

Dressage Ireland Northern Region Autumn Newsletter 2021



Time to Shine **on the Centre Line!**

Hope you like this Autumn newsletter. The Northern Region committee thought this might be a nice way to keep our members updated on all things dressage going on in the region over the last few months and forward into the next season. Hope you enjoy!!!

We have tried to put together the results to include all Northern Region members. Please advise if we have left anyone out as this was not intentional and we want to have all our members achievements mentioned!! 😊



Northern Region Members fantastic results at the Nationals at Barnadown 2021.....

Massive well done to all our members competing at the National Championships!! Below are the championship results. Great location, lovely weather and lots of super tests ridden!!

Championship Results

Prelim Cat 1:

1st Denise Kelly Rice and Forvanna

2nd Shannon Magee and Burrenhill Jaguar

Prelim Cat 3:

2nd Joan Adrain and VSH Moviestar

Novice Cat 2:

4th Penny Murphy and Kontiki

6th Orla Carmichael and Tyrella Super Sox

Novice Cat 3:

3rd Yvette Truesdale and Golden Rainbow

Elem Cat 3

4th Yvette Truesdale and Golden Rainbow

6th Lisa Dundee and SJ Gentleman

Medium Cat 2:

3rd Mary Devine and Kingsman

Medium Cat 3:

3rd Michael Boyd and Getadate

5th Yvette Truesdale and Homegrown Ajax

Advanced Medium Cat3:

5th Karen McKeown and VSHH Gangster

PSG:

1st Laragh O'Grady and Mullentine Emerald Wolfe Tone

Inter 1:

2nd Laragh O'Grady and Mullentine Emerald Wolfe Tone

Grand Prix:

3rd Carolyn Mellor and VSH Gouverneur M

4 year old FEI Prelim:

6th Joan Adrain and VSH Moviestar

Junior TB Prelim:

3rd Hollie Fitzpatrick and Admirals Voyage



Freestyle Results Barnadown 2021:

Novice:

6th Zara Wood and Prince Kostolany

Elementary:

2nd Louise Cleland and Siraxta Maverick

Medium:

1st Mary Devine and Kingsman

5th Orlaith O'Hagan and OOS Diego

Advanced medium:

5th Karen McKeown and VSH Gangster

Grand Prix Kur:

1st Carolyn Mellor and VSH Gouverneur M

Well done to Carolyn Mellor on her European Championship trip - Hagen 2021



Carolyn Mellor and VSH Gouverneur M (Gucci to his friends) had an amazing trip to Hagen, Germany for the European Championships. Carolyn bought Gucci (by Voice) as a 2-year-old from his breeders, the Van Mooks in Germany and has a very strong relationship with this special horse.

They travelled to Johan's for a week's intensive training before the Europeans which really helped cement all that they had been practicing at home. Prior to the Europeans, Gucci had only competed Internationally in 2 Big Tours, so this was a big ask for the 10-year-old - especially as opportunities to compete had been limited by Covid. The arena was a lot different from our local shows and they had to cope with bigger crowds and TV cameras, but Gucci took it all in his stride and, as always, tried his heart out. Carolyn said that it was a dream for her and made her realise how special Gucci is as the comments from the judges were very positive. Carolyn now plans a winter of homework and is really looking forward to her next international.

Young Rider Bio – Vicky Campbell



Vicky is 20 years old and is from Rostrevor, Co Down.

She has been part of the HSI development squads from 2015 and previously represented Ireland at the 2017 Pony European Championships in Kaposvar, Hungary.

Vicky commented, "At the end of the initial lockdown in 2020 I moved from home to be based with international Grand Prix rider Anna Ross. I have been working and training over here for nearly a year now. At the beginning of the season, I was given the opportunity to compete Habouche to gain invaluable experience. I was lucky enough to place 2nd at our first international together at Wellington CDI 2020 before representing Ireland at the young rider Europeans in Oliva Nova, Spain."

Habouche (Holly) is a 9-year-old Grey mare (Ampere x Sydney) owned by Brazilian Olympic event rider Marcelo Tosi and Grand Prix dressage rider Anna Ross.

Update on Northern Region Members representing us at the British Dressage Youth Home International



At the start of August three Irish Teams made the trip across the water to compete at the British Dressage Youth Home International. The trip was made more complicated than usual with the new Brexit and Covid protocols which are currently in place so huge kudos to those who persevered and made it such a fun and successful trip. The riders who took part really showed the depth of young talent coming up through the levels in Ireland.

The riders selected to compete were Tara Hayes, Ellen McDonald, Laragh Byrne, Erin McCoy, Lucy McDowell, Shauna Fitzgibbon, Sive Kearney, Aine Hayes, Jessica Grogan and Keelan Lynch. The Irish Emeralds Team of Tara Hayes, Laragh Byrne and Ellen McDonald placed 3rd out of 29 teams in a very close fought competition, which resulted in only 1% between the top 3 teams, an incredible result in a very high calibre competition.

The Northern region had three members selected to compete all with fantastic results throughout the competition and all improving their scores each day. **Ellen McDonald** and her FEI pony Dante Alighieri won the Individual FEI Pony class with an overall percentage of 69.96% and was also 7th in the medium championship. **Lucy McDowell** and her super Connemara pony Forest View Boy came 20th in a huge and competitive elementary class, with **Erin McCoy** riding

Maureen Brown's Cloud Atlas coming 27th out of 50 in the Novice Championship on her first championship at that level.

A huge thanks must go to TRI Equestrian for the fantastic team kit and to Bramham International for all the help with the transport paperwork as well as to all the parents without whom these trips just wouldn't be possible. Also special thanks to Chef D'Equipe Claire Sedgeman who spent several weeks organising the trip before accompanying the teams to Wales.

Regional Finals and Summer League results 2021



Dressage Ireland Northern Region (NR) concluded their summer season with the regional finals held at the beautiful Necarne Castle Leslie on 5th September. In addition to the championship classes at the finals the ever-popular summer league results were out with some great prizes. Congratulations to all our winners. A huge well done to all our competitors, helpers, judges, venue and committee members, these shows could not run without you. Dates will be confirmed for the winter league shortly. Results below for league and championships.

Summer League Results 2021;

Trailblazers; 1st Robyn McMurray, Rocco Banana Man; 2nd Robyn Rick, Cornamaddy Jack

Prelim; 1st Megan Reburn, Rock Marshall Diamond Oscar; 2nd Diana Cody, Killagriff Miss Louise; 3rd Claire Bevan, The Devils Diamond; 4th Samantha O'Sullivan, Red Park Clover

Novice; 1st Kristen Lynch, Tawney rack Indiana; 2nd Lisa Dundee, SJ Gentleman; 3rd Ruaidhri O'Cianain, Intrigue Aimbry; 4th Elaine Scott, Castlehaven Diamond Mary

Elementary; 1st Penny Murphy, Kontiki; 2nd Yvette Truesdale, Golden Rainbow; 3rd Ruaidhri O'Cianain, Intrigue Aimbry

Medium; 1st Yvette Truesdale Homegrown Ajax; 2nd Orlaith O'Hagan, OOS Diego

Advanced Medium; 1st Karen McKeown, VSH Gangster; 2nd Yvette Truesdale, Homegrown Ajax

Open; 1st Linda McIlwaine, Beechmount Baxter; 2nd Karen McKeown, VSH Gangster

Regional Finals Results 5th Sept 2021;

Prelim 15;

Cat 1 - 1st Ciara Mclaughlin, Clonakilty Diamond Hero; 2nd Samantha O'Sullivan, Redpark Clover; 3rd Clare Mackle, OOS Dale; 4th Darcy Fehnert, Mexx Het Groene Dak; 5th Diana Cody, Killagriff Miss Louise

Cat 2 - 1st Maeve Lunny, JoJo; 2nd Orlaith O'Hagan, Jai-Li

Prelim Championships;

Cat 1 - 1st Ciara Mclaughlin, Clonakilty Diamond Hero; 2nd Diana Cody, Killagriff Miss Louise; 3rd Samantha O'Sullivan, Redpark Clover

Cat 2 - 1st Orlaith O'Hagan, Jai-Li; 2nd Maeve Lunny, JoJo

Novice 21;

Cat 1 - Samantha Edgar, Ballinderry KJ; 2nd Elaine Scott, Castlehaven Diamond Mary

Cat 2 - 1st Ruth Logan, O To Be Posh

Unreg - 1st Sharon Getty, Daisy

Novice Championships;

Cat 1 - 1st Elaine Scott, Castlehaven Diamond Mary; 2nd Samantha Edgar, Ballinderry KJ

Cat 2 - 1st Penny Murphy, Kontiki; 2nd Ruth Logan, O To Be Posh; 3rd Orla Carmichael, Tyrella Super Sox; 4th Lana Cheney, Confession Z; 5th Louise Cleland, Diamond Lux; 6th = Zara Wood, Prince Kostolany; Kristen Lynch, Tawnybrack Indiana

Cat 3 - 1st Ruaidhri O’Cianain, Intrigue Aimbry; 2nd Yvette Truesdale, Golden Rainbow

Unreg - 1st Sharon Getty, Daisy

Elementary 57;

1st Lucy McDowell, Forest View Boy; 2nd Orla Carmichael, Tyrella Super Sox

Elementary Championships;

Cat 2 - 1st Lucy McDowell, Forest View Boy; 2nd Lana Chesney, Confession Z; 3rd Penny Murphy, Kontiki; 4th Louise Cleland, Siraxta Maverick; 5th Julie Dauncey, Careymill Kate

Cat 3 - 1st Yvette Truesdale, Golden Rainbow; 2nd Ruaidhri O’Cianain, Intrigue Aimbry

Medium 77;

1st Mary Devine, Kingsman; 2nd Eileen McDade, Dalia Star; 3rd Rebecca McCauley, Fabiana

Medium Championships;

1st Yvette Truesdale, Homegrow Ajax; 2nd Orlaith O’Hagan, OOS Diego; 3rd Eileen McDade, Dalia Star

Advanced Medium Championships;

1st = Karen McKeown, VSH Gangster; Yvette Truesdale, Homegrow Ajax; 3rd Joanne Jarden, Quarryhill Calypso

FEI Inter I;

1st Fiona Gerring, Jumping Fox; 2nd Lisa Dundee, Déjà vu Roundthorn

FEI PSG;

1st Lisa Dundee, Déjà vu Roundthorn

Advanced 101;

1st Karen McKeown, VSH Gangster; 2nd Joanne Jarden, Quarryhill Calypso; 3rd Linda McIlwaine, Beechmount Baxter

Open Championships;

1st Karen McKeown, VSH Gangster; 2nd Joanne Jarden, Quarryhill Calypso; 3rd Lisa Dundee, Déjà vu Roundthorn; 4th Linda McIlwaine, Beechmount Baxter

Trailblazers Championships;

1st Robyn Rick, Cornamaddy Jack; 2nd Katie Donnelly, Wee Cola; 3rd hollies Fitzpatrick, Admirals Voyage; 4th Robyn McMurray, Rocco Banana Man

Para Grade IV Intro B;

1st Naomi Elkin, Apollo

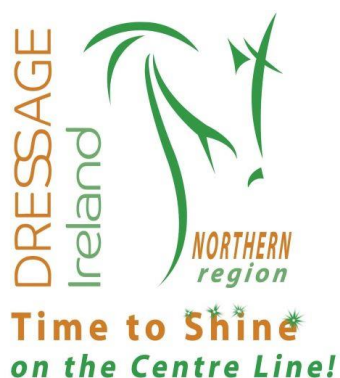
Para Grade V Novice B;

1st Lucinda Blakiston Houston, Beltrim Double G

Pony Championships;

1st Ellen McDonald, Dante Alighieri

Dates for your Diary:



Northern Region Winter 2021/22 League Dates

Great to have the Winter league dates announced – let's hope the weather is kind to us!!

Same rules as previous leagues 😊

Date	Venue
Saturday 30 th Oct	Portmore HSI qualifier and usual classes
Sunday 14 th Nov	Laurel View
Saturday 4 th Dec	Connell Hill
Saturday 11 th Dec	Gransha
Saturday 29 th Jan	Gransha
Sunday 13 th Feb	Laurel View
Sunday 27 th Feb	Connell Hill
Finals TBC	

Northern Region Training: We hope to get some training arranged over the winter months with a top GP rider and trainer – watch this space.

Fundraiser: plans for a Northern Region ride around a local venue TBC

Try Dressage Day: date, venue, and trainer to be confirmed. Idea is to encourage new members for our region.

Dressage Autumn Development Series 2021

Dressage Ireland are delighted to announce that Horse Sport Ireland have kindly sponsored the Dressage Autumn Development Series again this year.

Dates as follows: -



The image features a rider in a dark blue jacket and helmet on a dark horse, performing in an outdoor arena. Overlaid on the image are several logos and text elements. In the top right, the 'HORSE SPORT IRELAND' logo is displayed in green and orange, with 'AUTUMN DEVELOPMENT SERIES' written below it. To the right of the rider, there is a stylized graphic of a horse and rider in green and orange. Below this, the 'DRESSAGE Ireland' logo is visible. At the bottom left, a list of dates and venues is provided. At the bottom right, a credit line reads 'Courtesy Louise O'Brien'.

24th Oct - Tipperary Equestrian Centre Thurles
30th Oct - Portmore Equestrian Centre Craigavon
14th Nov - Ard Chuain Co Sligo
21st Nov - Ballindenisk Co Cork
28th Nov - Venue to be confirmed
12th Dec - Greenogue Co Dublin (Final)

Courtesy Louise O'Brien

Entries via regional websites.

Combinations must attend 2 qualifiers at a specific level, compete and complete their qualifying test and be placed in the first 4 at the level on one occasion, qualifying places pass down if a combination in the top 4 are already qualified.

However, if the combination wants to compete in a successive level, they will again have to compete at 2 shows, complete the qualifying test and be in the first 4 to qualify for the finals. Further details on classes to follow shortly.

Classes from preliminary to Grand Prix and age classes from 4- to 6-year-olds.

Generous prizes given to Irish bred horses and to the breeders.

There will be no categories

Preference will be given to Dressage Ireland members and registered horses.

Unregistered entries accepted only in accordance with regional capacity.

Unregistered combinations are not eligible for rosettes or prize money at qualifiers.
Unregistered combinations cannot compete at the finals.
Only placings attained by registered members & horses can qualify for the finals.



**Principles of Judging
Young Horse Classes**

**Friday & Saturday
5th & 6th November**

**Spruce Lodge Training Facility,
Co. Wicklow.**

**DRESSAGE
Ireland**



*Presented by
Christoph Hess*

FEI 4* Dressage Judge,
FEI 4* Young Horse Dressage
Judge,
FEI 3* Eventing Judge

**The Judges Gala is supported by
HSI and is open to all judges, riders,
trainers, breeders and interested
parties and also will count toward
the Annual National Judges Train-
ing Requirement.**

2 HSI CPD points awarded for 1 day
3 HSI CPD points awarded for 2 days

Dressage Ireland Member €40/day €70/2 days
All others €45/day €75/2 day
incl. tea/coffee & lunch Jack White's pub

Application form, contact vidatansey@hotmail.com

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