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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2011

Welcome to our new members:-

Alannah Barry, Kirsten Browne, Rachael Buck, Rebecca Curran Flynn, Emily Keane, Leah Keating, Eimear Kelly, Giorgie Morrissey,

Niamh Noonan, Paudie O'Callaghan, Maud O'Callaghan, Eve Ryan, Griffin,

And to those who have rejoined after a break,

Shannon Acheson, Lee Maher, Charlie Maher.

Congratulations to:

Louise Kent who has been selected for squad training for the IPC Senior Tetrathlon Team .

To all who competed in the Area 3 Dressage Championship and the Assessment day for the Silver Spurs dressage and were very successful.

Rallies

Rallies will take place this year as follows:-

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| Friday 06/05/11 | Kilbride South, Tramore , by kind invitation of the Power Family. (restricted to new members & under 12 yrs only) |
| Friday 13/05/11 | Kilbride South, Tramore , by kind invitation of the Power Family. (restricted to new members & under 12 yrs only) |
| Friday 20/05/11 | Pallas Stud, Woodstown , by kind invitation of the O'Mahony Family |
| Friday 27/05/11 | Dromina, Woodstown , by kind invitation of the Coughlan Family. |
| Friday 03/06/11 | Dromina, Woodstown , by kind invitation of the Coughlan Family. |
| Friday 10/06/11 | Ballyadam, Fenor , by kind invitation of the Curran Family. |
| Friday 17/06/11 | Ballyadam, Fenor , by kind invitation of the Curran Family. |

Those wishing to take part in Rallies must book on the previous Monday/Tuesday with Hilary Farrell on 087-9528323 between 7pm to 9pm to ensure the appropriate number of instructors are booked for rides. Should members not book in time, we may have a problem accommodating everybody. In the name of safety we must have appropriate ratio of instructors to members taking part in rallies.

NB: PRE BOOKING AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME IS IMPERATIVE.

Instructors and their rides will be displayed on the notice board and on arrival please note your ride when paying rally fee of €10

NB: No member may mount before instructor arrives.

Please arrive at rallies at 6pm for 6.30pm start.

A minimum of 3 rallies must be attended in order to be eligible to attend camp, (those involved in training for minimus, Tetrathlon, Eventing, and Showjumping will be allowed flexibility)

All rallies will run weather permitting. Cancellations will be decided by 4pm on the evening of rally and will be posted on website if possible. Please contact secretary if in doubt.

Inter Branch Show Jumping – for all pony club members

Venue: Ballinamona Equestrian Centre
Date: Good Friday 22nd 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 15th April 2011, entry form on website, should be sent to Olive Hackett.

Contact: Peter Oates @ 0872633742 or Olive Hackett @ 0868823705

PONY CLUB Hunter Trials:

Irish Pony Club Hunter Trials will be held on Saturday 30th April 2011 @ Crecora, Co. Limerick.

As entries must be submitted in advance, please contact the DC immediately, if you wish to compete.

Competition for Juniors and Seniors.

Members competing must have passed their C test and have participated in the local Hunter Trials this Spring.

EASTER TRIP TO The Zoo and McKee Barracks Army Equitation School

For all Pony Club Members

Date: Wednesday 27th April 2011,

Bus will leave the Woodlands Hotel @ 8.30am sharp, returning 6pm.

Booking: On first come, first served basis

Cost: €20 (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. Members travelling should bring a packed lunch and enough money for Supermacs on the return journey.

Laura Breheny Fun Day

Venue: Stonehaven Equestrian Centre

Date: Monday 2nd May 2011.

Time: Commencing 11am.

Events: Under 12, Junior, Intermediate, Members, dressage & showjumping.

Showjumping classes: 40cm, 60cm, 80cm, 1m. Games.

Entry Fee: €10 per competition dressage & showjumping. Games €10

Members interested in competing please contact Geraldine Robinson @ 087-9332499

Entries close **Thursday 21st April '11**. Please ensure your dressage entry is received by the due date as judges will have to be booked.

National Event Qualifier

Date: Sunday 26th June 2011 hosted by Waterford Pony Club.

Venue: Ballinacloough Event Course

Entries: Forms will be available on the website and & should be forwarded to:

Katrina Dennison, Ballinaboola House, Halfway House, Co. Waterford.

Entries close on Monday 20th June '11.

Classes: Under 12, Junior, Intermediate, Members, Associate B, Associate B

Waterford Pony Club will host its first one day event qualifier on Sunday 26th June '11 @ Ballinacloough Event Course. This is a major event in the calendar of Waterford Pony Club, so all members and Parents/Guardians will be expected to help. Please contact David Dennison @ 087-2515346 who is co ordinating the event.

TEST TRAINING

- C+ training days will be held on Tuesday 14th June, Tuesday 28th June, 13th July & 20th July '11 at Killure, by kind invitation of the Farrell Family. Time 7pm to 8.30pm. Cost €10 per session.
- C test training will be held on Tuesday 7th June & Tuesday 21st June. '11 at Killure, by kind invitation of the Farrell Family. Time 7pm to 8.30pm. Cost €10 per session

- B test training will be arranged when numbers taking the test are confirmed. Please contact the DC .
- **Those members who are interested in doing tests and/or participating in the training please contact the DC immediately.**

TESTS

C Test: Saturday 9th July '11 @ Killure by kind invitation of the Farrell Family

C+ Test: Monday 25^h July '11 @ Ballinacloyh Event Course.

B Test: T.B.A.

H Test: Wednesday 17th August '11 @ Gurteen College, Roscrea.

A Test: Wednesday 31st August '11 @ Calliaghstown Riding Centre, Co. Dublin.

Road Safety Test:

Please contact **Sinead Cooney @ 085-2795330 before 22nd April 2011**, if you wish to take the test. Training and the test will be organised when there are sufficient numbers.

EVENT TRAINING

Date: Thursday 19th May, Saturday 4th June, Saturday 11th June & Thursday 23rd June '11.

Venue: Belline Equestrian Centre.

Training fee: €70.

Payment must be forwarded to John Burke on or before 10th May to secure booking

Please book with Richard Wall @ 085-7244992 before 1st May.

Times will be advised when numbers are confirmed.

Please see schedule of event qualifiers on Irish Pony Club Website.. **All members attending event qualifiers must have passed their C test and must have the prior permission of the DC.**

Those members who wish to enter events must enter by submitting an entry form via David Dennison, Ballinaboola House, Ballinaboola, Halfway, Co. Waterford, Tel: 0872515346, (forms will be available at training), at least two weeks in advance of event date in order for entries to be in on time. **Entries will only be accepted if accompanied by entry fee.**

This year each member will receive a record card in which to record their placings and points, this should then be passed to David after your last event and before the entries for the championships close.

Please note you must be competent riding your pony/horse cross country before competing in a qualifier as the DC must ensure you are safe.

A fall cross country now constitutes elimination, this rule applies to all cross country competitions, eventing, minimus, tetrathlon, etc.

SHOWJUMPING TRAINING

Training for the Robbie Bailey, Intermediate, Members and Senior showjumping

Date: Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th June'11.

Venue: By kind invitation Farrell Family, Killure..

Training fee: €50.

Payment must be forwarded to John Burke on or before 10th May to secure booking

Please book with Olive Hackett 086-8823705 or Peter Oates 087-2633742 before 15th May.

Times will be advised when numbers are confirmed

GAMES TRAINING

Date: Tuesday 19th April '11 and Tuesday 26th April '11, 3rd May '11,

Venue: Stonehaven Equestrian Centre

Time: 6.30pm and will continue at the rallies on Friday evenings.

Training Fee: €5 per session

Members interested in participating please contact Geraldine Robinson @ 087-9332499

MINIMUS

Date for National Minimus is Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June 2011.

Venue: Running: Cross Country: by kind invitation of John O'Donnell, Bramblestown, Gowran, Co Kilkenny

Venue: Swimming: Swimming Pool, Ring Road, Kilkenny City.

All those interested in competing please contact Jo Breheny @ 087-2986294 or Tom Kent 087-2633852 regarding training, which has already commenced.

NOTE: This year the riding will be on the first day, Saturday, and the swimming and running on the second day, Sunday

TETRATHLON

Tetrathlon to be held in Tattersalls, Ratoath, Co. Meath on 13th/14th August '11. The swimming phase of the National Tetrathlon Championships will take place at the National Aquatic Centre. More details available nearer the time.

All those interested in competing please contact Jo Breheny @ 087-2986294 or Tom Kent @ 087-2633852 regarding training, which has already commenced.

Members wishing to participate on teams or represent their Branch must do pony club training.

FESTIVAL QUALIFIER

The festival qualifier will be hosted by West Waterford Branch on Saturday 19th July .

The festival incorporates:-

Showjumping: Robbie Bailey, Intermediate, Members & Seniors

Combined Training: Beginners, Juniors, Intermediate, Members & Senior
(Beginners is not a qualifier for the festival it is an area competition only)

Games: under 10 yrs, Junior & Senior

Please contact Olive Hackett for details or if you wish to enter @ 086-8823705

Pure Dressage: team of 4 and individual. Festival to include team competition and individual competitions for the rider of a horse exceeding 148 cm & rider of pony not exceeding 148cm.

Please contact Lorna Dowley @ 051-640109 for further details or if you wish to enter.

GAMES QUALIFIER

Date and venue of Games Qualifier to be announced.

RIDE OFF

The ride off for showjumping & dressage, to select teams for the festival qualifier will be held on Friday 3rd July '11, commencing 6pm.

Venue: Castlevew Stables, Fenor, by kind invitation of the Curran Family.

Please note that performance at training will also be taken into account when selecting teams.

PONY CLUB FESTIVAL

Pony Club Festival will be held at Barnadown Equestrian Centre, Wexford, on Wednesday 27th, and Thursday 28th July, '11.

MUSICAL RIDE

We hope to form a musical ride this year any member interested in taking part please contact Geraldine Robinson as soon as possible as we hope to begin training in the near future.

EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Horse Trials Championships to be held at Tattersalls, Co. Kildare on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th August '11 .

HUNTING HORN COMPETITION

Training will take place during camp, but those interested in taking part should be practicing. Competition will take place at eventing championships

MINI-CAMP

Mini-camp will once take place at Rockett's Castle by kind invitation of the Driver family, weather permitting on **15th, 16th, and 18th of August 2011**. Please contact Maria Kiersey @ 087-2481392 to book and fee of €75 is payable in advance. Camp is strictly for 11 year olds and under only.

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.

WEBSITE

Branch website is up and running @ www.waterfordhuntponyclub.com. If you wish to have articles included please e-mail to info@waterfordhuntponyclub.com. A 'buy and sell' section has been included, please read disclaimer before using this facility.

DRESSAGE TESTS

Please refer to website for details. Copies will also be available from training coordinators in each discipline and also at rallies and camp.

PONY CLUB ANNUAL

All members are invited to submit articles for the Pony Club annual, so if you have a story, poem, photographs, etc, that you would like to be included, please send them to Hilary. While we cannot guarantee that all articles will be published, we hope to have as many as possible included.

PASSPORT

Please note as it is now illegal under EC and Irish law, to transport horses or ponies without a passport, you should carry your animals passport with you at all times. There will be spot checks for passports and vaccinations, so please ensure they are in order.

Vaccination

The passport should contain an up to date vaccination record, this is for the welfare of your pony or horse. Also, Land Owners put their facilities at our disposal, for the benefit of your child, so please appreciate this and ensure that their horses/ponies are not put at any risk by visiting equines.

WATERFORD HUNT PONY CLUB CAMP 2011

Please note “The Laura Breheny Memorial Trophy” will be presented for the BEST DRESSAGE at Camp

Camp will be held on Monday 4th July 2011 to 8th July 2011, at Castleview Stables, Fenor Co Waterford by kind permission of Mr. Martin Curran.

Please find attached registration form for camp/stabling which must be completed and returned to John Burke Treasurer with booking fee of €125, plus stabling fee if you require a stable or grass livery, by June 1st 2010 in order to secure a place at camp.

First come, first served basis.

Please note horses/ponies stabled for camp will not be covered by pony club insurance. It is advised that all members arrange appropriate insurance for their animals.

- Camp begins on Monday 4th July at 10:00am sharp and on subsequent days, at 09:30am sharp. Camp will finish at 4pm sharp each day.
- All members should be on time each day for tack inspection and all members must leave the yard by 4.15pm.
- Horses/ponies must be at least 4 years old, fit, sound and recently shod.
- Please ensure your animal is safe and suitable for camp.
- All horses/ponies vaccinations must be up to date.
- No member will leave site during the day without permission from D.C.
- Smoking is strictly forbidden, any member found smoking will be sent home immediately.
- No responsibility will be taken for mobile phones or other personal belongings.
- Members are not allowed to carry mobile phones while riding.
- All children visiting camp should remain with and under the supervision and control of their parents at all times.
- No pets allowed at camp

Please note that all committee members and parents of children attending the camp are expected to commit to a minimum of one half day to help with supervision etc., during the camp week. A minimum of ten people are needed on duties at these times. Please contact Hilary Farrell @ 087-9528323 to organise your time for supervision.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR CAMP:

- Riding hat: must be BHS approved as shown on tack sheet.
- Shirt white or blue
- Pony club tie and badge: correct coloured disc inserted * correct colour for test attained.
- Pony club sweatshirt marked clearly with your name
- Waterproof jacket: suitable for riding in.
- Back protector: must be BHS LEVEL 3 approved as shown in tack sheet, Members not allowed to jump unless wearing back protector.
- Jodhpurs: cream/beige, no colours allowed.
- Gloves/whip if required.
- Hair kept tidy (long hair in hairnet)
- Jewellery limited to wristwatch - no earrings/rings permitted.
- Sun cream - even the breeze can cause burning - caution advised.
- Lunch.

WHAT YOUR PONY WILL NEED FOR CAMP:

- Tack in excellent condition and spotless
- Head collar and lead rope
- Grooming kit: dandy brush, body brush, curry comb, hoop pick, 2 sponges, water brush, and stable rubber.
- Tack cleaning: small bucket, saddle soap and sponges
- 2 x buckets for feed and water
- Fill haynet.
- Pony feed - small amount for lunch
- Boots if your pony usually wears them.

Vaccinations: for equine flu and Tetanus are necessary. See your Vet or speak to DC/Secretary.

Equine Dentist will visit camp, if your pony requires attention, please advise secretary.

Please note: Tack sheets can be found on the Irish Pony Club Website

Please note that parents/guardians, etc, should not interrupt or interfere while lessons/events are in progress. If you have a complaint or an issue you wish to discuss or have dealt with, please contact the D.C. or the person in charge at the time.

PROPER PONY CLUB ATTIRE MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, SO PLEASE CONTACT MARIA, WHO HOLDS THE STOCK FOR WATERFORD PONY CLUB.

The branch wishes to express appreciation to all those involved in hosting events and to all volunteers who give freely of their time.

Wishing all members a happy and fun-filled summer.