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Irish Pony Club

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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2009

Welcome to all our new members we hope you enjoy yourselves and we look forward to seeing you participate for the remainder of the year.

All our thoughts and our unwavering support goes with Louise Kent as she travels to Hartpury this week. Louise has been invited to represent Waterford Hunt Pony Club and participate in Tetrathlon at Hartpury College. We are all very proud of you Louise.

A special word of congratulations to all our members who participated at minimus this year. They all put on a fine performance at the National Competition, the boys finishing in fifth place with Robert Kent in third place in the individual swim and Emer Finnegan achieving third place in the individual girls' swim. Hopefully our members representing the club at Tetrathlon in Tattersalls on 29th and 30th August will have an enjoyable, fun-filled few days.

Festival: Congratulations to the games, showjumping and dressage teams and individuals who qualified for the festival at Mullingar Equestrian Centre and well done to the Robbie Bailey team on finishing 6th against strong competition. This team also finished 2nd in horsemanship and the senior team finished 4th in horsemanship. The intermediate showjumping team were unlucky not to qualify for the jumpoff against the clock.

Our under 10 and junior games teams provided the entertainment of the year and certainly had the most vocal supporters at the festival. This is an event not to be missed next year.

The dressage team put on a fine performance, of which we are all proud.

Eventing: Well done to the Juniors, Intermediates and Members who qualified for the Eventing Championships at Marguerite Lodge, Co. Kildare. Congrats to the junior team on finishing 6th and Individual awards

Jayne McGuire – 2nd in her arena, 2nd in dressage and 2nd in the League.

Sinead Wall - 6th in her arena and 6th in dressage.

Orla Wall - 1st in her arena, 1st in dressage and 1st in the league.

Rachel Dowley - 2nd in her arena, 2nd in dressage and joint 4th in the league.

Sarah Dowley - 3rd in her arena, 3rd in dressage and joint 4th in the league.

Mini Camp

Waterford Hunt Pony Club Mini Camp will be held at Rocketts Castle by kind invitation of the Driver family, weather permitting, on the 25th, 26th and 27th of August 2009.

Camp will commence at 10am and finish at 3pm each day. There will be no stabling available and fee for camp is €60. This camp is for under 11 year olds only.

Please contact Maria Kiersey @ 087-2481392.

Novice One Day Event

Don't forget our one day event to be held in Kilmeaden by kind invitation of the Dowley family. The event will take place on Saturday September 12th 2009. We will be holding a separate show jumping competition running in conjunction with the event. Please see flyer on website for details. Those members wishing to take part, please contact David Dennison, Ballinaboola House, Halfway House, Co Waterford. Tel. No. 087-2515346.

Competitions will include U10s, U12s and Novice.

Entry Form Attached.

Entry Fee €30 and entries close on Thursday 3rd September.

NB: Please be advised that lots of help is needed in order to run this event so if you are available or have one or more members competing on the day, please give your name to Sinead before Tuesday 25th August 2009.

Senior Members' help is also required.

Dismounted Rallies

9th October 2009 Dismounted Rally C/C+ Rocketts Castle – 7 – 8.30 pm by kind invitation of the Driver Family.

20th October 2009 Dismounted Rally D/D+ Kilbride South – 7 – 8.30pm by kind invitation of the Power Family.

Please contact Hilary Farrell @ 051 873259 Monday night (7pm to 9pm), preceding rallies to book.

There must be a minimum of ten members attending in order for rallies to go ahead. Cost €10.

Showjumping Training

It is proposed to organise show jumping training commencing in October. The training will be given by Jack Doyle, with 5 persons per lesson for 6 sessions. Only 30 places available and payment of €25 per session for each session must be made with booking. The first three sessions will be as follows: Sunday October 11th, Sunday November 1st, Sunday November 15th.

Please contact Peter Oates 087-2633742 for further information.

Tetrathlon Trip

There will be a bus going to Tetrathlon for the cross country day (Sunday 30th August) for anybody interested in going. Please contact Sinead Cooney on 086-0600840 anybody who wishes to go, The cost will be €13 per person payable on booking and bus will be leaving the Night Cap (Dunkitt) at 7a.m. If we cannot fill the bus (34 seats) trip will not go ahead. Bookings must be made by Wednesday 26th August 2009 in order to make final decision. All members under 14 years must be accompanied by a parent or adult, name to be advised to the DC.

Annual Trip

We hope to arrange a trip later in the autumn so keep an eye on our website for more information.

Mahon Falls Trek,

Trek to Mahon Falls, Saturday 26th September meeting at 12 noon at Mahonbridge. Cost €15, with picnic on route. Please contact Geraldine DC for further information.

Pony Club Annual

All members are invited to submit articles for the Pony Club Annual, so if you have a story, poem, photographs etc., that you would like to be included, please forward them to Geraldine DC as soon as possible.

Road Safety

Road Safety test will take place on Sunday 6th September at 11.30a.m. in Woodstown. Sinead will be in contact with all those members due to do their Road Safety test.

C+ Test

C+ test will take place at Widgers Event Course on Sunday 13th Sept '09 at 11am.