

Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association

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National Show

All roads lead to Mullingar Equestrian Centre on Saturday the 1st August for our national breed show. We have a great line up of classes and the action begins at 10.30am.

- Ø In ring 1 we have the mares and foals,
- Ø Ring 2 the young horses and
- Ø Ring 3 the ridden classes.
- Ø The parade of some of our best stallions takes place in ring 1 at 3 pm approximately.

This is your show so please help. If we all gave €50 we would have a super show. Every little helps.

Thank you in anticipation

Win a Horse Box This year we are having a raffle with the first prize of a horse box, second is a weekend for two in the Castlecourt Hotel, Westport and third €100. Tickets are €10 and can be purchased from your branch secretary. Draw will be held at our awards night – see diary dates

RDS Don't forget we will have a stand in the main hall at the RDS. We would be delighted to meet you and welcome your thoughts, comments, suggestions and ideas and have a few of our president's sweets!!

Website www.idhba.ie

Our new website is up and running. We are delighted with the response and want to thank those who have worked hard to put it together and those who have contributed.

We are always looking for items so if you have anything of interest please let Helen know.

AIRC Results

There was a great turn out of ridden Irish Draughts at the Association of Irish Riding Clubs festival in



Stradbally. Deborah Tems and Bannerman Breeze (*pictured*) had a great festival. They won the Advanced Intermediate long arena dressage with a great score of 70 and the Medium Weight hunter championship and were reserve champions in the Eddie Fowler Memorial Championship.

The result of the Irish Draught showing class was

- ✓ 1st Deborah Tems riding Bannerman Breeze; 2nd Alva Gunne and Silver Skippy and 3rd Jill Casey and My Georgina.

In the Irish Draught Performance Hunter class the result was

- ✓ Fiona McMahan was first with Drumlane Barney; Alva Gunne and Silver

Skippy were second and Fiona was third riding Drumlane Con.

Mare Inspections Application forms are available from Horse Sport Ireland – phone 045 850 800

Sales Now is the time to start thinking about the autumn sale. Complete the application form clearly and accurately (see Year Book 2009). The dates are Cavan – 30th September, 1st October and 18th November and Goresbridge – 9th October and 27th November

Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association. Contact Ms Helen Kelly, Derrynagarra, Collinstown, Co Westmeath. Telephone 0044 9661199 Email IDHBA@eircom.net

Eddies Award

Congratulations Eddie – well deserved. Eddie Murphy from the Mayo branch was awarded the National Hall of Fame Award recently. Now in its seventh year these awards are one of the most popular in the Agri-Social calendar. They are presented to nominees from the agricultural industry by Athlone show.

The aim is to reward individuals who have promoted their respective breed at the highest level. Each breed society nominates a person and the IDHBA was delighted to nominate Eddie.

Picture shows Eddie receiving his award from Ms Michelle Gildemew the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland



Balmoral Results

There was a small but strong entry in this year's RID mare class. Taking the red rosette was Kerrins Ginger Mist an eight year old mare by Dunkerrin Grey Mist owned by David and Audrey Gregg from Saintfield. She was bred by no other than Eddie Murphy. In second place was Hughie Murphy from Swinford with his four year old Annaghdown Star mare Ballyglass Flying Star.

New Branches

Two new branches have been formed since our first news letter. They are Cork North East and Cork West. We wish them every success. We now have over 850 members.

Contact details for all our branches can be found on the website – www.idhba.ie

IHB Elections

Congratulations to members Helen Kelly, Paddy McCarthy and Neil Henry who have been elected to the board of the Irish Horse Board

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI)

We had a very positive meeting with CEO Damien McDonald and HSI. The HSI Irish Draught Review Board is looking for submissions in line with their strategic plan. Check our website for the terms of reference.

Diary Dates

1. **Laois Branch show** will be held in Stradbally Hall, on Sunday the 5th July by invitation of the Laois Hunt National Hound Show. More details from Eilene Brennan 059 9147667
2. On Friday the 24th July you are invited to a **'horse evening'** and BBQ in Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy's farm in Stradbally at 7pm.
3. **Wicklow Branch Show** The annual Wicklow branch show will be held in Boswell Equestrian Centre, Ashford, Co Wicklow on Sunday the 19th July. You can get all the class details from Paula Cullen, show secretary. Phone 01 2819412 / 086 2566355
4. **Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association Show**. Mullingar Equestrian Centre on Saturday the 1st August beginning sharp at 10.30am. Schedule is available from Helen Kelly
5. **Visit the National Irish Draught show in England** on the 19th September. A bus will leave Portlaois on the 18th and return on the Sunday the 20th. The cost is €300 each. For more information contact Eilene Brennan 059 9147667.
6. **Laois Branch Performance Show**. On Sunday 27th September in Stradbally Hall. Kevin Croke has the details on 057 8756790 / 085 1565188 / kevincroke@eircom.net
7. **Awards Night**. A date for your diary - our first ever awards night and social evening will be held in the Castlecourt Hotel in Westport on Saturday the 28th November. Full details will be in our October Newsletter.