



# Irish Horse Society December 2003

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Welcome to the December newsletter, featuring the results of the Performance Competition for 2002/03 season.

## Performance Competition 2002/03

### Ridden Section

- 1<sup>st</sup> Summertime (Laughtons Legend x Summer Breeze)  
owned by Cassandra Smith, Blenheim
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Bolido (Kingcroft Wicklow x Helens Command)  
owned by Wendy Donaldson, Ashburton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tyro (Wynyard Agile x Alexis)  
owned by Adrienne Saunders, Rangiora
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wynyard Freedom (Laughtons Legend x Final Flair)  
owned by P & S Adams, Blenheim
- 5<sup>th</sup> Seattle Fun (Laughtons Legend x Erin's Gold)  
owned by Denise Best, Wellington

### In-Hand Section

- 1<sup>st</sup> Coleraine Coaltown (Coalmans Touch x Noumea)  
owned by SJ & LM Clark / KM Simpson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sea Breeze Full Impact (Kingsway Diamond x Tropical Air)  
owned by Tracey Heaven
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eyreleigh Shenanigan (Coalmans Touch x De Bink)  
owned by Lyn & Neville Turner

The ridden section entrants gained points in a variety of equestrian pursuits, Summertime again proved his versatility by gaining points in Dressage, Show Hunter/Show Jumping, and showing. Joe Bolido gained points from showing specializing in Side Saddle competitions including big wins at the HOY show. Tyro is proving to be a very versatile horse taking points in

Eventing, Dressage, Show jumping and showing. Wynyard Freedom gained her points from Showing and Show-jumping, while Seattle Fun proved Irish horses can do anything, by gaining all her points from endurance competitions. It is interesting to note in the In Hand section Coalmans Touch youngstock coming through, the oldest of these progeny will be appearing under saddle in the next year or two.

Winners of both sections will receive a rug with Mitavite providing feed vouchers for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placegetters.



**Coalmans Touch babies....**  
Left: Filly, Granite bred by Hazel Denyer (see page 3)

Below:  
Coleraine Monarch bred by Lisa & Blue Clark (see Stud News for story)



**From Hazel Denyer:**

Granite (a filly) born at 01:05am on Labour Day so was little over a month old when the photo taken.

She had a rather unusual entry into the world as Mum (an Icelandic TB mare) refused to lie down. Luckily she was at Hallmark Stud so surrounded by very experienced people. It was however a fantastic experience holding up my foal as the contractions pushed her out. Four others were born that night but none caused more interest. A black filly from a dappled grey mare, with a white star, big knees and hocks and straight legs that did not bend at the pasterns like the full thoroughbreds. From waters breaking to getting placed gently on the ground 30 minutes, from birth to standing up 40 minutes. I trucked her back the day this photo was taken and in the 1.5 hour trip was content enough to nurse.

So far she does not look like changing colour but I'm totally new to the breeding game so don't know if she will or not. Whether she does or not the name will suit either way - she rocks.

**Cassandra Smith and Summertime (Performance Competition winners)**

Summertime (Laughtons Legend x Summer Breeze) is a 13 year old, 166cm Chestnut gelding, bred by Mr & Mrs Hay. My sister Rhonda Murphy bought him from Myles Gordon of Christchurch as a 6 year old. "Tank" (as he was named by our father when he came off the horse transporter!!!) was a green show-jumper at that time, and Rhonda bought him home and schooled him through the grades of Dressage, where he is now graded Medium.

For the past three consecutive seasons Tank has won the Irish Draught Ridden Performance Competition, and he also won with Rhonda in the 1995-1996 season.

In 1999 I started Showing Tank with much success. I took over the ownership of Tank in the 2000 season, and we have continued to excel in various equestrian events; including Show- Jumping, Show Hunter, Hunter RTR, Combined Training Days, and for the past two seasons he has been out on the Hunt Field with either myself or Ashley Peter of Nelson. To date, Tank has won nine Supreme Championships and over 60 Champion/Reserve Championships for RTR, P&M, Saddle Hunter, Working Hunter and In-Hand.

This season so far has brought us great success. At Canterbury A&P Show, Tank won his Paced class and went on to win Supreme Champion Paced & Mannered Saddle Horse. He also won the Best Qualified Hunter Class, and was fifth in the Large Hunter RTR. At Nelson A&P he was Champion Saddle Hunter, and won four out of five of his flat classes. At Motueka A&P he was 1<sup>st</sup> Paced, 1<sup>st</sup> Mannered and Champion Paced & Mannered, 1<sup>st</sup> Open RTR and Reserve Champion RTR.

Tank is a much admired horse, mostly for being so big, but also for his kind nature in the way he will quite happily pop around a 50cm SJ course with a tiny 10 year old girl riding him - very sweet to watch!!! At Motueka A&P, a very little 13 year old jumped him clear around the 80cm SJ class, and went clear in the Jump-off, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place from a very large class.

Tank is an amazingly versatile horse, with a wonderful nature, he is 'just a dude'!!! I don't know what I'll do when I eventually retire him one day, but I doubt very much I will ever be able to replace him.



## Stud News

### Coleraine Sport Horse Stud

We were delighted last autumn to sell our weanling Coalman's Touch foal, Coleraine Redemption to Jannine Thompson in Australia. Jannine reports that "Red" travelled and settled in well and is looking a picture. We are looking forward to hearing news on Red from Australia as Jannine intends to show him inhand with the intention to stand him at stud in the future.

The last two seasons have been busy for us showing, so with Red sold and our 3 year old Coleraine Coaltown away being broken in it has been good to have a quiet season.

We are continually amazed by the consistent quality of Coalman's Touch foals - the photo shows our only foal born this spring, Coleraine Monarch out of our TB mare Princess Dell, at just 10 days old. He is a real character!!!

A huge highlight for us has been the backing of our 3 yr old Coleraine Coaltown (by Coalman's Touch out of our TB mare Noumea) by Kaylene McCormack - the photo shows him under saddle at only his 4th ride with Kaylene on board!! And to show how superb his temperament is I had a ride (and a trot) and even our 8 yr old daughter Georgia had a wee ride on him. That was a moment I have been waiting 3 yrs for and it was worth every minute of the wait!!!



## Shamrock Sashes

The Shamrock sash presented at Nelson Horse & Pony Breeders Ridden Show (19th Oct) was won by Kelleigh Ross on Laughtons Alibi. Congratulations to this combination.

Lyn & Neville Turner won the In Hand Shamrock sash at Canterbury A & P show with Eyreleigh Shenanigan.

If you know of an event /show where a number of Irish horses compete, apply for a sash to be awarded via the application form on the website [www.irishhorses.org.nz](http://www.irishhorses.org.nz) or through the Secretary.

## Ashburton Show – Show Hunter section

Irish horses put up a good showing at the 126<sup>th</sup> Ashburton A & P Show in October. The Open 1m Show Hunter class judged by Rose Thomson, saw Irish horses take 6 out of 6 places.

The results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kate Pinckney's Glenmere Good Idea (Laughtons Legend x Magic Maid)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicky Hansen's Huckleberry Finn (Kingcroft Wicklow x Altesse Gold)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Wear's Crofflea Wexford (Kingcroft Wicklow x Blue Speed)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Karen McKenzie's Foreign Affair II (Laughtons Legend x Verdelis)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Fiona Rainey's Ballycahan (Kingcroft Wicklow x Thornfield Irish Cream)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Wendy Donaldson's Joe Bolido (Kingcroft Wicklow x Helens Command)

## Promotional Items

The Society polo shirts, badges and caps still selling keenly. 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.

## New Members

Miss K Greenslade, Ashburton  
Ms KE Rhind, Reparoa  
Mrs J Tilson, North Canterbury

Ms S Stone, Christchurch  
Miss KR Fisher, North Otago

## Canterbury Horse & Pony Breeders Show

Entries for the Canterbury Horse & Pony Breeders show close on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2004, full schedules can be obtained from Debbie Hewitt. All Irish entries will compete for the Irish Horse Society South Island Championship (N.I. Championship is held at the NI All-Breeds show)

### IRISH DRAUGHT SECTION

All animals entered in this Section must be registered with the **Irish Draught Horse Society NZ**. In the case of foals they must be eligible for registration with the Society. Exhibits in Classes 240 & 243 must have been inspected and approved by the I.D.H.S (N Z).

**\*\*\* Irish Draught Horse Society South Island Championship\*\*\***

will be judged from the Champion Adult, Champion Youngstock, Champion Gelding and Best Foal entered in this section. The winner will be awarded a

**Shamrock Sash & Irish Horse Society Medal.**

**Start Time: 10am approx.** (not before)

#### **CLASS**

- 239 Best Turnout of Horse and Handler
- 240 Licensed Stallion, 4 years and over
- 241 Gelding, 4 years and over
- 242 Dry mare, 4 years and over
- 243 Licensed Broodmare with foal at foot. Foal to be led.
- 244 Foal, to be led (winner to go forward to Best All Breeds Foal)
- B2/C **FOAL FUTURITY CLASS (Irish or Hunter foal) – EF \$5.00**
- 245 Yearling Colt or filly, lightweight
- 246 Yearling Colt or Filly, medium / heavyweight
- 247 Yearling Gelding
- 249 Two Year old Colt
- 250 Two Year old Filly, lightweight
- 251 Two Year old Filly, medium / heavyweight
- 252 Two Year old Gelding
- 254 Three Year old Colt
- 255 Three Year old Filly, lightweight
- 256 Three Year old Filly, medium / heavyweight
- 257 Three Year old Gelding
- 259 Best Paced Adult (4 years and over) NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP
- 260 Best Paced Youngstock (3 years and under) NOT ELIGIBLE FOR C/SHIP
- 261 Progeny Group - group of two horses, any age by the same stallion or two out of same mare. (Stallion or mare need not be present or living). Horses need not be the property of the same owner but must have been exhibited in other classes at this show

Entry fees \$7 / class (\$3.50 for members) Annual members subscription \$10  
Ground fee \$5 / exhibitor, Back Numbers \$2 (refundable), Boxes \$25, Catalogue \$4

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## Situations Vacant

### **North Island Promotions Officer**

#### Job Description

- Send in results of NI competitions where Irish Horses have competed.
- Let the Council know where there are good numbers of Irish Horses competing, so sashes can be sent.
- Encourage owners of Irish Horses to register their horses
- Be a North Island contact for people wanting membership or registration information
- Write articles or get owners to put pen to paper with articles for the newsletter

#### Salary

- Well.... actually it's a voluntary position so the pays not great but if you enjoy Irish horses and would like to get involved with the Society it could be the job for you.

Deadline for the March newsletter is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004. Thankyou to Lisa Clark of Coleraine Sport Horses, Cassandra Smith and Hazel Denyer for their articles.