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of the
Irish Pony Club

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2010

Welcome to our new members:-

Adam Butler, Hugo Harty, Will Jolly, Kym Jolly, Aoife Keane, Kate Kelly, Rodyn Leslie, Heather O'Connor, Ruth O'Connor, Elizabeth O'Shea, Matthew O'Shea, Scott Pheasy, Anna Walsh, Jessica Widger.
We hope you will all enjoy your time in the Waterford Hunt Pony Club.

Congratulations to:

Louise Kent who has been selected for squad training for the IPC Senior Tetrathlon Team .
Emily Kate Robinson who has qualified for the final of the Silver Spurs dressage.

Rallies

Rallies will take place this year as follows:-

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| Friday 14/05/10 | Ballyadam, Fenor , by kind invitation of the Curran Family.
(restricted to new members & under 12 yrs only) |
| Friday 21/05/10 | Kilbride South, Tramore , by kind invitation of the Power Family.
(restricted to new members & under 12 yrs only) |
| Friday 28/05/10 | Pallas Stud, Woodstown , by kind invitation of the O'Mahony Family |
| Friday 04/06/10 | Pallas Stud, Woodstown , by kind invitation of the O'Mahony Family |
| Friday 11/06/10 | Ballyshunnock, Kilmacthomas , by kind invitation of the Kiersey Family |
| Friday 18/06/10 | Ballyshunnock, Kilmacthomas , by kind invitation of the Kiersey Family. |
| Friday 25/06/10 | Rocketts Castle, Portlaw , by kind invitation of the Driver Family. |
| Friday 02/07/10 | Rocketts Castle, Portlaw , by kind invitation of the Driver Family. |

Those wishing to take part in Rallies must book on the previous Monday/Tuesday with Hilary Farrell on 087-9528323 between 7pm to 9pm to ensure the appropriate number of instructors are booked for rides. Should members not book in time, we may have a problem accommodating everybody. In the name of safety we must have appropriate ratio of instructors to members taking part in rallies.

NB: PRE BOOKING AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME IS IMPERATIVE.

Instructors and their rides will be displayed on the notice board and on arrival please note your ride when paying rally fee of €10

NB: No member may mount before instructor arrives.

Please arrive at rallies at 6pm for 6.30pm start.

A minimum of 3 rallies must be attended in order to be eligible to attend camp, (those involved in training for minimus, Tetrathlon, Eventing, and Showjumping will be allowed flexibility)

All rallies will run weather permitting. Cancellations will be decided by 4pm on the evening of rally and will be posted on website if possible. Please contact secretary if in doubt.

TEST TRAINING

- C+ training days will be held on Wednesday 16th June & Wednesday 30th June '10 at Killure, by kind invitation of the Farrell Family. Time 7pm to 8.30pm. Cost €10 per session.
- C test training will be held on Wednesday 9th June & Wednesday 23rd June '10 at Killure, by kind invitation of the Farrell Family. Time 7pm to 8.30pm. Cost €10 per session
- B test training will be held on Thurs 15th July, 22nd July, 5th August, & 12th August @ Rocketts Castle by kind invitation of the Driver family. Time 7pm to 9pm. Cost €15 per session

Those members who are interested in doing tests and/or participating in the training please contact the DC immediately.

TESTS

C Test: Saturday 10th July '10 @ Killure by kind invitation of the Farrell Family

C+ Test: Monday 19th July '10 @ Ballinacough Event Course.

B Test: T.B.A. Week commencing 23rd August approx.

H Test: Wednesday 25th August '10 @ Gurteen College, Roscrea.

A Test: Wednesday 1st September '10 @ Calliaghstown Riding Centre, Co. Dublin.

EVENT TRAINING

Tuesday 1st June @ Stonehaven Equestrian Centre.

Tuesday 8th June @ Ballinacough Event Course, Tramore.

Training fee: €40.

Please book with Richard Wall @ 085-7244992 before 10th May.

Times will be advised when numbers are confirmed.

Please see schedule of event qualifiers on Irish Pony Club Website.. **All members attending event qualifiers must have passed their C test and must have the prior permission of the DC.**

Those members who wish to enter events must enter by submitting an entry form via David Dennison, Ballinaboola House, Ballinaboola, Halfway, Co. Waterford, Tel: 0872515346, (forms will be available at training), at least two weeks in advance of event date in order for entries to be in on time. **Entries will only be accepted if accompanied by entry fee.**

This year each member will receive a record card in which to record their placings and points, this should then be passed to David after your last event and before the entries for the championships close.

Please note you must be competent riding your pony/horse cross country before competing in a qualifier as the DC must ensure you are safe.

A fall cross country now constitutes elimination, this rule applies to all cross country competitions, eventing, minimus, tetrathlon, etc.

SHOWJUMPING TRAINING

Training for the Robbie Bailey, Intermediate, Members and Senior showjumping **Tuesday 15th June & Tuesday 22nd June**, @ Stonehaven Equestrian Centre.

Training fee: €30.

Please book with Olive Hackett 086-8823705 or Peter Oates 087-2633742 before 1st

June. Times will be advised when numbers are confirmed

GAMES TRAINING

Games training will commence at the rallies on 14th May & 21st May, and if there is enough interest, training will be organised separately.

Members wishing to participate on teams or represent their Branch must do pony club training.

FESTIVAL QUALIFIER

The festival qualifier will be hosted by the Waterford Branch on Saturday 17th July @ Kilbride South, Tramore.. The festival incorporates:-

Showjumping: Robbie Bailey, Intermediate, Members & Seniors

Combined Training: Beginners, Juniors, Intermediate, Members & Senior (Beginners is not a qualifier for the festival it is an area competition only)

Games: under 10 yrs, Junior & Senior

Please contact Olive Hackett for details or if you wish to enter @ 086-8823705

Pure Dressage: team of 4 and individual. Festival to include team competition and individual competitions for the rider of a horse exceeding 148 cm & rider of pony not exceeding 148cm.

Please contact Lorna Dowley @ 051-640109 for further details or if you wish to enter.

GAMES QUALIFIER

Tipperary Branch will host the Area Games Qualifier on Tuesday 29th June '10.

Venue: T.B.A.

RIDE OFF

The ride off for showjumping & dressage, to select teams for the festival qualifier will be held on Thursday 1st July '10, commencing 6pm.

Venue: Ballyadam, Fenor, by kind invitation of the Curran Family.

Please note that performance at training will also be taken into account when selecting teams.

PONY CLUB FESTIVAL

Pony Club Festival will be held at Fagan's Equestrian Centre, Mullingar, on 27th/28th/29th July, '10.

MUSICAL RIDE

We hope to form a musical ride this year any member interested in taking part please contact Geraldine Robinson as soon as possible as we hope to begin training in the near future.

EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Horse Trials Championships to be held at Calverstown, Co. Kildare on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th August '10 .

HUNTING HORN COMPETITION

Training will take place during camp, but those interested in taking part should be practicing. Competition will take place at eventing championships

MINIMUS

Date for National Minimus is Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June 2010.

Venue: Running: Cross Country: by kind invitation of John O'Donnell, Bramblestown, Gowran, Co Kilkenny

Venue: Swimming: Swimming Pool, Ring Road, Kilkenny City.

All those interested in competing please contact Jo Breheny @087-2986294 or Tom Kent 087-2633852 regarding training, which has already commenced.

NOTE: This year the riding will be on the first day, Saturday, and the swimming and running on the second day, Sunday

TETRATHLON

Tetrathlon to be held in Tattersalls, Ratoath, Co. Meath on 28th/29th August '10. The swimming phase of the National Tetrathlon Championships will take place at the National Aquatic Centre. More details available nearer the time.

All those interested in competing please contact Jo Breheny @ 087-2986294 or Tom Kent @ 087-2633852 regarding training, which has already commenced.

MINI-CAMP

Mini-camp will once take place at Rockett's Castle by kind invitation of the Driver family, weather permitting on 24th, 25th, and 26th of August 2010. Please contact Maria Kiersey @ 087-2481392 to book and fee of €75 is payable in advance. Camp is strictly for 11 year olds and under only

WEBSITE

Branch website is up and running @ www.waterfordhuntponyclub.com. If you wish to have articles included please e-mail to info@waterfordhuntponyclub.com. A 'buy and sell' section has been included, please read disclaimer before using this facility.

DRESSAGE TESTS

Please refer to website for details. Copies will also be available from training coordinators in each discipline and also at rallies and camp.

ANNUAL PONY CLUB TRIP

The Irish Pony Club plan to organise a Pony Club day at the Curragh races on Sunday 26th September '10. This day should be an action packed fun filled day for all the family. If we have enough interest from members, we will organise a bus from the Branch on the day. More details will be made available when they come to hand. In the meantime you might mention if you are interested, to any member of the committee.

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 send them to Hilary. While we cannot guarantee that all articles will be published, we hope to have as many as possible included.

PASSPORT

Please note as it is now illegal under EC and Irish law, to transport horses or ponies without a passport, you should carry your animals passport with you at all times. You can apply for a passport through the Irish Pony Club, cost €30, application form

available from Secretary or DC. There will be spot checks for passports and vaccinations, so please ensure they are in order.

Vaccination

The passport should contain an up to date vaccination record, this is for the welfare of your pony or horse. Also, Land Owners put their facilities at our disposal, for the benefit of your child, so please appreciate this and ensure that their horses/ponies are not put at any risk by visiting equines.

WATERFORD HUNT PONY CLUB CAMP 2010

Camp will be held on Monday 5th July 2010 to 9th July 2010, at Castleview Stables, Fenor Co Waterford by kind permission of Mr. Martin Curran.

Please find attached registration form for camp/stabling which must be completed and returned to John Burke Treasurer with booking fee of €125, plus stabling fee if you require a stable or grass livery, by June 1st 2010 in order to secure a place at camp.

First come, first served basis.

Please note horses/ponies stabled for camp will not be covered by pony club insurance. It is advised that all members arrange appropriate insurance for their animals.

- Camp begins on Monday 5th July at 10:00am sharp and on subsequent days, at 09:30am sharp. Camp will finish at 4pm sharp each day.
- All members should be on time each day for tack inspection and all members must leave the yard by 4.15pm.
- Horses/ponies must be at least 4 years old, fit, sound and recently shod.
- Please ensure your animal is safe and suitable for camp.
- All horses/ponies vaccinations must be up to date.
- No member will leave site during the day without permission from D.C.
- Smoking is strictly forbidden, any member found smoking will be sent home immediately.
- No responsibility will be taken for mobile phones or other personal belongings.
- Members are not allowed to carry mobile phones while riding.
- All children visiting camp should remain with and under the supervision and control of their parents at all times.

- No pets allowed at camp

Please note that all committee members and parents of children attending the camp are expected to commit to a minimum of one half day to help with supervision etc., during the camp week. A minimum of ten people are needed on duties at these times. Please contact Hilary Farrell @ 087-9528323 to organise your time for supervision.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR CAMP:

- Riding hat: must be BHS approved as shown on tack sheet.
- Shirt white or blue
- Pony club tie and badge: correct coloured disc inserted * correct colour for test attained.
- Pony club sweatshirt marked clearly with your name
- Waterproof jacket: suitable for riding in.
- Back protector: must be BHS LEVEL 3 approved as shown in tack sheet, Members not allowed to jump unless wearing back protector.
- Jodhpurs: cream/beige, no colours allowed.
- Gloves/whip if required.
- Hair kept tidy (long hair in hairnet)
- Jewellery limited to wristwatch - no earrings/rings permitted.
- Sun cream - even the breeze can cause burning - caution advised.
- Lunch.

WHAT YOUR PONY WILL NEED FOR CAMP:

- Tack in excellent condition and spotless
- Head collar and lead rope
- Grooming kit: dandy brush, body brush, curry comb, hoop pick, 2 sponges, water brush, and stable rubber.
- Tack cleaning: small bucket, saddle soap and sponges
- 2 x buckets for feed and water

- Fill haynet.
- Pony feed - small amount for lunch
- Boots if your pony usually wears them.

Vaccinations: for equine flu and Tetanus are necessary. See your Vet or speak to DC/Secretary.

Equine Dentist will visit camp, if your pony requires attention, please advise secretary.

Please note: Tack sheets can be found on the Irish Pony Club Website

Please note that parents/guardians, etc, should not interrupt or interfere while lessons/events are in progress. If you have a complaint or an issue you wish to discuss or have dealt with, please contact the D.C. or the person in charge at the time.

The branch wishes to express appreciation to all those involved in hosting events and to all volunteers that give freely of their time.

Wishing all members a happy and fun-filled summer.