



## **Irish Shorthorn Society Ltd. Newsletter:**

**September 2024**

Dear Members,

We hope you have had a lovely summer, despite the changeable weather. It has been a busy show season for many of you and we have enjoyed seeing so many quality animals in the showing this year. It has been great to see high numbers out on display all summer and the breed going on to win interbreed championships which has been a wonderful achievement for us all. A special mention to Kevin Murphy, Néifinn Herd with his heifer Ricketstown Heathermaid Sue who won the €1000 Interbreed Pedigree Suckler Type Heifer at Claremorris, while Adrian Flatley, Glannview Herd, took 2nd place with his heifer Glannview Mayflower. This is a wonderful achievement for the breed. Kevin's homebred heifer Néifinn Tiara also won Interbreed Pedigree Heifer Champion at Mohill Show.

Glannview Mayflower also dominated the ring at Crossmolina Show as she was tapped out as Overall Interbreed Champion.

Conor Murphy has had a super season with his heifer Ricketstown Flossy Sky. This heifer has claimed 2 Reserve Champion Interbreed titles at both Tullow Show and Iverk Show.

It is wonderful to see the Beef Shorthorn breed hold their own in interbreed classes. Well done to you all for your hard work and commitment. It was also great to see so many new faces in the show ring this summer and we welcome you all to the Shorthorn world.



**Irish Shorthorn**



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### **Office Phone Hours:**

Monday - Friday:  
10am - 3:00pm

### **For Urgent Queries**

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## **Housekeeping Update:**

We are delighted to welcome Ciara Kelleghan Flynn to the team as our new office assistant. Ciara has been a super addition to the society already and has been a wonderful help for Shauna. We are sure you will make her feel very welcome.

We would like to remind members that the society office can be contacted between the hours of **10am and 3pm, Monday - Friday**. You can also send queries via text or email. If you cannot get through, please leave a message and your call will be returned by Shauna or Ciara as soon as possible.

For **URGENT** queries only, please contact Society President, Amelda Middleton Leonard on 085-7109847 **before 7:30pm**.

## **Registrations:**

Please note: Pedigree registrations **must** be carried out via our society website ([www.irishshorthorn.com](http://www.irishshorthorn.com)) **online animal register** or **by paper form**. Forms can be found under '*publications*' on the society website and downloaded. **This has been instructed and checked by the Department of Agriculture Food and Marine.**

Forms can also be posted out to breeders if required. **Over the phone registrations are not permitted.**

### **Online Registrations:**

Step 1: Go to [www.irishshorthornsociety.com](http://www.irishshorthornsociety.com)

Step 2: Go to "How to Register" on the society website

Step 3: Click "Online Animal Register"

Step 4: Choose "ROI or NI animal registration"

Step 5: Complete the form presented

Step 6: Click "Submit answers"

Step 7: Wait for Shauna to make contact re payment once registrations are complete.

If you have any URGENT registrations, please phone/text/email the office.

Please submit paperwork even if you are waiting on DNA/genotyping results to avoid LATE registration penalty fees. Please do not wait until club/society sales to submit registrations.

The new late registration fees have actually decreased the monthly late fee from previous years. 2024 fees can be found on the society website.

### Dates for Your Diary 2024:

- **Ricketstown Farm Walk - Sunday 22nd September.** Hosted by The Kelly Family, Co. Carlow. **R93 V9P3.** Please let Martin know if you're attending. Text or phone: +353 87 982 1117
- **Southwestern Shorthorn Breeders Club Sale - Saturday 28th September.** Macroom Mart, Co. Cork P12 R285
- **Shannonside Shorthorn Breeders Club Sale - Saturday 5th October -** Ennis Mart, Co. Clare V95 APF2
- **Shorthorn Marketing Company Sale - Saturday 12th October.** Roscrea Mart. Co. Tipperary E53 F223
- **Moyside & Croghan Shorthorn Breeders Clubs Sale - Saturday 19th October -** Elphin Mart, Co. Roscommon F45 W672
- **Mount Leinter Shorthorn Breeders Club Sale - Monday 28th October,** Blessington Mart, Co. Wicklow W91 Y667
- **Irish Shorthorn Society Premier Show & Sale - Saturday 9th November.** The Showground, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Roscommon N41 YX82

### Moyside Shorthorn Breeders Club - Celebrating 20 years:

Congratulations to Moyside Shorthorn Breeder's Club on reaching their 20th anniversary and still being an active club. We hope you all enjoy the celebrations to mark this brilliant achievement by the members of the club. Well done to you all.

### Breed Journal 2024:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 20th Anniversary Beef Journal. It is available for viewing on the society website under 'publications'. A special thank you to members and businesses who took out ads to support the production of this journal. We hope you all enjoy reading it and looking back on the photographs. If you have not yet received one, you can contact your local council representative. We will also have copies available at upcoming sales. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send us lovely feedback, it is very much appreciated.

## **Tibial Hemimilia - TH:**

TH testing is optional for breeders, if you do not wish to test and there is no record of a test on both the **Dam** and **Sire** bloodlines, you can still receive your pedigree cert with “*TH STATUS NOT VERIFIED*” stamped on it.

To test animals for the TH genetic defect, follow these steps:

**1. Collect Hair Samples:** Get a hair sample from each animal.

**2. Prepare the Samples:** Place each sample in a separate zip-lock bag (freezer bag). Include a piece of paper in each bag with the following details: Animal TAG Number, Herd Number. Your Name, Address, Phone Number, TH Test Required for This Animal

**Results Preference:** Specify that results should be sent to both the breeder and directly to the society if you wish.

**3. Packaging and Posting:** Once the samples are prepared, send them to the following address: **TH Testing, Weatherbys Scientific, Unit F1 – M7 Business Park, Newhall, Naas, Co. Kildare.**

**4. Contact Information:** If you need any assistance or have questions about the TH testing process, you can contact Weatherbys on **+353 (0)45 875521**.

**5. Payment:** Weatherbys will reach out to you directly to arrange payment for the testing

## **Annual Heifer Draw:**

This year we have a super prize up for grabs. For as little as €10, you could win a beautiful SHX roan heifer bred by James Muldowney, Co. Laois. This halter trained heifer is out of a Blonde cow and is sired by Shorthorn bull Gavan Summit SH4564. Draw will take place on: 9th November 2024 at the Premier Sale in Carrick-on-Shannon. Tickets are €10 each or 3 for €20.

Tickets will be available via the society website or from your local council representative. Professional photos will be available online shortly.

**1st Prize:** SHX Raffle Heifer or €1500.

**2nd Prize:** Hotel Voucher worth €250.

**3rd Prize:** 1 Year Free Membership for Irish Shorthorn Society. To be used in 2025.

**4th Prize:** Irish Shorthorn Society Merchandise



## **Premier Sale 2024:**

We are excited to announce that the 20th Anniversary Premier Sale will take place on Saturday 9th of November. This year we have moved the premier sale to a **new location**.

**Show & Sale Address:** The Showgrounds, Boyle Road, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Roscommon. Eircode: N41 YX82

All animals will be independently pre-inspected, TH Free by testing, and export tested. Please note: If pedigree certificates need to be updated with TH status', the old certificate must be returned to the office first.

As part of our celebrations, we are offering a special early bird discount this year.

***Early Bird Offer:*** €20. Offer Ends Wednesday 9th October.

***Entry Fee After 9th October:*** €30. Closing Date: Wednesday 16th October.

Please download an entry form from the website which can be found under '*publications*' and '*downloadable forms*'. Alternatively, you can request one from Shauna on (086) 0461442.

## **20th Anniversary Celebrations:**

On Friday 8th of November, there will be a social night dinner to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Irish Shorthorn Society Ltd. The dinner will take place in The Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, N41 H5P1. We welcome everyone to join us to celebrate on the night.

Guests will be sitting at 8PM sharp, we will be gathering from 7:30PM. Tickets cost €35 each. Please phone/text Amelda (085) 7109847 or Áine (087) 2668334 to book tickets. Members can also use the booking form on the society website. **Booking is essential by Friday 25th Oct. Please book early to avoid disappointment.**

## **Breed-a-Roan 2.0:**

If you know of anyone still waiting on semen from Breed-a-Roan 2.0., please contact Adrian Flatley (087) 2130427 or James Muldowney (087) 9221676 and they will be able to assist.

## All-Ireland Class Results 2024:



### **Mullingar Show - 14th July**

*All-Ireland Senior (2 year old) Heifer Champion 2024*

- 1st: Ricketstown Flossy Sky - Conor Murphy, Co. Carlow
- 2nd: Glannview Mayflower - Adrian Flatley Co. Mayo
- 3rd: Glannview Zoey - Adrian Flatley Co. Mayo

### **Tullamore National Livestock Show - 11th August**

*All-Ireland Cow Champion 2024*

- 1st: Portshan Blueway - Noel & Lisa Dowd, Co. Galway
- 2nd: Ricketstown Monique VG85 - Martin Kelly, Co. Carlow
- 3rd: Balgay Heathermaid - Martin Kelly, Co. Carlow

*All-Ireland Senior Bull Champion 2024*

- 1st: Ricketstown Popeye - Martin Kelly, Co. Carlow
- 2nd: Rowanberry Phantastic - Kevin Murphy, Co. Mayo

### **Mohill Show - 18th August**

*All-Ireland Junior Bull Champion 2024*

- 1st: Gortnadrass Keystone - James & Peter Gormely, Co. Sligo
- 2nd: Lismacool Hamwood 407 - Pdraig Flanagan, Co. Roscommon

### **Limerick Show - 25th August**

*All-Ireland Senior Yearling Heifer Champion 2024*

- 1st: Ballylaffin Rene - Adrian Flatley, Co. Mayo
- 2nd: Bushypark Róisín 3rd - Johnny Keane, Co. Clare
- 3rd: Creaga Violet - Dylan Gallagher, Co. Mayo

*All-Ireland Junior Yearling Heifer Champion 2024*

- 1st: Glann Rosey - Adrian Flatley, Co. Mayo

### **Strokestown Show - 14th September**

*All-Ireland Senior Heifer Calf Champion (01.09.23 - 31.12.23)*

- 1st: Ballycarra Jessie J - Jamie Reape, Co. Sligo
- 2nd: Néifinn Tiara - Kevin Murphy, Co. Mayo
- 3rd: Glann Anna - Adrian Flatley, Co. Mayo

*All-Ireland Intermediate Heifer Calf Champion (01.01.24 - 31.03.24)*

- 1st: Cloghvoley Sophie - Frank Harrington Farming Ltd. Co. Mayo
- 2nd: Ballinlig Rosie - Amelda Middleton Leonard & Family, Co. Westmeath
- 3rd: Bethlehem Morning Star - Tom Fox, Co. Westmeath

*All-Ireland Junior Heifer Calf Champion (01.04.2024 onwards)*

1st Portshan Cindy - Frank Whitney, Co. Leitrim

2nd Farahill Pixie - Alan Hill, Co. Monaghan

3rd Ballinlig Martha Mae - Middleton Leonard Family, Co. Westmeath

*All-Ireland Senior Bull Calf Champion (01.09.2023 - 31.12.2023)*

1st: Creaga Viper - Noel & Lisa Dowd, Co. Galway

2nd: Maugherow Tyson - Seán Walsh, Co. Sligo

3rd: Glannview River Jack - Adrian Flatley, Co. Mayo

*All-Ireland Intermediate Bull Calf Champion (01.01.2024 - 31.03.2024)*

1st: Dekeana Gunslinger - Henry & Sam Dudley, Co. Tipperary

2nd: Moygara Goldmine - McKeon Family, Co. Sligo

3rd: Ballinlig Bertie - Amelda Middleton Leonard & Family, Co. Westmeath

*All-Ireland Junior Bull Calf Champion (01.04.2024 onwards)*

1st: Glannview Breeze - Adrian Flatley, Co. Mayo

2nd: Creevolan Adrian - McDermott Family, Co. Roscommon

3rd: Ballinlig Spark - Amelda Middleton Leonard & Family, Co. Westmeath

**Dairy Shorthorns at Tullamore:**

*FBD National Livestock Show Dairy Shorthorn Championship*

Champion: Ballytain Belle - James Lambe, Co. Monaghan

Reserve Champion: Ballytrain Primrose 49th - James Lambe, Co. Monaghan

**Dairy Shorthorns at Limerick:**

Champion: Kilrisk Fanny 7th - Kenny Smyth, Co. Dublin

Reserve Champion: Drummond Berry Sabina - Peter Redmond, Co. Laois

**2025 Shorthorn Calendar:**

We are delighted to announce that we have designed a 2025 wall calendar (pictured below), which will be available to members from end of September.



Calendars can be purchased from the society office or from council members for a fee of €12. These will make a lovely gift for Shorthorn enthusiasts, we hope you enjoy them!

## **Youth Development Programme - Final:**

The Irish Shorthorn Society YDP All-Ireland Final took place in Elphin Show on Saturday 31st August. It was wonderful to see so many young show people attend after taking part in the ISS online tutorials during the summer. The results are as follows:

### **All-Ireland Junior Handler**

1st Seán O'Hare, Co. Leitrim  
2nd Aaron McDermott, Co. Roscommon  
3rd Oran Corley, Co. Mayo

### **All-Ireland Senior Handler**

1st Jenson Lindsay, Co. Fermanagh  
2nd Martin McKeon, Co. Sligo  
3rd Zoe Salter, Co. Cork

Well done to the remaining participants; Rachel Dockery, Co. Offaly, Abaigeal Travers, Co. Roscommon, Ross Salter, Co. Cork, Jason Dockery, Co. Offaly, Adam Lally, Co. Mayo, Raymond Dockery, Co. Offaly, Sally Towey, Co. Roscommon, Faith Hill, Co. Monaghan, Lucy Gallagher, Co. Mayo, and Katie Flanagan, Co. Roscommon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have been part of this very special event. Thank you to the YDP sub-committee who put in many hours of work to make this programme a success.

Thank you to breeders who supplied animals for showing, those who made long journeys to qualifying shows and to the final, to Elphin Show for hosting the All-Ireland final, to the stewards who assisted on the day to keep everyone safe, and to our judge Maeve Mullooly. A special mention to Denise Sweeney Barber (Swarber Photography) for her work behind the scenes in the lead up to this show and for always capturing many special moments. Thank you to the families of our participants for spending time watching tutorials and supporting these budding show girls and boys. Thank you to Zurich Insurance who have been our main YDP sponsors, we are grateful for your continued support.

Finally, thank you to the special young people who took part in our 2024 programme. You should be incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication. The future is certainly bright for these talented children. Well done to you all. Photos can be found on the Irish Shorthorn Society website.