

Coláiste Bhríde Home Win

Schools' show jumping goes from strength to strength.

The strength of inter-schools show jumping was very evident in Barnadown Equestrian Centre on Saturday last with almost 50 teams competing in the three Inter-schools team competitions on the day.

Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew was delighted to host the sixth round of the TRI Equestrian Inter-schools League. In the open team competition the John Doyle track reduced the starting twenty four teams to a seven team jump off. The jump-off proved to be a seriously competitive affair.

First to go against the clock was Natasha Bernon, St. Gerard's College, Bray on Miss Poppins. She was joined by Blathnid Boyd on Bandit of Coilte Dubh and jointly they stopped the clock on 77.88 secs and 4 faults. Catrion Doyle representing Coláiste Bhríde Purple team and riding Garryfine Cross was joined by fellow first year Conor Wafer and they stopped the clock on a joint total of 79.43 with a pole on the ground. The second Coláiste Bhríde team in the jump off saw Patrick Kavanagh, riding Woodfield Rain and joined by cousin, Emer Kavanagh, on Dolly Mix set a target of 74.41 secs with two clear rounds. Newbridge College Gold was fourth to go and while Rachel Ross, riding Arganium Boy and joined by second line rider, Alanna Kelly, riding Killington Lady produced the fastest team time of 73.97secs and one pole on the ground. The Ard Scoil na Trinoide, Athy team produced a joint jump off time of 86.84 secs however, 8 faults put them down the line. Wesley College was sixth to attach the jump off track but unfortunately their joint score left them in overall 7th place. Gorey Community School, drawn last to go in the jump off was determined to give it their all when Sarah Dunne, riding Wild Fire and Rebecca Steacy on Castlemore Cailin produced an exciting final team effort however, they stopped the clock 5 secs behind the Coláiste Bhríde team of Patrick Kavanagh, Aidan Kavanagh, Emer Kavanagh and Aoife Kavanagh.

This was a tightly knit jump off with 1st place going to Coláiste Bhríde (74.41), 2nd to Gorey Community School (79.60), 3rd Newbridge College (73.97, 4 faults).

The novice team event was well contested with ten teams in competition. The jump off course allowed riders to "give it a go" and the team of Megan Flood, Hannah Murphy, Caoimhe Sheehan and Aoife Murphy representing Borris Vocational School took the honours; 2nd place went to Avondale Community College (Caoimhe Daly O'Brien, Leah Quinn, Aoibhin Daly O'Brien, Ailish Cullen), 3rd place Wesley College (Anna Maher, Alanna Doherty, Aoife Sutton, Helen Hanley).

This year's primary school competition began after the novice team competition and in all ten teams were up for it on the day. 1st was Gorey Central School Green team (Lauren Adams, Grace Scully, Maisie Adams, Abbey Spenser). 2nd place went to Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc Ceatharlach (Cara Ní Cheallaigh, Ava Ní Murchu, Rachel Ní Chearra, Ellen Kelly). 3rd in this team competition was Rathangan N.S. Gold, Edie Codd, Isabelle Barry, Emily Roche, Michael Cullen.

The Barnadown derby competitions always create interest. This year's derby course did not disappoint. Prizes were very attractive and the novice competition saw twenty-five riders jump the course. Maisie Adams on Seldom Seen Kidd and Dimples Dilema made it a double 1 and 2 for Gorey Central Primary School; Catrion Doyle on Ballinlow Lad took 3rd place for the host school, Coláiste Bhríde.

A similar number competed in the open derby and Roisin Treacy, St Gerard's College on Manx D took 1st place. 2nd place went to Ciara Frayney, Presentation College Wexford riding Kilminchy Rodrigo and the 3rd rosette was presented to Tara Kinsella, Coláiste Bhríde, riding Bumble Bee.

The HSI 1.10m class was held in the main arena and this competition produced some excellent jumping. James Kavanagh, Borris Vocational School won this leg of the TRI League riding Coppenagh Blitz. 2nd place went to Emer Kavanagh, Coláiste Bhríde riding Dolly Mix and she was followed in 3rd place by fellow team mate, Partick Kavanagh on Woodfield Rain.

The next round of the TRI Equestrian schools competition takes place in Ballinamona Equestrian Centre, Waterford on Saturday 24th October.