



### Wolfhill Ride 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Wolfhill welcomed us back to this ever popular venue for our penultimate ride of the season and our last competitive ride of the season. We would like to thank to the Parish for allowing us to use their carpark which provides ample parking and a safe venue to set out from.

We had a number of riders keen to get in one last ride of the season and first up to our able Endurance Judge Yvonne Croke was Madison Flaherty with her pony Bobby who quickly passed the vet to head out on course. Next up was Teresa Moore with DVS Wanda, this was Wanda's Novice final and Terri was keen to obtain this grading before the end of the season with the mare quickly vetting and ready to head out on course. Both riders set out on the 19.2km loop at a steady pace.

Next up to vet were our remaining two CR riders, Bobbie Ovington with her mare Hanna and Patrick 'Stretch' Byrne with his mare Amber. Both riders completed the vet check and went quickly to head out on course.

Our trail riders then got underway keeping Ann Clarke, our organiser for the day busy as they booked in. First out were Evelyn Moore on her mare Boston. Boston recently completed her Intermediate final in Athy much to Evelyn's delight so was taking an easy day by undertaking a trail ride. Boston was accompanied by two familiar faces in the form of Gales Hill Scimitar and Gales Hill Drummer. Anne Kinsella and Margaret King bringing out their favourite mounts on the lovely crisp Autumn day. All three headed out to do the furthest trail ride distance of the day of 27km.

Quickly on the heels of the 3 women was Pat Cooney on his horse Ringo, Pat had many riders to accompany him on the day, firstly his daughter Niamh riding her mare Gypsy, next a newcomer to Endurance Ireland Cody Duffy on her pony Sparky and fast becoming a familiar face Shauna Knowles on Bostun. Pat and his merry gang headed out on the course, enjoying the views and the fine weather on the day. We hope to see more of these riders next season.

Gerry Farrell and Debra Carr arrived to bring their mounts Topaz and Pippas out around the course Jerry and Debra rode this course earlier in the year and were pleased with how their horses easily completed the track on the day.

Last to head out were Loreto McDonnell and Pippa Ryan, Loreto brought her enthusiastic gelding Oscar while Pippa brought her gelding, Sika. Both ladies are regulars with the Carlow Farmer's Hunt and attend many of the Endurance Ireland events keeping their mounts fit and active during the off season.

Bobbie and Stretch were first to finish their CRs with both horses passing the vet, this has been a busy year for these two mares and riders with all four gaining their Novice qualifications this year and hotly contesting the Novice Mileage Trophy which will be awarded at our awards night at the end of November.

Madison and Terri were next to arrive back to the venue. With a quick crew Madison was first to present Bobby to vet, this combination had a super year getting their Novice combination and

completing their first Intermediate Qualifier in Rosegarland. We look forward to seeing what they get up to next year. Bobby quickly passed the vet and then it was the turn of Terri with mare DVS Wanda. Terri was delighted when soon after Wanda was declared passed the vet, thus ending our competitive season on a high note.

We would like to again thank the Parish for giving us permission to use the Church carpark. We would also like to thank Ann Clarke for acting as organiser on the day, Yvonne Croke as Endurance Judge, Terri Moore for marking the course and doing the preparation work and Siobhan Ovington as vet writer. All of these people make these days possible and Endurance Ireland really appreciate the help.