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RIDER: MICHAEL RYAN

HORSE:

47 OLD ROAD, bay gelding, 17.2 hh, 1994, s: Puissance, d: Fairy Fort, *Breed: ISH, Country of Birth: Ireland Breeder: Yvonne Monaghan*
Owner: John Butler, Co. Cork, Ireland

Michael (36) originally from Limerick is married to international eventer Patricia Ryan and together they run Doneagan Ryan Eventing based in Co. Cork. While Patricia found eventing through the Pony Club Michael was introduced through hunting with the Scarteen. In 2009 the couple gained a one-two victory in the World Cup qualifier at Tattersalls with Patricia and her Badminton ride Fernhill Clover Mist, taking poll position and both represented Ireland at the European Championships that year.

Old Road has been an Irish team stalwart since representing Ireland at the European Championships in Punchestown (2003). Now aged 18, Old Road has represented Ireland at three European Championships and one World Equestrian Games. He has also completed Badminton twice. In 2010 Michael was selected for the WEG with Ballylynch Adventure but had to withdraw due to a horse injury and his place was taken by Geoff Curran and The Jump Jet who are entered for Badminton.

Old Road by the Irish Sport Horse sire Puissance (also sire of Badminton entry Horseware Bushman) was bought from the sales as a three-year-old.

Recent results

2009 – Boekelo CCI*** 29th Ballylynch Adventure
2009 – Blenheim CCI*** 18th Ballylynch Adventure
2009 – Fontainebleau Eu Ch 27th Old Road
2009 – Blair Castle CIC*** 4th Old Road
2009 – Tattersalls CIC***W 2nd Old Road
2006 – Aachen WEG 50th Old Road
2005 – Blenheim Eu Ch 34th Old Road
2003 – Punchestown Eu Ch 27th Old Road

Badminton

2010 – 43rd Old Road
2009 – Blair Castle CIC*** 4th Old Road
2009 – Tattersalls CIC***W 2nd Old Road

2008 – 34th Old Road
2006 – 33rd Old Road