

Racing News

# Honeysuckle crowned Horse of the Year for second year in a row

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Honeysuckle may have lost her unbeaten record on Sunday but some consolation for connections came 24 hours later when she was crowned Horse of the Year for a second time.

The Henry De Bromhead-trained star became the first back-to-back winner of the prize when the 20th Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) annual awards were announced at a ceremony in Dublin last night.

The hugely popular mare, who lost for the first time on her 17th career start when third to Teahupoo in Sunday's Hatton's Grace Hurdle, is the first dual winner since Hurricane Fly in 2011 and 2013.

At last night's ceremony, owner JP McManus received a contribution to the industry award while Derby-inning jockey Kevin Manning, who retired in October, got a racing hero prize in recognition of a 40-year career in the saddle.

Missed out

Henry De Bromhead, whose late son Jack was remembered at the awards, received the National Hunt award after Honeysuckle and A Plus Tard landed the Champion Hurdle and the Gold Cup at the Cheltenham Festival in March.

Bill Lee, who missed out to Colin Keane after a sustained duel for the jockey's title, landed the flat award while Wayne Lordan secured the prize for ride of the year after his memorable last to first Irish Cesarewitch success on Waterville.

It was the first time in three years the awards could be held in person and HRI's chairman, Nicky Hartery, said: "While congratulating all the winners, a special mention goes to JP McManus who has given so much to the racing game and to Kevin Manning who recently retired after a terrific 40-year career."

"Jack De Bromhead was among those who were remembered this evening. He is very much in our thoughts, and I send my very best wishes to his sisters, Mia and Georgia, to his parents Heather and Henry, and to his extended family and friends."

HRI AWARD WINNERS

Contribution to the industry: JP McManus  
Irish Racing Hero: Kevin Manning  
Horse of the Year: Honeysuckle  
Emerging Talent: Sam Ewing  
National Hunt achievement: John Shanon  
Point-to-Point: Liz Lalor  
Flat achievement: Dylan Browne McMonagle  
Ride of the Year: Wayne Lordan



# Fingers crossed that cold snap won't disrupt racing



## Punchestown planning to put down covers ahead of Sunday's John Durkan Chase

Fingers are being kept crossed that this week's cold snap won't disrupt racing, although Punchestown officials concede there are some concerns ahead of Sunday's featured Grade One John Durkan Chase.

The €85,000 highlight could see the Cheltenham Gold Cup favourite Galopin Des Champs make his eagerly anticipated first start of the season.

However, with overnight frosts of as low as -4 forecast for later in the week, and daytime temperatures not expected to rise far above freezing in some places, the situation is being closely monitored at a number of tracks.

No problems are anticipated at Tramore today while Dundalk hosts all-weather fixtures tomorrow and Friday. In between, though, is a Clonmel programme, while Navan on Saturday is followed by high-profile Sunday cards at Punchestown and Cork.

"Clonmel has a wintry forecast at the moment and is being monitored although there's nothing of any major concern at present," an Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB) spokesman said yesterday. "We will have to see how the next couple of days pan out."

Cork's weekend date is scheduled to see the return to action of the two-mile champion Energemene in the €100,000 Bar One Hilly Way Chase.

Provision Moves are already being made at Punchestown to plan for the worst of any cold weather, including provision to apply covers on parts of the course.

"The best way to deal with a threatened frost is to race on ground that hasn't been poached," said Punchestown's racing manager Richie Galway yesterday.

"Obviously it is to get cold in the middle of the week. Hopefully the temperatures will rise by Sunday, but it is a slight concern at this stage."

"To ensure we have every chance, we are laying out our track on fresh ground, both hurdles and chase, which always maximises your chances of racing in frosty conditions," he added.

Freezing weather has interfered with the Durkan in the past. In 2008, frost meant the race was delayed by 48 hours

with the Paul Nicholls-trained Noland emerging victorious on a Tuesday.

In 2010, a couple of feet of snow saw the Durkan transferred to a re-jigged Fairyhouse 'Winter Festival' programme. Edward O'Grady's Tranquil Sea emerged on top on that occasion.

No dramatic problems on such a scale are expected this time and officials at the Co Kildare track hope temperatures work in their favour this time.

"The problem can be a combination of frost overnight, temperatures not rising, and then cumulative frosts."

'Trouble' "It looks to me like there are a few nights of frost ahead of us. But the best way of dealing with it is racing on ground that hasn't been poached. That's when you really run into trouble. Hopefully it is to improve slightly at the weekend, but we will be taking all measures anyway."

"On certain parts of the track, where we have concerns, we will put down covers; on crossing points, adjacent to fences, landing and take-off, any area where there's a bit of sand that we're a little bit concerned about, we will," Galway said.

The weather outlook could also have a bearing on cross-channel weekend action which sees Willie Mullins leave open the option of running top-weighted Haut En Couleurs in the AIS December Gold Cup at

Cheltenham Gold Cup favourite Galopin Des Champs could run in Sunday's €85,000 John Durkan Chase at Punchestown.

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Cheltenham on Saturday. Norman Lee's Sole Pretender is also a possible Irish runner in that.

Mullins, who has won the Durkan six times in the last seven years, has form when it comes to using Tramore for some of his stable stars, most famously the dual-Gold Cup hero Al Boum Photo.

Today he maintains that link as he gives the Champion Hurdle outsider Gaelic Warrior a first start in Ireland.

Sole start

The Rich Ricci-owned horse boasted a massive reputation going into Cheltenham in March where he had his sole start for Mullins to date.

Having started a warm favourite for the Grade Three juvenile contest, he didn't help his chance by running free and continually jumping to his right.

Ultimately, he was edged out by Brazil who has landed a Grade Three already this season.

Gordon Elliott's run of form can continue at Tramore with the former course winner Arctic Ambition who can take advantage of a favourable looking rating in a handicap hurdle.

# Different Strokes

Philip Reid



## Mair turns from golf books to fiction

Veteran writer Lewine Mair (inset) - who is author of a number of golf books, including The Real Monty, a biography of Colin Montgomerie and Carefree Golf, an autobiography with Laura Davies - has departed into the world of fiction.

Her first novel Tapping Feet is loosely based on the period her husband Norma, a former Scottish rugby international and also an award-winning sports journalist, was suffering from dementia.

"I have loved the challenge of writing more of a novel. I kept a diary while Norma was in the care home because I found it vaguely therapeutic during what was a tough time for the

family. My hope is that many of those who have friends or family members affected by Alzheimer's or dementia, or both, will draw comfort from reading of the condition's brighter moments as well as its sadder side," said Lewine, who has nominated Head for Change, an international charity pioneering positive change for brain health in sport, as the recipients of a percentage of the book's sales.

Mair became the first woman to be president of the Association of Golf Writers in the body's 84-year history when elected to the position last year and was the first woman chairman when holding the position in 2007-2010.



## Word of mouth

"I told him, 'Don't copy my swing, copy Rory's. Have you ever seen Rory off balance on a shot? No'"

- Tiger Woods's advice to his son Charlie. Woods and McIlroy team-up together to face off against Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas in the latest edition of The Match, a special 12-hole event which takes place on Saturday.



## By the numbers

9/28

In a ballot to elect new members to Portmarnock Golf Club, nine of the 28 elected were women, representing almost 33 percent of the new admissions. In all, there were 40 candidates - 30 men and 10 women - for membership with 19 men and nine women elected through the ballot system. The north county Dublin club voted to end its all-male membership rule last year and now has 37 women members across all categories, from girls' to full members.

## Tired Lowry signs of with tidy payday

As paydays go for finishing 18th of the 20 players assembled for the Hero World Challenge, Shane Lowry's take of \$102,000 wasn't exactly to be sneezed at as he finished off his year's work in the Bahamas where Viktor Hovland successfully defended his title in the tournament hosted by Tiger Woods.

"I'm worn out and that's me done 'til Abu Dhabi next year," Lowry told Irish Golfer magazine of a tournament where his haul of 17 birdies, eight bogeys,

four double-bogeys and two triple-bogeys pretty much summed up how his body was craving for a rest.

Lowry, who dropped from 20th to 21st in the updated world rankings, is home for Christmas and a break that stretches over the festive period before resurfacing in the Middle East in January where he has the Hero Cup, the Abu Dhabi Championship and the Dubai Desert Classic as a string of tournaments to kickstart the year.



## On this day... December 6th, 1992

David Frost of South Africa captured what was the biggest prize in golf - \$1 million - when he beat the limited-field of players in the Million Dollar Challenge at Sun City, his third career success in a tournament that was like a personal ATM in dispensing money.

His task had been made somewhat easier by the disqualification of both Nick Price and Nick Faldo in the third round - Price for refusing to sign his card

after incurring a two-stroke penalty when his caddie moved an advertising hoarding in the play of a hole, Faldo for including an incorrect score on his card - with Frost finishing with a final round 69 for a winning total of 12-under-par 276, four shots clear of runner-up John Cook.

"I just didn't play any bad shots out there," said Frost in a tournament which had started out with 10 players but finished with just eight.



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#### AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ) NA RIALACHÁIN UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2001 (ARNA LEASÚ) - CUID 8

Iarratasóir: Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, An Rannóg Comhshaoil agus Iompair, Oifigí na Cathrach, An Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, D08 RF3F

Láthair: Sráid an Diúic, Sráid Anna Theas, Lána an Diúic Íochtarach, Lána an Diúic Uachtarach, Sráid Lemon, Lána Anna, Baile Átha Cliath 2

Togra: De bhun cheanglais an mhéid thuas, tugtar fógra leis seo go mbeartaítear oibreacha feabhsúcháin sa ríocht phoiblí a dhéanamh ar Shráid an Diúic, Sráid Anna Theas, Sráid Lemon, Lána an Diúic Uachtarach, Lána an Diúic Íochtarach agus Lána Anna, Baile Átha Cliath 2.

I measc na dtograí tá dromchlaí asfalt agus coinceítear an bhóthair atá i láthair a bhaint agus carrbhealaí nua eibhir agus asfalt a chur ina n-ionad. Tá na cosáin phábháilte agus asfalt atá ann i láthair le baint agus tá pábháil nua eibhir le cur ina n-ionad agus na colbhaí agus an phábháil stairiúil a gcoimeád. Beidh oibreacha tírdreachtaithe i gceist leis na moltaí freisin, lena n-áirítear crainn nua agus plandú íseal-leibhéil, chomh maith le suíocháin phoiblí nua, gné solsiú agus suiteálacha súgartha.

Tá roinnt de agus cuid de na sráideanna a bheidh faoi réir na n-oibreacha agus na foirgnimh ina n-áice suite i 'Limistéar Caomhantais Ailtreacht Cheathrú Mhiondiola na Cathrach Theas', 'Limistéar Caomhantais Ailtreacht Shráid Grafton agus a Purláin' agus 'an Scéim um Rialú Pleanála Speisialta do Shráid Grafton agus a Purláin'. Tá na h-oibreacha a bheartaítear taobh le Struchtúir faoi Chosaint ar Shráid an Diúic agus ar Shráid Anna Theas.

Is féidir pleananna agus sonraí na forbartha a bheartaítear a inlúchadh nó a cheannach ar tháille nach mó ná an costas réasúnta a bheadh ar chóip a dhéanamh ar feadh tréimhse 4 seachtaine ón 6 Nollaig 2022 i rith uaireanta oscailte poiblí ag Oifigí Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, An Cuntar Polbhlí, An Rannóg Pleanála agus Forbartha Réadmhaoine, Bloc 4, Urráir na Talún, Oifigí na Cathrach, An Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, ó Luan go hAoine Idir 9.00am agus 4.30pm. Tá na pleananna agus na sonraí ar fáil le hamharc orthu ar líne ar Citizen Space <https://consultation.dublincity.ie>

Bhain an tÚdarás Áitiúil an tátal as, tar éis réamscrúdú a dhéanamh nach bhfuil aon dóchúlacht mhór ann go n-imroideigh an forbairt a bheartaítear tionchair shuntasacha ar an timpeallacht agus níl Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta ag teastáil dá bharr.

Is féidir aighneacht nó breathnóireacht maidir leis an bhforbairt a bheartaítear, a bhaineann le pleanáil agus forbairt inbhuanaithe cheart a cheantair ina mbeadh an forbairt a bheartaítear suite, a dhéanamh, i scríbhinn, leis An Bainisteoir Feidhmíocháin, An Rannóg Pleanála agus Forbartha Réadmhaoine, Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, Oifigí na Cathrach, An Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, roimh 4.30pm an 25 Eanáir 2023.

Is féidir aighneacht nó breathnóireacht a dhéanamh ar líne freisin ar Citizen Space, <https://consultation.dublincity.ie> roimh 23.59 uair an 25 Eanáir 2023.

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - PART 8

Applicant: Dublin City Council, Environment & Transportation Department, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, D08 RF3F

Location: Duke Street, Anne Street South, Duke Lane Lower, Duke Lane Upper, Lemon Street, Anne's Lane, Dublin 2

Proposal: Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of proposed public realm improvement works at Duke Street, Anne Street South, Lemon Street, Duke Lane Upper, Duke Lane Lower and Anne's Lane, Dublin 2.

Proposals include the removal and replacement of the existing asphalt and concrete road surfaces with new granite and asphalt carriageways. Existing paved and asphalt footpaths are to be removed and replaced with new granite paving while retaining areas of historic kerbs and paving. The proposals will also involve landscaping works, including new trees and low-level planting, as well as new public seating, feature lighting and play installations.

Some and part of the subject streets and the adjoining buildings are located in the 'South City Retail Quarter Architectural Conservation Area', 'The Grafton Street and Environs Architectural Conservation Area' and Scheme of Special Planning Control for Grafton Street and Environs. The proposed works are adjacent to Protected Structures on both Duke Street and Anne Street South.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy for a period of 4 weeks from 6th December 2022 during public opening hours at the offices of Dublin City Council, Public Counter, Planning and Property Development Department, Block 4, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, Monday - Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm. The plans and particulars are available to view online on Citizen Space <https://consultation.dublincity.ie>

The Local Authority has concluded following a preliminary examination that there is no real likelihood of the proposed development having significant effects on the environment and therefore an EIA is not required.

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made, in writing, to the Executive Manager, Planning and Property Development Department, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, before 4.30pm on 25th January 2023.

Submissions or observations may also be made online on Citizen Space <https://consultation.dublincity.ie> before 23.59hrs on 25th January 2023.



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