



The 12th of May saw riders head south to Kilsheelan, Co. Tipperary just outside of Clonmel. It is quiet hard to believe but this time last year in the same venue riders and organisers came home with a very nice colour but unfortunately this was not the case this year.

The morning started with heavy rain which must have put questions into riders heads as wither to travel or not. Luckily we had a good turn out given the weather.

This was meant to be the 3rd leg of the NOVICE LEAGUE but due to unforeseen problems out on course pre competition and a late start this was put on hold, for more details check out the webpage.

First to arrive on venue was Sam Linton and Zoe Mortimer along with crew John Delaney. Once Sam settled her horses the horsebox was unhitched and she was straight out on course to help Yvonne mark the course, thank you Sam for the helping hand. Sam and Zoe then completed one of the longer trail rides on offer.

We had four CRs out on course. Mother and daughter combination Terri and Evelyn Moore, Terri with one of her young horses, Sabre and Evelyn on her experienced horse Galeshill Boffin. Evelyn has had a super few weeks on horseback having been on the winning inter schools team with St.Leo's in Carlow and also come 3rd in the individuals on her mare Pippa, who also hits the endurance track every now and again. Well done Evelyn from all in Endurance Ireland.

The other two of the four CR riders were Eamon Conway and his Irish Draught Francie, who travelled from Tulla in Co.Clare. Eamon has ridden the first two legs of the novice league and gave Francie a nice spin around the 38.2km course. Last but by no means least, was Suzanne O'Rourke on Apache, this was Suzanne's first CR and she passed with ease. Suzanne had given her son Lorcan the ride of Apache in the novice league so she took advantage of the CR to start the climb to gaining her novice grade this year.

We had a number of trail riders out including Clare Walsh who travelled from the west to try out endurance. Clare was not the only rider to try endurance for the first time on Sunday, Denise Reilly came along with Breda Heary to give it a go. Breda very kindly took both Denise and Clare around the trail ride with her horse Bailey.

Andrea O'Carroll was reduced to a trail ride this week as daughter Willow had a birthday party to get back to and sometimes just sometimes there are more important thing in life than endurance.

Another mother and daughter combo was Margret and Kirri King , Margret rode Galeshill Drummer while Kirri rode another Galeshill pony Bob.