

# Breeding Grant 2026: April

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Wexford Equestrian Stepping Stones, 1<sup>st</sup> April

WRESS Starter Stakes Final, 6<sup>th</sup> April

IDHBA Kildare Branch, 6<sup>th</sup> April

Lisgarvan Horse Trials, 12<sup>th</sup> April

Wexford Summer Show, 25<sup>th</sup> April

## Wexford Stepping Stones

The Wexford Equestrian Centre Stepping Stones was held in Wexford on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The Grant provided €5,000, available across the 4-Year-Old Young Event Horses class, the 5-Year-Old Young Event Horses class and the Young Event Pony class. €2,000 each was awarded to the 4- and 5-Year-Old classes, with €1,000 awarded to the Young Event Pony class. Prizes were awarded to riders and breeders.



SHL Sporthorses Limited with their Killycloghan Spotlight who took first place in the 4-Year-Old Young Event Horses class; by Z7 Seven (ISH), out of Drumcall Carrick (ISH), damsire Carrick Diamond Lad (ISH). Bred by Craig Rountree.

First place in the 4-Year-Old Young Event Horses class was won by SHL Sporthorses Limited with Killycloghan Spotlight (ISH), ridden by Patrick Whelan, by Z7 Seven (ISH), out of Drumcall Carrick (ISH), damsire Carrick Diamond Lad (ISH). Bred by Craig Rountree. Second place was won by Colorfield Cascara (ISH), owned and ridden by Cathal Daniels. Colorfield Cascara is by Colorit (DSP), out of Lislan Cruise (ISH), damsire Cruising (ISH).

Full results for the 4-Year-Old Young Event Horses class.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Patrick Whelan	Killycloghan Spotlight (ISH)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cathal Daniels	Colorfield Cascara (ISH)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cathal Daniels	Tullibards Whats Up Boys (ISH)



5-Year-Old winner Point Up (ISH), with rider Ian Cassels

Point Up (ISH), owned and bred by Bridget McGing took first place in the 5-Year-Old Young Event Horses class. Point Up (ISH) is by Upsilon (AA), out of Diamond Point (ISH), damsire Pointilliste (TB). In second place was Richard Ames' Belline Doros Candy Boy (ISH), by Sligo Candy Boy (ISH), out of Carte D'Oro (TB), damsire Medagkia D'Oro (TB), ridden by Godfrey Gibbons.

Full results for the 5-Year-Old Young Event Horses class.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Cassels	Point Up (ISH)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Godfrey Gibbons	Belline Doros Candy Boy (ISH)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Godfrey Gibbons	Kilroe Gold 1 (ISH)



First place in the Young Event Pony class Louise Codd with GPS New Moon Rising (ISH); by Cavalier Land (ISH), out of The Big Dawn (TB), damsire Shantou (TB), bred by Redmond Barry.

First place in the Young Event Pony class was taken by Louise Codd, and the Redmond Barry owned GPS New Moon Rising (ISH), by Cavalier Land (ISH), out of The Big Dawn (TB), damsire Shantou (TB), bred by Redmond Barry. In second place was Rochelle Murphy and Adams Sash (CP); Adams Sash (CP) is by Cloonbán Adam (CP), out of Drumcullen Sash (CP) and damsire Killyon King (CP).

Full result for the Young Event Pony class.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1st	Louise Codd	GPS New Moon Rising (ISH)
2nd	Rochelle Murphy	Adams Sash (CP)
3rd	Matilda Kiviniemi	Toorboy Dan (CP)

## Western Region Starter Series

The final of the Eventing Ireland Western Region 2026 Starter Series was held in Galway Equestrian Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The grant provided funding of €10,000 at the final, available across the 4-Year-Old, 5-Year-Old, Ponies and the Irish Draught 4/5-Year-Old & 6-Year-Old and over. Prizes were available for owners and breeders, with pots of €7,450 & €2,550 respectively.



*Luke Corcoran with 6-Year-Old mare Emetts Rose (ISH); by Glynnwood Coronet (ISH), out of Glenrevagh Karla (ISH), damsire Eldorado Van De Zeshoek (BWP). Owned by Luke Corcoran and bred by James Glynn.*

The Four-Year-Old crown was taken by Tommy Considine with Kadonius (ZANG), owned by Tommy Considine and bred by De Vries K. The 4 YO is by Kassander Van't Roosakker Z (ZANG), out of dam Jolie Rijke (KWPN), with damsire Fire (KWPN). In second place was the Liam Lysnkey owned DS Smok N Gun (ISH). Bred by Felix Burke, and ridden by Jason Doerflinger, the 4YO is by DS Shotgun (ISH), out of Aimees Pacino (ISH) with damsire Pacino (BWP).

Full results for Starter Series 4-Year-Old final.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tommy Considine	Kadonius (ZANG)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jason Doerflinger	DS Smok N Gun (ISH)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jason Doerflinger	Milchem Mirage (ISH)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Eoin Clinton	Tankardstown Hilite (ISH)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Considine	Caherlean Buck (ISH)



Tommy Considine with 4-Year-Old winner Kadonius (ZANG). Owned by Tommy Considine and bred by De Vries K.

The winner of the Five-Year-Old class was Codys Delight (ISH), ridden by Jason Doerflinger and owned by Gabriel Mullins. Sired by Vancouver (KWPN) out of Glynnwood Atermie (ISH), with damsire Mermus R (KWPN). RDM Ring of the Night followed in second place, with rider and owner Rebecca Scott. Bred by Jim Seymour, sired by Vivant Van De Heffinck (BWP), out of the dam Night Fly (ISH) with damsire Maltstriker (KWPN).

Full results for Starter Series 5-Year-Old final.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jason Doerflinger	Codys Delight (ISH)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rebecca Scott	RDM Ring of the Night (ISH)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joyce Veld	Dundrum Candy Cruise (ISH)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gabriel Freeney	Rathmorrissety Greenacres (ISH)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Duncan McFadyen	The Ring of Diamonds (ISH)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Gordon	Are You Timothy (ISH)

The Six-Year-Old class was titled by Luke Corcoran's owned and ridden mare Emetts Rose (ISH). The 6YO mare, bred by James Glynn, is by Glynnwood Coronet (ISH), out of Glenrevagh Karla (ISH), damsire Eldorado Van De Zeshoek (BWP). In second place was FS Stormborn (ISH), by Lagans OBOS Quality (ISH), dam Fun Size (ISH) with damsire Captain Clover (ISH TIH). The mare, ridden by Rebecca Scott, is owned by Duncan McFadyen, and bred by Marie Claire Rogers.

Full results for Starter Series 6-Year-Old final.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Corcoran	Emetts Rose (ISH)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rebecca Scott	FS Stormborn (ISH)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christopher Whyte	Monbeg Crystal (ISH)



Winner of the 6-Year-Old Series, Luke Corcoran and Emmetts Rose (ISH), pictured with Aisling McGreal (HSI) at the final of WRESS Starter Series, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026

The Irish Draught classes, 4YO/ 5YO and 6YO Plus, were won by Rebel Bandit (ID) & Caroline Lynch, and Murrisk Paudi (ID) & Amy Grady respectively. Rebel Bandit (ID) is by Rebel Mountain (IDC1), out of Bramblebrough Aisling (IDC2) damsire Dunbeggan Grey Mist (IDC1). Owned by Caroline Lynch and bred by Gerard Fallon. The 6YO & Over winner, Murrisk Paudie (ID) is owned and bred by Michael Grady, and is by Farmhill Highlander (IDC1), out of the mare Ashlawn Star (RID), damsire Agherlow (IDC1).

Full results for Starter Series ID 4/ 5YO final.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Caroline Lynch	Rebel Bandit (ID)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannah Gordon	Murrisk the Bouncing Star (ID)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amy Grady	Oxview Paris (ID)

Full results for Starter Series ID 6YO& over final.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Amy Grady	Murrisk Paudie (ID)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teresa Whyte	Sleehaun Silver Crest (ID)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Padraic Corcoran	Roscarberry King (ID)

In the Pony Final, of the eligible studbook ponies, Thomasina O'Reilly placed second with the 6YO Connemara mare Flower of Roo (CP). Bred by Michael Naughton, and owned by Thomasina O'Reilly, the mare is by Banks Donovan (CP), out of Roo Heather (CP) with damsire Clegganbay Tower (CP).

Full results for Starter Series Pony final.

Placing	Rider	Horse
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomasina O'Reilly	Flower of Roo (CP)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elisa O'Connor	Kelly's Glory (CP)



*Sensational 6-Year-Olds; trio of Luke Corcan and Emetts Rose (ISH) in First, Rebecca Scott & FS Stormborn (ISH) in Second, and Christopher Whyte & Monbeg Crystal (ISH) in Third.*

## Kildare IDHBA

The IDHBA Kildare Branch 2026 was held in Kildare on 6<sup>th</sup> April. The grant provided funding of €2,200 was available across the Ridden 4/5-Year-Old, Ridden 6-Year-Old and over, Ridden classes, Champion Mare and the Top 3 Connemara Classes 9 and 10.



*Maria McNamara and Shanbally Pippalo Pat (ID) with Horse Sport Ireland's Sophie Boland*

Ridden ID 4/5-Year-Old was won by Maria McNamara, with owners Tom and Ann McNamara, and Shanbally Pippalo Pat (ID). The 5YO is by Cappa Aristocrat (ID), out of Roundtower Blue (ID) damsire All the Diamonds (ID) and bred by Martin Donnelan. In second place was Sandra Hannigan and Dowdstown Jane's Legacy (ID). The 5YO is by Mouylough Legacy (ID), out of Dowdstown Jane (RID), damsire Silver Granite (ID).

Full results for Ridden 4/5-Year-Old.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Maria McNamara	Shanbally Pippalo Pat (ID)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sandra Hannigan	Dowdstown Jane's Legacy (ID)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Helen Keatley	Mollywee Grá Mo Chroí (ID)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Naomi Ruane	KMA Clovers Glory (ID)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ailis Holohan	Killahy Bouncer (ID)

The Ridden 6-Year-Old and over was won by Judith Long with Abbeyward Max (ID), by Castleview Inisfree Farmer (ID), out of Abbeyward Corcaigh (ID), damsire Moylough Bouner (ID). The 6YO is owned by Judith long and was bred by Tom Daly. In second place was Fionnuala Lennon and TallyHo Maguire. TallyHo Maguire is by Kiltybane Naldo (ID), out of Anamar Girl (ID), damsire Gurraun Golden Eye (ID).

Full results for Ridden 6-Year-Old and over.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Judith Long	Abbeyward Max (ID)

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fionnuala Lennon	TallyHo Maguire (ID)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Carter	Cloonan Hector (ID)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Florence Brown	A Hero's Welcome (ID)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Alicia Devlin Byrne	Gort Town Dancer (ID)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria MacDermott	Jack O' The Mist (ID)



*Presentations at the Kildare Branch of the Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association*

First place in the Irish Draught WH 85cm was Louise Lyons with Clandeboye (ID) by Scrapman (ID), out of Libertias Trueblue (ID), damsire Western Light (ID). The 8YO is bred by Miriam Burney. In second place was Suzanne McGee and Twos Company (ID). The 9YO is by Hillviewfarm Superstar (ID), out of Discus Lady (ID), damsire Gortlea Ruler (ID).

Full results for ID WH 85cm.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1st	Louise Lyons	Clandeboye (ID)
2nd	Suzanne McGee	Twos company (ID)
3rd	Chris Carter	Cloonan Hector (ID)
4th	Helen Keatley	Mollywee Grá Mo Chroí (ID)
5th	Sandra Hannigan	Dowdstown Jane's Legacy (ID)
6th	Nollaig Healey	Flyhigh Ivy (ID)

First in the Irish Draught WH 90cm-1m was Louise Lyons with Clandeboye (ID) by Scrapman (ID), out of Libertias Trueblue (ID), damsire Western Light (ID), bred by Miriam Burney. Second place was taken by Alicia Devlin Byrne and Gort Town Dancer (ID), by Gortfree Hero (ID), out of My Carrick Dolly (ID), damsire Crosstown Dancer (ID).

Full results for ID WH 90cm-1m.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1st	Louise Lyons	Clandeboye (ID)
2nd	Alicia Devlin Byrne	Gort Town Dancer (ID)
3rd	Suzanne McGee	Twos company (ID)

<b>4th</b>	Maria McNamara	Shanbally Nightcap (ID)
<b>5th</b>	Florence Brown	A Hero's Welcome (ID)
<b>6th</b>	Grace Kavanagh	Rebel Dancer (ID)

Taking first place in the Derby 85cm Top 3 Connemara was Louise Lyons and Buachaill Buí (CP). Buachaill Buí (CP) is by Templebready Fear Buí (CP), out of Golden Bee (CP), damsire Glaskopf Golden Siskin (CP). Second place was taken by Marc O'Regan and Knockroosk Coconut (CP), by Lough Melvin Gorteen (CP), out of Carp Dun (CP) with the damsire Coral Prince (CP).

Full results for Derby 85cm Top 3 Connemara.

Placing	Rider	Horse
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Louise Lyons	Buachaill Buí (CP)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Marc O'Regan	Knockroosk Coconut (CP)

First place in the Derby 1m Top 3 Connemara was Una Holohan and Annette's Girl (CP), BY Woodfield Oisín (CP), out of Paul's Princess (CP), damsire Currachmore Cashel (CP). Second place was taken by Gráinne O'Neill and Annefields Benny (CP), by Burning Daylight (CP), Annefield's April (CP), damsire Glaskopf Golden Siskin (CP).

Full results for the Derby 1m Top 3 Connemara.

Placing	Rider	Horse
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Una Holohan	Annette's Girl (CP)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Gráinne O'Neill	Annefields Benny (CP)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Anne Marie Lamb	Ballyvary Padraig (CP)

## Lisgarvan Eventing

Lisgarvan Horse Trials were held in Carlow on April 12th, 2026. The grant provided funding of €4,000, available across all classes, 5-, 6- and 7-Year-Old, which was available for riders and breeders, with pots of €2,500 and €1,500 respectively.



*Anna Stillwell & Goldburgs Sister Act (ISH) 5YO Event winner. Photo Credit Louise O'Brien*

The Breeding Grant 5-Year-Old class was won by rider Anna Stillwell and Goldburgs Sister Act (ISH) by Dignified Van't Zorgvliet (BWP), out of Mrs Hall (TB), damsire Saddlers' Hall (TB). Owned by Andrew Williams and bred by Nicholas Cousins. Clare Abbott took second place with MT In Luck (ISH), by Lucky Luck (KWPN), out of Oldyard Diamond (ISH), damsire Diamond Serpent (ISH). Bred by Michael Doyle.

Full results for Breeding Grant 5-Year-Old class.

Placing	Rider	Horse
<b>1ST</b>	Anna Stillwell	Goldburgs Sister Act (ISH)
<b>2nd</b>	Clare Abbott	MT In Luck (ISH)
<b>3rd</b>	Alice Copithorne	Castleview Lady Cruise (ISH TIH)
<b>4th</b>	Sharon Power	Sportsfield Flair (ISH)



*Amanda Goldsbury & Pasinaa S (KWPN) winner of the 6YO eventing at Lisgarvan. Photo Credit Louise O'Brien*

The Breeding Grant 6-Year-Old class was taken by Amanda Goldsbury and Pasinaa S (KWPN), by Golddigger (KWPN), out of Zasinaa (KWPN). Luca Bortolamei took second place with 6YO Lancillotto della Malaspina (Zang), owned by Carol Gee.

Full results for Breeding Grant 6-Year-Old class.

Placing	Rider	Horse
<b>1ST</b>	Amanda Goldsbury	Pasinaa S (KWPN)
<b>2nd</b>	Luca Bortolamei	Lancillotto della Malaspina (ZANG)
<b>3rd</b>	Jane Fitzgerald	Ballymurphy George (ISH TIH)
<b>4th</b>	Jill Revill	Lislan Chacfly (ISH)



*Sarah Ennis and Ordonnay (KWPN) winners of the 5 YO Eventing at Lisgarvan. Photo credit Louise O'Brien*

The Breeding Grant 7-Year-Old class was won by Sarah Ennis and Ordonnay (KWPN). Ordonnay (KWPN) is by Jardonnay VDL (KWPN), out of Rowerna (KWPN), who's damsire is Iroko (WESTF). Second place was taken by the Ian Cassels ridden Rutland Flamenco (ISH). The 5YO is by Casallco (Holst), out of Red Flamenco (ISH), damsire Je T'Aime Flamenco (BWP), bred by Eugene McEntee and owned by Dick Murphy.

Full results for Breeding Grant 7-Year-Old class.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1ST	Sarah Ennis	ORDONNAY (KWPN)
2nd	Ian Cassels	Rutland Flamenco (ISH)
3rd	Clare Abbott	MT Kenobis Touch (ISH)
4th	Alice Copithorne	My Lion J'adore (ISH)

## Wexford Summer Show

The Wexford Equestrian Centre Summer Show was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> with the grant awarding €2,000 in total. €750 and €1,250 were awarded to the Irish Draught WH and the Connemara WH classes respectively. Prizes were awarded to both breeders and riders.



The Irish Draught WH class was won by Emma Jackson and 7YO Bannvalley Whisper (ID). He is by Gortfree Hero (ID), out of Bannvalley Mandolin (ID), damsire Moylough Bouncer (ID), bred by Miriam O’Sullivan. Second place was won by Alicia Devlin Byrne with Gort Town Dancer (ID), by Gortfree Hero (ID), out of My Carrick Dolly (ID), damsire Crosstown Dancer (ID).

Full results for the Irish Draught WH class.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Jackson	Bannvalley Whisper (ID)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alicia Devlin Byrne	Gort Town Dancer (ID)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Louise Lyons	Clandeboye (ID)



The winner of the Connemara WH class was Cathy Leggett and Doonreaghan Oak (CP), by Newtown Moll’s Pride (CP), out of Dusty Oak (CP), damsire Abbeyfort (CP). The 14YO was bred by Mary Madden. In second place was Emma Jackson with 7YO Tourmakeady Champ (CP), by Melody’s Boy (CP) out of Derryveeney Lady (CP), who’s damsire is Ard Rí Cunha (CP). The 7YO is bred by Seamús and Noreen Hughes.

Full results for the Connemara WH class.

Placing	Rider	Horse
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cathy Leggett	Doonreaghan Oak (CP)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emma Jackson	Tourmakeady Champ (CP)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Louise Lyons	Buachaill Bui (CP)

