

Lifford

West of the River Foyle on the Ballyduff Road is the small track of Lifford. This venue was only built in 1959 when cattle dealer James Magee decided to convert some more of his grazing land from a schooling track into a professional 495 yard circumference circuit.

Magee passed away in 1971 and his sons Cathal and Seamus took over the track as the Racing and General Managers at the same time that a new stand was erected.

The main event held at the track is the Irwin Cup but it does not feature highly on the Irish racing calendar. There was a time in the late seventies when an event called the Abraham David Trophy was contested and featured significant prize money at the time but that event is no longer contested.

Many top greyhounds have appeared here including Yellow Printer who began his career at Lifford as a puppy.

After 32 years association the track was put up for sale by the Magee family in 1991 and was eventually bought by new owners in 2001 when Willie & Hugh Duffy formed the Lifford Greyhound Racing Company.

On 11th September 2003 the track re-opened after undergoing a massive €12m refit with a new grandstand, two restaurants and facilities. The new track was opened by minister for arts, sport and tourism John O'Donoghue.

Selected Track Records

Distance	Name	Time	Date	Notes
325	Golden Ram	17.94	02.09.1961	
	Munchie	17.90	13.11.1976	
	Fulmax Fever	17.84	1976+	
	Cooma Slave	17.67	07.06.1986	
	Eden Castle	17.62	20.07.1991	
	Pats Gale	17.54	17.08.1996	
	Fishy Boy	17.24	12.05.2002	
	Leathems Jet	17.59*	11.01.2003	
	Hollyhill Equity	17.57	12.01.2003	
	Jamellas Phantom	17.38	26.01.2003	
350	Kilmalady Boy	18.49	25.09.2003	
	Droopys Robinho	18.47	25.02.2007	
	Royal Delight	18.39	01.01.2007	
	Montos Mark	18.39	04.11.2007	
	So Handsome	18.36	18.05.2008	
	Mustangsteviegee	18.30	01.06.2008	
525	Top Note	29.55	1970+	
	Taxi Dancer	29.52	29.05.1971	
	Palestine June	29.35	17.07.1975	
	Marinas Crazy	29.18	18.08.1979	
	Moss Chimes	29.09	30.05.1981	
	Slaney Stan	29.09	03.07.1982	
	Erins Eye	29.09	04.10.1986	
	Fairhill Boy	28.92	15.07.1989	
	Star Ambition	28.70	02.09.2001	
	Farloe Bond	28.45	25.08.2002	
	Homeless Jo	28.41	02.12.2007	
	Barnish Ciaran	28.39	13.04.2008	
	Graigues Toss	28.36	27.04.2008	
	Rough Laura	28.25	13.09.2008	
	550	Bowe Princess	31.08	17.04.1962
Glencloy Swift		29.86	21.07.2001	
Fridays Rumble		29.74	21.07.2002	
Phoenix Paddy		29.71	11.02.2007	
Phoenix Paddy		29.68	25.02.2007	
Farloe Black		29.64	14.10.2007	
Farloe Black		29.39	28.10.2007	

	College Causeway	29.31	26.10.2008	
575	Duel	32.46	11.05.1967	
	Silent Rogue	32.35	06.08.1977	
	Madam Black	32.25	24.08.1977	
	Tour Valley	32.11	30.06.1979	
	Coolbeg Carina	32.08	1988+	
	Saddleback Pearl	32.08	1988+	
	Irish Lad	31.90	1990+	
	Quare Whisper	31.87	22.06.1991	
	Drumsna Isle	31.72	22.08.1999	
	Tullymurry Token	31.47	27.07.2002	
	Glenanore Pride	31.40	18.05.2003	
	Jamies Boy	31.40	25.09.2003	
	Cabbage White	31.28	13.11.2003	
	Line of Fire	31.05	07.10.2007	
600	Messan Mak	32.88	22.09.2002	
	Always A Rumble	32.50	21.09.2003	
750	Mobile Dubh	42.17	21.03.2004	
	Beaming Surprise	42.13	24.10.2004	
	Lisnahavil Lady	42.11	30.04.2005	
	Dromana Blue	41.72	25.02.2007	
	Droopys Quiff	41.56	07.10.2007	
	Droopys Quiff	41.38	05.10.2008	
780	Bowe Princess	45.10	19.05.1962	
790	Barrack Maid	45.03	17.08.1978	
	Farloe Frown	44.92	04.08.2001	
820	Break Away Tiger	46.20	02.06.2002	
	Recovery Mission	45.74	11.09.2003	
525H	Setanta	29.48	08.08.2004	
550H	Frisby For Me	30.87	10.10.2004	
	Lemon Rambo	30.81	28.11.2004	

+ Date when record was held not necessarily the year it was set.