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of the
Irish Pony Club

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Newsletter Winter 2009

Welcome to Shane Fitzgerald who has recently joined the Branch, we hope you enjoy all the Pony Club Activities.

Once again we would like to congratulate all our members who have achieved great success since we issued the autumn newsletter, especially

Louise Kent, who put on a fine performance at the Tetrathlon in Hartbury and broke the English & Irish swimming record.

Sarah Dowley, who won the Pony Two Star at the International Two Day Event at Ballindenisk, (following in her sister's footsteps).

Rachael Dowley, who won the Junior C Section at the International Two Day Event at Ballindenisk

A special word of congratulations to all our members who competed at the Tetrathlon and put on a fine performance of which we are all extremely proud. Our Junior team finished in third place and Louise finished in third place individually. Individual placings also included Louise winning the swimming and shooting and Claire Larkin finishing third in the swimming. A fantastic achievement.

Waterford Pony Club extend their thanks to the kind sponsors of Round 1 of the Area 3 Showjumping League, namely, The Clothes Horse, Equestrian Suppliers, Cullencastle, Tramore, McGuires Garden Centre, Rossduff, Woodstown, and all others who were so generous.

**The Waterford Hunt Pony Club
Annual Parents Meeting**

DATE: Monday 16th November 2009
TIME: 8.30pm
VENUE: Back Room, Holy Cross Bar
Butlerstown, Waterford

AGENDA:

- ◆ *Minutes from parents meeting 2008*
- ◆ *DC's address*
- ◆ *Secretary's Report*
- ◆ *Treasurer's Report*
- ◆ *Discipline Reports*
 - ◆ *Eventing*
 - ◆ *Games*
 - ◆ *Minimus/Tetrathlon*
 - ◆ *Showjumping*
- ◆ *Election of incoming committee*
- ◆ *A.O.B*
- ◆ *Views, suggestions, comments and discussion will be most welcome on the night*

This is the time when you the Parents and Guardians, have the opportunity to put your suggestions and thoughts to the current committee members of the Waterford Hunt Pony Club. We welcome all of your suggestions and would very much like to see as many Parents and Guardian as possible coming along to the meeting. With your help and support in the coming year, we hope to make the Waterford Branch an exciting and happy club to be involved in.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S PONY CLUB

7.3 Annual Meeting of Parents. Each Branch Committee shall call (before November 30th each year), an Annual Meeting of Parents & Associate members with a view to enlisting their help and support for future activities and of obtaining their views on matters connected with the Pony Club. Former members and/or their parents are eligible for election but do not have a right to propose and nominate for the Committee. This meeting shall have the right to propose and second persons for election on the Branch Committee. The election must be carried out by secret ballot with the DC having the casting vote in the case of equality of votes.

7.4 Eligible to vote are:

- ◆ **One** member from each family with paid up member(s)
- ◆ Any (paid up) associate member
No proxy vote allowed

Nominations to Branch Committee:

1. Must be formally proposed and seconded from the floor
2. Nominees must be present and agree to uphold and abide by the rules of the Irish Pony Club and, if elected, must agree to the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.
3. A Branch Committee may, should they so desire, include past District Commissioners as Ex-Officio members of the Branch Committee in acknowledgement and appreciation of their valued contribution to the branch.

GARDA CLEARANCE NOW REQUIRED BY ALL ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS/INSTRUCTORS

***PLEASE DON'T FORGET.....
WATERFORD HUNT PONY CLUB PARENTS MEETING
Monday 16th November 2009***

Renewal of Membership 2010

Membership for 2010 - €100 per child

We in Waterford Pony Club have decided the following:-

- 1st child in family €100
- 2nd child in family €100
- 3rd and subsequent children of the same family €80

Please find attached your membership form, which must be filled out. Each child wishing to become a member must complete an individual form I.E. **one child one form.**

Please return completed membership forms to John Burke (Treasurer).

NB: FINAL DATE FOR RETURN OF COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP FORMS IS 31st December 2009

Please note that, due to the Insurance environment at present, no child may ride at a pony club event or a pony club rally without being a paid up member.

No membership card no attendance.

Membership takes a minimum of two weeks to be processed.

All renewal/membership forms to be sent to John Burke Treasurer.

All members must have a tack check in accordance with 2009 Irish Pony Club Tack Sheet and all must be in order for you and your pony for the coming season. Safety and Health is an integral and vital part of the Pony Club Code of Practice and therefore we must insist that all tack is as it should be, in accordance with Pony Club policies and procedures. To this end, spot checks will be carried out at all Pony Club Activities.

Please Note: Every horse/pony must be registered with the Irish Horse Board to be eligible for movement. Please check your pony/horse passport/documentation is in order. All owners should ensure that horse/pony vaccinations are up to date. Spot checks will be carried out at Pony Club activities in the coming year.

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Rallies:

Games Rally: Friday 30th October 2009 - 6.30 pm - 8.30pm at Stonehaven Equestrian Centre.
Cost will be €10 per member.

Please book in for rally with Hilary Farrell on 087-9528323 between 7pm & 9pm Monday/Tuesday before.

Showjumping Training :

Due to change of dates with SJA I fixtures, it has been necessary to change the dates for the Jack Doyle showjumping lessons. Lessons have been rescheduled as follows:

Saturday 31st October @ Belline Equestrian Centre

Sunday 15th November @ Stonehaven Equestrian Centre

The date for the third lesson will be posted when Jack Doyle has confirmed same.

Please contact Peter Oates @ 087-2633742 or Olive Hackett @ 086-8823705 for further information.

Show Jumping League: -

Following a very successful start to the first round of the Area 3 showjumping league, the dates for the remaining rounds have been confirmed as follows:

- ❖ Monday 26th October @ Nuenna Farm, Freshford, kindly hosted by North Kilkenny P.C.
- ❖ Sunday 22nd November @ Ryans Equestrian Centre, Kindly hosted by Golden Vale P.C.
- ❖ Sunday 29th November @ Belline Equestrian Centre, kindly hosted by Tipperary P.C.
- ❖ West Waterford round to be announced.
- ❖ **Final** Saturday 12th December @ Ballinamona Equestrian Centre, hosted by Waterford PC

Anyone interested in taking part in the league please contact Peter Oates @ 0872633742 or Olive Hackett @ 0868823705 for further information. All qualifiers commence @ 10am.

Table Quiz:

Saturday 28th November 2009 @ Ballyrafter House, Lismore, Co. Waterford, by kind invitation of the West Waterford Pony Club @ 8pm. Those interested in attending, please contact Geraldine, DC for further information. €20 per team of four.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Venue: Stonehaven Equestrian Centre
Date: Friday 18th December '09
Time: 6.30pm

It has been decided to have a dismounted party this year, but plenty of fun and games are guaranteed. Those who would like to attend please book in with Hilary Farrell @ 051-873259.

Waterford Hunt St. Stephens Day Meet

Venue: Tramore
Date: Saturday 26th December
Time: 12 noon

CHRISTMAS PONY CLUB HUNT MEETS:

Waterford Hunt

Date: Thursday 31st Dec '09.
Venue: Rocketts Castle, Portlaw - by kind invitation of the Driver Family.
Time: 12 Noon.

Kill Harriers

Date: Monday 28th of December 2009
Venue: Fenor
Time: 12 pm
Price : €15 per child or adult.
Contact : Fidelma Curran @ 086 841579

Kilmoganny Harriers

Date: T.B.A.
Venue: Rocketts Castle, Portlaw – by kind invitation of the Driver Family.
Time: 12 noon

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2010

Pony Club Hunter Trial Championships: Saturday 10th April 2010, @ Ballon, Co. Carlow

Minimus : Saturday 12th & Sunday 13st June 2010, @ Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

Pony Club Festival : Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th July 2010, venue T.B.A.

Pony Club Horse Trials Championships: Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th August 2010, venue T.B.A.

Tetrathlon: Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd August 2010, @ Tattersalls

Venues for above Championships which are not available will be confirmed at a later date

Camp Week - Monday 6th July '10 - Friday 10th July '10.

Voluntary help is required with Riding for the Disabled on Wednesday mornings at Kilotteran Equestrian Centre. If you can assist please contact Cecilia at 051 895036. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Please note this is not a Pony Club activity and will not be covered by Pony Club insurance.

The Committee of the Waterford Hunt Pony Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents/guardians who very kindly and generously gave of their time and property so that pony club activities could run smoothly during the pony club season 2009.