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Free racecourse entry, Automatic accidental death and serious accident Cover valued at €430, FREE Industry publications, FREE diary, FREE Racing Yearbook, FREE extended trial of EBN and much, much, much more ALL FOR THE GIVEAWAY Membership fee of €100.

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UPCOMING SEMINAR – MARK YOUR DIARY!

ITBA FREE Seminar - Maximising the Returns from your Stud Farm Monday 13th April, Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge at 7.30pm.

Panellists will include:

- **David O'Connell** - David has 25 years' experience working in the agricultural, bloodstock, scientific research and laboratory services sectors. David is currently the managing director of OCAE consultants Ltd and director of IAS Laboratories in Carlow.
- **Ivan O'Neill** - Ivan is an agricultural consultant with OCAE Consultants Ltd and has over 20 years' experience working in the bloodstock sector in Ireland, the UK, France, America and Australia.
- **Charles Smith** - Charles is the General Manager of Irish Angus Producer Group since 1997. The group consists of 8,600 members throughout the country supplying Angus cattle to Kepak and ABP for the Certified Irish Angus Beef programme. The Irish Angus Producer Group co-ordinates the supply of 70,000 Angus cattle pa to 4 Kepak and 6 ABP meat plants. Certified Irish Angus premium paid to our farmer members over and above the commercial value of their cattle in 2014 represented an additional €2.8m of value. Certification for these cattle is issued patented system which transfers right the way to the consumer. It has established strong partnership agreements with a number of Irish retailers, mainly Tesco Ireland and Aldi Ireland for the supply and certification of Irish Angus Beef.
- **Declan McEvoy** is Head of Tax at IFAC Accountants, he is also a chartered tax advisor as well as a trust and estate practitioner. He is a regular contributor to Irish Farmers Journal and has lectured extensively to farm groups. Declan is co-author of new booklet, farming through a limited company.

Topics for the seminar will include:

- Presentation to discuss the impact of different soil types, soil management and fertilisation, mechanical operations including harrowing, rolling and topping and grazing management for stud farms.
- The Green Low-Carbon Agri-environmental Scheme (GLAS) is the new agri-environment scheme, part of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. The scheme aims to preserve our traditional hay meadows, permanent pasture, maintain soil carbon stocks and introduce agri-environmental actions that will protect the environment, water quality, the landscape and its features, endangered species of flora and fauna and climate change mitigation. GLAS is a scheme that will suit many stud farms as they are low input and managed in an environmentally friendly manner. Ivan will discuss the various options suitable for stud farms.
- The various production systems Irish Angus Producer Group would recommend and how they are incentivised with premium payments. They have a number of specialised production systems which offer opportunities to add increased value for the farmer. They would like to expose ITBA members to these systems and to offer them an opportunity to engage with them collectively or as individuals in tailoring a production system to fit the needs of the modern day stud farm.

All breeders welcome to what should be a very interesting topic, light refreshments will be available after the seminar. For further details on this seminar, please contact the ITBA office on 045 877543.

ROADSHOW REVIEW

From Carlow to Mitchelstown to Navan, Downpatrick and Ballinasloe, spring 2015 has been a very busy time for the ITBA with packed meetings in all regions. Current ITBA chairman Derek Icton has said from the outset of his tenure he wants to build the association around mare owners and he organised these information evenings to use them as open forums to identify any issues breeders had and to action them accordingly. The main objective of our roadshows was to urge breeders to participate in the meeting to achieve improvements in producing and raising our core product, the thoroughbred horse, which is what we are all about.

We had presentations from the Department of Agriculture regarding the recent regulations, ITM who provided education on racehorse ownership in Ireland and the meeting concluded with leading veterinarians updating breeders on developmental orthopaedic bone conditions in foals. The highlight of our meetings was the positive feedback we received from the vast majority of breeders and the nature of the questions were encouraging.

There were various different topics discussed at each the meetings and a number of very good suggestions will be digested in the ITBA and will be actioned as soon as possible.

Topics discussed included:

- **NH Fillies Leasing Scheme**
- **Possible Flat Fillies Leasing Scheme**
- **Weatherby's Costs** – the question of costs is a recurrent theme and new Weatherby's CEO Ronan Murphy highlighted that their registration fees had not increased since 200and if breeders' had any problems they should contact Weatherby's directly as they are there to help in any way possible. It must be remembered that Weatherby's GSB is a not for profit organisation and great supporter of the industry but as the breeders' representative body we should always ensure our members are getting value for money.
- **Sales Company Issues** - Sales liaison meetings take place regularly and chairman of our mare's owner committee Cathy Grassick will meet with Irish Sales Companies to discuss items raised at the meetings like entry fees, placing at sales, veterinary procedure at sales etc. Problems such as video scoping not being acceptable, complaints from UK vets about X rays and video scopes performed by Irish vets and incorrect client names being given to vendors for vetting were discussed.



Mitchelstown Roadshow



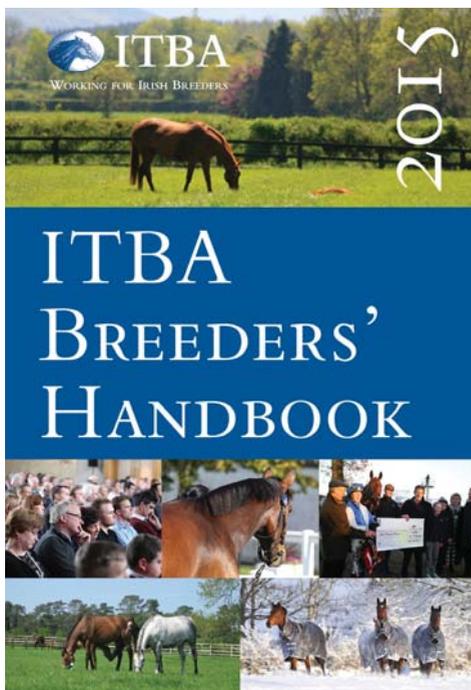
Mitchelstown Panellists

ROADSHOW REVIEW

- **Irish Equine Centre** - Sarah McNicholas addressed the Equine Centre fees and how they had recently published their price list for the first time. It is now available to breeders and the initiative was welcomed at all meetings. She highlighted the benefit of a free post mortem and disposal of deceased foals under six weeks. The equine centre plays a very important role in managing and preventing disease outbreak and is an integral cog in the Irish thoroughbred breeding industry.

The ITBA would like to take this opportunity to thank our regional Chairmen Dermot Dwan (South Leinster), Robert Byrne (North Leinster) and Gerry Ross (Southern) for hosting these meetings. We would like to thank our MC's on the evenings, John O'Connor, Leo Powell and Derek Icton and last but not least all the speakers on our roadshows namely:

- June Fanning, Department of Agriculture
- Aidan McGarry, Irish Thoroughbred Marketing
- Cathy Grassick, Brian Grassick Bloodstock/ITBA Mare Owners Committee Chariman
- Cormac Feeney MVB MRCVS
- Damian Burns, Lodge Park Stud
- Conor Cashman MVB MRCVS
- William Sharpe MVB MRCVS
- Micheal Fahy, Rathbarry Stud



The ITBA launched our new Breeders Handbook at the roadshows which is an informative guide covering a wide range of topics from taxation to legal and veterinary which impact on breeders. Included in this publication is the ITBA mapping project, a 32 county mapping booklet of the training and breeding holdings, which is a first for the industry. This comprehensive project is divided into electoral division and colour-coded based on the number of stock in each area. The project which will be updated annually will be used as a lobbying tool to highlight the rural significance of our industry as is highlighted in this booklet.

The ITBA Breeders Handbook has been very well received and will be done on an annual basis from now on. All Members have been issued with the 2015 copy and all the breeders who attended our roadshows picked up their copy on the night. Should you want another copy, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

VAT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Since 2006 the ITBA spearheaded by Joe Hernon have been fighting the good fight against the EU to keep the lower VAT rate for Irish Breeders. During the past 8 years when most other EU countries capitulated, we endeavoured with the financial support of industry leaders on your behalf and were ultimately successful in our efforts.

We have outlined below some Key Definitions and a Questions and Answers section to provide members with some examples of when the current VAT rates of 4.8%, 9%, 13.5% and the 5.2% flat rate addition apply to transactions involving horses and nominations.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Farmer - The Revenue view of a farmer for VAT purposes is someone who carries on agricultural production (including the breeding/rearing of horses) and that person owns or occupies land in the State but does not engage in non-agricultural services above the current VAT registration thresholds.

Flat Rate Farmer - A farmer has the choice of registering for VAT or not. A farmer who does not register for VAT is referred to as a flat rate farmer.

Flat Rate Addition - A flat rate farmer is entitled to charge and retain an additional amount on his sales, referred to as the "Flat Rate Addition", currently 5.2%, when selling agricultural goods and services to VAT registered persons.

Ring Fenced VAT Registration - A flat rate farmer is obliged to register for VAT if the farmer buys goods or services from other EU countries. For example, if a flat rate farmer buys a horse in the UK, the flat rate farmer is obliged to pay VAT at the 4.8% rate when the horse comes to Ireland. Similarly if a farmer buys a nomination in the UK then the farmer is obliged to pay Irish VAT at the 13.5% rate on the nomination. However, this VAT registration can be ring fenced in that it can be limited to paying VAT on those purchases and does not affect his flat rate status.

Transfer to Training - Revenue are of the view that racing is a non-business activity so if a VAT registered farmer or indeed a non-farmer transfers a horse to training the transferor has to pay VAT on this transfer. Effectively the VAT claimed on the horse is clawed back. This is referred to as a "self-supply" in VAT parlance. The subsequent private sale of such a horse is not subject to VAT unless the horse was returned to breeding before the sale.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SECTION

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer buys a horse or nomination from another Irish flat rate farmer?

A: These transactions are not subject to Irish VAT.

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer sells a horse or nomination to another Irish flat rate farmer?

A: These transactions are not subject to Irish VAT

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer buys a horse or nominations in Ireland from an Irish VAT registered seller?

A: The flat rate farmer will be charged VAT at 4.8% on a horse and at 13.5% rate on a nomination.

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer sells a horse or nomination in Ireland to an Irish VAT registered buyer?

A: The transactions will not be subject to VAT but the flat rate farmer would be entitled to charge (and retain) the 5.2% flat rate addition. The VAT registered purchaser is entitled to reclaim this flat rate addition in his/her VAT return.

VAT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (CONTD.)

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer buys a horse or nomination from an overseas supplier?

A: The flat rate farmer is obliged to pay Irish VAT at 4.8% on the purchase of the horse and at 13.5% on the purchase of the nomination. This can be done through a “ring fenced” VAT registration without affecting the farmer’s flat rate status.

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer buys a horse at an Irish auction?

A: The flat rate farmers will be charged VAT at 4.8% rate on the purchase of the horse.

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer buys a horse at a UK auction?

A: The flat rate farmer will have to pay Irish VAT when the horse comes to Ireland at the 4.8% rate but can do so through a ring fenced VAT registration.

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer sells a horse at an Irish auction?

A: The flat rate farmer will be entitled to receive the 5.2% flat rate addition from the Irish sales company.

Q: What is the position if a flat rate farmer sells a horse at a UK auction?

A: The flat rate farmer is entitled to receive the 5.2% flat rate addition from the UK sales company.

Q: What is the position if a “fully” VAT registered farmer buys a horse (or nomination) from another Irish VAT registered person?

A: The VAT registered farmer will be charged VAT at 4.8% on the horse and 13.5% on the nomination. However, if the seller had transferred the horse to training and suffered VAT on this transfer then the sale of the horse would be outside the scope of VAT.

Q: What is the position if a fully VAT registered farmer buys a horse at auction in Ireland?

A: The farmer will be charged VAT at 4.8%.

Q: What is the position if a fully VAT registered farmer buys a horse at an auction in the UK?

A: When the horse comes to Ireland the farmer will be obliged to put Irish VAT at the 4.8% rate on the sales side of the VAT return but if the farmer is entitled to full VAT recovery an immediate VAT deduction is made on the purchases side of the return.

Q: What is the position if a person other than a farmer buys a horse or nomination in Ireland from a flat rate farmer?

A: These transactions will not be subject to VAT. (If the purchaser is VAT registered the flat rate additions should apply).

Q: What is the position if a person other than a farmer buys a horse at auction in Ireland?

A: The buyer will be charged VAT at the 9% rate (the zero rate will apply if the horse is leaving Ireland)

Q: What is the position if a VAT registered person other than a farmer sells a horse?

A: If the buyer is a farmer the seller charges VAT at the 4.8% rate.

If the buyer is not a farmer VAT is charged at the 9% rate.

However, if, before the sale, the seller suffered VAT when the horse was transferred to training the sale would not be subject to VAT.

ITBA NATIONAL HUNT UPDATE

ITBA NH Fillies Bonus Scheme

The ITBA NH Fillies Bonus Scheme is now in its second year and we had eight bonus winners in the first quarter of 2015 as follows:



Kate Appelby Shoes



Why Not Thistle



Perfect Promise

Bumper winners: Honey's Joy, Myztique, Kate Appleby Shoes

Maiden Hurdle winners: Mount Corkish Girl, Queens Wild, Autumn Shades and Why Not Thistle

Beginners Chase Winner: Perfect Promise – 1st winner of a beginners chase

The races that remain before the end of the 2014/15 season is as follows:

10/04/2015 Wexford Beginners Steeplechase

10/04/2015 Wexford Bumper

12/04/2015 Tramore Maiden Hurdle

13/04/2015 Tramore Bumper

21/04/2015 Wexford Maiden Hurdle

24/04/2015 Kilbeggan Beginners Steeplechase

Promotional TV Advertisement

To promote the scheme, the ITBA commissioned SUEBERRI Limited to produce an advertisement that was aired on channel 4 during the four days of the Cheltenham Festival. This has generated an whole new level of interest in the scheme and should bode well for its future.

Breeders Prize

During the first two Mare Owner roadshows in the Northern and Western Region, while breeders felt the bonus scheme was a fantastic incentive and had definitely enhanced the profile of the National Hunt filly they felt the breeder should be rewarded in some way. As a result the ITBA has recently announced that in addition we will reward the winning breeder with a cash bonus of €300 provided that breeder is a member of the ITBA. Potentially this bonus could amount to €900.

Premier Bumper – Punchestown Festival

The ITBA will once again sponsor the premier bumper on the Friday during the Punchestown Festival. There are 86 fillies entered which should guarantee a very big field once again this year.

P2P Sponsorship

The ITBA continues to sponsor Mares races at Point to Points all over the country.

Cheltenham Festival

ITBA NATIONAL HUNT UPDATE

There were 13 Irish Bred Winners during the Cheltenham Festival including seven Grade 1's, one Grade 3 and two Listed races. Congratulations to all the winners

Horse	Breeder	
THE DRUIDS NEPHEW	Patrick Collins	Grade 3
FAUGHEEN	Dr John Waldron	Grade 1
GLENS MELODY	Fiona McStay	Grade 1
IRISH CAVALIER	Limetree Stud	Listed
WINDSOR PARK	Commonwealth	Grade 1
DON POLI	Brian J Griffithis & J Nicholson	Grade 1
MOON RACER	Denis & Teresa Bergin	Grade 1
CALL THE COPS	Martin Donnellan	Listed
COLE HARDEN	Mrs J O'Callaghan	Grade 1
MARTELLO TOWER	Martin Cullinane	Grade 1
ON THE FRINGE	Pat Tobin	H'Cap
KILLULTAGH VIC	F Boyd	H'Cap
NEXT SENSATION	Mrs Regina McAuliffe	Grade 3



Congratulations to Denis and Teresa Bergin, long-standing members of the ITBA who bred Grade 1 winner of the Weatherbys Champion Bumper at Cheltenham Moon Racer. Denis and Teresa have bred many fine Flat and NH horses from their Kilbragh Stud in Fethard, Co Tipperary including Sonny Red, Tax Free, Inxile, Flaxen Flare, Schools Four and many more.

ITBA NATIONAL AWARDS

The ITBA National Breeding and Racing Awards took place in the Heritage Golf and Spa Resort in Killenard, Co. Laois on Saturday 24th January. A capacity crowd enjoyed a fantastic gala event that was streamed live across the globe. We would like to acknowledge our sponsors HH Aga Khan Stud, Arqana, Coolmore Stud, Derrinstown Stud, Goffs, Horse Racing Ireland, Irish National Stud, Kildangan Stud, Declan Landy Fencing, Rathbarry Stud, Sean Barrett Bloodstock Insurances, Tattersalls Ireland and Weatherbys Ireland GSB who come back year after year to support this super event. The list of award winners further enhances the calibre of brilliant horsemen and women that we have in this country.

Award Category	Horse	Breeder
2YO Filly	Tiggy Wiggy	Cbs Bloodstock
2YO Filly	Found	Roncon, Wynatt & Chelston
2YO Colt	Belardo	Ballylinch Stud
3YO Filly	Tapestry	Orpendale & The Niarchos Family
3YO Colt	The Grey Gatsby	M Parrish
Leading Sprinter	Slade Power	Mrs S Power
Novice Hurdler	Faugheen	Dr John Waldron
Hurdler	Jezki	Gerard McGrath
Staying Hurdler	More of That	Mrs Eleanor Hadden
Novice Chaser	Holywell	Patrick Doyle
Chaser	Lord Windermere	Edmond Coleman

People Awards

Small Breeder	Mr & Mrs Kevin & Meta Cullen
Special Recognition	Rory Mahon
Hall of Fame	HH Skeikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum



National Award Recipients 2015

ITBA NATIONAL AWARDS



Rory & Tess Mahon celebrate the Special Recognition Award



Angela & Kevin O'Ryan and Frances Smullen



Weatherbys Girls



Michael & Ruth Foley



Joe Foley and Shane O'Dwyer



The Cullen Family enjoy their Small Breeder Award

MEMBERS BENEFITS

All members benefits are listed on the back page of this newsletter but please find a more detailed synopsis of our major benefits.

Death and Personnel Accident Insurance

Summary of Personal Accident & Business Foreign Medical Expenses Policy

Cover:	Personal Accident & Business Foreign Medical/Repatriation Expenses
Operative Time:	24 hours per day, 365 days per year
Insured Persons:	Paid up members of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association
Geographical Limits:	Worldwide
Age Limits:	12 years to 75 years

Sums Insured (Payable in the event of one of the following occurring as a result of an Accident)

Accidental Death	€100,000
Permanent Total Disablement	€100,000
Total & Irrecoverable loss of sight in both eyes	€100,000
Total & Irrecoverable loss of sight in one eye	€100,000
Loss of Two Limbs	€100,000
Loss of One Limb	€100,000
Total & Irrecoverable loss of sight in one eye & loss of one limb	€100,000
Foreign business trips medical expenses limit	= €50,000 (subject to a policy excess of €250)
Foreign business trips repatriation expenses limit	= €50,000 (subject to a policy excess of €250)

Exclusions

The normal Standard Exclusions will apply and in addition the cover will not be operative for anyone hunting on horseback, eventing, competing in show jumping events, race riding or any kind or hunter trails.

Standard Exclusions

- War, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, or military or usurped power
- Radioactive contamination
- Winter Sports other than skating or curling
- Naval, Military or Air Force Service or operations
- Skin Diving involving the aid of breathing apparatus
- Rock Climbing/Mountaineering normally involving the use of ropes or guides
- Potholing, Hang Gliding/Parachuting
- Driving or riding on motor cycles or motor scooters other than mopeds
- Air Travel other than as a passenger in a properly licenced multi-engined aircraft being operated by a licenced commercial air carrier or owned and operated as a commercial concern
- Suicide or Attempted Suicide or intentional self-injury or the Insured Person being in a state of insanity
- AIDS or ARC
- Deliberate exposure to exceptional danger (except in the attempt to save a human life), or the Insured Person's own criminal act, or the Insured Person being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Please note the above are a summary of benefits only and please refer to full policy wordings for full. Full policy details are available from the ITBA HQ.

MEMBERS BENEFITS (CONTD.)

FREE Racecourse Admission

All ITBA members who have a horse they bred running in any racetrack in Ireland will receive two admission tickets. To avail of this benefit, members are reminded to contact Regina in the ITBA Office on 045 877543 when the horse is declared to run and she will organise to get the tickets left out for you at the relevant racecourse.

FREE EBN daily

The European Bloodstock News has extended a FREE extended trial to all ITBA Members and this should be in your inbox every day. If you are not receiving this email please contact Regina in the office with your updated email address and she will ensure that this is rectified.

NH Breeders Prize

The ITBA recently announced that we will reward the winning breeder of a filly/mare that wins a bonus race in the NH Fillies Bonus Scheme with a cash bonus of €300 provided that breeder is a member of the ITBA. Potentially this bonus could amount to €900

YITBA

YITBA committee held a hugely successful careers seminar in late February, the panel consisted of Clodagh Kavanagh (Darley Flying Start), Jim Bolger (Trainer & Breeder), Bill Dwan (Castlebridge Stud) and chaired by Richard Pugh. It was a very informative and entertaining evening with a great turn out of over 150 young people.

The YITBA committee are currently planning there next seminar which is due to be held early summer the seminar will focus on National Hunt.

Our current YITBA Apprentices Amy Burke and Sarah Dempsey are very busy and both are based in Co Tipperary. Amy is currently working in Coolmore Stud and Sarah is based with Willie Browne. It won't be long before the launch of the 2015/2016 apprenticeship scheme, should you know anyone who would be interested in applying please keep a close eye on our website www.yitba.ie for application forms.

MICHAEL TREACY ANNOUNCED AS EU LOBBYIST

The ITBA is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Michael Treacy as its EU lobbyist in Brussels. The former IFA European Director is a true giant of Irish and European agriculture and the ITBA is delighted that Mr. Treacy is bringing the experiences of a long and exceptional career to the bloodstock breeding industry.

ITBA Chairman Mr Derek Iceton said this is a game changer for the ITBA. Given the close nature of the EU politically it is imperative we have a permanent representative in Brussels at the very highest level with the objective of getting the Irish Horse Breeder on the radar. With 26 years' experience with the IFA, the ITBA is confident Michael is the ideal person to promote and defend Irish breeders' interests in Europe. The Chairman and veterinary experts have already met with Michael to devise a comprehensive strategy covering all veterinary aspects and any other relevant areas will be addressed as they emerge. The ITBA will keep all members advised as to Michaels' activities on our behalf.

REGIONAL ACTIVITY

All regions have been very busy over the last couple of months between roadshows, seminars and breeders race days.

10th January - Western Region organised a day trip to visit the stallions at Rathbarry, Castlehyde and Grange Studs. Members had a truly memorable day and we would like to thank the stud farms for their kind hospitality.

14th February - The **South Leinster Region** members enjoyed a FREE days racing during the Redmills Day at Gowran Park Racecourse. Members enjoyed a fantastic day with soup, sandwiches, tea and coffee available all day in a reserved area.

1st March - The **Southern Region** held their annual regional awards during the Cheltenham preview evening at the Dunraven Arms hotel. Awards recipients on the night included:

- Flat Filly Award: Fiesolana - Mr Robert Vere Hunt
- Flat Colt Award: Olympic Glory - Mr Denis McDonnell
- NH Hurdler Award: Beat That - Mr John O'Brien
- NH Chaser Award: Lord Windermere - Mr Edmond Coleman
- Contribution to the Industry Award - Mr & Mrs Tommy Stack

4th March - ITBA **Northern Region** members like their South Leinster counterparts enjoyed a FREE days racing at Downpatrick with light refreshments. The Northern Region committee also sponsored a mares race on the card to further support the local racetracks.

5th March - The ITBA **Western Region** Committee hosted a seminar in the Shearwater Hotel in Ballinasloe. The evening began with a Pedigree Workshop for ITBA Members, where they got the opportunity to have their pedigrees analysed by industry experts Gerry Ross and Cathy Grassick. They received invaluable information regarding possible matings and any questions were answered in a very concise and honest manner.

The rest of the meeting was open to all breeders where Aidan McGarry from ITM gave his Racehorse Ownership presentation and William Sharpe MVB MRCVS informed all present about developmental bone conditions in foals. A questions and answers forum followed and a lively debate ensued. The evening concluded with a Cheltenham Preview piece provided by Liam Glynn from Boylesports and delivered by ITBA Manager Shane O'Dwyer.

There was a raffle on the night for two stallion nominations:

- Gamut
kindly donated by Eamon Hogan
won by Carol Burke
- Ocovango
kindly donated by Beeches Stud
(obtained by Frank O'Meara)
won by Aidan McGoldrick



Western Region Seminar

UPCOMING EVENTS

13th April - ITBA Seminar - **Maximising the returns from your Stud Farm**

This FREE seminar will take place in the Keadeen Hotel at 7.30pm.
See page 3 for more details

25th May - **ITBA Annual General Meeting**

All members are invited to the ITBA HQ for the Annual General Meeting

July - **ITBA Farm Safety Awareness Week**

We would like to cover a variety of topics including: Farm Safety, Biosecurity, Good Animal Husbandry, Pesticide Training, Safe use of Farm Equipment, Horse Box Pulling, occupational first aid and Manual Handling. Should you wish to have any topic included in this safety week, please contact the ITBA office and we will try to include it in proceedings.

29th July – **ITBA Western Region Annual Awards** – Galway Racecourse

The ITBA will host their annual awards during the Galway Plate day during the festival. Tickets will be €90pp and will consist of full corporate hospitality for the afternoon. This event is always a sell out so we would encourage any interested parties to contact the ITBA on 045 877543 to secure places.



ITBA Western Region Awards Day 2014

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MEMBERS BENEFITS

FREE Racecourse Admission x 2 - RRP €15.00-30.00pp per visit
AUTOMATIC Death & Personal Accident Insurance - RRP €430.00
FREE Stallion Guide - RRP £25.00stg
FREE Irish Racing Annual - RRP €19.95
FREE post mortems on Foals at the Irish Equine Centre
FREE Training Days - RRP average €150.00
FREE Educational Seminars – Countrywide
FREE Veterinary Seminars
FREE Handbook & Diary
FREE extended trial for the EBN - RRP €300

DISCOUNTS

15% OFF Stud Farm Insurance
with Sean Barrett Bloodstock Insurance
15% OFF Health and Safety Statements
with Carraig Safety Consultants
5-20% OFF Hertz rent-a-car
5% OFF Graphic/Web Design
with Claire Goodwillie Design

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATIONS

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