



ITBA NEWSLETTER

Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association - Spring 2009

ITBA National Seminar

'Thoroughbred Industry ... The Way Forward'

Our National Seminar drew together a high powered group of speakers from every sector of the industry, former Government Officials and leaders of many organising bodies of racing in Ireland.

Addressing an audience of some 500, ranging from those who owned one horse to those who owned several studs worldwide, the distinguished panel sought to lessen and ultimately resolve the problems currently facing the Industry.

Well done to the organising committee of Joe Foley, Maurice Maloney, Vanessa Teehan and Rory Mathews on a job well done.

Pictured below are the seminar speakers.



ITBA Tours

2 Days Racing at York

13th -14th May 2009

Musidora Stakes (Wed) &
Dante Stakes (Thurs)

Tour Includes:

- Flights
- 4 Star Accommodation
- Airport & Racecourse Transfers
- 2 Day Entry & Corporate Hospitality at York Racecourse
- Evening Meal

Weekend Racing in Paris

23rd -24th May 2009

**Gras Savoye Steeple
Chase de Paris** (Sun)

Tour Includes:

- Flights
- 4 Star Accommodation
- Airport & Racecourse Transfers
- Entry & Hospitality at Auteuil Racecourse
- Evening Meal on Seine

*For further details please
contact Regina on 045
877543 or 087 6569152
to reserve places.*



Message from the Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the first of our series of newsletters for 2009. It is important for us in the office to communicate with members about the work being done on their behalf. The last few months have been very busy at a strategic level and work is nearly complete by our Sales Liaison Committee on a Sales Code of Practice which will ensure integrity and transparency in the Irish Bloodstock Industry.

Work is already under way to showcase our industry through our International Trade Fair and Symposium which will take place on 29th and 30th January 2010.

The ITBA worked very closely with other Industry bodies to produce an agreed policy on horse welfare. The document titled Promoting Responsible Thoroughbred Ownership was launched earlier this month and was greatly received by all.

We produced a breeders' guide which was sent to all breeders in the country. This guide is designed to help all breeders as you prepare for the breeding season ahead and provides you with a greater insight into the workings of the ITBA.

Our recent National Seminar attracted close on 500 breeders from all over the country and drew together panellists from every sector of the industry. A key message from the day was that it is essential that as an industry we remain united 'one plan presented by one body'.

Our active National Hunt committee are working closely with HRI re sponsorship of mares and fillies races. We hope to have a detailed announcement in the coming weeks.



It is indeed exciting times in the ITBA and we are constantly looking for new initiatives to pass on to our members.

Remember all the work listed above is done by volunteers giving of their busy schedules to represent you the breeder. We are always looking for volunteers to help and I would encourage you to take an active role by joining your regional committees and continuing the good voluntary work being done to represent the breeders of Ireland.

Shane O Dwyer, Manager.



Opening the ITBA Trade Fair 2008

ITBA Health & Safety Awareness/Insurance Regional Spring Seminars

ITBA in conjunction with Sean Barrett Bloodstock Insurance and Walter J Reidy & Associates, Risk Management Consultants will be conducting Regional Spring Seminars on the benefits of Insurance and Health & Safety Statements.

John Barrett will speak on 'The Importance of Farm Property Insurance and Public/Employer's Liability' while Wally Reidy will encourage breeders on the 'Implementation of Health and Safety Awareness in the Workplace'.



Sean Barrett
Bloodstock Insurances Ltd.



Having a Health and Safety Statement is a legal requirement on farms and Wally explains 'Legislation is constantly changing, particularly in the area of Health and Safety, and this places an additional burden on employers to ensure that they stay abreast of changes in the legislation'.

All Spring Seminars will include a concise synopsis on the Insurance and Health and Safety aspects of our industry and our professionals will be available afterward so our members will have a chance to have a more in-depth and personnel conversation. Each seminar will include a third session which will incorporate Early Recognition of Disease in Foals (Meath/Louth/Westmeath), Farriery (North), Evening Race Meeting Tipperary (South) and a National Hunt Breeding Seminar (West).

Walter J Reidy & Associates have indicated that they are prepared to offer a **20% Discount** on all Safety Statements prepared by them solely for ITBA members.

Contact details are as follows: 1 Clonard Avenue, Sandford Road, Dublin 16

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Should you have any queries or require any additional information with regard to any on the above seminars, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 045 877543.



Nic Coward of the BHA



Leo Tsatsaronis of GI Goldmine delivers his presentation

Reminder

Please remember in order to have your say you have to PAY!! Members who have overlooked their annual subscription are urged to remit at their earliest possible convenience.



European Bloodstock News - EBN

EBN are offering ITBA Members complimentary subscription until the end of March 2009 and discounted annual subscription thereafter. Please ring Doug from EBN on 0044 1638 666512 to avail of this benefit.

Spring Calendar of Events

Meath/Louth/Westmeath Region	Seminar - Thursday 19th March, Tattersalls @ 8pm <i>Health & Safety Awareness/Insurance/Disease in Foals</i>
Western Region	Seminar - Thursday 25th March, Claregalway @ 8pm <i>Health & Safety Awareness/Insurance/ NH Breeding Seminar</i>
Kildare Dublin Region	Racing Quiz - Friday 26th March Brown Bear Bar & Restaurant, Two Mile House @ 8pm
Northern Region	Seminar - Thursday 2nd April, Beechlawn Hotel @ 8pm <i>Health & Safety Awareness/Insurance/Farrier Advice</i>
Southern Region	Seminar - Thursday 9th April, Tipperary Racecourse <i>Evening Racing/Health & Safety Awareness/Insurance</i>



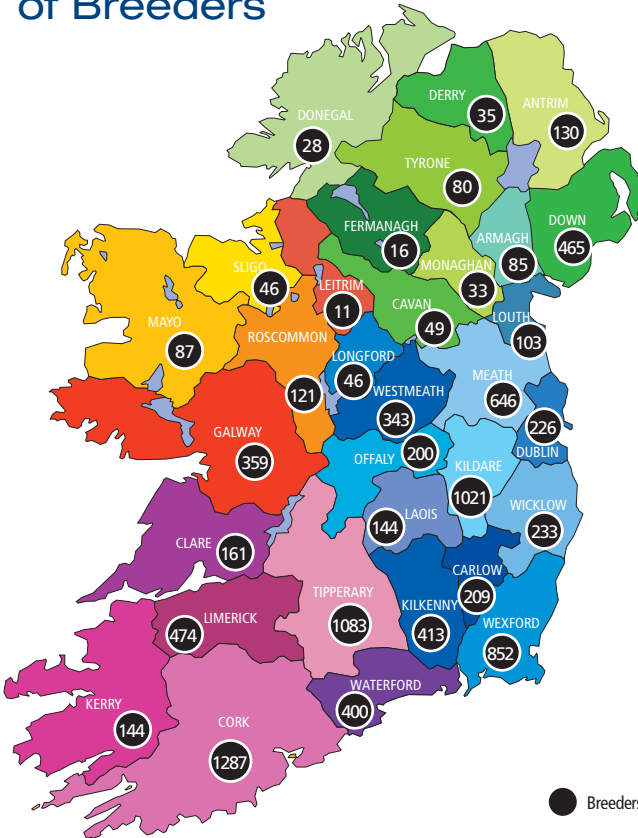
Trade Stands

Trade Fair 2010

Following the enormous success of the 2008 International Trade Fair & Symposium, planning for the 2010 event, which takes place over two days Fri 29th & Sat 30th January at Goffs sales complex will shortly commence. Details of this event will be confirmed by mid May 2009.

Should you have any queries or require any additional information regarding the Trade Fair & Symposium, please do not hesitate to contact the ITBA offices on 045 877543 or email to tradefair@itba.ie

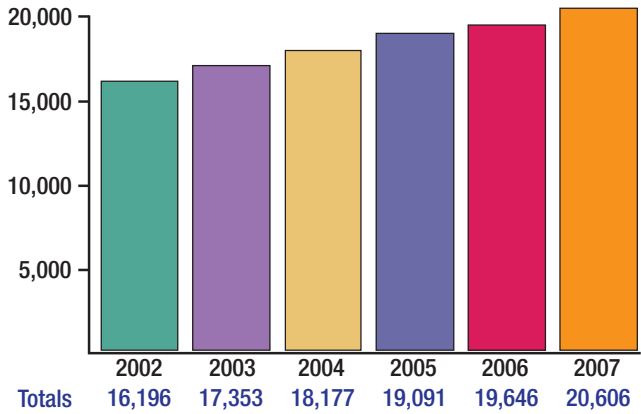
Distribution of Breeders



Major Statistics

- There are c. 19,500 people in full time employment in the Thoroughbred Racing Industry.
- Ireland is the 3rd largest producer of thoroughbred foals in the world (following USA & Australia).
- Export of Irish thoroughbreds is in excess of €200 million annually.
- Total value of assets employed - €2.5 Billion*.
- Gross Industry contribution of thoroughbred breeding sector is €380 Million** (p.a).
- Gross tax contribution of thoroughbred breeding sector is €37.5 Million* (p.a).
- Turnover from betting in 2007
 - Bookmakers on course €205 Million
 - Tote on course €61.3 Million
 - Off course betting €3.6 Billion

Registered Broodmares



- Punchestown Racing Festival is worth €45 Million to local economy.
- Galway Racing Festival is worth €60 Million to local economy.
- Tourism Figures - a figure of 65,000 -80,000 has been used to estimate how many tourists go racing in Ireland annually.

*Source: Indecon Report 2003
 **Source: Fitzpatrick's Report 2006

Regional Awards & Preview Nights

South Eastern Region

AWARD WINNERS

Seamus Burns - Flat Breeder Award
Martin & Marie Doran - NH Breeder Award
Ned Morrissey
- Contribution to the Industry Award

These awards were given in conjunction with a Pre Cheltenham Preview Evening. The panel was made up of MC Gary O'Brien, Tony Mullins, Ryan McElligott, Ferdy Murphy, Paul Nolan and Brendan Doyle. A lively debate ensued and punters were given a few ideas on how the panel felt the Festival would go.

NAPS FOR THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Tony Mullins - Cousin Vinny
Gary O'Brien - Gone to Lunch
Ryan McElligott - I'msingingtheblues -Arkle
Ferdy Murphy - Kasbah Bliss
Paul Nolan - Cousin Vinny
Brendan Doyle - Kasbah Bliss



Marie Doran receives her award from Vanessa Teehan

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Southern Region

AWARD WINNERS

Joe Conway - Special Recognition Award
Peter McCutcheon - Kingsgate Native
Paddy Twomey - Serious Attitude
John Dorgan - Tidal Bay
Colman O'Flynn - Denman
Southern Bloodstock
- Duke of Marmalade
Alan Lillingston
- Lifetime Achievement Award

The Southern Region of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders held their awards night in The Dunraven Arms, Adare on Sunday March 3rd 2009. A large crowd of about 400 joined our award winners and were bombarded with Cheltenham Festival winners. The preview panel was hosted by David Duggan (At the Races) and he was very ably assisted by Christian Williams, Richard Johnson, Alan King, Andrew McNamara, Willie Power and Eric McNamara.

NAPS FOR CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Christian Williams - Neptune Collonges
Richard Johnson - Fair Along
Andrew McNamara - Osana
Eric McNamara - Voy Por Ustedes
Alan King - Voy Por Ustedes
Willie Power - Binocular
David Duggan - Calgary Bay



Why not join us at York!