



**The Waterford Hunt Branch
of the
Irish Pony Club**

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2014

**Welcome to all our new members we hope you enjoy
the activities in
Waterford Pony Club.**

Renewal of Membership 2014 – Reminder.

Membership for 2014

1 st Child in Family:	€100.00
2 nd Child in Family:	€100.00
3 rd and subsequent children:	€80.00

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

Spring Training Schedule 2014

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 the full fee should be sent to the relevant organiser. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis and if there are insufficient bookings training will be cancelled.

Dressage / Flat Work Training.

Training with Anne-Marie Dunphy x 4 sessions for all Pony Club Members.

Venue: Jo Breheny's, Kilbride, Tramore.

Dates: Saturday 15th March, Wednesday 26th March, Wednesday 2nd & 9th April

Places: Individuals and Pairs

Times: Contact Jo @ 087 2986294

Showjumping.

Training with Paddy O' Donnell x 4 sessions for all Pony Club Members.

Venue: Stonehaven Equestrian Centre
Dates: Friday 21st & 28TH March, Friday 4th & 11th April
Cost: €80.00 paid in full on booking.
Places: 5 per lesson.
Times: Will be posted on Website prior to Friday 21st.
Contact: Valerie Maguire @ 087 6235544

Inter Branch Showjumping for all Pony Club Members.

Venue: Ballinamona Equestrian Centre.
Date: Good Friday 18th April 2014
Time: 9.30am Sharp.
Cost: €80.00 per team of four, €10 per individual.
Heights: 60cm, 80cm, 1 metre & 1.10.
Contact: Valerie Maguire @ 087 6235544 / Peter Oates 087 2633742
Postal Entries: Valerie Maguire, Rathpatrick, Slieverue, Via. Waterford.

Time allowing we will run individual competitions of 60cm, 80cm & 1 metre and 1.10. We will assist in putting teams together, should any members have difficulty in forming a team. Entries close Friday 11th April.

Hunter Trials.

Waterford Hunt Branch will organise a league for the four upcoming Hunter Trials. The competition will run on the same basis as last year. Please note that these Hunter Trials are not Pony Club activities and therefore members will not be covered on Pony Club Insurance.

West Waterford Foxhounds @ Boulta.	Sunday 23 rd March 2014
Kill Harriers @ Kill Co. Waterford.	Sunday 30 th March 2014
Kilmoganny Foxhounds @ Kilmeaden	Sunday 6 th April 2014
Woodstown Harriers @ Portlaw.	Sunday 13 th April 2014

The John Power Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the winner of the league. Prizes will also be presented for 2nd & 3rd place. Points will be allocated to members for attendance. All enquiries to Hilary Farrell @ 087 9528323

I.P.C Hunter Trials.

The Irish Pony Club Hunter Trial Championships will be held on Saturday 26th April 2014 at Watergrasshill, Ballindenisk, Co. Cork. (details on I.P.C. Website). As entries must be submitted in advance please contact the DC @ 087 9528323. Competitions for Juniors and Seniors and all competitors must have passed their C Test.

Minimus / Tetrathlon Training.

Minimus: Kilguilkey House Mallow, Co. Cork.

Date: 07th & 08th June 2014

For all Pony Club Members age 11 and under on 1st January 2014.

Competition includes: Run (1km), Swim (2 mins), Cross Country.

Training Commencing March 2014.

Swimming: Waterford Crystal Swimming Pool, Thurs 27th March 5-6pm

Running: Commencing Tues 11th March, Widgers 5-6pm
Stella Maris Tramore, Thurs 13th March 6.15pm.

Cross Country: Commencing week of 24th March with Polly Houlihan
Venue to be Confirmed.

Contact: Jo Breheny @ 087 2986294

Tetrathlon: Crecora, Co. Limerick.

Date: 02nd, 3rd & 4th August 2014

For all Pony Club Members age 15 and under on 1st January 2014.

Competition includes: Run (1.5km), Swim (3 mins), Rifle Shooting, Cross Country.

Training Commencing March 2014

Shooting: Wed 12th March & Wed 19th March Jo Breheny's 5-7pm.

Swimming: as per Minimus

Running: as per Minimus

Cross Country: TBA.

Contact: Jo Breheny @ 087 2986294

Rallies.

02nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May

6th, 13th and 20th June

Venues to be confirmed.

I.P.C. Festival Qualifier / Festival

Area 3 Qualifier will take place on Wed 16th July Hosted by Tipperary Branch.

I.P.C Festival will take place from Mon 28th July – Wed 30th July 2014

at Barnadown Equestrian Centre, Gorey, Co. Wexford.

Details on I.P.C Website.

Eventing Training.

Training Schedule TBC.

I.P.C Eventing Championships will take place on Sat 23rd & Sun 24th Aug
at Tattersalls, Co Meath.(details on I.P.C Website)

Easter Trip.

Easter Trip to Fota Island, Cobh, Co. Cork for all Pony Club Members.

Date: Tuesday 22ND April 2014

Booking; First come first served basis.

Cost: TBC. (depending on numbers).

Contact: Hilary Farrell @ 051 873259 087 9528323 for details.

Camp.

Camp will take place from 30th June – 4th July 2014, at Castleview Stables, Fenor, Co. Waterford.

The booking form for Camp and stabling will be included in Summer Newsletter.

Please note that bookings will only be accepted on return of this form together with payment to John Burke. Allocation of stables will be on a first come first served basis. As you are aware no Pony or Horse may be transported without a valid passport. Members please ensure all Ponies and Horses hold a valid passport and vaccinations are up to date for the coming season.

There will be spot checks at various activities, so please carry your passport at all times.

Waterford Pony Club Website.

Please forward any photos of Pony Club activities / members for 2013 to Neil Phelan at nphelan@hcs.ie for inclusion on Website.

We will update as often as possible so look out for your photos.

Shop.

All members are required to adhere to the official Pony Club dress code at all Pony Club events. The stock for Waterford Pony Club is held by Tracy O' Reilly and Tracy can be contacted @ 086 1200716.

Waterford Pony Club Jumpers, Cross Country Jumpers, Jackets, Silks, Ties, Badges, Bibs, Manuals etc.. are available.

As a limited stock of goods are held, please ensure to order on time.

Tests.

Please note that all members wishing to compete in inter branch Cross Country, i.e. Hunter Trials and Eventing (with the exception of under 12's) must have passed their C Test. Due to the cost of organising tests, all tests in 2014, will have to be prepaid. The dates of the various tests will be posted in the next newsletter. All members who wish to take tests in 2014 should forward their names to the DC. 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.

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 facilities so that Pony Club activities could run smoothly during the 2013 season.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2014.