



ITBA NEWSLETTER

Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association - Summer 2009

Small Breeders to be rewarded by ITBA

As part of our members' benefits scheme we are introducing a pilot scheme to reward the smaller breeder.

What constitutes a small Breeder? Well, for this members' initiative it means somebody with 4 broodmares or less.

Since the beginning of the year we here at ITBA headquarters have been keeping a note of all our members with winners merely to see how much work it would take to introduce a monthly award scheme for our members with 4 mares or less. We have decided that from May 1st 2009 both Flat and National Hunt small breeders will be recognised for their achievements.

This award will be calculated in Headquarters for all races in Ireland and black type races in the UK and Europe on a points system as follows:

NATIONAL HUNT		FLAT	
Grade 1	10 pts	Group 1	10 pts
Grade 2	8 pts	Group 2	8 pts
Grade 3	6 pts	Group 3	6 pts
Listed Races	5 pts	Listed Races	5 pts
Winners	3 pts	Winners	3 pts

This is a difficult initiative to administer so we would ask all members who are eligible and wish to participate in the scheme to fill out the attached registration form and return by post to Regina in Head Office. We have a quarterly newsletter whereby monthly winners both Flat & National Hunt will be profiled and there will be one overall winner who will be recognised at our National Awards Night.

Trade Fair 2010

Anybody who wishes to partake in the ITBA International Trade Fair & Symposium on January 29th and 30th 2010 can register their interest by emailing tradefair@itba.ie

Breeders' Cup Discount

An economic stimulus plan for Breeders' Cup nominators is available offering a \$100.00 discount off the standard fee of \$500.00 on all nominations completed online on or before 1st August, 2009. Further information is available on website www.breederscup.com or www.itba.ie

EFTBA & IBM Annual Meetings

There will be ITBA Representatives at the annual meetings of the EFTBA (European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders Association) and IBM (International Breeders Meeting). Any items of interest will be forwarded to all members at our earliest possible convenience.

National Hunt Fillies' Scheme



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NH Fillies' Scheme

The ITBA NH Committee supporting NH Breeders.

Only qualified fillies sold (see catalogues for details) at the Goffs June NH Sale, Tattersalls Ireland Derby & August Sales in 2009 will be eligible to run in the following races:

ITBA FILLIES SCHEME EBF PREMIER BUMPER

over 2 miles at the Punchestown Festival 2010/11.
Value €70,000.

ITBA FILLIES SCHEME EBF FILLIES NOVICE HURDLE

over 2 miles at the Listowel Festival 2010/11.
Value €40,000.

ITBA FILLIES SCHEME EBF FILLIES NOVICE HURDLE

over 2¹/₂ miles. Fairyhouse, Bobbyjo meeting February 2011.
Value €40,000.

ITBA National Hunt Committee are committed to sponsoring the following Black type races:

ITBA FILLIES SCHEME EBF Mares Hurdle (Listed)

over 2¹/₄ miles Leopardstown Christmas meeting.
Value €40,000.

ITBA FILLIES SCHEME EBF Dawn Run Mares Novice Steeplechase (Grade 3)

over 2³/₄ miles at Limerick.
Value €40,000.

ITBA FILLIES SCHEME EBF Mares Hurdle (Grade 3)

over 2¹/₄ miles at Punchestown Festival. Value €70,000.

ITBA FILLIES SCHEME EBF Fillies Bumper (Listed),

over 2 miles at Navan, Troytown meeting. Value €30,000.



George Mernagh, Peter Moloney, Nick Nugent and Shane O'Dwyer at the ITBA NH Fillies' Scheme launch.

Insurances/ Health & Safety

During March and April this year the ITBA embarked on a nationwide seminar in the company of Sean Barrett (John Barrett Bloodstock Insurances) and Wally Reidy (Walter J Reidy & Associates Risk Assessors) to highlight to our members the importance of Insurance and Health & Safety Statements on our farms and within our industry.

Sean Barrett Bloodstock Insurances are still providing the best, most competitive insurance policy exclusive for our members. Walter J Reidy and Associates are offering our members 20% Discount on the preparation of your Health & Safety Statements. Health & Safety is becoming an increasing problem at the moment with unannounced inspections being exercised throughout the country. In conjunction with the ITBA, Wally Reidy is currently working on a generic working Health and Safety statement details of which will be circulated once finalised to our members.

I have attached a flyer for both Sean Barrett and Walter J Reidy with this Newsletter for your perusal and convenience. We strongly recommend that you request a quotation from both parties should you require any of their services.

Sales Code of Practice

THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR CODE OF PRACTICE IS:

To ensure integrity and transparency in the Irish Bloodstock Industry.

This will benefit the entire bloodstock community ensuring the laws of the land are upheld thus encouraging a competitive, fair and thriving marketplace. This will safeguard the interests of all parties involved in horse related transactions both at public auction and private sales. It will also encourage new people to enter the business.

Definitions

An Agent is any person who advises and/or represents the buyer or seller of thoroughbreds at public auction or private sale.

The Principal is a person or entity who appoints an Agent to act on his behalf in the sale or purchase of bloodstock.

Luck Money refers to any financial payment or payment in kind made by or on behalf of a vendor to a purchaser or his Agent, after the sale of a horse has been concluded.

CODE OF PRACTICE

Vendor

The Vendor must endeavor to answer honestly and factually any question he or she is asked by a potential Purchaser or Agent.

Any changes of ownership of a horse following publication of the catalogue must be disclosed to the sales company.

Purchaser

A Purchaser has the right to ask questions of the Vendor.

Neither the Purchaser nor anyone else must seek to influence or intimidate the Vendor or any potential Purchasers of a horse before, during or after the lot passes through the auction ring.

Secret arrangements between purchaser and vendor or either party's agent are not permitted.

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Agent

An Agent is duty bound to act in the best interests of his Principal at all times

An Agent must not place himself in a position where personal interests conflict with his duties to the Principal.

An Agent must notify the Principal when a potential conflict of interest arises, whatever that conflict of interest may be.

When an Agent acts as a vendor of any horse in which he has an interest the Agent must disclose to the Principal the full extent of his interest.

The Agent may only act for more than one Principal in a transaction if he has first disclosed this fact to all his Principals and obtained their consent.

An Agent must disclose to his Principal any Luck Money he receives. It is imperative that any such arrangements of this kind are disclosed to all parties to the transaction including owners not present on the day of the sale.

If an Agent receives an offer to purchase a horse he must relay that offer in its entirety to his Principal.

ENFORCEMENT

If any party wishes to make a complaint about an alleged breach of the above Code of Practice they should notify the Sales Company where the alleged incident occurred. Their complaint should be made in writing, naming specific individuals involved and the details of the alleged wrongdoing. The sales company will endeavor to resolve disputes, however, depending on the nature of the complaint and the recompense sought it may be necessary for the offended party to pursue their case through the civil courts. All parties involved will provide their full assistance to the sales company or the courts. Anyone convicted of an offence which is in breach of this Code of Conduct may be banned for a period of time from the sales complex at the discretion of the sales company.

This code has been developed by the ITBA in conjunction with Goffs, Tattersalls Ireland and Goresbridge Bloodstock Sales.

Racecourse Initiative Update

Late last year we informed you of our Racecourse Initiative whereby if a horse you breed runs at a participating racecourse you and a guest as an ITBA member are entitled to FREE admission.

Initially, The Curragh and Naas Racecourse were the first ones who signed up, please find listed below the all the Racecourses now involved in this scheme.

- The Curragh
- Naas
- Fairyhouse
- Bellewstown
- Laytown
- Roscommon
- Ballinrobe
- Tipperary
- Punchestown
- Navan

Our members receive a text message from Regina 24 hours prior to the race informing them of the horse running and an indication of where you can collect the tickets. By default, we are providing a complimentary progeny tracking service for our members. This benefit is proving exceptionally popular with all members and hopefully all members will avail of it during the coming months.

We want to take this opportunity to thank profusely all the racecourses (Managers & Staff) who very kindly have signed up to our initiative. In turbulent times all industry bodies need to row in together and we consider this benefit a win, win situation for everyone involved. Should any other racecourse wish to join our scheme please phone Regina on 045 877543 and we will instruct our members of this.

Stud Staff / Breeders Staff - Awards

Stud Owners/Breeders now have the opportunity to nominate a member of their staff to be awarded for their dedication and workman(woman)ship. We will need a detailed report as to why, in your opinion your staff member is entitled and worthy of this award.

The first award recipient will be from the Kildare/Dublin Region and I have attached the Nomination Form to members of this region with this newsletter.

We would ask that Stud Owners/Breeders fill in the nomination form at their earliest possible convenience and reply by return post to Head Office. This initiative will extend to other Regions in due course.

Completed Nomination forms will be carefully assessed and decided within our Head Office and winners will receive their awards at regional award /social occasions.

Members Memos

There have been
42 French Bred
45 GB Bred
14 USA Bred
6 German Bred
1 NZ Bred
1 UAE Bred
and
497 Irish Bred
winners in Ireland from
01/01/09 to 05/05/09

Our Successful Members with Festival Winners

Pat Tobin, Ballinamona, Courtmacsherry, Bandon, Co. Cork
WITCHITA LINEMAN - Cheltenham Festival

Ms Eleanor Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow
COOLDINE - Cheltenham Festival

Patrick & Louise Joyce, Kilbrennal House,
Balynonty, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
CHARACTER BUILDING - Cheltenham Festival

Aaron Metcalfe, Trench Hill Farm,
15 Trench Road, Comber, Co. Down
WEAPON'S AMNESTY - Cheltenham Festival

William O'Gorman, 36 Westfield Park,
North Circular Road, Limerick
SHIRLEY CASPER - Fairyhouse Easter Festival

William Flood, Boardsmill Stud, Trim, Co. Meath
NICHE MARKET - Irish Grand National Winner
Fairyhouse Easter Festival

Moyglare Stud Farm, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
NEW PHASE - Fairyhouse Easter Festival

Philip & Jane Myerscough, Colbinstown Stud, Co. Kildare
IMPERIAL CASCADE - Punchestown Festival

Mr Don Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow
RARE BOB - Punchestown Festival

Mrs C A Moore, Bearforest, Mallow, Co. Cork
QUANTITAVEEASING - Punchestown Festival

Gareth Metcalfe, Hillhead Farm,
39 Ballyhenry Road, Newtownards, Co. Down
THE MIDNIGHT CLUB - Punchestown Festival

Peter & Anne Downes, Russellstown Stud, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
FIVEFORTHREE - Punchestown Festival

Upcoming Events

17th May	Meath/Louth/Westmeath Region - Race Sponsorship - Navan Racecourse
19-21st May	N/H Horses in Training Sale - Doncaster
26th May	ITBA Annual General Meeting in Keadeen Hotel at 5.00pm
27-28th May	N/H Spring Store Sale - Doncaster
10-12th June	Land Rover & June N/H Sales - Goffs
24-26th June	Derby Sale - Tattersalls Ireland
6-10th July	July Sale (Mixed) - Tattersalls UK
22nd July	Kildare/Dublin Awards Night
4-6th Aug	N/H Stores Sales - Doncaster
11-14th Aug	August Sale - Tattersalls Ireland
14-17th Aug	Yearling Sale - Arqana (Deauville)
25-27th Aug	St Leger Yearling Sale - Doncaster

Headquarters Update

The Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association's new Headquarters should be finally completed before the end of May. Kildare Estates have worked tirelessly since November 2008 and the finished project is something we can all take great pride in. We would like to take this opportunity to thank John O'Connell (Kildare Estates), Brian Connelly (Architect) all their colleagues and also Sean Burke (Project Manager - Kildare/Dublin Member) for the tremendous efforts and work ethic they have displayed over the last six months.



ITBA new headquarters

The ITBA staff should be re-instated by early June and all our members are welcome to drop in during the Goffs sales or anytime they may be passing for a guided tour and a welcoming cup of tea/coffee. Please note that all contact numbers for ITBA will remain the same but should you experience difficulty contacting us during the move you can contact us on our mobiles.

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