
Ruby Cross	2011	Killcotton Cross	Crannagh Hero	Padraic Tully	Derek O'Halleran
Samjen Maureen	2011	Mountain Diamond	Holycross	Maura Walsh	Michael Kirwan
She Got Rhythm	2011	Penmerryls Rhythm & Blues	Golden Warrior	Patrick O'Riordan	Patrick O'Riordan
Silver Bard	2010	Tiger Hill	The Bard	Jennifer Haverty	Geraldine Farrell
Silver Stars	2010	Grey Loughton	Crannagh Hero	Anne Boohan	Mary O' Halloran
Silversand	2010	Rebel Mountain	Clonakilty Hero	William Walsh	Robert McCabe
Strictly Come Bouncing	2011	Moylough Bouncer	Glenagyle Rebel	Sean Ruane	Sean Ruane
TJS Innishfree	2011	Tobias Corbett	Roma Diamond Skip	T.J. Shiels	Noel Sheridan
Trenamaddree Rose	2009	Holycross	Coolcraon Wood	Tom Kearney	Kieran Noonan
Tullybraden Lady	2009	Rockrimmon Silver Diamond	Castana	Donal B Geoghegan	Thomas P Casey
Umgola Lady Isla	2009	Creevagh Grey Rebel	Jack of Diamonds	Frances Leeman	Craig Rountree
Unnamed	2011	Crystal Crest	Blue Champion	John Robinson	John Robinson
Windgap Cailin	2011	Windgap Blue	Star Kingdom	Chris Mannion	Chris Mannion
Woodtown Lady	2011	Drumri	Uibh Fhaili '81	Jim Heery	Julianne Corrigan

Table 4 Irish Draught Gelding that achieved CLASS 1 BRONZE MERIT status at the 2014 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Inspections

BRONZE MERIT for ATHLETICISM

Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
Drumbore Mr Freeze	2008	Star Kingdom	Euphemism	Peter Keelagher	Siobhan Cashin

Table 5 Irish Sport Horse Mares that achieved GRADE UP REGISTER status at the 2014 Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

GRADE UP

Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
The Diamond Lady	2007	Star Kingdom	It's the Quiet Man	Jim & Mary Kilcullen	Declan Devine
Liath Cross	2011	Holycross	Coolcraon Wood	Michael & Anne O'Regan	Michael & Anne O'Regan

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Table 6 Mares that achieved SELECT 3* status at the 2014 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

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Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
Michem Touch (ISH)	2003	Touchdown (ISH)	Broken Hearted (TB)	Pascal Carbin	Mark Folan

Table 7 Mares that achieved SELECT 2* status at the 2014 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections

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Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
Portlaoise Silver Diamond (ISH)	2007	Watervaley Cool Diamond (ISH)	Silverado (TB)	John Callanan	David Molloy
Shanbo What a Brigade (ISH)	2010	Clover Brigade (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Shanbo Stud	Shanbo Stud

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Table 8 Mares that achieved SELECT 1* status at the 2014 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections 1*

Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
Cillbhríd April (ISH)	2009	Lux Z (HANN)	Crosstown Dancer (ID)	Richard Power	Geraldine Power
Cuffesgrange Sensation (ISH)	2007	OBOS Quality 004 (OLD)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Eamonn Sheehan	Joe Connaughton
Killbeg Girl (ISH)	2003	Courage II (HOLST)	Duca Di Busted (TB)	Sean Tracey	Patrick Kehoe
Kjenta JS (BWP)	2010	Thunder Van De Zuuthoeve (BWP)	Libero H (HOLST)	Johen Schuttens	Joseph Haire
My Little Star (ISH)	2009	Quick Star (SF)	Argentinus (HANN)	Patrick J Kearns	Patrick J Kearns

Table 9 Mares that achieved SELECT status at the 2014 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections SELECT

Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
Ardagh Venus (ISH)	2010	Puissance (ISH)	Warcraft (USA) (TB)	Rosemary Ponsonby	Tom Whyte
Cavalier Vendi (ISH)	2011	Ars Vivendi (HOLST)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Thomas Horgan	Thomas Horgan
Class of Touch Hero (SBS)	2008	Radco D'Houtveld (SBS)	Touchdown (ISH)	Luc Henry	Dermott Lennon
Cougar Belle (ISH)	2008	Cougar (ISH)	Able Abert (TB)	Patrick Lyons	Barry Lyons
Crackjack BS (KWPN)	2007	Carolus II (HOLST)	Highline (KWPN)	Juan De Berg	Dr. Alison Blake
Dynastie VP Wisberg (AES)	2009	OBUS Delcour Wisbecq (sbs)	Quickstep Wisbeco (sbs)	The Albatros NV	Nicola Fitzgibbon
Fivonia G (KWPN)	2010	Utinov (KWPN)	Calvador (SF)	Vof G.J. EN J. Grobbie	Ryan Hunter
Gatestown Girl (ISH)	2008	Loughehoe Guy (ISH)	Diamond Chin (ISH)	Aidan Hogan	Aidan Hogan
Kilbeg Glory (ISH)	2011	Chippison (ISH)	Spring Diamond (ISH)	Timothy Holland	Timothy Holland
Lachain Good Girl (ISH)	2007	Loughehoe Guy (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Tom Lenihan	Tom Lenihan
Lady Poggi (ISH)	2008	Grange Bouncer (ID)	Be My Native (USA) (TB)	Marie Smiddy	Marie Smiddy
Lady Russel (ISH)	2010	Russel (HOLST)	Aldatus Z (OLD)	Thomas Minogue	Thomas Minogue
Leanorth Candy Floss (ISH)	2008	Watermill Swatch (TB)	Landedel (HOLST)	Alan O'Brien	Alan Briscoe
Monsoon Maisy (IRE) (TB)	2003	Rainwatch (GB) (TB)	Wylfa (TB)		Jenny Jackeman
My Golden Olive (ISH)	2007	Dock Leaf (TB)	Coevers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Michael Molloy	Joe Cusack
Only Hope (ISH)	2007	Silvano (KWPN)	Coevers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Patrick Minogue	Kevin Hope
Portlaoise Diana (ISH)	2002	Silvorado (TB)	Diamond Clover (ID)	John Callanan	David Molloy
Quiraconda St Z (ZANG)	2009	Quidam De Revel (SF)	Cathago (HOLST)	J.M.H Custers	Nicola Fitzgibbon
Rags O Malley (ISH)	2008	Flintstone (ISH)	Diamond King (ID)	James Rushe	Brian McBride
Rathgar Lancer (ISH)	2007	Limmerick (HOLST)	Visioen	Susan Roberts	Siobhan Cooney

Table 10 Mares that achieved SUPPLEMENTARY SELECT status at the 2014 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections Supplementary Select

Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
Cri Du Coeur (ISH)	2002	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	Julia Hayes

Table 11 Mares that achieved SUPPLEMENTARY ENTRY status at the 2014 Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare Inspections Supplementary Entry

Name	YOB	Sire	Damsire	Breeder	Owner
Mission Belle (ISH)	1996	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	Not Recorded	Bob O'Keefe

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All-Ireland Championship	Venue	Winning Horse	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Foal by
3 Year Old Horse	Bannow & Rathangan	Unnamed (ISH)	Cougar (ISH)	Tullibards Figaros Girl (OLD)	Painter's Row (TB)	Cyril Conway, Co. Clare	Gerard Mullins	N/A
2 Year Old Filly	Kildysart	Ballykelly Empress (ISH)	Emperor Augustus (TB)	Debbies Clover (ISH)	Farney Clover (ISH)	Margaret Jeffares, Co. Wexford	Margaret Jeffares	N/A
Irish Draught Yearling Filly	Roscommon	Ballykilcross Queen Gypsy (ID)	Fintan Himself (ID)	Lecarrow Gypsey (ID)	Castana (ID)	Anne Rabbittie, Co. Offaly	Aidan Kelly	N/A
Leltrim Irish Draught	Mohill	Elm View (RID)	Elm Hill (ID)	Morning Glow (RID)	Sir Rivie (ID)	Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo	Seamus Sloyan	Fast Silver (ID)
Filly Foal	Moate	Unnamed (ISH) (TIH)	Bahrain Cruise (ISH)	Kilcahill Naoimi (ISH)	Clover Brigade (ISH)	Tom Newell, Co. Galway	Tom Newell	N/A
Irish Draught 2 Year Old Filly	Limerick	Fuerty Princess (ID)	Welcome Emperor (ID)	Bengour Mist (RID)	Ben Calverstown (ID)	Michael Bailey, Co. Meath	Martin Murphy	N/A
Yearling Filly	Scariff	Unnamed (ISH)	Lux Z (HANN)	Kildysart Royale (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Kieran O'Gorman, Co. Cork	Kieran O'Gorman	N/A
Irish Draught Stallion	Clonaslee	Gortfree Hero (ID)	Castana (ID)	Princess Royale (RID)	Uibh Fhaili '81 (ID)	Francis Lafferty, Co. Roscommon	Sean Barker	N/A
Colt Foal	Mountbellew	Unnamed (ISH) (TIH)	Elusive Emir (TB)	Dawn Beauty (RID)	Castana (ID)	Noel Sheridan, Co. Mayo	Noel Sheridan	N/A
Filly Foal	Mountbellew	Unnamed (ISH) (TIH)	Financial Reward (TB)	Kilcahill Diamond (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Tom Newell, Co. Galway	Tom Newell	N/A
Irish Draught Filly Foal	Ballinasloe	Unnamed (ID)	Cappa Cassanova (ID)	Edenagor Wendy (RID)	Fast Silver (ID)	Jim McNulty, Co. Donegal	Jim McNulty	N/A
Irish Draught Colt Foal	Ballinasloe	Unnamed (ID)	Inisfree The Holy Grail (ID)	Inisfree Grey Knave (RID)	Annaghdown Star (ID)	Eddie Murphy, Co. Mayo	Eddie Murphy	N/A



Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series 2014 - Top 6 League Results

Place	Horse	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider	Points
5 Year Old ISHs								
1st	Ard Ginger Pop (ISH)	Luidam (KWPN)	Derrylea Greylady (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Heather Dean-Wright, Co. Meath	Sharon Fitzpatrick	Ger O'Neill	27
2nd	MHS Peyton (ISH)	Baloubet Du Rouet (SF)	Lady Ligustra (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan, Co. Kilkenny	Tim Brennan	Peter Moloney	20
3rd	Graf Balouprint (ISH)	Balou Du Rouet (OLD)	Graf Landlady (ISH)	Limmerick (HOLST)	Brian Livingstone, Co. Down	Catherine Thornton & Brian Livingstone	Catherine Thornton	17 (competed at Tatts)
4th	MHS Walk The Line (ISH)	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Naomi Cambell (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Michael Brennan, Co. Kilkenny	Peter Moloney	Peter Moloney	17
Joint 5th	Aiberta Mist (ISH)	Womanizer (KWPN)	Lisa (WESTF)	Landino (HOLST)	Ronnie Kelly, Co. Limerick	Caledonia Stables	Greg Broderick	15
Joint 5th	LCC Puss N Boots (ISH)	Lux Z (HANN)	Spring Pride (WNTR)	Spring Elegance (WNTR)	Andrew Kirwan, Co. Waterford	Linda Courtney	Lucy Buchanan	15
Joint 5th	LCC Troy (ISH)	Clinton (HOLST)	Ark Of Diamonds (ISH)	VDL Arkansas (KWPN)	Linda Courtney Cadam, Co. Antrim	Linda Courtney	Linda Courtney	15
6 Year Old ISHs								
1st	Talks Cheap (ISH)	Tinaranas Inspector (WESTF)	Dreaming (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Ronnie Kelly, Co. Limerick	Hannah Joyce	Alexander Butler	22 (class winner at Tatts)
2nd	Mini Cruzano (ISH)	Silvano (KWPN)	Hyundai Santa Fe (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Oliver Walsh, Co. Galway	Leona Walsh	Thomas O'Brien	22
3rd	LCC Hello Kate (ISH)	Luidam (KWPN)	LCC Molly (ISH)	Courage II (HOLST)	Fr Simon Cadam, Co. Antrim	Linda Courtney	Lucy Buchanan	19
Joint 4th	CHS Inception (ISH)	Clover Flush (ISH)	Bohemia (ISH)	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Ard Ri Properties Ltd, Co. Cavan	Deirdre Bourns	Declan Egan	17
Joint 4th	Lenamore Lucy Lou (ISH)	Lux Z (HANN)	Going Dutch (ISH)	Dutch Courage (ISH)	Barbara Fitzpatrick, Co. Dublin	Geraldine Graham	Kenneth Graham	17
Joint 6th	Highly Efficient (ISH)	Shannondale Sarco St Ghyvan (BWP)	Derha Fort (ISH)	Coolcaum Hill (ID)	Senan Canny, Co. Clare	Amanda Kirwan	Tholm Keane	15
Joint 6th	Kilcannon Cavaquin (ISH)	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Clear Cavalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Tony Loughnane, Co. Tipperary	Mary Bolger	Jason Higgins	15
7 Year Old ISHs								
1st	Rincoola Rua (ISH)	Diamant De Semilly (SF)	Rincoola Abu (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Haro Id McGahern, Co. Longford	Harold McGahern	Edward Butler	36
2nd	Shenick (ISH)	Lux Z (HANN)	Sesario (ISH)	Saracen Hill (TB)	Lynsey Smith, Co. Dublin	Joanne Attley	John Floody	23
3rd	Almost Persuaded (ISH)	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Lady Dreamer (TB)	Brush Aside (TB)	Bernard O'Reilly, Co. Cavan	James Hogg	James Hogg	19 (third in class at Tatts)
4th	Mise Le Meas (ISH) (TIH)	Cruise On (ISH)	Cissie Lass (TB)	Presenting (TB)	Michael Smith, Co. Dublin	Matthew Birch	John Floody	19
Joint 5th	Always On My Mind (ISH)	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Sandiamo (AES)	Andiamo (NRPS)	Edgar Hogg, Co. Fermanagh	Edgar Hogg	James Hogg	18
Joint 5th	Shantonagh (ISH) (TIH)	Power Blade (TB)	Diamond Explosion (ISH)	King Of Diamonds (ID)	Dermot Forde, Co. Cavan	Dermot Forde	Nicola FitzGibbon	18

Irish Sport Horse Studbook Eventing Series 2014 - winners at each leg

Venue	Winning horse(s)	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider
4 Year Old ISH							
Killossery	Tullybroom Eddie (ISH) (TIH)	Clerkenwell (TB)	Hill Clover (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID)	Esther Rutledge, Co. Tyrone	Janet Hall	Malachy Casement
Ballinamona	Finnsceal (ISH)*	Womanizer (KWPN)	Ghareeb Beauty (ISH)	Ghareeb (TB)	John Headd, Co. Galway	Mary Briody	Nessa Briody
Annaharvey	Ardglen Diva Dancer (ISH) (TIH)	Ghareeb (TB)	Ardglen Star Dancer (ISH)	Crosstown Dancer (ID)	Viona Wilson, Co. Tyrone	Emma Jackson	Emma Jackson
Scarvagh	Drumnaconnell Bellagio (ISH)	Cassino (SWWB)	Ballinafauna Clover (ISH)	White Clover (ISH)	Noel Harris, Co. Cork	Lawrence Patterson	Mark Robinson
5 Year Old ISH							
Killossery	Greenhall Derry River (ISH)					Carol Gee	Fraser Duffy
Ballinamona	Night And Light (ISH)*	Cavalier Two For Joy (ISH)	Cost A Lot (WNTR)	Mummy's Luck (TB)	Margaret Murphy, Co. Wexford	Michael O'Toole	Michael O'Toole
Annaharvey	Glenkeeran Dreamcatcher (ISH)	Ricardo Z (ZANG)	Glenkeeran Mollie (ISH)	Crosstown Dancer (ID)	Maria Melvin, Co. Louth	John F Melvin	Clare Abbott
Tattersalls	Night And Light (ISH)*	Cavalier Two For Joy (ISH)	Cost A Lot (WNTR)	Mummy's Luck (TB)	Margaret Murphy, Co. Wexford	Michael O'Toole	Michael O'Toole
Scarvagh	Beltrim Sweet Clover (ISH)	Beach Ball (ISH)	Star Anise (ISH)	Triggerero (TB)	Blakiston Houston Estates, Co. Tyrone	Blakiston Houston Estates	Trevor Smith
6 Year Old ISH							
Kilmanahan	Fernhill Cayenne (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Molougha Flora (ISH)	Triggerero (TB)	Jill Carberry, Co. Dublin	Carol Gee	Fraser Duffy
Ballinamona	Fernhill Cayenne (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Molougha Flora (ISH)	Triggerero (TB)	Jill Carberry, Co. Dublin	Carol Gee	Fraser Duffy
Annaharvey	Glenkeeran River (ISH) (TIH)	Crosstown Dancer (ID)	Glenkeeran In The Deep (TB)	Snurge (TB)	Maria Melvin, Co. Louth	John F Melvin	Clare Abbott
Tattersalls	Ringfort Rubicon (ISH)	Iroko (WESTF)	Ringfort Rara Ruby (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Diane Harron Eakin, Co. Down	Diane Harron Eakin	Steven Smith
Scarvagh	Creevagh Miss Ferro SL (ISH)*	S Creevagh Ferro Ex Siebe (KWPN)	Vendetta D'Auline (BEWB)	Quintus (BWP)	Ronnie Hollinger, Co. Monaghan	Margaret Power	Elizabeth Power

* Overall league winner

World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses 2014 rankings

■ EVENT HORSES

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook has dominated the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) eventing studbook rankings for almost two decades now, and in 2014 topped the leaderboard once again with superb performances from Irish Sport Horses across the globe.

Since the WBFSH rankings were established in 1994, the ISH has taken top spot in these rankings for 19 of the last 21 years.

The highest placed Irish Sport Horse in the 2014 rankings was Kilronan who finished in ninth spot. Ridden by Paul Tapner of Australia the 14-year-old son of Ghareeb recorded a fourth place finish at Badminton last May and also competed at the World Equestrian Games, finishing in individual 15th.

Badminton 2014 proved a happy hunting ground for Irish horses and topping the leaderboard after a tough weekend was Paulank Brockagh. Ridden by Sam Griffiths the daughter of Touchdown became only the fourth mare in history to win this accolade, and as a result placed 17th (and fifth highest placed mare) in the WBFSH rankings in the autumn.

At the other side of the Atlantic was Ballynoe Castle RM, who slotted into 21st in the rankings thanks to a third placing in the Rolex Kentucky CCI4* last April. This was up one place on the previous year's fourth when ridden by Buck Davidson.

One place behind in the rankings in 22nd was the Rolex 2014 winner Bay My Hero, a talented member of the team ridden by Britain's William Fox-Pitt. This combination also finished fourth at Burghley.

The 11-year-old Master Imp gelding *Improvise* was ridden by Australia's Bill Levett to finish ninth in Luhmühlen and went on to record a sixth place finish at Burghley. With these results he earned 23rd place in the rankings.

Six horses contribute to the final WBFSH Studbook rankings each year. *Electric Cruise* (ISH) is our sole Irish ridden representative from those top six horses.

Partnered by Joseph Murphy, *Electric Cruise* represented Ireland at the 2014 World Equestrian Games and was also a member of Irish teams that competed in the FEI Eventing Nations Cup at Ballindenisk and Aachen.

■ SHOW JUMPERS

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook placed 12th in the overall show jumping



Kilronan



Castlefield Eclipse



Loughview Lou-Lou

rankings for 2014, with representative *Castlefield Eclipse* the highest-placed individually in 25th position.

By OBOS Quality 004, the 13-year-old mare was ridden by Switzerland's Paul Estermann to produce a double clear to contribute to a Nations Cup win at Lummen CSIO5 and also followed this up with a victory in the €200,000 Grand Prix during St. Gallen CSIO5*.

Also flying the flag for the ISH was *Special Lux*, who was ridden by Irish-born Jonathan McCrea to finish team second in the CSIO4* Nations Cup at the Mexican venue Coapexpan and third place in the \$150,000 Grand Prix at the same event. Last May McCrea rode the 11-year-old to second place in the \$400,000 Grand Prix at Spruce Meadows (Calgary) CSIO5*.

Great Britain's Tim Gredley and *Unex Omega Star*, by *Quick Star*, kicked off the 2014 season by claiming the Suncast \$25,000 leading horse and rider bonus at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Florida.

Meanwhile *Suma's Zorro* and her rider Sameh El Dhan represented Egypt at the 2014 World Equestrian Games following some top international wins and placings.

After a win in the San Giovanni CSI2* Grand Prix last April they set their sights on Calgary's Spruce Meadows.

Having claimed the CSI5* 1.45m speed and handiness class, the combination went on to also take third in the \$400,000 Grand Prix at the Canadian venue.

A Touch Imperious was one of four Irish Sport Horses who made up the winning Nations Cup team for Great Britain at Odense CSIO3*.

The Hickstead CSI4* show also proved successful for the son of *Touchdown* and his rider Harriet Nuttall when they finished second in the 1.60m Bunn Leisure Derby Trial, and third place in the Equestrian.com Derby.

Representing Ireland at Calgary, Dublin and Rotterdam Nations Cups in 2014, the Irish Sport Horse *Loughview Lou-Lou* is the final of the studbook's six counting horses for the 2014 WBFSH show jumping rankings.

Under Dermot Lennon the mare began the 2014 season with a win in the €24,000 Grand Prix and €24,000 1.45m Two Phase at Vilamoura CSI2*.

The Irish partnership also took second place, to Ireland's Denis Lynch, in the 1.55m Rabobank Championship of Rotterdam at the CSIO5* show.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTING RANKINGS	INDIVIDUAL SHOW JUMPING RANKINGS
9. Kilronan (ISH) (TIH) – 2001 gelding by Ghareeb (TB) out of Ramble Way (ISH), by Diamond Lad (ID). Bred by Patrick Fenlon, Co. Kilkenny. Owners: Paul Tapner & Penny & Fred Barker. Rider: Paul Tapner (AUS)	25. Castlefield Eclipse (ISH) – 2002 bay mare by O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD) out of Furisto Clover Hill (ISH), by Furisto (HANN). Bred by Pat Nihill, Co. Clare. Owner: Fasana Jocelyne. Rider: Paul Estermann (SUI)
17. Paulank Brockagh (ISH) – 2003 mare by Touchdown (ISH) out of Calendar Girl (ISH), by Triggerero (TB). Bred by Paula Cullen, Co. Wicklow. Owners: Mr & Mrs S Posford, Mrs J Carter & Sam Griffiths. Rider: Sam Griffiths (AUS)	81. Special Lux (ISH) – 2004 gelding by Lux Z (HANN) out of Aishling Clover (ISH), by Clover Hill (ID). Bred by Des & Seamus Judge, Co. Mayo. Owner: Candy Tribble. Rider: Jonathan McCrea (USA)
21. Ballynoe Castle RM (ISH) – 2000 gelding by Ramiro B (BWP) out of Ballyvaldon Natalie (ISH), by Blue Laser (TB). Bred by Sylvester Cullen, Co. Wexford. Owner: Cassandra Segal. Rider: Bruce Davidson Jnr (USA)	175. Unex Omega Star (ISH) – 2002 gelding by Quick Star (SF) out of High Jump Tarroy (SF), by Quatoubet Du Rouet (SF). Bred by Alan Robertson, Co. Tyrone. Owner: Unex Competition Yard Ltd. Rider: Tim Gredley (GBR)
22. Bay My Hero (ISH) (TIH) – 2003 gelding by Cult Hero (TB) out of Bing Power (ISH), by Tomgar Power Crest (ISH). Bred by Bryan Maguire, Co. Wexford. Owner: Catherine Witt. Rider: William Fox-Pitt (GBR)	189. Suma's Zorro (ISH) – 2004 mare by Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN) out of Vixens Frolic (ISH), by Horos (USA) (TB). Bred by Susan Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Co. Kilkenny. Owners: Joanne Sloan-Allen & Sameh EL Dahan. Rider: Sameh El Dahan (EGY)
23. Improvise (ISH) (TIH) – 2004 gelding by Master Imp (TB) out of Diamond Wood (ISH), by Marwood (TB). Bred by Anastasia Lawlor, Co. Kilkenny. Owners: Ali Butler, Elisabeth Murdoch & Jenny Levett. Rider: Bill Levett (AUS)	191. A Touch Imperious (ISH) – 2004 gelding by Touchdown (ISH) out of Cavimperiis (ISH), by Cavalier Royale (HOLST). Bred by Leo Rice, Co. Monaghan. Owner: Mr Rupert Nuttall. Rider: Harriet Nuttall (GBR)
42. Electric Cruise (ISH) – 2001 gelding by Cruising (ISH) out of Kilnamac Sally (ISH), by Clover Hill (ID). Bred by James J Ryan, Co. Tipperary. Owners: Noel Good, Jill Andrews, A. O'Callaghan & Michelle Nelson. Rider: Joseph Murphy (IRL)	202. Loughview Lou-Lou (ISH) – 2002 mare by Limmerick (HOLST) out of Loughview Diamond Lucy (ISH), by Jack Of Diamonds (ID C1). Owner/Bred by Judith Sossick, Co. Antrim. Rider: Dermott Lennon (IRL)



Ballynoe Castle RM

World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses 2014

Great Britain's Piggy French rode the Irish Sport Horse Cooley Dream Extreme to third place in the six-year-old division at the World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses at Le Lion d'Angers, France.

The pair lay fifth after dressage on a score of 47.1 and kept a clean sheet throughout cross-country and show jumping.

By Cruising (ISH) out of The Dream-

seeker (ISH), by Ramiro B, he was bred by Frank Gordon in Mayo and was ridden here by Shane Quinn as a four-year-old before beginning his career in England in 2013.

Taking ninth place in the same age division was another Irish Sport Horse, Swallow Springs, ridden by Andrew Nicholson (NZL).

This gelding is by Chillout (ISH) out of Kilila (ISH), by the thoroughbred Cult Hero, and was bred in Galway by Maria Keating.

In the CCI2* for seven-year-old horses, Oliver Townend (GBR) and the Irish Sport Horse Cooley SRS claimed ninth place. The Ramiro B (BWP) gelding was bred in County Wexford by John Fitzhenry out of his Kiltealy Spring (ISH) mare, Ballynattin Pride (ISH).

KBIS British Eventing Young Horse Championships

Position	Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder	Rider
4YO							
1st	Ballycanu (ISH)	Gelding	Tinaranas Inspector (WESTF)	Expectation (ISH)	Coevers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Bryan Maguire, Wexford	Sophie Jenman (GBR)
9th	Seapatrick Narco (ISH)	Gelding	Camiro de Haar Z (ZANG)	Tamara van de Bommer (BWP)	Nonstop (BWP)	Barry McCann, Down	Virginia Turnbull (GBR)
5YO							
2nd	Sportsfield Lord Livesey (ISH)	Gelding	Kroongraaf (KWPN)	Croisson (ISH)	Sunny Boy (KWPN)	Ailbhe Martin, Limerick	Louise Bradley (GBR)
4th	Shannondale Sue (ISH)	Mare	Shannondale Sarco St Ghyvan (BWP)	Graney Diamond (ISH)	Diamond Lad (ID)	Kieran Kelly, Clare	Rosalind Canter (GBR)
8th	Ballintekin Cooper S (ISH)	Gelding	SIEC Livello (HOLST)	Ballintekin June (ISH)	Orbis (TB)	Peter O'Toole, Wicklow	Daisey Berkeley (GBR)
6YO							
1st	Reinstated (ISH)	Gelding	Loughehoe Guy (ISH)	Bahrain Miss (ISH)	Furisto (HANN)	James McEvoy, Down	William Fox-Pitt (GBR)
2nd	The Soapdodger (ISH)	Gelding	Camiro de Haar Z (ZANG)	Cruising Pearl (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Seamus Doyle, Cavan	William Fox-Pitt (GBR)
7th	Cooley Dream Extreme (ISH)	Gelding	Cruising (ISH)	The Dreamseeker (ISH)	Ramiro B (BWP)	Frank Gordon, Mayo	Piggy French (GBR)
10th	HRS Kiltealy Star (ISH) (TIH)	Gelding	Kiltealy Spring (ISH)	Kings Cleo (ISH)	Kings Servant (ISH)	Elizabeth Ann Davies, Kilkenny	Tom How (GBR)
7YO							
4th	Cooley SRS (ISH)	Gelding	Ramiro B (BWP)	Ballynattin Pride (ISH)	Kiltealy Spring (ISH)	John Fitzhenry, Wexford	Oliver Townend (GBR)
6th	Cooley Earl (ISH)	Gelding	Ramiro B (BWP)	Regular Eaton (ISH)	Not Recorded	Michael Earls, Wicklow	Georgie Strang (GBR)
7th	Rinwood Cooley (ISH)	Gelding	VDL Arkansas (KWPN)	Rinwood Honey B (ISH)	Aldatus Z (OLD)	Tony Whyte, Roscommon	Emily Baldwin (GBR)
8th	Ivar Gooden (ISH)	Gelding	Young Convinced (TB)	Ballybrohan Diamond (ISH)	Coevers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Pat Coffey, Tipperary	Imogen Murray (GBR)
10th	Possible Mission (ISH)	Gelding	Temple Clover (ISH)	Bahrain Supreme (ISH)	Ricardo Z (ZANG)	Richard Barron Jnr, Waterford	Tom Rowland (GBR)



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