



# Crossnacole

HOST IHFA OPEN DAY 2017

The 2017 IHFA National Open Day will be hosted by Victor Jackson, Crossnacole Holsteins, Kiltegan Co Wicklow. This year will be the 25th anniversary of the Open Day and it will be a great honour to go back again and visit the first ever host of the Open Day.

The Crossnacole prefix was registered with HUKI in the early '80s. Victor farmed in partnership with his late father Charles. His brother Dermot farms in his own right with the registered "Borkilbeg" prefix.

Victor's brother Eric runs a suckler beef herd and breeds pedigree Simmentals under the prefix Slaneyview. He is also well known on the show circuit.

The herd was built on initial purchases from renowned cow families across the country and Northern Ireland as well as grading up the best cow families in the existing commercial herd.

Dairying has been the main enterprise on the farm over three generations, supplying liquid milk to the Dublin market. Today the milk is supplied to Glanbia, contracted for 2,250ltrs per day.

Victor was greatly inspired by a visit to the Moneymore herd in the early days. The Champion and Reserve at the National Dairy Show 1982 were on view. His comment was "These are the type of cows I would love to work with".

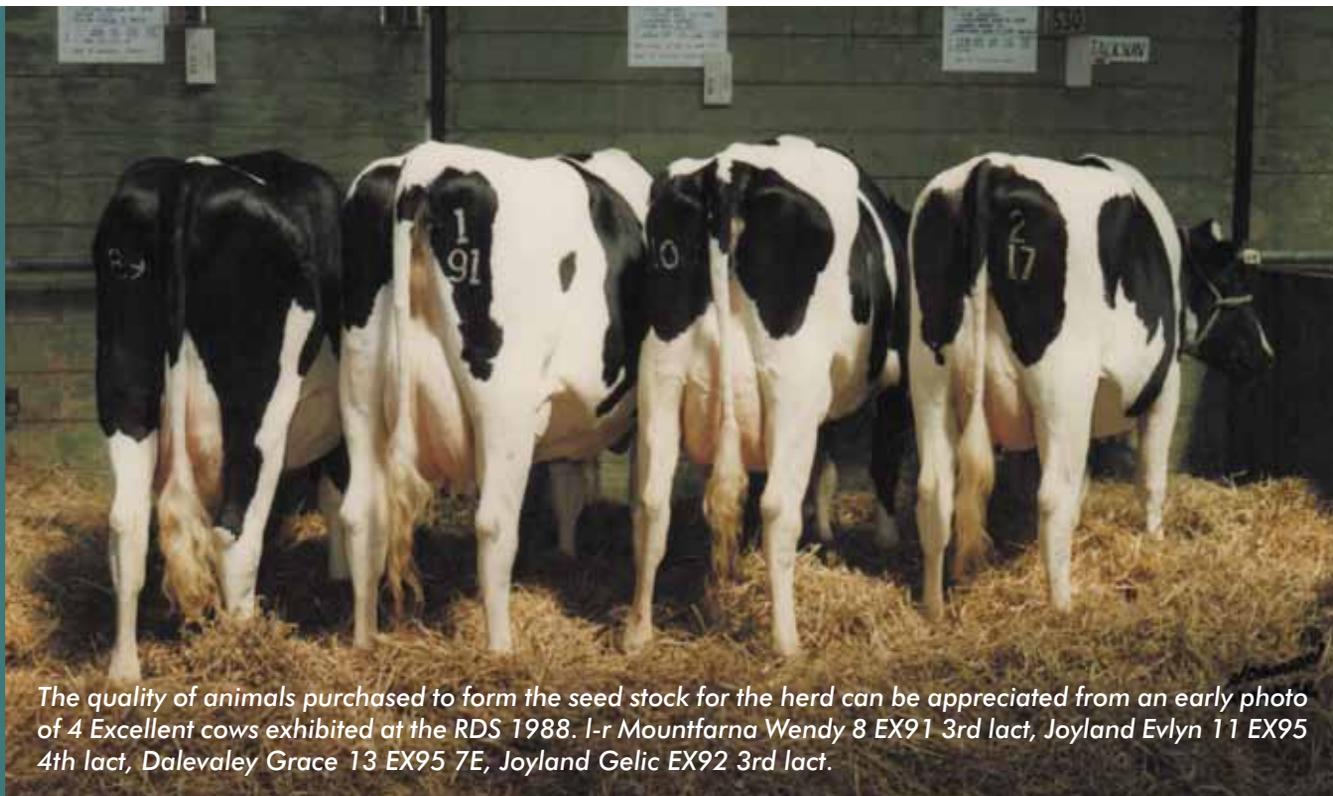
He farmed a limited land base and desired to breed a cow that would have high production with excellent functionality in udder and legs and feet.

His passion for better breeding was further fuelled by visits to North America and Canada and, when health regulations allowed, he purchased embryos to develop the herd.

Exhibiting at local and national shows, compet-

ing in the Bord Baine National Herds Competition and participating in the Slaney and Kildare Club events brought success and recognition for the herd. The herd won the medium section in the Bord Baine herds competition six times in a row and again winning the large herd section in 2006 IHFA National Herds Competition.

The herd progressed in terms of production and type and has grown to 140 Holstein Friesian pedigree registered cows producing 1.4 m gallons milk. Victor invested heavily in top cow families mainly from North America and some from Europe. The herd is now a closed herd except for the purchase of embryos.

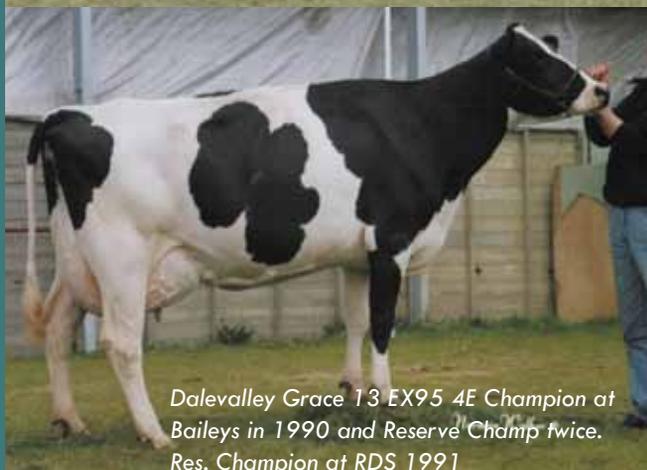


The quality of animals purchased to form the seed stock for the herd can be appreciated from an early photo of 4 Excellent cows exhibited at the RDS 1988. l-r Mountfarna Wendy 8 EX91 3rd lact, Joyland Evlyn 11 EX95 4th lact, Dalevalley Grace 13 EX95 7E, Joyland Gelic EX92 3rd lact.

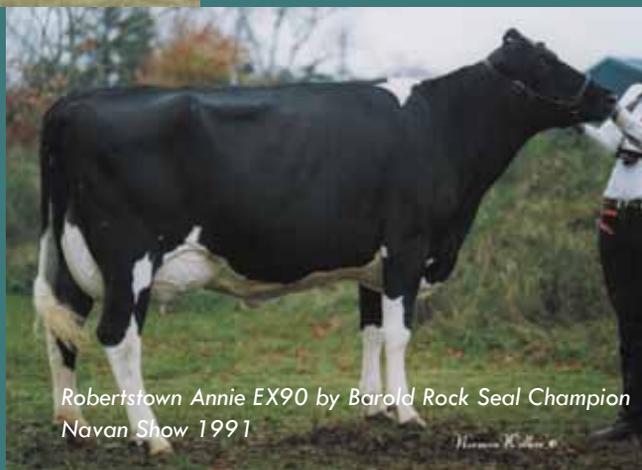


Victor in line up at RDS with Larrygyvale Gadget Hillary EX92, Supreme Champion at the RDS in 1986

## Evolution of the Herd and Show Successes



Dalevalley Grace 13 EX95 4E Champion at Baileys in 1990 and Reserve Champ twice. Res. Champion at RDS 1991



Robertstown Annie EX90 by Barold Rock Seal Champion Navan Show 1991

# FACT FILE.....

HERD SIZE: 140 cows

OUTPUT: 1.4m litres sold in 2016. 500 gls (2,250l) per day liquid contract. The herd has been a winner of the Kildare Club Quality Milk Award.

STOCK SALES: 40 fresh heifers and 6 to 8 bulls are sold annually from the herd.

LAND BASE: 126 acres home farm with 60 acres rented for young stock and 20 acres. Maize on contract.

FEEDING: Max. use of grazed grass, turnout 17th March, cows out by night from 10th April. Housed by mid October.

TMR: Grass silage, maize, whole beet, brewers, treated grain plus concentrates fed to yield in the parlour. Quality grass silage is key. The herd has been a winner of the Kildare Club Silage Competition.

LABOUR: The herd is managed by Victor and Victor's nephew Richard. Additional casual labour is used at peak demand times.

BREEDING POLICY: Medium sized, balanced capacious cows to consume large volume of roughage. Flushes 8 to 10 animals per year.

CURRENT SIRES IN USE: Doorman, Atwood, Goldchip, Diamond Black, Solomon, Kingboy, Beamer, Mogul, Flame

HERD CLASSIFICATION: 90% of the herd classified VG or EX

HERD ACHIEVEMENTS: RDS Champion, Baileys Champion, Tullamore Champion, Exhibitor Bred Champion National Dairy Show, Premier Bull Sale Champion & Reserve, National Herds Competition winner. Kildare club successes.

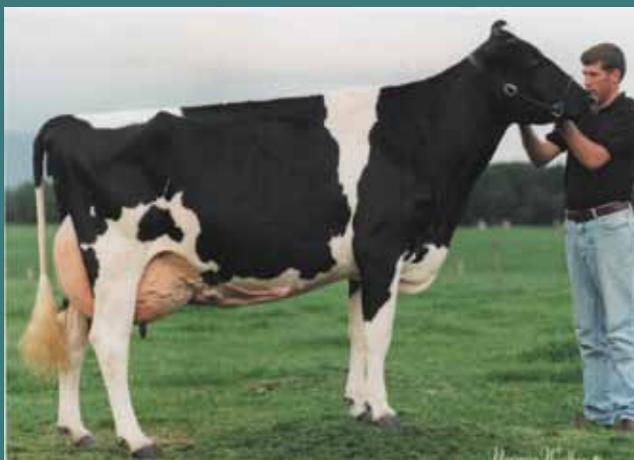
SERVICES: IHFA registration & classification. Teagasc Adviser Paul Keogh.

Victor is a keen showman and stockman. His skills are very much recognised as he is a judge both on the IHFA panel and on the European Judging Panel

*Pictured, left, with Tommy Finlay at Tullamore in 2016*



*Quality Tempo Truey EX92 Champion of Galway Show in 1998, Reserve at Baileys twice, All Ireland Junior Cow and Champion of Charleville Show 1998*



*Glenridge Delegate Crystal EX93 - Baileys Champion 1996, Tullamore Champion 1996, Exhibitor Bred Champion National Dairy Show 1996*



# Precious



Crossnacole Precious Gold EX92

The herd profile reads like a “Who’s Who” of world-renowned cow families. Precious, Truey, Lady, Roxy, Lulu, Vixan, Fame, Chastity, Allie, Apple Red, Hermina.

The Precious family tracing back to the Paradise cow is a favourite of Victors with 46 female members registered. Crossnacole Dundee Precious EX92 is dry and on a continuous flush programme. She is a granddaughter of the Integrity Paradise cow

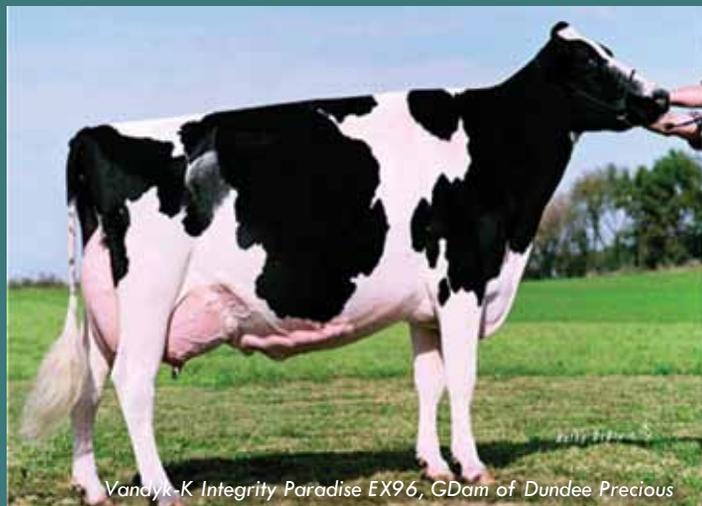
This is a prolific family having bred two EX second calvers. She has bred six full sisters calved in the herd, all scored VG 85 to 87 points as 2 year old heifers.

Her daughter (above) Crossnacole Precious Gold EX92 by Goldwyn, classified EX as a 2nd calver and was a class winner at the RUAS Winter Fair 2014 and National Dairy Show 2013.

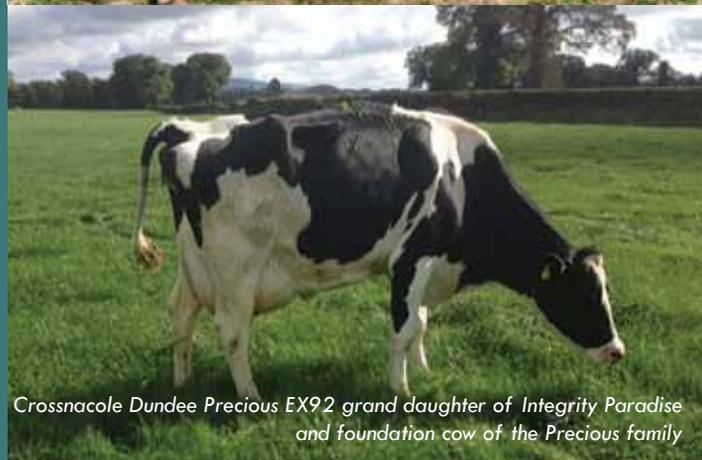
Her other daughter Crossnacole Shottle Precious (right) is classified EX92. She is the dam of Atwood Precious, now fresh on her 3rd lactation, classified EX second calver in 2016.

She also bred Champion and Reserve Champion at the IHFA Bull sale.

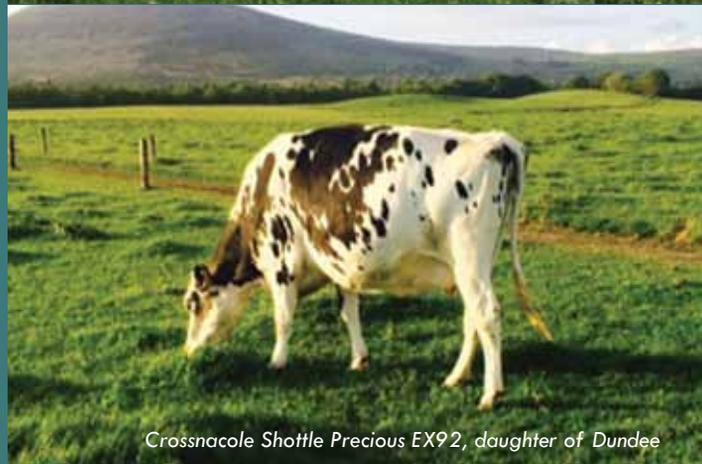
As part of the Open Day proceedings, Victor will have a celebratory sale of young stock featuring 15 descendants from the Precious family



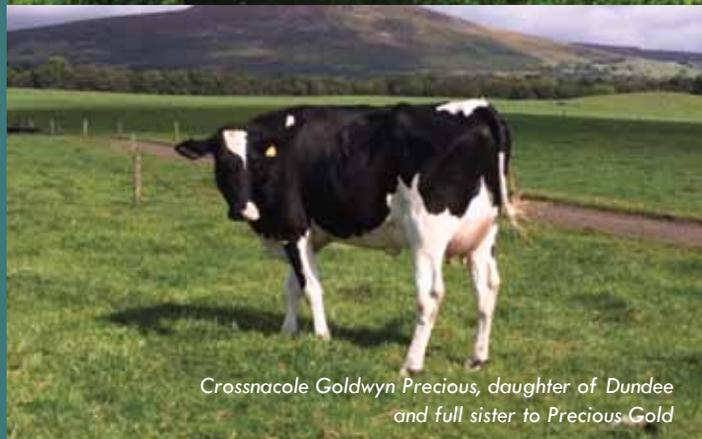
Vandyk-K Integrity Paradise EX96, GDam of Dundee Precious



Crossnacole Dundee Precious EX92 grand daughter of Integrity Paradise and foundation cow of the Precious family



Crossnacole Shottle Precious EX92, daughter of Dundee

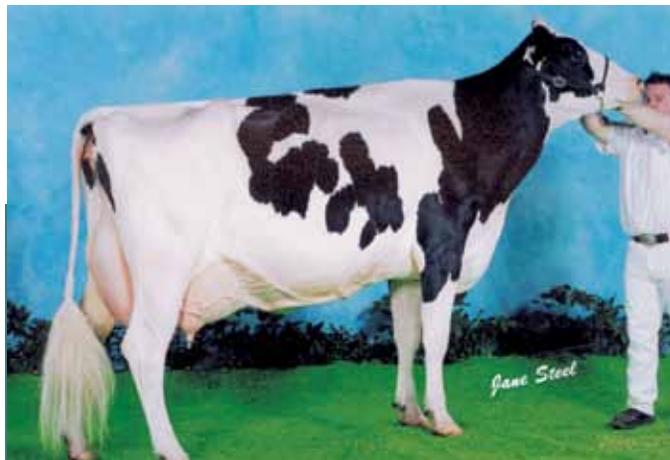


Crossnacole Goldwyn Precious, daughter of Dundee and full sister to Precious Gold

The Hermine family originated in France. Crossnacole Hermine, a Blackstar grand-daughter, won her class at the European Show 1995 and classified EX93. She was purchased by Victor and is the foundation of a great family at Crossnacole with 34 members registered.



# Hermine



The Lady family is descended from Monashee Leo Lady EX94 4E exhibited so successfully by Cyril Dowling of the Baldonnell herd winning the coveted Baileys Champion Cow in 2002

# Lady

## Other notable cow families...

- A VG87 Windbrook two year old from Regancrest Shottle Chastity.
- A daughter by Shottle of the Linjet Fame classified EX92, calved her seventh calf.
- Two fresh heifers by Windbrook; Crossnacole Abrakazoo ET & Abracoddabra ET from an EX91 Goldwyn, from EX 90 Dundee daughter from the Kingsway Terrason Allie EX95. This is the same family as Knowlesmere Abrakaboom Champion UK Dairy Day 2016.
- A Destry grand-daughter, VG 2yo of the KHW Regiment Apple Red EX96



ALL ARE WELCOME TO CROSSNACOLE  
ON THURSDAY 6TH OF JULY  
FOR THE IHFA OPEN DAY