



Baunreagh Trail Ride

Our First Ride of the 2014 season, the Baunreagh ride run by Sam Linton was a great success. We started off at 11am with all riders out on course by 12pm. Despite the weather initially looking bad we had a great turn out. Baunreagh is a fantastic course for the first ride of the season, with something for everyone, river crossings, mountain tracks and breathtaking views.

We welcomed two new junior riders George and Madison who both rode the 16.8km loop in good time on their ponies Bobby and Molly respectively. Next to arrive were Susanne and Lorcan with their mare Apache, it was Susanne's turn to ride with Lorcan helping out crewing and at the venue. Susanne and Apache easily completed the 33km route.

Yvonne rode the first of her 2 horses on the day taking Sam's Cecil (Ballycoolin Hero) out for a spin. She was accompanied by Anne on veteran endurance horse Gales Hill Simitar. They were soon joined on course by Becky riding new mount Alfie. This was Becky and Alfie's first outing with Endurance Ireland and Alfie's first look at river crossings. Becky told us afterwards she was delighted with Alfie taking it in his stride. All riders completed the 16km loop in good time.

On completing her first loop with Cecil, Yvonne switched onto her star mare Diamond, they whipped around in 1hr 6mins, (which included some unmarking as well!). This will be a pair to watch this season.

Our other riders out on course included Terri and Evelyn Moore our mother and daughter team who have a wealth of endurance experience between them. Terri brought her Endurance favourite Jehol's Song with Evelyn bringing her mount Gales Hill Sabre all completing the 33km course with ease.

We were delighted to see Rosemarie on Lady Zara and Mary-ann with her new mount Princess heading out fresh after completing our Level 1 Training Day the previous weekend. Both riders enjoyed their loop round and put their new knowledge to good use on their return to venue.

All riders and horses came home safe and sound. Once back in the venue everyone was treated to Sam's delicious homemade soup and rolls, chocolate cake, apple and cinnamon

cake and home make chocolate fudge. The O'Carroll family Peter, Andrea, Willow and Billy came along to support every one and to celebrate Willow's 6th birthday. A big thanks must go to the Ride Organiser Sam who put in a huge effort both before (with all her scrumptious baking) and during the ride. She was ably assisted on the day by Lorcan and giving route information and taking entries and Ben and Dylan organising the parking. Also a huge thank you to Anthony Moore who helped prepare and mark the course. As always we remind everyone without all this background help our days would not be as successful.