

## Wolhill Ride Report

The first Endurance Ireland Ride was held in Wolhill on Sunday(26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012) with fine weather and a good turnout. It was great to see so many new faces at our first event. The track was mainly through forestry with some road sections included, and totalled 12.5km. All riders reported that it rode well with good speeds achieved for our first Trail Ride of the season.

First out on track was WEG team member Emer Lennon riding Damascus D'Azat with first timer Jo Kimmins. Jo and Paddy travelled up from Wexford to get a taste of endurance. Emer and Jo completed the first loop in just over an hour and Emer then headed back out on her second horse DVS Over the Ridge while Jo retired after unfortunately losing a shoe. Loreto McDonnell went out next making her way quickly around the course completing the 12.5km easily.

Terri and Evelyn Moore(who have both competed at FEI level) took part bringing along newcomer Mike Cuddihy to show him the ropes. Kim McCormack joined in as well on Trail Ride veteran Drummer, and all did an active 25km with some fantastic photographs taken out on course by photographer Evelyn Moore.

Tricia Short and Sam Linton brought Yasmine and Shannon Pratt out to enjoy the course and all 4 riders came back in having enjoyed the trip round. Anke and Amy Schwan had a fast trip round the course completing it quickly. All riders demonstrating they would easily complete a competitive ride at the required speeds.

International Rider Emily Miller brought newcomer Denise Ryan out on the course. Denise enjoyed the day and we hope to see her out in March.

An important event of the day was Willow O'Carroll's fourth Birthday, Mammy Andrea rode the course while we enjoyed the Birthday Girl's cake at the venue. Endurance Ireland did very well in the cake department as Siobhan and Bobbi Ovington also brought along a cake complete with our new logo on it to wish us good luck for the year.

A big thanks must be given to all who helped out at the ride, it made our first event a success and we look forward to many more.