



### Baunreagh Ride 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016

As always we start our first ride of the season in the beautiful setting of Baunreagh. Baunreagh is up in the super Slieve Blooms and as is tradition Sam Linton took on the roll as organiser for the day. The loop of 14km took in mainly forestry tracks, with only a very small road work for riders.

Unsurprisingly I suppose for February, this ride was unfortunately hampered by the extremely bad weather both the day before and on the day with high winds and a constant downpour. Having said that, five very brave riders took to the tracks.

First to arrive were Madison Flaherty and Mia Reynolds, Madison on her pony Bobby and Mia on Madison's other pony Molly. Next was Terri Moore on Boston Rose, who last season was brought to intermediate level with with Terri's daughter Evelyn.

Madison and Terri were first out on course completing the 14km loop and then putting in one smaller loop of 5km bring their full mileage to 19km, which given the days weather was great. Mia took to the track with her dad John who walked the first loop with Richard taking over to give John a break half way through , it is fantastic to see Mia out and it looks like we have another determined young rider taking to the tracks.

Last but by no means least, was regular rider Tara Creighton and her horse Zee. For this ride Tara brought Kelly Rae on her Irish Draught Coxtown King who is by Kilnashogue. Some may not have heard of Kilnashogue but that is understandably as Kerry's horse is 24 years young. It will be great to see how Kelly does this year as she and her horse will be eligible for three end of year awards, the IDHBA class and the Trail ride and the Inter schools. Endurance Ireland are looking forward to fun times ahead for the season.

As always we would like to thank the venue owners and the organiser Sam Linton for running the day. Volunteers are what make this club and we are delighted to have some very dedicated organisers to run our events.