

Cross Jump

The inaugural Cross Jump competition in the Irish Pony Club was hosted by Waterford Pony Club on Saturday 20th February at Ballinacloy Event Course. Despite a very cold start to the day and the commencement of the competition being delayed by over an hour due to the ground frost, a great days sport was had by all who attended. The event was organised and co-ordinated by David Dennisson, committee member and Area 3 Eventing Rep, ably assisted by his daughter, senior member Ceara, who performed the duty of secretary for the competition. Fellow committee members, parents and senior members provided an abundance of help on the day, to ensure everything ran smoothly.

With approx 130 entries, the competition kicked off with the under 12 pairs and the junior pairs, following a briefing regarding the rules and the format of the competition for all competitors. The pairs being a novel idea for cross jump, saw each pair jump six showjumps in their respective arenas and then ride the cross country as a combination, with them then returning to their showjumping arenas to complete the round by jumping another six showjumps. Optimum time was the deciding factor in the end, with small problems being experienced by all the junior pairs in either the showjumping or the cross country. The pairs competition was followed by the singles and again optimum time divided the competitors. The junior competition was followed by the intermediate pairs and singles, with only two clear rounds being recorded in the intermediate pairs.

A large number of branches in the area were represented, with competitors from Tipperary, West Waterford, Golden Vale, North Kilkenny, Killinick, Warrington, Carlow and United. Mrs. Joyce Fell had the unenviable task of attending as Chief Stewart, with no precedent having been set for this competition in the Irish Pony Club. Waterford Pony Club wish to extend their appreciation to Joyce for the help and advice she gave in the running of the competition.

Waterford Pony Club also wish to extend thanks to Dr. Helen Doyle, Medical Officer on the day and to all who helped make the competition a success and we hope to see cross jump become a regular feature in the Irish Pony Club calendar of events.

Results:

<u>Under 12 Pairs:</u>	1 st	Eleanor Cunningham, Waterford & Anna Dowley, Tipperary.
	2 nd	Ella Quinlan, Waterford & Lucy Hancock, Carlow.
	3 rd	Danny Coughlan, Waterford & Patrick Flavin, Waterford
<u>Under 12 Singles:</u>	1 st	Anna Kent, Waterford
	2 nd	Danny Coughlan, Waterford
	3 rd	Jessica Harty, Waterford

Junior Pairs:

- 1st Loughlin Hogan & Aoife Moore, Warrington.
- 2nd Alana Roche & Aoife Goldsmith, Killinick.
- 3rd Jennifer Hennessy & Clara Roche-Perks, West Waterford.

Junior Singles:

- 1st Loughlin Hogan, Warrington.
- 2nd Jennifer Hennessy, West Waterford.
- 3rd Tommy Harty, Waterford.

Intermediate Pairs:

- 1st Mary Kate Burke, & Aine Treacy, Waterford.
- 2nd Chloe O'Shaughnessy & Holly O'Shaughnessy, Warrington.
- 3rd Ellen Duggan & Laura Cardiff, Killinick.

Intermediate Singles:

- 1st Mary Kate Burke, Waterford.
- 2nd Louise Kennedy, North Kilkenny.
- 3rd Aoife Oates, Waterford.