Beacons of Bealtaine, Seamus Heaney

here are some that say the Phoenix Park in Dublin is not named for the mythical bird of renewal but for an accident of phonetic regeneration from the Gaelic words fionn uisce, meaning clear water. That convergence of language inspired Heaney’s message of renewal and regeneration. What better message for us to carry in these complex times.

New for 2020 at the Irish National Stud, our own Phoenix created his own Beacon in Bealtaine, scorching to glory to win the first 2,000 Guineas at the renewed Curragh, on a glorious May day. Phoenix of Spain wore to skull a high-class Group winning 2YO and a Classic winning 3YO. Named for his sire Lope de Vega, (the Phoenix of Spain), he carries those potent genes of his father and grandfather, the great Shamardal.

Those same babbling clear mineral waters of the Phoenix Park are replicated at our own Tully springs to create the bedrock for horses raised at the Irish National Stud each year. The recent past is littered with the names of the great ones raised here - Sea The Stars, Hurricane Fly, Cable Bay and Ribchester to name a few. Our people have a proven track record of nurturing the best talent out of our land.

Invincible Spirit continues to amaze, achieving his own 2,000 Guineas success this year, through his son Magna Grecia. He soars beyond boundaries, not only landing his first British Classic, but taking aim at the American frontier, through the exploits of Digital Age. His yearlings have once again sold out to the best homes in the world.

For Free Eagle an auspicious start came with stakes winner Justifier and stakes placed Auxilia from the Ger Lyons camp. Exciting Derby hope Khalifa Sat followed for Andrew Balding. Richard Hannon, Clive Cox and Mark Johnston have also trained exciting winners and all these trainers have come back to buy another for next year. Exciting signs too for Joseph O’Brien and Sun Stud’s stylish maiden winner, Thames River, the half-brother to Barney Roy and the 3.6 million guineas Tatts Sales topper this year.

Our first foals by the Champion 2YO National Defense are supreme athletes. He is the next son of our great flagbearer to enter the domain. Kingman, I am Invincible, Charm Spirit and Cable Bay have paved the way, with incredible looks and the most fantastic of pedigrees he has it all.

For the proven value seekers, Dragon Pulse continues to trade superbly with the stock who just keep winning and there is Elusive Pimpernel whose biggest years are still to come with exciting talents Cozy Saladin, Soviet Pimpernel and Elzo Park among the many now coming through the ranks.

Our regeneration theme is very much in keeping with the world we inhabit. Everywhere we turn we are hearing of the necessity to reduce, re-use, recycle and of course renew. Here at the INS we have taken measures to play our part. We look forward to new innovations too with our Racing Club, Mare Syndicate and Irish Racehorse Experience. Our world-famous stud course will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2021. We are here to promote and protect the racehorse, the natural environment and our own unique heritage.

Those principles of simplicity, utility and beauty from the Arts and Crafts movements of the late 19th century inspire us to renew our efforts to celebrate the many who cherish the horse, the land and the people who mind them.

“A Phoenix Flames Upon Fionn Uisce Here”

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Nurturing is in our nature

Generations of horse people at Tully have bestowed a prestigious legacy. Their understanding of the superior land here and how it perfectly complimented the growth and wellbeing of youngstock challenges us to meet the history of this extraordinary farm. Our team reflects these virtues, treating each of our 250 foals born here annually as the next Champion, just like the great SEA THE STARS, who was raised and grazed here.

Our exceptional facility has evolved over the decades to create the perfect environment to allow youngstock to flourish and exceed in the sales ring like our 2019 Goffs Orby €460,000 INVINCIBLE SPIRIT x AIMHIRGIN LASS colt, and to excel on the track like Blacktype 2YO fillies CHICAS AMIGAS and ARCHERS DREAM.

Constantly investing in the facility while being respectful and mindful of the farm’s history, we have increased our environmental awareness and have employed a robust biosecurity policy through IDE’s Alan Creighton to protect the herd.

With a proven track record across our services, from foaling to consignment and boarding visiting mares for our clients, we appreciate that a strong line of communication creates peace of mind while your mare is away from home. We will cater our communications to best suit you. Mating advice is available from the team that breed Stakes horses and sale toppers annually, delivered in a personable manner. So, come see the farm, make a plan and we’ll make it happen.

Godolphin secure our homebred Invincible Spirit colt ex Aimhirgin Lass for €460,000 at Goffs Orby Sale

INS Stud Management students are involved in every aspect of daily life at the stud

Just a few of the famous names, raised and grazed here

“I foal all my mares with the INS team. They run an efficient show and there are staff everywhere so nothing is missed.”

Rory Mahon, Mountain View Stud
We want people to experience, learn and enjoy all that breeding and racing has to offer. Through our Mare Syndicates and I.N.S. Racing we offer the opportunity to experience the first hand. Our six racehorses have brought us to all corners of the country, from point-to-point racing in Boulta, Co. Cork, Guineas day at The Curragh to racing on the all-weather track in Dundalk. Highlights in 2019 saw homebred Lethal Promise confirm her two-year-old promise when winning a Listed race at Cork for Willie McCreery giving all members a huge thrill. Our breeding syndicates were also rewarded at Goffs November foal sales selling foals they bred for €170,000 and €95,000. Racing is exciting and rewarding but takes patience and resource. Since its inception, over 350 members have joined I.N.S. Racing and have enjoyed unique experiences on some of the biggest days. The club was developed to help grow the sport in Ireland and facilitate sports fans to get much closer to the action by experiencing first-hand the excitement of racehorse ownership. Ownership is not just about the race day, we want to provide access and with visits in 2019 to the yards of Dermot Weld, John Oxx, Ross O’Sullivan, Jessica Harrington and Joe Murphy we provide this in abundance. We want members to feel part of the club and with tours of the Curragh Gallops, foal conformation workshops and seminars it really is an adventure like no other. We offer I.N.S. Racing as the way to share all of the thrills of the ownership experience and all the benefits that go with it without the usual costs involved at just €399. We would love to have you help us cheer on the next bunch of horses and join us for the exciting industry trips and events planned for 2020! Join us for an adventure like no other.

- Exciting days out
- Exclusive yard visits to see your horses
- News/Photos/Video updates
- Member benefits
- Share of Prize Money
- State of the art app

Contact the team on +353 (85) 129 9236 or insracing@irishnationalstud.ie

I.N.S. Racing members presenting the prize for the I.N.S. Racing Blue Wind Stakes at Naas Racecourse

For those who have dreamed of owning, breeding and selling at the highest level we are launching a New Mare Syndicate.

Invent in High Quality Bloodstock

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reland. For so long the spiritual home of the horse. Our nation’s affinity with this majestic animal is legendary and over the last century Irish horsemen and women have ensured the country has become synonymous with breeding, training and riding feats of great magnitude. Many industry leaders are past graduates of our own thoroughbred breeding management course, which is approaching its 50th anniversary.

Inspired by our rich history of producing world class thoroughbreds it is our mission to showcase this indigenous industry to all our visitors from across the globe.

In 2020 we reveal a brand new Irish Racehorse Experience which will take further the discovery of the journey of a racehorse – from conception through to retirement. Visitors will be able to dwell and interact with our digital exhibition created in partnership with renowned industry experts. Running alongside the real thing – our own Living Legends – this is an exciting development and builds upon our current commitment to education and learning.

Our aim is that each individual may gain a greater knowledge of our coveted industry, hopefully sparking an interest that will live on in them forever. For those that show a desire, our Racing Club will be there to help them take the first steps into ownership or our stud management course is available to forge a career in racing.

“Telling our story

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This is a very different project for the Irish National Stud. It complements the core business well, and I have no doubt that it will add an exciting element to any visitor’s experience.”
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**TRIPLE GR.1 WINNER**

£1,326,618 in Prize Money, 8 Wins and 5 Places Inc.

1st QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes, Leopardstown GR.1, beating Churchill GR.1, The Grey Gatsby GR.1, Zhukova GR.1

1st Tattersalls Gold Cup, Curragh GR.1, beating Deauville GR.1, Johannes Vermeer GR.1

1st Epsom Derby Atletico World, Haydock GR.1, beating Olympic GR.1, Tulworth GR.3

**EXCEPTIONAL DAMLINE**

1st Dam PEARLING (USA) Own sister to YOU’RESOTHRILLING (USA), etc

2nd Dam MARIAH’S STORM (USA), multiple GR.2 winner, dam of eight winners including -

GIANT’S CAUSEWAY (USA), Champion sire YOU’RESOTHRILLING (USA), GR.2 winner, dam of winners

GLORIFUL (USA), Champion 2YO colt, Champion 2YO winner, four Gr.1 wins, sire

HAPPY RIDES, four Gr.1 wins

HABILITATION (IRE) GR.1 winner

**Decorated Knight** wins the GR.1 Qipco Irish Champion Stakes

**Galileo – Pearling (Storm Cat)**

Fee £9,000 (1st Oct terms)
Best breed crop will be 2YOs in 2020 handled by the sharpest operators who keep coming back to the source: Edward Lynam, David Evans (x2) Oliver St Lawrence (x2), Richard O’Brien (x2) Middleham Park Racing, Eve Johnson-Houghton, Noel Meade, Mags O’Toole, Brian Meehan, John Quinn, Michael Dods, Tom McCourt, Joe Murphy, BBA Ireland (x2), Sam Sangster, Bobby O’Ryan, Richard Fahey

2019 yearlings have sold for 62,000gns, €50,000, £45,000, £42,000... 45% winners to runners

He was a smasher, great action and temperament, he’s gone to a good home in Brian Meehan. ””

Paul McCartan
ELUSIVE PIMPERNEL

EXCEPTIONAL PRICE, EXTRAORDINARY POTENTIAL

- Extraordinary Value. Consistently outperforming his fee of €3,000
- Grade 2 winner and Champion Hurdle contender Coeur Sublime
- Biggest crops on their way

Cara Fantasy

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Heros Honor

Northern Dancer
Ivy Wond
Fairy Bridge

Guy Fantasy
Tiny

Echo Park and Elusive Belle

Soviet Pimpernel, another smart prospect, trained by Peter Fahey

Trainers Nicky Henderson and Jessica Harrington of Cheltenham-bound mares

‘Having trained Coeur Sublime, Elusive Belle and now Soviet Pimpernel, I couldn’t speak more highly of their sire Elusive Pimpernel. He’s got an exciting future if he’s producing horses of this calibre!’

Peter Fahey

Elusive Quality – Cara Fantasy (Sadler’s Wells)
Fee €3,000 (In advance of covering)
Free Eagle has had a fantastic start at stud with his first runners in 2019 including 11 individual winners and two Black Type horses, JUSTIFIER and Auxilia.

Timeform rated 128 and a Gr.1 Royal Ascot winner

Frequent Flyers: Trainers coming back to the source, Ger Lyons, Clive Cox, Andrew Balding, Richard Hannon, Johnston Racing and DK Weld

2019 Yearlings sold for 125,000gns, €90,000, 70,000gns, etc.

Loved my two... early on I knew they were smart. Have already bought another and look forward to seeing Justifier and Auxilia at 3.

Ger Lyons

Polished Gem – High Chaparral

Fee: €12,500 (1st Oct terms)

Gr.1 Epsom Derby entry Khalifa Sat

Gr3p Justifier wins the LR Caravaggio Stakes

Auxilia LRp, breaks her maiden

Colts ex Set Fire sold for €150,000 at Goffs Orby

High Chaparral – Polished Gem (Danehill)
THE KING OF SPEED, STILL BREAKING NEW GROUND

- Magna Grecia wins the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket becoming his first British Classic winner
- Invincible Army winner of the Duke of York Stakes Gr.2.
- Digital Age, representing the USA landed the American Turf Stakes Gr.2 at Churchill Downs for Chad Brown and Klaravich Stables
- 2019 yearlings have sold for 600,000 gns, 500,000 gns, 450,000 gns, €460,000, €450,000...

2 yearlings sold at Book 1 for 600K and 500K, both purchased by Godolphin/Stroud Coleman
CHAMPION 2YO BY THE SIRE OF SIRES INVINCIBLE SPIRIT

• The only Gr.1 winning Champion 2YO by Invincible Spirit at stud in Ireland or England

• 2019 has been another hugely successful year for his Super Sire Invincible Spirit with his sons blazing a trail, Kingman, I am Invincible and First Season Sire sensation Cable Bay

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TOP QUALITY FOALS

Colt ex Kibara bred by Quarry Hall Stud, from the Family of Milan and Kahyasi

Filly Ex Propaganda bred by The Irish National Stud, Black Type Producer from the Family of Pearly Shells

Filly Ex Thames Pageant bred by Pier House Stud, from the Family of Golden Stream ex Fabricate

Colt ex Lisabella bred by Highpark Bloodstock Ltd. From the Family of Polished Gem and Free Eagle

My filly out of Thames Pageant is a belter, superb movement, lots of quality, and has real athleticism. The sire is a Champion 2YO by INVINCIBLE SPIRIT.

Ger Morrin, Pier House Stud

Invincible Spirit – Angel Falls (Kingmambo)
Fee €8,000 (1st Oct terms)
PhOeniX OF Spa iN GROUP WINNING 2YO, CLASSIC WINNING 3YO

SPEED

At 2
1st
- Acomb Stakes Gr.3 7 furlongs
  - beating Glosson Gr.1p
2nd
- Champagne Stakes Gr.2 7 furlongs
  - from Too Darn Hot Gr.1
2nd
- Vertem Futurity Trophy Gr.1 8 furlongs
  - from Magna Grecia Gr.1, beating Circus Maximus Gr.1

At 3
1st
- Irish 2000 Guineas Gr.1 1 mile
  - beating Too Darn Hot Gr.1, Magna Grecia Gr.1

SIRELINE

Phoenix of Spain is the highest rated and first Classic winning colt to retire to stud by the world’s emerging super sire Lope De Vega. Bred on the incredible Shamardal sire-line responsible for the 2019 Group 1 winning juveniles Victor Ludorum, Earthlight and Pinatubo as well as Champion sprinter Blue Point.

PHYSIQUE

- 78,000gns foal purchased by Kilminfoyle House Stud
- 220,000gns yearling purchased by Howson Houldsworth

RECORD

- Winner of the Irish 2000 Guineas by 3 lengths. In one of the quickest times recorded, faster than Kingman, Dubawi, Gleneagles and Rock Of Gibraltar

Phoenix of Spain showed such brilliance and acceleration as a 2YO with his length of stride, we were pretty confident going into his 3YO season that he would only but improve.

Charlie Hills

NEW FOR 2020

Lope De Vega – Lucky Clio (Key Of Luck)
Fee: €15,000 (1st Oct terms)
Matthew and I had an order from a lovely couple, Ann Plummer and Tony Wechsler, (old friends of mine) to buy a ‘good’ colt at Book 1 at the Tattersalls Yearling Sales in 2017. Early on in our round of inspections, we saw, and loved, the Lope De Vega colt which was being sold on the first day. Whist he was (and is) big, he was mature physically and mentally and looked to have the scope to prove to be a good two and three year old. Perhaps the aspect that struck me most (and still does) was his athletic walk. Ann Plummer, a good judge of a horse, loved him and we were thrilled to be able to buy him. The way he strode around the Paddock at The Curragh and then galloped home in the Irish 2,000 Guineas vindicated all our hopes - giving us all our most exciting day on the racecourse.

Geoffrey Howson,
Howson & Houldsworth Bloodstock

PHOENIX OF SPAIN
PHOENIX IGNITES LIFELONG PASSION FOR RACING

PHOENIX OF SPAIN (IRE): won 3 races at 2 and 3 years, 2019 and 2020 including Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas, Curragh, Gr.1 and Tattersalls Acropolis Stakes, York, Gr.3, placed 3 times including second in Verden FUTURITY Trophy Stakes, Epsom, Gr.3 and Huxford Champagne Stakes, Doncaster, Gr.2.

1st Dam
LUCRETIA (IRE), placed 3 times at 3 years; dam of seventeen winners from 7 runners and 6 foals of racing age including:

PHOENIX OF SPAIN (IRE) (2016 c. by Lope de Vega (IRE), see above) Central Square (IRE) (2012 g. by Azamour (IRE)), 4th in 3 races at 4 years and £53,022 and placed 8 times including third in Royal Whip Stakes, Curragh, Gr.3

Kingsavoir (IRE) (2016 g. by King’s Best (USA), Rated 101) won 2 races at 3 and 2 years and £28,146 and placed 6 times including third in Dee Stakes, Chester, Gr.3.

Lucky Reggae (IRE) (2018 c. by Verglas (IRE), Rated 107) won 7 races and £132,356 and placed 29 times including third in CSP European Free handicap, Newmarket, L. and coral.co.uk Rockingham Stakes, York, L. (2017 g. by Lope de Vega (IRE)). She also has a 2018 colt by Aidan (IRE) realised £40,000 Gosfords City Sale, 2019.

2nd Dam
SPECIAL LADY (FR), placed once at 2 years in France; dam of four winners from 9 runners and 10 foals of racing age including:

SPECIAL KALDOUN (IRE) (c. by Alzao (USA), Rated FR 117) won 9 races at 2 to 6 years in France and £320,431 including Prix du Cheval de Fer du Nord, Chantilly, Gr.3 (twice), Prix Edmond Messidor, Maisons-Laffitte, Gr.3, Prix Perith, Saint-Cloud, Gr.3 and Prix Quintin, Lucien Barres, Deauville, Gr.3, placed 10 times including second in Prix du Cheval de Fer du Nord, Chantilly, Gr.3 (twice), Prix Edmond Messidor, Maisons-Laffitte, Gr.3, third in Prix D’Oller Cézanne Barres de Montfort, Longchamp, Gr.2, 2nd in Poule de Meuse-Laffitte, Maisons-Laffitte, Gr.3, 3rd in Prix Hotel Royal Paris – P. Gontalt-Biron, Deauville, Gr.3, Prix Messidor, Deauville, Gr.3, 3rd in Prix Perith, Saint-Cloud, Gr.3 and Prix Quintin, Deauville, Gr.3, etc.

Privalova (IRE) (f. by Alhaarth (IRE)), Rated FR 100 won 1 race at 3 years in Canada and £45,378 and placed 4 times including third in Prix Youacif, Deauville, L., dam of winners.

Phoenix Of Spain winning the Irish 2,000 Guineas by 3 lengths, from Too Darn Hot, Skardu and Magna Grecia.

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A PEDIGREE TO MATCH THE PERFORMANCE
THE FACTS
• Son of Stakes winner philosophy
• Half brother to Elusive Pimpernel, family of Big Bad Bob
• Imposing and easy moving individual
• Won or placed in 5 of his 9 stakes races
• Won Strensall Stakes (Gr.3)
• Official rating 113
• First runners include multiple winner of over 30K, Palavicini Run

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‘He is a cracker of a foal. I’ve bought a few by Famous Name and I’m mad about them. I think he could be a serious stallion.’
Bryan Murphy, December 2018

THE FACTS
• Group-winning son of Giant’s Causeway
• Half brother to Blaine Peregrine, family of Big Bad Bob
• Impressive and easy moving individual
• Won or placed in 5 stakes races
• Won Stewards’ Cup (Gr.3)
• Official rating 119
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Planting for the future. Over the past year we have planted over 4000 species of native tree whips on the grounds. Native plant habitat is vital to preserving biodiversity. By creating native plant habitats each patch of land becomes part of a collective effort to sustain and nurture the living landscape for birds and other animals.

Wildlife Management. In conjunction with Wildlife Management Services Ireland we have implemented many actions to support the array of local wildlife on the grounds. We have been recording mammal activity by surveys and with the aid of wildlife monitoring cameras, we implemented a bird nest box scheme. Different types of nest boxes are required for different types of birds. These nest boxes are monitored and maintained by us. Monitoring them requires periodic checking in line with the Nest Box Scheme rules and maintenance involves checking and clearing after the nesting season.

Working with Nature. In spring 2019 the Irish National Stud and Gardens took delivery of their first beehives. They were placed on new hive stands in the Apiary constructed by our staff. Not only are bees critical to agriculture and growing food, accounting for as much as 30% of the world’s food production, they’re necessary for wild plants as well. It is estimated that as many as 90% of wild plants rely on pollinators like bees to survive and thrive, without bees many of these plants would just die off.

Connecting Children to Nature. One of the best ways to protect our natural environment is to educate the next generation on the importance of maintaining it. We bring local schools to the grounds to experience the many areas of biodiversity that INS has to offer. A wildlife trail is being set up on the grounds so visitors can experience this educational nature walk.

Planting for Pollinators. On the grounds we have implemented a Pollinator Planting Plan. To benefit the pollinators on the ground, we have increased the planting of plants that are high in pollen. Our native pollinators include bumblebees and other bees (250 species), butterflies and moths, flies, beetles and wasps. In all there are over 4,500 species of insect in Ireland that carry out the pollination of our native wild plants and our food crops.

Custodians of our Lands. As part of our grounds care team we aspire to be leaders in how we care and maintain our lands. As guardians of this land we have an opportunity to contribute to protecting the natural world. Our aim is to design, create and maintain world class gardens and showcase to the public that we strive to do this in a manner that nurtures wildlife, reduces air, soil and water pollution.

Thomas Moore, Garden Supervisor