



IMFHA Hound Show 3rd July 2016

The very well established Hound Show is an amazing show case for the wonderful packs of hounds around the country and which without there would be no hunting. The show not only is a show case for the hounds but also shows of our native breeds with Irish Draught and Connemara showing classes there. Endurance Ireland were once again delighted to attend and let people see what endurance is all about while being lucky enough to take in the beautiful riding that is Stradbally Estate.

First riders out on course were Evelyn Moore and her mare Boston Rose who was attempting her first 80km. While Evelyn has brought numerous horses up through the grades we all know the first step up in the higher grades leave you with that little adrenaline rush for the day, on hand to crew was big brother Michael and Evelyn's sister in law Eilish. Riding a 65km CR and part way with Evelyn was Madison Flaherty on her pony Bobby and crewing her was her dad Richie. Both riders went through the pre vetting under the watchful eye of our vet on the day Aisling Fenton. Aisling has vetted for us on previous occasions and came with her sidekick Micky her 3 legged Chihuahua rescue.

Both riders were also accompanied by Terri Moore whose mare got a fright when a sheep decided to join them resulting in Terri receiving a spiral fracture to her finger (a broken finger to you and me), not only did Terri finish the loop but after getting her finger strapped by the ambulance crew Terri also went back out on course with her second mare Gales Hill Pippa for two more loops.

Sean Cooney on his big Friesian alongside Niall McAuliffe both returned after riding with us earlier this year with Racheal Lawlor on her young mare Samsara. Marcus McCormack on Ben and John Lidierrth with Woody headed out on course just before our longest travelled riders Eamon and Roisin Conway took to the tracks. Eamon travelled over from the west as did Claire Walsh and her big chestnut gelding Setanta.

Regular riders, father and daughter team Pat and Niamh Cooney with their horses Ringo and Gypsy took to the tracks again to hit the maximum trail distance on the day. Debra Carr on Pips

rode alone this weekend, the joys of babysitters, but fell in with other riders out on course as did Eileen Burrell on her nicely colored Lucy.

Lara Brennan was out again with Regina and Pamala with their horses Victor, Tia Maria and another Lucy. Sharron Conway and Prince rode alongside Imogen White and her mount Calle followed by Imelda O'Brien and Charlotte Clear on their mounts Mac and Ollie, this was the girls second ride out with us having tested the waters at Timahoe.

Eileen Carr was last but not at all by no means least out on course with her new mount Ringo. Eileen would be familiar to endurance riders from the old day and would be better recognised on her old endurance mount Sunny, now retired. Eileen rode up to 80km on her Sunny, based with Calliagstown Equestrian Centre and Anthony Byrne. Eileen and Ringo flew around the course with ease as always and we wish Eileen the very best with her new mount.

To finish the day on a successful note is always a good day and our higher mileage riders did just that. Madison went through her 65km and three vettings (pre, during and post) coming out with a pass and a happy pony and rider.

Evelyn and her mare Boston were put through four vettings on the day, this falls in line with FEI rules and for riders who hope at some point to ride FEI this is a very good way to become accustom to the vetting etc. Evelyn's mare under the watchful eye of Aisling our vet did a pre ride, vetting at approximately 32km and 65km followed by a post ride vetting. Evelyn's mare thankfully sailed through the vetting to receive a pass on Boston's first 80km, well done to all involved.

We would like to thank our vet Aisling, Anne Kinsella and Emer Lennon for the ground work on the day. Thank you to David Lawlor and the committee for the ongoing invitation and to the Cosby Family for once again opening up their home to us.