



Wolfhill Trail Ride 24-03-13

Well it was a cold but dry Spring Day for the 19 riders who decided to take on Wolfhill. Apparently it was warmer on the course than in the venue but all of the supporters and organisers will testify that Winter has certainly not yet left the building.

First out on our course were Kim and Melanie, Melanie brought her favourite mount Cloud 9 while Kim was on her Dancer. They decided to do the full 32km course and completed it in nice time both saying the course rode very well.

Next out were local girls Mryica and Niamh on their mounts Xena and Missey. Both girls decided to take on the 32km course also, coming back having enjoyed some fun canters along the course.

This was the first CR of the season and we had three riders take on the course. Terri and Evelyn Moore arrived with their Endurance favourites, Jeholes Song and Gales Hill Boffin, joining them for his first CR was Mike on Gales Hill Sabre. The group headed out on the 32km course. They completed the distance easily at a speed of 11kph which was a great starting time for Mike's introduction to competitive riding in Endurance.

Next out for their first ride of the season were Margaret on Gales Hill Drummer and Gerhard on his mount Jaro. They went out to do the 21.5km course both deciding to take it easy for their first outing. The horses appeared to get on well together with both riders pleased with their day's work.

Next out were John on the now familiar Storm and Bernard on his new horse Tom. They were accompanied by Lorreto on her mount Oscar. The three riders went out together on the 21.5km course and moved briskly around to complete it in good time.

Kenneth O'Reilly arrived bringing his two children Richard and Brian. Kenneth brought his horse Blacksnow, Richard was on Sandy and Brian on Blaze. The family went round the 32km, with the boys enjoying their day out and the horses arriving back in looking ready to go out some more.

Breda Heary arrived accompanied by her family and brought her faithful mount Bailey who is looking fit from his winter hunting. Breda joined Suzanne O'Rourke who was on her horse Apache. Both riders decided to take on the 32km course and made short work of it.

Dierdre and Amy headed out next on Monty and Charlie. Due to the cold day they decided to go around the 21.5km track and made short work of the course.

All riders came back in to enjoy a warm breakfast roll and a cup of coffee which was sorely needed on such a chilly day. Sam Linton also kindly provided chocolate cake and fudge for those in early enough to get some!!

As always we could not run these days without a lot of help, so thanks must go to Yvonne Croke who was Endurance Judge today, Sam Linton for cake making and vet writing, Darren Moore, Mattie McCormack and Mike Cuddahy for cleaning the venue and lastly again a big thanks to Darren and Evelyn Moore for unmarking the course.