

# Wicklow Hunt Pony Club



## Summer Newsletter

### WPC Activities

*We have lots going on, don't miss out!!*

#### Summer League

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>, Wed 15<sup>th</sup>, Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Aug, Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sept (League Final WPC Gymkhana)**

Our Summer showjumping league commences next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August in Boswell Equestrian Centre at 5.30pm starting with x poles, minus mini and mini in the top arena, midi, maxi and super maxi in the main arena. X poles and Midi should be warmed up and ready to jump at 5.30pm. Riders may jump in a maximum of 3 classes providing ponies are suitably fit and signed off by the DC.

Entries online <https://www.itsplainsailing.com/club/whpc>.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September final day there are lots of great cups on offer for both league and on the day winners. At the final you must declare which league you are entering BEFORE jumping. (You can only declare for one league). The best two scores plus the score from the final count.

Anyone who won trophies last year please make sure they are engraved and polished and ready to be returned.

#### WPC Clara Lara Family Day Out - Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Take a break from cleaning tack, grooming ponies and hitching boxes. Pack a picnic and join us for a fun day out at Clara Lara Fun Park. All welcome, children should be accompanied by adults 😊.

Special group rate available. Details and registration will be up on WPC website in the next few days. Thank you to Lynn Bellows for coordinating this event.

#### Mounted Games

Mounted Games. U10 's practice sessions continue in Ballyduff on Mondays and Thursdays. Both on and off lead reigns are welcome. Anyone interested in joining in the fun should contact Mary 086 8202654

#### Musical Ride

Following on from the recent success at the festival, Musical ride training will start back in October. This is a great opportunity to take part in something fun and creative whilst using and improving your riding skills. Contact Ann Claire 087 2201923 to get involved

#### Minimus & Tetrathlon Swimming

Swim training for minimus and tetrathlon will start back in September in Coral Leisure Wicklow. Anyone interested should text 'wpc swim' child's name and age to Niamh 086 1210317 before 1<sup>st</sup> September Details for lesson timetable will be posted in what's app group

#### C Test

Best of luck to Cameron Dodd, Casey Neville, Megan Neville, Keila Glynn, Ben Hudson, Anna Hudson, Alanah Miley, Ava Codd and Vlada McNamara taking their C test on 15<sup>th</sup> August

#### B Test

Best of luck to Sophie Bohm Leahy, Caoimhe Daly O' Brien, Jane Mooney, Emily Barrett and Molly Graham taking their B test on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

## IPC FESTIVAL 2018 UPDATE 🏆🏆🏆 LOTS OF SUCCESSES TO CELEBRATE

Congratulations to all our members who competed at the festival this year. We are incredibly proud of them all. Wicklow Pony Club were well represented in almost all of the competitions which is a real credit to our club and something everyone can be proud of.

### **Showjumping**

Robbie Bailey Double Win: Massive congratulations to our victorious Robbie Bailey team of Jazmine Arthur, Akysha Kelly, Sarah Ni Bhraonain, Jessica Murphy and chef d'equipe Sandra Mc Cracken They were one of 6 teams to make it to the jump off. Jazmine put in a sensational quick and calculated round setting team mate Jessica up who held her nerve and carefully delivered the clear round that won the Robbie Bailey 2018 for the Wicklow Rockets. It is the first time in 12 years that our club has won this competition, an incredible achievement by these four riders. Double congratulations to Jazmine whose round also won her 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the individuals.

Congratulations also to our "Wicklow Stars", Matthew Cherry, Eleanore Bourke, Cameron Dodd and Pippa Bellows who came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 32 teams in the Alice Mernagh U 12's competition. The stars were one of 9 teams to finish on 0 faults. Matthew and Pippa rode with purpose and nerves of steel in the jump off. Two zippy clear rounds sent the Wicklow stars soaring into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done everyone and thank you to chef d'equipe Lyn Clements for all the training sessions and keeping everyone focused on the day.

### **Mounted Games**

The Wicklow Racers; Sophie, Ellie, Louisa, Laragh and Mollie had lots of fun and came third in the under 10's lead reign competition. Well done to all the parents, leads and coach Mary Dunne Molloy getting them prepared and keeping them revved up on the day.

### **Combined Training**

Jessica Murphy, Cliodhna Brennan and Naoise O'Neil competed in the juniors. Well done to Jessica who came 4<sup>th</sup> and won the turn out prize. Emily Barrett and Milly O Loughlin competed in the intermediates, Emily just outside the ribbons in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Eleanore Bourke, Elsa Rothschild, Ciara O' Connor, Pippa Bellows and Matthew Cherry competed in the U 12's. Ellie put in a strong dressage test in a very competitive category, also just outside the ribbons finishing in a very commendable 7<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Musical Ride**

Well done to 'The Monks of Wicklow PC Abbey'; Sorcha Vickers, Isla Coad, Tianne Kelly, Isabel Barrett, Mika Kelly, Rosie Coad, Akysha Kelly, Chloe O' Dea, Caoimhe Daly O'Brien, Jane Mooney and Erica Burke who dressed in green and white in recognition of eventer Jonty Evans. They delivered a beautiful performance to the music of Enya, ACDC and Abba and came home with 6<sup>th</sup> place rosettes. Well done to all the riders, coach Ann Claire Vickers, parents and costume makers who pulled it all together in only 7 or so practice sessions. It is the first time in many years that Wicklow Pony Club have had musical ride, a welcome opportunity to embrace our clubs more creative side and for members of all ages to practice, learn and compete together. We thank coach Ann Claire Vickers for instigating the welcome revival of Musical Ride and for her continued commitment.

## **Tetrathlon News**

Congratulations to Isobel Radford Dodd and the Irish tetrathlon team coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the UK Pony Club Senior Regionals. Isobel showing great strength of character climbing the ladder from 46<sup>th</sup> place after the shoot to finish individually in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Best of luck to Sean McNamara and Isobel this weekend competing in the Tetrathlon National Championships in Gurteen.

## Minimus Magic

Bringing home the silver wear: Well done to The Wicklow Warriors's (Pippa Bellows, Skyla Nally, George Goor and Sacha Turner), The Wicklow Whippets (Eleanore Burke, Sarah Ni Bhraonain, Peter Galligan and Kai Arthur) and The Wicklow Whiz Kids (Matthew Cherry, Anna Morrissey, Elsa Rothschild and Rosie Coad) who all competed at Minimus 2018 immaculately turned out, and well deserving of the Best Turned Out Club Trophy. Congratulations to the Wicklow Warriors who made it in to the ribbons coming in 16<sup>th</sup> place out of 82 teams and to Pippa who was 13<sup>th</sup> in the individuals. Well done to everyone involved and a special thanks to their coaches; Edwina O'Connor (xc coach), Chris Sillery (swim coach) and Rachel (running coach).

### Dates for Your Diary

- **Island ODE Qualifier** Sat 4<sup>th</sup> August. Rosanna, Ashford.
- **Summer League - Tues 7<sup>th</sup>, Wed 15<sup>th</sup>, Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Aug, Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Sept (League Final & WPC Gymkhana)**
- **The Royal Dublin Horse, Show** 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August
- **Clara Lara Family Day Out** Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> August
- **Connolly Red Mills Eventing Championships** 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August – more info on IPC website
- **Carlow U12 and Novice ODE** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, Details to follow on Carlow Hunt Pony Club Website
- **IPC Mackey Classic Showjumping Final** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, Colloig Equestrian Centre, Kildare
- **Kildare Hunt Branch U12 and Novice ODE** 15<sup>th</sup> September
- **IPC Hunter trials Championships** 22<sup>nd</sup> September Wexford Hunt Clubs Moorefield Kennels (Y35 AY72) Details to follow on IPC website (C test required)
- **Wicklow Pony Club AGM Wednesday** 21<sup>st</sup> November venue tbc
- **Ice-skating Social Event** December – date and venue tbc

### Photos

- If you have any photos of camp, the festival or other recent events, please email to: [wicklowponyclubwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:wicklowponyclubwebsite@gmail.com)

### Camp

- Feedback from this year's camp has been mainly very positive, if you have constructive feedback that will help us prepare for Camp 2019, please email to [niamhcherry@outlook.com](mailto:niamhcherry@outlook.com) with subject 'camp 2018 feedback'
  - Is there something you felt worked well that we should do again?
  - Can you suggest any improvements or indeed new ideas?

To position ourselves well for the festival qualifiers, subject to venue availability, next year's camp is preliminarily scheduled for w/c 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.