



Irish Pony Club Wicklow Hunt Branch

Newsletter

April 2010

Welcome to our Spring newsletter 2010.

I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to committee members Scarlett Tice and Dervla Callan and their families on the recent very sad deaths of Tim Phillips and Cecil Quinn both of whom were very supportive of Wicklow Pony Club and kindly made their land available to us. Our thoughts are with their families and with all members of Wicklow Pony Club who lost a family member in the past year.

There have been a couple of changes to the committee since the AGM last year. Vincent Dodd, who has given dedicated service on the WPC committee for the past number of years, has decided to step down. I would like to thank him sincerely for all his hard work and hope to see him back again soon. Siobhán Schmidt has very kindly agreed to take over the Secretary's duties from Scarlett for the present.

Wicklow Pony Club grew to a membership of 157 last year and we are on track to be as big if not bigger this year. We try to run as many events as possible throughout the year but this entails a massive workload and we are constantly looking for help. We are very grateful to those who help out regularly however the burden tends to fall on the same few over and over so we are asking every family to try to get involved and help in some way if they can.

Rosanna

IMPORTANT

If your family has not received any recent text messages from Wicklow Pony Club please either email or text a contact name (Parent/Guardian) and number to us so that we can update our phone list.

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members Maggie & Suzie Armstrong, Niamh Byrne Killoran, Mairead Donnelly, Lauren Hunt, Gavin Maher, Charlotte Mortimer, Sienna O'Kelly, Emily Pike, Isobel Radford Dodd, Ruth Richardson, Ethan Ryan, Charlotte Savil, Nicola Schmidt, Marcus & Wolfi Von Teichman and Adam Whelan and to welcome back Rebecca Copeland, Michael Doyle and Leife Hollwey. We hope that you will have lots of fun and make many lifelong friends in Wicklow Pony Club.

SHOWJUMPING

Christmas Show

Thank you to everybody who came along and supported our annual Christmas show held in Marlton on 29th December. There was a great turn-out despite the very miserable day.

Very special thanks to Michael O'Connor who designed the course, organised the sound and did the judging. Thanks also to the parents and committee members who gave so freely of their time to help make the day enjoyable for everybody.

Results

Mini 1st Ronja Steinbach 2nd Mily O'Loughlin 3rd Kevin Law 4th Liam McMahon 5th Emma Jane Leggett 6th Emma Jane Leggett

Midi 1st Kevin Law 2nd Cormac Foley 3rd Thomas Gaffney 4th Megan Clarke 5th Ronan Short 6th Lauren Forde

Maxi 1st Thomas Foley 2nd Megan Clarke 3rd Sarah O'Loughlin 4th Becky Reid 5th Cormac Foley 6th Seanai Ryan

Super-Maxi 1st Thomas Foley 2nd James Kavanagh 3rd Sarah Gelletlie 4th Cormac Foley 5th Emily Kavanagh 6th Sarah O'Loughlin

WPC HUNTER TRIALS 28TH MARCH

Our club Hunter Trial was held in on Sunday 28th March with classes to suit all ages and abilities starting with Starter Stakes then Senior Pairs, Senior, Senior Novice (on the Junior Course), Junior Pairs, Junior, Junior Novice (on the U12 course), U12 Pairs and U12 individuals. We had a great turnout for all classes and were very lucky with the weather - this was one of the very few Pony Club Hunter Trials to go ahead. Once again we have to thank Noni and all at Bel Air for a wonderful day and thank you to all the parents and families who helped out.

HUNTER TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Hunter Trial season began in March and many club members competed successfully at Kilruddery, Killahurler, Coolboy, Bel Air, Killinicks & Bray Pony Club amongst others. The hunter trial season culminated at the IPC National Hunter Trial Championships in Ballon, Co. Carlow on April 10th. We originally entered 13 teams but sadly 6 of those had to withdraw however the remaining 7 teams - 1 Senior Team of 3 Chloe Daly, Emily Tebbitt & Lorcan Maule, 2 Senior Pairs Drew Davis & Cayman Roe and Siun O'Donnell & Niamh Nolan and 4 Junior Pairs Kevin Law & Roghan McMahon, Hannah Cadden & Jack Savage, Becky Reid & Daisy McKenzie and Shawnee Ryan & Heather Glover - all rode very well and did the club proud. Congratulations to Siun & Niamh who were placed 7th in the Senior Pairs and to Becky & Daisy who were also placed 7th in the Junior Consolation Pairs.

MINIMUS

Minimus is a competition for U12 members and combines swimming, running and cross-country riding. It is a very popular discipline and Wicklow Pony Club did very well at the Championships last year. This year the Championships are on June 12th and 13th in Gowran, Co. Kilkenny. If you are interested in trying out for a team please text MINIMUS and your name to the club mobile.

MOCK HUNT & EASTER EGG HUNT

More thanks to Noni and all at Bel Air for a wonderful Mock Hunt during the February mid-term break. Thanks too to Maggie, Siobhan Schmidt and Edwina for organising the very popular Easter Egg Hunt for Under 10s during the Easter holidays. Both days were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Winter League

Our Winter League this year was held in Spruce Lodge by kind permission of Mrs Joan Keogh. The location proved very popular and the event was very well supported. Many thanks to all who took part and especially to those who helped out Dermot, Gerry, Dara, Mary, Pam, Dervla, Elaine, Liz and of course the wonderful Michael O'Connor our course designer, judge and sound wizard. Thanks also to Gerry Gorman from Boswell Equestrian who sponsored prizes on the final day and also provided the timing equipment.

Results

Mini 1st Mily O'Loughlin 2nd Alice Daly 3rd Emma Jane Leggett 4th Lucy Savil 5th Robbie Savage 6th Darcy Maule

Midi 1st Mark Finnerty 2nd Lucy Gelletlie 3rd Elena Tice 4th Ronan Short 5th Shona Callan 6th Ava Dodd

Maxi 1st Conn Callan 2nd Megan Clarke 3rd Sarah O'Loughlin 4th Becky Reid 5th Lydia Dodd 6th Niamh Nolan

Super-Maxi 1st Sarah Gelletlie 2nd Darah Callan 3rd Laura Finnerty 4th Emily Kavanagh 5th Ciara Torpey

Robbie Bailey & John Leddingham Teams

The Robbie Bailey is a competition for teams of 4 riders all of whom must be under 14 on 1st January. The jumps are 90cm and riders must be of C test standard. The John Leddingham is a similar competition for older members who must have their C test and the jumps are 1m. The Area 1 qualifier for the Robbie Bailey and John Leddingham trophies is being hosted this year by Carlow Pony Club in Bunclody on Friday 2nd July. We plan to hold a team selection league on Saturdays in May. If you are interested text SHOWJUMP and your name to the club mobile.

GAMES

Sadly Dervla and Jenny who trained our very successful Junior and Under 10 Pony Club Games teams for the past number of years have stepped aside. We are in discussions with a new trainer and we still have to locate a flat field for training but we have not had a huge response to texts looking for interest in Games training. If you are interested in Pony Club Games can you please text GAMES and your name to the club mobile.

BOSWELL EQUESTRIAN

Thanks again to Gerry Gorman from Boswell Equestrian who kindly sponsored prizes for all double-clear rounds on the final day of the Winter League. Boswell now has a range of lovely cross-country jumps available for schooling on Friday evenings. They very kindly agreed to lend us some jumps for our hunter trials and they have also agreed to handle the sale of our club merchandise. Please support their Mini Midi Maxi, combined training competitions and other events if you can.

LILLINGSTON CUP

We are delighted to say that in 2009 our club came 8th in the branch league table the Lillingston Cup. Points are awarded to branches for any win or place in the various National competitions so thanks to all those responsible for our win in the U10 Games and placings at Minimus, Horse Trials, Combined Training and Tetrathlon.

SUMMER CAMP

Camp this year will be from 12th to 16th July and the rally dates will be Friday nights in June and early July. If you have not already done so please return your membership renewal form immediately as we need accurate information on numbers to plan camp. Booking forms for camp will be sent out to current members only during the next few weeks and places will be on a first come first served basis so please return these forms as quickly as possible. We will do our best to keep the cost the same as last year (€120) however it may be necessary to have a small increase to cover the cost of additional instructors.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jack Savage and James Kavanagh who were invited to try out for the International Junior Tetrathlon team. Delighted to report that Jack has made the squad. James had the misfortune to break his foot playing rugby but hopefully he will be fully recovered before the team to travel to Wales is announced. Well done also to Lynn Duffy and Darah Callan who are trying out for the Senior team which will be travelling to America later in the year.

FOR SALE

- 147cm Pony Club Pony, 8 yo Gelding, 40 SJAI points, Winning Robbie Bailey team, 6th John Leddingham team, Competed Hartbury Tetrathlon €5,000 086 1728878
- 138cm 7 yo Bay Pony Kiljames Deadly Buzz 129 SJAI points Has Evented, Pony Clubbed and Hunted, Huge Potential, No Vices, Rider sadly outgrown 087 6167376
- 3 well used 12.2hh pony club ponies owners moving to bigger ponies 086 3339644 / 086 1728878
- Horse lorry in very good condition 086 2477915
- 12.2hh 7yo pony has done 2 pony camps
- Quiet ponies available for camp / loan 0877 706372 and 086 3413243
- 15.1 hh 4yo Bay mare for loan or sale out of Rakish Paddy Mare by Orbis Very quiet In work for 6 months 0876800187
- 13.2 hh 6yo Dark bay gelding Pony Camped, Hunted, Showjumped – not a beginners pony

WANTED

- Quiet 13.2hh pony
- Good quality saddle for 12.2hh pony
- 2nd Hand Horse trailer Ifor Williams 505 or 510 pref

If you have any items for inclusion please email or text details to the club mobile but please note that WPC cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of the information provided.

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