



The Waterford Hunt Branch of The Irish Pony Club.

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Spring Newsletter 2013

Happy New year to all our members, Parents and Friends. 2013 is here and we hope that it will be a great year for our members and their ponies. We would like to wish Geraldine Farrell Power our outgoing D.C. the best of luck and thank you for all the years of wonderful work for the pony club. Welcome to our new D.C. Hilary Farrell who no doubt will fill Geraldine's very well!

Renewal of membership for 2013

Membership is now due.

Membership for 2013 - €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 in the same Family €80

Please find your renewal form on website and return as soon as possible so we can get 2013 off to a brilliant start. Members must be affiliated in the current year to participate in any Pony Club activity.

Spring Training Schedule 2013.

Please Note that due to the cost of hiring Instructors and venues, all training must be paid for in advance. This includes Eventing, Minimus/Tetrathlon, Showjumping, Dressage ect., All bookings together with the 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.

Flatwork and jumping lessons/February.

Training with Liz O Connor.

Venue: Kilottern E.C.
Dates: Friday 8th, 15th, 22nd February 2013.
Fee: €60 for 3 sessions
Times: TBC on booking
Booking: Strictly on First come First served basis upon receipt of full Payment. It is only possible to book all 3 sessions.
Payment: €60 to be forwarded with booking asap. No places will be Held without payment.
Contact: Geraldine Robinson@ 0879332499.
[Email:geraldinerobinson57@gmail.com](mailto:geraldinerobinson57@gmail.com)

Showjumping/ March.

Training with Francis Connors.

Venue: Stonehaven E.C.
Dates: Friday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March 2013.
Fee: €100 for 4 sessions.
Times: TBC on booking.
Booking: Strictly on first come first served basis upon receipt of full payment. It is only possible to book all 4 sessions.
Payment: €100 to be forwarded asap. No places will be Held without Full payment.
Contact: Peter Oates@ 0872633742
OR

Games Training.

Games Training to commence in March 2013. Please watch the web site for further information.

Inter Branch Team Showjumping.

Venue: Ballinamona E.C.

Date: Good Friday 29th March 2013.

Time: 9.30am Sharp.

Fee: €80 per team for Team event and €10 for individual Classes

This competition is open to all branches of The Irish Pony Club. Teams will be made up of 4 riders and heights will be 60cm, 80cm and 1metre with the lowest score to be discarded. We will assist in putting teams together should members have difficulty in forming a team. Individual classes of 70/80cms and 1metre will also be held. Entry form can be found on the web site and should be sent to Peter Oates or Valarie McGuire. Closing date for entries is Friday 22nd March.

Hunter Trails.

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

Dates:

West Waterford Foxhounds, Boulta: 24th March 2013.

Kilmoganny Foxhounds, Kilmeaden: 7th April 2013.

Waterford Hunt, Rocketts Castle:

Woodstown Harriers, Portlaw: 14th April 2013.

Kill Harriers: 21st April 2013.

Waterford Hunt Pony Club will host Hunter trails on Sunday 28th April At Ballinaclough Waterford. This will be the final of the league. The John Power perpetual Trophy will be presented to the winner of the league and there will also be prizes for 2nd and 3rd places. Points will be allocated to each member for attendance and placings.

All enquiries to Hilary Farrell at 051-873259 / 0879528323.

Minimus/Tetrathlon Training.

Minimus training starting soon watch the web site for updates

For all pony club members age 11yrs and under on 1st Jan '13.

Contact Jo Breheny or Pricilla Larkin for more information.

Irish Pony Club Hunter Trails.

That Irish Pony Club Hunter Trails Championships will be held on Saturday 6th April 2013 at Ballon Co.Carlow (details will be on the web site).As entries must be submitted in advance please contact the DC if you wish to enter.Competitions for Junior and Seniors, members must have passed their C test.

Pony Club Easter Trip.

Our annual trip will take place on Tuesday April 2nd and this year it will be packed again with lots of fun!Last years trip was a great success and this year we plan to go to Castlecomer Discovery Park in Co Kilkenny.Park includes huge climbing walls,a tree top climb and walk and leap of faith.We will also visit Willie Mullins Racing yard!The cost of the trip will be €30 and enquiries and booking to Geraldine on 0879332499.

Rallies.

Dates for Rallies are as follows;

Friday May 10th for beginners/new members.

Friday May 17th for beginners/new members.

Friday May 24th.

Friday May 31st.

Friday June 7th.

Friday June 14th.

Friday June 21st.

Vevues will be on the web site at a later date.

D and D+ Tests will be held on June 28th and members wishing to do these tests must attend 4 Rallies.

Tests.

Please note that members wishing to compete in inter branch cross country,ie;Hunter Trails and eventing must have passed their C

test. In order to facilitate those members who do not hold their C test but wish to compete at the National Hunter Trails, 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 2013 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 2013 should forward their names to the DC. Members must hold their C test before taking the Road Safety Test and cannot take the C+ test until they have passed their Road Safety.

Summer Camp 2013.

Pony Club Summer Camp will take place from 1st July to 5th July 2013 at Castle View Stables, Fenor, Co Waterford. The booking form for camp and stabling will be in the next newsletter.

As you are aware, no horse or pony may be transported without a valid passport. Member 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 that 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 their time and property so that pony club activities could run smoothly during the pony club season 2012 and we are looking forward to a great 2013!

Waterford Hunt Pony Club Committee 2013

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