



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

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

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

Renewal of Membership 2016 – Reminder.

Membership for 2016

1 st Child in Family:	€100.00
2 nd Child in Family:	€100.00
3 rd and Subsequent Children:	€75.00

Please renew your membership for 2016 in the online section of our Website.

Members must be affiliated in the current year before participating in any Pony Club Activities.

Spring Training Schedule 2016

Please note that due to the cost of Hiring Instructors and Venues, all training must be **booked online and paid for in advance.** This includes Eventing, Minimus, Tetrathlon and Showjumping.

All bookings can now be made online in the online entries section of our Website.

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis and if there are insufficient bookings training will be cancelled.

Training with Liz O' Connor.

Venue: **Killetteran Equestrian Centre.**
Dates: Tuesday 23rd Feb , 1st & 08th March 2016
Time: 5pm - 7pm
Contact: Geraldine Farrell Power @ 086 4185086

Under 12's / Novice Cross Country and Games Training.

Venue: **Pallas Equestrian Centre**
Dates: Friday 08th, 15th, 22nd April 2016.
Time: 4.30pm – 8.30pm
Contact: Eleanor Widger @ 087 2276482

Showjumping.

SJ Training with Jack Doyle for all Pony Club Members.

Venue: **Ballinamona Equestrian Centre**
Dates: Friday 4th, 11th & 18TH March 2016.
Cost: €75.00 . **(Booking online)**
Places: 5 per lesson
Times: 5pm – 9pm
Contact: Sam Maguire @ 086 8136111 for details.

Inter-Branch Showjumping Day

Venue: **Ballinamona Equestrian Centre.**
Date: Good Friday 25th March 2016
Time: 9.30am Sharp.
Cost: €80.00 per team of four.
Heights: 50/60cm, 70/80cm, 90cm & 1 meter
Contact: Sam Maguire @ 086 8136111

Time allowing we will run individual competitions @ €10 per entry.
We will assist in putting teams together, should any members have difficulty in forming a team. Entries close **Friday 18th March.**

Hunter Trials.

Waterford Hunt Branch will organise a league for the following 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 by Pony Club Insurance.**

West Waterford Foxhounds @ Boulta.	Sunday 20/03/2016
Kill Harriers @ Kill Co. Waterford.	Sunday 27/03/2016
Kilmoganny Foxhounds @ Kilmeaden	Sunday 03/04/2016
Woodstown Harriers @ Portlaw.	Sunday 10/04/2016

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 Hillary Farrell @ 087 9528323

I.P.C Hunter Trials.

The Irish Pony Club Hunter Trial Championships will be held on Saturday 02nd April 2016 at **Anna Harvey Equestrian Centre, Tullamore, Co. Offaly**

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 Training.

Minimus: Venue TBC

Date: Sat & Sun 28th & 29th May 2016.

For all Pony Club Members age 11 and under on 1st January 2016.
Competition includes: Run (1km), Swim (2 mins), Cross Country.

Contact: Jo Breheny @ 087 2986294 with Name and DOB.

Full details of training schedule will follow soon

Tetrathlon Training.

Tetrathlon: Tattersalls, Fairyhouse, Ratoath, Co. Meath

Date: Sat, Sun & Monday 30th July -1st August 2016

For all Pony Club Members age 14 and under on 1st January 2016.
Competition includes: Run (1.5km), Swim (3 mins), Rifle Shooting, XC.

Details on training to follow:-

Area 3 Festival Qualifier / IPC Festival.

Area 3 Qualifier will take place in **West Waterford**. More info soon.

I.P.C Festival taking place from Fri 05th Aug – Sun 7th Aug 2016.
at **Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath**.(details IPC Website).

Eventing Training

Showjumping with Paddy O' Donnell

Venue: Paddy O' Donnell's, Fenor, Co. Waterford.
Dates: Thurs 31st March, 07th 14th & 21st April 2016. **(Booking online)**
Times: 4.30pm - 8.30pm
Contact: Eleanor Foley @ 087 2304681

Dressage.

2 One Day Clinics with Liam Maloney.

Venue: Mags Bolger, Ballyduff, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford.
Dates: Sat 12th March & Sat 02nd April 2016.
Times: 10.00am – 5.00pm (3 per lesson). **(Booking online)**
Cost: €25.00 per lesson.
Contact: Eleanor Foley @ 087 2304681

I.P.C Eventing Championships will take place on Sat 20th & Sun 21st Aug 2016.
Venue TBC. Watch out for details on I.P.C Website

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**
☎ 086 1200716.

Waterford Pony Club Jumpers, Cross Country Jumpers, Jackets, Silks, Ties, Badges, Bibs, Manuals etc.. are now available to purchase **online.**

Tests.

Times and Dates for Tests to be confirmed.
Look out for details on Website.

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 2016, will have to be prepaid.

All members who wish to take tests in 2016 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.

Garda Vetting:

It is now a **strict policy** of the I.P.C. that all committee members, officials, instructors volunteers etc.. must complete a Garda Vetting Form. The Garda Vetting Form can be downloaded from our Website and **must** be sent to the **I.P.C.** before involvement with any branch.

The DC and 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 2015 season.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2016.