

# Shillelagh & District Hunt Branch of the

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## Spring Newsletter

March 2010

*Here comes the Sun!*

### Easter Treasure Hunt Junior Members

Kinsella's Toberpatrick, Tinahely  
Wednesday April 7 at 11am. Come along for  
a fun filled morning. Cost €15. book with  
Polly 086 832 8866

### Area 1 Qualifier for Pure Dressage and Combined Training

The Shillelagh Pony Club will be holding the  
Area Qualifier for the combined training this  
year. The provisional date for the qualifier is  
Sunday 18th July. We will need a lot of help  
to run this day, so please keep the date free.

### MOUNTED GAMES

Training to commence during Easter for  
the under 10s and from mid April for the  
older candidates.

### SWIMMING

Commenced on March 3rd at 6pm in Ark-  
low.

If you have not yet contacted Helen  
please do so immediately. All children  
who wish to go to the Minimus or Tetrath-  
lon should attend this training

Contact Helen /Dave Byrne for more de-  
tails. 086 862 4729 or 087 275 1729

### CAMPS :-)

Senior Camp—Monday 5 July/Saturday 10  
July

Junior Camp—Monday 12 July/Friday 16 July

Following on from the success of last year's  
camps, we are again hoping to run a separate  
camp for younger members, ie Under 12.

### SHOW JUMPING

Provisional Dates: Venue TBC  
May 7, 14, 21 & 28. June 11, 18 & 25

PARENTS—if you wish your child to be considered  
for a team you must:

- attend training at least 4 out of the 6 rallies
- train on same horse or pony as will be used in  
competition
- pay promptly at rallies attended as instructors  
must be paid for on the night

The Area Qualifier for the Showjumping Champi-  
onships are to be held by the Carlow branch this  
year. The qualifier is to be held earlier than usual  
and is provisionally down to take place on Thurs-  
day July 1st. Brenda Nolan 087 9365959 is in  
charge of show jumping and times.

### SHILLELAGH & DISTRICT HUNT

**HUNT, COOLMELA, BUNCLOUDY SUN 21ST MARCH** at  
1PM. The Shillelagh Hunt are very kindly donating all pro-  
ceeds of this hunt to the Shillelagh Pony Club  
so please come and support it. Cap: €10 / BBQ after (€5)

**CHARITY RIDE - THE MUNNY TRAIL - March 28, 2010**  
**HUNT CANTER - SAT 20TH MARCH - VENUE TBC**  
Contact Colin Jackson for more details: 086 859 0655  
(not under IPC insurance)

### **Provisional Dates for 2010**

Annual Conference – Monday 15 March, 2010 Butterfly Farm

Hunter Trials Championships – Saturday 10 April, 2010 in Ballon, Co. Carlow.

Minimus – 12 & 13 June, 2010 at Bramblestown, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny.

Festival – 28 & 29 July, 2010 (Venue TBA)

Horse Trials – 10 & 11 August, 2010 (Venue TBA)

Tetrathlon – 28 & 29 August, 2010 – Tattersalls Ireland Ltd., Ratoath, Co. Meath.

### **PONY PASSPORTS**

The Irish Pony Club is no longer an approved passport issuing body.

Members requiring a new passport must now obtain this through Horse Sport Ireland. The cost is €35

Application forms are available for download on [www.irishponyclub.ie](http://www.irishponyclub.ie) or from Deirdre or Polly.

### **PRE SEASON TRAINING**

Butterfly Farm have lots of pre season training clinics coming up with sessions in April & May with top dressage and eventing experts booked.

Also in May they will be running their annual Primary Schools Showjumping Comp and also an Aga-Khan Competition. For further details contact Alma on 087 7666618

(not under IPC insurance)

### **Musical Ride**

This time last year we asked for names of members who would be interested in doing the Musical Ride and we ended up with ten riders who competed at the championships in Mullingar and put on a great show at the Tinahely Show. So this year we are again looking for more interested riders. The rules have changed this year for the musical ride with the introduction of a NEW under 12 category at Pony Club Festival 2010. We would hope to get together a Junior and Senior ride to send to the Championships.

Contact Rachel Wood on 087 6391436. Practice sessions will be organised when we know who is interested.

### **TACK SHEET 2010**

Check this years on website

### **RULE BOOKS 2010**

If you are competing this year please consult the IPC Rule Books, available on [www.irishponyclub.ie](http://www.irishponyclub.ie)

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome Gemma Keeley, Jack Nolan, Flynn, Meg and Nicholas Donnelly.

### **Pony Club Membership Renewal Forms**

#### **MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW OVER DUE**

The subscription on for 2010 is €90 for the first member from each family and €70 for second and subsequent members from the same family.

You may not compete in any Pony club activity unless you are a fully paid i[ member and you will be taken off the mailing list for the next newsletter if you do not renew now.

Please send completed signed renewal forms **FOR EACH MEMBER** to membership secretary Naomi Stapleton, Ballinacor Lodge, Greenanne, Rathdrum, Co Wicklow .

**SHILLELAGH HUNT BRANCH—HUNTER TRAILS**  
**MONDAY 5th APRIL 2010**  
**TINAHELY RIDING CLUB GROUNDS, COOLBOY (weather permitting)**

**Starting at 10:30am sharp**  
**Classes are as follows:**

**Senior Individuals and Senior Teams of Three**—under 23 on 01/01/10  
**Intermediate Individuals and Intermediate Pairs**—under 18 on 01/01/10  
**Junior Pairs and Junior Individuals**—under 15 on 01/01/10  
**Under 12 Pairs and Individuals**—under 12 on 01/01/10  
**Starter Stakes**—this is a very small course for beginners to Hunter Trails

If anyone feels they are not able for their age group and would like to compete in a more junior class, they may do so and just not be eligible for a prize. Remember you need the following for Hunter Trials: Skull cap as standard on Tack Sheet (no peaked caps allowed), Body Protector (level 3 compulsory), Medical Armband (with photo) **AND MEMBERSHIP CARD 2010**. Long sleeved shirt, Stock (self tying) and Number Bib.

Medical armbands and Number bibs will be available to buy on the day. Please check your tack in advance as there will be a strict tack inspection.

**Hunter Trial Championships**  
**Saturday 10th April 2010**  
**Lisgarvan House, Ballon, Co Carlow**

Junior Pairs (under 15 on 01/01/10), Teams of three (2 members under 21 and one member may be under 23 on 01/01/10) and Senior Pairs (minimum 12 years)

If you would like to be considered for selection on one of our teams please give your name to Bob. You will have to complete at least one club Hunter Trails first and **you must have your C test**

**MINIMUS**

Are you under 12 on 01/01/2010? If so, then why don't you come along and try the minimus. The Minimus Championships is one of the most popular competitions held in the Irish Pony Club, with bigger numbers taking part in it in 2009 than any other championships. It takes place over 2 days and this year it will be held at Bramblestown Gowan, Co Kilkenny on Sat 12 & Sun 13 June. There are 3 phases to the Minimus: swimming, running and cross country riding. A team of 4 is entered (a girls, boys or mixed team) and the top 3 scores from each team are added together. You will ride cross country on one day and the swimming and running phase takes place on the second day. We will start swimming and running training in March and we will then have some cross country practice sessions closer to the time. This really is a fantastic competition and a very enjoyable weekend. For more information please contact Bob or Polly.

**Showjumping**  
**Easter Rallies**

Friday 2nd & 9th April  
6pm & 7pm  
Butterfly Farm  
Camolin, Co Wexford  
€15 ((€10 for 2nd child)

We will be holding two training sessions over Easter, please contact Brenda Nolan on 087 9365959 to book. All levels catered for

**Novice Horse /**  
**Pony Training**

If you are starting out on a young / novice horse or pony this season and would like to have some training sessions in a small focused group please contact Brenda Nolan on 087 9365959

## CONGRATULATIONS

Ten of our members have been selected for IPC Mounted Games Teams travelling abroad this year.

### **Bath and West**

Stephanie Nolan  
Barry Walsh  
Peter Stapleton  
Joe Jones

### **Northern Ireland**

Tara Nolan  
Holly furlong  
Darragh Kavanagh  
John Kinsella  
Amy Jackson

Keep an eye on our website where we will let you know how they get on hopefully have lots of great photos to share with you

## MOUNTED GAMES TRAINING

**Under 10** Mary Walsh trains the Under 10 team (under ten on 01/01/10) ring Mary on 087 909 3572 if you are interested in taking part

**Juniors** John Walsh is training the Juniors this year (under 13 on 01/01/10). Call John on 087 246 8907 for information

**Senior Mounted Games** (under 16 on 01/01/10 and you must have C test) are trained by John Driver. If you would like to play senior games please contact him on 087 779 0872 for information

### **Tinahely Riding Club**

#### **Mini Midi Maxi—Coolboy Grounds**

Sunday March 21 (entries on day)

#### **Team Jumping—Coolboy Grounds**

Sunday March 28 (entries to Faith 0861940375)

## Area 17 UK Pony Club Northern Ireland

— Invite —

Games 22 May Shanes Castle Co Antrim

Showjumping 14 July Shanes Castle Co Antrim

Tetrathlon 16/17 July Newtownards and Kicubbin, Co Down

Dressage 26 July Necarne Castle Co Fermanagh

Eventing 30 July Tyrella House, Co Down

Home Championships 2 August Tullymurry

## VACCINATIONS REMINDER

Vaccinations must be kept up to date and should be recorded in the pony's passport. Vaccinations are strictly checked at our annual camp so remember NO Vaccinations, NO Camp!

## SHOP

**Brid Kavanagh has taken over looking after our branch shop. Contact her on 086 858 7623**

Sweatshirts €25, Polo shirts €20, Ties €10, Badges €5. Manual of horsemanship €25. Medical armbands €10, Number bibs €20 or €25 (depending on type), Caps €5 or free when you buy a sweatshirt, badge and tie.

**Pony club jackets are available from Naomi 0404 46699.**

Children's sizes:

Age 9/10, Age 11/12, Age 13 .....€40

Adult's sizes

Small, Medium, Large and Xtra Large ...€50

## Club numnahs and sweatshirts

These will be needed in the coming year. Can everyone check to see if they have any at home and let Bob know.