



### Timahoe BBQ Ride 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Despite the threat of rain on the day, first time organiser Evelyn Moore had luck on her side for the Timahoe BBQ Ride when not a drop was seen either in the venue or out on the scenic course.

Although there were some heavy showers prior to the 11.30am start, all riders were in the venue on time and looking forward to heading out on the 18km course. First out on track were Margaret on Gales Hill Drummer and Anne on Gales Hill Simmie eager to start the day. Both riders completed the course and enjoyed the sunshine and views afforded from the top of the mountain.

Next to head out were Eamon on Francey and Roisin on Peppy, with Peppy stepping out to match Francey's long Irish Draught strides. There is certainly no stopping this little grey. All four undertook the 18km course with ease.

Some of our Novice League competitors headed out next, Rosemarie on her faithful Zara and Martin with his mount Maggie, this is Maggie's first time out with Endurance Ireland and we hope to see more of her in the rest of the season. Accompanying them was Breffini on her pony Murphy. This was Breffni's first ride out this season and both she and Murphy flew around the 26km course with ease, so congratulations to both. She will definitely be one to watch competing in the coming season.

Willow and the cheeky Charlie headed out to complete 10km with Dad, Peter leading on foot. This duo are quickly clocking up the mileage keeping Peter's fitness levels high!

Ann Clarke with her beautiful mare Jasmine joined us on the day. Jasmine and Ann headed out on the 10km course meeting with Anne and Margaret on the way. This has always been a favourite ride of Ann's and we were delighted to see her out on the day.

Madison and Molly's Sister, with Chris on Bobby headed out to undertake the 26km course. This is the furthest distance they have covered to date so congratulations to all. With all of our new young riders the National Championships and Interschools Trophies will be hotly contested this year.

Terri with her favourite Jehol's Song were the last pair out on course. Jehol appears to be enjoying the season having successfully the first leg of the Open League two weeks ago, he easily managed the 18km course.

Once riders finished on the course, and horses safely loaded away it was over to Yvonne and Sam for the BBQ at The Tower Inn (Bergins). There is nothing like hot bbq when you are finished for the day.

We would like to thank Evelyn Moore and her co-organiser Jamie for running the day, Yvonne and Sam for their cooking skills and the Bergin Family for the use of the The Tower Inn. We would also like to thank Coillte for the use of the forestry. Without all of these people this day would not be possible so from all the riders a heartfelt thank you.