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ISLAND HUNT PONY CLUB SPRING NEWSLETTER 2010



Looking back.

Ice skating went ahead on 18th December. There was a big turnout and the children (and some of the parents !) impressed us all with their skating skills.

The children's hunt met in Camolin on 28th December. The ground was very slippery due to icy conditions which restricted the hunt. A few people did manage to get in a short ride however.

Brian Maguires rideout was rescheduled and went ahead on Sunday 31st January. It was a cold but dry day and everyone who came really enjoyed the day. Donations were accepted for Riding for the Disabled which totalled 142 euro. Thanks to everyone who donated.

If anyone has photos from the above events and would like them put on the website, you can email them to jc777@eircom.net.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members Shauna Fikentscher, Roisin Whelan Robinson and Charlotte Stammers and hope that you will have a fun and successful time in the club.

Showjumping

A mini, midi, maxi fun show jumping competition will take place in Barnadown on Sunday 21st Feb starting with minis at 11am sharp. Jumps in the mini competition can be lowered if required . This will be followed by the Denby Derby which is fun pairs jumping. A younger and older member will ride together to see who can gain the most points within a time frame. Pairs will be drawn from a hat on the day. This is suitable for all levels and younger children can be led if needed. We would encourage all members to try and come along. It is a good opportunity for children to get used to show- jumping in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Cost for jumping is 10 euro per round and 5 euro for the derby. Please text us on the pony club mobile by Thurs 18th and let us know if you intend to come.

INTER BRANCH DERBY

We are holding an inter branch derby in Barnadown June 20th. We will post full details on the website at a later date.

Unmounted Rally - Achievement Badge - Plaiting

Calling all of you who want to learn to plait your pony like a professional. Plaiting workshops will be held by Patricia and Sarah O'Connor in the Ballagh on Saturday **20th March from 3pm-5pm**. Cost 6 euro Tel Patricia on 085 7540549 to book your place. This is an important part of horsemanship and a skill required for pony club tests. Successful participants will be awarded an achievement badge for plaiting. Additional achievement badge workshops will be held before the summer. Details will be on the website.

Road Safety Test

The Road Safety Test will take place at Claire Byrne's in Ballindaggin on **Monday 12th April at 11 am**. Two pre tests rallies will take place on **6th & 7th April at 7pm** also at Claire Byrne's. This test is open to, and recommended to all those who have passed their C test. Members intending on taking the C+ test this summer must have passed the Road Safety Test beforehand. Places on this test need to be confirmed by March 22nd as we may need to book additional examiners depending on numbers. Call Ruth on the pony club mobile 085 1934367 to book your place.

Dates for **PONY CAMP** are confirmed as follows - **5th - 9th July 2010**. Venue Barnadown

Training for the **MUSICAL RIDE** will take place over the spring. Please contact John on the pony club mobile 085 1934367 if you are interested in finding out more. A minimum of 10 people are needed to take part. For more information on the musical ride log on to irishponyclub.ie

Anyone U12 who is interested in taking part in the national **minimus** competition this year please contact Ruth on the pony club mobile. The National Minimus Competition will be held in Bramblestown, Gowran, Co Kilkenny (by kind permission of Mr Kevin O'Donnell) on 12th and 13th June. For more information about the minimus log on to www.irishponyclub.ie

Details of all **hunter trials** can be found on latest news on our website islandhuntponyclub.COM

If any member is looking for a partner for the hunter trials please contact the pony club mobile and we will help you find a partner in your age group.

Lessons and rallies will be organised when the results of our survey come back, so please make sure you have your say and return it to us.

WEBSITE: We will mostly be using our website as a way of passing information on to members. You will be contacted by text letting you know to check the website for news. Please keep a regular check on our site for information from other branches which may be of interest to you. Also log on to www.irishponyclub.ie for more news. Don't forget to use our free buy and sell section for all equestrian items.

For a range of pony club items from our **shop** contact Patricia O'Connor on 085 7540549. Full price list available on "members information". Cross country shirts, silks and saddle cloths in Island Hunt club colours will be available in the near future. Details will be posted on the site.