



Wolfhill Ride 23rd March 2014

Luck was with us at the Wolfhill Ride bringing a lovely bright sunny day. Everyone agreed it was an excellent day to ride out. First to arrive at the venue were Evelyn and Mike who were undertaking a 36.8km CR on the day, Evelyn was riding her mother's horse Jehols Song and Mike took Gales Hill Sabre around the course. Evelyn was very pleased with Jehols performance who was looking to head out again with plenty of energy left. Both were quickly vetted by veteran FEI rider Emer Lennon who was the Endurance Judge for the day.

Next out on course were Yvonne on Salubrious Diamond and Sam on Cecil (Ballycooolin Hero) who took on the 43.2km course. It is great to see the dynamic duo of Yvonne and Diamond back together again with them both easily completing the course and looking fit and fresh on the finish. Sam and Cecil travelled with Yvonne and Diamond, and easily completed the 43.2km course. Yvonne and Sam were ably crewed by Ben and Dylan who made sure there was plenty of water on hand when the riders returned in.

Vet writer Susanne arrived with son Lorcan who undertook a 38.6km ride with mare Apache. Rosemarie and Zara with Mary and Shalimar (Princess) were the final CR riders to head out on course. This was Mary and Shalimar's first CR and all four return home with plenty of time to spare, looking happy and fresh. Both mares vetted in quick times with low heart rates.

The trail riders were well represented on the day with 3 horses from the Gales Hill Stables, Anne on Scimitar, Pat on Boston Rose and Margaret on Drummer. All headed out to do the 19km course enjoying the sunny day. Willow with her pony Charlie were also out to continue their Strides programme, Willow with her Dad Peter did the 10km course.

Another familiar face Loretto McDonnell brought her gelding Oscar out to do the 19km course enjoying the scenery and sunshine on the day.

Next to head out on course were Kenna on the magnificent Pilgrim and Sarah on Welchie who took on the 13km course with Madison on Molly and Nathan on Bob. Martin on Murphy also took on this course.

Our Interschools competition is off to a good start with 6 of the riders taking part. It's great to see such enthusiasm within our junior riders (both members and non-members) for this competition and we look forward to seeing which school wins at the end of the year.

Siobhan and daughter Bobbi arrived to provide much needed sustenance on the day, with delicious homemade soup and rolls which were very well received by all. A big thanks to all involved in organising the day, Teresa Moore who organised the ride, Emer Lennon for Endurance Judge, Susanne O'Rourke for vet writing and Siobhan and Bobbi Ovington for all the food. Endurance Ireland was also like to thank Coillte for the use of the forests and Wolfhill Church for the use of the carpark. Without all of these people the day would not have been possible so a heartfelt thanks to all.