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Irish Pony Club

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Newsletter Spring 2012

**Welcome to Una Ferguson we hope you enjoy the activities in
Waterford Pony Club.**

Renewal of Membership 2012 - REMINDER

Membership for 2012 - €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 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 2012:

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 organiser. Places are allocated on a first come/first served basis and if there are insufficient bookings, the training may have to be cancelled.

TREK @ FENOR 2pm SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY - No Fee

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 30th January so that we can ensure adequate supervision.**

(N.B. parents shall not be covered on pony club insurance.)

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TACK INSPECTION BRIEFING – For Parents of all Members

7.30pm Stonehaven 16th February 2012

A tack inspection briefing shall be given by Rosemary Driver in Stonehaven on Thursday 16th February next @ 7.30pm for all parents of Pony Club Members. For the safety of all members, this briefing shall assist all parents in understanding the Pony Club rules and guidelines of pony/rider turnout and safety.

FLAT WORK - February

Training with SUE SMALLMAN x 3 sessions for all Pony Club Members

Venue: Killdalon College, Piltown
Dates: Fridays 17th/24th February 2nd March 2012
Cost: €75.00 for 3 sessions
Places: 4 per group x 3 groups
Times: TBC upon booking
Booking: Strictly on a first come first served basis upon receipt of full payment.
It is only possible to book all 3 sessions.
Payment: €75.00 to be forwarded with booking asap. No places may be held without payment.
Contact: Enquiries to Lorna Dowley @ 0863076191

SHOW JUMPING - March

Training with FRANCIS CONNORS x 4 sessions – for all Pony Club Members

Venue: Stonehaven Equestrian Centre
Dates: Friday 9th, 16th, 23rd 30th March 2012
Cost: €80 for 4 sessions
Places: 5 per lesson
Times: TBC upon booking
Booking: Strictly on a first come first served basis upon receipt of full payment.
It is only possible to book all 4 sessions.
Payment: €80.00 to be forwarded to Olive Hackett or Peter Oates asap, no places may be held without payment.
Contact: Enquiries to Peter Oates @ 0872633742 or Olive Hackett @ 0868823705

Inter Branch Show Jumping – for all pony club members

Venue: Ballinamona Equestrian Centre
Date: Good Friday 6th April 2012
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 30th March 2012, entry form enclosed, should be sent to Olive Hackett.
Contact: Peter Oates @ 0872633742 or Olive Hackett @ 0868823705

EVENT TRAINING

Training shall be arranged at a later date in April

CHILDRENS HUNT

Childrens Hunt @ Curraghmore Estate Saturday 18th Feb @ 11.30am.

Same entrance as last year, Clonea Power Side.

Also anyone wishing to hunt for a day with the Waterford Hunt or join as a member, please contact Ray Morrissey @ 0874131000.

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 10 th March 2012
West Waterford Foxhounds @ Boulta:	Sunday 25 th March 2012
Kilmoganny Foxhounds @ Kilmeaden:	Sunday 1 st April 2012
Woodstown Harriers @ Portlaw:	Sunday 8 th April 2012
Kill Harriers :	Sunday 15 th April 2012

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 2nd & 3rd places. This year points will be allocated to each member for attendance.

PONY CLUB Hunter Trials:

Irish Pony Club Hunter Trial Championships will be held on Saturday 14th April 2012 Ballon, Co Carlow (details shall be on website). As entries must be submitted in advance, please contact the DC if you wish to enter. Competition for Juniors and Seniors. Members competing must have passed their C test.

MINIMUS/TETRATHLON 2012

Minimus – Mallow, Co Cork 23rd /24th June 2012

For all pony club members age 11 and under on 1st January 2012

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.

Training Commencing March 2012.

Swimming: Running: Cross Country:

Tetrathlon – Venue TBC 11/12TH August 2012

For all pony club members age 15 and under on 1st January 2012

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

Training Commencing March 2012.

Shooting: Swimming: Running: Cross Country:

Please contact Jo Breheny 087 2986294 or Eleanor Kent 087 6270700 if you wish to participate before **25th February 2012.**

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

Training shall commence in March 2012.

Teams that qualify attend Pony Club Festival Barnadown 1st/2nd August 2012

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

EASTER TRIP TO The Irish Welfare Trust Horse Sanctuary, Wicklow and Gravity Park Adventure Centre (Zip Wires/Climbing Wall/Leap of Faith) – there is a very strict height restriction of 1.3m in the adventure centre.

For all Pony Club Members

Date: Tuesday 10th April 2012

Booking: On first come first served basis

Cost: €30.00 per person (covers bus, horse sanctuary and entry to the Gravity Park)

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 2011/2012 to Laure Widger@ lawidger@gmail.com to put on the website. We will update as often as possible so look out for your photos.

Annual Conference 2012:

The annual conference of The Irish Pony Club will take place in Tullamore Saturday 31st March 2012, 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 14th April 2012, 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 2012, will have to be prepaid. The dates of the tests will be posted in the next newsletter. All members who wish to take tests in 2012 should forward their name to the D.C. 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.

Camp:

Pony Club Camp 2012 will take place from 2nd July to 6th July 2012, @ 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 2011 and we are all looking forward to a great 2012.