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of the
Irish Pony Club

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SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

We welcome new members Sarah Jane Costello, Lucie Demzinger, Annie Fitzgerald Meabh Hassett, Emily Mahony, Clodagh O'Sullivan & Jessica Palmer to the Branch and hope they have a very enjoyable time with us.

Spring Training Schedule.

Showjumping Training:

Commencing:-Friday 5th March 2010 for 4 weeks on the following dates:-
5/3/10, 12/3/10, 19/3/10, 26/3/10.

Times: 6pm, 7pm, 8pm

Venue: Stonehaven Equestrian Centre.

Instructor: Paddy O'Donnell.

Fee: €80 per person payable in advance of commencement of training.

Please forward Name & Fee to **Peter Oates @ 087-2633742** or **Olive Hackett @ 086-8823705**, as places are limited please book early.

The final lesson with Jack Doyle which was postponed in 2009, will now take place @ Bishopshall Equestrian Centre on Sunday 28th February '10. Members who are due to complete this training, please contact Peter or Olive for details.

Eventing Training:

Junior, Intermediate, Members & Seniors

Commencing:-Friday 9th April 2010 for 4 weeks as follows:
9/4/10, 16/4/10, 23/4/10, 30/4/10.

Times: 6pm, 7pm, 8pm,

Venue: Weather permitting training will be held outdoors, to be confirmed nearer date,

Instructor: Fraser Duffy.

Fee: €100 per person payable in advance of commencement of training, (fee will be reduced if training is held outdoors.)

Please forward Name & Fee to **Richard Wall @ 085-7244992** as places are limited please book early.

Under 12's

Commencing:-Wednesday 24th March 2010 for 4 weeks as follows:

24/3/10, 31/3/10, 7/4/10, 14/4/10

Times: 6pm, 7pm, 8pm,

Venue: Killotteran Equestrian Centre

Instructors: Ginny Hutton

Fee: €60 per person payable in advance of commencement of training

Please forward Name & Fee to **Rosemary Driver** @ 086-2520301, as places are limited please book early.

Minimus/Tetrathlon Training:

Commencing March 2010.

Shooting:- Commencing: Monday 1st March 2010 and will continue on Mondays

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Jo's @ Kilbride South

Fee: Will be decided when number attending has been confirmed

Swimming:-Commencing: Thursday 1st April 2010 and will continue on Thursdays.

Time: T.B.A.

Venue: Waterford Crystal Pool

Fee: Will be decided when number attending has been confirmed

Running:- Commencing: First week April

Venue Doneraile, Tramore

Cross Country:Commencing: First week April

Venue: Ballinaclough & various other venues as required.

Fee: Will be decided when number attending has been confirmed

Please contact **Jo Breheny** @ 087-2986294 a.s.a.p. as numbers attending this training need to be confirmed. Jo will also brief parents on the various aspects of the training programme and the competition. Shooting training is only for those doing Tetrathlon.

Good luck to all our Tetrathletes who will attend training for the Irish team on Sunday 14th February 2010 in Mullingar and trials on 28th February '10.

Games Training:

Commencing Friday 26th February 2010 and on the following dates,

Saturday 13th March 2010, Saturday 27th March 2010, Saturday 10th April 2010, Saturday 24th April 2010

Time:- 5.15pm

Venue:- Stonehaven Equestrian Centre

Instructor:- Geraldine Robinson

Fee:- €25 for 5 sessions

Please forward Name & Fee to **Geraldine Robinson** @ 087-9332499, as places are limited please book early

Please note that due to the cost of hiring Instructors and riding schools, all training must be paid for, in advance. This includes eventing minimus/tetrathlon and showjumping. All bookings, together with full fee should be sent to the Mentors. Places are allocated on a first come/first served basis and if there are insufficient bookings, the training may be cancelled

Musical Ride:

The musical ride is a fun competition for all members, but especially those who may not wish to jump, etc, as you only need to be competent at walk, trot and canter. If you are interested in participating, please contact Geraldine Robinson @ 087-9332499. If there is enough interest, we hope to train a group to compete at the Festival in July.

Mid-Term:

Children's Hunt

As the Kilmoganny Harriers/Pony Club hunt was cancelled on 5th January, it has now been rescheduled for **Saturday 13th February**, at Rockett's Castle, by kind invitation of the Driver Family. **Time: 12 noon.**

Inter Branch Cross Jump:

Venue Ballinacclough Event Course
Date: Saturday 20th February 2010
Time: Commencing with Under 12 & Juniors @ 9.30am, (sharp)
Entry Fee: Pairs - €30
 Singles - €20

Classes: Under 12, Junior, Intermediate, Members.

Please see full details on website. Entry form enclosed.

Closing date for entries 13th February 2010.

Help required, please contact David Dennison @ 087-2515346

Easter

Inter Branch Show jumping:

Venue: Ballinamona Equestrian Centre
Date: Friday 2nd April 2010.
Time: 9.30am
Entry Fee: €60 per team. Individual competition €10 per entry.

This competition is open to all Branches. Team based, (4 on a team with one discard score), 60cm, 80cm, 1 metre. Time allowing we will run individual classes of 70/80cm & 1 metre. We will assist in putting teams together, should any members have difficulty in forming a team. Entries close 24th March 2010, entry form enclosed, should be sent to Olive Hackett.

Trip to RACE & National Stud:

A day trip has been organised for members to RACE and the National Stud. As RACE can only facilitate 30 people, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Details are as follows,

Date: Wednesday 7th April '10, leaving the Woodlands Hotel car park @ 8.15am sharp, returning @ approx 6pm.

Cost: Members €15, Adults €20 (this covers the Bus, entry to RACE, National Stud, Horse Museum & Japanese Gardens.) We will need approx 4 adults to travel for safety reasons, and after that preference will be given to members Those travelling should bring a packed lunch and enough money for Supermacs on the return journey.

Please forward name and full payment for trip to John Burke, before 1st April.

Hunter Trial League:

Waterford Hunt Branch will organise a league at the four upcoming Hunter Trials in Co. Waterford. The competition will be run on the same basis as last year. Please note that these Hunter Trials are not Pony Club activities and members will not be covered under the Pony Club insurance policy.

The Hunter Trials are follows:

West Waterford Foxhounds @ Boulta: Sunday 21st March '10,

Kill Harriers (Venue TBA): Sunday 28th March '10

Kilmoganny Foxhounds @ Kilmeaden: Sunday 4th April '10,

Woodstown Harriers @ Portlaw: Sunday 11th April '10,

All enquiries to Hilary Farrell at 051- 873259.

The John Power Perpetual Shield will be presented to the winner of the League, also prizes for 2nd & 3rd places.

This year points will be allocated to each member for attendance.

PONY CLUB Hunter Trials:

Irish Pony Club Hunter Trials will be held on Saturday 10th April '10 by kind permission of Mr. Clive Corrigan, Lisgarvan House, Ballon, Co. Carlow. As entries must be submitted in advance, please contact the DC before 24th March '10, if you wish to enter. Competition for Juniors and Seniors. Members competing must have passed their C test.

Wexford Pony Club Hunter Trials

Sunday 28th February '10 @ Cushenstown, commencing @ 9.30am

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Please note that members competing at Minimus, Tetrathlon and Eventing will be expected to complete two mini single hunter trial courses for minimus and those competing at Junior/Intermediate/Members/Senior level will be expected to complete 2 open pony or horse single hunter trial courses, at the local hunter trials. Members competing in Eventing must attend the one day event qualifiers and those competing in Tetrathlon must complete a one day event.

PLEASE NOTE: Members competing in the Pony Club Hunter Trials, One Day Events (Junior, Intermediate, Members, Seniors) & Tetrathlon must have passed the "C" test.

Annual Conference 2009:

The annual conference of The Irish Pony Club will take place in South Court Hotel, Raheen, Co. Limerick on Monday 15th March 2010, 11am to 4pm. Parents and Senior members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact the D.C. as numbers attending are required in order to book lunch, etc.

Shop:

All members are required to adhere to the official Pony Club dress code at all Pony Club events. The stock for the Waterford Pony Club is held by Maria Kiersey and Maria may be contacted @ 087-2481392. Stock includes, Waterford Pony Club jumpers, cross country

jumpers, coats, silks, ties, badges, cross country bibs, manuals, etc. As a limited stock of goods is held, please ensure you order in time. Price list on website.

Tests:

Due to the cost of organising tests, all tests in 2010, will have to be prepaid. The dates of the tests will be posted in the next newsletter, (details of Road Safety below). All members who wish to take tests in 2010 should forward their name to the D.C. before 1st June 2010. Those who wish to take the Road Safety test should contact Sinead Cooney @ 086-2292678. Members must hold the C test before taking the Road Safety test and cannot take the C+ test until they have passed their Road Safety.

Lower age limits will apply to all tests this year, this is a new rule which has been approved at Executive level.

Road Safety Test:

As Sinead is organising a Road Safety test over the Easter period, please contact her before the 10th March 2010, if you wish to take the test.

Training for Test:

Saturday 27th March 2010 @ 10.30am by kind invitation of the Coughlan Family, Woodstown.

Road Safety Test: Thursday 1st April 2010 @ 10am by kind invitation of the Coughlan Family, Woodstown.

The cost for both days will be €20, please forward this to Sinead by 19th March '10.

Camp:

Pony Club Camp 2010 will take place from 5th July to 9th July 2010, @ Castle View Stables, Fenor, Co. Waterford.

The booking form for camp and stabling for camp will issue with the next newsletter. **Please note that bookings will only be accepted on the return of this form together with payment, to John Burke. Allocation of stabling will be on a first come, first served basis. As you are aware, no horse or pony may be transported without a valid passport. Members please ensure that all your ponies/horses hold a valid passport and that vaccinations are up to date for the coming season. There will be spot checks at the various activities, so please ensure you carry your passport with you at all times.**

Dates for your Diary

Annual Conference:	Monday 15 th March @ South Court Hotel, Raheen, Limerick.
Hunter Trial Championships:	Saturday 10 th April @ Ballon, Co. Carlow.
National Minimus:	Saturday 12 th June/Sunday 13 th June @ Gowran, Co. Kilkenny.
IPC Festival:	Wednesday 28 th /Thursday 29 th July, (Venue TBA).
Senior Mounted Games:	Saturday 7 th /Sunday 8 th August @ RDS.
Horse Trials Championships:	Tuesday 10 th /Wednesday 11 th August, (Venue TBA).
Tetrathlon Championship:	Saturday 28 th /Sunday 29 th August @ Tattersalls.
H Test:	Wednesday 25 th August @ Gurteen College, Roscrea.
A Test:	Wednesday 1 st September @ Callaghstown Riding Centre.

Festival Qualifier: Waterford will host the Festival Qualifier this year, the date has not yet been finalised, but will be late June or early/mid July. Just keep this in mind when booking holidays. A lot of help will be required, so you will be contacted by a member of the committee!

Committee 2010

Geraldine F Power, John Breatnach, Sinead Cooney, John Burke, Geraldine Power, Rosemary Driver, Jo Breheny, Maria Kiersey, Hilary Farrell, Lorna Dowley, Olive Hackett, Tom Kent, John Flynn, Donal Croke, David Dennison, Richie Wall, Peter Oates, Derek Keoghan, Geraldine Robinson.

Please contact a member of the committee if you have any queries, etc.

Proper dress code: ie white shirt, pony club tie, pony club sweatshirt/cross country top/jacket and white or beige jodhpurs, must be worn at all times.

We look forward to a safe and happy 2010. If problems should arise, please direct all complaints, queries or enquiries directly to the D.C. or the official in charge at the time.

Keep updated on our website
www.waterfordhuntponyclub.com