

## **Irish Deer Society**



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### **August 2015, Newsletter**

#### **IDS July & August 2015:**

- Ballina Salmon Festival, County Mayo
- Tinahely Agricultural Show, County Wicklow.
- Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show, RDS, Dublin.
- Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show, RDS, Dublin - Raffle.
- Upcoming IDS events.



## Ballina Salmon Festival

To raise awareness for the work that Irish Deer Society do in ensuring the conservation of deer and their habitat we had a stand at the Ballina Salmon Festival in County Mayo. The IDS stand was not held and ran over the five (5) days of the festival but instead was focused on the Heritage Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> September.



The display was run and operated by IDS National Council member Jim Daly and IDS member James Fallon aided him. The two IDS members are based in Mayo and Roscommon and using their knowledge of the Connacht region were able to both raise local and national issues.

The stand was a huge success with a large interest in the both the stand and the continued work that the Irish Deer Society has completed since its establishment in 1968. The future and current plans of the Irish Deer Society were raised.

## Tinahely Agricultural Show

The Tinahely Agricultural Show is the largest of its kind in County Wicklow and offers the IDS an opportunity to meet members and potential new members that have an interest in wild deer. Wicklow as a county has a substantial deer population and one of the most suitable habitats for wild deer in Ireland with its sprawling hills and dense areas of forestry. The recent research completed under a section 23 involved the testing of 103 deer in the county has made the wild deer herds a very topical issue.



Picture above: Peter Windsor, George Gaffney, Ian Donlon and John Doyle.

The stand proved very successful in providing the following to all in attendance:

- Knowledge on the different deer and their habitats for the public.
  - Offering services relating to deer management information.
  - A confidential method for reporting poaching/lamping and suspicious activity that could potentially be illegal.
  - Gaining information on certain areas from local landowners and farmers.
  - Continuously building a repertoire with Wicklow landowners and farmers.
- This complemented our current work with IFA representatives and other national bodies in trying to implement correct long-term deer management.

- Wicklow Deer Management Partnership
- Manor Kilbride Deer Management Group
- Increasing our membership.

Shoulder mounts were provided by John Doyle, Ian Donlon, Aidan Byrne and Kevin O'Reilly.

In addition to the above mentioned members the IDS is very lucky to have so many very active members that provided the time and support for the Tinahely Agricultural Show and we would like to thank all that were involved in the show and preparation.



## Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show



Picture above: Aaron Nugent, Conor the Capall and John Manley (Chairman).

The Irish Deer Society were delighted to once again work with the Royal Dublin Society in raising awareness for the IDS and the work that we do in promoting and ensuring the conservation of deer and their habitat.



The stand was located in the hall that was focused on various forms heritage, nature and art. We were very well positioned and prepared for the large footfall and interest

in the society and wild deer. The stand was very busy throughout the five (5) days with interest been primarily in the different types of deer in Ireland, new membership, the IDS Deer management initiative to aid landowners and farmers alike and also the current and future projects to ensure the conservation of deer and their habitats.

The IDS stand was also featured on the RTE Countrywide show that was aired that week which also aided in raising some further national awareness for the society.

The five (5) days provided a huge boost to the work the IDS has been completing in the past but will undoubtedly benefit future projects through increased public awareness and the positive perception that our organisation has in the public and with the landowners/farmers throughout the country.

As the RDS horse show is an International show we were also able to meet, greet and educate many other nationalities. The IDS was able to make contact through these international visitors to similar organisation throughout the globe.



Picture above: Peter Windsor and Jason Mahood.

Shoulder mounts were provided by John Doyle, Ian Donlon, Aidan Byrne and Kevin O'Reilly.

In addition to the above mentioned members who were involved in providing the shoulder mounts the IDS is very lucky to have so many very active members that were in a position to put in the time and support for the five (5) days of the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show and the preparation in setting up and the dismantling of the stand.



Picture above: Barry Daly

### Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show Raffle

The IDS held a raffle over the course of the five (5) days at the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show. The raffle was for a single prize of a Genesis Sculpture by Irish Artist Tom Mackie.



Picture above: Winner – Hilary Lovejoy, Dublin.

The Irish Deer Society would once again like to congratulate the Hilary Lovejoy on winning the raffle. As you can see from the above picture it is an excellent prize and Hilary was delighted with the magnificent prize.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

\*More information and updates available via email, SMS, website and Facebook page. \*

National Council Meeting.

Wicklow Deer Management Partnership meetings.

Manor Kilbride Deer Management Group meeting.

Fallow Rut Watch – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Phoenix Park, Dublin.

Sika Rut Watch – Date TBC, Wicklow.

Red Deer Rut watch Uplands – Dates TBC, Killarney.

Red Deer Rut watch Lowlands – Dates TBC, Killarney.

Christmas Gathering & Natural History Museum visit – 5<sup>th</sup> December.