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Combining dreams with art and science



Isabel Hurley

Editor

THE old adage that the breeding of horses is as much an art as a science continues to hold true, notwithstanding the ever continuing huge advances in the scientific world.

Behind every breeding cover essentially lies a dream – the hope of having a good foal on the ground, sound in limb and mind, fit for purpose, desired by the marketplace and one that will go on to have a career in its sphere.

With 14,000 breeders in Ireland, the traditional model has been that of the small farmer-breeder, who has between one and five broodmares, right up to the more modern, bigger, more commercially-minded horse breeders who really focus in on trying to deliver what the market wants.

Breeders and show jumping riders at the more elite end of the market in Ireland and overseas have readily shown their willingness to share their insights and expertise with others. Over the past year, *Irish Horse World* has provided indepth coverage of all the major equine conferences hosted nationwide by Teagasc, Horse Sport Ireland and Gain Equine Nutrition/Alltech's Equine Summit held in association with *The Irish Field*, bringing those key messages right to the kitchen table every Saturday morning for every one of our readers. Our next conference to cover is the upcoming Teagasc Young Breeder Seminar on April 4th where there's a host of top speakers in the lineup. If you are not a natural fan of conferences, do keep in mind that something learned now

could be an expensive mistake saved later on.

TIME TO GET A MOVE ON

Two years have now elapsed since the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine produced its report on the Irish Horse Industry (January 2016). Under the chairmanship of Andrew Doyle TD (FG), who described the report as "an overarching assessment of a wide industry", the report, which looked at both the sport horse and the thoroughbred sectors, made for interesting reading and had plenty of good recommendations to make to Minister for Agriculture, Michael Creed TD. First and foremost, it recognised Ireland's inherent advantages for the breeding and production of good horses, gifted with what is undoubtedly the world's best land, temperate climate and accompanied by its own tribe of natural horse people.

As its top two of 44 recommendations, the committee advocated that a National Plan for the equine industry be developed in Ireland, encompassing all sectors and also that there be a specific division within the Department to handle all equine and related issues.

Last March, Horse Sport Ireland held a hugely successful Marketing Symposium in Athlone where top flat racehorse trainer and breeder Jim Bolger struck a chord with the packed audience when he urged industry leaders to really make the case to Government of just what a national asset the sport horse industry really is – worth €816m to the Irish

economy annually and supporting some 13,000 full-time jobs nationwide.

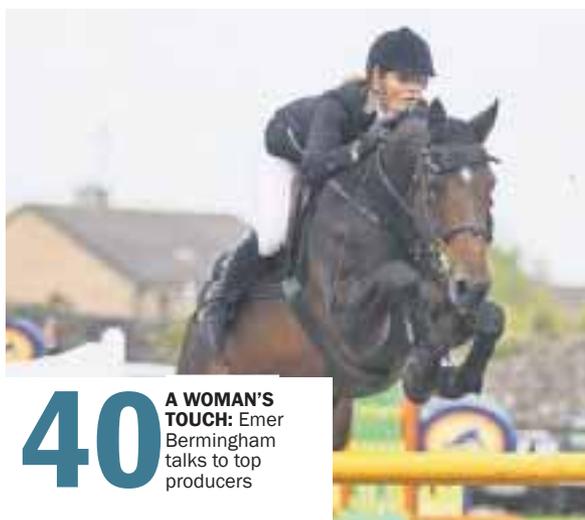
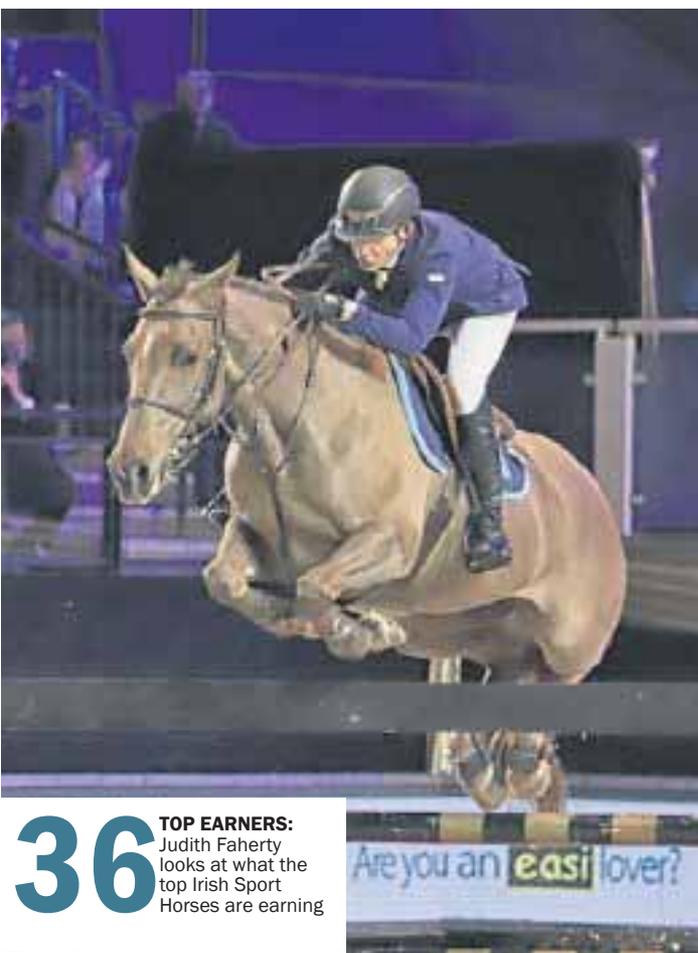
Auctioneers Martin Donohoe in Goresbridge and Stuart Clarke in Cavan Equestrian can and will readily attest to the fact that the best customer for Irish-bred horses is our nearest neighbours, Britain. Trade is off to a flying start for 2018 at each venue from their opening sales of the year and already, the indications are that this year could well see bumper trade in the sales ring.

Talking of matters across the water, Brexit (March 2019) is just one year away and the European Union recently confirmed that with it will come the ending of the Tripartite Agreement which has been in place since the 1970s, allowing easy movement of horses and ponies between Ireland, Britain and France.

The ending of the TPA will mean a significant jump in the amount of paperwork moving horses from – or through – a non-EU state from an EU state. Increased documentation, veterinary inspections and checks at border control posts will inevitably lead to longer travel times for horses, creating a heavier welfare burden.

UCD academic Dr Alan Fahey of the School of Agriculture and Food Science is on record as urging all facets of the equine industry to work together in one cohesive, unified force on this issue and has advised all those in the industry to have a solid Brexit plan in place. The clock is truly ticking.

The Irish Field team wish all breeders a successful foaling and breeding season in 2018.



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New tools for Irish breeders



Horse Sport Ireland is developing new tools for breeders in 2018, writes HSI Director of Breeding Alison Corbally

BREEDERS accounted for 33% (€271m) of all expenditure which totalled €816 million in the sport horse industry last year. *The Contribution of the Sport Horse Industry to the Irish Economy 2017* report highlighted the importance of the breeding sector; in particular its importance in providing significant employment throughout the island.

Over 60% of the 14,830 active sport horse breeders, are located in the west and south-western counties, where significant employment is also important to the maintenance of rural communities.

The breeding sector is the bedrock on which the production, competition and leisure sectors are based. Horse Sport Ireland's Breeding department therefore continues to invest in developing tools and providing objective information to assist breeders to make informed breeding decisions. Previously "IHR Online" was developed to allow breeders to access pedigree and live performance links to horses registered in the studbooks administered by HSI.

Last year the online "Covering certificate check" was established, allowing breeders to confirm whether stallion owners had submitted the covering cert for their specific mare.

This year further online tools are being developed. The first one is a "Mare Covering Declaration" and then the stallion book will be published containing the current "Genetic Evaluation" for show jumping perfor-

mance" and later in the year breeders will be able to register their foal online.

MARE DECLARATION

The mare declaration contains the same information as a Stallion Covering Certificate but is submitted by the mare owner. The declaration includes the mare information, the stallion information, the covering information including covering date and the mare owner details. This enables HSI to provide foal charts to breeders at an earlier point in the process.

Currently HSI cannot issue marking charts and foaling kits to the mare owner until a covering certificate is received from the stallion owner. In many cases, the stallion owner does not submit the covering certificate in time to release the foaling kit prior to the foal's birth. This leaves the mare owners in the position of having to call a veterinary surgeon out at a later date to mark the foal which adds to their costs.

By making a mare declaration online, mare owners will receive their marking charts and foaling kits prior to the foaling date. This will prevent delays getting the foal marked and also will allow the mare owner to immediately apply for the foal's passport.

The earlier receipt of foal applications and DNA samples facilitates the processing of the application and DNA samples to enable a quicker return of the foals passport to breeders (subject to the receipt of the stallion covering certificate).

Many issues that delay foal passports can also be handled earlier in the process. If a mare is unnamed, if there is a change of ownership required or if the mare or stallion requires endorsement into the studbook, these issues can be identified and resolved more quickly to prevent delays in passport production.

Please note that there is still a requirement for the covering certificate to be received from the stallion owner before the passport can be released to the mare owner.

GETTING STARTED ONLINE

Mare declarations will be available on the IHR Online system. An account on IHR Online is not necessary but it is recommended as it makes it easier for mare



A foal by Celtic Hero BZ enjoys a run across a field with his dam at Andrea Etter's Belmont House Stud, March 2017



Carol Gee of Fernhill Sport Horses, pictured here with Spain's Duarte Seabra riding Fernhill Curra Quin, is among the speakers for Horse Sport Ireland's upcoming breeding seminars

owners to retrieve their mare details and their contact information for the declaration and to save stallion choices to their account. To establish an IHR online account free of charge, go to <https://breeding.horsesportireland.ie/Person/Login.aspx>

GENETIC EVALUATION

A horse's performance ability is due to a combination of its genetic merit and a range of environmental influences including its rider, training, feeding etc. For breeding purposes, only the horse's genetic merit is important as this is component that can be passed on to its offspring.

Genetic evaluation is a scientific objective, statistical assessment of the genetic merit of horses. The results are published as

Breeding Values which are predictions of the genetic advantage that a horse will pass on to its offspring for a particular trait.

HSI carries out a genetic evaluation for show jumping horses in Ireland. Breeding values for show jumping ability at international level are produced which measures the difference between each horse's genetic ability for international level show jumping and the average genetic ability for show jumping for the Irish population.

Breeding values are expressed as an index with an average value of 100. This baseline value of 100 reflects the average genetic merit of active breeding Irish Sport Horse mares born between 1994 and 2017 and enables comparisons between horses.

BREEDERS' SEMINARS

Should you wish to receive further information regarding these services, we are holding two breeders' seminars:

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

- The seminars will be focusing on the breeding and production of the event horse with speakers including:
- Jennie Loriston-Clarke (MBE), one of Britain's leading riders and trainers and has represented Britain in four Olympic games
- Carol Gee, Fernhill Sport horses. Founder of Fernhill Sport horses in 2005, Carol has produced many successful horses
- Alison Corbally, HSI Director of Breeding & Programmes, will present the new 'mare declaration' online system and there will be staff available to demonstrate the online system at the end of the seminar

Further breeders' seminars will be held in other regions later in the year.

Horses with breeding values of over 120 are considered to be of high genetic merit and are breed improvers. Horses with breeding values over 130 considered to be superior breed improvers.

Breeding values are estimates of genetic merit, the true genetic merit of a horse can never be known exactly as performances are affected by factors other than genetics.

In addition, breeding values can change every year as more data becomes available, for example, as the number of a stallion's progeny competing increases. For these reasons, the reliability value of the Breeding value should always be taking into account when interpreting

breeding values.

The reliability value reflects the amount and type of information used in the calculation of a breeding value and can range from 0 to 100%.

More information on a horse results in a higher reliability. Breeding values with a reliability of 90% or greater are very reliable and are unlikely to change greatly. Breeding values with a low reliability are likely to change, either upwards or downwards, as more information becomes available.

Breeding values with a reliability between 30% and 50% should be considered to have a poor reliability. Breeding values with a reliability below 30% are not published.



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- ◆ 7 international grand prix wins
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- ◆ Multiple World Cup qualifier winner

ROMANOV retired fit and healthy in 2017 and was made available for commercial breeding for the first time. During his career, he sired a small number of progeny, yet from these, we already see a huge strike rate of international jumpers, including : Smornov, Romanella Gold, Galway Bay Jed, Romalette, Kasparov

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DINO W

BERLIN | L'AMOOUR Z | GREY | 2008 | 172CM



RESULTS

- ◆ 1st 2017 CSI 5* Helsinki 1m45
- ◆ 1st 2017 CSI 4* Grand Prix Vejer de la Frontera 1m55
- ◆ 1st 2017 CSI 4* Big Tour Vejer de la Frontera 1m50
- ◆ 1st 2016 CSI 5-W* Stuttgart 1m50
- ◆ 1st 2016 CSI 2* CAGNES Sur Mer 1m45

"By world champion (Eurocommerce) Berlin, Dino W come from breeding royalty. A tall and naturally uphill horse with the blood required for modern top- level competition".

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TOP 10 Irish earners



Judith Faherty looks at the top-ranked Irish Sport Horses based on their earnings in the last 365 days

THANKS to modern day technology, breeders and horse producers are spoiled for choice with platforms to follow their horses, research results and assess potential stallion choices.

One such platform which is a massive benefit to breeders is the online breeding data platform Hippomundo, founded by Belgian breeder Koen Terryn, who was a speaker at last year's Horse Sport Ireland Marketing Symposium.

Sport horse enthusiasts can search horse and rider results, breeding pedigrees, and most useful for the purpose of this research, rankings – for horses, riders, breeders, studbooks, sires, mares and so on.

Looking at the results from the last 365 days (March 2017 to March 2018), the top-placed Irish Sport Horse at number 22 is the Suma Stud-bred Sumas Zorro with €321,128 in prize money. The 14-year-old mare by Ard VDL Douglas out of the Horos-sired Voxens Frolic, is currently ridden by Egypt's Sameh El Dahan and owned by the rider and Joanne Sloan-Allen.

That prize money was earned from four major wins. The first came when winning the three-star Grand Prix at Arezzo, Italy, in April 2017 where the mare earned €6,250. June saw the combination collect a whopping \$125,400 CAD for a five-star Grand Prix victory in Spruce Meadows, Canada, followed by a five-star World Cup win

in La Coruna, Spain, earning another €89,100.

Their final win of 2017 came in December at the four-star Liverpool International Horse Show when they collected €8,118 for a 1.50m victory. With a further 53.8% of placings earnings, that shoots Sumas Zorro to the head of the Irish-bred list and just outside the top 20 ranked horses in the world.

The mare is the last born of eight progeny registered to Vixens Frolic on Capaill Oir, Horse Sport Ireland's horse database. The Kilkenny-based Sumas Stud is operated by Susan Lanigan-O'Keefe and Marilyn Power.

Another hugely successful story is that of Luibanta BH (Galway Bay Luibanta), bred at Galway Bay Stud in Co Galway by Justin Burke. Ranked second in the Irish Sport Horse rankings and 54th overall with earnings of €217,977, the 10-year-old mare by Luidam has risen to prominence under Britain's Amanda Derbyshire.

Produced by Ellen Whitaker as a young horse, Luibanta BH was sold to Derbyshire's employers, Gochman Sport Horses LLC, at the end of 2016. Derbyshire's success with the mare came into force in the latter part of 2017 when they won a four-star 1.50m in Liverpool (€8,118), followed by \$23,100 USD in Wellington last month when landing the four-star WEF Challenge Cup.

However, their biggest pot came at the five-star Saugerties Horse Show in New York last August when



Egypt's Sameh El Dahan and Irish Sport Horse Sumas Zorro, the top-ranked Irish Sport Horse who has earned €321,128 in the last 12 months

Table 1: Top 10 ranked Irish-bred horses*

Horse	Breeder	Earnings (Mar 2017 - Mar 2018)	Percentage winnings (placings)
22. Sumas Zorro	Sumas Stud	€321,128	10.3% (53.8%)
54. Luibanta BH	Justin Burke	€217,977	7.9% (52.6%)
127. Limestone Grey	David Moran	€119,083	0% (38.6%)
286. Dougie Douglas	John O'Brien	€60,410	2.8% (16.7%)
294. CHS Inception	Messers Ard Ri Properties Ltd	€58,332	0% (36.4%)
299. Codarco	Thomas O'Brien	€57,800	2.9% (28.6%)
305. MHS Going Global	Ita Brennan	€56,731	0% (27.9%)
333. MHS Washington	Ita Brennan	€52,720	9.1% (50.9%)
416. ABC Quantum Cruise	Patrick Kehoe	€44,585	2.1% (33.3%)
502. Quality Old Joker	Roberta Dowley	€37,573	11.1% (44.4%)

*based on prize money via Hippomundo.com in the last 365 days. All horses are jumping at 1.60m level.

4

of the top-10 Irish horses were bred in Co Kilkenny

2

by Ard VDL Douglas

3

of the top-10 Irish horses by OBOS Quality

2

bred by late Ita Brennan at Mill House Stud

they collected \$100,000 for fourth place in the Grand Prix. Burke has bred five foals from the KWPN mare Mibanta, the youngest of which was born in 2015, sired by Askoll Peter Pan.

With the help of 1.60m performers Galway Bay Jed (Harriet Nuttall), Galway Bay Laith (Capt Geoff Curran), Galway Bay Pandora (Jenny Rankin), Burke is ranked 60th overall in the global breeders rankings

(in the last 365 days), while Sumas Stud sits top of the Irish in 31st.

The David Moran-bred Limestone Grey (by Try Time), who is partnered by Italy's Lorenzo de Luca, is third best of the Irish and ranks 127th with earnings of €119,083, before a large gap to Dougie Douglas in 286th.

RECORD HOLDER

Bred in Co Limerick by John O'Brien, another out

of Ard VDL Douglas and by Neills Girl (High Roller), the 13-year-old gelding Dougie Douglas holds the record for the most expensive horse sold at public auction in Ireland. He was purchased by America's Katie Dinan for €1.4 million at the Gorebridge Supreme Sale of Showjumpers in 2015.

Interestingly, O'Brien has since bred six full-siblings to Dougie Douglas, the oldest born in 2012 and youngest in 2017.

CHS Inception, bred in Co Cavan by the Messrs Ard Ri Properties group, has earned €58,332 thanks to a good run of form under Ireland's Andrew Bourns last summer and ranks in 294th place overall, fifth best of the Irish.

Out of the mare Bohemia, CHS Inception has a four-year-old full-brother.

The sixth-ranked Irish Sport Horse is the ill-fated Codarco who sadly passed away last month. The 11-year-old stallion has earned €57,800 in the last 365 days for his American owner/rider Chloe Reid. By Darco, he was bred in Co Galway by Tomas O'Brien was the four-year-old champion in Dublin in 2011.

The late Ita Brennan from Mill House Stud – the MHS prefix made famous by MHS Going Global (Quidam Junior x Cavalier Royale) – has two in the top 10. The aforementioned comes in 305th place with €56,731, while the Laura Renwick-partnered MHS Washington, by OBOS Quality out of Mill Royale (Cavalier Royale), just behind in 333rd after earning €52,720.

With a 9.1% of winnings, the last mentioned mare has a solid record at two and three-star 1.45/1.50m level.

Renwick also partners her seven-year-old half-sister, MHS Sanfrancisco (by Quidam Junior), a recent winner of the seven-year-old class in Vilamoura.

RISING STAR

Another rising Irish star, ninth on the Irish list, is the Patrick Kehoe-bred ABC Quantum Cruise, by OBOS Quality.

The nine-year-old gelding is out of a former RDS champion, the traditionally-bred Ardnehue Diamond Cruiser (by Cruising), and has earned €44,585 in the last 12 months, including almost €10,000 for a third place finish in the three-star Grand Prix at Vejer de la Frontera two weeks ago under Britain's Peter Charles.

Closing out the top 10 Irish Sport Horse list is the third OBOS Quality-sired horse, Quality Old Joker. Bred in Co Kilkenny by Roberta Dowley, the 10-year-old is out of Little Joker (by Slyguff Joker VII).

Produced by British speed merchant Holly Smith, Quality Old Joker has become a Puissance specialist, winning the Liverpool Puissance last December (£2,880), as well as the Hickstead Derby Trial (£2,640) and a third place finish in the Al Shira'aa Derby (£10,850).

Kent Farrington's prolific Belgian-bred mare Gazelle (Kashmir van Schuttershof x Indoctro) tops the rankings, winning an incredible €867,130 prize money in the last 12 months.

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Keeping the flag flying high



Susan Finnerty takes a look at the world's top eventing sire rankings

WHAT changes were there since last year's World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) sire rankings?

Chacco-Blue denied a Diamant de Semilly treble in the show jumping rankings as the other two stalwarts, Contendro and De Niro, pulled off a hat-trick by retaining their respective eventing and dressage crowns.

Some 50% of the top-10 eventing sires were again Irish-based, a highly respectable result which keeps Irish Sport Horse breeding visible on both the WBFSH and world stages, while the European powerhouse studbooks maintained their grip in the show jumping and dressage sire tables.

2017 was also the year when several leading stallions, featured in these rankings, were retired from competition or lost. Major championships always have a major impact on the annual rankings and last summer's European championships proved no exception.

Are these rankings infallible? No, as once again there are some anomalies in the rankings, particularly in the eventing sires category and the 'one-hit wonder' sires will typically flounder against the stallions busy in the covering shed. 'Numbers game' caveat aside, the rankings are still a useful tool for breeders going into the 2018 breeding season.

Once again the eventing sire table salvages Irish pride, with five of the top-10 stallions – Master Imp (third), Ramiro B (fourth), Puissance (fifth), Lux Z (seventh) and Cruising (eighth) – bred or based here.

High Kingdom's main result last year – third place in the final running of the Kentucky Horse Trials under the Rolex banner – sees the remarkable 17-year-old head Master Imp's progeny.

As several of the Irish-bred 'millennials' that competed at the London Olympics – Mr Medicott, Electric Cruise, Ringwood Magister (another Master Imp son) and Portersize Just A Jiff – start to wind down their careers or have retired – these rankings are possibly the last time we will see these traditional-bred Olympians feature in such numbers.

Just six points behind High Kingdom in the individual event horse rankings is the American-based Da Vinci Code, one that looks set to feature well from the later foal crops of Master Imp, who died in 2009, in future rankings.

Master Imp has 33 progeny credited to him, a number which will fuel his posthumous duel with Heraldik, the only other thoroughbred to feature in this year's rankings. This pair are increasingly appearing as dam sires amongst the individual horse results too.

BIG LEAP

The next-highest stallion, Ramiro B, had 17 offspring listed with no less than 11 of these carrying Richard Sheane's Cooley brand. This group included the sire's best-ranked Cooley SRS, selected with Oliver Townend for the British team at the European championships. Although now based cross-channel with Nina Barbour, all of Ramiro B's



Breeder of High Kingdom William Micklem with Zara Tindall and Suzi Cooper at Rolex Kentucky



The great stallion master Loftus O'Neill of Slyguff Stud with Master Imp, ranked third in the world rankings



Ramiro B (BWP)

ROLEX WBFSH EVENTING SIRE RANKINGS

Stallion	Progeny points	2016 ranking
1 Contendro (HOLST)	1185	1
2 Jaguar Mail (SF)	761	4
3 Master Imp (TB)	701	6
4 Ramiro B (BWP)	652	20
5 Puissance (ISH)	543	66
6 Heraldik (TB)	542	2
7 Lux Z (HANN)	498	13
8 Cruising (ISH)	479	26
9 Balou Du Rouet (OLD)	476	28
10 Grafenstolz (TRAK)	443	11

WBFSH-listed progeny in the 2017 sire rankings are Irish-bred so the Belgian-bred sire can continue to be claimed.

The traditionally-bred Puissance (15 progeny) enjoyed the greatest leap in last year's rankings, leapfrogging from 66th place right up to fifth. Ardragh Highlight, the only traditional-bred amongst last year's Irish Sport Horse team that won its record 22nd studbook title, was the chief points earner for this Imperius son.

Surprisingly, Lux Z is Kedrah House Stud's highest-placed sire in these rankings with Courage II seemingly back in 11th place. The American-based pair of Delux Z and Fernhill Fugitive are the Hanoverian sire's top points scorers from his 14 offspring.

Also returning to the top-10 fold is the

second traditional Irish-bred, Cruising. From the 11 progeny credited to him, Harbour Pilot and the veteran Mr Medicott, who made his final four-star appearance at Kentucky last spring, are his leading lights.

Now to the glitches: it remains unclear if Courage II's doppelgänger 'Courage', listed in 59th place, could be the same Holsteiner stallion and if so, their combined total (671 points) would hypothetically place him fourth, instead of 11th. In either instance, the best offspring of the late stallion, who was out of Cavalier Royale's full-sister Vamara, are the Rio Olympics pair of The Duke Of Cavan and Ringwood Sky Boy.

Two other surprise omissions from the progeny of Limmerick (14th) and Touchdown (18th) appear to be Loughan



Sam Watson's Ardagh Highlight (ISH) is flying the flag for Puissance (by Imperius)

Glen and Paulank Brockagh. Although her points picked up at Pau last autumn, after the WBFSH rankings calendar year ended, will now count towards her and sire Touchdown's 2018 tally, Paulank Brockagh's other results last season do not seem to have converted into WBFSH points in 2017.

Chipmunk FRH and the 2015 European championships gold medal winner Fischer Takinou are the leading lights for the top two eventing stallions Contendro and Jaguar Mail. The reigning individual gold and silver medal German-bred winners Horeware Hale Bob (OLD) and Fischer Rocana (DSP) are the sole runners recorded for their thoroughbred sires Helikon (33rd) and Ituango (21st).

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A woman's touch



Emer Bermingham talks to four riders who are at the top of their game in breeding and producing top level show jumpers

Victoria O'Connor



Linda Moloney and Zilko won the six-year-old RDS qualifier at the Meadows EC last May

LINDA MOLONEY

BASED in Kilkenny, Linda Moloney has been producing young horses for 20 years and breeding for 15 of those. Despite the hard work, it's something that she wouldn't change.

Just some of her success stories include On A Frolic, Notting Hill, Malibu Flight, Meribel Flight, Dino, Mavouka Flight, Lord Pitzi, Woodenfarm Milly, Cornelia, Zilko, Simona Flight and Knightfield Arlie.

"This job involves many unsociable hours, but to do this job well, you need to love it and the lifestyle that it involves," Moloney said.

Success doesn't happen overnight and Moloney aims to keep horses until there are eight or nine.

In identifying a potential showjumper she looks for a good balanced canter and a nice temperament. "I obviously would look for scope, carefulness and good technique, but I find that if a horse has a good canter and temperament, it will make a nice horse even if it's not a show jumping star."

Of course there are no guarantees in producing horses, but deciding if it's going to make it can take time and investment. "I think if a horse is comfortable to step up from six-year-old level to what it needs to do as a seven-year-old, you can be quite sure it's a potential top horse."

"Before that you can speculate and go by your gut feeling, but I don't believe you can be

sure of potential for the top before the horse is actually in the ring as a seven-year-old and is happy to jump the tracks."

What does Moloney aim for at the start of the year with a horse who is just starting its career? "At four, the young horse is starting its competitive career and at the start of the year I'd like to have it jumping around a small course of fences. Once it's doing that I don't believe it's any big panic to get it jumping bigger, let it jump around 80/90cm for a few months to get comfortable and get the riding right, flying changes etc."

The quality of venues in Ireland is a big problem for horse producers and Moloney is among those who feels we need more support from the government.

"The lack of venues in this country must be named as the biggest challenge. In order to produce horses, they need to be brought to different places and venues to get used to different environments. Funding from the government to provide equestrianism with new venues is essential if we are going to continue to be a strong nation to produce good horses."

Most of Moloney's horses are sold abroad and she said that everything is always for sale.

"If we have a really good horse, it will only be sold if the right buyer comes along and is willing to pay what we are asking," she added.

Jessica Burke and Express Trend



JESSICA BURKE

A FAMILIER face when it comes to producing young horses in Ireland is Galway's Jessica Burke. While at college, Jessica worked with Marie Burke at Clare Equestrian Centre and this is where she got her first taste of riding young horses.

Burke's most notable success was winning both the four-year-old and the six-year-old championship at the Dublin Horse Show in 2017 and being selected to represent Ireland with two horses at the 2017 World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken.

She also won both the five and six-year-old ISH Studbook titles in 2017 and was runner-up in the seven-year-old series.

Other successes include the sale of some of horses like Woodfield Samenco, GRC Paris, Lux Like Jagger and Galloways Gold, to keep the business going.

"I really enjoyed working with the youngsters, starting them off and seeing them improve throughout the summer. I realised how some of the horses are very intelligent and learn very quick and this is where I get satisfaction from."

"I bought a three-year-old by Lux Z and started to produce him myself back in 2012 and that is when I began producing horses at home. This was essentially the beginning of my business."

Similar to Moloney, Burke says there is no exact time limit when it comes to producing young horses. "Some horses are much slower than others so it can be frustrating at times. It takes a horse until he/she is at least eight to be able to compete at the top level."

Every horse is different, she explains. "I try to do as little as possible with four-year-olds, again depending on the type of horse. A very big scopey horse may not necessarily feel great at the jump until he is about six because it takes them longer to canter, but you should still be able to see the potential."

"Other horses, often a smaller more compact type with a smaller canter, can feel very good from an early age but you must

try to judge how much scope they will have at the end of the day."

Burke is positive about the state of the market. "These days there is a good market for all types of horses as long as they are sound and good models. But they can only be sold if they are rideable, therefore the flat work and education that goes into all of the horses from the beginning is the same."

"The best market is abroad, so we are trying to encourage more and more of the foreigners to buy their young horses in Ireland. I'm lucky I have solid group of owners that send me their horses to produce from the beginning."

"We try to make a call on the future of these horses as early as possible. This is probably the biggest challenge as it is very hard to say how much potential they actually have at the beginning and if they will go to the very top. Making this call is one of the most important things and from my experience over the last 10 years, I now feel I can spot a top horse from a very young age."

Just five years ago Burke made the move into breeding horses, using her young rider mare Amanda 202, who retired early. "I have some lovely youngsters off her by Chippison, Kannan, Ard VDL Douglas and Chin Chin. The Kannan is the only filly so I plan to take some embryos off her and keep her for breeding in the future."

"I'm also trying to breed and take embryos off my older mare Vitesse, who competed until she was 18. We also breed from two other mares by Ramiro B and Cruising."

"I plan to concentrate on breeding from a small number of good mares and I will try to take an embryo from any of the really good mares that I am competing so if they are sold on I have something to look forward to."

"I am also looking forward to an embryo taken from last year's four-year-old champion Lux A Special Lady. She is a full-sister to 1.60m campaigner Special Lux," the Galway show jumper added.



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Joan Greene with Abbey Colleen at Millstreet International in 2013

JOAN GREENE

PRODUCING horses for 25 years for herself and others, Joan Greene has been involved in the careers of many young stars in Ireland. She boasts an impressive record which includes horses such as Abbey Duchess, Chipigal, Shannondale Truman, Biscaya D'Eversem, Diamonds for Douglas, O Shea's Kilcullen Diamond, CSF Vinze, Drumagoland Chip, Luxroe and Daydream St Ghyvan Z.

Like Jessica Burke, Greene has only started to breed in the last few years. "I have taken advantage of my two sisters, Shelia White and Marie Burke, having very good stallions and I now have two promising looking four-year-olds, one by Chippison and another by Simba. My husband Pat bred Chipigal by Chippison so there is a nice connection there."

No year is the same for Greene. "Every year is different. The standard of horse has improved so much over the years. I consider

myself lucky to have one or two horses with potential coming along each year."

Like Linda Moloney, Greene would like to have more venues up to the standard of the many show centres in mainland Europe. It would, in her opinion, help keep horses sounder and make it easier produce a balanced and confident horse.

On a positive note, she said: "The Irish Sport Horse Studbook show jumping series has been a great place to educate and showcase good young horses."

When assessing a young horse, Greene looks for good conformation with a balanced athletic and elevated movement and a temperament that is easy to work with.

Greene is realistic about her market and what to expect with young horses. "A lot of the horses go on to jump at amateur 1.30m or 1.40m levels. Only a few go on to jump at Nations Cups level."

CATHERINE THORNTON

CATHERINE Thornton has been producing horses since she was 18 years old. Some of the horses that began their careers under her command include Roundthorn Madios (1.60m with Andrew Bourns), Derryinver Luxury Cruise (1.50m, Edward Doyle and Thornton), Milano (1.40m), Galway Bay Liath (1.40m, Captain Geoff Curran), Galway Bay Pandora (7yo with Jenny Rankin), and the William Fox Pitt-partnered three-star eventer Torino.

"I've been lucky enough to represent Ireland at the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken on three occasions – Graf Balouprint as a five-year-old, Roundthorn Madios at a six-year-old and Milano when he was seven.

"I won the five-year-old Cavan Classic Final in 2013 with Galway Bay Liath (previously named Galway Bay Easy Touch) and have made the grand final of the four-year-olds in the RDS on five different occasions with six horses, winning it in 2009 with Derryinver Luxury Cruise.

"He was a horse I was lucky enough to get back as a nine-year old – we had some great success together including a second place finish in the two-star Grand



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Catherine Thornton and Derryinver Luxury Cruise who she won the four-year-old final with in Dublin in 2009 and got the ride on the horse again when he was a nine-year-old

Prix at Balmoral, which is a career highlight for me."

When it comes to looking at the potential of a young horse her most important qualities is a good brain and a big heart. "Obviously it's the dream to get massive scope and carefulness too but if it has a good brain and a big heart it will always have a job."

Like the other riders, there is little spare time when it comes to producing horses. With 11 horses currently in work, it's a seven-day-a-week job.

Thornton has also bred horses for 15 years, using three foundation mares, and would have used Numero Uno, Lux Z and Limerick a lot. Last year she also had foals by Verdi, Luidam and Je T'aime Flamenco, with the mares back in foal to Aganix du Seigneur Z and Luidam.

Breeding horses is very rewarding when they do well. "Milano, who I competed up to 1.40m Grand Prix level and represented Ireland in Lanaken as

a seven-year old, was a home-bred, and we now have his full-sister to breed from. Other home-breds include Torino and Celta Vigo (1.40m)."

There are no guarantees when producing horses and it is important to be mindful of this. "Out of the four-year-old horses I produce each year, I feel I am lucky if I get two or three that have the potential to go further in the sport. However, I have learned not to be too quick to judge as horses all have different rates of development and can surprise you!

"It seems like it's getting more difficult each year to find good quality horses at affordable prices. Production costs are getting higher every year with bedding, forage, feed and entry fee prices all increasing. It's also a challenge knowing when to sell – do you sell early on or do you take the risk of producing further and spending more with the intention of selling later?"

While she commends the ISH Studbook Series, Thornton finds the hectic schedule at the beginning of the year problematic. "I do wish that, especially in the months of May and June, it was possible to space out the studbook classes and the RDS qualifiers."

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Continental sires on top



European-based proven performance show jumping sires dominate the latest world rankings, writes Susan Finnerty

IN the show jumping sire results, the top end reads like a *Who's Who* of European-based proven performance sires. From an Irish perspective, there are two Irish links in the top 50 this year (just Lux Z appeared in 2016, in 43rd place) through the exiled pair of Ard VDL Douglas and Querlybet Hero.

The Darco son moved from 63rd place in 2016 to 48th in the most recent rankings, while Querleybet Hero, who stood for just one season in Ireland, stands in 50th place.

Suma's Zorro (112th in the individual rankings) and Dougie Douglas (312th) are Ard VDL Douglas's leading pair from his Irish-born crops. The claim to Querleybet Hero is made more tenuous by the fact that all of his listed progeny were foaled on the Continent.

Lux Z (89th) and Cruising (95th) round off the Irish-based stallions numbers to four in the top 100 last year, two less than 2016.

The only change in the 2017 WBFSH leading sire leaderboard took place in this section with Chacco Blue deposing Diamant de Semilly.

The Chambertin-sired Chacco Blue is proving to be a better sire than performer and amongst his 150 progeny listed are several that made him the most represented sire at last year's European show jumping championships in Gothenburg.

These of course include Chaqui Z, Shane Sweetnam's team gold medal winner, who is ranked third of Chacco Blue's 2017 progeny behind the Oldenburg mare VDL Groep Miss Untouchable, (out of an Aldatus Z dam) and Chadino.

Diamant de Semilly leads the Selle Français sire pack and once again it is Don VHP Z, the individual silver medal winner at Gothenburg for the Netherlands that is the leading scorer from his sire's 145 points earners. Like Casall (fifth) Diamant de Semilly is already proving himself as a sire of commercial sires, including Comme Il Faut and Elvis Der Putte.

The remainder of this year's top-10 is relatively unchanged from last year with Gerco Schroeder's ex-campaigner Eurocommerce Berlin (10th) just edging out the old stalwart Quidam de Revel.

Another leading French-bred, the dual Olympic medal winner Baloubet du Rouet (eighth) died last summer but his son Balou du Rouet has this year's unique distinction of being the only stallion to appear in both the show jumping and eventing rankings (ninth) last year.

Casall ASK, the sire of the WBFSH leading show jumping horse Chesall Zimequest, in the previous year rankings has already proved hugely popular

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The Chambertin-sired Chacco Blue is proving to be a better sire than performer



Team gold medal winners Shane Sweetnam and Chaqui Z (by Chacco Blue) in action at the 2017 Europeans Championships

with breeders and after a unique spell competing at the top amongst his own progeny, was another to retire last year.

He holds on to fifth place, just above Kashmir Van't Schuttershof, whose exceptional strike rate for performers includes Sweden's 2017 European individual gold champion H&M All In.

DRESSAGE SIRES

While the show jumping sires rankings are the most static of last year's results, there was relatively little change within the dressage sire results too.

Once again it was De Niro, another stallion lost last year, that continued to rule and it was the Rio Olympics and European championships contender Super Nova II (individual ninth) that was his main flagbearer.

The influence of De Niro's sire Donnerhall was stamped yet again on the latest rankings with two more of his sons – Don Frederico (sixth) and Don Schufro (10th) – featured.

One sire and son combination in the dressage division are Sandro Hit (second) and the Australian export Stedinger (eighth).

Judy Reynolds' globe-trotting campaigner Vancouver K leads the way for his sire Jazz.

Overall it was a strong showing by the Oldenburg studbook, claiming 50% of the top-10 dressage stallions.

Sire rankings can pose as many questions as answers as Irish breeders navigate websites, articles and brochures hoping to find the magic match.

Whether investing in a top 1.60m show jumping stallion for the correct mare or finding the ideal eventing sire, the WBFSH rankings are as always a useful yardstick in this quest.

See www.wbfsch.org for the 2017 sire rankings.

ROLEX WBFSH SHOW JUMPING SIRE RANKINGS

Stallion	Progeny points	2016 ranking
1 Chacco Blue (MECK)	22,346	8
2 Diamant De Semilly (SF)	18,575	1
3 For Pleasure (HANN)	14,240	2
4 Cornet Obolensky (BWP)	13,842	3
5 Casall (HOLST)	12,778	5
6 Kashmir Van't Schuttershof (SBS)	11,343	6
7 Kannan (KWPN)	10,924	5
8 Baloubet Du Rouet (SF)	10,715	9
9 Balou Du Rouet (OLD)	10,373	7
10 Berlin (HOLST)	10,102	11

ROLEX WBFSH DRESSAGE SIRE RANKINGS

Stallion	Progeny points	2016 ranking
1 De Niro (HANN)	32,943	1
2 Sandro Hit (OLD)	21,475	3
3 Rubin-Royal (OLD)	17,879	4
4 Gribaldi (TRAK)	14,888	2
5 Jazz (KWPN)	12,383	5
6 Don Frederico (HANN)	10,344	16
7 Sir Donnerhall (OLD)	9,285	25
8 Stedinger (OLD)	9,248	15
9 Florestan I (RHEIN)	9,087	7
10 Grafenstolz (TRAK)	443	11



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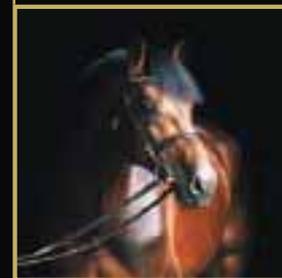
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Focus needed to breed winning ponies



Emer Bermingham speaks to pony breeders on the key components needed to breed jumping stars

WITHOUT a doubt, Irish pony riders are among the best in Europe and last year's results at the European Championships and the FEI Pony Jumping Trophy stand testimony to this talent.

However, we need to pose the question, will there be enough ponies in Ireland to meet the requirements of our up and coming riders in the future?

It seems a lot of successful ponies in Ireland are now growing old. In the 128cms final in Dublin last year, 13 of the ponies were aged 13 or older. In the 138cms, it was better, with five of the ponies under the age of 14. In the 148cms division, six of the ponies were 12 or over. However, this trend is not unique to Ireland.

Valerie Gateau, who buys and sells ponies to Europe, told *The Irish Field* there is a shortage of ponies in Ireland. "What I hear from others in the industry is that 90% of our jumping ponies that come on the market are sold out of the country and the good ones go to Sweden," Gateau said.

"I think there is already a serious shortage of good ponies with many unfilled requests. The 138cms 1.20 ponies are impossible to get and there is very limited demand for young 128cms and 138cms.

"Domestic demand is there, but not for the type of ponies we sell, they are beyond the reach of most budgets of Irish clients. The demand for Irish ponies is huge. My customers love them for their bravery and balanced heads," she added.

"I believe there is a big opportunity to change things. We could create incentives for breeders to breed 128cms and 138cms ponies, encourage initiatives like the Gateau Young classes for all heights and introduce



Helen Revington

Seamus Hughes Kennedy and the Irish Sport Horse Cuffesgrange Cavalidam at the 2017 FEI European Jumping Championships for ponies. The 13-year-old mare is by Luidam out of a Cavalier Royale mare

more discovery classes." She added that both funding and a national desire to boost small heights categories are needed to do this.

"We also need incentives for breeders to record breeding. In France, you can't jump ponies if the breeding is not recorded, that is why they are able to produce super statistics. I am not saying this is the right way, but what we do probably isn't right either.

"Here, a lot of the pony breeders breed with mares and stallions who have never jumped, including B section ponies. There are no counts here for how many pony stallions cover which is very difficult then to look at trends.

"It's hard to see how to make changes. If you close breeding competitions like the Discovery, Starfinders, and the Gateau Series to breeding only, you will have very few entries. I think

there should first be a recognition that we have a shortage of jumping ponies.

"There is huge opportunity to sell our Irish ponies overseas so we should set up a committee with an action plan and funding that would include incentives for breeders to breed ponies and register breeding. There should be attractive young pony competitions that would act as a shop window for breeders," Gateau suggested.

There is evidence that we lag behind when it comes to recording the breeding pedigree of ponies and as a result, it's impossible to trace the breeding lines. Last year the Irish Horse Board actively tried to encourage breeders to record pedigrees.

At the Cavan Pony Show last July, the Irish Sport Pony Studbook sent a representative along with a vet onsite to do markings and take hair samples of performance

ponies. The Irish Sport Pony studbook are still offering a registration rate of €30, including DNA, for registering a pony with full parentage in the studbook.

ACCIDENTAL

In recent years it has been hammered home that when breeding horses, breeders need to look at the qualities of both sire and dam. Is this being applied with such rigor when it comes to breeding ponies, or is it simply by chance that a young star is born?

On occasion, pony stars have risen after a horse simply fails to grow and measures in as a pony (under 14.2hh). Take the example of the highly successful Rincoola Babog, by Luidam out of the Cruising mare Rincoola Abu. His breeder Harold McGahern said he was intending to breed a horse but the foal just did not grow. He had

bred that combination before and the result was a horse.

Pony producer Adrian Williams believes breeders are becoming more conscious of the pony breeding lines and that trends of breeders using good horse stallions and utilising fashionable foreign stallions can be seen. His pony Sligo Lux To Queeney was bred by Richard Howley and is by Lux Z.

Denis Harrington, who owned the pony stallion Ti Chip (by Chippison) before selling him to Denmark, said: "Many people are inclined to use horse stallions with pony mares and I am one such breeder myself."

Coming from a family steeped in horse breeding success, Clare Hughes Kennedy is a great example of a breeder choosing proven breeding lines when breeding show jumping ponies.

"Genetics are very important in breeding ponies,"



Hughes Kennedy said, and, quoting her father, she added: "Not all well-bred horses are good horses, but all good horses are well-bred horses!"

She believes the ideal mix is a pony mare with a good horse stallion or a pony stallion with a horse mare. Stallions she has used include the pony stallion Cyclone Texass (with a Diamond Exchange-sired mare), Luidam, Harlequin Du Carel, Son Of Heartbreaker, Cornet Obolensky, Cobra 18 and Romanov.

"When you are jumping at the level of FEI Pony Jumping Trophy, you need that bit of blood to handle the bigger fences and you need a pony with a good canter. Really what you are breeding is a small horse," Hughes Kennedy added.

Williams agrees that an injection of blood is needed in today's ponies. "In today's jumping, many suggest that ponies need a bit of blood and that is why a Connemara-cross works very well. In The Netherlands they crossed the Welsh pony with one of their native breeds to get a very good jumping pony. In France, crossing the Connemara with their own blood horses has worked well for them," he said.

RIDEABILITY

Andrea Etter of Belmont House Stud in Co Offaly is no stranger to breeding horses and this season the 148cms pony stallion Machnus d'Hyrencourt, bred by Luc and Andre Henry in Belgium, will be available, mostly by frozen semen and part of the season by chilled semen.

Owned by Leo Monaghan from Tullamore, Machnus is fully approved by HSI and is by the two-time European champion Machno Carwyn. Machnus's dam jumped internationally and is also the dam of approved stallion

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Kate Derwin and the full Connemara Cul Ban Mistress won team gold and individual silver at the 2017 European Championships for ponies



rideability. As children will be on board, temperament and rideability are crucial," Etter said.

When asked if the Connemara and a blood stallion is necessary to produce the top showjumping pony, she added: "Not necessarily, some full Connemara ponies have enough blood and ability, one of the top jumping ponies at the moment is a full Connemara.

"However I believe that covering a Connemara mare with the likes of Machnus can be an interesting cross for performance breeders that wish to breed a pony for the top sport."

Like Gateau, Etter believes that more can be done to encourage breeders. "One thing that I feel would be very beneficial for the industry is a category for ponies/horses between 14.2hh to 15.2hh. In Holland, they have this category called E Pony. This would create a market for those ponies that have grown too much and would put more of a value on them."

Like breeding horses, intelligent breeding practices must be utilised in pony breeding.

Yes, many stars have been born unexpectedly, but we can't replicate one-offs.

Looking to the future, serendipity is not going to keep us up there as a nation of pony breeders!

Cap Nord d'Hyrencourt who stood at Belmont previously.

When asked if she thought that more people were using selective breeding methods when choosing to breed ponies, Etter said it was im-

possible to see trends. "When it comes to breeding ponies, it should be like breeding horses – you should look for a proven sire and dam. Also another important factor when breeding a pony is



The purebred Connemara pony Ballyowen Maybell Molly, pictured winning in 2016 with Sean Monaghan, is another example of good breeding

BELMONT HOUSE STUD *Breeding and Producing Future Champions!*



MR LINCOLN B 2014 175cm liverchestnut ISH by Aganix du Seigneur x O-Piloth x Wandango

A BIG, POWERFUL, SCOPEY AND CAREFUL STALLION THAT HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF HIM.

By the Zangersheide star Aganix Du Seigneur from a proven performance damline. Dam Lucy in the Sky B won the qualifier and finished 2nd in the loose jumping finals at CSI Cavan. Grand dam Wandonga is a successful 1.60m jumper who finished 3rd at the richest Indoor GP in the world, CSI Zurich, behind the stallion For Pleasure and was crowned Swiss Horse of the year. In 2017 Mr Lincoln B achieved second at CSI Mullingar loose jumping, won the RDS qualifier at Ross House, won the qualifier and final of the Young Irishman CSI Millstream and was 6th in the RDS finals. Mr Lincoln B is full brother to the winner of the HSI foal class at Galway Equestrian Centre, Mr McKinley B, who also came 2nd at the Barnadown HSI Foal Championships.

STETTER 1999 167cm brown KWPN by Manhattan x Goodtimes x Vasco x Jasper

INTERNATIONAL SHOWJUMPER, ALREADY SIRE OF A 1.60M JUMPER, A STALLION THAT IS ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE HIS BEST IN THE RING.

As a 5 year-old, Stetter achieved 4th at the Lanaken World Breeding championships and accomplished results up to 1.55m for Swiss rider Claudia Gisler. Stetter is sire of International 1.60m jumper, Wetter (Peter Wylde and Catherine Tyree USA) from a very small crop of 4 foals before his competition career. Stetter is fully approved with KWPN and HSI with a 4* rating for his own performance. Certified not to breed chestnuts! Stetter is sire of Stetterino B who achieved 2nd place at RDS qualifier at Ross House and Reserve Champion at Dublin Horse Show loose jumping finals 2017. Stetterino B is from Stetter's first Irish crop.

CELTIC HERO B Z 2012 166cm bay Z by Calikot Hero x Caretano Z x For Pleasure
AN INTELLIGENT, MODERN AND ATTRACTIVE ATHLETE THAT ALWAYS WANTS TO WIN!

Winner of multiple loose jumping competitions in 2015: CSI Mullingar, The Futurity Ballina, RDS qualifiers (with highest score of the week) and 2nd at the RDS finals. He also achieved: 4 year-old Champion at CSI Cavan 2016. Double clear 5 year-old final CSI Cavan 2017. Sire of winning filly foal at HSI foal show at Galway Equestrian Centre 2017. In March 2018 Preliminary Approved by HSI with a score of 90 (out of 100) for carefulness.

GANESH HERO Z 2014 171cm bay Z by Gemini xx (Clone of Gem Twist xx) x Diamant de Semilly x Darco x Chin Chin

BLOOD, HEIGHT, POWER, SCOPE AND A FANTASTIC CANTER! A MODERN BLOOD STALLION FROM ONE OF THE BEST DAM LINES IN EUROPE.

An exciting prospect for the showjumping or eventing breeder. Ganesh Hero Z is by Gemini xx, the clone of Olympic Silver medalist Gem Twist xx. Ganesh Hero Z's dam bred the 2015 Lanaken World Champion 5 year-old Kerswin van t'Roosakker. Other successful direct performers from this dam line include: Cella (Ben Maher) leading WBFSH showjumper in 2013 and Electra van t'Roosakker (Jos Lansink) - 5* GP and Nations Cup sister of Ganesh Hero's dam. Ganesh Hero Z carries more than 70% xx blood! In 2017 Ganesh Hero Z achieved second at RDS qualifier and 5th at the RDS finals.

MACHNUS D'HYRENCOURT Z 2013 148cm bay Z by Machno Carwyn x Udancer
(Desert Prince xx x Voltaire)

TOP PERFORMANCE BLOOD ON BOTH SIDES, ALREADY A WINNER HIMSELF!

The exceptional pony stallion Machnus d'Hyrencourt Z is by two times European Champion and top producer of jumping ponies Machno Carwyn. He is out of a top pony mare that jumped at International level herself. He is full brother to former Belmont resident stallion, the impressive Cap Nord d'Hyrencourt. Machnus d'Hyrencourt is fully approved by HSI. Machnus d'Hyrencourt Z was winner of the loose jumping qualifier at CSI Millstreet in 2016. In 2017 he was winner of the National Discovery qualifier in Coilog, finishing 5th in the final.



Drumhowan Stud

new stallions join roster

The Co Monaghan stud now offers breeders even more choice as four new stallions join its impressive roster

Emer Bermingham

SETTLED just outside Castleblayney, Co Monaghan, Drumhowan Stud is one of just a few studs which offers a complete choice of stallions for Irish breeders.

Owned and managed by Eamonn and Gladys McArdle, the couple have built up a strong portfolio of stallions, catering to those looking to breed a Sport Horse, Irish Draught or a Thoroughbred.

Although Drumhowan Stud offers much diversity, they don't sacrifice quality as they have handpicked outstanding stallions for their roster.

Their passion, experience and their business plan has commanded the attention of several European top stud owners and as a result, the McArdles have gained the trust of various stallion owners who have contracted their top stallions to stand in the flesh at Drumhowan Stud.

In total, Drumhowan Stud now stands eight performance stallions, two Thoroughbred stallions and three Registered Irish Draught stallions.

Established stallions in the stable include Cobra 18 (WEST); Vittorio (HOLST); Colandro (HOLST); Exquis Powerfee (KWP); Cormint (HOLST); Hie'lo (KWP); Scrapman (RID); Dunsandle Diamond (RID) and Primary (USA) (TB).

STALLION ROSTER

This season in a bid to offer more diversity, the McArdles are delighted to introduce four new stallions to their roster: Lucarelli (GER) (TB); Cloncastle Silver Squire (RID); J. Reach For The Stars (KWP) and Parco (BWP).

At Drumhowan, new demands from their clientele help to

Eamonn
McArdle



create their enthusiastic approach in offering a diverse and unique stallion roster in a successful business, now spanning over five decades.

2018 sees the change of address for Ringfort Cruise, Road To Happiness and Arkan while Exquis Oliver Q and Kingdom joins Nick Cousins, Tullabeg Stud in Co. Wexford.

However their stables were only briefly vacant as the introduction of Parco (BWP), J. Reach for the Stars (KWP), Cloncastle Silver Squire (RID) and the recent acquisition of the handsome thoroughbred stallion Lucarelli, from Germany, tops off a spectacular stallion roster again for 2018.

Already, the interest from breeders has been very positive.

The McArdles' relationship with some of their breeders stretches back four generations of some families.

"This is a genuinely rewarding aspect, to the years of dedication.



Gladys McArdle with Cobra 18

tion. Clients return in the certain knowledge that there will be a stallion to suit their breeding aspiration, their mare and their pockets. Proven sires and new stallion prospects equally command the attention of new clients year after year.

And so the business has grown immensely this past

10 years or so," explained Gladys.

BROODMARES

The McArdles are also commercial horse breeders themselves and have approximately 12 broodmares.

"We breed ourselves so we know what issues breeders face. We are not huge fans of using over-crowded

stallions because sometimes supply outweighs demand at the sales.

In our opinion, it's attractive to be different and stand-out with a foal by a new or younger stallion at the sales.

"However, the cross of the mare and stallion must be compatible, so it is imperative to see the stal-

lions in the flesh or if not, be advised by someone with proven integrity and firm knowledge of breeding," they advise.

The old adage *Let your eye be your judge and your pocket the guide*, still rings true today.

Drumhowan Stud's owners strive to achieve their goals with a positive can-do attitude and appreciate that there is a lesson in every setback and challenge.

Their vision going forward is to continue to be a respected sport horse breeding enterprise. An Approved EU Semen Export Centre for example would be a very beneficial asset to the stud.

"Then we could meet a new and firm demand from breeders for various stallions to the UK and further afield," said the McArdles.

In the meantime, Gladys and Eamonn McArdle will carry on meeting and exceeding their Irish clients' expectations.

They will pursue market trends so that their mission to *Breed, Buy and Sell* weathers the test of time.

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STALLIONS 2018

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TB. STALLIONS - BOTH RACED,
WON AND RETIRED SOUND

NEW

LUCARELLI



LUCARELLI
(GER.)
16.3h.h.

- High Chaparral x Acatenango.
- Multiple German Studbook Approvals - New to Ireland 2018.

PRIMARY



PRIMARY
(USA.)
16.2h.h.

- Giants Causeway x Mr. Prospector.
- Sole and Successful TB. Approved by HSI, 2017.

THREE CLASS 1 R.I.D. STALLIONS



SCRAPMAN 17.0h.h.

- Crosstown Dancer x Kildalton Gold



CLONCASTLE SILVER SQUIRE 16.2h.h.

- Fast Silver x Gurrane Zidane. 100% Grey.



DUNSANDLE DIAMOND 17.0h.h.

- Coolcronan Wood x Glidawn Diamond

THE BEST MODERN SPORT PEDIGREES



COBRA 18 (WEST.) 17.0h.h.

- Cornet Obolensky x Ramiro Z



HIELLO (K.W.P.N.) 17.0h.h.

- Plot Blue x Goodtimes



J. REACH FOR THE STARS (K.W.P.N.)

- E. Star (Big Star) x Guidam x Abgar (xx)

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Drumhowan Stud new stallions

LUCARELLI (TB)

High Chaparral x the Acatenango-sired mare Lavorna. Owned by Drumhowan Stud. Purchased by Eamon McArdle recently in Germany. This stallion has already five Studbook Approvals in Germany. Following a successful racing career in which he won seven races, he retired sound.

CLONCASTLE SILVER SQUIRE (RID)

Fast Silver x Gurraun Zidane-sired mare Derradda Mist. Owned by David Doyle. This stunning six-year-old has a pedigree and a glowing HSI inspection report that sets him apart. He will be very marketable to purebred and part-bred breeders alike at Drumhowan Stud.

J. REACH FOR THE STARS (KWPN)

E-Star (by Big Star) x the Guidam-sired mare Zerinka N.



Vittorio, owned by Paul Hendrix, a well known and proven sire joined Drumhowan Stud in 2017. His son Diablo HX won the KWPN Stallion Grand Prix in February 2018

Owned by Admiral Springs Farm.

Representing the Olympic gold medal winner Big Star who was so successfully campaigned by Nick Skelton.

This young four-year-old stallion has a blue-blooded

pedigree – Big Star, Heart-breaker, Guidam and Abgar.

His dam's pedigree is laced with performers including Billy Twomey's Aminko N (1.60 sj). All of 16.3h.h, he will be available to a limited book of mares in 2018.

PARCO (BWP)

Darco x the Attack Z-sired mare Iliona van het Carelshof.

Owned by Ken Rehill, The Stallion Company. Gladys and Eamon McArdle

are indebted to Ken Rehill of The Stallion Company, for entrusting Parco to stand at Drumhowan Stud. He is a renowned global performer in sport and breeding. Results include: First G.C.T. Champion 2006, 4th Olympic

Games Athens, 4th European C'ships, Donaueschingen. Winner of Aachen and Dublin Nations Cups, Estoril Grand Prix CSI 5* (1.60m), Paris Rolex G.P. C.S.I.-W (1.55m), Belgian National Champion and many more.



Cloncastle Silver Squire (RID) is among the new additions to Drumhowan Stud's stallion roster in 2018

A foal takes a rest at Ballypatrick Stables' breeding farm in Co Tipperary



Siobhan English



Siobhan English

A foal grazing at Greg Broderick's breeding farm in Co Tipperary

Heritage Bloodstock



A lively Diamant de Semilly foal at Lissava Stud in September 2017

ADVERTORIAL COBRA 18

The year of COBRA 18

Top show jumpers have endorsed Cobra 18 as a great sire and a wonderful example of the successful nick between Cornet Obolensky and Ramiro Z bloodlines

REPEAT customers are a good indication of a stallion's worth and among the breeders preparing to use the Cornet Obolensky son Cobra 18 again is international show jumper Jessica Mendoza.

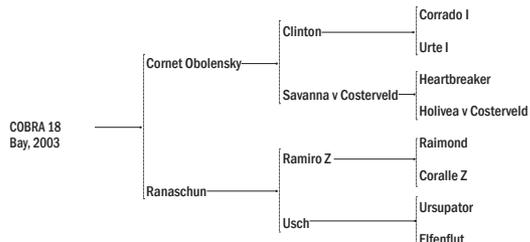
Mendoza was one of the first clients, alongside Harry Marshall and Diane Harron Eakin, to select the well-bred stallion when he was bought by established breeder, producer and successful businessman Tony Noble and made available to Irish and overseas breeders.

"Cobra 18 has everything I look for in a top-class sport horse stallion – impeccable breeding, proven ability to the highest level and offspring already proving to be of world-class standard. The combination of Cornet Obolensky and Ramiro Z is a showjumper's dream and I also love the fact that he is 49% TB, so will also carry through the speed and stamina required to win at the highest level. I'm really looking forward to seeing my Cobra 18 foal this year!" said Mendoza in 2017.

She was so impressed by the resultant colt foal that she plans a repeat covering: "Cobra 18 was a real find as a stallion for us. He's really well-bred on both sides but as a mare owner you are never quite sure how the progeny will turn out. But we are really delighted. Cobra 18 has brought quality, blood and height to the foal. A real modern type with good bone but more importantly for us, the jump has come through. The foal is 100% athlete. We are going to use Cobra 18 again."

Another from his 2017 foal crop made her mark at the Irish Breeders Classic elite sale last September when this smashing filly foal sold for €10,000. Her sale built on the stallion's increasing popularity as a producer of commercial show jumping and eventing foals. Another to make a good financial return was the Cobra 18-Master Imp colt sold for €5,500 at the Cavan Elite foal sale in 2016.

While the oldest of Cobra 18's Irish crops are just rising two-year-olds, one of the very small number of progeny he sired as young horse is



Factfile

COBRA 18 (WEST)
2003. 172cms.

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already jumping on the 1.60m international show jumping circuit. The spectacularly scopey Dublin (Cobra 18 x Calido) is part of the world number one-ranked rider Kent Farrington's team and the pair first made headlines last March with a Florida win in the CSI5* \$130,000 Suncast 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Final. Since then, Dublin has recorded nine top-three placings on the CSI5* and Global Champions Tour circuits, including at Spruce Meadows last July where the 11-year-old clocked up a win, two seconds and a third place in 1.50m classes there. Dublin continued to notch up other good results at Valkenswaard (second) and Windsor (third) before finishing up 2017 at the Tryon autumn series where he placed third in two classes.

Continuing where he left off, the extravagant-jumping grey has already got off the mark with a win at Wellington in January. Dublin

was from a small number of mares covered by Cobra 18 as a four-year-old before concentrating on his own show jumping career. Congstar, produced with great success in German young horse classes by Tim Rieskamp-Godeking, was another of his early offspring. A career-ending injury in 2014 brought about Cobra 18's retirement to stud. "During this time, he jumped to international 1.50m level, but what was the sport's loss is the breeders' gain," say his connections.

WORLD FAMOUS

Cobra 18 was bred at the world-famous Ligges Stud. Located in the heart of the Münsterland horse capital, it was founded by one of Ger-



Top riders have endorsed Cobra 18 by Cornet Obolensky (by Clinton) out of Ranaschun (by Ramiro Z)

many's most famous show jumpers and Olympic gold medallist Fritz Ligges.

He received an impressive overall jumping score of 8.81 when he underwent his 30-day stallion test in Germany. He is licensed with the German ZfdP studbook, Awarded Approved status with the Anglo European Studbook (AES) and Cobra 18 is registered with Horse Sport Ireland, making his progeny HSI eligible.

Cobra 18 has the genetic ingredients to produce modern day performance horses. He is another example of the successful nick between sire Cornet Obolensky and Ramiro Z bloodlines, a cross witnessed in Marcus Ehning's World Cup campaigner Comme Il Faut and Conte Bellini. His sire Cornet Obolensky featured in the top-three in the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) show

jumping sire rankings for three years (2014 - 2016). No less than six of the Rio Olympics qualified show jumpers were by the Clinton-Heartbreaker cross. Ranked fourth in the 2017 rankings, his best performers last year were Clooney 51, Martin Fuchs' team bronze medal horse at Gothenburg. The Swiss pair were on a roll this year too, with Grand Prix home ground wins at Basel and at the final Zurich International show.

The importance of mare lines is continually emphasised by leading breeders and Cobra 18's pedigree is balanced by his dam, Ranaschun. A daughter of Ramiro Z, a sire of countless Grand Prix jumpers including Ludger Beerbaum's brilliant Ratina Z, Ranaschun is a full-sister to the licensed stallion Rodney, a Grand Prix and Nations Cup horse for Fritz Ligges. Ranaschun, from the

Hannover Stamm 461 dam line, produced 11 foals, including five licensed stallions and sport horses that have won at S-level show jumping (Germany's highest level of national competition, with fence heights up to 1.55m). Her offspring produce successful competition horses too, such as Cornet's Gold 2 and Miss Fritz, competing up to 1.55m level and the four-star eventer Phoenix L.

Cobra 18's grandam, Usch, was retained by Gestut Ligges as a foundation broodmare on the merit of her own performance career: Her thoroughbred sire Usurpator adds the blend of blood required for the modern sport horse and Cobra 18's own pedigree is 49% thoroughbred. In Ireland since 2015, Cobra 18 has proven excellent fertility. Based at Drumhowan Stud he is available by fresh or frozen semen from UK and European stations.



This smashing Cobra 18 filly foal was sold by Goresbridge for €10,000 at the 2017 Irish Breeders Classic Elite Sale at Barnadown



World No 1 show jumper Kent Farrington in action on Dublin (by Cobra 18) at Wellington, Florida, USA

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ADVERTORIAL

Talent in abundance at ZANGERSHEIDE

Judy Ann Melchior gives her personal view of a balanced selection of pensioned stars, active top sport horses and promising stallions at Zangersheide Stud

CICERO Z

"Cicero Z has shot up in the WBFSH-ranking to the top 50. He owes this position to scores of offspring active at the highest level. This stallion has 120 products jumping from 1.45m to 1.60m level, which indicates that he is an extremely reliable sire. I always like horses with Carthago Z blood and Cicero Z is one of those."

DOMINATOR Z

"In the past few years I have developed a special tie with Dominator Z. He would be a dream horse for every rider. He is tall yet compact and he has a remarkable amount of quality, power, jumping with his withers high. Dominator Z is highly reliable, both in the sport and in breeding. In the past few months he had only one fence down and that was in the jump-off in Mechelen. He is just as reliable in breeding, with an extremely uniform lot of foals of good size that can canter well and with jumping manners as impressively as their sire's!"

COMILFO PLUS Z

"Comilfo Plus Z is a true natural: a light-footed, active and supple horse. Now that his oldest offspring are five-year-olds, the extreme quality of Comilfo Plus Z as a sire becomes more than clear. His products are like rubber balls, with a very light-footed canter and a remarkable take-off and jumping technique. He is a stallion that can add blood, quality and suppleness to your mare's products."

TALOUBET Z

"Taloubet Z has recently given me one of the finest moments in my life. His goodbye was like a fairytale that could not have been written better. To dominate in the sport up to age 18 and then saying goodbye in Leipzig by winning the World Cup...it simply could not be any better."

"Now that he is back at Zangersheide, he can devote the rest of his life to breeding. When you cross your mare with Taloubet Z, you can be sure of a product with super fast acceleration, power, a flashing foreleg and enormous hardness. These qualities made Taloubet the

horse that he is and these are the qualities this stallion will pass on to his offspring."

AGANIX DU SEIGNEUR Z

"Aganix du Seigneur Z has caused a fresh wind blowing in breeding. Aganix himself was a remarkable sport horse under Jos Lansink that had everything to go very far. When an injury put an end to his sport career, I did not hesitate for a moment to acquire him for breeding. And I am still very happy that I did, especially now that his oldest products have found their way to international top-class stables. Agana van het Gerendal Z recently moved to Cian O'Connor, Agadance van't Gelutt Z to Jos Lansink, and Oak Grove's Americana Z is with Harm Lahde. Breeding with Aganix du Seigneur Z offers a guarantee for a sporty, extremely athletic and energetic foal."

CABRIO Z

"Cabrio Z is one of our most recent acquisitions and he

comes from the 'wall of fame' of pensioned five-star winners that have started their second career at Zangersheide. We are therefore very excited about the arrival of Cabrio Z. He is a stallion with a lot of blood that won the \$1 million Grand Prix of Spruce Meadows, dominated in the top sport for many years and, in addition, is exceptionally successful in breeding."

ASCA Z

"Asca Z was the youngest stallion this year to reach the top 100 of the WBFSH-ranking and that gives him the status he deserves. As a sport horse he was active at the highest level, both under me and Christian (Ahlmann) and it is hard to find another stallion with the same qualities. Breeding with Aganix du Seigneur Z is tall-framed, long-lined and has an exceptional amount of blood. We see the same blood in his offspring, which are beginning to feature everywhere in the last few years. Asca Z is my pearl,



"Taloubet Z has recently given me one of the finest moments in my life" - Judy Ann Melchior on the 18-year-old stallion who retired after winning the World Cup Qualifier in Leipzig this season

I really love this stallion and often recommend him to my friends and breeders, because I have total confidence in his breeding quality."

BRUNETTI Z

"Brunetti is a striking appearance; wherever he performs, breeders are crowding around the exit of the ring to take a look at him from close by. He has a lot of blood, tremendous power, he is long-lined and has

a good mouth. Besides, he is an extremely noble horse with a solid, good balance. In short, a sport horse that many riders dream of and of the kind that we are going to need in the future. I believe that, in view of his own qualities, Brunetti Z may herald a new era in breeding and produce the horses of tomorrow. I am already looking forward to the first foals of Brunetti Z. Even if this stallion passes on just some of his good points to his products, we are already well served."

QATAR Z

"At the latest stallion selection in Westfalia, Christian and I were deeply impressed by this young stallion. He displayed immense power combined with a perfect tech-

nique. You do not find a stallion like that every year and we were determined to bring this one to Zangersheide and make him available to our breeders."

"Qatar Z is a cool-headed and smart horse, pleasant to handle. Besides, we had wanted to add the blood of his sire Quasimodo Z to our breeding for some time already. I am absolutely convinced that Qatar Z is an asset for our stables and for breeding. We will give him good chances, anyway, and I will use him for some of my own mares."

These are only a few of the stallions of Studfarm Zangersheide. You can find the complete collection on www.zangersheide.com.



Dominator Z is "a dream horse for every rider"

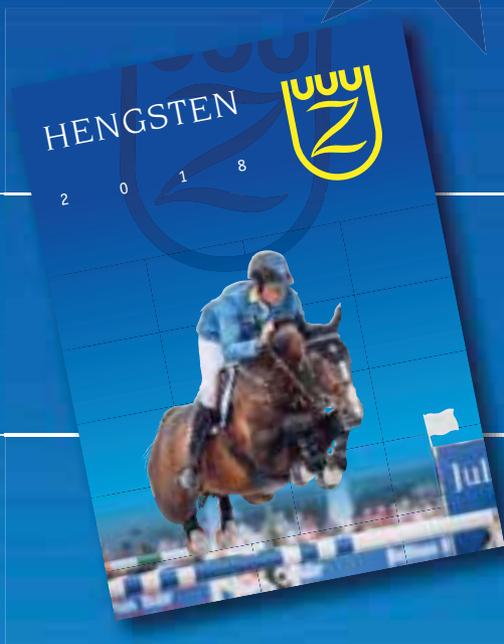


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Donaghmore Connemara Ponies, Navan, Co Meath, is one of Ireland's best nurseries of top performance-bred Connemara foals

DONAGHMORE Connemara Ponies is home to one of Ireland's best nurseries of foals from the very top proven performance lines in the Connemara Pony world.

Breeder P.J. Lynch undoubtedly has some of the best performance Connemara Pony bloodlines in his Co Meath fields with top dams such as Cloneenagh Lass, Lickeen Clooneen Mistress, Pinegrove Suzy, Doovins Silver Smoke, Villa Lark and Lough Melvin Jane.

Each year the Navan-based stud farm offers an unbeatable selection of top youngstock for sale from Lynch's broodmare band whose famous progeny

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Team gold and individual silver medal winners Kate Derwin and Cul Ban Mistress (ISH) at the FEI European Show Jumping Championships for Ponies in Hungary. Donaghmore Connemara Ponies is home to top broodmares including Cul Ban Mistress's dam Cloneenagh Lass

have captured European Championships gold, silver and bronze medals as well as delivering top championships results at home, including at the RDS Dublin Horse Show and the competitive showing circuit nationwide.

Key among Lynch's blue-hen broodmare band is Cloneenagh Lass, the dam of the brilliant show jumping pony Cul Ban Mistress, who under Athlone's Kate Derwin, was part of the Irish pony team which captured team Gold at the FEI European Championships for



Golden Boy (2017) by I Love You Melody out of Doovins Silver Smoke, a three-quarter brother to Blackwoodland Rock, European showjumping bronze medal winner 2017



Donaghmore Midas Touch (2017) by Silver Shadow out of Cloneen Licken Lass, a three-quarter brother to Cul Ban Mistress

Ponies in Kaposvar, Hungary, and also delivered the European Championships silver individual medal for Derwin. Villa Lark captured nine in-hand championships during the 2014/2015 season while Lough Melvin Jane was second in the RDS Broodmare Championships in 2013.

P.J. Lynch is a man absolutely steeped in love and passion for his Connemara Ponies, describing the Connemara as "one of the best pony breeds in the world" – a sentiment echoed throughout

Ireland and abroad.

"Quality performance proven mares are the key to success. Breeders are dreamers but if the traits of good conformation, pedigree and step are not in the mare, it cannot be in the foal. Experts claim the mare is responsible for 70-80% of the foal standing in front of you. Males get too much blame when things go wrong and claim incredible amount of credit when things go right!"

"We have a few nice bloodlines which we breed from, mainly to the well established stallions. The list is short, as the stallions have had to have been competed themselves, or have produced several good offspring. Sires like Silver Shadow, I Love You Melody, Funambule II, Cheeky Bobby Sparrow and Glenayre Mystical Bobby are always on the list. We sell our foals and try to ensure that they go to competition homes," he added.

TOP FOALS FOR SALE

Smashing 2017 foals offered by Donaghmore Connemara Ponies include Donaghmore Midas Touch (by Silver Shadow out of Cloneenagh Lass), a full-brother to Cul Ban Mistress.

Donaghmore Golden Boy (by Silver Shadow out of Cloneen Licken Lass) is a three-quarter brother to Cul Ban Mistress, while the 2017 colt Donaghmore Silver Rock (by I Love You Melody out of Doovins Silver Smoke) is a three-quarter brother to Black Woodland Rock, European Championship bronze medal winner. Also for sale is Donaghmore Lightening Dancer (by Lightening Sire out of Dancing Nellie), who is a 2017 half-sister to Foyleview Jasmin and Foyleview French Connection.

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ARDCOLUM DUKE

5* TRADITIONAL IRISH SPORT HORSE STALLION (TIH) (ISH)

2004 - Grey - 162cms - Girth 193cms - Bone 21.5cms

Sire: GYPSY DUKE (ISH) Dam: DANGEROUS LADY (ISH). (Premier broodmare status) Sire of Dam: CLOVER HILL



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Darragh Moylough Vision has it in spades

Darragh Moylough Vision, standing at Corlougharoo Stud, combines proven performance with a wonderful pedigree



Darragh Moylough Vision in action with William Anderson. The Gold Merit Registered Irish Draught stallion stands at Corlougharoo Stud

WHEN it comes to adding athleticism, proven performance in the arena combined with great temperament, Irish Draught performance stallion Darragh Moylough Vision has what it takes to improve your mares.

Bred, owned and standing with noted Irish Draught breeder Edwin McLoughlin of Corlougharoo Stud, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan, who also bred the renowned Irish Draught stallions Classic Vision and Supreme Ginger, breeders will also benefit from the McLoughlins' wealth of knowledge and decades of careful line selection.

As his impressive performance record at 1.30m shows, Darragh Moylough Vision is a stallion with proven jump, earning him the Gold classification in the Irish Draught Stallion Register and he is also the son of Gold Merit stallions on both sides of a

glittering pedigree, with no inbreeding going back five generations.

Darragh Moylough Vision is by the Class 1 Gold Merit Grade A show jumping Irish Draught sire Moylough Bouncer (by Grange Bouncer), his damsire Classic Vision, is also a Class 2 Gold Merit Grade A show jumping Registered Irish Draught sire. Classic Vision also holds a Silver Merit for eventing and a Bronze Merit for showing, making him a wonderful selection in any broodmare line.

Classic Vision's very special dam, Lady Glen, jumped at international level, producing two international showjumpers in ISH Midnight Call and Classic Vision himself.

She also produced the Class 1 broodmare, Darragh Vision, who was competed for one season before being retired for breeding. She

was also Supreme Champion Broodmare at Balmoral in 2005.

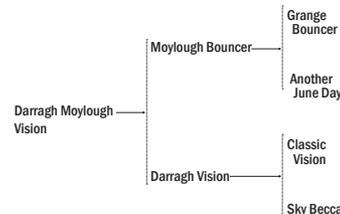
Throughout his competitive career, Darragh Moylough Vision has been produced carefully by William Anderson and has steadily risen up through the grades.

He is now a Grade A showjumper who combines

a full showjumping career with live cover stud duties at Corlougharoo.

He is stamping his stock strongly, breeding good-looking, modern type Draughts when crossed with a Draught mare.

His fillies presented for inspection to the Irish Draught Studbook are being granted full approval status.



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WONDERFUL TEMPERAMENT
When used on sport horse mares, Darragh Moylough Vision puts topline, bone and a wonderful temperament into his progeny, making them very trainable and suited to the leisure market.

Dispelling stereotyping about Irish Draughts, Darragh Moylough Vision is both quick and nimble against the clock. In a recent 1.20m class in Cavan Equestrian Centre, against 90 competitors, he set a new fastest time by two seconds, which was only bettered by three of the 29 Warmblood horses following. He also won a 1.30m Grand Prix at Kernan's Equestrian Centre.

Presented for inspection in 2013, Darragh Moylough Vision earned a round of applause from spectators for

his spectacular jumping and was the only Irish Draught sire to achieve full approval on the day.

Darragh Moylough Vision's pedigree is a true stallion's pedigree, reading like a 'who's who' of all the great names of the last 20 years of the Irish Draught studbook, including legendary producers of show jumpers and sires King of Diamonds and his son Flagmount Diamond; as well as three of the foundation sires of the modern Irish Draught Laughton; Pride of Toames and Ginger Dick. Pride of Shaunlara is a must-have name on any Irish Draught broodmare's page, while the presence of Skylark, Grey Macha and Prospect Pride speaks volumes of itself.

Vivant van de Heffinck

Sire: Fuego du Prelet Dam: Scalini van de Hefinck Sire of Dam: Landino BWP Bay 170cm



- ▶ Won 5 World Cup Qualifiers in Australia
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- ▶ 7th World Equestrian Games Kentucky 2010
- ▶ Won Munich Indoor Championships 2010
- ▶ Ranked in Top 5 jumping stallions in the World 2010
- ▶ 4th Aachen Grand Prix 2015
- ▶ Won in Hagen
- ▶ Competed in London Olympics 2012- Katherina Offel
- ▶ 20 Nations cup appearances
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My O My's impressive strike rate

ONE stallion well worth considering by breeders is My O My, a Holsteiner son of Loutano out of the Silvester-sired dam Bilda, standing at Ballyneety Stud Farm in Co Limerick.

He is a half-brother to international show jumper Catoki, the sire of Keoki who jumped double clear in February's 1.60m Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup competition with David Simpson. Other half-brothers jumping at 1.60m level include Calvano and Casco Z.

My O My has proven his versatility as a stallion and has an impressive strike rate of 11 international FEI performers from a small band of mares.

EVENTING STARS

In the sport of eventing, some of his top performers include Alison Holden's nine-year-old O My Balladeer (ISH) who has competed at international three-star level and Nessa Briody's three-star Irish Sport Horse gelding Tom Boy (HPA) with whom she finished eighth at the 2017 FEI European Eventing Championships for Young Riders and Juniors.

Factfile

My O My
Holsteiner
Bay 1997 stallion

Height: 171cms
(16.31/2hh)

Born: DE Germany

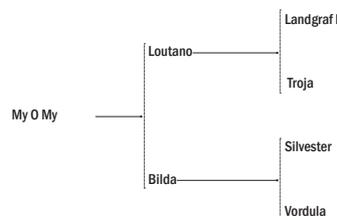
Level of progeny:
Eventers: 2-Ev7
Show jumping: 1-Sj7



Tom Boy (by My O My) pictured competing at Tyrella under Nessa Briody, in April 2017, finished eighth in the FEI European Eventing Championships for Young Riders and Juniors 2017

Other notable progeny jumping at 1.30m level and above include the 12-year-old Grade A jumping mare Ballymountain Cash Crisis, ridden by Alexandra McGeoghan-Santry, while in showing circles, he has produced a winner at Royal Windsor Horse Show in Love Actually. British-based show producer Danielle Heath fell in love with the mare's walk and presence when she saw her at Goresbridge Sales, saying "had to have her in my yard".

My O My produces offspring that share his unique looks as well as his talent.



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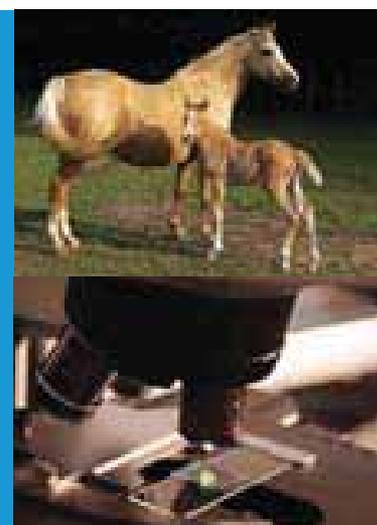
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Critical analysis essential to success



Breeders should carry out an appraisal of the quality of stock they are producing and what their costs of production are, writes Teagasc equine specialist Wendy Conlon

AT this time of the year, most breeders are weighing up stallion choices for the 2018 breeding season, if not already made, and looking forward to seeing new stock on the ground.

The outcome of the 2017 sales season should ignite reflection and influence future decisions with an honest appraisal of the quality of the stock previously produced by each individual mare.

If things didn't go so well, consider is this part of an on-going trend indicating that you are producing a product the market simply doesn't desire?

Perhaps additional marketing, production or different stallion choice or breeding goal could improve future progeny and return a higher dividend.

Don't continue to repeat the same mistakes and yet expect a different outcome!

In reflecting on the public auction



returns, it is important to bear in mind that the greater percentage of sport horse horses in Ireland are sold privately and the figures from public auction returns represent only about 25% (24.10% the 2016 figure in *Contribution of the Sport Horse Industry to the Irish Economy 2017*) of actual trade.

It is nonetheless useful to analyse public auction trade, and since the introduction of the select elite sales to the public auction forum, there is now a more accurate picture of the values attainable right across the spectrum.

COSTS OF PRODUCTION

A key factor to bear in mind when reviewing sales returns is the cost of production as this ultimately determines profitability, or otherwise.

This figure can be highly variable between enterprises, animals, and breeding seasons.

Variant stud fees; the need to acquire professional assistance in sales preparation or not; perhaps even land, building or machinery rental fees or loans on same may impact some enterprises and not others but should be factored into the cost of production.

Mare depreciation, sales entry fees, commission and veterinary costs are also variable.

Whether a foal is produced using natural covering, artificial insemination, the nature of semen used, or embryo transfer can also have a significant bearing on costs involved.

However, bearing in mind what are considered as minimal husbandry interventions (feeding, bedding, farrier; veterinary; dosing) and assuming reasonable fertility, Teagasc estimate the cost of production for the foal for auction to be in the region of €1,800 – €1,900 (non-select versus select sales) – and that of

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Variant stud fees; the need to acquire professional assistance in sales preparation or not; perhaps even land, building or machinery rental fees or loans on same may impact some enterprises and not others but should be factored into the cost of production

the three-year-old for auction to be in the region of €4,000-€4,600 (non-select versus select sales).

These figures do not include stud fee, sales commission, repayments/rental on fixed assets; mare depreciation, labour/professional fees.

Also, the veterinary fees included do not account for breeding with frozen semen or embryo transfer.

Barren years should be considered in the cost of production over the life of the mare as costs are still expended.



Susan Finnerty

Pictured at the 2017 Teagasc Equine Overseas Tour trip (l-r) Teagasc Equine Specialist Wendy Conlon, who previously worked at Stall Hell, with Magdalene Hell and Bernhard Porten



Susan Finnerty

Stephen McIntyre meets Casall who retired from world class competition last summer. Casall stands at the Holsteiner Verband's stallion station at Elmshorn

Foal to three-year-old cost of production

Average born in May/June period	Farrier	Wormer	Vaccination Flu/Tetanus	Hay	Concentrate Feed (Balancer)	Straw	I.D. / Registration Fees	Dentist	Misc.	Total
Foal to Weanling	€81	€13	€35				€102		€75	€306
Weanling	€54	€33	€35	€35	€90	€125				€372
Yearling	€135	€53	€35	€40	€100	€125		€75		€563
2 year old	€135	€53	€35	€40	€100	€125		€75		€563
3 year old (to Sep sale time)	€152	€43	€35	€20	€44	€50		€50	€150	€544
Total	€557	€195	€175	€135	€334	€425	€102	€50	€375	€2,348

*Misc. = Miscellaneous including for example tack; grassland; travel

Cost of production of foal for public auction

	Non Select Foal Sale	Select Foal Sale
Total Mare*(see table A57)	€1,425	€1,425
Total Foal to Weaning* (see table below)	€306	€306
Sale Entry fee	€75	€150
Total Mare Plus Foal *	€1,806	€1,881

*Not including stud fee

Cost of production of three-year-old for public auction

	Non Select Sale	Select Sale
Cost of Mare producing a foal		
Not including stud fee	€1,425	€1,425
Cost of production weanling to 3 years	€2,348	€2,348
3 Year Old sale entry fee; vetting; X-rays (select)	€210	€850
Total Cost to Sale Time @ 3 Years *	€3,983	€4,623

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Brendan McArdle and Sarah Crosbie's Elvis Ter Putte colt out of Royal Show (Cruising) fetched €14,000 at the Goresbridge Select Sale of Show Jumping Foals at Barnadown 2017

SELECT SALES

The select sales continue to contribute very significantly to public auction turnover across the age categories.

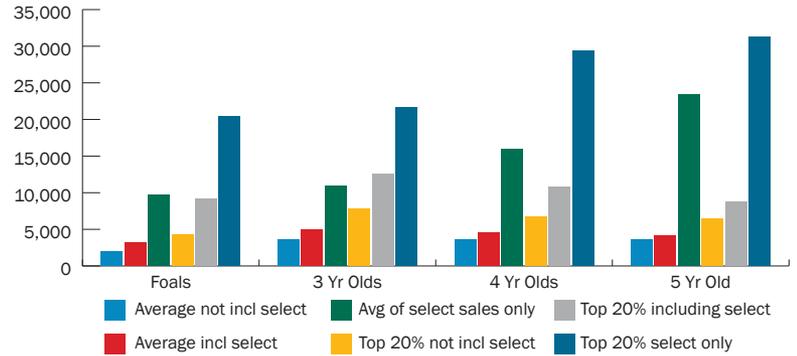
The success of these sales lies in a combination of pre-selection and the focused marketing drive that accompanies them.

The availability of online videos is an exceptionally beneficial marketing tool that those selling privately should note and mirror.

It is clear that if the breeder is to invest in producing to four-year-old and older then the initial appraisal of stock must be very critical, with acceptable pre-sales preparation, X-rays, and high quality production with some competition mileage.

Figure 3

Overview of all age classes



PUBLIC AUCTION TRENDS

An animal that appears on the face of it to have attained a relatively low return at auction may have reaped a better profitability than another with a perceived high return, dependant on the input costs prior to sale.

Using an Irish-based stallion may be a more prudent, cost effective choice for some mares than importing semen.

For some mares, the breeding direction should be carefully reconsidered if the performance heritage is not strong enough, as expending large sums on expensive high performance stallions may have negligible likelihood of producing a financial dividend.

Irrespective of breeding direction, the mare must still meet a basic standard of soundness, conformation, athleticism and temperament with good standards in production for the offspring.

It is important to be super critical of the marelaine and performance achievements in

making the decision on how much to invest in a stud fee, and the method of breeding chosen.

Don't expect the stallion to compensate for too many deficits on the part of the mare.

For most breeders the aim is to sell foals, however, it is evident from the public sales returns that to do so with financial reward, demands a strong marelaine, with plenty of performance heritage, as well as a reasonably correct and well produced foal.

The top 20 priced foals were all bred with the show jumping market in mind; all by continental sires, and all with imported semen with the exception of one colt.

The top end of the market saw a marked rise with a €1,075 rise in the average of the top 20% above 2016 figure, and a €225 improvement in the overall average on 2016 (see chart).

Susan Finnerty



Young Breeders Reunited: Klaus Thiedemann, Lina Preuss and David Bourke, part of the Teagasc equine tour, who all competed in the world young handler championships

The mare: cost of production

Expenditure	Cost (rounded)	Explanatory Note
Repro veterinary - average two cycles (chilled semen)	€620	Veterinary: Fresh €100; Chilled €250; Frozen €350 per cycle
2 x Pregnancy exam @ €30 & 2 x visit @ €30		
Vaccination	€35	Flu & Tetanus
Dosing	€50	Faecal Egg Count Test x 2 @ €13 each (minimum)
Tapeworm & encysted redworm 1 dose @ €5; 1 dose @ €17		
Farrier	€135	5 trims @ €27 / trim
Dentist	€50	Annual standard treatment
Concentrates	€100	Balancer €100 versus Stud Cubes €133; Accounts for foal also as creep feed.
(Varies depending on grazing availability, body condition, and mature body weight)		
Hay	€50	2 round bales hay @ €25 / bale
(Varies depending on forage & grazing quality, body condition, mature body weight)		
Bedding	€85	6 round bales @ €14/ bale
Assuming housed 5 months with daily turnout.		
Miscellaneous	€300	Tack; Transport; Grazing; other
Total	€1,425	Not Including Stud Fee
Stud Fee	€200 to €3,500	Highly Variable - should be added on by individuals as per individual circumstances

IMPERIAL TIGER

BAY - 2007 - 166CM

Sire: **PUISSANCE** - IMPERIUS ex LADY MARLANE

Dam: **GENTLE SERVANT** - KING'S SERVANT ex GENTLY

IMPERIAL TIGER

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- > **CHANTERELLE II** (2003)
- > **ARDAGH HIGHLIGHT** (2004)
- > **HORSEWARE LUKESWELL** (2005)
- > **HARTHILL PERCY** (2006)

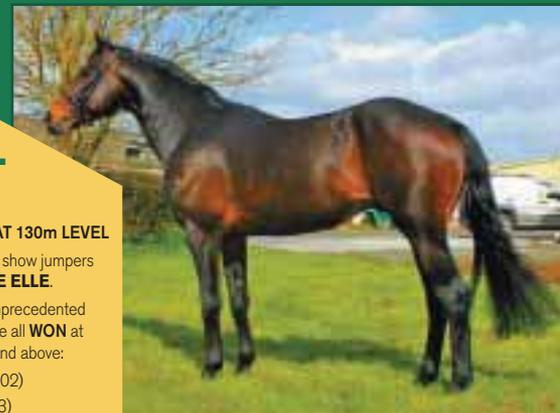
ARDAGH HIGHLIGHT was **EVENTING IRELAND'S LEADING HORSE IN 2017**, winning two Internationals at two and three star, and picking up multiple International placings, also qualified for WEG 2018.

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This Kanna colt out of MHS Pembroke Lady by Guidam topped the Irish Breeders Classic Foal Sale at €17,000, bred by Joanne Fox and Finbar Mulligan of Kilmashogue Stud

FOALS

The three-year-old market demonstrated a small €308 rise in the average return over 2016 prices with an almost identical average for the top 20%, and a €982 fall in the average of the select sales only.

Despite the absence of the Supreme Sale of Showjumpers from the 2017 sales calendar and the Brexit-weakened sterling rate, this age category showed some improvement in the middle market trade with the top end of the market

holding its own, providing decent margins.

The select sales are performing very well.

It is interesting to note that on an average basis, the three-year-olds are failing to out-perform the foals.

The top 20% of stock generally are returning a better margin for producers when all sales are appraised but when the select sales are isolated for comparison, the foals are still winning.

Figure 1

Trends in foal returns 2013-2017 analysing all foals sold at public auction

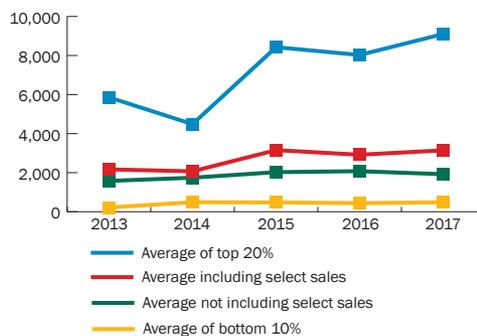
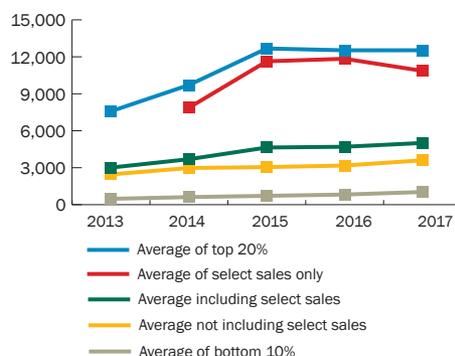


Figure 2

Trends in three year old returns 2013-2017 analysing all foals sold at public auction



Foal Returns at Public Auction in 2017 & Five Year Trends

Foals	Average	Top 20%	Bottom 10%
2009	€1,389	€3,432	€207
2010	€1,492	€3,634	€253
2011	€1,532	€3,589	€194
2012	€1,532	€3,556	€247
2013	€2,169	€5,856	€215
2014	€2,069	€4,487	€488
2015	€3,154	€8,427	€475
2016	€2,918	€8,027	€439
2017 (295 foals)	€3,143	€9,102	€481

2017 Foal and three-year-old profitability indication analysis

Foals (295)	Ave. not incl. Select Sales	Ave. incl. Select Sales	Ave. of Select Sales	Ave. of Top 20% not incl. Select Sales	Ave. of Top 20% incl. Select Sales	Ave. of Top 20% Select Sales only**
2017	€1,921	€3,143	€9,759	€4,340	€9,102	€20,478
Minus Costs (not including stud fee)	- €1,800 + Stud Fee	- €1,850 + Stud Fee	- €1,900 + Stud Fee	- €1,800 + Stud Fee	- €1,850 + Stud Fee	- €1,900 + Stud Fee
Profitability Indication	€121 (- Stud Fee*)	€1,293 (- Stud Fee*)	€7,856 (- Stud Fee*)	€2,540 (- Stud Fee*)	€7,252 (- Stud Fee*)	€18,578 (- Stud Fee*)
Three year olds (495)	Ave. not incl. select sales	Ave. incl. select sales***	Ave. of select sales***	Ave. of top 20% not incl. select sales	Ave. of top 20% incl. select sales***	Ave. of top 20% select sales only***
2017	€3,600	€5,008	€10,860	€7,754	€12,531	€21,632
Minus costs (not including stud fee or training fees)	-€4,000	-€4,300	-€4,600	-€4,000	-€4,300	-€4,600
Profitability Indication	-€400 (-stud fee*)	€708 (-stud fee*)	€6,260 (- stud fee*)	€3,754 (- stud fee *)	€8,231 (- stud fee*)	€17,032 (- stud fee*)

*plus any additional costs that may have been incurred; Incl. = including; Ave = Average
 ** Select Sales at Cavan; Goresbridge; Barnadown; & Millstreet (46 foals sold)
 *** Select Sales took place at Goresbridge Go for Gold Event Sale; Monart Event Sale; Cavan Elite

KEY QUESTIONS

Those breeders who attained average, below average, or no return for their products should consider their options now:

- Is the breeding goal (and choice of stallion) the correct one for the mare?
- If the mare has not already been inspected perhaps an independent viewpoint on her strengths and weaknesses can assist with decisions around breeding goals.
- Can production costs be reduced, without impacting welfare?
- Can improvement be made to presentation at the time of sale – i.e. body condition, general turnout; condition of feet; handling?
- Investment in professional production, or just getting some help, if the product has the required temperament, conformation and athleticism traits may need to be considered.
- Where the trend is repetitiously progeny that are at the bottom end of trade consider if it would be better not to breed the mare again? Perhaps she would be better utilised as a recipient mare in an embryo transfer programme, as a companion for youngstock or sold for non-breeding purposes.

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Height: 148cm
Sire: Poetic Justice
Dam: Luna de Bregeon
Dam sire: Bobtail Du Sault
Brief summary: 140 SJI points to date Banagher de Bregeon is by the world-renowned Poetic Justice, sire of countless international performance ponies, and out of French pony Luna de Bregeon, by Bobtail du Sault. Poetic Justice competed at 1.40m level himself and has been widely described in Europe as a "machine to make jumpers". Banagher de Bregeon offers Irish breeders access to truly outstanding and highly coveted performance genetics. True to his pedigree, Banagher De Bregeon is a very athletic pony, with excellent movement, temperament and conformation.
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Fee: On application
Classification: Not at present

CARICELLO

Born: 2000
Stallion type: HOLST
Colour: Bay
Height: 169cm
Sire: Carvallo
Dam: Grace BB
Dam sire: Lord
Brief summary: Caricello has an exceptional pedigree, which includes Carthago, Capital 1, Cottage Sun, Landgraf, Ladykiller and Ramazes. He carries the blood of most of the greatest show jumpers of all time and has the cream of motherliness in his breeding. His record as a six- and seven-year-old is probably unbeatable: out of 18 entries he had seven firsts, one second, two thirds and two fourths. He was never out of the top eight and was also an international winner with Conor Swail as a seven-year-old at Bourg En Bresse, France.
Standing at: Bridge House Stud, Ballynacargy, Mullingar, Co Westmeath.
Tel: 087-2789705
Fee: €500
Classification: Entry

CARRICK DIAMOND LAD

Born: 1993
Stallion type: ISH
Colour: Bay

Height: 168cm
Sire: Flagmount Diamond
Dam: Greaghwillan Pearl
Dam sire: Sky Boy
Brief summary: This stallion is a traditional Irish Sport Horse. He went to stud in 1998. A top producer of international show jumpers, eventers and dressage horses. Four-star rated stallion.
Standing at: Greaghwillan Stud, Greaghwillan, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan.
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Classification: APP

**CARRICK QUIDAM
DE REVEL**

Born: 2011
Stallion type: ISH
Colour: Bay
Height: 168cm
Sire: Quidam De Revel
Dam: Carrick Clover Diamond
Dam sire: Flagmount Diamond
Brief summary: Big, good-looking horse, with world-class performance bloodlines. Limited number of mares to be covered this year. Semen available countrywide. View him jumping on <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PalGH643Uzw> and <https://m.youtube.com/>

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Fee: On application
Classification: Not presented yet for inspection.

CENTRE STAGE

Born: 2008
Stallion type: AES
Colour: Dark Bay
Height: 168cm
Sire: Renkum Off Centre
Dam: Raritat
Brief summary: Multiple CNC 2* winner. Also placed at CCI 2* International. His progeny, champion colt foal RDS 2017, supreme champion (yearling filly) Spring Show Cavan 2015. First out of 43 Mount Nugent 3-y-o RDS event horse qualifier, first NIHB, 3-y-o Loose Jumping Qualifier 2016. Many more National wins and placings for quality young stock. Yogi Breisner in 2018 said: "I have had the pleasure of teaching cross country with Centre Stage and found him very genuine, bold, clever, agile & scopey." Also top show producer David Lyons said: "Centre Stage produces exceptional, very correct and consistent quality stock."

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CHILLOUT

Born: 1996
Stallion type: ISH
Colour: Grey
Height: 168cm
Sire: Abdullah
Dam: True Love (ISH)
Dam sire: Love Tale (TB)
Brief summary: Chillout (ISH) is a son of the world-famous Abdullah, an Olympic medalist for the USA, had proved himself in the dressage arena and as an eventer before becoming one of the greatest show jumping stallions of all time. Out of show-winning mare, True Love by Love Tale (TB), Chillout has a high percentage of old Irish thoroughbred blood, and combines excellent conformation with the superior continental movement and athleticism required for the modern day competition horse. From small books of mares CHILLOUT has had an exceptional strike rate, producing a number of very promising event horses and numerous show ring winners
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Born: 2000
Stallion type: BEWB
Colour: Bay
Height: 170cm
Sire: Clinton
Dam: Trecia Van't Zorgvliet
Dam sire: Narcos 11
Brief summary of career to date: An exciting sire who has been making his mark with his first crops. Very well represented at RDS 2017, the Irish Breeders Classic and Lanaken. Popular event sire.
Standing at: Tullabeg Stallions & Sport Horses, Tullabeg, Camolin, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford
Tel: 087 135 7696 / 087 293 7972
Fee: €700
Classification: Fully Approved

EXQUIS OLIVER Q

Born: 1996
Stallion type: KWPN
Colour: Ch.
Height: 168cm
Sire: Quattro
Dam: Euleva
Dam sire: Maykel by Exillo (xx)
Brief summary of career to date: A World Class International Stallion with global success. Eg. Won Rolex World Cup Qualifier, Washington. Won Nations Cup CS105* Madrid. Won Cervia Grand Prix CSI***. Won Vilamoura Grand Prix CSI***. 2nd Nations Cup, Spruce Meadows & Aachen 1.60m etc. etc.
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Approval Status: HSI Registered

GALLANT CAVALIER

Born: 2000
Stallion type: ISH
Colour: Bay
Height: 165cm
Sire: Cavalier Royale
Dam: Ballyward Norah
Dam sire: Dawn Review
Brief summary: A fully approved son of Cavalier Royale, out of a thoroughbred dam by Dawn Review, he is an international eventer. He represented Ireland at the Young Event Horse World Breeding Championships at Le Lion D'Angers and competed extensively in Ireland and England. Cruising Speed, from his first crop of four-year-olds, was supreme champion working hunter at Balmoral in 2014 and also won his working hunter class at the RDS.
Standing in: Clonbern Stud, Glenamaddy, Co Galway.
Tel: 094 9659468 / 087 176 4511
Fee: €300
Classification: APP

GLENCROFT GO FOR GOLD



Born: 2014
Stallion type: CP
Colour: Grey
Sire: I Love You Melody
Dam: Grey Rock Trish
Brief summary: A very exciting stallion who went to stud in 2016. Full brother to International showjumper Blackwoodland Rock. Top performance bloodlines. An asset to any performance breeder. Currently jumping under saddle and showing exceptional potential.
Standing at: Watervalley Stud, Annagh, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co Galway.
Tel: 090-9687798/087-7751858
Fee: On application
Classification: Not at present

KINGDOM (FRESH AI)

Born: 2003
Stallion type: SF
Colour: Bay
Height: 17h 2
Sire: Quidam De Revel
Dam: Divette
Dam sire: Muguet Du Manoir
Brief summary of career to date: 1.50m showjumper with numerous placings at this level. 2014 pl. 10th Lumen GP CSI3* and Vilamoura GP 1.50m etc. (Omagh GP 1.40m 1st pl. 2013); (Bonheiden CSI3* 1.45m 2014); (Roosendaal 1st GP 1.45m).
Standing at: Tullabeg Stallions & Sport Horses, Tullabeg, Camolin, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
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Approval status: HSI Registered

LOUGHEHOE GUY



Born: 1992
Stallion type: ISH
Colour: Bay
Height: 165cm
Sire: Regular Guy
Dam: Loughehoe Star
Dam sire: Sandyman Star
Brief summary: He enjoyed another busy season. Older stock now achieving great success eventing worldwide and younger stock successful in the show ring. Sired three of the four top-priced 3YO in the 2015 sales. Grade-A show jumper and full brother to Olympic gold medalist IRISH. Show jumping at Grand Prix level and eventing at two-star level. Killossery Harvey, Watervalley Lucky Guy, Watervalley Good Guy, All-Ireland champion yearling, 2YO and champion young horse RDS 2009, Skehara Duchess, Image Flight, Portlaise, Perfect Days, Watervalley Galway Guy, Galway Girl, French Fort Madame, Mystery Girl, second 3YO future competition RDS 2009. I'm Not A Guy, Ladaska Guy, Watervalley Lucky Guy - eventing GB 4YO future event class winner 2008. Ordinary Boy - eventing UK, Watervalley, Golden Guy - eventing UK, Watervalley Wizard. Kilcannon Good Guy - selected for the 3YO Go For Gold sale in Goresbridge. Eventing GB - T Other Guy, Flaxley Pastime, Watervalley Sunflower, Watervalley Lough Leader. Eventing Ireland - Miss M.J., Kilcannon Colleen. Show classes - Tom Boy, reserve champion middleweight, Ballard Wise Guy, RDS 1YO winner. Tinaranas Red Avenger, Moher Prince, Watervalley Jewel, 3YO event class RDS.
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Fee: On application
Classification: APP

LET THE LION ROAR

Born: 2001
Stallion type: TB
Colour: Bay
Height: 169cm
Sire: Sadler's Wells
Dam: Ballerina
Dam sire: Dancing Brave
Brief summary: By a champion sire from a family of champions Sadler's Wells. Timeform rating of 122. Bred on the same lines as Beat Hollow and Court Cave already producing winners in Ireland & England rated 100+ from a limited book of mares. Being made available to sport horse breeders this season.
Standing at: Bridge House Stud, Ballynacargy, Mullingar, Co Westmeath.
Tel: 087-2789705

Fee: €500
Classification: Entry

MUNTHER



Born: 2009
Stallion type: Approved Dual Purpose (TB)
Colour: Bay
Height: 16.2hh
Sire: Lawman
Dam: Requested Pleasure
Dam sire: Rainbow Quest
Brief summary: Produced five All-Ireland Winners including RDS Winners. His offspring are performing very well.
Standing at: Brookfield House Stud, Clonakilty, Co. Cork
Tel: Kieran 086 2747 678
Fee: €500
Classification: Approved dual purpose (TB)

RINGFORT CRUISE



Born: 1997
Stallion type: ISH
Colour: Grey
Height: 170cm
Sire: Cruising
Dam: Renkum Woudina
Dam sire: Nimmerdor (KWPN)
Brief summary: Ringfort Cruise is the only 5* IHB approved son of Cruising in Ireland. He jumped to 1.60m and represented Ireland on six Nations Cup teams when ridden by Capt. David O'Brien. He is 50% TB and has exceptional temperament and conformation. He is ideally suited to produce quality riding horses and eventer types. He would also suit TB mares.
Standing at: Felim Mac Eoin MRCVS, Galway Equine Clinic, The Ranch, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway. H91 A49P
Tel: 087 3976292
Fee: €600
Classification: 5* approval by IHB

ROAD TO HAPPINESS



Born: 2004
Stallion type: TB
Colour: Bay
Height: 167cm
Sire: Rainbow Quest
Dam: Hedonic
Sire of Dam: Gone West
Brief summary: From relatively small crops, Road To Happiness (TB) has established himself as a leading sire of event horses. He passes great temperament and conformation to his

offspring and is an ideal stallion for RID and half-bred mares. His son SBT Clover Road is a prominent young event horse in the USA. His offspring here have won loose jumping competitions and in the show ring.
Standing at: Felim Mac Eoin MRCVS, Galway Equine Clinic, The Ranch, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway. H91 A49P
Tel: 087 3976292
Fee: €500
Classification: Fully approved IHB in 2008

SIRILLO

Born: 1996
Stallion type: TB
Colour: Bay
Height: 169cm
Sire: Dashing Blade (TB)
Dam: Silver Form (TB)
Dam sire: Formidable (TB)
Brief summary: A thoroughbred by Dashing Blade, who was successful as a race horse at two and three-year-old. His half brother Scaligero was champion steeple chaser in Germany and Italy winning eight races. Sirillio scored top marks in the HSI stallion approval for jump. His first crop are now four-year-olds, having been very successful in the showing circuit and he has a son approved as a sire in England out of his first crop there, with the highest score in his category for movement. He has super movement, temperament and balance.
Standing at: Bridge House Stud, Ballynacargy, Mullingar, Co Westmeath.
Tel: 087-2789705
Fee: €500
Classification: APP

TULLABEG FUSION (FRESH AI)

Born: 2004
Stallion Type: ISH
Colour: Dun
Height: 167cm
Sire: Remington Clover
Dam: Ballygarvan Flight
Dam sire: Errigal Flight
Brief summary of career to date: Pedigree includes a combination of Traditional Irish Bloodlines; Rimilis TB; Clover Hill and King of Diamonds. Producing quality, talented, brave offspring. Now represented at CNC3*; CIC2*; CNCJ11*
Standing at: Tullabeg Stallions & Sport Horses, Tullabeg, Camolin, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford
Tel: 087 293 7972 / 087 135 7696
Fee: €500
Classification: HSI registered

TULLAREE CHIEFTAIN



Born: 2016
Stallion type: Conn.
Colour: Dun
Height: 148cm
Sire: Banagher De Bregeon
Dam: Cul Ban Mistress
Brief summary: New to stud this season. Son of Cul Ban Mistress. European Team Gold and Individual Silver medalists. Special opportunity to acquire the bloodlines of the performance pony of 2017.
Standing at: Watervalley Stud, Annagh, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co Galway.
Tel: 090-9687798/087-7751858
Fee: On application
Classification: Not presented

TULLAREE TOMAHAWK



Born: 2013
Stallion type: CP
Colour: Grey
Sire: Dexter Leam Pondi
Dam: Rosslea Lady
Dam sire: Castleside JJ
Brief summary: He has top performance bloodlines and is bred to jump. Currently has 30 SJI points and placed 4th in the Discovery finals 2017. His sire, Dexter Leam Pondi, is a top international show jumper who is proven sire of many top international show jumpers in Europe. His dam Rosslea Lady has impeccable breeding by Castleside JJ x Westside Fred. With pedigree like this, it is a great opportunity to any breeder wishing to produce a top performance pony. This stallion is showing serious jumping ability over a pole.
Standing at: Watervalley Stud, Annagh, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co Galway.
Tel: 090-9687798/087-7751858
Fee: On application
Classification: Not at present.

WATERVALLEY COOL DIAMOND



Born: 2002
Stallion type: ISH
Colour: Brown
Height: 166cm
Sire: Coolcorran Cool Diamond
Dam: Annagh Bay Beauty
Dam sire: Glacier Mint
Brief summary: Traditional blood lines, Grade B show jumper with his stock now successfully show jumping and eventing in Ireland and Great Britain. Selected for performance testing as 3yo approved S1 as 4yo 171 SJA1 points. Young stock continue their success, RDS 6yo show jumping, Millstreet 3yo All Irelander, 5yo and 6yo winners, The Irish Breeders Classic, Gortfadda Diamond - selected for Monart eventing sale. 3yo gelding Monart 2012 €9,000, now show jumping with Mark Coyle in GB. Gatestown Bella, Portlaoise Silver Diamond. Eventing Scotland - Watervalley Bobbies Girl.
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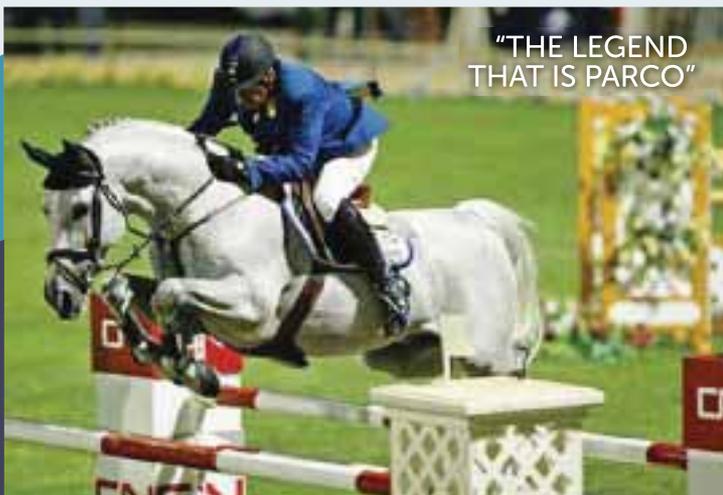


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