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Welcome to the Autumn newsletter, I hope the weather is treating everyone well. We were very lucky in Canterbury to finally get rain at the end of March that ended our drought and started the grass growing before winter sets in.

AGM

The Society's AGM is to be held on 5th June 2003 at the Yaldhurst Hall commencing at 7.30pm. This is a chance for members to have their say – even if you can't be present, your views and ideas are welcome via phone / fax / mail or email.

The Council: Sheryl Gough & Lyn Turner (retire 2006)

Bruce Green and Jan Hales Wells (retire 2005) – 1 vacancy

Anna Andreassen-Humm (retire 2004) – 1 vacancy

Bruce Goldstone (retire 2003) – 2 vacancies

Co-opted members : Adrienne Saunders (SI Promotions Officer) , Barbara Dobson, Lisa Clark.

Officers of Society : President – Colin Price, Sec/Treasurer: Debbie Hewitt, Registrar: Lesley Spence, Vice President: Bevan Souness.

We would also like a volunteer for the position of North Island Promotions Officer. Mr Bruce Goldstone is due to retire at this AGM (but is eligible for re-election), Mr Bruce Green has elected to retire early, there are also vacancies due to the passing of Mr John Hernon and being one councilor short last year. Therefore the AGM is required to elect four members to council (one 1 year term, one 2 year term and two 4 year terms) plus a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Registrar.

Requirements for election to council: A nomination must be delivered in writing to the Secretary before 8th May signed by a member of the Society qualified to attend and vote at the meeting, nominating such person for election, and counter signed by that person. (Note: neither the nominee or nominator is required to attend the AGM but must be eligible ie a paid up member of the Society). We would be delighted to have some more North Island input!

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Council Meeting Reports

10 February 2003

We were fortunate to have Bruce and Lee Goldstone (Napier) in Christchurch for this meeting - it was most interesting to have a North Island viewpoint and hear first hand what is happening in the north. Any North Island Irish horse news should be directed to Bruce, PB 6106, Napier.

Mare Inspections – two mares have been inspected for upgrading, both passing inspection. They were Thornfield Exclaim and Laughtons Magic both owed by Lisa Barclay of Christchurch. These mares now become “Licensed Mares” which means that any of their progeny sired by a purebred ID can be considered for upgrading.

Free Jumping Day – was very successful though numbers were small. A further jumping day is planned for later in the year.

Irish Horse Society Medals – more medals need to be cast - cost to be checked.

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Free Jumping Day – trying for a spring date possibly in October. Details in the next newsletter and on the website.

Mare Inspection – Eireann Grania owned by Thady & Anne Ryan, was inspected for licensing prior to being exported to Australia – passed.

Christchurch Hunt Club – is holding another Irish Hunt Day on 27th April. This is becoming an annual fixture which is proving very popular.

Ashburton A & P - granted a shamrock sash for their show in October

Website

The website is going from strength to strength, with an amazing amount of feedback from not only members but overseas Irish horse fans as well.

The Breeders page is a very cost efficient way of advertising your stud to the world. It can be as cheap as \$48 / year (plus one off set up costs) or as expensive as you want to make it. Site holders are charged by “Horsetalk” for alterations and additions to the site after the initial set up. One hour goes a very long way when you are just getting a photo changed or a paragraph added here or there. The procedure for getting your own breeders page is to initially make contact with the Secretary, Debbie Hewitt at debbie.hewitt@xtra.co.nz or by post 465 Bush Road, Oxford, North Canterbury or phone/fax 03 312 4243. Once your site material has been passed on to “Horsetalk” from the Secretary, you will then deal directly with Robin from Horsetalk who will make your web experience a breeze – even for those who don’t know how to turn on a computer! You don’t have to be breeding six foals a year or stand your own stallion to make a site worthwhile. It is a place where you can advertise your horses for sale (not only ID’s), advertise their

competition successes with photos and put contact details for your stud. The advantage of being associated with a breed society website is that you are easy to find – people searching for Irish Horses tend to go to breed websites and then find your page. It is simple to get started, for example all that is needed is some interesting text about your stud, a run down on your breeding ideas, some text about your mare(s), showing or competition successes, for sales, and lots of photos especially of the youngstock but it is also interesting to see the mare they have come from and hear why you chose to breed from the mare.

Lisa & Blue Clark were the first members to take advantage of the society's site: "We set up our breeders page on the Irish Horse Society's website about November and were totally amazed by the interest in our horses – predominately from overseas – that was generated almost straight away. Being relatively new to the "web" we found it simply mind-boggling to start receiving emails from people in the USA and Australia about our youngstock for sale. We have now successfully sold a weanling Coalmans Touch foal to Australia – all through the website. The buyer saw him on the web-page and lots of emails and a video later the sale was concluded. Fantastic!!"

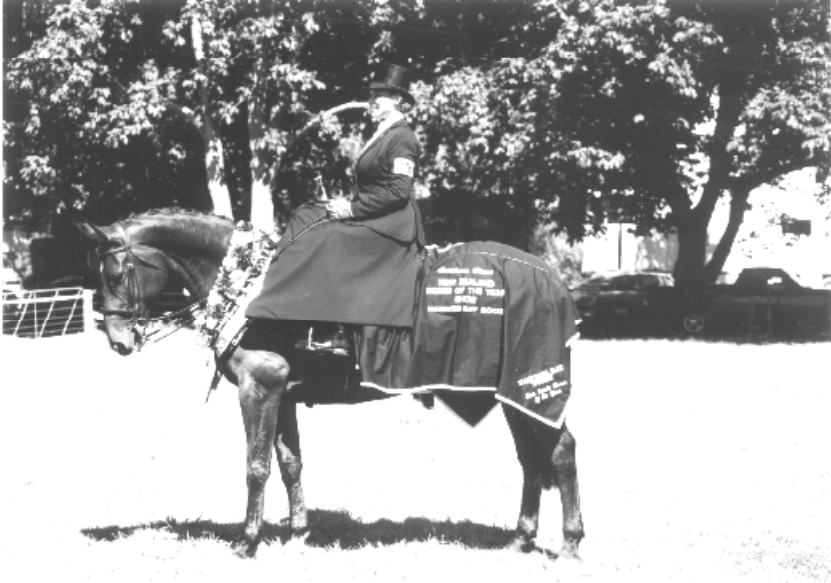
"We have found the web presence as an extremely cost effective way of advertising our horses – they are always available for prospective buyers to view – 24/7 and to the whole world as well !! We are also using other more conventional advertising methods as well, but in conjunction with our web page. It is proving very handy to be able to direct people to our page to view more photos and information once they make contact by phone after viewing a horse in the paper or magazine. It was a pretty simple exercise to set up the page – we just wrote some interesting stuff about our horses and our breeding, added some photos and the web designer did the rest!! "

"We can't recommend having a web presence enough and have found it extremely worthwhile to have our presence on the Irish Horse Society's site as that site is attracting people interested in New Zealand Irish horses".

Check it out - irishhorse.org.nz or horsetalk.co.nz/irishhorse

Horse of the Year Show 2003

The 2003 Horse of the Year show featured two Australian Irish Draught stallions: TEP Ard Black Cat and TEP Clover Flush as well as a number of NZ Irish horses. Congratulations to IDHS member **Wendy Donaldson and Joe Bolido** winners of the **Sidesaddle Horse of the Year** (for the second year running). Photo below.



The Australian stallions TEP Clover Flush and TEP Ard Black Cat were imported from Ireland by Patricia and Ian Mouser of Tonimbuk Equestrian Centre, 80km east of Melbourne. The Norwood Gold Cup was won by Brooke Dobbin and TEP Clover Flush, he was also placed 3rd in the Bell Tea Horse of the Year and was a member of the Australian team. TEP Ard Black Cat performed well in the Bomac Grand Prix but unfortunately had 2 time faults. It is intended that these stallions will compete again next year at the HOYS with the possibility of some services being available.

Eireann Grania

Eireann Grania (Coalmans Touch x Kilmangh Banrion) a yearling filly bred by Thady & Anne Ryan has been sold to Miesja.Reynolds in Australia. Grania was one of the first purebred ID's to be bred in NZ. Since her arrival in Australia, Grania has won Supreme Led Exhibit at the ID&SH inspection day and passed her RID inspection. Thady and Anne will have Grania's full brother for sale after he is weaned. (Grania's photo is on the website)

Sad news

It is with great sadness that we have to report the deaths of Kingsway Diamond and Kingcroft Wicklow. Both have made a valuable contribution to the Irish horse world in New Zealand and overseas.

Kingsway Diamond was a founding stallion of the breed in NZ, he lived to over 20 years of age. Kingsway stood in Auckland in the latter years after some years in Christchurch. My first memory of him was being jumped at the Canterbury Breeders Stallion Parade – and he was awesome! Such a huge horse jumping so high, so effortlessly. Thady & Anne Ryan imported Kingsway Diamond to NZ in 1987 and immediately gave New Zealand breeders another option in their choice of stallion.

Kingcroft Wicklow (Kingsway Diamond x Godspeed) was injured in a paddock accident unfortunately Raewyn and Colin had no choice, but to have him put down. Wicklow was very much a family horse to the Price household, it has been like losing a member of the family. Wicklow was such a gentleman it was not unusual for prospective breeders to be invited to have a ride on him when they came to view him. As a not long broken in three or four year old, I remember being invited to come for a ride on him – little did I know when I accepted, that this meant riding around the block with Raewyn, the three boys, and two neighbours (one on a mare). Wicklow was so perfectly mannered even at that age there were no anxious moments.

Promotional Items

The Society polo shirts, badges and caps have been selling keenly and we are ready to put in another order with the distributors. Prices: polo shirts \$30, Caps \$16, badges (small) \$7.50 and (large) \$9.00. If you are interested please contact the Secretary or SI Promotions Officer, Adrienne Saunders, 52 Upper Sefton Rd, RD2 Rangiora, Nth Canterbury ph 03 313 5777 to place your order.

Performance Competition

Details of the 2002/03 Performance competition will be included in the August newsletter, so start gathering together your wins and placings ready to enter. Winners in the In Hand and Ridden sections receive a Shamrock sash and Society medal.

New Members

D Latter, Christchurch

C Gray, Ashburton

L Barclay, Christchurch

S Shakespeare, Christchurch

CA Hore, Southland

E O'Neill, Christchurch

S Bishell, South Canterbury

A Cunningham, Ohaupo

Prefix Registration

“VP” S Shakespeare, Christchurch

Spring Newsletter

Deadline for the next newsletter is 1st August. Members are most welcome to submit articles for the newsletter eg Horse profiles, Stud Profiles, informative articles, competition results involving Irish Horses etc

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