

## *The 2009 Sales Year at Cavan Horse Marketing Centre*

The 2009 sales year at Cavan Equestrian Centre proved even amid a very tough trading time, that hard work, perseverance and a strong co-operation between vendor and purchaser that there is still plenty of movement in the marketplace.

The backbone of auctions at Cavan Horse Marketing Centre are the International Performance Sales and are held annually in February, April, June, August, October and November will add a new date in January to their 2010 calendar. Whether it is at the start of the year in preparation for the coming season, mid year searching for an Elite animal or at the end of year and trying to reduce stock fantastic opportunities were to be had for both vendors and purchasers.



Cruising colt from the family of Dorado - full brother to Badgerhill Cruise and half brother to Gowran Park both of whom have won numerous IHB classes and placed in the RDS and have competed at the world breeding championships at Lanaken achieved €11,800

While not to be outdone ponies decided to make sure they left their mark with

- **DONNACHA BAN** a 148 grey gelding finding a new home in Sweden for €5,000
- **CHARLIES PRIDE** a 148 grey gelding moving to England for €4,600
- **BUNGOWLA CURRAGHY TIM** a 148 grey gelding stayed in Ireland for €4,500

The Elite 3 year old sale saw fantastic prices being realized most notably a Cruising Colt for €12,250 which was purchased by Nina Barbour and is now in training with Oliver Townend - 3 Day eventer who has now become a visible face at Cavan's older and younger stock sales.



This Master Imp bay filly out of a Morgan Gold mare achieved €11,800

This sale in August had some of the top highlights of the year with 6 horses achieving over €7,000. The Elite 3 Year Old sale is about to enter its seventh year and has now become 'the' place to find a budding showjumper or eventer. Graduates of this sale have now become the norm to qualify for the RDS. The August sale will include an Elite 3 year old sale with qualifying rounds prior to the sale culminating in the final the evening prior to the sale.

The Young Stock Sport Horse Sales kicked off in February and witnessed a Cruising mare being sold for €10,000. Autumn also had its turn with a new Elite Foal section in the October sale which proved to be a fantastic success

The top foal, a bay colt by Ustinov, commanded €7,000



The average price of the Elite Foals was €4,310

The National Registered Irish Draught sales took their usual slots in early October and the end of November and achieved their now familiar success proof positive the esteem in which this breed is held. Some tremendous prices were attained over these sales



Mountain Diamond filly foal achieved €5,100



### **KILLALOE PONDI**

A grey filly foal by Dexter Leam Pondi realised €5,000 for her owner. Other notables were achieved throughout all the Connemara sales and some of these highlights were Caherview Bidy a 4 year old dun mare at €6,800 and Queen de Theillet a 5 year old dun mare achieving €5,000.

Cavan is proceeding with its plan of doing it's utmost in offering plenty of variety to both vendor and buyer while at the same time not compromising on quality and professionalism. The 2010 sales year starts in January with a one day international performance sale on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> while February sees a Young Stock Sport Horse Sale on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, the National registered Irish Draught on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> followed by the Connemara's on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>. To confirm dates, request entry forms or request catalogues please contact the centre at 00 353 49 4332017, email [info@cavanequestrian.com](mailto:info@cavanequestrian.com) or visit [www.cavanequestrian.com](http://www.cavanequestrian.com).