

ITBA NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2012



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WORKING FOR IRISH BREEDERS

Foreword from ITBA Chairman Joe Osborne



Welcome to the ITBA's Autumn Newsletter. We hope you find it an informative summary of your Association's activities during the year and a road map of what lies ahead. It has been a challenging year for thoroughbred breeders with one of the wettest years on record coming during an ongoing national and international recession.

Our Summer Road Shows were an opportunity for us to meet breeders throughout the country and to hear their concerns. It has reinforced our intention to prioritise business sustainability as our key issue. At each of the five Road Show locations the poor marketability of National Hunt fillies was raised. When markets are depressed this is where the weakened demand is most keenly felt. As you will read in this Newsletter our National Hunt Committee has been working tirelessly on a number of initiatives to address this problem.

As a result of the Road Show feedback we have decided to theme our January 2013 symposium with 'The Business of Breeding'. It will be used as a forum to tackle the difficulties faced by breeders in their efforts to make profit while producing the quality bloodstock for which Ireland is renowned.

Recent yearling sales have shown some promising gains in terms of turnover and sales averages. There has been a shift towards Europe as the source for quality and Irish bred horses have helped that reputation. The calibre of YITBA members gives great encouragement for the future. The green shoots of recovery need to be nurtured carefully to ensure the future breeders of Ireland have an industry they can be proud of.

The ITBA is your Association and is here to help you and all of its members.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Osborne', written in a cursive style.

Joe Osborne
ITBA Chairman

ITBA Strategic Review

In October 2011 a strategic review working group was established to investigate how the Association could operate more efficiently. This group was tasked with looking at the rules, structure and membership of the Association. Their brief was dictated from feedback collected at Council meetings, ITBA Roadshows and a 'think tank' with former Chairs.

It was agreed that the Association needed to ensure that Council members are geographically spread and represent all breeders. It was also agreed that all breeders who pay the Irish Foal Levy should be given the opportunity to become associate members of the ITBA.

Additionally stakeholders thought that the Association should put in place procedures and processes to ensure it:

- reaches out to all breeders;
- makes decision makers accountable;
- empowers younger industry professionals thus securing their involvement in the organisation.

STRUCTURE

A. ITBA Executive

The Executive Committee considers the implementation of the objects of the Association and policy matters and places before the Council reports on its deliberation for consideration.

The composition of the Executive Committee should include the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Chairman of the National Hunt Committee and two other chosen Council members. The President reserves the right to sit in on all Association meetings.

B. ITBA Council

Under the New Rules the Council will consist of:

- Twenty (20) elected representatives
- Three (3) ex-officio members (Irish Equine Centre, Irish National Stud, Weatherbys Ireland)

Association committees will work towards clearly defined aims and objectives. The composition of each committee will include members from each region. In addition the Association will target members (some of whom may not be on Council) with special skill sets to join committees therefore empowering our members more.

The committees include:

- European and International
- Finance
- Foal Levy
- ITBA Events
- Mare Owners
- Membership and Rules
- National Hunt
- Responsible Ownership
- Sales Liaison
- Stallion Owners
- Veterinary
- YITBA

C. Regional Branches

Regionally elected representatives on Council will be appointed Regional Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman of the Region will be responsible for delivering on the objectives as agreed by Council.

Regional Committees will comprise of members who are also members of one of the Committees listed above. This system was designed to empower ordinary members to get involved in an Association where they have an opportunity to be part of a National Committee. Head Office will administer Regional functions.



The number of regions has been reduced from six to five as follows:

- **Northern Region**

Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Derry, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Monaghan and Tyrone

Chairman: Denis MacAuley
Northern Region will have two elected representatives.

- **North Leinster Region**

Dublin, Longford, Louth, Meath, Offaly and Westmeath

Chairman: Bill Dwan
North Leinster will have four elected representatives

- **Southern Region**

Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford

Chairman: Maurice Moloney
Southern Region will have six elected representatives

- **South Leinster Region**

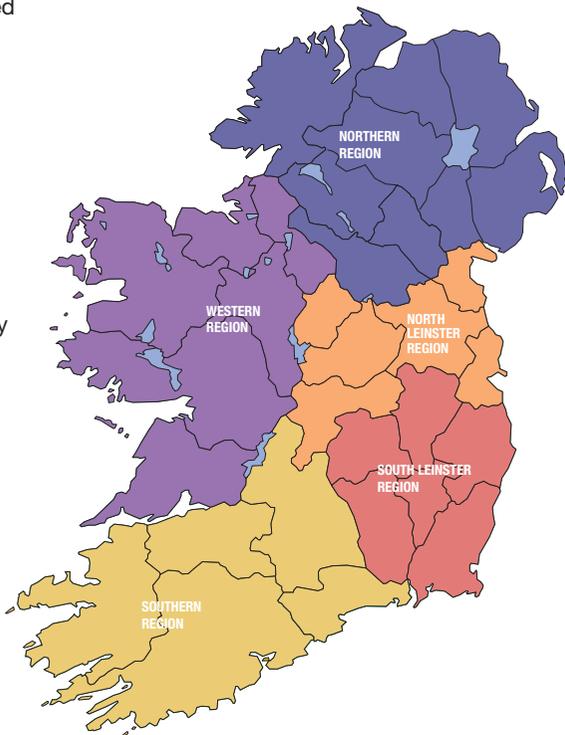
Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Wexford and Wicklow

Chairman: John McEnery
South Leinster will have six elected representatives

- **Western Region**

Clare, Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon and Sligo

Chairman: Hugh Ryan
Western Region will have two elected representatives



Herb Stanley received the Contribution to the Industry Award during the Western Region Awards



Stuart Crawford collects The Irish Field Leading P2P Handler from Leo Powell

ITBA Roadshow Review

The Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association conducted a very successful Summer Roadshow in July, with meetings held in Belfast, Kilkenny, Navan, Roscommon and Horse and Jockey.

These open meetings were attended by breeders, both flat and National Hunt, and gave all involved an opportunity to discuss industry issues and concerns. ITBA manager Shane O'Dwyer, chairman Joe Osborne and vice chairman Derek Icteton were present as were representatives from the Irish Equine Centre, HRI, Irish Thoroughbred Marketing and Weatherbys Ireland.

Over 300 breeders attended which gave us a great cross section of views. This is part of an ongoing dialogue with the breeding sector. The meetings gave the ITBA a forum to explain the proposed changes to the Association, to answer questions and to establish our priorities moving forward. We are grateful to the breeders who participated and to the industry body representatives who came along to deal with queries.

At the conclusion of the Roadshows, ITBA chairman Joe Osborne said *'with the current economic situation, breeders are ever-more conscious of production costs and their impact on business viability. At each of the five locations the issue of the lack of commercial appeal of National Hunt fillies was raised- this is an area which needs continued ITBA focus.'*

The breeding sector has gone through a tough few years, but the Roadshow was a very positive experience meeting such a cross section of breeders. There is a strong sense of resilience and a belief that we have a strong foundation on which to rebuild in the coming years'.

As a direct result of the Roadshow the ITBA will hold a national symposium in January 2013 based on business and economic aspects of breeding.



ITBA Western Summer Roadshow



ITBA Southern Summer Roadshow



ITBA Summer Roadshow in Kilkenny

National Hunt

Two Grade 1's for National Hunt Fillies

On 27th August, Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) announced a number of upgrades to the Irish National Hunt Pattern race programme for the 2012/13 National Hunt season, providing a significant boost for the National Hunt breeding sector with the introduction of two new Grade 1 Hurdle races for mares and the upgrading of three other Mares Black type races. The introduction of these upgrades underlines ITBA and HRI's commitment to encouraging the production and retention of high quality mares for National Hunt racing in Ireland.

Upgrade from Grade 2 to 1

Date	Racecourse	Race Title	Conditions
31st Mar 2013	Fairyhouse	EBF Mares Final	2½m Mares Novice Hurdle

Upgrade from Grade 3 to 1

Date	Racecourse	Race Title	Conditions
27th Apr 2013	Punchestown	ITBA EBF Champion Mares	2¼m Mares Hurdle

Upgrade from Grade 3 to 2

Date	Racecourse	Race Title	Conditions
17th Jan 2013	Thurles	Anaglogs Daughter EBF	2½m Mares Novice Chase

Upgrade from Listed to Grade 3

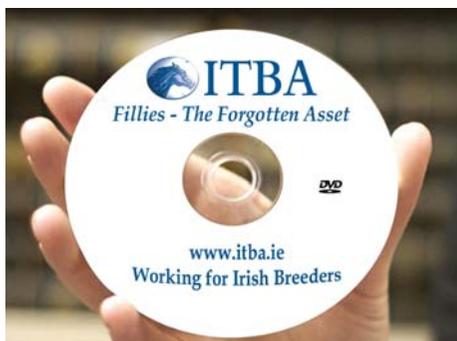
Date	Racecourse	Race Title	Conditions
17th Oct 2012	Punchestown	Grabel	2m 2f Mares Hurdle
17th Mar 2013	Limerick	Shannon Spray EBF	2m Mares Novice Hurdle

This support for the National Hunt breeding sector is further reflected in that HRI has progressively increased the number of Mares only jump races for the past five seasons (currently 120 Mares only races) and also raised the Mares allowance in open competition from 5lb to 7lb in October 2011. The two hurdle races will be the first Grade 1 National Hunt events exclusively for Mares in either Ireland or Britain which will go a long way to changing the perception that there are no opportunities for NH Fillies/Mares.

In their efforts to promote the NH Filly our NH Committee produced a high quality DVD entitled 'Fillies - The Forgotten Asset' which was distributed to the NH community and outlined the achievements of NH Fillies.



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NH Fillies' Scheme



National Hunt

ITBA NH Fillies Scheme Improvement

The ITBA has extended the NH Fillies Scheme this year to include all unraced three and four year old fillies. One of the main criticisms of the scheme is that it was not catering for all fillies so the ITBA NH Committee decided to widen the net and facilitate those who do not wish to sell their fillies at sales.

All eligible fillies are entitled to run in the following races:

ITBA National Hunt Fillies Scheme Premier Bumper of €60,000 at the Punchestown festival 2013/14

ITBA National Hunt Fillies Scheme Novice Hurdle of €30,000 over 2 miles at Listowel Harvest Festival 2013/14

ITBA National Hunt Fillies Scheme Novice Hurdle of €40,000 over 2½ miles at Fairyhouse Bobbyjo meeting 2013.

This extension was met with widespread appreciation within the NH sector and is also designed to encourage breeders to put their filly into training.

ITBA NH Leasing Scheme

The leasing scheme was introduced last year so breeders could advertise their NH filly for free lease on our website. There have been over a dozen fillies successfully leased and many have successfully made it on to racecourses and P2P fields all over the country. Winners include Celtic Cailin and Set In Her Ways under the rules of racing and Bebinn was successful on the P2P field.

We would encourage anybody who wishes to lease a filly to take a look and see if any filly on our leasing page fits their requirements. Everyone leasing the fillies is aware that the filly should be broken and ready to go to the trainer. We have a leasing template available to download on www.itba.ie (under members section)

Breeders are reminded that should they wish to put their filly up on the system to contact the ITBA HQ on 045 877543.



Rising Time wins the ITBA NH Fillies Scheme Novice Hurdle in Listowel 2012

Intra-Community VAT Rules on Place of Supply of Services

General Rules

The old rule for the place of taxation of Intra-EU Community supplies of services was that services are taxable in the Member State where the supplier is established.

From 1st January 2010, there are two new 'place of supply' rules: the rule that will apply depends on whether the recipient of the service is a Business (VAT registered) or a Consumer (not VAT registered).

The rules are as follows:

Business to Business (B2B)

For supplies of Business to Business (B2B) services, the place of taxation is the place where the recipient of the service is established (accounted for by the recipient using a reverse charge mechanism).

Business to Consumer (B2C)

For supplies of Business to Consumer (B2C) services, the place of taxation is where the supplier is established.

Unless covered by an exemption, the position is as follows:

The Provision of services by an Irish VAT Registered Business:

a) VAT registered suppliers of Services in the Republic of Ireland must charge a Zero Rate of VAT when supplying services to Businesses (VAT registered) established in another EU member state.

b) VAT registered suppliers of Services in the Republic of Ireland must charge VAT at the applicable Rate to Consumers (not VAT registered) established in another EU member state.

c) In general any services supplied to recipients outside of the EU will not be subject to Irish VAT.

The Receipt of services by an Irish VAT Registered Business:

a) VAT registered Businesses that receive services from a supplier established in another EU member state outside Ireland should be charged Zero rate VAT by the supplier of those services. The recipient will be required to account for Irish VAT unless the services concerned are exempt in Ireland (and the business has notified its supplier that such services are exempt from the Irish VAT).

b) Consumers who receive services from a supplier established in another EU member state outside Ireland should be charged the VAT at the appropriate rate by the supplier of those services in that member state.

An Irish Flat Rate Farmer must register for VAT for receipt of Intra Community services. VAT is liable where the recipient of the service (the Flat Rate Farmer) is based. The Flat Rate Farmer must account for VAT on the service received by using the reverse charge mechanism and must return a form VAT 3 to Revenue to account for VAT on services received.

Livestock sent from Ireland temporarily to another EU Country

The principles set down above apply in reverse with regard to livestock sent temporarily from the State to another Member State. In the case of such temporary transfers, the person who dispatches the livestock from the State must maintain a record showing details of the goods and the name, address and VAT number (if any) of the person to whom they are sent.

As VAT is a very complex issue, members are encouraged to speak to their own accountancy advisors

Representatives of the ITBF, EFTBA together with members of TAC of the IFHA, The International Studbook Committee and the Asian Racing Conference and invited commercial providers of the newly emerging DNA Performance profiling services and Universities gathered in round table format to discuss horse industry policy and best practice by providers.

The meeting commenced with a series of presentations by the commercial companies and Universities on the past, present and future of their work. Their databanks contain very large bodies of information. They can provide a service for their clients at auction sales with results within four hours using portable equipment by one company, overnight by another and alternatively through the postal system by a third. Each company developed their tests independently of one another and each may examine similar or different performance related genetic markers and smaller or larger numbers of markers. This may provide conflicting information regarding the genetic potential for a particular athletic or physical characteristic using a different test system, based on either hair or blood samples. They differ in price. These services can be provided in combination with other indices (which can include photographic assessments of conformation, biomechanics, measures of cardiac parameters and the spleen, fat free mass and muscle architecture) by some and not others. One company provides primary focus on optimal racing distance.

The technology is more effective when larger groups are evaluated rather than individuals, although it has been used to try to identify future Golden Slipper or Derby winners. Studying groups may not be as important when considering optimal racing distances.

This rapidly expanding technology has the potential to have far reaching consequences. Elimination of a significant number of staying

horses would impact on the international pattern of racing. The international pattern of racing will influence the type of horse desired. A university study developing a method to objectively evaluate the genetic potential of any horse for racing resilience/durability through the combination of performance data and DNA testing is close to completion.

Two stallion farms in Australia have commenced advertising results suggesting the optimal distance service results of their stallions on their websites this southern hemisphere season and more are following.

Pedigree registration authorities have more stringent sample identification requirements (for their DNA testing for studbook registration) than commercial companies have for DNA performance profiling.

These presentations were followed by extensive discussions which included whether the Thoroughbred industry needed a policy in regard to these developments, safeguarding the industry, protection from inadvertent selection for inherited defects and the establishment of best practice guidelines.

It was agreed that service providers must obtain written consent from the owners or their representatives. A proposal that the information provided to these companies clients should also be provided to the owners of horses was not carried – pending clarification of the legal implications in differing jurisdictions. It was agreed that this issue needs to be revisited when legal advice has been obtained. It was agreed that this forum needs to continue to include all those in attendance and those who were unable to be there and that it will do so through a 'list-serve' format.

The meeting was sponsored by the EFTBA, the ITBF, the ITBA and TBA (Australia) and was hosted by France Galop.

Des Leadon , Chairman
- Veterinary Committee EFTBA & ITBF

The ITBA has selected three apprentices namely Eleanor Dunne, Seamus O'Flaherty and Richard Fitzsimons all of whom have just commenced their placements for 2012/2013



Eleanor Dunne

'I was brought up in a family steeped in the thoroughbred industry, with my family owning Rockview Stables, where they have been pinhooking and

consigning yearlings at all major sales for a long number of years.

When I returned home after travelling Australia and New Zealand I started with Cavalor, who specialize in premium feed and supplements in over 45 countries worldwide. I am delighted and honored to have been selected as a YITBA apprentice from such a strong field of candidates and I look forward to commencing my apprenticeship in Leopardstown Racecourse.'



Seamus O'Flaherty

'I'm from Cappagh, Barna, Co. Galway. I was based at RACE between 2009 / 2010 and whilst there I worked on placement with Ken Condon.

Upon leaving RACE, I worked with Jim Bolger, were I gained great experience during the summer and school holidays until July 2012.

I am delighted to have been chosen as one of the YITBA 2012 / 2013 Apprentices. I have already started my placement with Ballyhane Stud and I'm enjoying it immensely.'



Richard Fitzsimons

'I am from Co. Down and have always worked on my family's farm, Meadowlands Stud. Having just finished university I am really looking forward to

starting my apprentice and am delighted to have been chosen as one of this year's candidates. I shadowed both Andy Oliver and Steven Hillen at this years yearling sales and found the whole experience amazing. I will commence my Apprenticeship in Goffs and am really looking forward to experiencing all aspects of the sales company.'

A final word from last year's Apprentice Eibhlín Sheridan



'As I sit here and ponder how to put into words my year as YITBA apprentice, so many wonderful experiences spring to mind. It has been both unbelievable and

enjoyable, a once in a lifetime opportunity which has introduced me to so many interesting people, places and practices.

I firstly started off my year in the renowned bloodstock sales company Tattersalls Ireland, where I was based in the bloodstock department. As my time there progressed, it was great to see behind the scenes of an international bloodstock sales company as they went about the daily operations. My lasting impression of the company was how successfully the different sectors work together and offer both vendors and purchasers a high standard of service and top quality bloodstock.

Following my time spent in Tattersalls Ireland my next port of call was a position with the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association. This was a busy and varied roll where I got to try my hand at everything from membership renewals to event organisation – Annual Awards, Expo, you name it - it was all go!

YITBA (contd.)

The days flew by and the fantastic events were attended and enjoyed by the great and the good of the bloodstock fraternity. It was very rewarding to be part of this great team and to see how their hard work had paid off.

Soon it was time for me to move once again and this time I found myself land on my feet with a placement in one of the industry's most recognisable and influential stud farms Coolmore Stud. This is the place where legends are made, records are broken and heroes of the equine realm are around every corner. When I arrived in Coolmore the breeding season had just started and I was based at one of the barns on the main farm. Most of the mares in that barn were there to visit the 'main man' of the stallion roster - Galileo. As you can imagine the calibre of broodmare in our presence was just phenomenal. My daily routine consisted of the care and management of the mares and foals, as well as getting to see first hand a world renowned stud in operation.

When the breeding season was over it was again time for me to change roles and my next mission was a post with the Irish Equine Centre. The Irish Equine Centre is a fabulous facility that is the envy of bloodstock industries the world over. In the equine centre I was primarily based in the forensics laboratory but I was fortunate to be able to see the other laboratories within the centre



Cathal Beale YITBA Chairman and Mary Kilduff (former Apprentice) being interviewed during Naas Races

that cover all areas of the horse's cycle from Weatherbys testing to post mortems and everything in between

It has been a wonderful year and I would like to thank so many people and companies for helping to give me a complete overview and insight into the Irish Bloodstock Industry. I would sincerely like to thank everybody in Tattersalls Ireland, The Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Coolmore Stud and the Irish Equine Centre for really looking after me and assisting me in my quest to becoming a bloodstock industry professional. Also my deepest gratitude is required for everybody in the YITBA for bringing this year long apprenticeship about. They have allowed me a springboard into my dream job and I hope that I can do them proud in the years ahead.

I have no doubt in the coming years the apprenticeship will continue to go from strength to strength but for now I would like to thank those behind this initiative, those that created this amazing opportunity for young people within the industry. Without the YITBA Apprentice scheme my dreams may never have become a reality.'



YITBA winning Jog for Jockeys team Kevin Blake, Cathal Beale, Liam Glynn & Gary Carroll

YITBA FOAL PINHOOKING COMPETITION 2012/2013

This competition open to YITBA members only and there can only be one entry per member.

Entrants given an imaginary bankroll of €25,000 which can be “spent” on foals offered at the 2012 Goffs November Foal Sale. The fund can be used to “purchase” a foal, a % of a foal (in multiples of 10%) or can be broken up to ‘purchase’ a portfolio of a number of foals. All €25,000 must be ‘spent’.

All foals will be assumed to incur costs of €10,000 each between purchase and being re-offered as yearlings.

The profit or loss on foals re-offered as yearlings will be based on their yearling sale price plus €10,000. If a yearling is ‘bought in’ the buy in price will be used.

Yearlings not offered for sale will be treated as break even less €10,000 in expenses.

The YITBA member with the highest profit (or least loss) will be presented with a trophy and a cash prize.



We are extremely excited about this new competition and are hopeful that young people will take part. It will encourage YITBA members to scrutinize the sales catalogue prior to the sale, attend the sales to look at conformation of the foal and make their selection. It is the perfect way to educate our members on the thrills and spills of pinhooking without actually incurring any costs.



Education

Workplace Safety for Stud Farms

On 25th June 2012, the ITBA hosted a seminar entitled 'Workplace Safety for Stud Farms'. This FETAC Level 4 Course was conducted by specialists Heartbeat Safety Ltd, it was designed to give all stud farm employees a greater awareness of their responsibilities and includes all relevant aspects of workplace safety and safety legislation.

The following topics were discussed:

- Health & Safety Legislation
- Hazard Identification
- VDU's & Ergonomics
- Workplace Machinery
- Manual Handling
- Electrical Safety
- Fire Safety
- Relevant Workplace Hazards

Occupational First Aid Course

The ITBA held a 3 day Occupational First Aid Course from 14th - 16th August. This is the second year that we have put on this course for our members. The seminar was designed to follow the national guidelines for Occupational First Aid laid down by the Health and Safety Authority. This course was exceptionally well attended and the three classes were expertly delivered by health and safety experts.

Each participant was awarded a Level 5 FETAC certificate qualification as an Occupational First Aider which is a requirement on every farm.



Occupational First Aid Course

Digital Marketing Seminar

The rapid growth of the Internet and social media means that marketing and promotion is not only more important than ever, but is much more accessible to individuals and companies.

Promoting our product is now as easy as a click of a button at our fingertips and the ITBA, with funding from the NDP, brought together the team of experts from Equisoft - Robbie Byrne, Alan Rice, Nick Reynolds and Michael Hartnett on the 11th September - to empower stud farm owners and equine businesses within this fast developing sphere.

The topics covered during the seminar included:

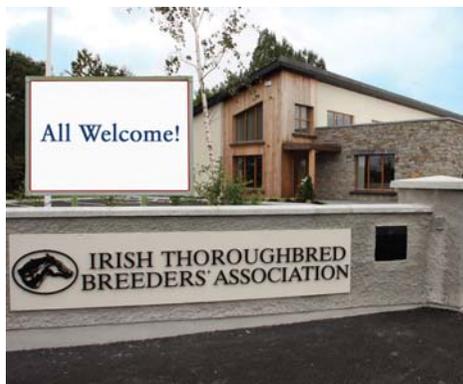
- Websites
- Analytical Feedback
- Security
- Search Engines Optimisation
- Blogging
- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn

The ITBA has produced a detailed booklet on this course and it is available to download from our website www.itba or you can get a copy from the office 045 877543.

Unlock Your Potential and Secure that Job

The YITBA hosted a one day course entitled 'Unlock your Potential and Secure that Job' at ITBA HQ on Thursday 18th October. The Seminar was conducted by Measurability, industry leaders in career and HR Services. Attendees applied for mock jobs within the equine industry prior to the course and went through an intensive interviewing process on the day of the course.

Their CV's were scrutinized and interviewing techniques critiqued. It was an overwhelming success and all who attended found it extremely beneficial. We would like to thank all the industry personnel who took part in the course as their input was invaluable.



An Open Door

The ITBA HQ has always had an open door policy. Members are welcome to call in at any time to avail of our tea/coffee facilities or connect to Wifi. Members should also note if they wish to conduct a meeting during sales or any other time you are more than welcome to use the HQ.

E.I.A.

The recent positive for equine infectious anaemia in a horse stabled at Cologne Racecourse and subsequent quarantine of the facility meant that previous year's winner Danedream could not run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The case highlights the importance of adhering to the Code of Practice and the economic impact a disease positive can have. Copies of the ITBA Code of Practice are available on the Association website and from the ITBA office. The 2013 version is being worked on at the moment and will be ready prior to the next breeding season.

State Pension

On January 1st, 2014 the age for receipt of the state pension changes from 65 to 66. In January 2021 it moves to 67 and to 68 in January 2028. This impacts members who have employees approaching retirement age – in a little over a year's time employees who retire at 65 will have to wait twelve months before they can receive the state social welfare pension which is currently €11,976 per year (€230.30 per week).

Haylage

Haylage or horsehage is an alternative to hay for feeding to horses and can be stored for up to twelve months under proper conditions. Haylage, when made, is stored under anaerobic conditions and natural fermentation takes place within the wrapper thus preserving the natural nutrients of the grass. The product is dust free and nutrients such as protein are similar to hay.

Haylage should be fed in a different way to hay. Horses spend a long while eating hay but can eat haylage much quicker. Therefore, it should be fed more often but in smaller amounts. Bales of haylage, when opened, should be used within 60 hours. Wrapping of the bales is very important so as to maintain an anaerobic environment. If, on opening the plastic, there is mould present, the haylage should not be used because air has penetrated the plastic and allowed fungus to grow. The summer that has just gone was the wettest on record with little or no good hay made. Imported hay is very expensive, so haylage has become an alternative to hay.

Rotavirus Vaccine

Following an interruption in production we are pleased to report that the equine Rotavirus vaccine Duvaxyn R is again available. The vaccine is given to pregnant mares to provide passive transfer of antibodies to foals to reduce the risk of diarrhoea caused by Equine Rotavirus H2 serotype. The ITBA was actively engaged with the vaccine producers Pfizer stressing the importance of having the vaccine available to our members.



Kevin Cullen, ITBA's industry recipient during racing at The Curragh on 30th September

Industry Snippets

Equine Premises Registration Reminder

All breeders are reminded that from 1 May 2012, it is a legal requirement that premises where equines are kept be registered with the Department. This means any premises (with or without land) in which a horse, ass, mule, pony, donkey etc. is kept either on a full-time 'permanent' basis (farms etc) or an enterprise (such as shows, sales, gymkhanas, racecourses, hunts, veterinary hospitals, farriers, pounds, studs, fairs etc) to/from which equine movements take place.

The reason for registering and record keeping is to enable the Department to have information on the location of horses and their contacts with other horses in order that in the event of a disease outbreak, owners can be identified and advised of any necessary precautions.

A disease outbreak (such as Equine Infectious Anemia) in the national equine herd could have a catastrophic effect on the national equine industry which makes a major contribution to the national economy. By registering your location with the Department, you are making your contribution to protecting the national equine herd.

Persons in charge of enterprises such as stud farms/shows/sales (where horses from different premises are congregated or gathered) will have to keep records of the dates of movement on/off and UEL (unique equine label) or passport number of each equine attending. The premises registration number, owner name and address of the horse's premises of origin or destination will also need to be recorded. These types of premises are already keeping records and the additional record keeping will involve recording of the equine premises registration number of the participating equine. As soon as a premises is registered, it will be given a registration number and information as to what type of records are required for the premises.

Weatherbys Ireland GSB Limited

According to Joe Kiernan of Weatherbys Ireland at the last council meeting new broodmare registrations have increased slightly. For the period January to August 2012, there were 1,345 new mares against 1,262 new mares for the same period in 2011. The estimated foal numbers for 2012 is set to be in the region of 7,500 similar to 2011.

Remaining 2012 Sales Dates

Date	Venue	Description
22 - 24 October	Arqana Deauville	October Yearling Sales
25th October	Goffs	Horses In Training & Open Yearling Sale
29th Oct - 1st Nov	Tattersalls	Autumn Horses In Training Sales
05th - 7th November	Doncaster Bloodstock Sales	Autumn HIT and Yearling Sales
11th - 16th November	Tattersalls Ireland	November National Hunt Sale
17th - 18th November	Tattersalls Ireland	November Yearling Sale
19th - 20th November	Arqana Deauville	Autumn Sale
19th - 22nd November	Goffs	November Foal Sale
23rd - 24th November	Goffs	November Breeding Stock Sale
26th November	Tattersalls	December Yearling Sale
27th Nov - 1st Dec	Tattersalls	December Foal Sale
1st December	Doncaster Bloodstock Sales	Hennessy Sales at Newbury
3rd - 7th December	Tattersalls	December Breeding Stock Sale
8th - 11th December	Arqana Deauville	Breeding Stock Sale
13th December	Doncaster Bloodstock Sales	NH Mare & Foal Sale
18th December	Goffs	December NH Sale



Fiona McStay double award winner at the Northern Region Awards night



Madeline and John Mangan enjoying the Kildare Dublin Awards during Guineas Day at the Curragh



Large crowd enjoying the Western Region awards



Digital Marketing Course



The Galway Girls



HH Aga Khan receiving his award at the Kildare Dublin Awards during Guineas Day at the Curragh