



Cullenagh 29th March 2015

The morning of Cullenagh in Co. Laois started out a somewhat miserable day with plenty of rain and high winds but having said that riders turned up and were ready to head out on course. First to arrive on site were Madison Flaherty and her dad Richard with Madison changing from her mare Molly onto her second pony Bobbie. Madison bravely took on the 32.3km course riding the first loop with first season riders George Prior and her horse Sprit and Laura Robinson and her Connemara Joe , both George and Laura took on the trail ride of 16.1km with given the weather was a feat in itself.

Next out in abundance was the Galeshill (GH) gang with Anne Kinsella on the ever professional GH Simitar and Evelyn Moore on GH Boffin, both ladies took on the 32.2km track in what was one of the toughest days out so far in the season. Terri Moore on Jehol's Song also with Mike Cuddihly on GH Sabre also took on the two loops of 32.2 km and Margret King on GH Drummer completed the 16.1km track. Madison joined up with Terri and Mike on their second loop which saw the 13.2hh pony Bobbie keep up with the two Arab horses.

Debrah Carr and Gerry Farrell, first time riders with Endurance Ireland, with Debra's lovely colored horse Pippis and Gerry's big dun Topaz took on 16.1km trail course and what an introduction to the Laois weather they had, but both riders sailed around the course.

Mother and daughter duo Suanne and Natasha both took on the 16.1km course with ease. Susanne on her open horse Apache and Natasha on her pony Bronte. Natasha this year is clocking up the mileage with ease and is looking like a hot contender in the Inter Schools competition.

Another regular face in Endurance Ireland was Tara Creighton on her handsome Gee, Tara also took on the trail ride course with Gee showing age won't slow down a horse who loves doing what he does and he came in off track with a pep in his step. Last but by no means least was Vicky Farrell on Kojack and Alanah Doheny on Sable, this was Vicky's and Alanah's second day out with us having been to Kinnity before that. Both riders took on the shorter route of 7.5km which considering Vicky is four months pregnant (congratulations from all of us) and the weather that was great going.

We would like to thank Barry Fingleton for once again inviting us to use his yard as what is a super venue with a stable block and running water which in the weather that was a great help to some of the riders who had the comfort of tacking up under cover before hitting the tracks.