



Beach Trail Ride

I think most people will agree that the Beach is one of Endurance Ireland's favourite venues and this year was no exception. Fortunately for all involved today the weather co-operated and the rain stayed away, the sun even made short appearances.

First to arrive at the seaside were Madison, George and Nathan, with them were mounts Bobby and Molly's Sister. Madison and Nathan headed out on course to do the 12km with George swapping up for the shorter distance giving Nathan a break. The ponies seemed to enjoy the seaside even getting their feet wet.

Next were Mother-Daughter team Terri and Evelyn, Terri bringing her Endurance favourite Jehol's Song who did a very quick 31.5km across the sand. Evelyn brought one of her other horses for this trip, Gales Hill Boston Rose. This was Boston's first outing to the seaside and she took to it like a duck to water....so to speak! Evelyn was delighted with Boston's work out on the beach completing the 19.5km course easily and then going for a good roll in the sand as a reward.

Susanne and daughter Natasha joined us bringing with them a familiar face in the form of Bronty, this gelding was often seen at Endurance Ireland events over the last year. Susanne rode her mare Apache, and was accompanied not only by Natasha and Bronty but also Eileen on her mount Connie. Natasha and Eileen undertook the 12km course and really enjoyed some lovely canters along the shore. Susanne and Apache eager to continue their training for the 2014 season continued to complete the 19.5km course.

Newcomer to Endurance Ireland Maura with mount Bob joined us with Christine on the lovely Louie. As this was both horses first ever outing with the ladies, they elected to undertake the shorter loop. Both horses enjoyed their trip to the beach and went for a nice swim after their loop.

The O'Carroll family joined us on the beach, with Willow bringing her pony cheeky Charlie out for his first outing of 2014. Willow is continuing her Strides Programme and is quickly racking up mileage. Peter brought what will be his new mount this year, Billy's Filly to the beach. She got into the spirit of the occasion going for a nice paddle in the sea.

Once all were finished on the beach it was back to the carpark to enjoy soup and rolls. A big thank you must go to Karen Kiely for stewarding at the event and Anne Kinsella for organising the day. Endurance Ireland would like to thank Wexford County Council for their co-operation in allowing this event to take place and let us enjoy this wonderful facility and we look forward to returning to it on the 5th of October.