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# INTRODUCTION



**O**n behalf of Horse Racing Ireland, I am pleased to present the fifth edition of the Irish Racing Fact Book.

The book covers a wide variety of Irish racing industry statistics including the levels of sponsorship, attendance, fixtures, owners, prize money and output of the breeding sector. We would welcome any feedback or ideas for future inclusion so that we can continue to improve the content going forwards.

For the first time in fifteen years, the Irish horse racing industry saw a contraction across most of the sector's key performance indicators in 2008. This was due primarily to the effects of the general economic slowdown, coupled with bad weather which led to an unprecedented number of race meeting cancellations in the second half of the year.

Overall, attendances at the 27 racecourses fell by 9% from their record level of 1.52m in 2007 to 1.39m last year. More than 50% of this drop is attributable to the significant number of fixtures lost due to the inclement weather, especially from August to October. There were 42 cancellations in total, up from 12 the previous year and including important race days at the Tramore, Tralee, Galway (September) and Listowel Festivals, as well as Irish Champion Stakes Day at Leopardstown. More than 112,000 racegoers attended the equivalent fixtures in 2007, whereas the rescheduled dates in 2008 saw a combined total attendance of just 38,000.

The most dramatic decline during 2008 however was in bloodstock sales at public auction, which dropped by 44% to €99.5 million, reflecting a breeding industry now under significant pressure. On-course betting turnover also fell significantly by

18%, with bookmakers (down 21%) faring worse than the Tote (down 10%).

The drop in these measures must be viewed in the context of an industry that has enjoyed consistent growth across all key measures since the introduction of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund in 2001. Between 2000 and 2007, on-course betting rose by 25% and off-course betting grew by a massive 208%. Fixtures increased by 23%, while prize money nearly doubled. Over the period, the number of foals produced grew by 44% and the number of horses in training soared by 52%, creating significant extra employment in rural areas.

Thankfully, participation in the sport in 2008 climbed to its highest level ever, with record numbers of fixtures, races, runners and owners. There was also a rise in total prize money, which remains the vital catalyst for activity in the industry by driving investment in bloodstock and providing the commercial incentive to put horses into training.

The Irish racing industry is a significant employer, a major net contributor to the Exchequer and a vital part of the rural and agri-economies, serving as a showcase for Ireland in terms of thoroughbred breeding and elite international sporting achievement.

The following key statistics are significant:

- Horse racing and breeding supports 16,500 jobs mainly in rural Ireland.
- The industry has a significant regional spread with 27 racecourses, 778 trainers and 9,530 breeders spread throughout the country (see page 69).
- In 2008, Ireland exported in excess of 5,000 horses to more than 30 countries worldwide worth €180million.

- With the abolition of the stallion tax exemption in August 2008, all elements of the industry are now fully taxed.

- The industry generates significant foreign direct investment into Ireland with a large number of overseas owners and breeders investing and locating their horses here.

- The major racing Festivals contribute significantly to their local economies. Independent studies have shown the Punchestown and Galway Festivals to be worth €45 million and €60 million respectively.

- Racing accounts for approximately 80,000 tourists visits to the country each year.

The world status of our industry is perhaps best reflected by the fact that last year Irish trained horses won a staggering 29 of the 44 Group 1 flat races held in Britain and Ireland, while in 2008 three of the top five horses in the world were bred in Ireland, with two of these trained here.

Our challenge now is to protect our enviable record of success at the highest international level and to focus on building upon the achievements of recent years. As the economic downturn develops, it is vital that the industry has the long-term certainty of funding that will allow it to plan and invest. This focus will ensure that Irish racing and breeding maintains its dominant position in one of the world's most competitive international markets.

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Chief Executive of Horse Racing Ireland





**T**he racing year kicked off as traditional at Tramore and the featured Wilf Dooly Chase (Listed) was won by the Jessica Harrington-trained Knight Legend, but the result may have been different had the Willie Mullins-trained Our Ben not fallen when looking in command at the second last. Later in the week, there was a shock in the Phil Sweeney Memorial Chase (Grade 3) at Thurles with the James McAuley-trained Gaspar running out the surprise winner, while the Woodlands Park 100 Slaney Novice Hurdle (Grade 2) at Naas the following Sunday was won by the promising Venalmar for Mouse Morris and Paddy Flood.

The first big handicap of 2008 was the always competitive Pierse Hurdle at Leopardstown, and it witnessed a game winning performance from the James Barrett-trained Barker under Timmy Murphy. On the same card, the Willie Mullins-trained

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Glencove Marina stamped himself as a top-class prospect when winning the Grade 2 Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial novice chase in great style, but disappointingly that would prove to be his final outing of the year as injury soon intervened.

Over at Punchestown the following week, it proved to be a landmark occasion for veteran jockey Conor O'Dwyer as he saddled his first winner as a trainer with

Hangover winning the concluding bumper in the colours of Gigginstown Stud, for whom O'Dwyer had ridden War Of Attrition to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 2006. The following week, the MacLochlainn Road Markings Ltd Kinloch Brae Chase (Grade 2) at Thurles took centre stage and it was the Michael Hourigan-trained Hi Cloy that emerged on top under the resurgent Tom Doyle. Elsewhere on that card, Willie Mullins and Ruby Walsh combined to complete a notable double with Pomme Tiepy winning the mares novice chase in great style before Cooldine was left well clear by the fall of Scavenger in the novice hurdle.

Later in the month, the Normans Grove Chase (Grade 2) which transferred from Fairyhouse to Gowran Park due to weather, was won by the Martin Brassil-trained Nickname. However, in the aftermath of the race, much of the talk surrounded the performance of the former Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Kicking King, who made a highly-encouraging return from over two years off to finish a close second.

The even more inclement than usual Irish weather was a major talking point throughout the year and it claimed the first of its multitude of victims when a whole weekend of action was lost due to waterlogging in mid-January. However, the always exciting AIG Champion Hurdle card at Leopardstown survived the weather and the feature race produced what was heralded as one of the most impressive hurdling performances since the Istabraq era with the Henry De Bromhead-trained Sizing Europe positively bolting up by eight lengths under Andrew McNamara. As a result he was made the new favourite for the Cheltenham Champion Hurdle.

On the Flat front, the year started off with a bang as, at the end of January, news was announced that would have a lasting effect on European Flat racing with Johnny Murtagh formally being confirmed as the retained jockey for John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith, effectively making him the stable jockey for Aidan O'Brien.



JANUARY	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	51,172	12	2,016,641	9,653,882	745,983	1,369
2007	55,712	15	2,120,206	12,590,962	876,892	1,557
VARIANCE	-4,540	-3	-103,565	-2,937,080	-130,909	-188
% VAR	-8.2%	-20%	-5%	-23.3%	-14.9%	-12.1%



**T**he Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup meeting at Leopardstown is traditionally one of the top meetings in the Irish National Hunt calendar and this year's renewal was no different. At the conclusion of the feature race, the English raiders came to the fore with the Robert and Sally Alner-trained The Listener making all under Daryl Jacob to beat the Paul Nicholls-trained Turko by 5½ lengths, avenging a narrow defeat at the hands of Beef Or Salmon in the corresponding race the previous year. On the same card, the Deloitte Novice Hurdle (Grade 1) saw the Tom Cooper-trained Forpadydeplasterer emerge the gritty winner under Davy Russell while the Dr PJ Moriarty Novice Chase (Grade 1) witnessed an impressive winning performance from the Willie Mullins-trained J'y Vole under Ruby Walsh.

The ongoing battle for the jockeys' title continued with Ruby Walsh riding a treble at Fairyhouse on a mid-week card before his rival Davy Russell matched that feat the very next day at Thurles. Later that week, the Red Mills Chase (Grade 2) was the feature race at Gowran Park and

## THE ONGOING BATTLE FOR THE JOCKEYS' TITLE CONTINUED WITH RUBY WALSH RIDING A TREBLE AT FAIRYHOUSE ON A MID-WEEK CARD BEFORE HIS RIVAL DAVY RUSSELL MATCHED THAT FEAT THE VERY NEXT DAY AT THURLES

while it was billed as the race that would see Kicking King return to winning form, Tom Taaffe's charge ultimately proved disappointing behind the shock 33/1 winner, Ballistraw. The following day, there were typically joyous celebrations following the somewhat fortunate win of the Oliver Brady-trained Maralan in the Kevin McManus Flyingbolt Novice Chase (Grade 2) at Navan, with the Monaghan man holding court in the winner's enclosure in now familiar fashion after his charge was left clear by the final-fence fall of Clopf. Elsewhere on that card, the Eoin Griffin-trained Kazal bounced back to form to win the Ladbrokes.com Boyne Hurdle (Grade 2) and the Willie Mullins-trained Pomme Tiepy won the Keatings Oil Ten Up Novice Chase (Grade 2).

During this period, Noel Meade was enduring an uncharacteristically quiet spell and he emerged from a winner-less period of no less than 50 days when saddling a double at Punchestown towards the end of the month. Later that week, the Liam Burke-trained Thyne Again confirmed himself as one of Ireland's leading novice chasers with an impressive success in the Woodlands Park 100 Nas Na Riogh Novice Chase (Grade 2) at Naas and remarkably, for the second time in a week, the Oliver Brady-trained Maralan was gifted success in the paddypower.com Newlands Chase (Grade 2) by the last fence fall of Schindlers Hunt. Elsewhere on that card, the paddypower.com Johnstown Novice Hurdle (Grade 2) saw the Michael Bower-trained Coolcashin cause something of a surprise when winning under Tom Doyle.

The 29th February saw the Irish Flat season begin on the all-weather at Dundalk for the first time, though with high-class hurdler Harchibald winning the featured conditions race, one could have been fooled into thinking it was a National Hunt fixture. The meeting was given an even further National Hunt flavour with Michael O'Brien completing a double on the card.





FEBRUARY	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	53,202	17	2,179,042	9,661,582	898,091	1,838
2007	49,105	14	1,635,259	10,277,827	900,152	1,349
VARIANCE	4,097	3	543,783	-616,245	-2,061	489
% VAR	8.3%	21.4%	33%	-6%	-0.2%	36.3%



**T**he first big Flat race of the season was, as always, the Ladbrokes.com Irish Lincolnshire and it saw the Charlie Swan-trained Crooked Throw emerge on top under Billy Lee, gaining compensation for his second-place finish in the corresponding race the previous season.

Back over jumps, the Cheltenham Festival in mid-March produced no fewer than seven Irish-trained winners over the four-day feast of top-class racing. The Eddie Harty-trained Captain Cee Bee provided the Irish challengers with a perfect start when taking the opening Anglo Irish Bank Supreme Novice Hurdle, while Garde Champetre gave Enda Bolger and Nina Carberry another winner in the BGC Cross Country Steeplechase. The Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle was something of a

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disappointment for the Irish as the fourth-placed finish of Sublimity was the best that could be mustered after the hot favourite Sizing Europe injured himself after the second last flight.

There was a major shock in store on the second day of the Festival, as the meeting was cancelled due to high winds which made the course unsafe for the thousands of potential racegoers. This resulted in a marathon 10-race programme on Thursday, while Friday's card stretched to nine races. There was further Irish

success when the Tom Taaffe-trained Finger On the Pulse landed the Jewson Novice Handicap Chase, while trainer Willie Mullins saddled his sixth Weatherbys Festival Champion Bumper winner in the shape of Cousin Vinny, with this victory giving the trainer particular satisfaction as the five-year-old was partnered by his son, Patrick. The day was dominated by the brilliant performance of the Paul Nicholls-trained five-year-old Master Minded, who ran out the immensely impressive winner of the Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase under Ruby Walsh, while the Howard Johnson-trained Inglis Drever became the first horse in history to win a third Ladbrokes World Hurdle as he powered up the Cheltenham hill under Irishman Denis O'Regan.

On the concluding day, Irish-trained horses dominated the finish of the Ballymore Properties Novice Hurdle, with the Willie Mullins-trained Fiveforthree just beating three fellow compatriots in a tight finish. There was further cause for celebration when Tiger Cry credited trainer Arthur Moore with a seventh Cheltenham Festival win by landing the Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase, before Tom Hogan's Silver Jaro pulled off a 50/1 shock when winning the concluding Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle.

Less than two weeks after the conclusion of the Cheltenham Festival, the four-day Fairyhouse Easter Festival got under way and the €250,000 Powers Whiskey Irish Grand National on Easter Monday went the way of 33/1 outsider, Hear The Echo, trained by Mouse Morris and ridden by Paddy Flood. Having won the race on Billycan in 1977, Morris thus became one of a select band of people to have landed Ireland's most prestigious handicap chase both as a jockey and as a trainer. The day was also memorable for jockey Conor O'Dwyer as he brought his distinguished riding career to a close after partnering the Davy Fitzgerald-trained Mister Top Notch to a comfortable success in the two mile conditions Betchronicle on course hurdle.



MARCH	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	89,686	28	3,221,974	10,379,165	1,098,488	2,791
2007	38,272	15	1,055,805	5,697,587	440,075	1,372
<b>VARIANCE</b>	51,414	13	2,166,169	4,681,578	658,413	1,419
<b>% VAR</b>	134.3%	86.7%	205%	82.2%	149.6%	103.4%



Having landed six of the previous nine renewals, hopes were high that a strong Irish challenge in the John Smith's Aintree Grand National at Liverpool in early April would bring further success, but David Pipe's Comply Or Die ultimately proved the best horse on the day as he defeated the Arthur Moore-trained King Johns Castle in an exciting finish, with the Willie Mullins-trained Snowy Morning in third and the Tom Taaffe-trained Slim Pickings in fourth. It was a memorable day for winning jockey Timmy Murphy, who earlier recorded a fine triumph on the John Queally-trained Al Eile in the Scottish and Newcastle Pub Enterprises Aintree Hurdle as this top class performer recorded a third victory in this event in the last four years. In the aftermath of Aintree, the winner of the 2005 Grand National, Hedgehunter, was retired by his connections.

On the Flat, Dermot Weld continued his fast start to the season by having a notably successful day at Leopardstown's Guineas trials meeting, winning the Leopardstown 1,000 Guineas Trial Stakes (Group 3) with Carribean Sunset, who prevailed by a head

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from Halfway To Heaven, before Famous Name positively bolted up by four lengths in the Leopardstown 2,000 Guineas Trial Stakes (Group 3). The following weekend at the Curragh, it was the Jessica Harrington-trained Jumbajukiba who stole the headlines, winning the Castlemartin & La Louviere Studs featured Gladness Stakes (Group 3) in great style under Fran Berry.

The latter part of the 2007/8 National Hunt season was dominated by the Punchestown Festival and for the first time it was held over the course of five days. British-trained raiders enjoyed an excellent time of it with seven winners during the week, while they were also responsible for victories in the feature events on the first four days with Twist Magic, Neptune Collonges, Punjabi and Blazing Bailey respectively. The Guinness Gold Cup was also notable as it was the final race run

by the ten-time Grade 1 winner, Beef Or Salmon, who was retired after the race. It wasn't until Saturday's two feature events that the Irish triumphed, with the small stables of Leonard Whitmore and Sabrina Harty enjoying excellent successes with Brave Right and Won In The Dark, who took the honours in the Ballymore 25th Anniversary Handicap Hurdle and the Eventus Marquees Champion 4-Y-O Hurdle respectively. Trainer Willie Mullins was on fire at Punchestown ending the season on a high note with eight winners to bring his seasonal total to 111. The €2.23 million prize money he earned was enough to give him a third Champion Trainers' Title, while Ruby Walsh was crowned Champion National Hunt Jockey for the sixth time with 131 winners, just pipping Davy Russell on 125 wins.

Over at Longchamp, Aidan O'Brien opened his Group 1 account for the year with Duke Of Marmalade winning the Prix Ganay and, the day after the curtain was brought down on the Punchestown Festival, Yeats made a winning start to what his connections hoped would be a history-making campaign for him by winning a listed event at Navan.



APRIL	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	153,189	27	6,542,488	19,562,304	1,821,702	2,791
2007	188,026	28	7,930,663	26,678,142	2,213,847	3,142
<b>VARIANCE</b>	-34,837	-1	-1,388,175	-7,115,838	-392,145	-351
<b>% VAR</b>	-18.5%	-3.6%	-18%	-26.7%	-17.7%	-11.2%



The first Classics of the season took place at Newmarket in early-May and Irish horses dominated the finish of the Stanjamesuk.com 2000 Guineas, with the Aidan O'Brien-trained Henrythenavigator narrowly beating off the Jim Bolger-trained New Approach under an inspired Johnny Murtagh ride. The Stanjamesuk.com 1000 Guineas saw victory for the French-trained Natagora, but the Jim Bolger-trained Lush Lashes very much caught the eye back in sixth and would go on to much better things as the season progressed.

On the same day as the 1000 Guineas, a little bit of history was made at Sligo with Ruby Walsh partnering his 1000th winner in Ireland when riding the Dessie Hughes-trained Rare Article to a narrow victory in a maiden hurdle. Earlier in the week, Ger Lyons completed a treble at Dundalk, a story that would be repeated on a number of occasions as the season progressed at the Co. Louth track.

There was a familiar look to the results

**AWAY FROM THE RACECOURSE, THE NEWS BROKE THAT SADLER'S WELLS, ONE OF THE GREATEST STALLIONS OF ALL TIME, HAD BEEN RETIRED BY COOLMORE STUD DUE TO DECLINING FERTILITY**

sheet at Leopardstown the following week with Dermot Weld and Pat Smullen again proving dominant, completing a treble on this occasion with the undoubted star being Casual Conquest, who ran out the extremely impressive winner of the Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial (Group 2).

Away from the racecourse, the news broke that Sadler's Wells, one of the greatest stallions of all time, had been retired by Coolmore Stud due to declining fertility. The 27-year-old had sired a total of 106 European Group 1 winners, including 23 winners of 33 Classics in Britain, Ireland, and France. He was crowned Champion Sire for the 14th time in 2004, breaking the record held by Highflyer since 1798.

As one star of the game was retired, a few days later at Leopardstown, the career of what could well be a star of the future was launched at Leopardstown as Danny Mullins, a 16-year-old son of trainers Tony and Mags Mullins who was already widely known for his exploits in the pony racing field, gained his first win on the racecourse there. Riding My Girl Sophie for his new boss, Jim Bolger, he made all the running on the three-year-old filly to prevail comfortably.

The first Irish Classic saw the much-anticipated rematch between Henrythenavigator and New Approach in the Boylesports 2000 Guineas, but the showdown never materialised, with New Approach failing to act on the firmer going and Henrythenavigator relishing it, running out the easy winner under Johnny Murtagh. The following day, O'Brien again dominated proceedings, completing a four-timer on the card that included a Group 1 double with the Boylesports 1000 Guineas going to Halfway To Heaven under Seamie Heffernan and the Tattersalls Gold Cup being won by Duke Of Marmalade under Johnny Murtagh.



MAY	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	122,325	43	4,265,327	14,394,329	1,016,725	4,209
2007	118,644	38	4,691,104	17,002,072	1,146,929	3,697
<b>VARIANCE</b>	3,681	5	-425,777	-2,607,743	-130,204	512
<b>% VAR</b>	3.1%	13.2%	-9.1%	-15.3%	-11.4%	13.9%



Aidan O'Brien-trained Ice Queen, who finished last in the Epsom Oaks nine days previously, bouncing back to form in spectacular fashion to win the featured Kerry Group Noblesse Stakes (Group 3). Elsewhere on the card, the Kerry Spring Water Rochestown Stakes (listed) saw an impressive winning performance from the Kevin Prendergast-trained Heart Of Fire, who made all the running to prevail easily under Declan McDonogh.

Royal Ascot is always one of the highlights of the Flat season and 2008 witnessed the Irish raiding party enjoy a remarkable level of success. The opening day saw Aidan O'Brien and Johnny Murtagh complete a Group 1 double, with Haradasun winning the Queen Anne Stakes and Henrythenavigator winning the St James Palace Stakes. The pair went on to gain further Group 1 glory at the meeting with Duke Of Marmalade winning the Prince Of Wales's Stakes and the remarkable Yeats gaining a historic third consecutive win in the Ascot Gold Cup. It was then Jim Bolger and Kevin Manning who took the honours on the Friday of the meeting, with Cuis Ghaire landing a massive public gamble in the Albany Stakes before Lush Lashes won the Coronation Stakes in impressive fashion.

The opening days of June were dominated by the fallout from Jim Bolger's highly-controversial flip-flop on deciding to run New Approach in the Epsom showpiece after all, which provoked a massive reaction from punters and media alike. However, Bolger had the last laugh when the son of Galileo came from a long way back to get the better of Tartan Bearer by half a length under an inspired Kevin Manning ride at Epsom. The previous day, Soldier Of Fortune had added yet another Group 1 win to the Ballydoyle tally when winning the Juddemonte Coronation Cup at the same track.

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one such individual was sent to the track by David Wachman. Sent off at 10/3, Bushranger readily accounted for the much more experienced Nubar Lady and would go on to much better things later in the year for his young trainer.

Tipperary is often used as a starting point for a useful juvenile and, in early June,

One of the biggest days in Cork's racing year took place in mid-June, with the

Back on the domestic scene it was soon Irish Derby weekend and the feature race of the middle day of the meeting, the Audi Pretty Polly Stakes (Group 1), was won by the Sir Michael Stoute-trained Promising Lead under Ryan Moore. In what was an exciting and controversial renewal of the Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby (Group 1), the Aidan O'Brien-trained Frozen Fire swept to the lead in the closing stages to prevail under Seamie Heffernan. However, the aftermath of the race centred on the errant run of the winner's stablemate, Allesandro Volta, who veered violently across the track one furlong out, hampering a number of the main protagonists and resulting in him being demoted from third back to fourth in the subsequent Stewards Enquiry.





JUNE	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	132,972	34	4,093,440	12,787,999	801,124	3,201
2007	120,704	33	3,849,820	13,178,209	835,368	2,960
<b>VARIANCE</b>	12,268	1	243,620	-390,210	-34,244	241
<b>% VAR</b>	10.2%	3.0%	6.3%	-3.0%	-4.1%	8.1%



**A**idan O'Brien's remarkable run of form in Group 1 races continued when he sent out Mount Nelson to prevail narrowly in the Coral Eclipse Stakes at Sandown under Johnny Murtagh, giving O'Brien his 12th win at the highest level of the season.

The following week, Moonstone completed a 1-2 for the yard in the Darley Irish Oaks, with just a short-head separating Johnny Murtagh's mount and the unfancied Ice Queen. On that same card, David Wachman and Wayne Lordan were in double form, teaming up with Bushranger to win in the Dubai Duty Free Anglesey Stakes (Group 3) impressively and Navajo Moon to launch the Kilboy Estate Stakes (listed).

Not for the first time, Dermot Weld and Pat Smullen were the men in form at Leopardstown in mid-July, completing a treble which included the two big races on the card. The Silver Flash Stakes (Group 3) saw a promising winning performance from Luminous Eyes and the Challenge

## AS IF O'BRIEN HAD NOT ALREADY DONE ENOUGH IN THE MONTH OF JULY, HE CLOSED OUT THE MONTH WITH A FLURRY OF GROUP 1 WINS

Stakes (listed) was turned into a procession by *Profound Beauty*.

Tipperary stages some of the best mixed cards of the season and their mid-July meeting was an example of such a meeting, with the featured Kevin McManus Bookmaker Grimes Hurdle (Grade 3) being won by the Eric McNamara-trained *Larkwing* under Barry Geraghty. Away from the big race, Johnny Murtagh was without doubt the star performer, riding a treble which included two wins for Aidan O'Brien.

The Galway Festival is well established as the first major meeting of the National Hunt season and 2008 was no different. In common with the Punchestown Festival, Paul Nicholls managed to steal one of the feature events of the meeting away to

Britain, sending out *Oslo* to win the William Hill Galway Plate under Ruby Walsh. The following day, the Guinness Galway Hurdle was won by the John Kiely-trained *Indian Pace* under the promising Paul Townend. As always, Dermot Weld was a dominant force at the meeting, claiming a total of 10 wins between both codes with the highlight coming when saddling *Majestic Concorde* to win the GPT Galway Handicap on the opening day of the meeting.

As if O'Brien had not already done enough in the month of July, he closed out the month with a flurry of Group 1 wins. The first of the wins came when he saddled the admirably tough *Duke Of Marmalade* to win the King George VI Stakes at Ascot, getting the better of a titanic duel with *Papal Bull*. He then sent out *Mastercraftsman* to win the Independent Waterford Wedgewood Phoenix Stakes back at the Curragh and while the Galway Festival was in full flow, *Henrythenavigator* gained yet another win at the highest level when prevailing in the BGC Sussex Stakes at Glorious Goodwood.



JULY	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	244,798	37	9,029,953	25,384,688	1,702,061	3,776
2007	196,819	32	7,550,809	21,987,071	1,287,838	3,082
<b>VARIANCE</b>	47,979	5	1,479,144	3,397,617	414,223	694
<b>% VAR</b>	24.4%	15.6%	19.6%	15.5%	32.2%	22.5%



The Ballydoyle momentum continued into August as, at the backend of the meeting at Glorious Goodwood, Halfway To Heaven narrowly beat off the undeniably unlucky Lush Lashes in a dramatic renewal of the Blue Square Nassau Stakes (Group 1). However, it wasn't all good news for Ballydoyle, as that same week Peeping Fawn, who was one of the stars of the 2007 Flat season, was retired by Aidan O'Brien. The daughter of Danehill took four attempts to break her maiden, but after she finally did, she progressed rapidly into a Group 1 performer, winning the Pretty Polly Stakes, the Irish Oaks, the Nassau Stakes and the Yorkshire Oaks. The intention had been for her to run again in 2008, but a number of niggling problems had kept her off the track and the decision was taken to retire her.

## IN ADDITION TO HIS PROWESS AT GETTING WINNERS AT THE GALWAY FESTIVAL, DERMOT WELD'S ABILITY TO SEND HIS HORSES ABROAD TO WIN BIG RACES IS ALSO WELL ESTABLISHED AND HE FLEW WINCHESTER OUT TO ARLINGTON IN EARLY AUGUST TO WIN THE SECRETARIAT STAKES (GRADE 1)

Across the pond, Irish-born jump jockey Mick Fitzgerald announced his retirement from race riding on medical advice. The 38-year-old rider suffered serious neck injuries after a fall from L'Ami in the John Smith's Grand National in April. He subsequently underwent two bouts of

surgery to realign three vertebrae and two discs in his neck. Fitzgerald bagged a host of big races during his illustrious career, including the 1996 Grand National aboard Rough Quest and the 1999 Cheltenham Gold Cup on See More Business.

In addition to his prowess at getting winners at the Galway Festival, Dermot Weld's ability to send his horses abroad to win big races is also well established and he flew Winchester out to Arlington in early August to win the Secretariat Stakes (Grade 1) under Rene Douglas. However, back at home the unseasonably wet weather claimed a number of meetings, with Tramore and Roscommon being forced to abandon, and that would prove to be just the proverbial tip of the iceberg, with many more fixtures being lost in the weeks that followed. Britain was treated just as badly by the weather, with York's Ebor meeting being washed out and hastily rearranged at Newmarket later in the week. That didn't stop two of Ireland's toughest performers winning at Group 1 level at the meeting, with Lush Lashes winning the Darley Yorkshire Oaks for Bolger and Manning, and Duke Of Marmalade winning the Juddmonte International Stakes for O'Brien and Murtagh in a race that would later cause much controversy due to alleged team tactics between the O'Brien-trained runners.

Over in Australia, Katie Walsh took the €60,000 Dominant Chase at Moonee Valley on favourite Hoplite to ensure victory for the Irish team with a points tally of 89 – 74 over their hosts in the Australia vs Ireland Jumping Challenge. In doing so, Katie created history by becoming the first lady rider to win a chase at Moonee Valley.

At the backend of the month, David Wachman, who had enjoyed a fine season up to that point, saddled a Group 1 winner on consecutive weekends, with Bushranger winning the Prix Morny at Deauville under Johnny Murtagh before Again won the Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh under Seamie Heffernan.



AUGUST	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	154,438	36	4,876,762	16,056,929	1,077,995	3,391
2007	278,014	39	9,936,671	56,350,319	1,876,613	3,398
<b>VARIANCE</b>	-123,576	-3	-5,059,909	-40,293,390	-798,618	-7
<b>% VAR</b>	-44.5%	-7.7%	-50.9%	-71.5%	-42.6%	-0.2%



**O**n Tattersalls Millions Irish Champion Stakes day at Leopardstown, it was once again Bolger and Manning that stole the spotlight, winning the two feature races on the card. New Approach's task was made all the easier by the late withdrawal of Duke Of Marmalade, and he made no mistake in landing the odds in the feature race. Earlier on the card, Lush Lashes had ground out another Group 1 win in the Coolmore Fusaichi Pegasus Matron Stakes, beating off the strong challenge of Nahoodh by a neck.

The Irish National Hunt scene was dealt a blow in the early part of the month when it was announced that Ireland's highest rated chaser, Mossbank, had been injured and would be out for the season. In more positive news, Gordon Elliott reported that his Aintree Grand National winner Silver Birch had returned from injury and was back in full training with the Aintree showpiece being his long-term target for the season.

Back at the Curragh for the St Leger meeting, it was Aidan O'Brien that resumed

## THE GUINNESS KERRY NATIONAL WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE MEETING AND IT WITNESSED A SECOND CONSECUTIVE WIN IN THE RACE FOR THE ERIC MCNAMARA-TRAINED PONMEOATH, WITH PADDY FLOOD STEERING THE EIGHT-YEAR-OLD TO A THREE LENGTHS SUCCESS

his domination of proceedings, saddling Septimus to win the Irish Field St Leger by no less than thirteen lengths under Seamie Heffernan, completing a Grand Slam of the Irish Classics for Ballydoyle. The following day, Johnny Murtagh was at his strongest to drive Mastercraftsman home by a short-head to maintain his unbeaten record in the Bank of Scotland (Ireland) National Stakes.

Whilst Ballydoyle and Coolmore had been having a season to remember, there was some distressing news for the organisation when star stallion Galileo suffered a bout of colic which required surgery. He reportedly

came through the procedure well and was expected to make a full recovery.

The Listowel Harvest Festival looked in danger of being lost due to the inclement weather, but with great co-operation from all parties, HRI decided to transfer all of the Flat races planned for the Festival to three hastily arranged meetings at Dundalk, and the five days of the Listowel meeting that remained took place without further disruption. The Guinness Kerry National was the highlight of the meeting and it witnessed a second consecutive win in the race for the Eric McNamara-trained Ponmeoath, with Paddy Flood steering the eight-year-old to a three lengths success.

The Goffs Million Raceday at the Curragh saw a truly remarkable performance from English trainer Richard Hannon, who saddled the winner of the colts race and a 1-2 in the fillies renewal of the feature race, pocketing just under €2.3m for his trouble. Elsewhere on the card, the John Oxx-trained Sea The Stars stamped himself as a horse to follow for 2009 when winning the Group 2 Juddmonte Beresford Stakes.



SEPTEMBER	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	150,054	29	3,890,179	13,410,988	2,183,606	3,000
2007	199,291	33	6,069,762	22,238,266	1,470,145	3,196
<b>VARIANCE</b>	-49,237	-4	-2,179,583	-8,827,278	713,461	-196
<b>% VAR</b>	-24.7%	-12.1%	-35.9%	-39.7%	48.5%	-6.1%



In the opening days of the month, David Wachman gained his third Group 1 win of the season when saddling Bushranger to win the Shadwell Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket and at the same track the following day, Halfway To Heaven gained her own third Group 1 win of the season when prevailing in the Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot Stakes for Aidan O'Brien and Seamie Heffernan.

In early-October, the race for the Irish jockey's championship really began to heat up. Johnny Murtagh led the table on 73 winners, but with overseas commitments and upcoming bans to contend with, both Fran Berry (72 winners) and Pat Smullen (71 winners) looked sure to make it an exciting sprint finish in the weeks that remained.

The final card of the season at the Curragh took place early in the month and the star

## BACK IN THE NATIONAL HUNT ARENA, THE BATTLE OF THE FORMER CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP WINNERS PROVED TO BE NO CONTEST AT PUNCHESTOWN, WITH THE MOUSE MORRIS-TRAINED WAR OF ATTRITION MAKING AN IMPRESSIVE WINNING RETURN

performer was the Dermot Weld-trained Grace O'Malley, who made a winning debut in the maiden for juvenile fillies. Ridden by Pat Smullen, the daughter of Refuse To Bend overcame her inexperience to prevail by a head and looks to be an exciting prospect for 2009.

In mid-October, news reached the masses that Classic-winning trainer Frances Crowley had taken the decision to retire as a public trainer after a successful

career spanning a decade. Twice crowned Ireland's champion amateur jockey, in 2005 Crowley made history by becoming the first woman to train an Irish classic winner when saddling Saoire to win the 1,000 Guineas. Married to jockey Pat Smullen with two young children, Crowley will reportedly remain within the racing industry.

Earlier in the season, Paul Nicholls declared his intention to target the major Irish races with his powerful string and he started in fine style when saddling Dear Villez to win the Ladbrokes.com Munster National at Limerick.

Remarkably, the two-day Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe meeting at Longchamp and the two-day Breeders Cup meeting at Santa Anita both failed to produce an Irish-trained winner, but in between those disappointments there was a tremendous winning performance from the Jim Bolger-trained, Kevin Manning-ridden New Approach in the Emirates Airline Champion Stakes at Newmarket on what would prove to be the three-year-old's final career outing. Earlier on that card, the pair had gained a somewhat unexpected win with Intense Focus in the Dewhurst Stakes, giving the Coolcullen team their third consecutive win in the race and capping a wonderful season for Bolger and Manning.

As well as New Approach being retired, the stunning Prix De l'Arc De Triomphe winner Zarkava and Big Brown, who won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes, were also retired in this period.

Back in the National Hunt arena, the battle of the former Cheltenham Gold Cup winners proved to be no contest at Punchestown, with the Mouse Morris-trained War Of Attrition making an impressive winning return from a 22-month absence. Ridden by Davy Russell, the nine-year-old ran out a comfortable victor over Kicking King in the Grade 3 Star 'Best For Racing Coverage' Chase.





OCTOBER	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	60,703	33	2,464,225	8,603,219	880,448	3,341
2007	76,312	32	2,815,842	12,882,656	1,195,995	3,554
<b>VARIANCE</b>	-15,609	1	-351,617	-4,279,437	-315,547	-213
<b>% VAR</b>	-20.5%	3.1%	-12.5%	-33.2%	-26.4%	-6.0%



Paul Nicholl's quest to dominate the major races in Ireland as well as Britain clicked further into gear at Down Royal early in the month when combining with Ruby Walsh to complete a memorable big-race double there, with the mighty Kauto Star undoubtedly being the star on show. Sent off at 2/5, the former Cheltenham Gold Cup winner was not extended to win the JNwine.com Champion Chase (Grade 1) by eleven lengths. In the very next race, the same team combined with Noland to win the Killultagh Properties Ltd Chase (Grade 3) by no less than twelve lengths.

The opening day of the Cheltenham Open meeting witnessed two Irish winners, but both were surrounded in controversy. The amateur riders' handicap chase saw the Gordon Elliott-trained Hoopy prevail narrowly, but not before his rider Jason McKeown "borrowed" the whip of a weakening rival having dropped his own earlier in the race. The cross country chase is often a controversial event and Davy Russell ensured that this year's renewal was one of the most memorable ever. Riding the Paul Nolan-trained Dix Villez, Russell

## THE HUGELY POPULAR HARDY EUSTACE SHOWED THAT HE WAS NO BACK NUMBER AT THE AGE OF ELEVEN BY GAINING A SHOCK VICTORY IN THE FEATURED MAPLEWOOD DEVELOPMENT HURDLE (GRADE 1) AT PUNCHESTOWN

appeared to take the wrong course when cutting a corner at the halfway point, but having gone on to prevail by three lengths, Russell informed a confused media and public, that he had spoken to the Stewards before the race and they had confirmed the route he planned to take was entirely legal.

The hugely popular Hardy Eustace showed that he was no back number at the age of eleven by gaining a shock victory in the featured Maplewood Development Hurdle (Grade 1) at Punchestown. Ridden by Paddy Flood, Dessie Hughes's charge looked beaten for all money as Sizing Europe swept to the front at the fourth last, but he rallied in typically game fashion to regain the lead before the final flight and forge on to prevail by 2½ lengths.

Kicking King, the winner of the 2005 Cheltenham Gold Cup and the 2004 and 2005 renewals of the King George VI Chase, was retired by his connections in mid-November. The ten-year-old had been nursed back into action last season following a serious tendon injury and hopes were high that he had retained his ability following an encouraging return after a 759-day absence, but in four subsequent starts he failed to show his old sparkle and connections understandably decided to call time on his career. Trained by Tom Taaffe, he was ridden by Barry Geraghty on all but his first two starts.

Over at Navan, the williamhill.ie Troystown Chase saw the Jim Dreaper-trained Notre Pere run out the game winner under Andrew Lynch, much to the delight of the local crowd. The following week at Fairyhouse, the Bar One Racing Hatton's Grace Hurdle (Grade 1) was the feature race and it was the Edward O'Grady-trained Catch Me that emerged on top. Ridden by Andrew McNamara, the six-year-old just got the better of the gallant Brave Inca, who himself made a tremendously encouraging return from an absence of 19 months.



NOVEMBER	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	58,552	24	2,310,981	8,093,612	867,436	2,475
2007	63,535	25	1,717,628	8,439,753	911,650	2,282
<b>VARIANCE</b>	-4,983	-1	593,353	-346,141	-44,214	193
<b>% VAR</b>	-7.8%	-4.0%	34.5%	-4.1%	-4.9%	8.5%



The Irish Flat season came to a close in the first week of the month and the hotly-contested races for the titles of Champion Jockey and Champion Apprentice were concluded. The Jockey's title was claimed for the fifth time by Pat Smullen, who came from an unpromising position in mid-September to take the title by a margin of five winners from Fran Berry. The Apprentice's title was claimed by Emmett McNamara, who fought off strong opposition from a number of promising young riders to prevail by six winners.

Having been abandoned the previous Sunday due to frost, the John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Chase meeting took place the following Tuesday and the feature race saw Paul Nicholls continue his assault on the big-race scene in Ireland by saddling Noland to prevail. Ridden by Sam Thomas, the eight-year-old beat off the persistent challenge of The Listener to prevail by half a length.

The Barry & Sandra Kelly Memorial Novice Hurdle (Grade 1) was the feature race at Navan the following Sunday and it was won by the Willie Mullins-trained Mikael

## THERE WAS FURTHER IRISH SUCCESS AT CHEPSTOW 24 HOURS LATER WHEN JIM DREAPER'S NOTRE PERE BECAME THE FIRST IRISH TRAINED WINNER OF THE CORAL WELSH NATIONAL IN THE HANDS OF ANDREW LYNCH AT ODDS OF 16/1.

D'Haguenet, who produced a winning performance of the highest class. The winner made the immensely promising Pandora look positively pedestrian as he strolled home by seven lengths under Paul Townend and looks to be a star in the making.

The Durkan New Homes Novice Chase (Grade 1) was the feature race on the opening day of the Leopardstown Christmas Festival and it was won by the Oliver McKiernan-trained Follow The Plan. Given a power-packed ride by John Cullen, the winner got the better of a titanic struggle with the British raider Tatenen to prevail by a short-head. The other Grade 1 on the card, the Durkan New Homes Juvenile Hurdle, was won by the Christy Roche-trained Lethal Weapon under Alan Crowe.

Over at Kempton, Kauto Star raised the roof once again as he powered to a third consecutive victory in the King George VI S'chase under regular partner Ruby Walsh, while on the same card the enigmatic and hugely talented Harchibald won the Christmas Hurdle for a second time under Paul Carberry. There was further Irish success at Chepstow 24 hours later when Jim Dreaper's Notre Pere became the first Irish trained winner of the Coral Welsh National in the hands of Andrew Lynch at odds of 16/1.

Back at Leopardstown, the paddypower.com Future Champions Novice Hurdle (Grade 1) was one of the main events on the second day of the Christmas Festival and the Willie Mullins-trained Hurricane Fly ran out the hugely impressive winner. Ridden by Paul Townend, the promising four-year-old sprinted away from his rivals after the last to prevail by ten lengths. The other feature event on the card, the Paddy Power Dial-A-Bet Chase (Grade 1), saw the Colm Murphy-trained Big Zeb make a winning return to action under Matt O'Connor.

The Lexus Chase (Grade 1) was the main attraction on the third day of the festivities at Leopardstown and it was the Jonjo O'Neill-trained Exotic Dancer that emerged on top. The winner's task was undoubtedly made easier by the fall of the favourite Neptune Collonges at the second last, but the style in which Tony McCoy's mount strode clear from the final fence suggests he would have been very difficult to beat regardless. The other Grade 1 on the card, the Knight Frank Novice Chase, was won by the Noel Meade-trained, Paul Carberry-ridden Casey Jones.

The feature event on the final day of the Leopardstown Christmas Festival was the Leopardstown Golf December Festival Hurdle (Grade 1) and it saw Robbie Hennessy gain a spectacular first win as a trainer when saddling Sublimity to prevail under Philip Carberry.

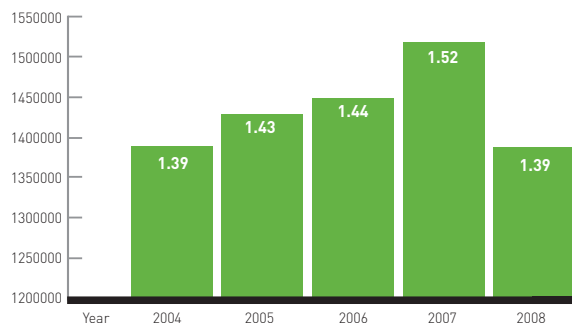


DECEMBER	ATTENDANCE	FIXTURES	TOTE	BOOKMAKERS	SP SHOP	NO OF RUNNERS
2008	121,043	23	3,741,529	13,022,821	1,755,636	2,410
2007	138,755	26	4,812,459	17,598,939	2,383,494	2,643
<b>VARIANCE</b>	-17,712	-3	-1,070,930	-4,576,118	-627,858	-233
<b>% VAR</b>	-12.8%	-11.5%	-22.3%	-26.0%	-26.3%	-8.8%

# ATTENDANCE 2008



## TOTAL ATTENDANCE 2004 - 2008



## TOP SEVEN FESTIVALS BY ATTENDANCE 2007 - 2008

Festival	No. of Days	2007	2008	Variance	% +/-
Galway	7	203,380	192,321	-11,059	-5.4
Punchestown	4	90,868	105,669	14,801	16.3
Listowel	7	106,822	87,919*	-18,903	-17.7
Leopardstown (Christmas)	4	61,488	59,379	-2,109	-3.4
Curragh (Derby Meeting)	3	45,359	43,336	-2,023	-4.5
Fairyhouse (Easter)	3	36,897	31,953	-4,944	-13.4
Limerick (Christmas)	4	28,347	24,207	-4,140	-14.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>573,161</b>	<b>544,784</b>	<b>-28,377</b>	<b>-5.0</b>

\*only 5 days run in 2008

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE BY RACECOURSE 2007 - 2008

Racecourse	Number of Fixtures		Total Attendance		Average Attendance		Variance	Variance % +/-
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008		
Ballinrobe	9	9	26,066	23,150	2,896	2,572	-324	-11%
Bellewstown	5	5	16,521	16,172	3,304	3,234	-70	-2%
Clonmel	11	12	18,690	17,379	1,558	1,580	22	1%
Cork	19	19	54,245	45,552	2,855	2,397	-458	-16%
Curragh	19	19	131,809	123,833	6,885	6,518	-367	-5%
Downpatrick	9	10	17,300	20,456	1,922	2,046	124	6%
Down Royal	11	12	43,161	45,672	3,924	3,806	-118	-3%
Dundalk	12	29	31,117	53,873	2,335	2,114	-221	-9%
Fairyhouse	21	22	80,896	66,423	3,753	3,019	-734	-20%
Galway	12	10	220,598	200,782	18,369	20,078	1,709	9%
Gowran Park	17	16	41,975	39,489	2,418	2,468	50	2%
Killarney	8	9	28,955	29,455	3,619	3,273	-346	-10%
Kilbeggan	8	9	53,494	40,250	6,803	5,031	-1,772	-26%
Laytown	1	1	5,200	4,150				
Leopardstown	22	23	170,182	155,574	7,736	6,764	-972	-13%
Limerick	20	19	76,214	65,499	3,832	3,447	-385	-10%
Listowel	9	9	111,351	91,267	12,372	10,141	-2,231	-18%
Naas	15	15	32,721	30,894	2,181	2,060	-121	-6%
Navan	17	17	49,645	44,107	2,960	2,595	-365	-12%
Punchestown	18	18	120,598	128,997	6,700	7,167	467	7%
Roscommon	9	7	30,785	25,198	3,510	3,600	90	3%
Sligo	8	7	21,097	18,339	2,637	2,620	-17	-1%
Thurles	11	11	20,815	24,141	1,892	2,195	303	16%
Tipperary	12	11	27,871	19,586	2,319	1,781	-538	-23%
Tralee	7	3	26,324	8,088	3,761	2,696	-1,065	-28%
Tramore	11	11	38,825	33,609	3,530	3,055	-475	-13%
Wexford	9	9	25,134	20,199	2,793	2,244	-549	-20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,521,589</b>	<b>1,392,134</b>	<b>4,611</b>	<b>4,071</b>	<b>-540</b>	<b>-12%</b>

## ATTENDANCE ANALYSIS BY MEETING TYPE 2007 - 2008\*

Meeting Type	2007			2008		
	Number of Meetings	Attendance	Average Attendance	Number of Meetings	Attendance	Average Attendance
Flat	76	305,533	4,020	94	290,265	3,088
NH	149	625,663	4,199	155	676,911	4,367
Both	108	590,393	5,467	93	424,958	4,569
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1,521,589</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,392,134</b>	<b>4,071</b>

## ATTENDANCE ANALYSIS BY DAY OF WEEK 2007 - 2008\*

Day of Week	2007			2008		
	Number of Meetings	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Number of Meetings	Total Attendance	Average Attendance
Sunday	83	356,693	4,298	79	342,917	4,341
Monday	37	148,727	4,020	33	138,084	4,184
Tuesday	20	107,994	5,400	24	102,487	4,270
Wednesday	39	197,694	5,069	40	161,461	4,037
Thursday	47	211,827	4,507	45	184,851	4,108
Friday	49	249,410	5,090	62	249,235	4,020
Saturday	58	249,244	4,297	59	213,099	3,612
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1,521,589</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,392,134</b>	<b>4,071</b>

## ATTENDANCE BY AFTERNOON & EVENING MEETINGS 2007 - 2008\*

Meeting	2007			2008		
	Number of Meetings	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Number of Meetings	Total Attendance	Average Attendance
Afternoon	224	1,099,411	4,908	214	989,297	4,623
Evening	109	422,178	3,873	128	402,837	3,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1,521,589</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,392,134</b>	<b>4,071</b>

## ATTENDANCE ANALYSIS BY NO. OF RACES ON RACECARD 2007 - 2008\*

No. of Races on Racecard	2007			2008		
	Number of Meetings	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Number of Meetings	Total Attendance	Average Attendance
6	13	23,838	1,834	18	32,928	1,829
7	238	925,870	3,890	245	911,743	3,721
8	82	571,881	6,974	79	447,463	5,664
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>1,521,589</b>	<b>4,569</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,392,134</b>	<b>4,071</b>



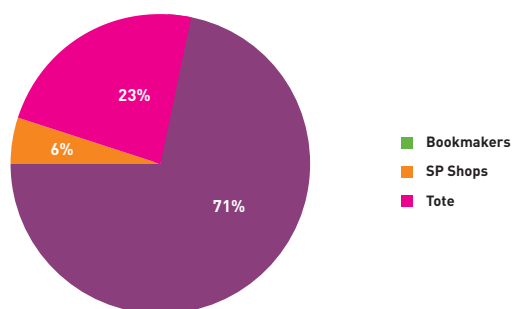
## HIGHEST DAILY ATTENDANCE FIGURES BY RACECOURSE 2007 - 2008\*

Racecourse	Date	Attendance	Variance	%+/-
BALLINROBE	24-Aug-08	3,292	-116	-3.4%
	02-May-07	3,408		
BELLEWSTOWN	04-Jul-08	4,689	63	1.4%
	07-Jul-07	4,626		
CLONMEL	13-Jun-08	2,360	125	5.6%
	15-Jun-07	2,235		
CORK	11-Jul-08	3,960	-1,229	-23.7%
	08-Apr-07	5,189		
CURRAGH	29-Jun-08	28,327	-553	-1.9%
	01-Jul-07	28,880		
DOWNPATRICK	14-Jul-08	3,067	567	22.7%
	25-Mar-07 & 27-Aug-08	2,500		
DOWN ROYAL	01-Nov-08	7,041	-201	-2.8%
	03-Nov-07	7,242		
DUNDALK	12-Jul-08	4,121	-2,879	-41.1%
	26-Aug-07	7,000		
FAIRYHOUSE	24-Mar-08	15,063	-2,984	-16.5%
	09-Apr-07	18,047		
GALWAY	31-Jul-08	50,486	-651	-1.3%
	02-Aug-07	51,137		
GOWRAN PARK	24-Jan-08	7,950	200	2.6%
	25-Jan-07	7,750		
KILLARNEY	17-Jul-08	6,500	976	17.7%
	19-Jul-07	5,524		
KILBEGGAN	22-Aug-08	6,542	-1,458	-18.2%
	05-May-07 & 20-Jul-07	8,000		
LAYTOWN	11-Sep-08	4,150	-1,050	-20.2%
	06-Sep-07	5,200		
LEOPARDSTOWN	26-Dec-08	16,744	-853	-4.8%
	28-Dec-07	17,597		
LIMERICK	26-Dec-08	10,341	-1,570	-13.2%
	26-Dec-07	11,911		
LISTOWEL	17-Sep-08	27,915	107	0.4%
	19-Sep-07	27,808		
NAAS	24-Feb-08	3,964	272	7.4%
	25-Feb-07	3,692		
NAVAN	17-Feb-08	5,128	86	1.7%
	18-Feb-07	5,042		
PUNCHESTOWN	25-Apr-08	30,184	-2,699	-8.2%
	27-Apr-07	32,883		
ROSCOMMON	08-Jun-08	4,615	-538	-10.4%
	10-Jun-07	5,153		
SLIGO	07-Aug-08	3,050	-465	-13.2%
	08-Aug-07	3,515		
THURLES	21-Dec-08	3,736	-228	-5.8%
	23-Dec-07	3,964		
TIPPERARY	20-Jul-08	3,463	-1,599	-31.6%
	07-Oct-07	5,062		
TRALEE	25-May-08	2,250	-3,250	-59.1%
	24-Aug-07	5,500		
TRAMORE	01-Jan-08	5,450	-1,900	-25.9%
	19-Aug-07	7,350		
WEXFORD	17-Mar-08	3,200	-300	-8.6%
	27-Jul-07	3,500		

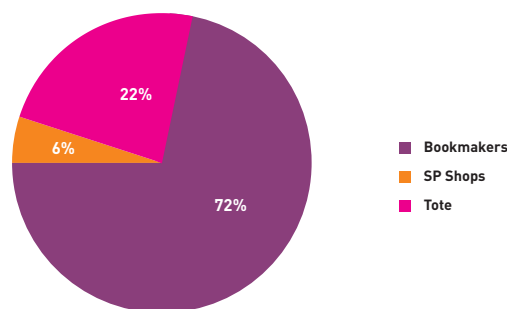


## ON-COURSE BETTING

### ON-COURSE BETTING 2007



### ON-COURSE BETTING 2008



### TOTAL ON-COURSE BETTING\*

Year	Bookmakers €	SP Shop €	Tote €	Total €	% +/-
2004	174,638,824	10,878,010	47,445,393	232,962,227	-1.7%
2005	176,061,801	11,334,897	49,282,072	236,879,504	1.7%
2006	197,708,786	15,070,419	49,660,623	262,439,828	10.6%
2007	205,216,730	15,813,794	61,320,216	282,350,740	7.6%
2008	167,242,302	14,849,295	55,104,022	237,195,619	-16.0%

(\*Including Point to Point & Co-mingling and excluding Northern Ireland)

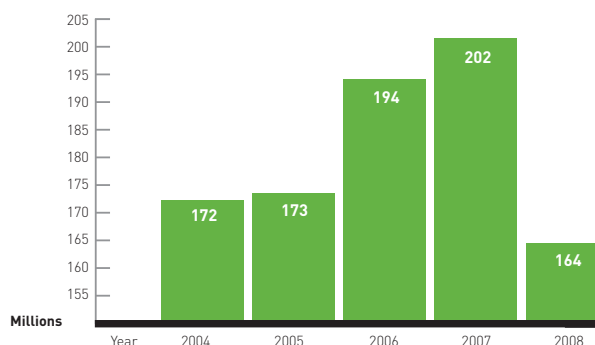
### BOOKMAKERS ON-COURSE BETTING\*

Year	Home €	Away €	SP Shop €	Total €	% +/-
2004	172,134,140	2,504,684	10,878,010	185,516,834	-3.7%
2005	173,407,536	2,654,265	11,535,631	187,597,432	1.1%
2006	194,458,086	3,250,700	15,070,419	212,779,205	13.22%
2007	202,109,019	3,107,711	15,813,794	221,030,557	3.90%
2008	163,740,555	3,501,747	14,849,295	182,091,597	-17.60%

(\*including Point to Point)

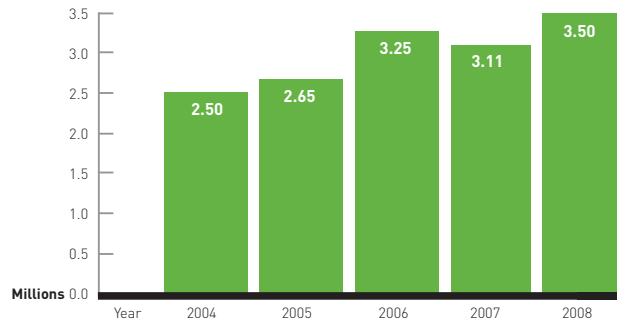
### BOOKMAKERS ON-COURSE 'HOME' BETTING

Year	Home €	% +/-
2004	172,134,140	-4.8%
2005	173,407,536	0.7%
2006	194,458,086	11.9%
2007	202,109,019	3.9%
2008	163,740,555	-19.0%



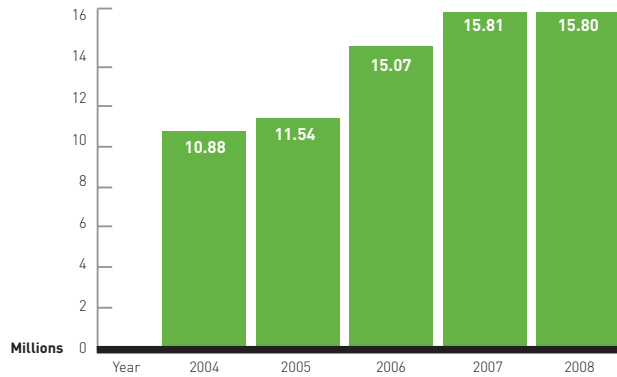
## BOOKMAKERS ON-COURSE 'AWAY' BETTING

Year	Away €	% +/-
2004	2,504,684	10.4%
2005	2,654,265	6.0%
2006	3,250,700	21.9%
2007	3,107,711	-4.4%
2008	3,501,747	12.7%



## BOOKMAKERS ON-COURSE 'SP SHOP' BETTING

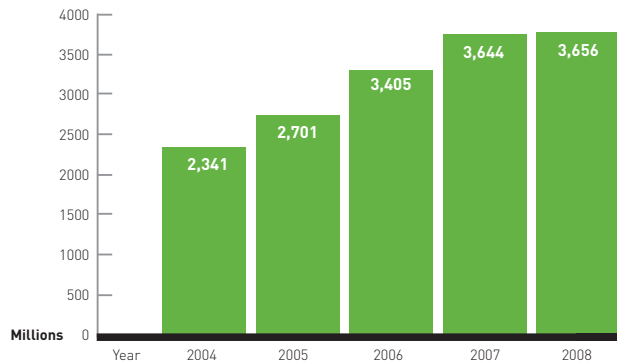
Year	SP Shop	% +/-
2004	10,878,010	12.4%
2005	11,535,631	6.0%
2006	15,070,419	30.6%
2007	15,813,794	4.9%
2008	14,849,295	-6.1%



## OFF-COURSE BETTING

Off-Course Betting*	Million €	% +/-
2004	2,341	21.9%
2005	2,700	15.3%
2006	3,405	25.9%
2007	3,644	7.0%
2008	3,666	0.6%

\*Exclusive of Betting Duty



## TOTE

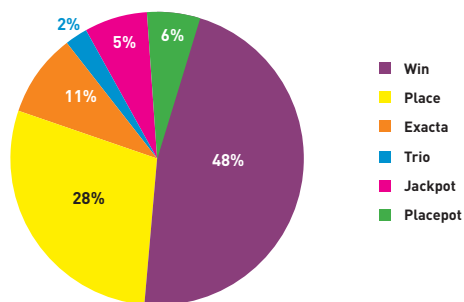
### BREAKDOWN OF IRISH POOL BETTING €'000 2004 – 2008\*

	2004	%	2005	%	2006	%	2007	%	2008	%
Win	22,502	51.30%	23,611	52.21%	22,931	51.65%	26,581	48.53%	22,671	46.62%
Place	12,761	29.10%	12,878	28.50%	12,676	28.55%	15,355	28.03%	12,522	25.75%
Exacta	4,041	9.20%	4,115	9.10%	4,532	10.21%	5,906	10.78%	5,429	11.16%
Trio	1,134	2.60%	1,104	2.44%	1,169	2.63%	1,306	2.38%	1,075	2.21%
Jackpot	3,010	6.90%	3,144	7.00%	2,733	6.16%	2,517	4.60%	2,933	8.23%
Placepot	389	0.90%	375	0.83%	357	0.80%	3,113	5.68%	4,000	6.03%
Total	43,837	100.00%	45,227	100.00%	44,398	100.00%	54,778	100.00%	48,633	100.00%

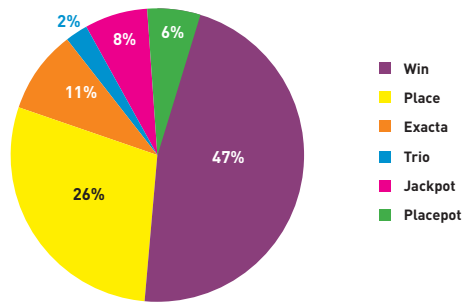
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## ► POOL BETTING

### BREAKDOWN OF POOL BETTING 2007



### BREAKDOWN OF POOL BETTING 2008



### AVERAGE BOOKMAKER ON-COURSE BETTING 2007 – 2008\*

Racecourse	Fixtures		Total On-Course Betting		Avg On-Course Betting		Variance	% +/-
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008		
BALLINROBE	9	9	4,158,409	3,583,965	462,045	398,218	-63,827	-13.81%
BELLEWSTOWN	5	5	2,526,345	2,538,275	505,269	507,655	2,386	0.47%
CLONMEL	12	12	3,789,463	3,552,226	315,789	296,019	-19,770	-6.26%
CORK	19	19	7,402,687	5,560,558	389,615	292,661	-96,954	-24.88%
CURRAGH	19	19	18,782,319	16,688,912	988,543	878,364	-110,179	-11.15%
DUNDALK	12	29	3,153,533	4,635,236	262,794	159,836	-102,958	-39.18%
FAIRYHOUSE	21	22	14,195,208	12,356,690	675,962	561,668	-114,294	-16.91%
GALWAY	12	10	27,165,193	20,409,349	2,263,766	2,040,935	-222,831	-9.84%
GOWRAN PARK	17	17	9,487,115	7,317,985	558,066	430,470	-127,596	-22.86%
KILBEGGAN	8	8	4,334,921	3,515,579	541,865	439,447	-102,418	-18.90%
KILLARNEY	8	9	4,547,370	4,598,140	568,421	510,904	-57,517	-10.12%
LAYTOWN	1	1	386,955	317,791	386,955	317,791	-69,164	-17.87%
LEOPARDSTOWN	22	23	25,869,302	23,023,295	1,175,877	1,001,013	-174,864	-14.87%
LIMERICK	20	19	8,902,905	6,155,799	445,145	263,818	-181,327	-40.73%
LISTOWEL	9	7	10,996,336	7,391,387	1,221,815	1,055,912	-165,903	-13.58%
NAAS	15	15	8,099,335	6,670,705	539,956	444,714	-95,242	-17.64%
NAVAN	17	17	9,179,198	7,523,306	539,953	440,072	-99,881	-18.50%
PUNCHESTOWN	18	18	25,010,944	21,079,831	1,389,497	1,171,102	-218,395	-15.72%
ROSCOMMON	9	7	5,156,213	3,529,194	572,913	504,171	-68,742	-12.00%
SLIGO	8	7	3,229,663	2,280,171	403,708	325,739	-77,969	-19.31%
THURLES	11	11	5,128,793	4,054,487	466,254	368,590	-97,664	-20.95%
TIPPERARY	12	11	4,055,735	3,150,280	337,978	286,389	-51,589	-15.26%
TRALEE	7	5	2,643,478	931,169	377,640	186,234	-191,406	-50.68%
TRAMORE	11	11	3,427,779	2,603,950	311,616	289,328	-22,288	-7.15%
WEXFORD	9	9	2,993,805	2,392,504	332,645	265,834	-66,811	-20.08%
TOTAL	311	320	214,623,004	175,860,784	690,106	546,626	-143,480	-20.79%

\*Excl. Point to Point and N.I. Fixtures



### AVERAGE TOTE ON-COURSE BETTING 2007 – 2008\*

Racecourse	Fixtures		Total Tote Betting		Average Tote Betting		Variance	% +/-
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008		
BALLINROBE	9	9	1,143,421	1,006,730	127,047	111,859	-15,188	-12.0
BELLEWSTOWN	5	5	758,571	611,571	151,714	122,314	-29,400	-19.2
CLONMEL	12	12	682,172	771,925	56,848	64,327	7,479	13.2
CORK	19	19	1,594,771	1,402,466	83,935	73,814	-10,121	-12.1
CURRAGH	19	19	6,428,283	5,220,664	338,331	274,772	-63,559	-18.8
DUNDALK	12	29	1,477,492	2,465,211	123,124	85,007	-38,117	-31.0
FAIRYHOUSE	21	22	3,111,257	2,785,959	148,155	126,635	-21,521	-14.5
GALWAY	12	10	9,557,722	7,792,236	796,477	779,224	-17,253	-2.2
GOWRAN	17	17	1,574,312	1,595,692	92,607	93,864	1,257	1.4
KILBEGGAN	8	8	925,508	776,684	115,689	97,086	-18,604	-16.1
KILLARNEY	8	9	984,245	845,273	123,031	93,919	-29,112	-23.7
LAYTOWN	1	1	77,097	65,689	77,097	65,689	-11,408	-14.8
LEOPARDSTOWN	22	23	7,129,933	5,944,779	324,088	258,469	-65,619	-20.1
LIMERICK	20	19	2,183,416	1,826,563	109,171	91,328	-17,843	-16.3
LISTOWEL	9	7	2,489,691	1,637,011	276,632	233,859	-42,773	-15.5
NAAS	15	15	1,552,559	1,468,935	103,504	97,929	-5,575	-5.4
NAVAN	17	17	1,538,273	1,420,853	90,487	83,580	-6,907	-7.6
PUNCHESTOWN	18	18	6,153,924	6,063,086	341,885	336,838	-5,047	-1.5
ROSCOMMON	9	7	935,121	666,808	103,902	95,258	-8,644	-8.3
SLIGO	8	7	752,854	543,310	94,107	77,616	-16,491	-17.5
THURLES	11	11	621,159	804,418	56,469	73,129	16,660	29.5
TIPPERARY	12	11	826,116	603,961	68,843	54,906	-13,937	-20.2
TRALEE	7	5	597,315	283,786	85,331	56,757	-28,574	-33.5
TRAMORE	11	11	947,114	781,361	86,101	71,033	-15,068	-17.5
WEXFORD	9	9	735,632	556,558	81,737	61,840	-19,897	-24.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>54,777,960</b>	<b>48,632,543</b>	<b>176,135</b>	<b>146,484</b>	<b>-19,010</b>	<b>-10.8</b>

\*Excl. Point to Point, co-mingling out and N.I. Fixtures



### AVERAGE TOTE AND BOOKMAKERS COMBINED ON-COURSE BETTING 2007 – 2008\*

Racecourse	Fixtures		Total On-Course Betting		Avg On-Course Betting		Variance	% +/-
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008		
BALLINROBE	9	9	5,301,830	4,590,695	589,092	510,077	-79,015	-13.4
BELLEWSTOWN	5	5	3,284,916	3,149,846	656,983	629,969	-27,014	-4.1
CLONMEL	12	12	4,471,635	4,324,151	372,636	360,346	-12,290	-3.3
CORK	19	19	8,997,458	6,963,024	473,550	366,475	-107,075	-22.6
CURRAGH	19	19	25,210,602	21,909,576	1,326,874	1,153,136	-173,738	-13.1
DUNDALK	12	29	4,631,025	7,100,447	385,919	244,843	-141,076	-36.6
FAIRYHOUSE	21	22	17,306,465	15,142,649	824,117	688,302	-135,815	-16.5
GALWAY	12	10	36,722,915	28,201,585	3,060,243	2,820,158	-240,085	-7.8
GOWRAN	17	17	11,061,427	8,913,677	650,672	524,334	-126,338	-19.4
KILBEGGAN	8	8	5,260,429	4,292,263	657,554	536,533	-121,021	-18.4
KILLARNEY	8	9	5,531,615	5,443,413	691,452	604,824	-86,628	-12.5
LAYTOWN	1	1	464,052	383,480	464,052	383,480	-80,572	-17.4
LEOPARDSTOWN	22	23	32,999,235	28,968,074	1,499,965	1,259,481	-240,484	-16.0
LIMERICK	20	19	11,086,321	7,982,362	554,316	355,146	-199,170	-35.9
LISTOWEL	9	7	13,486,027	9,028,398	1,498,447	1,289,771	-208,676	-13.9
NAAS	15	15	9,651,894	8,139,640	643,460	542,643	-100,817	-15.7
NAVAN	17	17	10,717,471	8,944,159	630,439	523,651	-106,788	-16.9
PUNCHESTOWN	18	18	31,164,868	27,142,917	1,731,382	1,507,940	-223,442	-12.9
ROSCOMMON	9	7	6,091,334	4,196,002	676,815	599,429	-77,386	-11.4
SLIGO	8	7	3,982,517	2,823,481	497,815	403,354	-94,461	-19.0
THURLES	11	11	5,749,952	4,858,905	522,723	441,719	-81,004	-15.5
TIPPERARY	12	11	4,881,851	3,754,241	406,821	341,295	-65,526	-16.1
TRALEE	7	5	3,240,793	1,214,955	462,970	242,991	-219,979	-47.5
TRAMORE	11	11	4,374,893	3,385,311	397,718	360,361	-37,357	-9.4
WEXFORD	9	9	3,729,437	2,949,062	414,382	327,674	-86,708	-20.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>269,400,964</b>	<b>223,802,313</b>	<b>866,241</b>	<b>674,103</b>	<b>-192,138</b>	<b>-22.0</b>

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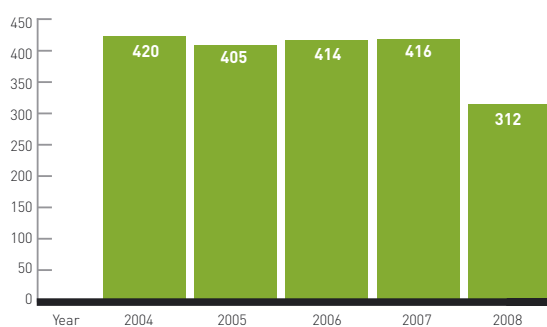
# BREEDING 2008

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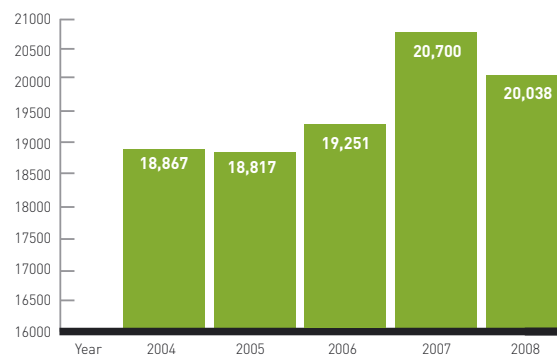
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
STALLIONS	420	405	414	416	*312
MARES	18867	18817	19251	20700	20038
FOALS	10992	11748	12004	12633	12419
TOTAL	30279	30970	31669	33749	32865

\* Formula for calculating number of stallions has changed. This number relates to a cut off date of 31/12/08. The figure will increase as stallions will be registered in 2009 for the 2008 covering season.

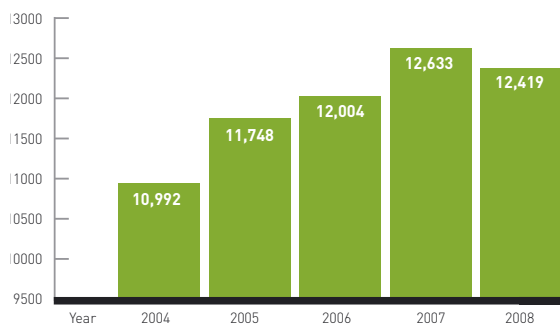
### STALLIONS AT STUD 2004-2008



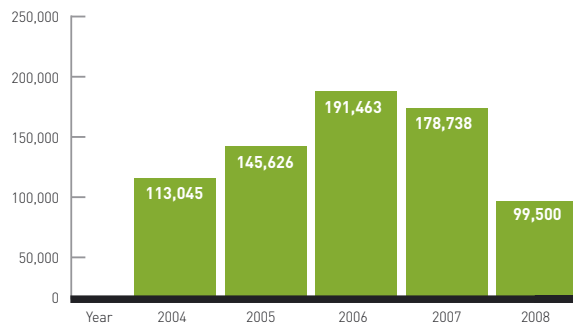
### MARES AT STUD 2004-2008



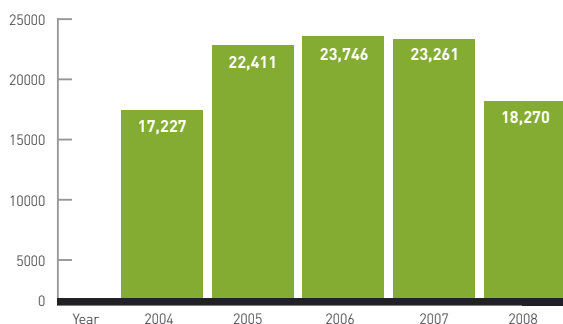
### FOALS BORN 2004-2008



### IRISH SALES AGGREGATE 2004-2008



### IRISH SALES AVERAGE 2004-2008



### IRISH SALES SUMMARY 2004 - 2008

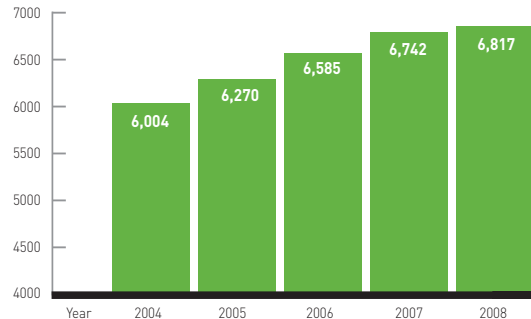
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Catalogued	11,233	11,307	14,258	15,337	13,071
Offered	9,240	9,226	11,625	12,326	10,173
Sold	6,575	6,498	8,063	7,684	5,446
Aggregate €'000	113,045	145,626	191,463	178,738	99,500
Average €	17,227	22,411	23,746	23,261	18,270

\*2007 & 2008 figures include Goresbridge Horse Sales

# HORSES IN TRAINING 2008

## AVG. NO. OF HORSES IN TRAINING

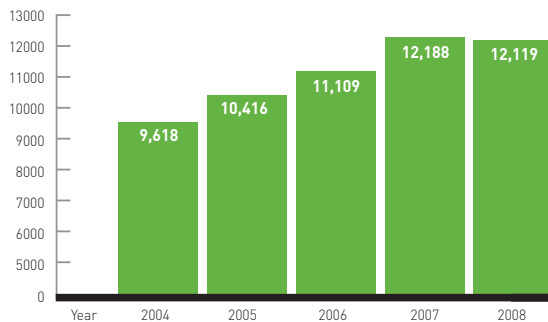
Age	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
2yo	519	511	634	606	588
3yo	674	701	738	780	808
4yo	939	886	897	960	901
5yo	1133	1309	1321	1323	1323
6yo+	2739	2864	2995	3073	3197
<b>Total</b>	<b>6004</b>	<b>6270</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>6742</b>	<b>6817</b>



## TOTAL NUMBER OF HORSES RETURNED IN TRAINING 2004 - 2008\*

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,618</b>	<b>10,416</b>	<b>11,109</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>12,119</b>

\* This figure counts each individual horse that was returned in training during the calendar year



## AVERAGE NO. OF COLTS IN TRAINING 2004 - 2008

Age	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
2yo	198	186	257	230	234
3yo	138	142	162	189	184
4yo	65	43	52	62	64
5yo	22	27	28	25	26
6yo+	29	25	26	25	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>530</b>

## AVERAGE NO. OF FILLIES IN TRAINING 2004 - 2008

Age	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
2yo	277	279	321	319	307
3yo	380	383	397	397	421
4yo	402	366	363	363	331
5yo	452	497	467	477	466
6yo+	757	819	841	856	849
<b>Total</b>	<b>2186</b>	<b>2344</b>	<b>2389</b>	<b>2412</b>	<b>2373</b>

## AVERAGE NO. OF GELDINGS IN TRAINING 2004 - 2008

Age	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
2yo	44	46	55	57	47
3yo	156	176	176	194	212
4yo	472	478	482	535	506
5yo	659	785	827	818	832
6yo+	1918	2018	2129	2275	2326
<b>Total</b>	<b>3249</b>	<b>3503</b>	<b>3668</b>	<b>3879</b>	<b>3923</b>





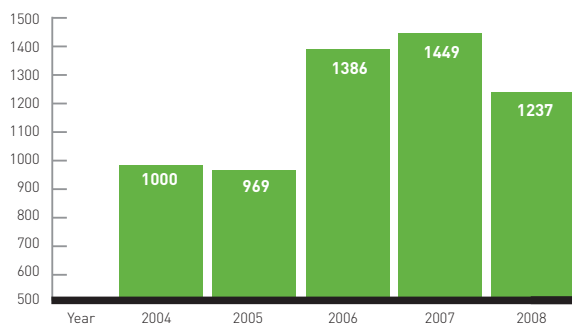
# OWNERSHIP 2008

## RACEHORSE OWNERSHIP 2004 - 2008\*

Type of Ownership	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Owners	4617	4980	5207	5588	5641
Syndicates	1173	1333	1451	1493	1429
Clubs	43	46	48	39	34
Companies	29	30	30	44	53
<b>Total Owners</b>	<b>5862</b>	<b>6389</b>	<b>6736</b>	<b>7164</b>	<b>7157</b>

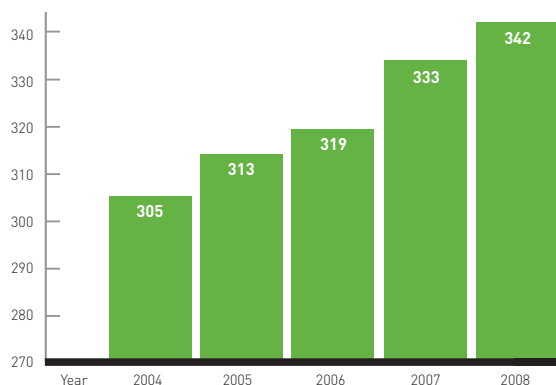
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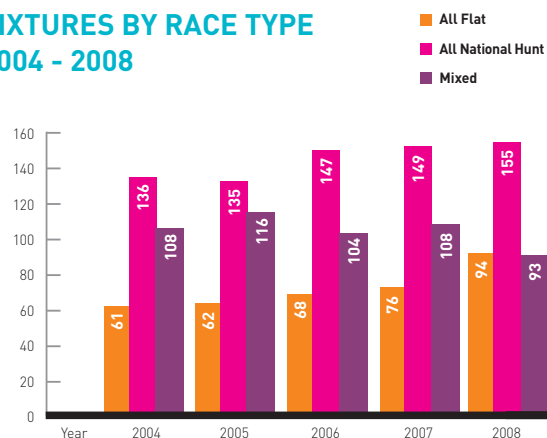


# FIXTURES 2008

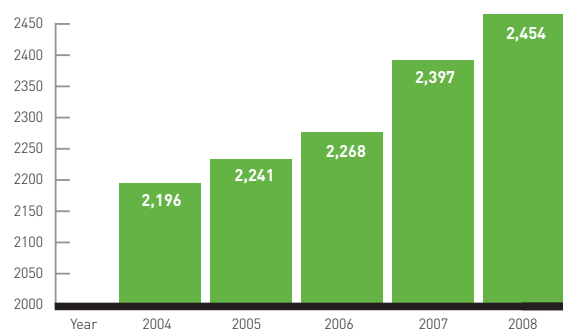
## NUMBER OF FIXTURES 2004 - 2008



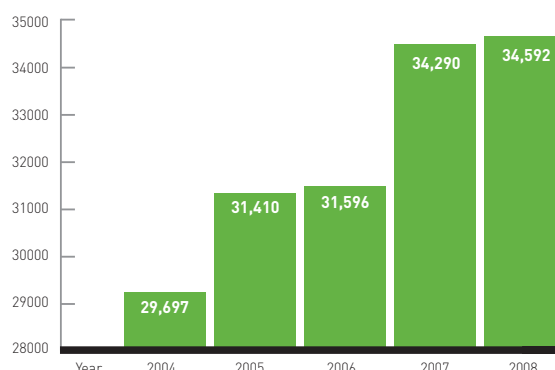
## FIXTURES BY RACE TYPE 2004 - 2008



## NUMBER OF RACES 2004 - 2008



## NUMBER OF RUNNERS 2004 - 2008



## NUMBER OF FIXTURES PER MONTH 2004 - 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
JANUARY	17	17	16	15	12
FEBRUARY	17	15	16	15	17
MARCH	17	21	15	15	28
APRIL	23	22	27	28	27
MAY	36	35	29	38	43
JUNE	34	36	39	34	33
JULY	36	36	35	33	37
AUGUST	33	36	41	39	36
SEPTEMBER	26	26	30	33	29
OCTOBER	23	23	27	32	33
NOVEMBER	20	22	20	25	24
DECEMBER	23	24	24	26	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>342</b>



## NUMBER OF FIXTURES BY WEEKDAY 2004 - 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SUNDAY	80	78	81	83	79
MONDAY	32	35	32	37	33
TUESDAY	19	22	24	20	24
WEDNESDAY	40	38	40	39	40
THURSDAY	45	51	48	47	45
FRIDAY	35	33	41	49	62
SATURDAY	54	56	53	58	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>342</b>

## NUMBER OF DIVIDED RACES 2004 - 2008

Race Type	2004 No. of Races	2005 No. of Races	2006 No. of Races	2007 No. of Races	2008 No. of Races
Flat Handicap	22	21	16	21	19
Flat Maiden	8	4	1	2	4
Hurdle W.F.A.	1	0	0	0	0
Handicap Hurdle	3	6	12	11	7
Maiden Hurdle	9	13	12	15	19
Bumper	6	9	7	4	4
Hunters S'chase	1	1	0	1	1
Beginners S'chase	0	1	2	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>

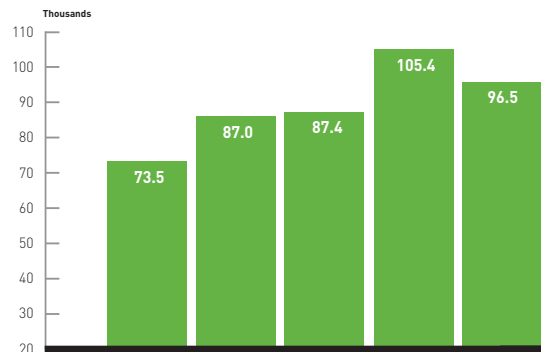
## NUMBER OF RACES BY PRIZE MONEY BANDS 2004 - 2008

Prize money Bracket €	2004 No. of Races	2005 No. of Races	2006 No. of Races	2007 No. of Races	2008 No. of Races
< €25,000	1,782	1,827	1,834	1,926	1,971
€25,000 - €49,999	200	197	206	232	238
€50,000 - €99,999	166	159	154	155	160
€100,000 - €249,999	36	44	58	67	68
€250,000 - €499,999	10	12	12	12	12
€500,000 +	2	2	4	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>2,397</b>	<b>2,454</b>

# ENTRIES AND RUNNERS 2008

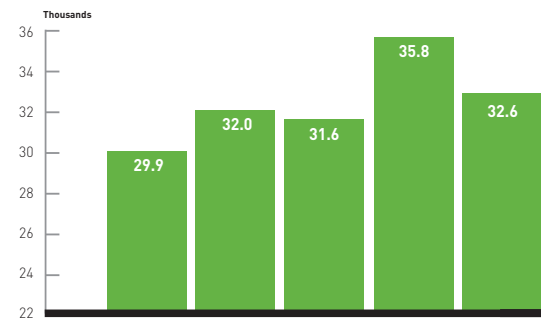
## TOTAL ENTRIES 2004 - 2008

Year	Fixtures	Number of Races	Entries	Avg. No. Entries per race
2004	305	2,196	73,508	33.5
2005	313	2,241	87,030	38.8
2006	319	2,268	87,392	38.5
2007	333	2,397	105,425	44.0
2008	342	2,454	96,535	39.3



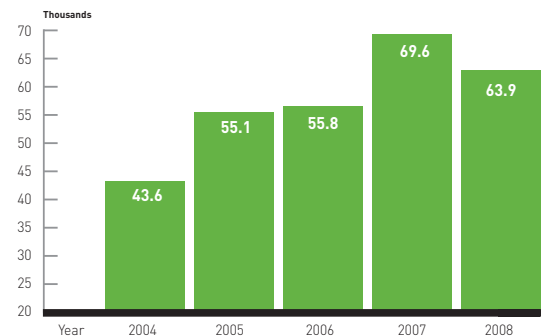
## TOTAL FLAT ENTRIES 2004 - 2008

Year	Number of Races	Entries	Avg. No. Entries per race
2004	844	29,893	35.4
2005	868	31,974	36.8
2006	874	31,600	36.2
2007	948	35,788	37.4
2008	1,020	32,624	32.0

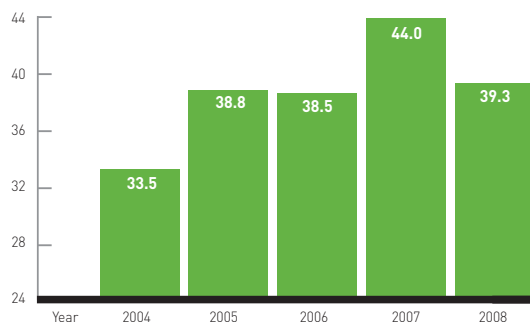


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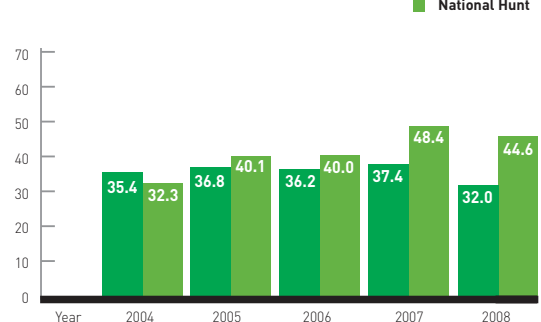
Year	Number of Races	Entries	Avg. No. Entries per race
2004	1,352	43,617	32.3
2005	1,373	55,056	40.1
2006	1,394	55,792	40.0
2007	1,439	69,637	48.4
2008	1,434	63,911	44.6



## AVERAGE NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER RACE 2004 - 2008



## AVERAGE NUMBER OF FLAT & NH ENTRIES PER RACE 2004 - 2008



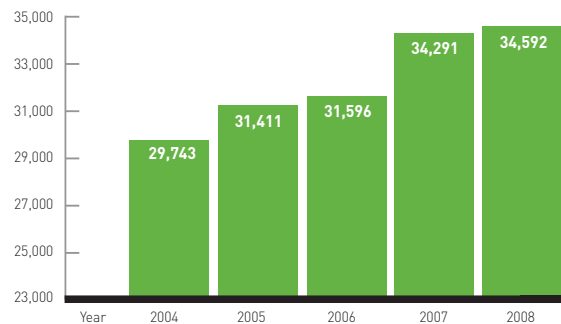
## ENTRIES BY RACE TYPE 2008

Race Type	No. of Races	Total Entries	Avg. No Entries per race
FLAT WFA	214	6,322	29.5
FLAT HANDICAP	491	17,196	35
FLAT MAIDEN	315	9,106	28.9
HURDLE WFA	186	4,818	25.9
HANDICAP HURDLE	309	15,488	50.1
MAIDEN HURDLE	316	20,682	65.4
S'CHASE WFA	106	2,049	19.3
H'CAP STEEPLECHASE	151	4,519	29.9
BEGINNERS S'CHASE	127	6,160	48.5
HUNTERS S'CHASE	21	702	33.4
INH FLAT BUMPER	218	9,493	43.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>96,535</b>	<b>39.3</b>



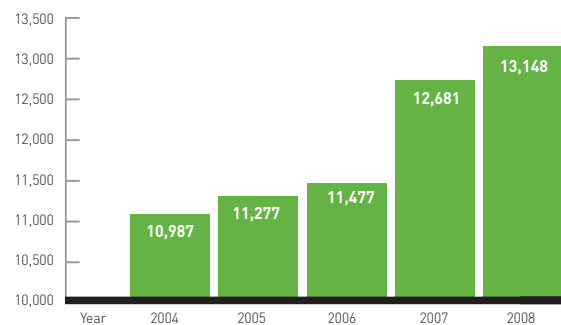
## NUMBER OF RUNNERS 2004 - 2008

Year	Races	Runners	Average Runners
2004	2,196	29,743	13.5
2005	2,241	31,411	14.0
2006	2,268	31,596	13.9
2007	2,397	34,291	14.3
2008	2,454	34,592	14.1



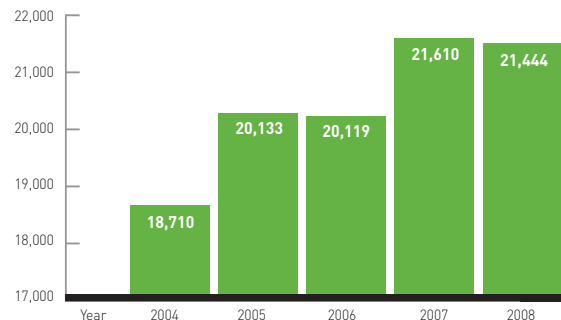
## TOTAL FLAT RUNNERS 2004 - 2008

Year	Races	Runners	Average Runners
2004	844	10,987	13.1
2005	868	11,277	13.0
2006	874	11,477	13.1
2007	958	12,681	13.2
2008	1,020	13,148	12.9

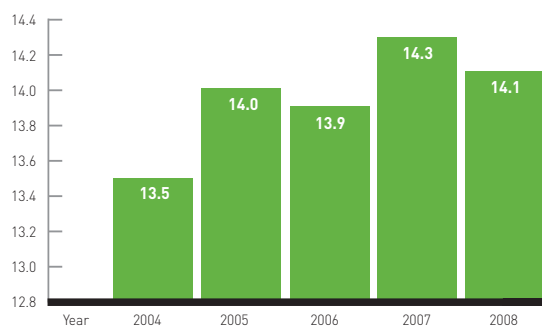


## TOTAL N.H. RUNNERS 2004 - 2008

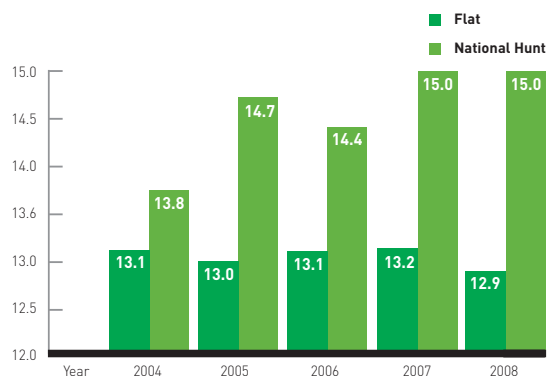
Year	Races	Runners	Average Runners
2004	1,352	18,710	13.8
2005	1,373	20,133	14.7
2006	1,394	20,119	14.4
2007	1,439	21,610	15.0
2008	1,434	21,444	15.0



## AVERAGE NUMBER OF RUNNERS PER RACE 2004 - 2008



## AVERAGE NUMBER OF FLAT AND NH RUNNERS PER RACE 2004 - 2008



## AVERAGE NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER RACE CATEGORY 2004 - 2008

	Flat	Hurdle	Chase	Bumper
2004	12.1	14.6	11.6	15.3
2005	13.0	15.5	12.3	16.2
2006	13.1	15.3	12.4	14.7
2007	13.2	15.9	12.8	16.0
2008	12.9	15.9	12.9	15.4

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF RUNNERS PER RACE CATEGORY 2004 - 2008

	Flat	Hurdle	Chase	INH Flat Race
2004	35.4	35.4	24.2	36.2
2005	36.8	45.4	28.1	43.6
2006	36.2	45.8	29.6	37.4
2007	37.4	55.7	32.7	50.4
2008	32.0	50.5	33.2	43.5

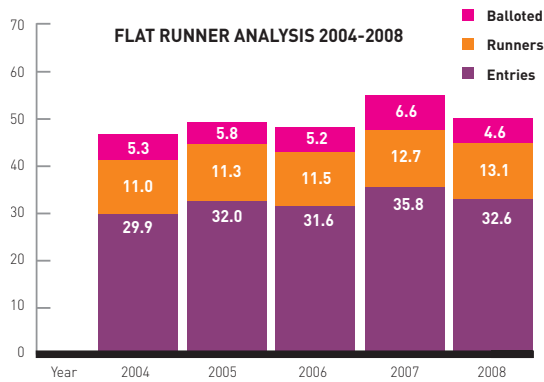
## INDIVIDUAL RUNNERS / WINNERS / PLACED HORSES

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Individual Runners	7230	7775	8187	8810	9042
Number of Individual Winners	1575	1587	1615	1710	1786
Percentage of Runners which Win	21.8%	20.4%	19.7%	19.4%	19.8%
Number of Individual Placed Horses	3543	3683	3799	4040	4171
Percentage of Runners which are Placed	49.0%	47.4%	46.4%	45.9%	46.1%

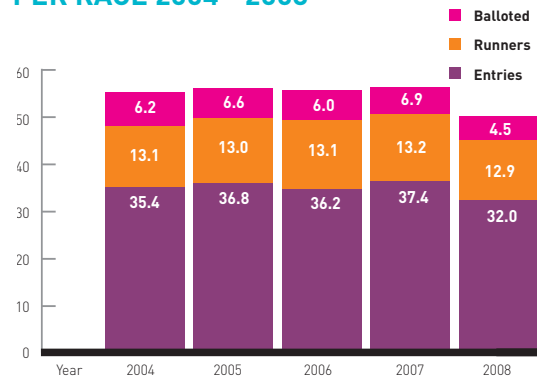
## FLAT RACE ANALYSIS 2004 - 2008

Year	Races	Entries	(Avg)	Runners	(Avg)	Balloted	(Avg)
2004	844	29891	35.4	11023	13.1	5260	6.2
2005	868	31974	36.8	11277	13	5759	6.6
2006	874	31600	36.2	11477	13.1	5207	6.0
2007	958	35788	37.4	12681	13.2	6628	6.9
2008	1020	32624	32.0	13148	12.9	4558	4.5

## FLAT RUNNER ANALYSIS 2004 - 2008



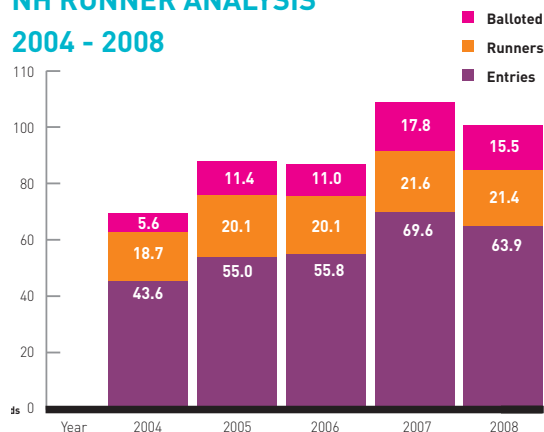
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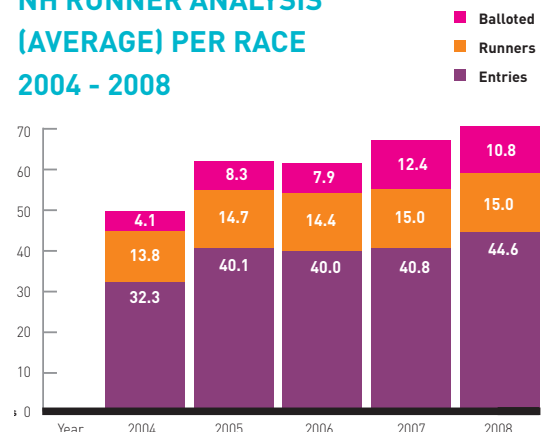
## NH RACE ANALYSIS 2004 - 2008

Year	Races	Entries	(Avg)	Runners	(Avg)	Balloted	(Avg)
2004	1352	43617	32.3	18720	13.8	5600	4.1
2005	1373	55056	40.1	20133	14.7	11428	8.3
2006	1394	55792	40.0	20119	14.4	11001	7.9
2007	1439	69,637	48.4	21610	15.0	17891	12.4
2008	1434	63911	44.6	21444	15.0	15454	10.8

## NH RUNNER ANALYSIS 2004 - 2008



## NH RUNNER ANALYSIS (AVERAGE) PER RACE 2004 - 2008



## RUNNER ANALYSIS BY RACE TYPE 2004

Flat	Type	Races	Entries	Average	Runners	Average	Balloted	Average
	WFA	171	5625	32.9	1570	9.2	134	0.8
	H'cap	412	16031	38.9	5992	14.5	4134	10
	M'dn	261	8235	31.6	3461	13.3	992	3.8
	Total	844	29891	35.4	11023	13.1	5260	6.2

N.H.	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	Hurdle	731	25892	35.4	10708	14.6	4173	5.7
	Chase	398	9643	24.2	4611	11.6	534	1.3
	Bumper	223	8082	36.2	3401	15.3	893	4
	Total	1352	43617	32.3	18720	13.8	5600	4.1

## RUNNER ANALYSIS BY RACE TYPE 2005

Flat	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	WFA	175	5,630	32.2	1,617	9.2	118	0.7
	H'cap	426	17,485	41.0	6,113	14.3	4,399	10.3
	M'dn	267	8,859	33.2	3,547	13.3	1,242	4.7
	Total	868	31,974	36.8	11,277	13.0	5,759	6.6

N.H.	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	Hurdle	753	34,191	45.4	11,640	15.5	8,513	11.3
	Chase	397	11,153	28.1	4,888	12.3	1,166	2.9
	Bumper	223	9,712	43.6	3,605	16.2	1,749	7.8
	Total	1,373	55,056	40.1	20,133	14.7	11,428	8.3

## RUNNER ANALYSIS BY RACE TYPE 2006

Flat	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	WFA	187	5,774	30.9	1,738	9.3	92	0.5
	H'cap	416	16,873	40.6	6,103	14.7	4,068	9.8
	M'dn	271	8,953	33.0	3,636	13.4	1,047	3.9
	Total	874	31,600	36.2	11,477	13.1	5,207	6.0

N.H.	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	Hurdle	791	36,208	45.8	12,123	15.3	8,543	10.8
	Chase	381	11,284	29.6	4,738	12.4	1,488	3.9
	Bumper	222	8,300	37.4	3,258	14.7	970	4.4
	Total	1,394	55,792	40.0	20,119	14.4	11,001	7.9

## RUNNER ANALYSIS BY RACE TYPE 2007

Flat	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	WFA	206	6,295	30.6	1,942	9.4	142	0.7
	H'cap	455	20,013	44.0	6,706	14.7	5,751	12.6
	M'dn	297	9,480	31.9	4,033	13.6	735	2.5
	Total	958	35,788	37.4	12,681	13.2	6,628	6.9

N.H.	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	Hurdle	817	45,470	55.7	12,964	15.9	13,572	16.6
	Chase	405	13,235	32.7	5,166	12.8	1,904	4.7
	Bumper	217	10,932	50.4	3,480	16.0	2,415	11.1
	Total	1,439	69,637	48.4	21,610	15.0	17,891	12.4

## RUNNER ANALYSIS BY RACE TYPE 2008

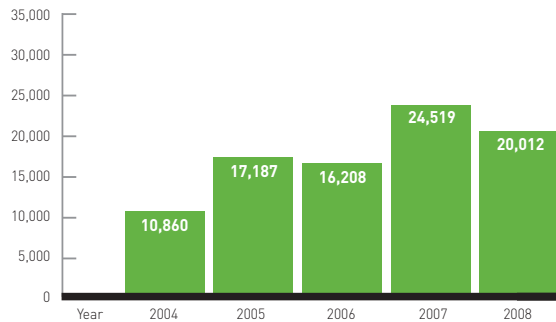
Flat	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	WFA	214	6322	29.5	1967	9.2	144	0.7
	H'cap	491	17196	35	6990	14.2	3653	7.4
	M'dn	315	9106	28.9	4191	13.3	761	2.4
	Total	1020	32624	32.0	13148	12.9	4558	4.5

N.H.	Type	Races	Entries	(Average)	Runners	(Average)	Balloted	(Average)
	Hurdle	811	40988	50.5	12876	15.9	11584	14.3
	Chase	405	13430	33.2	5207	12.9	2332	5.8
	Bumper	218	9493	43.5	3361	15.4	1538	7.1
	Total	1434	63911	44.6	21444	15	15454	10.7

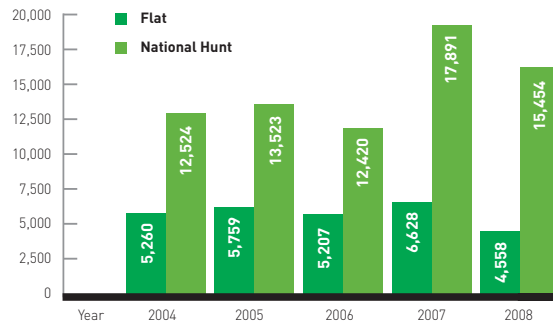


# BALLOTING 2008

## BALLOTING 2004 - 2008



## FLAT & N.H. BALLOTING 2004 - 2008



## TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS PER RACE CATEGORY

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Flat WFA	134	118	92	142	144
Flat H'cap	4134	4399	4068	5751	3653
Flat M'dn	992	1242	1047	735	761
Hurdle WFA	159	327	171	345	152
H'cap Hurdle	1628	4337	3583	6339	3715
M'dn Hurdle	2386	3849	4789	6888	7717
S'chase WFA	7	0	2	4	26
H'cap S'chase	132	284	433	710	443
Beginners S'chase	354	817	978	1087	1739
Hunters S'chase	41	65	75	103	124
INH Flat Race	893	1749	970	2415	1538
<b>Total</b>	<b>10860</b>	<b>17187</b>	<b>16208</b>	<b>24519</b>	<b>20012</b>

## AVERAGE NUMBER OF BALLOTS PER RACE CATEGORY

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Flat WFA	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7
Flat H'cap	10	10.3	9.8	12.6	7.4
Flat M'dn	3.8	4.7	3.9	2.5	2.4
Hurdle WFA	1	1.9	0.9	1.8	0.8
H'cap Hurdle	5.4	14.3	11.4	19.7	12
M'dn Hurdle	8.9	13.6	16.7	22.5	24.5
S'chase WFA	0.1	0	0	0.04	0.2
H'cap S'chase	0.8	1.7	2.9	4.5	2.9
Beginners S'chase	3.2	7.3	8.8	8.8	13.7
Hunters Steeplechase	1.7	2.4	3.6	4.7	5.9
INH Flat Race	4	7.8	4.4	11.1	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>



## % OF ENTERED HORSES BALLOTTED OUT BY RACE CATEGORY

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Flat WFA	2.4	2.1	1.6	2.3	2.3
Flat H'cap	25.8	25.2	24.1	28.7	21.2
Flat M'dn	12	14	11.7	7.8	8.4
Hurdle WFA	4.5	7.6	3.8	6.7	3.2
H'cap Hurdle	14.6	28	23.1	32	24
M'dn Hurdle	21.9	26.8	29.7	33.6	37
S'chase WFA	0.4	0	0.1	0.2	1.3
H'cap S'chase	3.2	6.2	9.5	13.4	9.8
Beginners S'chase	10.9	19.4	21.9	20.3	28.2
Hunters Steeplechase	6.5	8.6	12.1	14	17.7
INH Flat Race	11	18	11.7	22.1	16.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>

# PRIZE MONEY 2008

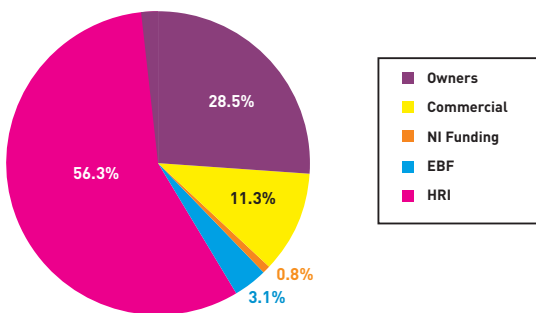


## TOTAL PRIZE MONEY 2004 - 2008\*

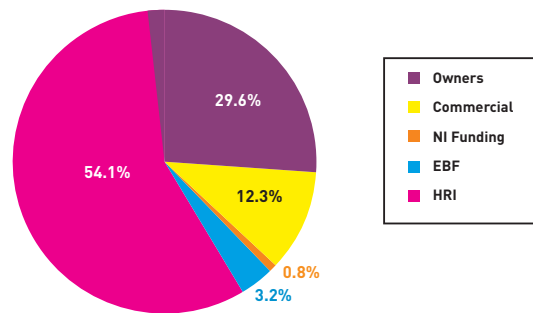
Year	FLAT	N.H.	TOTAL	% +/-
	€'000	€'000	€'000	
2004	25,541	25,919	51,460	3.60%
2005	25,469	25,813	51,182	-0.50%
2006	27,965	27,096	55,061	7.60%
2007	31,094	28,513	59,607	8.30%
2008	31,723	28,678	60,401	1.3%

\* Excl. Point to Points

## SOURCE OF PRIZE MONEY 2008



## SOURCE OF PRIZE MONEY 2007



## SOURCES OF PRIZE MONEY 2004 - 2008

Year	Owners	Commercial	NI Funding	EBF	HRI	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
2004	13,919	5,350	565	1,712	29,914	51,460
2005	13,391	5,579	362	1,941	29,909	51,182
2006	15,847	6,273	462	1,884	30,595	55,061
2007	17,651	7,306	454	1,928	32,269	59,607
2008	17,224	6,824	456	1,888	34,009	60,401



### PRIZE MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS (€) BY RACECOURSE 2008

Venue	Meetings	Races	Owners €	Sponsors €	N.I. Funding €	EBF €	HRI €	Prize money €
BALLINROBE	9	65	159,915	32,500	0	8,000	488,585	689,000
BELLEWSTOWN	5	39	105,644	50,000	0	9,000	316,856	481,500
CLONMEL	12	84	235,043	49,000	0	36,000	726,458	1,046,500
CORK	19	132	601,494	96,000	0	96,000	1,830,007	2,623,500
CURRAGH	19	142	6,206,805	2,509,800	0	307,000	4,539,896	13,563,500
DOWN ROYAL	12	84	299,044	0	334,257	34,000	697,699	1,365,000
DOWNPATRICK	10	69	162,232	0	121,722	24,000	385,047	693,000
DUNDALK	29	218	590,054	110,500	0	184,000	2,733,946	3,618,500
FAIRYHOUSE	22	158	806,108	313,250	0	77,250	2,202,392	3,399,000
GALWAY	10	72	581,676	590,500	0	74,000	1,159,325	2,405,500
GOWRAN PARK	17	123	539,735	122,000	0	166,000	1,539,765	2,367,500
KILBEGGAN	8	55	166,427	62,750	0	14,500	446,573	690,250
KILLARNEY	9	63	203,879	79,000	0	33,000	582,121	898,000
LAYTOWN	1	6	11,153	3,000	0	0	46,847	61,000
LEOPARDSTOWN	23	167	2,141,448	901,450	0	236,500	4,605,102	7,884,500
LIMERICK	19	134	545,293	143,750	0	73,500	1,549,957	2,312,500
LISTOWEL	7	54	276,319	191,000	0	2,500	685,181	1,155,000
NAAS	15	106	486,647	156,000	0	120,000	1,491,853	2,254,500
NAVAN	17	121	517,364	86,000	0	102,500	1,660,136	2,366,000
PUNCHESTOWN	18	129	1,268,896	1,022,650	0	62,000	2,366,454	4,720,000
ROSCOMMON	7	50	171,744	29,250	0	40,500	459,756	701,250
SLIGO	7	50	142,660	44,000	0	23,000	353,841	563,500
THURLES	11	78	222,767	31,500	0	44,000	724,233	1,022,500
TIPPERARY	11	82	313,098	90,750	0	92,500	1,064,903	1,561,250
TRALEE	5	35	121,841	39,000	0	8,000	325,160	494,000
WATERFORD & TRAMORE	11	76	180,621	40,000	0	12,000	584,880	817,500
WEXFORD	9	62	166,375	30,000	0	8,000	442,626	647,000
	<b>342</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>17,224,276</b>	<b>6,823,650</b>	<b>455,978</b>	<b>1,887,750</b>	<b>34,009,596</b>	<b>60,401,25</b>

## PRIZE MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS (%) BY RACECOURSE 2008

Venue	Meetings	Races	Owners %	Sponsors %	N.I. Funding %	EBF %	HRI %	Prize money €
BALLINROBE	9	65	23.2%	4.7%	0.0%	1.2%	70.9%	689,000
BELLEWSTOWN	5	39	21.9%	10.4%	0.0%	1.9%	65.8%	481,500
CLONMEL	12	84	22.5%	4.7%	0.0%	3.4%	69.4%	1,046,500
CORK	19	132	22.9%	3.7%	0.0%	3.7%	69.8%	2,623,500
CURRAGH	19	142	45.8%	18.5%	0.0%	2.3%	33.5%	13,563,500
DOWN ROYAL	12	84	21.9%	0.0%	24.5%	2.5%	51.1%	1,365,000
DOWNPATRICK	10	69	23.4%	0.0%	17.6%	3.5%	55.6%	693,000
DUNDALK	29	218	16.3%	3.1%	0.0%	5.1%	75.6%	3,618,500
FAIRYHOUSE	22	158	23.7%	9.2%	0.0%	2.3%	64.8%	3,399,000
GALWAY	10	72	24.2%	24.5%	0.0%	3.1%	48.2%	2,405,500
GOWRAN PARK	17	123	22.8%	5.2%	0.0%	7.0%	65.0%	2,367,500
KILBEGGAN	8	55	24.1%	9.1%	0.0%	2.1%	64.7%	690,250
KILLARNEY	9	63	22.7%	8.8%	0.0%	3.7%	64.8%	898,000
LAYTOWN	1	6	18.3%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%	76.8%	61,000
LEOPARDSTOWN	23	167	27.2%	11.4%	0.0%	3.0%	58.4%	7,884,500
LIMERICK	19	134	23.6%	6.2%	0.0%	3.2%	67.0%	2,312,500
LISTOWEL	7	54	23.9%	16.5%	0.0%	0.2%	59.3%	1,155,000
NAAS	15	106	21.6%	6.9%	0.0%	5.3%	66.2%	2,254,500
NAVAN	17	121	21.9%	3.6%	0.0%	4.3%	70.2%	2,366,000
PUNCHESTOWN	18	129	26.9%	21.7%	0.0%	1.3%	50.1%	4,720,000
ROSCOMMON	7	50	24.5%	4.2%	0.0%	5.8%	65.6%	701,250
SLIGO	7	50	25.3%	7.8%	0.0%	4.1%	62.8%	563,500
THURLES	11	78	21.8%	3.1%	0.0%	4.3%	70.8%	1,022,500
TIPPERARY	11	82	20.1%	5.8%	0.0%	5.9%	68.2%	1,561,250
TRALEE	5	35	24.7%	7.9%	0.0%	1.6%	65.8%	494,000
WATERFORD & TRAMORE	11	76	22.1%	4.9%	0.0%	1.5%	71.5%	817,500
WEXFORD	9	62	25.7%	4.6%	0.0%	1.2%	68.4%	647,000
	<b>342</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>56.3%</b>	<b>60,401,250</b>

## PRIZE MONEY WON BY FOREIGN TRAINED HORSES IN IRELAND 2004 - 2008

Year	Runs	Wins	Places	Prize money €			% +/-
				Win	Place	Total	
2004	213	32	71	2,657,900	1,504,560	4,162,460	6.4%
2005	222	29	71	2,603,050	1,309,809	3,933,859	-5.5%
2006	214	26	73	2,172,520	2,370,450	4,542,970	15.5%
2007	244	36	73	3,312,860	1,882,125	5,194,985	14.4%
2008	237	30	77	3,957,160	1,678,385	5,824,045	12.1%

## % OF PRIZE MONEY WON BY FOREIGN TRAINED HORSES

Year	Won	% of Total Irish Prize money
	2004	4,162,460
2005	3,933,859	7.7%
2006	4,542,970	8.3%
2007	5,194,985	8.7%
2008	5,824,045	9.6%

## PRIZE MONEY WON IN UK BY IRISH TRAINED HORSES

	Runs	Wins	Places	Prize money (£)		
				Win	Place	Total
2004	624	53	228	1,557,216	1,335,441	2,892,657
2005	977	109	314	4,650,371	1,666,184	6,316,555
2006	1143	102	346	3,505,220	1,975,488	5,480,708
2007	1354	132	426	3,808,665	3,074,693	6,883,358
2008	1477	135	393	5,459,064	2,209,296	7,668,360

## PRIZE MONEY WON ABROAD BY IRISH TRAINED HORSES (EXCLUDING UK)

	Runs	Wins	Places	Prize money (€)		
				Win	Place	Total
2004	85	8	35	1,710,552	1,222,752	3,429,819
2005	93	11	36	1,445,215	1,719,267	2,957,041
2006	113	8	38	1,223,950	1,511,826	3,402,309
2007	100	10	29	2,113,939	2,178,359	3,617,728
2008	150	12	34	1,184,960	2,661,020	3,845,980



## PERCENTAGE OF SPONSORED RACES BY RACECOURSE 2008

Venue	Meetings	Races	Commercially Sponsored	EBF Sponsored	EBF&Com. Sponsored	Total Sponsored	% Sponsored	Sponsor	EBF	HRI	Sponsorship Variance 2007/2008
BALLINROBE	9	65	55	3	0	58	89.2%	32,500	8,000	488,585	500
BELLEWSTOWN	5	39	32	3	0	35	89.7%	50,000	9,000	316,856	(18,000)
CLONMEL	12	84	21	8	0	29	34.5%	49,000	36,000	726,458	500
CORK	19	132	50	16	4	62	47.0%	96,000	96,000	1,830,007	(15,750)
CURRAGH	19	142	106	35	21	120	84.5%	2,509,800	307,000	4,539,896	(208,800)
DOWN ROYAL	12	84	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	34,000	697,699	0
DOWNPATRICK	10	69	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	24,000	385,047	0
DUNDALK	29	218	132	28	0	160	73.4%	110,500	184,000	2,733,946	(7,500)
FAIRYHOUSE	22	158	64	9	2	71	44.9%	313,250	77,250	2,202,392	(66,000)
GALWAY	10	72	67	10	5	72	100.0%	590,500	74,000	1,159,325	(19,500)
GOWRAN PARK	17	123	36	22	0	58	47.2%	122,000	166,000	1,539,765	(7,000)
KILBEGGAN	8	55	28	4	1	31	56.4%	62,750	14,500	446,573	(8,750)
KILLARNEY	9	63	55	7	0	62	98.4%	79,000	33,000	582,121	(10,000)
LAYTOWN	1	6	6	0	0	6	100.0%	3,000	0	46,847	0
LEOPARDSTOWN	23	167	62	31	0	93	55.7%	901,450	236,500	4,605,102	58,500
LIMERICK	19	134	94	16	8	102	76.1%	143,750	73,500	1,549,957	(38,000)
LISTOWEL	7	54	37	1	0	38	70.4%	191,000	2,500	685,181	(81,500)
NAAS	15	106	47	18	7	58	54.7%	156,000	120,000	1,491,853	(8,000)
NAVAN	17	121	34	19	3	50	41.3%	86,000	102,500	1,660,136	(52,500)
PUNCHSTOWN	18	129	60	6	2	64	49.6%	1,022,650	62,000	2,366,454	119,250
ROSCOMMON	7	50	25	7	0	32	64.0%	29,250	40,500	459,756	(5,250)
SLIGO	7	50	29	6	0	35	70.0%	44,000	23,000	353,841	(4,500)
THURLES	11	78	15	10	1	24	30.8%	31,500	44,000	724,233	(35,000)
TIPPERARY	11	82	39	15	2	52	63.4%	90,750	92,500	1,064,903	(16,250)
TRALEE	5	35	25	2	1	26	74.3%	39,000	8,000	325,160	(26,500)
WATERFORD & TRAMORE	11	76	36	4	0	40	52.6%	40,000	12,000	584,880	(7,750)
WEXFORD	9	62	30	3	1	32	51.6%	30,000	8,000	442,626	(25,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>6,823,650</b>	<b>1,887,750</b>	<b>34,009,596</b>	<b>(482,800)</b>

## PERCENTAGE OF SPONSORED RACES BY RACECOURSE 2007

Venue	Meetings	Races	Commercially Sponsored	EBF Sponsored	EBF&Com. Sponsored	Total Sponsored	% Sponsored	Sponsor	EBF	HRI	Sponsorship Variance 2006/2007
BALLINROBE	9	65	53	3	0	56	86.2%	€32,000	€11,000	€477,446	€2,000
BELLEWSTOWN	5	37	33	3	1	35	94.6%	€68,000	€9,000	€288,270	€23,000
CLONMEL	12	83	21	9	1	29	34.9%	€48,500	€40,000	€707,533	€-5,500
CORK	19	133	52	20	4	68	51.1%	€111,750	€110,750	€1,855,789	€-1,000
CURRAGH	19	143	123	29	25	127	88.8%	€2,718,600	€279,000	€3,966,701	€923,150
DOWN ROYAL	12	84					N/A%		€34,000	€686,077	€-19,500
DOWNPATRICK	10	67					N/A%		€24,000	€381,302	€-9,000
DUNDALK	12	85	72	14	9	77	90.6%	€118,000	€100,000	€1,129,747	€118,000
FAIRYHOUSE	21	150	61	13	1	73	48.7%	€379,250	€85,250	€2,087,300	€-4,000
GALWAY	12	88	81	12	5	88	100.0%	€610,000	€83,000	€1,356,466	€62,750
GOWRAN PARK	17	122	45	20	0	65	53.3%	€129,000	€141,000	€1,479,954	€5,000
KILBEGGAN	8	56	38	4	1	41	73.2%	€71,500	€14,500	€463,956	€4,750
KILLARNEY	8	59	47	7	0	54	91.5%	€89,000	€33,000	€560,391	€-4,000
LAYTOWN	1	6	6	0	0	6	100.0%	€3,000	€-	€45,468	€0
LEOPARDSTOWN	22	161	74	27	2	99	61.5%	€842,950	€260,500	€4,306,506	€-156,500
LIMERICK	20	141	109	16	13	112	79.4%	€181,750	€68,000	€1,591,087	€6,500
LISTOWEL	9	71	55	5	0	60	84.5%	€272,500	€42,500	€818,063	€50,000
NAAS	15	108	51	20	6	65	60.2%	€164,000	€130,500	€1,594,922	€10,000
NAVAN	17	126	69	20	7	82	65.1%	€138,500	€122,500	€1,725,040	€19,000
PUNCHESTOWN	18	131	69	5	2	72	55.0%	€903,400	€53,000	€2,355,313	€58,200
ROSCOMMON	9	65	29	9	0	38	58.5%	€34,500	€59,500	€600,947	€-1,000
SLIGO	8	57	34	6	0	40	70.2%	€48,500	€23,000	€406,577	€7,500
THURLES	11	78	20	10	1	29	37.2%	€66,500	€43,000	€713,015	€-4,000
TIPPERARY	12	88	44	16	2	58	65.9%	€107,000	€97,500	€1,084,828	€-20,250
TRALEE	7	52	37	7	2	42	80.8%	€65,500	€41,500	€538,160	€-11,500
TRAMORE	11	77	40	4	0	44	57.1%	€47,750	€12,000	€586,688	€-2,750
WEXFORD	9	64	50	3	1	52	81.3%	€55,000	€9,500	€461,040	€7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>2397</b>	<b>1313</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1512</b>	<b>63.1%</b>	<b>€7,306,450</b>	<b>€1,927,500</b>	<b>€32,268,578</b>	<b>€1,233,350</b>



## RACE SPONSORSHIP 2008 BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

Sector	2008 Value	%
Bloodstock Sales & Admin	1,740,650	25.5%
Bookmakers/Betting Exchanges	885,250	13.0%
Stud Farms	683,000	10.0%
Breweries/Publicans	658,750	9.7%
Construction Industry	649,250	9.5%
Food/Dairy Industry	259,500	3.8%
Motor/Petroleum Industries	214,500	3.1%
Hotels	203,500	3.0%
Transport/Travel Industry	203,000	3.0%
Individuals	187,000	2.7%
Financial institutions	186,250	2.7%
Media	184,000	2.7%
Professionals	184,000	2.7%
Retail	140,750	2.1%
Other	112,000	1.6%
Racecourses & Their Supporters Clubs	99,750	1.5%
Insurance Companies	70,500	1.0%
Animal Feed Companies	64,000	0.9%
Utilities	20,500	0.3%
Communications Industry	17,000	0.2%
Agricultural	16,000	0.2%
Manufacturing Industry	15,000	0.2%
High Tech Manuf	10,500	0.2%
Restaurants	8,500	0.1%
Pharmaceuticals	8,000	0.1%
Printers	2,500	0.0%
	<b>6,823,650</b>	



# LEADING HORSES 2008

## LEADING IRISH FLAT HORSES BY PRIZE MONEY WON IN IRELAND 2008

Horse	Wins	Places	Runs	Prize Money (€)
Minor Vamp	1	0	1	1,000,000
Soul City	1	0	1	1,000,000
Frozen Fire (GER)	1	0	1	850,000
New Approach	2	1	2	670,000
Mastercraftsman	4	0	4	458,450
Casual Conquest	2	1	1	382,500
Gan Amhras	3	2	1	311,100
Baileys Cacao	2	1	0	306,000
Moonstone (GB)	2	1	1	289,000
Halfway To Heaven	3	2	1	267,000

## LEADING IRISH N.H. HORSES BY PRIZE MONEY WON IN IRELAND 2007/2008 SEASON

Horse	Wins	Places	Runs	Prize Money (€)
Brave Right	4	4	10	222,800
The Listener	2	1	4	192,200
Farmer Brown	3	2	6	183,160
Mossbank	2	2	4	182,700
Sky's The Limit (FR)	3	2	6	176,220
Neptune Collonges (FR)	1	0	1	167,750
Won In The Dark	4	1	6	164,325
Aitmatov (GER)	3	2	6	152,120
Conna Castle	5	3	10	146,000
Hear The Echo	1	0	4	143,950

## LEADING IRISH FLAT HORSES BY NUMBER OF WINS IN IRELAND 2008

Horse	Wins	Places	Runs	Prize Money (€)
Fiery Lad	6	3	9	122,800
Almass	6	2	10	237,885
Striking Force	4	3	12	37,405
Turk	4	3	9	28,100
Pasar Silbano	4	2	6	129,100
Nice Style	4	2	7	52,875
Le Citadel (USA)	4	2	13	41,010
Mastercraftsman	4	0	4	458,450
Miranda's Girl	3	7	17	59,015
Drunken Sailor	3	6	10	33,690

## LEADING IRISH N.H. HORSES BY NUMBER OF WINS IN IRELAND 2007/2008 SEASON

Horse	Wins	Places	Runs	Prize Money (€)
Conna Castle	5	3	10	146,000
Cooldine	5	3	8	114,620
Uncle Junior	5	3	10	55,875
Field Commander	5	2	12	74,120
Megans Joy	5	2	7	67,695
Brave Right	4	4	10	222,800
Dbest	4	4	11	85,705
Coolgreaney	4	4	15	76,465
Cool Running	4	3	9	88,500
Splurge	4	3	11	56,500

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# EXPORTS 2008

## 2008 EXPORT OF IRISH FOALED HORSES

Country	Foal	Yearling	2yo	3yo	4yo	5yo	5yo +	Total
Australia		1	1	3	5		1	11
Bahrain			1	2				3
Belgium	1		1					2
Cyprus			4		4			8
Czech Republic	2	6	3	1				12
Denmark		3	2	1			1	7
France	288	83	68	14	5	5	1	464
Germany	51	62	13	2			3	131
Great Britain	18	776	1,467	314	479	396	399	3,849
Greece		14	14	10				38
Hong Kong			5	2				7
Hungary		2						2
India						1	6	7
Italy	151	30	72	1	1	2	1	258
Japan	1	13	4	1		1	1	21
Kazakhstan			3	1				4
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia				3				3
Morocco	1		1	3	1	1		7
Poland		3	1		1			5
Qatar				1		1		2
Russia		7	1					8
Singapore			2					2
Slovakia		10	1				1	12
South Africa			2	1	2			5
South Korea			2					2
Spain	24	23	6	1	1	1		56
Sweden	3	5	5	1	1		2	17
Switzerland		6						6
Turkey						1	6	7
United Arab Emirates		21						21
USA	7	12	8	7	2	1	2	39
Grand Total	547	1,077	1,687	369	502	410	424	5,016

Note: - All exports are reported to Weatherbys Ireland as at the beginning of February 2009.



## IRISH HORSES SOLD AT AUCTION 2008

Country	FOAL		YEARLING		2YO		3YO		4YO		5YO		5YO +		TOTAL					
	Colt	Filly	Colt	Filly	Colt	Filly	Colt	Filly	Filly	Gelding	Filly	Gelding	Filly	Gelding						
Australia			1					1				1			3					
Bahrain							2								2					
Belgium		4	1	2											7					
Cyprus						3		1		2	4				11					
Czech Republic	8	4	9	1	1								1		23					
Denmark			1	3	1	2	1	1						1	10					
France	30	31	117	104	3	17	22	1	1			1	1		334					
Germany	15	10	30	40		3	7	1						1	108					
Great Britain	57	48	608	734	314	76	114	52	7	62	238	17	109	8	2,852					
Greece	1	1	27	22	1	8	9	1	4	4					78					
Hong Kong			4		1	1									6					
Hungary			2	2		1									5					
India												1		6	7					
Italy	21	15	196	241	3	29	25	1	1	2		1			536					
Japan	2		8	4					1						15					
Kazakhstan			1			2		1							4					
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia								3							3					
Malaysia			1												1					
Morocco		1				2	2	2	1	1		1			7					
Norway			4	3		1	1								9					
Poland		1	1	1			1	1							4					
Qatar												1			2					
Russia	1	1	6	6											14					
Singapore			1	1		1									2					
Slovakia	5	1	4	13			1								24					
South Africa				2				1							3					
South Korea				2											2					
Spain	12	7	17	11		1	1	1	1	1	1				52					
Sweden	5	1	5	6		2		1							20					
Switzerland			7	4											11					
Turkey									1			1		5	7					
United Arab Emirates	1		3	4											8					
USA	1	1	4	13		2	1							2	25					
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>4,195</b>

Note: - All exports are reported to Weatherbys Ireland as at the beginning of February 2009.

## VALUE OF IRISH HORSES EXPORTED 2008 (€)

Country	FOAL		YEARLING		2YO		3YO		4YO		5YO		5YO +		TOTAL	
	Colt	Gelding	Colt	Gelding	Colt	Gelding	Colt	Gelding	Filly	Gelding	Filly	Gelding	Filly	Gelding		
Australia		97,143								112,762				209,905		
Bahrain				12,952										12,952		
Belgium	12,300		8,000	7,500											27,800	
Cyprus					25,400									48,611		
Czech Republic	119,548	17,748	345,705	6,700	7,500										497,221	
Denmark					0	49,219	20,724					6,676		99,681		
France	717,524	1,180,101	9,748,470	7,752,717	684,813	636,571	267,810				18,000	0			21,184,187	
Germany	292,980	148,419	828,384	1,040,523	55,000	14,200	23,942								2,428,649	
Great Britain	3,183,928	3,443,106	51,287,301	37,886,190	4,818,877	4,473,258	1,566,859	29,247	465,039	7,035,932	251,851	6,049,977	95,986	3,723,467	140,794,364	
Greece	5,000	0	543,562	29,000	106,133	43,543	1,000	41,783	17,652						1,030,255	
Hong Kong															431,457	
Hungary			8,000	6,000											28,500	
India										80,000		69,000		149,000		
Italy	234,043	140,243	3,742,966	3,493,760	293,203	287,029		1,000	14,000		6,500	12,000			8,250,249	
Japan	0		1,039,904		376,000										1,458,190	
Kazakhstan															35,705	
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia					13,200										22,019	
Malaysia															13,390	
Morocco	2,500														77,871	
Norway					9,500										788,985	
Norway			24,1028													
Poland	8,000		6,500	0											14,500	
Qatar										10,362					42,743	
Russia	44,000	58,000	223,409	163,571											488,980	
Singapore															76,876	
Slovakia	57,257	1,200	91,295	117,693											273,945	
South Africa					320,000										362,286	
South Korea															23,095	
Spain	123,411	44,700	363,353	154,500	24,480	20,000	4,800				14,000	0			749,244	
Sweden	69,662	8,000	56,029	106,442	10,386										278,729	
Switzerland															197,500	
Switzerland			145,000													
Turkey															193,476	
United Arab Emirates	87,390		194,286												285,676	
USA	0	71,238	98,342	1,539,162	33,124	3,500		10,342							1,873,214	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,936,743</b>	<b>5,155,575</b>	<b>423,457</b>	<b>53,858,722</b>	<b>14,797,290</b>	<b>6,112,163</b>	<b>5,562,072</b>	<b>1,913,650</b>	<b>133,896</b>	<b>6,059,178</b>	<b>385,737</b>	<b>6,059,178</b>	<b>3,723,467</b>	<b>3,941,43</b>	<b>167,175</b>	<b>182,449,255</b>

Note: - All exports are reported to Weatherbys Ireland as at the beginning of February 2009.

# TRAINERS, RIDERS & STAFF 2008

## NUMBER OF TRAINERS/RESTRICTED LICENCE HOLDERS 2004 - 2008\*

	Public Trainers	Restricted Licence Holders
2004	433	294
2005	441	300
2006	443	316
2007	456	332
2008	449	335

\*Restricted Licence Holders replaced Permit Holders in 2004  
Figures calculated as of December each year



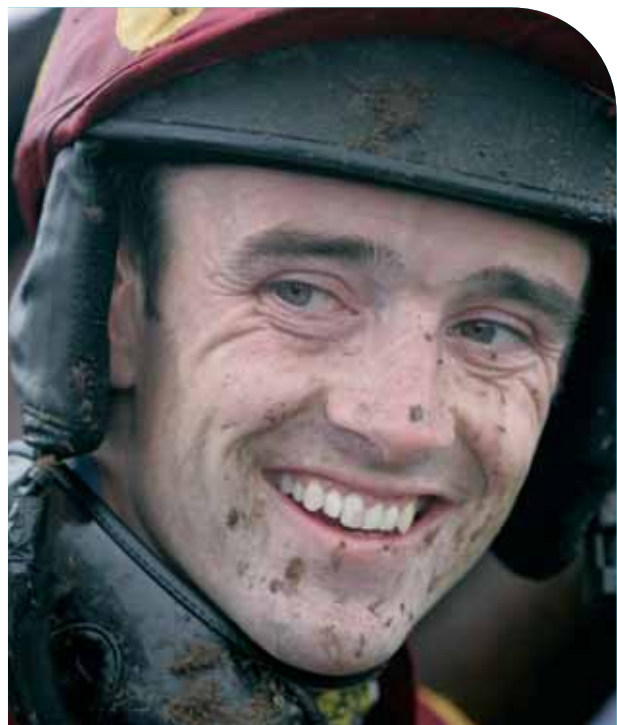
## NUMBER OF JOCKEYS 20034 - 2008

	Flat Jockeys*	N.H. Jockeys*	Apprentices*	Qualified Riders**
2004	67	121	74	746
2005	73	123	69	674
2006	68	126	52	597
2007	67	124	65	597
2008	65	136	60	609

\*Figures calculated as of October each year \*\*Figures calculated as of May each year

## STABLE STAFF EMPLOYEE NUMBERS

	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
2004	1427	1375	2802
2005	1417	1669	3086
2006	1600	1667	3267
2007	1758	1761	3519
2008	1784	1751	3535



# CLASSIFICATIONS 2008

## HIGHEST RATED IRISH TRAINED HORSES 2004 - 2008

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Azamour (IRE) & Grey Swallow (IRE)	123	Alexander Goldrun (IRE)	116
2005	Azamour (IRE)	126	Alexander Goldrun (IRE)	119
2006	George Washington (IRE)	127	Alexander Goldrun (IRE)/Finsceal Beo (IRE)	119
2007	Dylan Thomas (IRE)	129	Peeping Fawn (USA)	122
2008	New Approach (IRE)	130	Lush Lashes (IRE)	119

## HIGHEST RATED IRISH TRAINED TWO YEAR OLDS 2004 - 2008

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Ad Valorem (USA)	122	Damson (IRE)	114
2005	George Washington (IRE)	124	Rumplestilskin (IRE)	116
2006	Teofilo (IRE)	123	Finsceal Beo (IRE)	119
2007	New Approach (IRE)	126	Listen (IRE)	117
2008	Mastercraftsman (IRE)	122	Again (IRE), Shimah (USA), Heart Shaped (USA)	110

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - THREE YEAR OLDS BY DISTANCE 2004 - 2008 SPRINT (5F - 6F)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	One Cool Cat (USA)	114	Nights Cross (IRE) & Ulfah (USA)	104
2005	Dark Cheetah (USA)	102	Miss Sally (IRE)	111
2006	Dandy Man (IRE)	115	Beauty Bright (USA)	106
2007	U.S Ranger (USA)	114	Evening Time (IRE)	107
2008	Rock Of Rochelle (USA)	108	Age Of Chivalry (IRE)	106

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - THREE YEAR OLDS BY DISTANCE 2004 - 2008 MILE (7F - 9F)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Bachelor Duke (USA)	118	Attraction (GB)	118
2005	Dubawi (IRE)	123	Virginia Waters (USA)	113
2006	George Washington (IRE)	127	Red Evie (IRE)	115
2007	Excellent Art (GB)	122	Finsceal Beo (IRE)	119
2008	Henrythenavigator (USA)	125	Lush Lashes (IRE)	119

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - THREE YEAR OLDS BY DISTANCE 2004 - 2008 INTERMEDIATE (9.5F - 10.5F)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Azamour (IRE)	123	Alexander Goldrun (IRE)	116
2005	Oratorio (IRE)	123	Chelsea Rose (IRE)	111
2006	Dylan Thomas (IRE)	125	Alexandrova (IRE)	113
2007	Eagle Mountain (IRE)	122	Peeping Fawn (USA)	122
2008	New Approach (IRE)	130	Lush Lashes (IRE)	117



## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - THREE YEAR OLDS BY DISTANCE 2004 - 2008 LONG (11F - 13F)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Alamshar (IRE)	131	Vintage Tipple (IRE)	116
2005	Grey Swallow (IRE)	123	Ouija Board (GB)	115
2006	Hurricane Run (IRE)	121	Shawanda (IRE)	121
2007	Soldier Of Fortune (IRE)	125	Peeping Fawn (USA)	122
2008	New Approach (IRE)	124	Lush Lashes (IRE)	117

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - THREE YEAR OLDS BY DISTANCE 2004 - 2008 EXTENDED (14F+)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Tycoon (GB)	117	Tarakala (IRE)	101
2005	Scorpion (IRE)	117	Right Key (IRE)	106
2006	Tusculum (IRE)	110	Lounaos (FR)	106
2007	Honolulu (IRE)	115	All My Loving (IRE)	106
2008	Unsung Heroine (IRE)	114	Unsung Heroine (IRE)	114

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UP BY DISTANCE '04 - '08 SPRINT (5-6F)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Osterhase (IRE)	113	Ringmoor Down (GB)	107
2005	Osterhase (IRE)/Benbaun (IRE)/The Trader (IRE)	111	Moon Unit (IRE)	106
2006	Moss Vale (IRE)	116	Moon Unit (IRE)	106
2007	Benbaun (IRE)	118	That's Hot (IRE)	102
2008	US Ranger (USA)	116	Aleagueoftheirrown (IRE)	104

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UP BY DISTANCE '04 - '08 MILE (7 - 9F)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Monsieur Bond (IRE)	114	Soviet Song (IRE)	119
2005	Caradak (IRE)	114	Attraction (GB)	116
2006	Ad Valorem (USA)	117	Peeress (GB)	114
2007	George Washington (IRE)	119	Echelon (GB)	115
2008	Haradasun (AUS)	120	Finsceal Beo (IRE)	115

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UP BY DISTANCE '04 - '08 INTERMEDIATE (9.5 - 10.5F)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Norse Dancer (IRE)	121	Chorist (GB)	117
2005	Azamour (IRE)	123	Alexander Goldrun (IRE)	119
2006	Grey Swallow (IRE)	119	Ouija Board (GB)	121
2007	Dylan Thomas (IRE)	128	Speciosa (GB)	114
2008	Duke Of Marmalade (IRE)	127	Finsceal Beo (IRE), Promising Lead (GB)	117

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UP BY DISTANCE '04 - '08 LONG (11 - 13f)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Brian Boru (GB)	114	My Renee (USA)	106
2005	Azamour (IRE)	126	Kastoria (IRE)	111
2006	Grey Swallow (IRE)	117	Kastoria (IRE)	113
2007	Dylan Thomas (IRE)	129	Nick's Nikita (IRE)	103
2008	Duke Of Marmalade (IRE)	126	Profound Beauty (IRE)	105

## IRISH CLASSIFICATIONS - FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UP BY DISTANCE '04 - '08 EXTENDED (14F+)

Year	Male	Rating	Female	Rating
2004	Vinnie Roe (IRE)	119	-	
2005	Collier Hill (GB), Vinnie Roe (IRE)	116	Kastoria (IRE)	108
2006	Yeats (IRE)	121	Kastoria (IRE)	117
2007	Septimus (IRE)	122	Nick's Nikita (IRE)	103
2008	Septimus (IRE), Yeats (IRE)	122	Hasanka (IRE), Profound Beauty (IRE)	108

## IRISH HURDLE CLASSIFICATION

Season	2 Miles	Rating	2.5 Miles +	Rating
03/'04	Hardy Eustace (IRE)	170	Sacundai (IRE)	156
04/'05	Hardy Eustace (IRE)	167	Al Eile (IRE)	162
05/'06	Brave Inca (IRE)	167	Golden Cross (IRE)	162
06/'07	Hardy Eustace (IRE)	166	Al Eile (IRE)	161
07/'08	Sizing Europe (IRE)	167	Al Eile (IRE)	165

## IRISH NOVICE HURDLE CLASSIFICATION

Season	2 Miles	Rating	2.5 Miles +	Rating
03/'04	Brave Inca (IRE)	147	Sadlers Wings (IRE)	145
04/'05	Justified (IRE)	143	Asian Maze (IRE)	146
05/'06	Iktitaf (IRE)	153	Nicanor (FR)	151
06/'07	Lounaos (FR)	149	Aran Concerto (IRE)	147
07/'08	Jered (IRE)	155	Cooldine (IRE)	151

## IRISH STEEPLECHASE CLASSIFICATION

Season	2 Miles	Rating	2.5 Miles	Rating	3 Miles	Rating
03/'04	Moscow Flyer (IRE)	174	Moscow Flyer (IRE)	173	Beef Or Salmon (IRE)	171
04/'05	Moscow Flyer (IRE)	180	Moscow Flyer (IRE)	174	Kicking King (IRE)	175
05/'06	Newmill (IRE)	173	Hi Cloy (IRE)	164	War Of Attrition (IRE)	173
06/'07	Nickname (IRE)	168	In Compliance (IRE)	169	Beef Or Salmon (IRE)	169
07/'08	Schindler's Hunt (IRE)	161	The Listener (IRE)	170	Denman (IRE)	182

## IRISH NOVICE STEEPLECHASE CLASSIFICATION

Season	2 Miles	Rating	2.5 Miles	Rating	3 Miles	Rating
03/'04	Kicking King (IRE)	148	Hi Cloy (IRE)	149	Rule Supreme (IRE)	151
04/'05	Fota Island (IRE)	150	Forget The Past (IRE)	151	Like-A-Butterfly (IRE)	142
05/'06	Accordion Etoile (IRE)	156	Justified (IRE)	155	Southern Vic (IRE)	149
06/'07	Gemini Lucy (IRE)	148	One Cool Cookie (IRE)	148	Offshore Account (IRE)	149
07/'08	Big Zeb (IRE)	151	Glencove Marina (IRE)	153	Notre Pere (IRE)	141

# TRAINERS & JOCKEYS 2008



## LEADING FLAT TRAINERS BY NO. OF WINS 2008

Trainer	Runs	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Win Money (€)	Place Money (€)	Prize Money (€)
A.P.O'Brien	397	82	46	46	50	3,956,390.00	920,560.00	5,016,450.00
D. K. Weld	485	65	76	62	45	1,294,580.00	1,074,610.00	2,392,190.00
John M. Oxx	359	62	50	48	34	1,126,740.00	487,485.00	1,640,475.00
G.M.Lyons	357	54	37	37	45	843,880.00	243,505.00	1,087,385.00
J. S. Bolger	418	52	53	36	44	1,727,710.00	1,013,980.00	2,771,440.00
Kevin Prendergast	395	46	42	51	50	1,164,930.00	926,555.00	2,102,885.00
David Wachman	301	42	42	28	24	971,850.00	379,925.00	1,366,775.00
T. Stack	163	33	12	23	16	453,120.00	174,340.00	682,460.00
M.Halford	525	32	43	41	34	361,200.00	254,972.50	617,672.50
Edward Lynam	252	24	29	30	17	308,280.00	177,665.00	485,945.00
Ms. Joanna Morgan	213	20	23	17	16	181,980.00	114,795.00	296,775.00
David Marnane	219	20	13	21	11	243,150.00	101,920.00	345,070.00
Tracey Collins	195	16	15	16	12	203,100.00	87,800.00	294,900.00
Noel Meade	96	16	10	2	12	197,750.00	43,680.00	253,430.00
H.Rogers	292	15	10	11	28	139,480.00	91,255.00	240,485.00
Patrick J.Flynn	211	14	14	10	12	115,980.00	143,625.00	277,105.00
J.T.Gorman	145	12	9	12	17	104,900.00	64,970.00	169,870.00
P.D. Deegan	136	12	9	7	10	137,720.00	43,095.00	180,815.00
Patrick Martin	130	12	4	11	4	107,930.00	44,055.00	151,985.00
W.P. Mullins	93	11	17	12	5	100,100.00	61,320.00	161,420.00

## LEADING N.H. TRAINERS BY NO. OF WINS 2007/2008 SEASON

Trainer	Runs	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Win Money (€)	Place Money (€)	Prize Money (€)
W.P. Mullins	556	110	78	64	55	1,586,060.00	631,042.50	2,232,903.00
Noel Meade	520	85	72	48	30	1,245,750.00	534,512.50	1,785,013.00
Mrs John Harrington	531	62	61	52	40	768,885.00	401,422.50	1,181,658.00
A.J.Martin	298	40	25	18	16	606,375.00	198,610.00	818,785.00
E. J. O'Grady	323	36	25	26	34	626,050.00	207,322.50	841,872.50
D. T. Hughes	432	34	35	62	39	452,100.00	343,010.00	804,260.00
Paul Nolan	362	33	29	16	33	402,175.00	153,565.00	556,740.00
C.A.Murphy	223	29	24	13	18	429,635.00	150,020.00	579,655.00
C.F. Swan	411	28	44	42	31	341,290.00	286,875.00	632,565.00
Joseph Crowley	215	28	29	19	17	262,655.00	125,687.50	388,342.50
P.J. Rothwell	391	26	27	21	27	228,300.00	120,202.50	348,502.50
E. McNamara	337	25	30	21	20	299,990.00	142,062.50	442,052.50
Michael Hourigan	374	23	20	18	28	366,870.00	197,525.00	574,395.00
A.L.T.Moore	252	22	20	20	11	434,400.00	189,895.00	624,295.00
C.Roche	139	22	16	15	4	226,490.00	113,027.50	346,117.50
Adrian Maguire	148	19	13	15	12	163,000.00	52,465.00	215,465.00
Anthony Mullins	143	18	13	6	13	168,795.00	63,490.00	233,485.00
E.Sheehy	229	17	17	11	13	263,510.00	123,697.50	387,207.50
C.Byrnes	144	17	12	14	16	231,630.00	78,050.00	309,680.00
T.J. Taaffe	180	14	20	18	5	167,450.00	151,312.50	322,062.50

## LEADING FLAT JOCKEYS BY NO. OF WINS 2008 (Excl. Apprentices)

Jockey	Rides	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Win Money (€)	Place Money (€)	Prize Money (€)
Patrick Joseph Smullen	605	90	84	69	61	1,506,860.00	1,142,810.00	2,679,170.00
Francis Martin Berry	663	85	52	57	62	1,187,920.00	436,925.00	1,735,845.00
John Patrick Murtagh	329	80	46	31	39	2,687,670.00	513,175.00	3,204,845.00
Wayne Martin Lordan	527	59	45	35	39	886,190.00	414,660.00	1,346,850.00
Declan Patrick McDonogh	594	54	55	69	63	838,170.00	762,650.00	1,614,820.00
James Anthony Heffernan	534	48	51	38	37	2,112,130.00	493,500.00	2,627,430.00
Michael J. Kinane	309	48	44	44	36	1,894,380.00	569,545.00	2,548,175.00
Kevin James Manning	418	47	45	39	41	1,504,110.00	801,780.00	2,331,890.00
Christopher Denis Hayes	601	44	50	59	63	849,480.00	620,245.00	1,476,475.00
Rory Patrick Cleary	535	34	39	40	37	382,640.00	262,440.00	650,330.00
Keagan S. Latham	264	23	20	27	32	331,560.00	156,710.00	488,270.00
Colm O'Donoghue	294	20	25	22	22	380,200.00	255,320.00	669,770.00
William Supple	306	19	15	24	29	291,720.00	158,190.00	453,660.00
William James Lee	414	17	29	38	29	231,950.00	245,935.00	483,635.00
John Patrick Shanahan	290	15	14	21	14	182,050.00	127,075.00	337,125.00
Niall George McCullagh	393	14	29	29	24	162,640.00	157,885.00	322,925.00
Daniel Martin Grant	316	13	23	24	27	154,330.00	198,110.00	359,940.00
Michael Christopher Hussey	362	13	14	11	22	141,430.00	98,530.00	239,960.00
David Jeremy Condon	56	6	4	4	4	40,950.00	13,035.00	53,985.00
Robert Martin Burke	124	4	4	4	4	70,850.00	27,210.00	98,060.00

## LEADING N.H. JOCKEYS BY NO. OF WINS 2007/2008

Jockey	Rides	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Win Money (€)	Place Money (€)	Prize Money (€)
Ruby Walsh	547	131	100	62	46	2,190,620.00	597,310.00	2,797,430.00
D.N. Russell	734	126	85	84	72	1,934,890.00	711,870.00	2,648,210.00
Paul Carberry	471	80	70	39	31	1,220,850.00	573,912.50	1,802,563.00
David James Casey	502	59	52	48	45	806,030.00	456,410.00	1,281,640.00
Barry J.Geraghty	366	48	37	28	27	882,665.00	337,140.00	1,230,555.00
Andrew J.McNamara	554	46	42	50	56	885,935.00	338,097.50	1,232,533.00
Patrick William Flood	451	35	35	34	31	656,470.00	278,030.00	948,200.00
Niall Philip Madden	523	30	41	42	30	391,800.00	235,477.50	646,277.50
Patrick William Mullins	138	30	20	13	16	272,800.00	57,717.50	330,517.50
Denis Francis O'Regan	209	28	26	17	18	337,640.00	135,127.50	475,267.50
Thomas Joseph Doyle	379	27	33	24	25	398,770.00	199,785.00	598,555.00
John Laurence Cullen	439	27	27	37	32	429,310.00	155,357.50	592,367.50
Shane William Jackson	424	26	22	21	26	281,725.00	100,842.50	382,567.50
David Jeremy Condon	330	26	15	33	25	310,870.00	159,095.00	472,665.00
Michael Darcy	405	25	24	32	41	216,670.00	133,437.50	350,107.50
Andrew Eugene Lynch	421	24	33	27	34	368,690.00	193,390.00	562,080.00
Miss Nina Carberry	174	24	20	17	13	343,250.00	68,912.50	416,562.50
Kevin Thomas Coleman	294	21	20	26	25	350,950.00	105,455.00	459,005.00
Alan Patrick Crowe	219	21	17	8	10	224,305.00	78,560.00	309,465.00
Andrew David Leigh	230	21	15	15	17	279,590.00	108,362.50	387,952.50

## LEADING FLAT APPRENTICES BY NO. OF WINS 2008

Jockey	Rides	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Win Money (€)	Place Money (€)	Prize Money (€)
Emmet John McNamara	352	26	31	29	28	362,740.00	176,587.50	539,327.50
Paul Townend	230	20	26	22	18	259,900.00	119,185.00	379,085.00
Daniel Edward Mullins	212	19	24	8	13	295,610.00	85,650.00	381,260.00
Shane Foley	306	19	22	17	24	155,720.00	76,575.00	235,895.00
Martin Harley	308	18	22	27	23	227,420.00	146,522.50	373,942.50
Padraig Brendan Beggy	261	17	19	12	17	183,510.00	145,115.00	342,425.00
Ben Anthony Curtis	277	14	15	25	22	128,720.00	86,135.00	214,855.00
Christopher Paul Geoghegan	176	10	7	7	6	130,900.00	32,187.50	163,087.50
Sean Mandla Levey	72	9	2	8	4	166,250.00	37,075.00	239,325.00
Michael Anthony Cleere	148	8	4	7	11	74,950.00	21,085.00	96,035.00
John Patrick Fahy	182	7	13	16	11	64,600.00	56,250.00	120,850.00
Shane Martin Gorey	126	7	10	7	9	110,250.00	59,480.00	169,730.00
Gary Francis Carroll	142	7	8	10	5	58,450.00	28,902.50	90,352.50
James P. Sullivan	140	7	6	6	9	59,160.00	27,365.00	86,525.00
Amy Kathleen Parsons	96	4	8	9	5	62,700.00	30,645.00	93,345.00
Conor O'Farrell	93	3	7	5	4	24,850.00	17,955.00	42,805.00
Julie Burke	45	3	5	5	4	24,850.00	14,720.00	39,570.00
Martin James Lane	124	3	4	5	6	19,600.00	16,085.00	35,685.00
Sam Henry James	54	3	1	4	3	139,260.00	24,750.00	166,410.00
Ian John Brennan	45	2	1	1	4	14,350.00	6,845.00	21,195.00

## LEADING CONDITIONAL RIDERS BY NO. OF WINS 2007/2008 SEASON

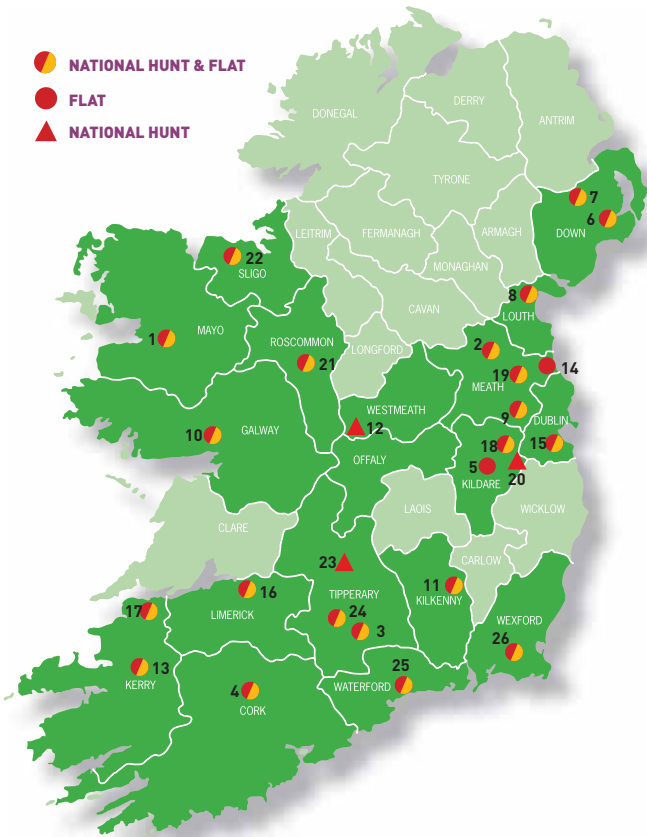
Jockey	Rides	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Win Money (€)	Place Money (€)	Prize Money (€)
Shane William Jackson	422	26	22	21	26	281,725.00	100,842.50	382,567.50
Sean Walter Flanagan	410	18	28	24	23	328,610.00	171,145.00	499,755.00
Shane Joseph Hassett	321	15	19	20	16	171,070.00	126,550.00	297,620.00
Kevin Thomas Coleman	169	13	14	14	14	276,400.00	71,095.00	347,495.00
Alain Padraic Cawley	156	11	15	7	11	133,950.00	55,460.00	189,410.00
Phillip Thomas Enright	289	11	14	20	11	151,400.00	79,207.50	230,607.50
Edward Francis Power	202	11	13	15	14	92,675.00	55,605.00	148,280.00
Andrew David Leigh	113	11	5	4	11	131,490.00	35,007.50	166,497.50
Denis Gerard Hogan	265	9	11	16	22	88,950.00	75,340.00	164,290.00
Martin James Ferris	223	9	9	14	8	78,300.00	41,800.00	120,100.00
Adrian Brendan Joyce	149	9	7	7	14	92,950.00	40,490.00	133,440.00
Mark Joseph Bolger	148	8	8	6	9	71,660.00	40,285.00	111,945.00
Ian John McCarthy	93	7	4	2	4	77,350.00	13,665.00	91,015.00
Robert Thomas Dunne	129	7	1	5	5	63,050.00	9,872.50	72,922.50
M.P. Walsh	204	6	3	12	13	63,260.00	33,242.50	96,502.50
Stephen Joseph Gray	250	5	15	12	10	43,050.00	62,270.00	105,320.00
Conor David Maxwell	170	5	6	12	7	43,050.00	34,290.00	83,040.00
Joseph Patrick Holly	85	4	9	0	2	29,400.00	21,875.00	51,275.00
Brian Christopher Byrnes	113	4	6	2	9	33,950.00	25,607.50	59,557.50
Nicholas John O'Shea	195	4	4	7	10	35,700.00	25,085.00	62,235.00

## LEADING QUALIFIED RIDERS BY NO. OF WINS 2007/2008 SEASON

Jockey	Rides	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Win Money (€)	Place Money (€)	Prize Money (€)
Patrick William Mullins	138	30	20	13	16	272,800.00	57,717.50	330,517.50
Miss Nina Carberry	174	24	20	17	13	343,250.00	68,912.50	416,562.50
Matthew John O'Connor	138	14	12	9	8	113,050.00	58,150.00	171,200.00
Michael John O'Connor	98	14	4	15	8	110,950.00	29,605.00	140,555.00
Emmet Mullins	117	13	17	11	7	168,550.00	74,827.50	248,477.50
Robert Patrick McNamara	82	13	5	5	11	99,050.00	40,660.00	139,710.00
Andrew Thomas Duff	125	12	15	8	8	92,775.00	54,560.00	147,335.00
Barry O'Neill	85	8	8	5	6	53,025.00	21,812.50	75,837.50
Mark Fahey	112	7	11	14	11	50,750.00	51,690.00	102,440.00
Jason Patrick McKeown	85	6	5	11	10	62,800.00	32,272.50	97,072.50
David Roche	50	6	5	2	7	44,800.00	16,495.00	61,295.00
Ms Katie Walsh	91	6	2	7	4	50,050.00	11,395.00	61,445.00
Denis W. Cullen	42	6	2	4	3	58,200.00	9,080.00	67,280.00
Sean Patrick Byrne	40	6	1	2	4	45,500.00	5,435.00	50,935.00
Derek O'Connor	73	5	10	6	7	47,600.00	39,085.00	86,685.00
Brian Timothy O'Connell	100	5	10	5	4	38,500.00	31,637.50	70,137.50
John Thomas McNamara	53	5	5	2	3	38,150.00	15,535.00	53,685.00
Martin John Doran	44	5	3	3	1	37,800.00	9,595.00	47,395.00
P.Cashman	82	4	8	8	5	29,575.00	30,350.00	59,925.00
Jack James Doyle	51	4	5	12	4	34,650.00	37,915.00	72,565.00

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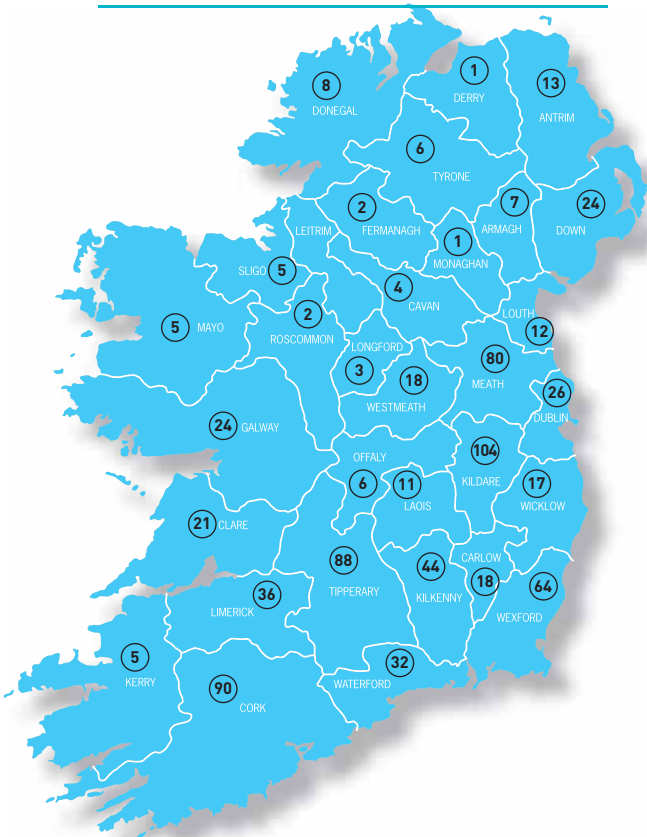
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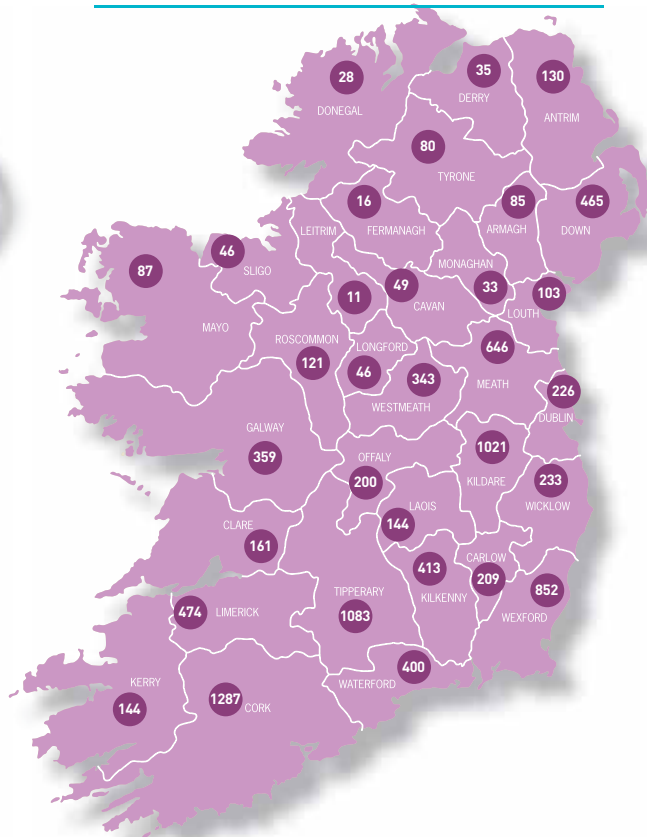
## 26 IRISH RACECOURSES

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|----|---|---------------|----|---|--------------|
| 1  |    | BALLINROBE    | 14 |    | LAYTOWN      |
| 2  |    | BELLEWSTOWN   | 15 |    | LEOPARDSTOWN |
| 3  |    | CLONMEL       | 16 |    | LIMERICK     |
| 4  |    | CORK - MALLOW | 17 |    | LISTOWEL     |
| 5  |    | CURRAGH       | 18 |    | NAAS         |
| 6  |    | DOWNPATRICK   | 19 |    | NAVAN        |
| 7  |    | DOWN ROYAL    | 20 |    | PUNCHESTOWN  |
| 8  |    | DUNDALK       | 21 |    | ROSCOMMON    |
| 9  |    | FAIRYHOUSE    | 22 |    | SLIGO        |
| 10 |    | GALWAY        | 23 |    | THURLES      |
| 11 |    | GOWRAN PARK   | 24 |    | TIPPERARY    |
| 12 |    | KILBEGGAN     | 25 |    | TRAMORE      |
| 13 |  | KILLARNEY     | 26 |  | WEXFORD      |

## 778 LICENSED TRAINERS



## 9,530 REGISTERED BREEDERS



# FIXTURES 2009

## ➔ JANUARY

1	Thu	Fairyhouse
1	Thu	Tramore
3	Sat	Cork
4	Sun	Naas
8	Thu	Thurles
10	Sat	Punchestown
11	Sun	Leopardstown
15	Thu	Thurles
17	Sat	Naas
18	Sun	Cork
18	Sun	Fairyhouse
22	Thu	Gowran Park
24	Sat	Navan
25	Sun	Leopardstown
25	Sun	Limerick
29	Thu	Thurles
31	Sat	Fairyhouse

## ➔ FEBRUARY

1	Sun	Limerick
1	Sun	Punchestown
4	Wed	Down Royal
5	Thu	Clonmel
7	Sat	Naas
8	Sun	Leopardstown
11	Wed	Fairyhouse
12	Thu	Thurles
14	Sat	Gowran Park
15	Sun	Navan
18	Wed	Punchestown
19	Thu	Clonmel
21	Sat	Fairyhouse
22	Sun	Naas
25	Wed	Downpatrick
26	Thu	Thurles
27	Fri	Dundalk (e)
28	Sat	Navan

## ➔ MARCH

1	Sun	Clonmel
1	Sun	Leopardstown
4	Wed	Fairyhouse
7	Sat	Gowran Park
8	Sun	Naas
14	Sat	Limerick
15	Sun	Limerick
15	Sun	Navan
17	Tue	Down Royal
17	Tue	Wexford
19	Thu	Clonmel
20	Fri	Dundalk (e)
21	Sat	Gowran Park
22	Sun	Cork
22	Sun	Curragh
26	Thu	Thurles
27	Fri	Dundalk (e)
28	Sat	Navan
29	Sun	Downpatrick
29	Sun	Leopardstown

## ➔ APRIL

1	Wed	Gowran Park (e)
3	Fri	Dundalk (e)
5	Sun	Curragh
5	Sun	Limerick
6	Mon	Limerick (e)
9	Thu	Tipperary (e)
11	Sat	Dundalk
11	<b>SAT</b>	<b>CORK</b>
12	<b>SUN</b>	<b>CORK</b>
12	<b>SUN</b>	<b>FAIRYHOUSE</b>
13	<b>MON</b>	<b>CORK</b>
13	<b>MON</b>	<b>FAIRYHOUSE</b>
14	<b>TUE</b>	<b>FAIRYHOUSE</b>
15	Wed	Fairyhouse
17	Fri	Dundalk (e)
18	Sat	Naas
19	Sun	Leopardstown
19	Sun	Tramore
20	Mon	Tramore (e)
21	Tue	Limerick (e)
22	Wed	Ballinrobe (e)
23	Thu	Tipperary (e)
24	Fri	Cork (e)
24	Fri	Dundalk (e)
25	Sat	Kilbeggan (e)
26	Sun	Gowran Park
26	Sun	Navan
28	<b>TUE</b>	<b>PUNCHESTOWN</b>
29	<b>WED</b>	<b>PUNCHESTOWN</b>
30	<b>THU</b>	<b>PUNCHESTOWN</b>

## ➔ MAY

1	<b>FRI</b>	<b>PUNCHESTOWN</b>
2	<b>SAT</b>	<b>PUNCHESTOWN</b>
3	Sun	Gowran Park
3	Sun	Sligo
4	Mon	Curragh
4	Mon	Down Royal
4	Mon	Limerick
7	Thu	Clonmel (e)
8	Fri	Downpatrick (e)
8	Fri	Wexford (e)
9	Sat	Dundalk
10	Sun	Leopardstown
10	<b>SUN</b>	<b>KILLARNEY</b>
11	<b>MON</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
12	<b>TUE</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
13	Wed	Naas (e)
14	Thu	Gowran Park (e)
15	Fri	Cork (e)
15	Fri	Dundalk (e)
16	Sat	Kilbeggan (e)
17	Sun	Limerick
17	Sun	Navan
18	Mon	Roscommon (e)
19	Tue	Punchestown (e)
20	Wed	Sligo (e)
21	Thu	Clonmel (e)
22	Fri	Tipperary (e)

22	Fri	Wexford (e)
23	<b>SAT</b>	<b>CURRAGH</b>
24	<b>SUN</b>	<b>CURRAGH</b>
24	Sun	Ballinrobe
25	Mon	Ballinrobe (e)
27	Wed	Punchestown (e)
28	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
29	Fri	Down Royal (e)
29	Fri	Tramore (e)
30	Sat	Tramore
30	<b>SAT</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
31	<b>SUN</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
31	Sun	Kilbeggan

## ➔ JUNE

1	<b>MON</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
1	Mon	Naas
3	Wed	Fairyhouse (e)
4	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
4	Thu	Tipperary (e)
5	Fri	Cork (e)
5	Fri	Navan (e)
6	Sat	Curragh (e)
7	Sun	Wexford
7	Sun	Roscommon
8	Mon	Roscommon (e)
10	Wed	Fairyhouse (e)
11	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
12	Fri	Clonmel (e)
12	Fri	Navan (e)
13	Sat	Limerick (e)
14	Sun	Cork
14	Sun	Downpatrick
15	Mon	Ballinrobe (e)
17	Wed	Fairyhouse (e)
18	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
18	Thu	Tipperary (e)
19	Fri	Limerick (e)
19	Fri	Down Royal (e)
20	Sat	Down Royal
21	Sun	Down Royal
21	Sun	Gowran Park
22	Mon	Kilbeggan (e)
23	Tue	Sligo (e)
24	Wed	Naas (e)
25	Thu	Tipperary (e)
26	<b>FRI</b>	<b>CURRAGH (E)</b>
27	<b>SAT</b>	<b>CURRAGH</b>
28	<b>SUN</b>	<b>CURRAGH</b>

## ➔ JULY

1	Wed	Fairyhouse (e)
2	<b>THU</b>	<b>BELLEWSTOWN (E)</b>
3	<b>FRI</b>	<b>BELLEWSTOWN (E)</b>
3	Fri	Wexford (e)
4	<b>SAT</b>	<b>BELLEWSTOWN (E)</b>
5	Sun	Limerick
5	Sun	Sligo
6	Mon	Roscommon (e)
7	Tue	Roscommon (e)



8	Wed	Naas (e)
9	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
10	Fri	Cork (e)
10	Fri	Gowran Park (e)
11	Sat	Curragh
12	Sun	Curragh
12	Sun	Dundalk
13	<b>MON</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
14	Tue	Downpatrick
14	<b>TUE</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
15	<b>WED</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
16	Thu	Killarney
16	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
17	Fri	Kilbeggan (e)
18	Sat	Tipperary
19	Sun	Tipperary
19	Sun	Fairyhouse
20	Mon	Ballinrobe (e)
21	Tue	Ballinrobe (e)
22	Wed	Naas (e)
23	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
23	Thu	Limerick (e)
24	Fri	Wexford (e)
26	Sun	Curragh
27	<b>MON</b>	<b>GALWAY (E)</b>
28	<b>TUE</b>	<b>GALWAY (E)</b>
29	<b>WED</b>	<b>GALWAY</b>
30	<b>THU</b>	<b>GALWAY</b>
31	<b>FRI</b>	<b>GALWAY (E)</b>

## ➔ AUGUST

1	<b>SAT</b>	<b>GALWAY</b>
2	<b>SUN</b>	<b>GALWAY</b>
2	Sun	Cork
3	Mon	Cork
3	Mon	Naas
4	Tue	Roscommon (e)
5	Wed	Gowran Park (e)
5	Wed	Sligo (e)
6	Thu	Sligo (e)
6	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
7	Fri	Wexford (e)
8	Sat	Kilbeggan (e)
9	Sun	Downpatrick
9	Sun	Tipperary
10	Mon	Ballinrobe (e)
12	Wed	Gowran Park (e)
13	Thu	Leopardstown (e)
13	<b>THU</b>	<b>TRAMORE (E)</b>
14	<b>FRI</b>	<b>TRAMORE (E)</b>
15	Sat	Dundalk
15	<b>SAT</b>	<b>TRAMORE (E)</b>
16	<b>SUN</b>	<b>TRAMORE</b>
16	Sun	Curragh
17	Mon	Roscommon (e)
18	<b>TUE</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
19	<b>WED</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
20	<b>THU</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
21	<b>FRI</b>	<b>KILLARNEY (E)</b>
21	Fri	Kilbeggan (e)
22	Sat	Cork
22	Sat	Fairyhouse
23	Sun	Ballinrobe
23	Sun	Cork
25	Tue	Sligo (e)
26	Wed	Bellewstown (e)
27	Thu	Bellewstown (e)

27	Thu	Tipperary (e)
28	Fri	Down Royal (e)
28	Fri	Wexford (e)
29	<b>SAT</b>	<b>GALWAY (E)</b>
30	<b>SUN</b>	<b>GALWAY</b>
30	Sun	Curragh
31	Mon	Downpatrick
31	<b>MON</b>	<b>GALWAY (E)</b>

## ➔ SEPTEMBER

1	<b>TUE</b>	<b>GALWAY (E)</b>
1	Tue	Laytown
3	Thu	Clonmel (e)
4	Fri	Kilbeggan (e)
5	Sat	Leopardstown
6	Sun	Dundalk
7	Mon	Roscommon (e)
10	Thu	Tipperary (e)
11	Fri	Down Royal (e)
12	Sat	Curragh
13	Sun	Curragh
13	<b>SUN</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
14	<b>MON</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
15	<b>TUE</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
16	<b>WED</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
17	<b>THU</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
18	<b>FRI</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
19	<b>SAT</b>	<b>LISTOWEL</b>
21	Mon	Ballinrobe
23	Wed	Downpatrick
25	Fri	Dundalk (e)
26	Sat	Gowran Park
26	Sat	Navan
27	Sun	Clonmel
27	Sun	Curragh
28	Mon	Roscommon
30	Wed	Sligo

## ➔ OCTOBER

1	Thu	Sligo
2	Fri	Dundalk (e)
2	Fri	Gowran Park
3	Sat	Gowran Park
4	Sun	Dundalk
4	Sun	Tipperary
6	Tue	Tipperary
7	Wed	Navan
8	Thu	Tramore
9	Fri	Dundalk (e)
10	Sat	Fairyhouse
11	Sun	Limerick
11	Sun	Curragh
12	Mon	Curragh
14	Wed	Punchestown
15	Thu	Punchestown
16	Fri	Dundalk (e)
17	Sat	Downpatrick
17	Sat	Cork
18	Sun	Cork
18	Sun	Naas
21	Wed	Navan
22	Thu	Thurles
23	Fri	Dundalk (e)
24	Sat	Wexford
25	Sun	Wexford
25	Sun	Galway
26	Mon	Galway

26	Mon	Leopardstown
27	Tue	Punchestown
28	Wed	Punchestown
29	Thu	Clonmel
30	Fri	Dundalk (e)
31	Sat	Naas

## ➔ NOVEMBER

1	Sun	Cork
1	Sun	Leopardstown
4	Wed	Fairyhouse
5	Thu	Thurles
6	<b>FRI</b>	<b>DOWN ROYAL</b>
7	<b>SAT</b>	<b>DOWN ROYAL</b>
7	Sat	Dundalk (e)
8	Sun	Navan
8	Sun	Limerick
9	Mon	Limerick
11	Wed	Dundalk (e)
12	Thu	Clonmel
13	Fri	Dundalk (e)
14	<b>SAT</b>	<b>PUNCHESTOWN</b>
15	<b>SUN</b>	<b>PUNCHESTOWN</b>
15	Sun	Cork
18	Wed	Dundalk (e)
19	Thu	Thurles
20	Fri	Dundalk (e)
21	Sat	Gowran Park
22	Sun	Navan
25	Wed	Naas
25	Wed	Dundalk (e)
26	Thu	Thurles
27	Fri	Dundalk (e)
28	Sat	Wexford
28	<b>SAT</b>	<b>FAIRYHOUSE</b>
29	<b>SUN</b>	<b>FAIRYHOUSE</b>

## ➔ DECEMBER

2	Wed	Fairyhouse
5	Sat	Navan
6	Sun	Clonmel
6	Sun	Punchestown
11	Fri	Gowran Park
12	Sat	Fairyhouse
13	Sun	Cork
13	Sun	Navan
18	Fri	Downpatrick
19	Sat	Navan
20	Sun	Thurles
26	Sat	Down Royal
26	Sat	Limerick
26	<b>SAT</b>	<b>LEOPARDSTOWN</b>
27	<b>SUN</b>	<b>LEOPARDSTOWN</b>
27	<b>SUN</b>	<b>LIMERICK</b>
28	<b>MON</b>	<b>LIMERICK</b>
28	<b>MON</b>	<b>LEOPARDSTOWN</b>
29	<b>TUE</b>	<b>LEOPARDSTOWN</b>
29	<b>TUE</b>	<b>LIMERICK</b>
31	Thu	Punchestown
31	Thu	Tramore

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# MAJOR NH RACES 2009

04.01	Naas	Goffs Slaney Nov Hdle Grade 2
11.01	Leopardstown	Leopardstown Chase Grade A Pierce Hcap Hdle Grade B
15.01	Thurles	McLochlainn Road Markings Kinloch Brae Chase Grade 2
17.01	Naas	Woodlands Nov Chase Grade 2
18.01	Fairyhouse	Normans Grove Chase Grade 2
22.01	Gowran Park	Ellen Construction Thyestes Hcap Chase Grade A Galmoy Hdle Grade 2
25.01	Leopardstown	Toshiba Champion Hdle Grade 1 Nov Chase Grade 1
01.02	Punchestown	Tied Cottage Chase Grade 2
08.02	Leopardstown	Deloitte Nov Hdle Grade 1 Dr P J Moriarty Nov Chase Grade 1 Hennessy Gold Cup Grade 1
14.02	Gowran Park	Red Mills Chase Grade 2 Red Mills Trial Hdle Grade 2
15.02	Navan	Kevin McManus Flyingbolt Nov Chase Grade 2 Keatings Oil Ten Up Chase Grade 2 Ladbroke.com Boyne Hdle Grade 2
21.02	Fairyhouse	At The Races Bobbyjo Chase Grade 2
22.02	Naas	paddypower.com Johnstown Nov Hdle Grade 2 paddypowerpoker.com Newlands Chase Grade 2
05.04	Limerick	Hugh McMahon Mem Nov Chase Grade 2
12.04	Fairyhouse	Powers Gold Cup Nov Chase Grade 1
13.04	Fairyhouse	Powers Whiskey Irish Grand National (Hcap Chase) Grade A
14.04	Fairyhouse	Tattersalls Ireland Dan Moore Mem Hcap Chase Grade A
28.04	Punchestown	Kerrygold Champion Chase Grade 1 Boylesports.com Nov Chase Grade 1 Evening Herald Nov Hdle Grade 1



29.04	Punchestown	Punchestown Guinness Gold Cup Grade 1 Paddy Power Champion Bumper Grade 1
30.04	Punchestown	Ladbroke.com World Series Hdle Grade 1 Cathal Ryan Memorial Nov Chase Grade 1
01.05	Punchestown	Rabobank Champ Hdle Grade 1 Land Rover Champion Novice Hdle Grade 1 Betfair.com Nov Hcap Chase Grade A
02.05	Punchestown	Ballymore Champion 4yo Hdle Grade 1 Avenue at Whitewater Hcap Hdle Grade B
10.05	Killarney	Murphys Hcap Hdle Grade B
19.07	Tipperary	Kevin McManus Bookmaker Grimes Hdle Grade 3
29.07	Galway	William Hill Galway Plate (Hcap Chase) Grade A
30.07	Galway	Guinness Galway Hdle (Hcap) Grade A
20.08	Killarney	Denny Hcap Chase Grade C
16.09	Listowel	Guinness Kerry National (Hcap Chase) Grade B
17.09	Listowel	Guinness Hcap Hdle Grade C
28.09	Roscommon	EBF Kilbegnet Nov Chase Grade 3
03.10	Gowran Park	Gowran Park Champion Chase Grade 2
04.10	Tipperary	Tipperary Hdle Grade 2
11.10	Limerick	Ladbroke.com Munster National (Hcap Chase) Grade A
07.11	Down Royal	James Nicholson Chase Grade 1
08.11	Navan	Fortria Chase Grade 2
12.11	Clonmel	Clonmel Oil Chase Grade 2
15.11	Punchestown	Morgiana Hdle Grade 1
22.11	Navan	William Hill Troytown Chase (Grade B)
29.11	Fairyhouse	Drinmore Nov Chase Grade 1 Hattons Grace Hdle Grade 1 Royal Bond Nov Hdle Grade 1
06.12	Punchestown	John Durkan Mem Chase Grade 1
13.12	Cork	paddypower.com Hilly Way Chase Grade 2
13.12	Navan	Barry & Sandra Kelly Mem Nov Hdle Grade 1
26.12	Leopardstown	Durkan New Homes Nov Chase Grade 1
26.12	Limerick	Greenmount Park Nov Chase Grade 2
27.12	Leopardstown	Paddy Power Dial A Bet Chase Grade 1 Paddy Power Hcap Chase Grade B
28.12	Leopardstown	Lexus Chase Grade 1
28.12	Limerick	Dorans Pride Nov Hdle Grade 3
29.12	Leopardstown	December Hdle Grade 1

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# MAJOR FLAT RACES 2009

<b>10.05</b>	Leopardstown	Derrinstown Stud 1000 Gns Trial Group 3	<b>28.06</b>	Curragh	Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Group 1
		Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial Group 2	<b>12.07</b>	Curragh	Darley Irish Oaks Group 1
<b>23.05</b>	Curragh	Boylesports Irish 2000 Guineas Stakes Group 1	<b>26.07</b>	Curragh	Phoenix Stakes Group 1
<b>24.05</b>	Curragh	Boylesports Irish 1000 Guineas Stakes Group 1	<b>30.08</b>	Curragh	Moyglare Stud Stakes Group 1
		Tattersalls Gold Cup Group 1	<b>05.09</b>	Leopardstown	Tattersalls Millions Irish Champion Stakes Group 1
<b>01.06</b>	Naas	Swordlestown Stud Sprint Stakes Group 3			Coolmore Matron Stakes Group 1
<b>14.06</b>	Cork	Kerry Group Noblesse Stakes Group 3	<b>12.09</b>	Curragh	The Irish Field St Leger Group 1
			<b>13.09</b>	Curragh	National Stakes Group 1
<b>27.06</b>	Curragh	Audi Pretty Polly Stakes Group 1	<b>26.09</b>	Gowran Park	Cordell Lavarack Stakes Group 3
			<b>27.09</b>	Curragh	Goffs Millions Sales Race





**H**orse Racing Ireland hosted the annual Irish Horse Racing Awards in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin on 8th December. These awards are designed to honour the human and equine talent which has made racing one of the country's most popular sports and delivered great success in the international arena.

This was the sixth year of the awards which are voted on by the Irish Racing Media to recognise excellence in the sport of horse racing. Among the 170 guests were faces from the world of racing and media including Ruby Walsh, Jim Bolger, Aidan O'Brien, Noel Meade, Willie Mullins, JP McManus, Barry Geraghty, Paddy Mullins, Eamon Dunphy, Hector O'hEochagáin, Frances Crowley, etc.

The awards were presented by **Martin Cullen TD, Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism** who said: "It is a great pleasure for me to be here today to meet the nominees and winners of the 2008 awards. For a small country, Ireland holds a pre-eminent position in the thoroughbred racing and breeding world and 2008 has been another season of remarkable

success for Irish racing, with Irish trainers and jockeys excelling at all levels."

**Brian Kavanagh, Chief Executive of Horse Racing Ireland said:** - "Despite the current economic downturn, 2008 was a very successful year for Irish racing. Our Flat horses dominated throughout Europe and with the National Hunt season getting into full swing, we have much to look forward to in 2009".

- 2008 was a remarkable season for Irish Flat racing, with Irish horses winning 29 of the 44 Group 1 races in Britain and Ireland.
- Ruby Walsh was crowned Champion National Hunt Jockey with 131 wins.
- Irish trainers and jockeys continued to excel at all levels, with Aidan O'Brien becoming champion trainer in both Britain and Ireland for the 2nd consecutive year and also recording 23 Group 1 wins worldwide.
- Seven of the last ten winners of the Epsom Derby have been bred in Ireland.
- In seven of the last nine years, the flat jockeys' title in Britain has been won by an Irishman.
- At the 2008 Cheltenham Festival, nine of the ten Grade 1 winners were bred in Ireland.

**The list of Winners & Nominees for the 2008 Awards are as follows:-**

**HORSE OF THE YEAR – NEW APPROACH**  
Duke of Marmalade, Henrythenavigator, Yeats, Lush Lashes, New Approach & Halfway to Heaven

**NATIONAL HUNT – RUBY WALSH**  
Willie Mullins, Ruby Walsh, Davy Russell, John Queally, Barry Geraghty

**FLAT – AIDAN O'BRIEN**  
Jim Bolger, Kevin Manning, Johnny Murtagh, Aidan O'Brien, Seamus Heffernan

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT – PATRICK MULLINS**  
Ger Lyons, Patrick Mullins, Paddy Flood, David Wachman, Henry De Bromhead

**POINT-TO-POINT – JT MCNAMARA**  
Derek O'Connor, Clare McMahon, JT McNamara, Eugene O'Sullivan

**CONTRIBUTION TO THE INDUSTRY – DAVE FOX – Jockeys Valet for 50 years**  
Previous winners:- Galway Race Committee, Con Collins, Kevin Prendergast & Tony Sweeney



1. HRI Award Winners – John Ferguson (Horse of the Year – New Approach), Patrick Mullins, Dave Fox, Aidan O'Brien, JT McNamara & Ruby Walsh. 2. The Mullins Family, Maureen & Paddy pictured with Grandson Patrick who won Outstanding Achievement Award and his parents Jackie & Willie from Bagnelstown Co.Carlow. 3. 5 time NH Award Winner Ruby Walsh with his wife Gillian. 4. Ross O'Callaghan & Aidan O'Brien hanging with Hector Ó'hEochagáin. 5. Paula McGann & Seamus Heffernan (Derby Winning Jockey). 6. Point to Point Award Winner JT McNamara pictured with Richard Pugh, Minister Martin Cullen and Brian Kavanagh HRI CEO. 7. Tammy O'Brien, Elaine Lawlor & Diane Nagle. 8. Aidan O'Brien wins Flat Award (his 1st time), pictured with Ian McClean, Minister Martin Cullen and HRI CEO Brian Kavanagh. 9. Evan Arkwright, Matthew Imi & Paddy Walsh. 10. Dave & Phyllis Fox. 11. Kevin & Una Manning with Lynne & Ger Lyons. 12. Jump-Jockeys Paddy Flood, Barry Geraghty & Andrew Leigh.

# CELEBRATION OF IRISH RACING

**H**orse Racing Ireland and the Irish Field celebrated 'Classic Racing Moments at the Curragh' over the years on Goffs Millions Day (Sunday 28th September). There were 5 nominees for each of the 5 awards which were run as a public vote over 6 weeks in the Irish Field. HRI Chairman Denis Brosnan & Curragh Chairman John McStay made the presentations to the winners. Leo Powell, Editor of the Irish Field was the master of ceremonies, each winner received a specially engraved frame and silver coaster. The overall winning classic moment was Saddlers Wells and it was everybody's pleasure that the great Dr. MV O'Brien was there to receive the award, which was a silver engraved ice bucket from Matty Ryan Jewelers.

## **WINNING IRISH DERBY MOMENT - ST JOVITE - 1992**

St Jovite was sent to Ireland by Mrs Virginia Kraft Payson to Jim Bolger. He won his first three starts at 2 and was amongst the best of his age. However he took time to recover that juvenile excellence and ultimately it would be three Summer clashes with Dr Devious that would hallmark his second season career. St Jovite was best suited by fast ground and when he got those conditions in the Budwiser Irish Derby and there was a dramatic turn around in form. In command entering the straight St Jovite stretched away in Christy Roche's hands to win by a dozen lengths earning the highest Timeform of any Derby winner of 135.

**Nominees: Museum, Windsor Slipper, Nijinsky, St. Jovite and Sinndar.**

## **WINNING CLASSIC TRAINER MOMENT - FRANCES CROWLEY – SAOIRE - 1000 GUINEAS (2005)**

Frances Crowley was twice champion Irish amateur. In moving from the family place in Piltown to a Curragh yard, Frances put down a marker. All she needed now were some decent horses with which to

prove herself in what is still a man's world – training racehorses. Frances had long shown that jumpers held no secrets and witnessed top level success with such as Moscow Express and Sackville. On the flat she had taken the historic Madrids with Goldman, but realistic classic contenders – another matter entirely. Galwegian Joe Joyce bought a filly to race and then to breed - Saoire. He sent her to Frances Crowley, for whom she showed enough to warrant her place in the 2005 Irish 1000 Guineas. When Pat Smullen (Frances husband and 4-time Champion Flat jockey) was claimed for Utterly Heaven, Frances turned to Michael Kinane and Saoire won in a close finish to put Frances in the Irish turf history books, becoming the first woman ever to be credited with training an Irish classic in her own name.

**Nominees: Toby Wellesley, Willie Robinson, Seamus McGrath, Dermot Weld and Frances Crowley.**

## **WINNING CLASSIC JOCKEY MOMENT - MICHAEL KINANE – GALILEO – DERBY (2001)**

Thirteen times overall Irish champion, eleven times Irish Flat champion, world renowned Michael J. Kinane had won just about every major prize, except the one he coveted most – the Irish Derby. MJ might have already won all the other Irish classics, the Epsom Derby on Commander In Chief (1993), the Indian Derby (twice), the Italian Derby (twice) and the Hong Kong Derby (thrice), but the Irish Derby continued to elude his grasp. Now, at long last, Aidan O'Brien must surely have provided the key – Galileo. MJ had already acclaimed Galileo: "The best Derby horse I've ever ridden, the best three-year-old at that distance." Galileo duly repaid that compliment, cruising home four lengths clear of Italian Derby winner Morshdi. When that 2001 season drew to its close, Aidan O'Brien had set a record of 23 Group-Grade 1 victories, 17 of those ridden by MJ Kinane.

**Nominees: Morny Wing, Tommy Burns, Joe Canty, Lester Piggot and Michael Kinane.**

## **WINNING CLASSIC FILLY MOMENT - 1985 – TRIPTYCH**

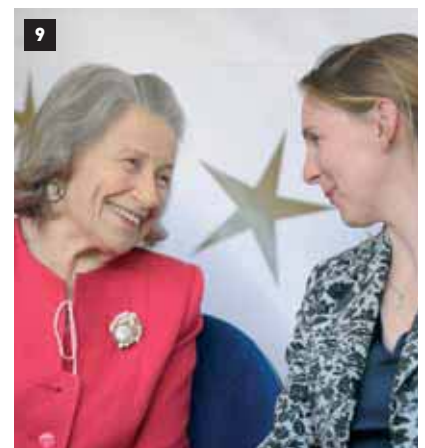
Since the Irish 2000 Guineas was instituted in 1921 only a handful of fillies had been asked to take on the colts, none successfully. Consequently, eyebrows were raised when David O'Brien declared the first Irish classic as Triptych's objective; however, she was prominent throughout under Christy Roche and found plenty to hold Celestial Bounty at bay by 2 lengths. In addition to re-writing Irish classic history, Triptych confirmed that her young trainer's time as his father's pupil had not been spent in vain, as, indeed, his triple Derby strikes with Assert and Secreto had already served notice. Transferred to France, Triptych raced on for a further two seasons, amassing 14 wins and over £1.5m in six countries.

**Nominees: Dahlia, Princess Pati, Triptych, Salsabil & Vintage Tipple**

## **WINNING CLASSIC COLT & GELDING MOMENT - 1984 - SADLERS WELLS**

Those who attended The Curragh 2000 Guineas Meeting in 1984 saw a thoroughbred who would go on to overturn a two hundred year long stud record. Jockey George McGrath made virtually all the running, the colt displayed an unusually high head carriage as was his wont, yet battling with courage to win by a neck from French challenger Procida with Secreto half a length away 3rd. By the end of a tough nine race season in which he had proved himself from a mile to a mile and four furlongs winning three times at Group1 level. While it was clear that he was a serious stallion prospect and it was remarkable that Sadler's Wells would attain his first championship in 1990 and then went on to top the list for a history making fourteen times.

**Nominees: Giolla Mear, Ballymore, Touching Wood, Sadlers Wells & Vintage Crop**



1. Denis Brosnan – Chairman of HRI presenting Saddlers Wells prize to Dr MV O'Brien. 2. St. Jovite Presentation - Jim Bolger, Curragh Chairman John McStay and Michael Bowe. 3. The crowd enjoying the Celebration of Irish Racing. 4. Jim Bolger congratulating Dr MV O'Brien. 5. Michael Kinane and George McGrath. 6. Overall Classic Moment at the Curragh winner Dr MV O'Brien for Sadlers Wells being presented by Curragh Chairman John McStay & HRI Chairman Denis Brosnan. 7. Master of Ceremonies Leo Powell, Editor of the Irish Field. 8. Dr MV O'Brien with son Charles. 9. Jacqueline O'Brien with Frances Crowley. 10. Some members of the O'Brien Family – Andrew, Jacqueline, Dr MV, Katie and Charles. 11. Frances Crowley with members of her family following her Classic Trainer Moment Award presentation with parents Joe & Sarah, daughter Hannah and sister Monica

# NATIONAL HUNT LEGENDS



**H**orse Racing Ireland and Punchestown racecourse celebrated the Living National Hunt Legends at the Opening Ceremony of the 2008 Irish NH Festival.

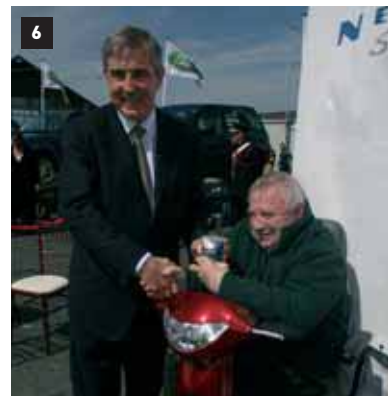
Denis Brosnan – Chairman of HRI along with David Mongey and Charles O'Reilly from Punchestown presented the 17 NH Jockeys and 14 NH Trainers who have given us so much pleasure over the years with a silver clock from Newbridge Silverware especially engraved with 'Living National Hunt Legend' and thanked them for the memories and the rich history and legacy they have left in Irish National Hunt Racing. Brendan McArdle and Sascha Geraghty MC'd the event which was watched by hundreds of appreciative racegoers.

## 17 LEGENDARY NH JOCKEYS

Frank Berry  
T. P. Burns  
J P Byrne  
Paul Carberry  
Tommy Carberry  
Tommy Carmody  
Barry Geraghty  
Ben Hannon  
Martin Moloney  
Tom Morgan  
Tony Mullins  
Tony Redmond  
Willie Robinson  
Francis Shortt  
Charlie Swan  
Toss Taaffe  
Ruby Walsh

## 14 CHAMPION NH TRAINERS

Jim Dreaper  
Clem Magnier  
Noel Meade  
Arthur Moore  
Paddy Mullins  
Willie Mullins  
Aidan O'Brien  
Anne Marie O'Brien  
Michael O'Brien  
Phonsie O'Brien  
Vincent O'Brien  
Edward O'Grady  
Mick O'Toole  
Dermot Weld



1. The living National Hunt legends.
2. Brendan McArdle & Sascha Geraghty MC the Legends event.
3. Tom Morgan, Frank Berry & Tommy Carmody.
4. Phonsie O'Brien, Tamsó Doyle, Charles O'Brien, Julie Magnier & Jim Dreaper.
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