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1. We hosting an online database of contacts from supplementary industries in order to encourage riders to form a wide network amongst their peers and professionals. In addition to this we post weekly blogs promoting healthy practices within the sport.
2. We maintain a fund which supports injured riders and their families in times of need.
3. We support several charities who were integral to Jack's own battle. For 2019 these are:
 - The Brain battle fund
 - The Showjumper's Club, Injured riders fund
 - The Irish Kidney Foundation

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BABINGTON FAMILY TRUST

Irish show jumper Kevin Babington has long been based in the USA where he established a successful business trading horses and training students. A one-time Olympic athlete with the beloved Carling King, Kevin has more recently had success at the top level with the Irish-bred Mark Q and Shorapur. To all those that know him, Kevin would often be described as a kind, generous and humble person. The very day of his accident, he had opened up his barn in Florida to welcome any horses needing shelter from Hurricane Dorian – a gesture typical of his selflessness.

In August 30th 2019, Kevin suffered a fall with catastrophic consequences, rendering him paraplegic. Kevin is now in need of constant care throughout the day and much attention overnight also. His house is being fully adapted in order to make it wheelchair friendly and more suited to his needs.

The Babington Family Trust was established by friends of Kevin, his wife Dianna and daughters Gwyneth and Marielle, to help support the Babington family through this incredibly difficult time.

Tonight, a minimum of 40% of the proceeds of the Charity Auction will be donated to the Babington Family Trust, to make a small contribution towards lightening the load that Kevin and his family must bear in the months ahead. The remaining amounts raised will be contributed 40% to the Jack Dodd Foundation and the remaining 20% to the SJC Spring Tour 2020, so please, give generously and know that your purchase will be contributing to some very worthy causes!

THE SHOWJUMPERS CLUB

Welcome Address



The Showjumpers Club is delighted to welcome you here tonight to our 25th annual Irish Show Jumping Awards. Tonight, we will be honouring the riders, owners, breeders, horses, grooms, shows and supporters of the sport of show jumping.

The Club itself is a non-profit organisation which was originally founded to provide an independent medium in which show jumping riders could raise and address any issues with the relevant national and international equestrian bodies. It has developed into a body which represents every participant within in the sport of show jumping – owners, breeders and supporters, as well as riders. It promotes the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play within the sport. It developed and still runs the Spring Tour League, which has opened up the show jumping calendar for those riders basing themselves nationally at the beginning of the season, provided an increased level of prize money and facilitating increased investment in our sport.

Tonight, as well as celebrating our show jumping successes of 2019, we will also be raising money for three very deserving causes. In conjunction with the Jack Dodd Foundation, we are hosting our charity auction in aid of the Jack Dodd Foundation, the Babington Family Trust and the SJC Spring Tour 2020.

JDF was our charitable beneficiary in 2018 and since this time they have been able to help many riders with the financial difficulties they encountered following injury. The Foundation also supports the Irish Kidney Foundation and Brain Battle Maastricht with annual donations.

Our Olympian, Kevin Babington, suffered a life-changing injury in August of this year. Tonight, we are also raising much needed funds to help him and his family navigate through these turbulent times. So please, ladies and gentlemen, give whatever support you can this evening and have a wonderful night celebrating all things great in Irish show jumping.



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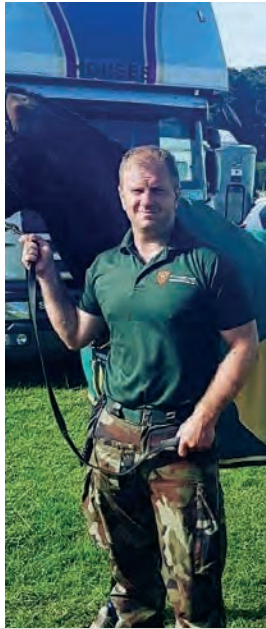
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TREDSTEP IRELAND

Groom of the Year



Four finalists contested this year's Tredstep Ireland Groom of the Year Award.

Cavan's **Devon Goldrick** grooms for Young Rider Oisin Aylward, who rides for Barry O'Connor. Devon has worked at the Malahide base for the past two years. He is credited for his attitude towards self-improvement and his relentless work ethic.

Longford's **Maria Kenny** is based at River Lodge Equestrian, where she grooms for Michelle Kennny. Maria began working at River Lodge Equestrian two and a half years ago. Michelle attributes loyalty, belief and motivation as some of Maria's greatest strengths.

Pte. Mark McKenna grooms for Capt. Geoff Curran at the Irish Army Equitation School in McKee Barracks. The Dubliner began grooming for Capt. Curran in 2016, who notes Mark's dedication to their team of horses and desire to win.

Galway's **Niamh Quinn** began grooming for Claremorris rider Shane Goggins in 2013. Shane praises the standard that Niamh turns the horses out to, irrespective of the venue, and that she cares for each horse like it is her own.



THE SHOWJUMPERS CLUB

Spring Tour



- League Winner:** Luke Garrigan
- Leading Young Rider:** Luke Garrigan
- Leading Horse:** MHS La Scala
- Owner:** Luke Garrigan
- Breeder:** Ita Brennan, Kilkenny

A member of Ireland's Young Rider Academy, Luke Garrigan and his Irish Sport Horse mare MHS La Scala delivered numerous top results in this year's Show Jumpers Club Spring Tour resulting in the leading rider, leading young rider and leading horse titles. From Swords in County Dublin, Luke won the Killossery leg, took the runner-up spot in CoilÓg and placed 3rd at the Cavan Equestrian leg. The pair also took fifth place at JAG Equestrian.

MHS La Scala is an eleven-year-old mare by Olympic silver medallist Verdi and out of Lady Ligustra, by Cavalier Royale. Bred by the late Ita Brennan in Kilkenny's Mill House Stud, MHS La Scala is owned by her rider Luke Garrigan. As a five-year-old MHS La Scala began her career with Tipperary's Greg Broderick, followed by Eddie Moloney. In 2015 she moved Matt Garrigan and then to younger brother Luke in 2016.

Impressively, a number of tonight's award-winning horses descend from the same prolific 'Kells' damline; MHS La Scala, MHS Cardenta, Cuffesgrange Cavadora & Cuffesgrange Cavalidam.

Vickie Anderson took the Leading Pro-Am accolade after some solid performances on the ever-consistent "Zack" owned by her mother, Olive.

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THE UNDERWRITING EXCHANGE *National Grand Prix League*



League Winner: Liam O'Meara
Leading Horse: Oldtown KC
Owner: Martin & Paschal Coffey
Breeder: Martin Coffey, Co. Tipperary

Tipperary's Liam O'Meara has claimed the Underwriting Exchange National Grand Prix League for the third consecutive year.

The Irish Sport Horse stallion Oldtown KC moved to O'Meara in mid-June and the pair certainly made up for lost time since then. Together they claimed the National Grand Prix at both Clonmel and Galway County, in addition to taking second place at CoilÓg and fourth at Bannow & Rathangan.

Oldtown KC was bred in Tipperary by Martin Coffey, who still owns the approved stallion along with his brother Paschal. By the great Cruising, the now fifteen-year-old stallion is out of the Coffeys' former Grand Prix mare Oldtown Katie, previously campaigned by Trevor Breen.

TRM/HORSE SPORT IRELAND

New Heights Series

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League Winner: Francis Connors
Leading Horse: Erne Ladygoldilocks
Breeder/Owner: Hugh Fitzpatrick, Cavan

Francis Connors and the Erne Ladygoldilocks were crowned 2019 TRM/Horse Sport Ireland New Heights Champions Series winners following the final leg of the series at Barnadown in County Wexford on Sunday. Connors and the 12-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare finished third in the final leg giving them a total of 47 league points to take the title. The Balmoral win also saw Francis being crowned the 2019 Irish National Champion.

Throughout the series the pair scored a win at the Galway County round of the lucrative series and were regularly among the top placings throughout the season including fourth at Balmoral, Maryville, Omagh and Portmore, ultimately leading to Francis gaining his fourth National Champion title

By Ard VDL Douglas, Erne Lady Goldilocks is out of Erne Touch who Francis also competed up to Grand Prix level. Francis began competing Erne Lady Goldilocks in the Autumn of her Five Year Old year.

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National Champion

Francis Connors





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National Young Rider Champion

Rider: Anabelle Heffron
Horse: Afrika
Owner: Heffron Equine LTD
Breeder: Gestüt Lewitz, Germany

Tyrone's Anabelle Heffron was crowned the Young Rider National Champion during the 2019 SJI National Young Rider Championships in Mullingar Equestrian Centre. Riding the Heffron Equine LTD owned gelding Afrika, Anabelle placed fourth on day one and third the following two days to claim the Young Rider title. The now sixteen-year-old rider is trained by Ravensdale-based Johnny O'Connell.

Bred at Paul Schockemöhle's Gestüt Lewitz, Africa is by Converter I out of Cajandra Z, by Carthago.



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International Young Rider of the Year

Mikey Pender

2019 proved to be another exceptional year for 'Mikey' Pender. At 19 years of age he became the youngest ever winner of the The Al Shiraa Derby at Hickstead CSI4*, doing so on his debut in the iconic event.

In September Pender collected two of the three silver medals on offer at the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken, Belgium, riding Chacco Bay (5 Year Old) and MHS Cardenta (6 Year Old). The Kildare native claimed the Carmona CSI3* Grand Prix inS pain in March and later the Mullingar CSI2* Grand Prix in early June. He also shareD the Puissance victory at Bolesworth CSI4*.

A member of the Young Riders Academy, Mikey Pender has recorded in excess of 20 wins and over 80 Top Ten placings in FEI classes during the 2019 season.

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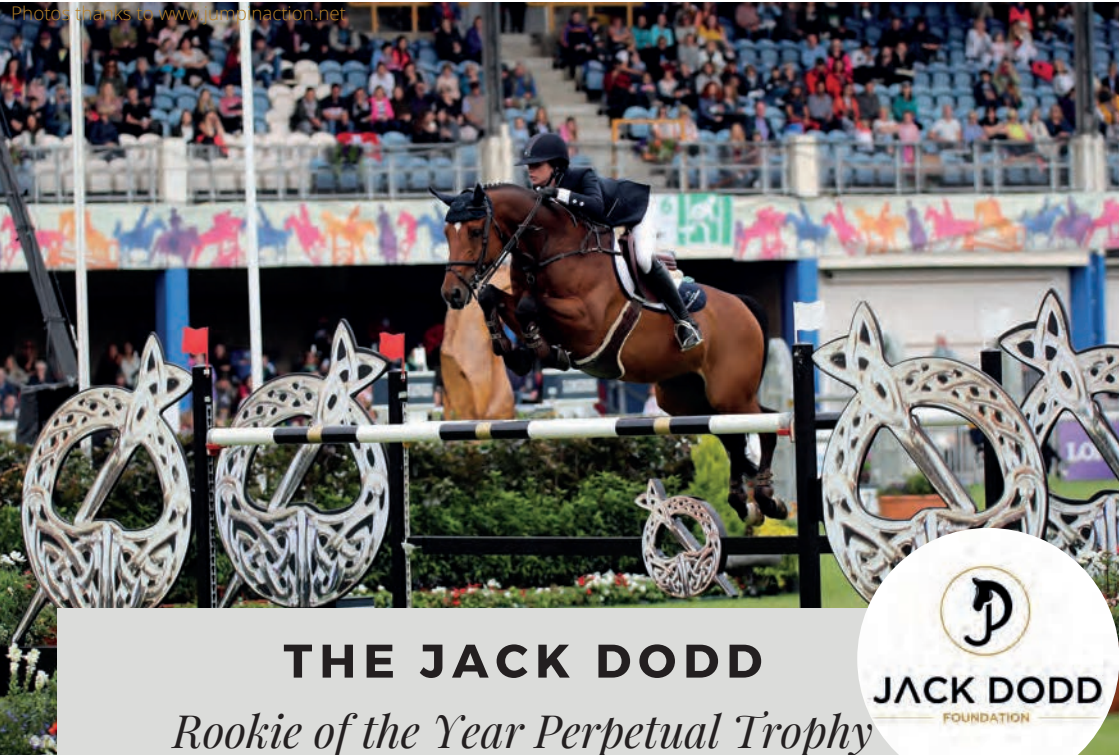


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THE JACK DODD

Rookie of the Year Perpetual Trophy



Susan Fitzpatrick

Twenty-year-old Susan Fitzpatrick is this year's recipient of the Jack Dodd Perpetual Trophy for Rookie of the Year. The Kilkenny native enjoyed an outstanding year in 2019, most notably with her mother Sharon Fitzpatrick's Fellow Castlefield, prior to the gelding's sale.

A member of the Young Riders Academy, Susan competed in over 100 FEI classes in 2019, recording top ten placings in at least 30 of those classes. Making her senior Nations Cup this May at Drammen CSIO3*, Susan got off to a winning start as Team Ireland claimed the victory. One week later Susan produced a double clear in Uggerhalne CSIO3* Nations Cup and Team Ireland once again finished in the number one position, making it a 100% Nations Cup record for Susan and Fellow Castlefield.

At the FEI European Jumping Championships for Young Riders in Zuidwolde, Susan finished best of the Irish in individual 11th. Third place finishes in the Grand Prix of both St Tropez CSI4* and Vejer de la Frontera were followed by a memorable Dublin Horse Show, where on the opening day of the show Susan placed third in the Sport Ireland Classic and that Sunday finished fourth in the Longines International Grand Prix of Dublin, in what was her first CSIO5* Grand Prix.



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National Amateur Champion

Adrian Gilmartin (Carnaval Cocktail)

Having taken second place in the RDS Qualifier at Galway Equestrian Centre Adrian Gilmartin and Carnaval Cocktail went on to claim the Amateur Championship at the 2019 Dublin Horse Show.

Sligo's Adrian Gilmartin and 12 Year Old mare Carnaval Cocktail also collected Amateur wins at the National Balmoral Championships and Cavan Summer Amateurs Championships.

Carnaval Cocktail is by Kannan out of Carnaval Supreme, by Carnaval Drum. She was bred in the UK by Mr & Mrs K R Cooper.

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Speed Amateur Champion

Lisa Doyle (Corland's Clipper)

At the Summer Amateur Championships in Cavan Equestrian Centre Carlow's Lisa Doyle was crowned the National Speed Champion. Riding her own 12 Year Old gelding Corland's Clipper Lisa won the Boomerang Restaurant Welcome Stakes (AA Section), took third in the Ulster Raffle Accumulator Accumulator (AA Section) and fourth place in the Cullies Maxol Grand Prix/Dingos Qualifier (AA Section).

In June the pair were Amateur Grand Prix winners at Coilóg Equestrian National Grand Prix Show.

The Dutch-bred Corland's Clipper is by name-sake Corland and out of the Animo mare Jolien.



MYSHOWADVISOR

Show of the Year

River Lodge Equestrian

Based in County Wexford, River Lodge Equestrian is run by Michelle Kenny and Rafael Sanctuary. On July 3rd the Bridgetown venue played host to the inaugural Summer Classic show.

The Summer Classic Show offered a range of classes ranging from 1.05m to the 1.35 Grand Prix, claimed by 'Mikey' Pender & HHS Matilde. Mikey also claimed both the 5&6 Year Old and the 7&8 Year Old classes.

Offering VIP marquee packages for those seeking an enhanced show experience, the Summer Classic also acted as a fundraiser for the annual Irish Breeders Classic show. Attendees at this year's event noted the high quality of the River Lodge Equestrian grounds, surfaces, hospitality ample seating.



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HORSE SPORT IRELAND

Senior Team of the Year

With one final chance remaining to gain qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Ireland clinched the victory in the €1.25m Longines FEI Nations' Cup final in Barcelona. In doing so, Ireland secured the much sought-after team spot for next year's games in Japan.

Under the guidance of Ireland's (then) Showjumping Team Manager Rodrigo Pessoa, the triumphant team consisted of Limerick's Paul O'Shea with Skara Glen's Machu Picchu, Meath's Cian O'Connor with PSG Final, Offaly's Darragh Kenny with Balou du Reventon and Waterford's Peter Moloney with Chianti's Champion. The reserve combination were Cork's Shane Sweetnam with Alejandro.

Ireland's last showjumping team to compete at an Olympic Games was at Athens in 2004 and this qualification means that for the first time, Ireland will field an Olympic team in Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping.



ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY

International Rider of the Year



Darragh Kenny

Few riders in the world enjoy the success levels of Darragh Kenny, but what adds to the impressive nature of the successes is the number of different horses that these results are achieved on.

Ranked 8th in the FEI Longines Ranking as of 31st October, Darragh Kenny has so far recorded 21 FEI victories in the 2019 season, on ten individual horses. He represented Team Ireland at CSIO5* Nations Cup level five teams this year; Aachen, Dublin, La Baule, Rome and on the winning Irish team at Barcelona Nations Cup final in October.

Notable wins for the Offaly-born rider this season include Chantilly CSI5* GCT/GCT Grand Prix, the Prize of Handwerk at Aachen CSIO5*, the Queen's Cup - Segura Viudas Trophy at Barcelona CSIO5* and 3-star Grand Prix victories in Lexington and Wellington. Within two days of one-another Darragh claimed both the CSI5* and CSI3* Grand Prix at the Knokke show in Belgium this June.

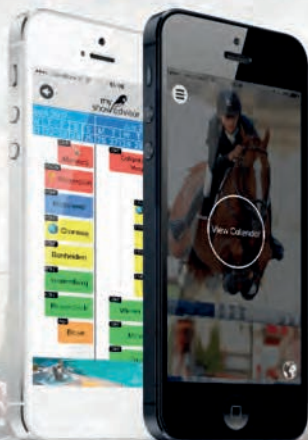
Darragh operates Oakland Stables, with business-partner Harden Towell, and divides his time between the USA and The Netherlands. The Hippomundo Rider Rankings currently place Darragh as the highest prize money earner of 2019, at just over €2M, following his second place finish in the Longines Global Champions Tour Super Grand Prix in Prague.

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Horse of the Year



Horse: Skara Glen's Machu Picchu
Rider: Paul O'Shea (IRL)
Owner: Machu Picchu Partners LLC
Breeder: J. van der Vegt, The Netherlands

In April Skara Glen's Machu Picchu claimed the \$225,000 Kentucky Invitational Grand Prix at Lexington CSI3*. Under Limerick's Paul O'Shea, the Twelve Year Old gelding represented Team Ireland at five CSIO5* Nations Cup events in 2019; Barcelona, Dublin, La Baule, Sopot & Wellington.

During Sopot CSIO5* in June Skara Glen's Machu Picchu and Paul O'Shea also delivered a double clear round. Tied for first place with Belgium a jump-off ensued and Ireland eventually had to settle for second place.

Skara Glen's Machu Picchu delivered a double clear for Team Ireland during the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Dublin Horse Show. The performance proved best of the Irish and was one of only three double clear rounds in the 'Aga Khan'.

Paul O'Shea & Skara Glen's Machu Picchu topped-off an excellent season by producing a clear round to help Team Ireland win the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final at Barcelona CSIO5*, securing the country's Olympic Games slot.

A word from Skara Glen's Machu Picchu's owners

Andrea Sinner, Frank Cunniffe, Phyllis Agnew, and Patricia Hurter

"Machu Picchu is an amazingly talented horse who knows his job so well, always gives his all, and knows when he has delivered. He has a special place in all our hearts. He and Paul are an incredible team . . . unassuming and humble but then so incredibly powerful and impressive over the jumps. We couldn't ask for anything more from either of them, or from the extraordinary team that takes care of Machu Picchu everywhere he travels!"



EQUIVET IRELAND

Pony Team of the Year

Members of European Gold Medal Team



This year's Pony Team of the Year award goes to our incredible young athletes who, under Team Manager Gary Marshall, claimed Team Gold at the FEI Jumping European Championships for Ponies in Strzegom, Poland. Ireland's GAIN U-16 team of Francis Derwin (Cul Ban Mistress), Niamh McEvoy (Ardfray Skye), John McEntee (Little Smithe) Tom Wachman (Ocean Des As), and his brother Max Wachman (Cuffesgrange Cavalidam), finished on a three round total of just 4 faults.

Following a jump-off to decide the medal positions both Ireland and Great Britain finished on a zero score, meaning the combined times would decide the winner. Ireland dramatically claimed the gold when their time was just under two seconds faster than Britain, who would take silver.




Max Wachman also went on to claim the individual gold medal with Cuffesgrange Cavalidam. The double gold medal winning Cuffesgrange Cavalidam is herself the dam Cuffesgrange Cavadora, who won the Seven Year Old gold medal at this year's FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, under Ireland's Seamus Hughes Kennedy.

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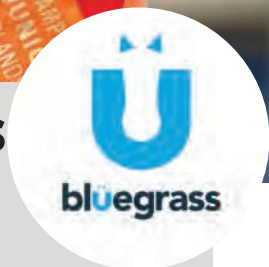
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BLUEGRASS HORSE FEEDS

Junior Team of the Year



Members of the European Bronze Medal Team

Team: Harry Allen (Dancing Queen Z), Kate Derwin (AHG Whiterock Cruise Down), Seamus Hughes Kennedy (Cuffesgrange Cavadora), Ciaran Nallon (Cloe GP Z), Jack Ryan (Essenar High Hopes).

Team Manager: James Kernan

A fantastic performance from the GAIN Irish U18 (Junior) Showjumping team saw them take the bronze medal at the Junior European Showjumping Championships in Zuidwolde, The Netherlands.

Less than one fence separated the top three teams at the finish, with the Irish quartet of Wexford's Harry Allen (Dancing Queen Z), Athlone's Kate Derwin (AHG Whiterock Cruise Down (ISH), Kilkenny's Jack Ryan (Essenar High Hopes) and Mayo's Ciaran Nallon (Cloe GP Z), managed by James Kernan, taking the bronze medal with Spain clinching gold while Germany took silver. Three members of the team, Harry Allen, Kate Derwin and Jack Ryan were part of the GAIN Irish Junior team which also won European bronze in 2018.



FINLAY EQUI-TREK *Junior of the Year*

Kate Derwin

Kate Derwin qualified for the individual final at the Junior European Showjumping Championships in Zuidwolde, The Netherlands.

Riding the Irish SportHorse stallion AHG Whiterock Cruise Down, Kate went on to clinch individual gold after five gruelling and technical rounds of jumping.

Kate credits her Irish Sport Horse “Rocky” with the win, saying that from the moment she first sat on him, she knew he wanted to win.

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Young Horse World Championship Medallists

Young Horse Championship Medallist:
World Five-Year-Old Champion Rider

Rider: Jason Foley

Horse: Rockwell RC

Owner: Sean Cubitt

Breeder: Ronan Byrne, Kilkenny

Following their runner-up finish in the Five Year Old final of the 2019 Dublin Horse Show Jason Foley was Belgium-bound with Rockwell RC to contest the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses for the first time.

Fast clear rounds in both qualifiers secured their place in the Five Year Old final at the Lanaken event. A lightning-fast clear round in the jump-off with Sean Cubitt's Rockwell RC saw the Carlow rider claim the gold medal at just 18 years of age.

Bred by Ronan Byrne in Graiugenanamanagh, on the Carlow/Kilkenny border, Rockwell RC is by established showjumping sire Kannan. Her dam Urban Sea, by Guidam, is out of a half-sister to the Irish Army Equitation School's Rolestown and also to Alex Granato's Grand Prix competitor Mullaghdrin Rado. From Urban Sea, Ronan also bred Sir Douglas who won the European Championships for Children On Horses in Millstreet 2016, ridden by Germany's Viktoria Schmidt.



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IRISH COMMERCIALS

Young Horse World Championship Medallists

Young Horse Championship Medallist:
World Five-Year-Old Silver

Rider: Michael Pender

Horse: Chacco Bay

Owner: Hilltrup Sporthorses GmbH

Breeder: Alfons Brueggehen, Germany

Originally produced in the UK by Kildare's Aoife O'Connor, Chacco Bay only moved to Michael Pender approximately two weeks prior to the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken, Belgium.

Although this was a very new partnership, it did not prevent Pender and the German-bred stallion quickly becoming one of the most talked about combinations of the show. A top performance in Sunday's final led to a podium finish, where the pair were awarded the silver medal.

By Chaccato and out of Hell, by the Trakehner sire Heops, Chacco Bay was bred in Germany by Alfons Bruggehagen and is owned by Hilltrup Sporthorses GmbH.



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IRISH COMMERCIALS

Young Horse World Championship Medallists

Young Horse Championship Medallist:

World Six-Year-Old Silver

Rider: Michael Pender

Horse: MHS Cardenta

Owner: Bravo Hughes Ltd.

Breeder(s): Tom & Sinead Brennan, Kilkenny

With his silver medal firmly secured from the previous class, the Five Year Old final, Michael Pender headed into the Six Year Old final with his two Bravo Hughes Ltd.-owned Irish Sport Horses. Pender reached the jump-off with both mounts, but it was the MHS Cardenta who produced a blistering clear round to take the silver medal. The combination finished the round almost three seconds faster than the bronze medal winners.

Although small in stature MHS Cardenta has already developed an impressive CV over the past two seasons. In addition to her new Lanaken silverware she won her RDS qualifiers as both a Five and Six Year Old and claimed the 5&6 Year Old class at the Summer Classic at River Lodge Equestrian.

By Cardento and out of the Diamond Serpent daughter Willow Point, MHS Cardenta was bred by Tom & Sinead Brennan in Mill House Stud, County Kilkenny. As mentioned previously, MHS Cardenta shares her damline with three other award winners tonight; MHS La Scala, Cuffesgrange Cavalidam and Cuffesgrange Cavadora.



IRISH COMMERCIALS

Young Horse World Championship Medallists

Young Horse Championship Medallist:

World Seven-Year-Old Gold

Rider: Seamus Hughes-Kennedy

Horse: Cuffesgrange Cavadora

Owner: Clare Hughes

Breeder: Eamon Sheehan, Kilkenny

Kilkenny's Seamus Hughes-Kennedy, riding his mother Clare's Cuffesgrange Cavadora (ISH), was the last to go in the jump-off of the Seven Year Old Final of the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken, Belgium. Having only turned 17-years-old one month prior to the event, Seamus rode a flawless 38.58-second clear round to take the gold medal and top-off another incredible championship for Ireland.

Clare purchased Cuffesgrange Cavadora and her dam, Cuffesgrange Cavalidam, from their breeder Eamon Sheehan. Award winning dairy farmer and sport horse breeder Eamon Sheehan was present at the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses in Lanaken, Belgium, to watch home-bred

Cuffesgrange Cavadora crowned Seven Year Old World Champion.

Cuffesgrange Cavadora is by Z Wellie 72, former mount of Ger O'Brien, out of Cuffesgrange Cavalidam - Individual and Team Gold Medallist at the 2019 European Pony Showjumping Championships. Cuffesgrange Cavadora also shares her damline with Lanaken silver-medalist MHS Cardenta and Spring Tour winner MHS La Scala.

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Tom Moloney

June 2019 saw the passing one of the great characters of Irish equestrianism - Warrington's Tom Moloney.

The late Tom Moloney and his wife Ann had five children; Thomas (Tom Junior), Marie, Eddie, Ellie and Richie. The couple not only bred a host of internationally successful horses, but also replicated this success through their children's equestrian pursuits. Tom Jnr, Ellie, Eddie and Richie all excelled by competing on-board these home-bred horses over the years. Tom, Ellie and Richie won Junior European Team medals while Richie, now based in the USA, is one of Ireland's top international showjumpers having represented Ireland on numerous Nations Cup teams.

At the 2017 Horse Sport Ireland Breeder Awards the late Tom Moloney was recognised for his Outstanding Contribution to Irish Sport Horse breeding. Flagship home-bred horses include Eddie Macken's Carrolls Flight and Top Flight, with whom Tom Junior rode to European Junior Team Bronze in 1987. Tom also bred Valentine Flight that Ellie rode to European Team Silver in 1995.

Tom and Ann opened Warrington Top Flight Equestrian Centre in the 1990s. Since that time the Kilkenny venue has been of great benefit in the early careers of so many young riders, and played host to a variety of events to the benefit of local breeders and producers..



THE SHOWJUMPERS CLUB

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Cormac Hanley

Although he played football for the Mayo senior team from 1961 to 1965, it is through his equestrian endeavours that many of this event's attendees will be familiar with Cormac Hanley Snr.

Following the passing of Cormac's father Charlie he took over the pub and grocery business in Claremorris and developed a drapery store which he named the 'Trendy Shop'. This later became the prefix for the family's showjumping ponies. He later went on to establish the car auction and equestrian business at Claremorris Equestrian Centre. Having sold his pub Cormac purchased a new indoor arena from Noel C Duggan and opened the riding school, Claremorris School of Equitation, in 1980. Cormac and his wife Eleanor between them have produced a showjumping dynasty in their children and grandchildren.

Almost forty years after purchasing an indoor arena, Claremorris Equestrian Centre is currently run by Cormac's son Charles and wife Sinead. Their son Cormac Snr is based in North America and, following a successful underage career in showjumping, is now enjoying great success at senior level.

Cormac and his wife Eleanor are also parents to international showjumper Cameron Hanley and sport horse producer Carl Hanley, both based in Germany. Their daughter Amanda is mother to Eric Glynn, now based in the USA with Andrew Welles.



THE SHOWJUMPERS CLUB

Hall of Fame



Jim White

Born in the Clare village of Tulla, Jim White later relocated to his current Patrickswell home in county Limerick where he and wife Maureen raised their five children; two sons and three daughters.

Daughters Joan (Greene), Marie (Burke) and Sheila (White) have gone on to firmly establish themselves in Ireland's equestrian industry. Both Joan and Marie have represented Ireland in their respective showjumping careers, with the latter daughter running Clare Equestrian Centre with her husband John. Sheila breeds and produces sport horses at her Richmond Park Stud base.

A distinguished veterinary surgeon, Jim was one of the original founders of Showjumping Ireland (SJI). It was in 1954, while studying veterinary medicine in University College Dublin, that Jim went to Dundalk to attend the inaugural meeting of the then Showjumping Association of Ireland. Since that time, Jim has been heavily involved with the Limerick/Clare branch of SJI.

Jim White and Michael Leonard were the original creators of the Amateur class in Ireland, then open to anyone that had never competed at the Dublin Horse Show.



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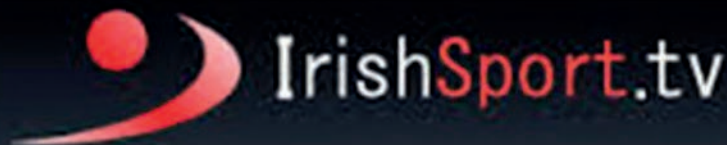
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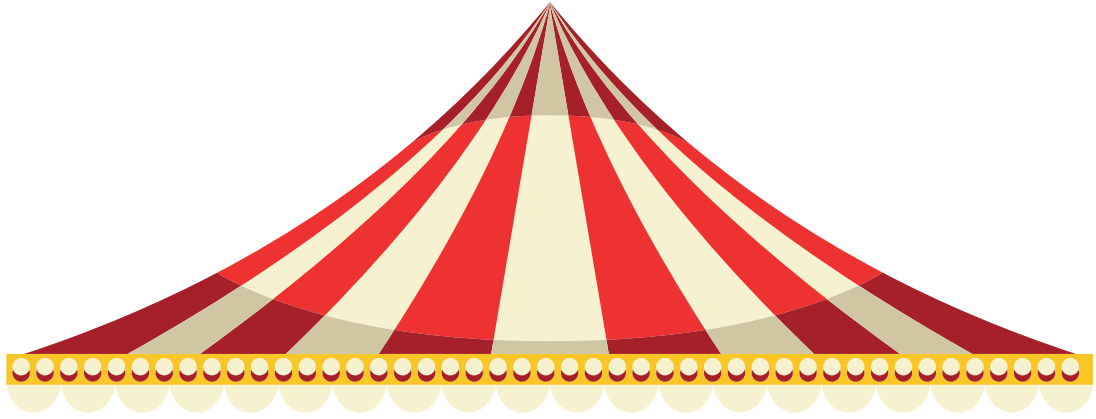
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