



Show Report.
21st July 2009

GELDING STANDS SUPREME

Bannerman Breeze the 14 year old Springpark Easy Breeze grey gelding owned and ridden by Deborah Tems from Co Laois was the unanimous choice of the 4 judges for the Universal Honda Supreme Championship at the 3rd annual show of the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Draught Horse Breeders Association. Bred by Joe O'Toole from Loughrea in Galway, Bannerman Breeze earlier won both the dressage and ridden classes before taking the ridden championship collecting €700 prize money, the Yeats Perpetual Trophy and the Ballymoyle presented rug.

The show held at Boswell Equestrian has become a firm favourite for Irish Draught enthusiasts and confirmed with a record entry of over 90 pure and part bred animals from all over Ireland taking part.

Mrs Ellen Walton from Yorkshire, the overseas guest judge had a busy morning judging the barren/stinted mares as well as mares with foals at foot. The mare with foal class was divided into 2 age categories due to the large entry. Her champion in this section was the winner of the barren or stinted mare class, the 10 year old Kilbeg Queen by Uibh Fhaili owned by Peter McLoughlin from Rathangan, this mare went on to stand reserve supreme.

The Bloomfield House sponsored foal champion was the filly foal Madame Stella owned and exhibited by Rufina and Paul Mullen from Malahide while the reserve was the second prizewinner in the same class, Ardattin Melody owned and exhibited by Willem Savalkouls from Carlow. President of the National Association Eileen Brennan was on hand to make the presentation.

David Murphy from Multyfarnham was the lucky winner of the valuable Embryo Transplant package very kindly presented by Larry Dunne MRCVS of Ballyorney Enterprises, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow with his 6 year old Coille Mor Hill mare Crookedwood Mayfly.

Kevin Lawlor from Donard with his 2 four year old mares, Dan's Daughter and Ruane Girl took first and second places in the local class for Wicklow members.

Marily Power and Susie Lanigan O'Keefe of the Suma stud took charge of the youngstock in the afternoon. Their first champion was shown by local owner and breeder John Medlycott who took the female youngstock championship with his 2 year old filly by Rosheen Yeats whilst another local breeder, Frank Cullen stood reserve with his 3 year old filly Countess Liberty Bell.

The male champion came from the 3 year old class, - Crannagh Warrior by Crannagh Hero owned and bred by John Hoey of Rathangan. Reserve was the 2 year old winner, Zidane Cross owned by Fiona Gahan from Wexford.

The Patrick Lawlor Perpetual Trophy for the overall youngstock champion was won by Crannagh Warrior with Zidane Cross standing overall reserve

Silver Skippy a 6 year old by Silver Granite and owned by Alva Gunne from Kildare, took the working hunter class before standing reserve ridden champion.

Among the many highlights of this hugely successful breed show was the parade of S1 and RID stallions introduced to the large attendance by Marily Power of the renowned Suma Stud

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