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Welcome to the autumn/winter newsletter, I am not sure what happened to summer but we certainly saw very little of it here in Canterbury.

Details of the AGM are in this newsletter - your chance to have some input into the running of the society.

Please email / phone / fax me with any Irish news that you would like included in the newsletter. Many thanks to Stephanie Cowdell, Anna Danielson, Lindsay Hurring, Elizabeth Sheat, Alan Galletley and Norma Grubb (IDHS(GB)) for their contributions.

AGM – The society's AGM will be held on Wednesday 11 July at Palm Grove Senior Care Centre, Marshlands Road, Christchurch at 8pm. Council members will be having a meal at the restaurant next door at 7pm, all members are most welcome to join them. Further details and RSVP to Lesley Spence by 9 July ph 03 347 8131.

Items for the agenda should be with the Secretary no later than 15 June 2007. Nomination papers are available from the Secretary for the nomination of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and two Council Members. Present office holders are Chairman – Bevan Souness, Vice Chairman – John Norris, Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie Hewitt, Registrar – Lesley Spence – all are eligible for re-election. Councillors due to retire by rotation are Lisa Clark (Canterbury) and Adrienne Saunders (Canterbury) - both are eligible for re-election. Council at present comprises of Sheryl Gough, Lyn Turner (to retire 2010), Bruce Goldstone, Yvonne Barton (to retire 2009) Anna Danielsen, Sarah Stone (to retire 2008).

Nomination conditions:

1. Only members who have fully paid subscriptions for the year 2006/7 may nominate or be nominated.
2. Nomination must be signed by person nominated and the person making the nomination, before the nomination becomes valid.
3. Nomination papers will be recorded and the names of all valid nominations will be sent to all members for a postal vote, if required.
4. Nomination papers must be returned before 15 June 2007 to be valid.

Nomination papers available from Debbie Hewitt, 465 Bush Road, Oxford, North Canterbury or email debbie.hewitt@xtra.co.nz

Show Results:

Royal Show - LADIES SIDE SADDLE (missed from last newsletter)

Best Presented –

1st Sally Adams and Wynyard Freedom (x Laughtons Legend)

Best Lady Rider - 1st Sally Adams and Wynyard Freedom

3rd Elizabeth Sheat and Ballymore Irish Delight (x Te Mania Blue Fable)

Best Mount (the horse must move with even paces, suppleness and obedience and be considered safe for a lady) 1st Sally Adams and Wynyard Freedom, 2nd Elizabeth Sheat and Ballymore Irish Delight

Best Ridden Combination - 1st Sally Adams and Wynyard Freedom

2nd Elizabeth Sheat and Ballymore Irish Delight

Champion Ladies Side-Saddle -Sally Adams and Wynyard Freedom

Reserve Ladies Side-Saddle -Elizabeth Sheat and Ballymore Irish Delight



Here is a picture of my wee mare (the one in the side-saddle results) Ballymore Irish Delight - 8yr 15.1hh mare by Te Mania Blue Fable – she's turning out to be a really great wee all-rounder with wins in SJ, Eventing, Dressage, Showhunter and Park Hack showing, and she is even going to be whipping-in this season for the Central Otago Hunt.

Just thought you might be interested to hear about the results from CHCH (Royal show) and also that another member is out there really enjoying her little Irish mare. She's a wee gem.
Elizabeth Sheat

Canterbury Horse & Pony Breeders show – South Island Championship

Entries in the Irish section at the Canterbury Breeders show were drastically down on previous years due to mishaps to handlers and horses. The supreme award was made to Julie Adamson's The Coalt, a three year old colt by Coalman's Touch, who also took out the South Island Championship. Champion Gelding went to Debbie Plimmer's Ashfield Real McCoy (x Kingsway Diamond) and the Best Foal award went to Twin Blues Stud's Twin Blues Celtic King (x Coalman's Touch).

NI All Breeds Show – North Island Championship

In Hand Saddle Hunters: Dry Mare or Gelding 4 years and over: 3rd V Jacks Eyreleigh Shenanigan. Sporthorse 2 year old filly: 2nd V Jacks Annie's Song. Sporthorse gelding over 4 years and under 8 years: 2nd V Jacks Eyreleigh Shenanigan. Sporthorse gelding 8 years and over: 2nd L Hurring Croftlea Callaghan. Sporthorse suitable for jumping: Eyreleigh Shenanigan. Irish filly 3 years and under: 1st Stephanie Cowdell, The Last Diamond, 2nd V Jacks Annie's Song. Irish Stallion or Gelding 4 years and over: 1st Eyreleigh Shenanigan, 2nd Croftlea Callaghan. Champion Young Horse: The Last Diamond. Champion Adult / Grand Champion and winner of Shamrock Sash: Eyreleigh Shenanigan.



Grand Champion:
Eyreleigh
Shenanigan

Royal Easter Show

Success for Irish horses at the Royal Easter show - "The Last Diamond" a three year old owned by Stephanie Cowdell had a successful time at the Auckland Royal Easter Show. She came first in Most Suitable for Hunting

and second in Most Suitable for Showjumping. The first three placegetters in these classes were all Irish. The other two were an imported grey two-year old and a three year old by Mighty Heights.



Pictured:
"The Last Diamond"

North Island Promotions Officer

Lindsay Hurring has very kindly agreed to become the new North Island promotions officer following Kim Rhind's move to the far north. Lindsay competes the Irish Hunter, Croftlea Callaghan and came 3rd in last seasons Performance competition.

Lindsay is a qualified hypnotherapist and has been doing quite a lot of work recently as a Mind Coach for horse riders. Helping riders to settle nerves, remember dressage tests, fine tune focus; in fact just being able to use their minds to get the edge, whether it be for competition, jumping or general riding. She has worked with some of New Zealand's leading Show Jumping and Dressage riders. Lindsay has had a fair bit of enquiry from the South Island and is happy to travel if sufficient people are interested.

Croftlea Callaghan:

The 2005/2006 season when he achieved his third placing in the performance classes he was shown as a Saddle Hunter at A&P shows around the Mid Northern Region. Bred by Croftlea Stud and sold to Kathryn Cawte as a 2 year old, she broke him in and established his manners and schooling. I bought Cally as 5 year old from Kathryn in Rangiora as an all rounder. He is a very relaxed type - sometimes a bit too relaxed. Think he has finally stopped growing now - measures 167cm. A real take anywhere, do anything horse who loves to go away and be the centre of attention. He

is safe and honest, with a big personality. He really is like a big dog, a very loving horse, and can be a bit of a clown as well.

The highlights of '05/'06 were:

Waikato Royal Show - Novice Saddle hunter Champion, and Novice Paced & Mannered Champion

North Island All Breeds Show - Reserve Champion Utility Horse (No specific Irish Hunter section that year), and 3rd in the Adult Turnout Championship

North Island Premier Showing Champs - 6th placing in Open Saddle hunter Championship

Horse of The Year - 2nd and 3rd Placings in Rising Star Saddle hunters

Royal Easter Show - Shamrock Sash for Highest Placed Irish Hunter across the show

Cally has had limited outings at Elementary level dressage. He recently won a local Pony Club ODE on his dressage score, and this year he will be doing some Show Hunter classes.



Mind Coach

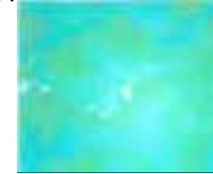
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Lindsay Jane Cook

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In sport 60 % of success is in the mind.

To be a truly successful athlete and in order to perform to the best of your ability you need:

- **Relaxation:** Tension burns up necessary energy and transfers to the horse. Tension creates an inability to focus and concentrate.
- **Concentration:** In order to concentrate fully you need to be relaxed.
- **Confidence:** This has a bearing on the overall picture. If you and your horse are physically fit, have trained hard, and practiced well, are relaxed, and can concentrate, then your confidence will be very high.

Those who have the edge or can cope under pressure or in difficult circumstances have already learned to control their mind. It's not the event; it's how you perceive it. Life is perception – inner belief. Think it, believe it – it becomes a reality.

I have experience at all levels and have worked with some of New Zealand's leading riders.

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Stud News

THE FUN OF BREEDING A PUREBRED IRISH DRAUGHT

Anna Danielson - Rakaia, Canterbury

Regaans Amber Rose

Sire: Coalmans Touch RID (Touch of the Blues x Warrenhouse Blackbird)

Dam: Scarteen Regaan RID (Kings County x Kilmanagh Banrion)

In March 2004 I was lucky enough to become the second person from the Society, after Lyn Turner to get Scarteen Regaan for breeding. Regaan [paddock name Nellie], was empty when she arrived at my place after producing a colt and a filly for Lyn.

Nellie arrived by horse transporter and when the ramp came down, this beautiful great big, unbroken grey mare sedately walked down the ramp and like an old timer sedately walks into the paddock, ignoring the other part bred Irish horses that were all running around, put her head down and literally made herself at home and into my heart. She ran with either my filly or gelding, she was always BOSS through personality alone, without having to force the issue.

Nellie wintered well, and was off to Coalmans Touch in the spring. She was served on the 5th of November and took on the first heat. As I live just below Mt Hutt skifield it is very prone to heavy snow falls in the winter, so I arranged with a friend of mine 800 feet lower at Rakaia to lease two paddocks of marvelous grazing with heaps of shelter. So off Nellie went to winter in the warmer area 23 kms down the road and to stay there until she foaled. What a character Nellie turned out to be in Rakaia. At a late autumn BBQ one of the guys put a stubby of beer on the fence post in Nellie's paddock, when he reached out to pick it up again he found it was gone, on turning around found that Nellie had it in her mouth with her head up and was drinking it. They talk about the drunken Irish. So from that day on every time the boys had a cook up or BBQ, Nellie was standing with her head over the fence waiting for her stubby.

Then came the spring and the foal watch went on and Nellie produced, on the 12th of October at 5am a beautiful filly foal. She was very quickly up onto her feet and looked bay, but come daylight it was obvious that the foal had grey rings around her eyes and nostrils. YEAH!!!! I have my grey and a filly exactly what I wanted. What a marvelous mum Nellie was, very protective of her foal, making it almost impossible to get photos as mum was always between you and the foal. I had not worked out a name for the foal before it was born, but on seeing this big filly I immediately thought of my grand daughter, so that is why she was named Regaans Amber Rose (Rosey for short).

Both Nellie and Rosey stayed down at Rakaia until weaning, then Rosey came home here to me in the Methven area to be wintered and handled, with the Breeders show in mind. As a typical Irish she loves her hard feed, in fact all food. What a delight to work with, a bit of a mind of her own for a start but soon changed. She has ended up with the most wonderful temperament and has been a delight to work with while getting her ready for the Breeders show. Alas accidents do happen! When trimming the hind hoof on one of my other Irish crossbreds a wasp flew into her ear. The end result was I got trampled and ended up with fortunately only all the bones in one foot broken. This happened 1 week before the Breeders show. DRAT!!!! This was the reason my purebred did not get shown. Poor Lyn Turner was also badly injured a few days before the show. That meant that all the purebred Irish horses were not shown.

Rosy will be backed up in the spring, she is taller in the rear end already at 16 months than the 15.3hh Irish Millenium, see photo. From there she will eventually be shown and then hopefully, I will be able to find a top rider (I think I have one) to show jump her, as well as hunt her myself. Later on Rosey will be bred, but not until she is at least 10 years old. This will depend on soundness and how well she is going. But she will never be for sale, only her progeny. So South Islanders keep a look out for next season in led classes and the Breeders show.



Regaan and Rosey at 3 hours old



Regaan and Rosy 3 months



Rosey 16 months with Irish Millenium 15.3hh in background.

Tui Hills, Hawarden, North Canterbury

We have three foals by Te Mania Blue Fable this season. All very different in type due to the mares we have. Interest from the U.S.A in one of the fillies is exciting for us.

The highlight for us this season after many years of wanting to use Blue Fable over a Jaguar mare we finally have our first foal from that cross. We certainly aren't disappointed as we now have a lovely bay colt with a blaze and one sock. We purchased the dam from Hamilton although she was bred by Helen Jackson from Hawarden. Helen visited the stud to see the colt and is just as thrilled as we are in his type. We intend to keep him as a colt and review the situation when he is two. We think he will make a very good future stallion and the bonus is he carries that extra Irish Draught from Jaguar.

Alan & Jude



Snippets

Congratulations to Karen Anderson and Komplete Kaos (x Kingsway Diamond) who have been selected to represent NZ in Australia at the Sydney CDI. Karen and Ammo flew out for Australia on the 26 April. Komplete Kaos has won the Irish Performance Trophy on numerous occasions. We wish them all the best and will hopefully have a report in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to Sophie McSkimming and Rothery Laast Suma sash winners at the Maniototo A & P show.

(.....and congratulations to ID member, Tracy Crossan, Equestrian organiser at Maniototo A & P, on the birth of a son)

One to watch for ... Keep an eye on the Ford Novice Horse Trials leaderboard Jessica Fieldes and Coleraine Coaltown (x Coalmans Touch) are in 9th place at present

Badminton Horse Trials - The highest placed Irish hunter at the 2007 Badminton Horse Trials was NZ's own Caroline Powell with a 12th placing on **Lenamore** (ISH) – 1993 grey gelding by Sea Crest (RID) out of Karinella (TB), by Valiyar (TB). Bred by Ted & Helen Walsh, Greenhills, Kill, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Sad News - BANKS FEE DANIEL (by Skippy ex Barna Lucy by Station Master) On 21st May, following a kick from a mare during covering, BANKS FEE DANIEL was put to sleep, just two weeks after his 20th birthday. Maggie Spreckley, who has owned Daniel constantly since he was two weeks old, was devastated. She said "Daniel has always been one of my best friends and I have been privileged to know him. At the moment I'm heartbroken." We all share Maggie's grief at the passing of a great stallion who has consistently produced the goods.
- Norma Grubb, Marketing Director/Yearbook Editor IDHS(GB)

New Members

Mrs C Johnston, Auckland

Mrs Y Thompson, Canterbury

Jo Bensemam, Palmerston North

Mrs C Donald, Canterbury

Letter from Equine Health Association

Dear Breed Societies

The Equine Health Association is seeking information from breed societies in order to be better prepared in the case of an outbreak of exotic disease. The Association needs to be able to identify the location of all horses in the affected areas. Agri-quality have offered a service would assist greatly if breed societies were willing to assist. Agri-quality has already captured information from the racing industries. I have been asked to seek feedback on this suggestion.

Explanation

The Equine Health Association has been working quietly since the early 1990s to improve the bio-security framework for horses in New Zealand. It is Chaired by Bruce Graham from the harness owners group, the Secretariat is in Thoroughbred Racing New Zealand, and Harness Racing NZ manages disease data at present. Farriers, Pony Clubs, NZEF, RAS, the NZ Vet Association and the Equine Research Foundation and other breeds are represented. The main obligation is keeping exotic horse diseases out of NZ and maintaining its status as the best horse health status in the world. The Organisation cut its teeth on Equine Viral Arteritis which had entered the country along with stallions imported from the US. The horse industry has worked together to almost eradicate EVA with large contributions of resources from Harness Racing and the Tb industries, who require all breeding stallions to be tested.

Ideally all stallions bred from would be tested. At present there are two known EVA shedder stallions in NZ - both Standardbreds. With careful management these stallions can be safely bred from without passing on the

disease. A salutary lesson is a recent outbreak of EVA in Quarter Horses in Mexico where early abortions are devastating the industry. EHA continues to work to eradicate EVA from NZ. It also maintains a watching brief on disease outbreaks world wide such as Equine Infectious Anaemia in Ireland, CEM in Europe, Japanese encephalitis in Australia, and advises Government on industry concerns.

Apart from this EHA works with MAF/Bio-security NZ to manage potential outbreaks of disease and to develop mechanisms for managing an exotic disease should it enter the country. Most work has gone into developing a pest management strategy for Equine Influenza, one of the most widespread Equine diseases in the world (but not in Australia or NZ). Most of it is behind the scenes work, it is only when something goes wrong that the EHA becomes visible.

In order to better manage an outbreak, if we have the bad luck to get one, it is important to know the location of as many horses as possible in New Zealand. Thoroughbred Racing NZ and Harness Racing NZ have provided Agri-quality's Agri-base with the information they have as has the NZEF. The Equine Health Association is now asking other breeds if they can be of assistance. Agri-Quality would like to know Breed Societies' willingness to consider backing a requirement for horse owners to add the farm location to any registration form they have. It wouldn't cost anything other than a flurry of phone calls by owners to Agri-Quality's 0800 number to find out their location. This would increase the information we have about the location and densities of horses if we had the misfortune to have a big outbreak.

Other benefits include:

- * It provides a direct access to where the farm is, in terms of its geographical location defined by the set of land parcels utilised by the property. This information is usable in a geographic information system (GIS);
- * It provides contact details of the key personnel on the property;
- * It holds denominator data (numbers of animals by species and class, and hectares in various types of crops, vines or tree);
- * The farm_id is permanent.

The Agri-Base farm_id has existed since 1993, and supports the following programmes:

- * Bio-security New Zealand for surveillance, bio-security investigations and response;
- * NZFSA in the chemical residues monitoring programme;
- * The Pork Industry Board who require it on their version of the Animal Status Declaration (ASD) form;
- * The Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand (PIANZ) to support exotic disease surveillance and response preparedness

- * The Meat Industry Association (MIA) through Ovis Management Limited's use of the Agri-Base farm_id in the sheep measles monitoring system;
- * The Vet Pathology group of animal health diagnostic laboratories in New Zealand to record the location of large animal submissions.

Although many farmers may not be aware of their Agri-Base farm_id, it would simply be a matter of their making a single call to the Agri-Quality freephone (0508 00 11 22). Those who had no farm number could register themselves over the phone. We would be very pleased to have comments on this proposal. It relies on the commitment of breed societies, it is not a mandatory requirement, but as noted above, it would be beneficial to the horse industry. Gabrielle Deuss, 462 Paekakariki Hill Rd, RD1, Porirua 5381 Ph 04 2375085

NOTE: The Society would be interested in any thoughts members may have on this matter.

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Next newsletter deadline :

1st August 2007

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The society's website www.irishhorse.org.nz is available to members to advertise horses at a very reasonable rate – just give Debbie a call