



Beach Ride 6th March 2016

Well after a long, wet Winter, if anyone wanted confirmation that Spring was here, then our ride on Ballinesker Beach was the place to be. Our Organiser Anne, arrived at the beach to sunshine, calm seas and a pleasantly warm morning.

First to arrive at the venue was Madison Flaherty, whose Dad Richie brought down two ponies for the day at the beach. Madison had a very successful 2015 season on her pony Bobby and so far this year seems to be on track for the same again.

Next to arrive was Mia who was riding Madison's first Endurance pony Molly, it's great to see Molly out again to introduce a new junior rider to the sport of Endurance Riding. Molly and Mia headed out on the beach accompanied by her Dad who got a great work out walking the 11.5km course.

Our next rider to arrive on the scene was another junior Cody Duffy, Cody took part in a number of rides last year and is looking forward to doing even more this year. Cody brought out her pony Sparky, this was Sparky's first time on the beach and he took to it like the proverbial duck to water. Cody and Madison teamed up for this event and headed off down the sand. Cody and Sparky undertook 21km on the sunny day with Madison and the very fit Bobby doing 26.5km.

Our final two riders out on this glorious day were mother and daughter team Terri and Evelyn Moore, out to celebrate Mother's Day. Terri brought the endurance veteran Gales Hill Boffin who although 19 years of age seemed to have the energy of a 4 year old as he flew across the sand. Evelyn brought her Intermediate qualified mare Boston. Evelyn is hoping to bring this mare to Open this season and she is looking good so far. Evelyn and Terri completed a 30.5km course with both horses looking fresh and happy at the end of the day.

Endurance Ireland would like to thank all who took part in the day and a special thanks to the Blackwater Gardai and Wexford County Council for giving us permission to run this event. We are delighted to work closely with all our venue owners to ensure their continued support for our events. We are looking forward to returning to the Beach in 2017.