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of the  
Irish Pony Club

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## Newsletter Spring 2011

**Welcome to new members, Sophie Cunningham, Niamh Hayden,  
Leah Keating and Alice Walsh, we hope you enjoy the activities in  
Waterford Pony Club.**

### Renewal of Membership 2011 - REMINDER

Membership for 2011 - €100 per child

We in Waterford Pony Club have decided the following:-

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

Please find your membership form on Website and return asap. Members must be affiliated in the current year before participating in any Pony Club activities.

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### SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE 2011:

#### EVENT TRAINING

#### Training with Louise Lyons x 4 sessions – for all Pony Club Members

Venue: Belline Equestrian Centre  
Dates: Thursdays 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
Training may also be arranged on Saturday evenings if there is enough interest.  
Cost: €60  
Places: 4 per lesson  
Times: 5.30pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm  
Booking: Strictly on a first come first served basis  
Payment: Payment must be forwarded to John Burke on or before 18<sup>th</sup> February to secure booking.  
Contact: Richard Wall @ 085-7244992 or 081-851431 (after 6pm).

## **SHOW JUMPING**

### **Training with Jack Doyle x 4 sessions – for all Pony Club Members**

Venue: Stonehaven Equestrian Centre  
Dates: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
Cost: €100  
Places: 6 per lesson  
Times: 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm  
Booking: Strictly on a first come first served basis  
Payment: Payment must be forwarded to John Burke on or before 11<sup>th</sup> March to secure booking.  
Contact: Peter Oates @ 0872633742 or Olive Hackett @ 0868823705

### **Area 3 Show Jumping League**

Following a very successful start to the first round of the Area 3 show jumping league it was not possible to complete due to the disastrous weather before Christmas. It is planned to hold the final on **27<sup>th</sup> February next** @ Belline Equestrian Centre, commencing @ 10am.

Details will be posted on the website,

Contact: Peter Oates @ 0872633742 or Olive Hackett @ 0868823705

### **Inter Branch Show Jumping – for all pony club members**

Venue: Ballinamona Equestrian Centre  
Date: Good Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011  
Time: 9.30am sharp  
Cost: €80 per team or €10 per individual 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 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011, entry form enclosed, should be sent to Olive Hackett.

Contact: Peter Oates @ 0872633742 or Olive Hackett @ 0868823705

### **INTER BRANCH JUMPCROSS – hosted by Waterford Hunt Pony Club**

Venue: Ballinacloough Event Course  
Dates: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Times: Commencing 9.30am sharp  
Cost: Pairs - €20, Individual - €10  
Events: Under 12, Junior, Intermediate, Members.  
Closing Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011 (entry form attached)  
Contact: David Dennison @ 087 2515346

**There will also be showjumping classes on the day.**

**Details posted on the website. Help required please contact David at above number.**

## **COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION – The Laura Brehany Memorial Trophy**

**Venue:** TBA  
**Date:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011.  
**Time:** Commencing 12 noon.  
**Events:** Under 12, Junior, Intermediate, Members.

## **HUNTER TRIALS**

Waterford Hunt Branch will organise a league at the five 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:**

Waterford Hunt @ Rocketts Castle, Portlaw	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2011
West Waterford Foxhounds @ Boulta:	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2011
Kilmoganny Foxhounds @ Kilmeaden:	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2011
Woodstown Harriers @ Portlaw:	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2011
Kill Harriers :	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2011

All enquiries to Hilary Farrell at 051- 873259 or 087-9528323.

The John Power Perpetual Shield will be presented to the winner of the League, also prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 (details shall be on website). As entries must be submitted in advance, please contact the DC before 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011, if you wish to enter. Competition for Juniors and Seniors. Members competing must have passed their C test.

## **MINIMUS/TETRATHLON 2011**

**Minimus** – Kilkenny 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June 2011

For all pony club members age 11 and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011

Includes Run (1km), Swim (3 minutes) and Crosscountry.

All wishing to compete in the Minimus are requested to participate in two under 12 single hunter trial events – please contact Jo Brehany if you wish to participate before **25<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**

**Training Commencing March 2011.**

Swimming: Running: Cross Country:

**Tetrathlon** – Tattersalls 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> August 2011

For all pony club members age 15 and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011

Includes Run (1.5km), Swim (4 minutes), Shooting and Crosscountry.

**Training Commencing March 2011.**

Shooting: Swimming: Running: Cross Country:

Please contact **Jo Breheny** @ 087-2986294 on or before **25<sup>th</sup> February 2011** 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.

**Good luck to all our Tetrathletes who will attend training for the Irish team**

**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**

**TREK – for all pony club members**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011** @ 3pm – meet at Laketour Stables, Tramore, Co. Waterford open to all Pony Club members. €10 per person. Trek to lakes, gallops and cross country (jumping optional). Trek is for all levels and ages. Members shall be divided into suitable groups and supervised. Parents and lead rein children welcome. Please park in area on left before turning up to Laketour Stables (there will be sign up).

All treks shall be subject to weather conditions and adequate supervision. Those interested, **including Parents willing to help supervise**, please text or call Clare 085 7749824. **Please confirm by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February so that we can ensure adequate supervision.**

(N.B. Parents who wish to hire pony/horse from Laketour Stables to trek are very welcome, parents shall not be covered on pony club insurance but shall be covered under Laketour Stables.)

**PONY CLUB GAMES - for all pony club member under 10 and under 13**

Training shall commence in March 2011.

Teams that qualify attend Pony Festival 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July 2011

All interested please contact Geraldine Robinson 087 9332499 – see Website for further details.

**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.

### **EASTER TRIP TO The Zoo and McKee Barracks Army Equitation School**

For all Pony Club Members

Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Booking: On first come first served basis

Cost: €20 per person (covers bus and entry to the Zoo)

Contact: Hilary Farrell @ 051-873259 or 087-9528323.

Bookings will only be accepted with appropriate fee.

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.

### **WATERFORD PONY CLUB WEBSITE**

Please forward any photos of pony club members/activities 2010 to Geraldine Robinson @ [geraldinerobinson57@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinerobinson57@gmail.com) to put on the website. We will update as often as possible so look out for your photos.

### **Annual Conference 2011:**

The annual conference of The Irish Pony Club will take place in Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011, 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:**

Please note that members wishing to compete in inter branch cross country, ie Hunter Trials and eventing must have passed the C test. In order to facilitate those members who do not hold the C test, but wish to compete at the National Hunter Trials on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011, a C test will be organised during the Easter holidays, if there is enough interest. Please notify the DC immediately if you wish to take the C test at that time, so that adequate training may be organised.

Due to the cost of organising tests, all tests in 2011, 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 2011 should forward their name to the D.C.. Those who wish to take the Road

Safety test should contact Hilary Farrell @ 0879528323, **before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011**. 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.

### **Road Safety Test:**

Please contact Hilary before 1st April 2011, if you wish to take the test.

**Training for Road Safety Test:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 2pm, venue TBA.

**Road Safety Test:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 6pm, venue TBA.

The cost for the day will be €20, please forward fee to Hilary by 1st April 2011.

### **Camp:**

Pony Club Camp 2011 will take place from 4<sup>th</sup> July to 8th July 2011, @ 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.**

*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 2010 and we are all looking forward to a great 2011.*

**PONY CLUB DATES 2011 TO REMEMBER (please see website for updates and changes)**

**JANUARY**

Pony Club Membership Renewal Now  
31<sup>st</sup> C TEST APPLICATION – RING GERALDINE FARRELL-POWER

**FEBRUARY**

12<sup>TH</sup> TREK  
12<sup>TH</sup> CLOSING DATE FOR JUMPCROSS ENTRIES  
18<sup>TH</sup> CLOSING DATE FOR EVENT TRAINING  
19<sup>TH</sup> INTER BRANCH JUMPCROSS EVENT  
24<sup>TH</sup> EVENT TRAINING STARTS  
25<sup>TH</sup> MINIMUS/TETRATHLON – RING JO BREHANY  
27<sup>TH</sup> AREA 3 FINAL

**MARCH**

5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PONY CLUB CONFERENCE @ NEWPARK HOTEL, KILKENNY  
11<sup>TH</sup> CLOSING DATE FOR SHOW JUMPING TRAINING  
18<sup>TH</sup> SHOW JUMPING TRAINING STARTS  
20<sup>TH</sup> HUNTER TRIALS – Rocketts Castle  
27<sup>TH</sup> HUNTER TRIALS - Boulta  
TBC GAMES TRAINING  
TBC MINIMUS/TETRATHLON TRAINING

**APRIL**

1<sup>ST</sup> CLOSING DATE FOR ROAD SAFETY TEST  
3<sup>RD</sup> HUNTER TRIALS – Kilmeaden  
10<sup>TH</sup> HUNTER TRIALS - Portlaw  
15<sup>TH</sup> CLOSING DATE FOR INTER BRANCH SHOW JUMPING  
17<sup>TH</sup> HUNTER TRIALS - Kill  
20<sup>TH</sup> ROAD SAFETY TRAINING AND TEST  
22<sup>ND</sup> INTER BRANCH SHOW JUMPING  
TBC C TEST FOR THOSE AGE 11 + ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2011  
27<sup>TH</sup> EASTER TRIP TO ZOO/McKEE BARRACKS  
30<sup>TH</sup> PONY CLUB HUNTER TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**MAY**

2<sup>ND</sup> COMBINED TRAINING COMPETITION

**JUNE**

11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> MINIMUS

**JULY**

4<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> PONY CLUB CAMP  
17<sup>TH</sup> H TEST  
27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> IRISH PONY CLUB FESTIVAL

**AUGUST**

13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> TETRATHLON  
23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
31<sup>ST</sup> A TEST

MORE DATES FOR RALLIES, EVENTS, ETC WILL BE POSTED ON WEBSITE AND NEXT NEWSLETTER.