

Article. Newbridge College hosts TRI Equestrian Interschools at Coilog on Sunday 13th February.

Three well supported arenas were in action in Coilog Equestrian for the TRI Equestrian Interschools Ireland show held on February 13th.

The Hornbeam arena was devoted to the TRI Equestrian open events and the HSI 110cm qualifier, while the Lime Arena was the domain of the EII novice teams, the Equieire EII 90 qualifier and the novice individual's event. In the indoor the Primary riders showed their class in the primary teams and Individual events.

The **TRI equestrian Open team event** ended in a jump off between 5 of the 10 teams that had lined out. Posting the fastest time to claim the win and 10 points in the league, the team from Carnew saw off rivals Gorey Community School who took second. Only seconds separated the two teams. Carnew was represented by Carra Care Boy (Cian Byrne), Drummin Pretty Lady (Hannah O'Neill), Althorp (Chloe Walsh) and Galtee Shadow (Sarah Shepard) whilst Pairc Na Ruarc (Naomi Doyle), Ashwood Reggie (Jessica Murphy), Billy (Ciara O'Connor) and Abby Brook Aureole (Angelica McGee) lined out for Gorey. The Newbridge College Black team members, Lisrua Heidi (Eva O'Neill), Ramor Mirah (Sophie O'Neill), Castlestrange Misty Boy (Annie O'Neill), Bruno (Jamie Hargadon) claimed third place ahead of Wesley in fourth and Borris VS in fifth. Newbridge also claimed sixth place as fastest of the four faulters after the qualifying rounds.

The **TRI equestrian open individual class** was very well supported with over 30 competitors taking part. Fastest of these was Ashwood Reggie (Jessica Murphy riding for Gorey Community School with Darcy de Chanteloube (Cian Byrne) Coláiste Bride Carnew in second and Byrne again in third, this time riding Cara Cave Boy. Anna Morrissey, Laetitia Fox and Hannah O'Neill claimed fourth, fifth and sixth place. Since Byrne doubled up in the lineout the final league point went the way of Grace Berry from Wesley College in seventh.

The **HSI110cm class** had 20 competitors go to the post. The pole position was claimed by Gleann Princess ridden by Ciara O'Connor for Gorey Community School ahead of Rosie ridden by Anna White for Newbridge College in second and Boularee ridden Cian Byrne, Coláiste Bhríde Carnew in third. The remaining places on the day went the way of Gerry ridden by Patrick Doyle for Borris Vocational School, Hunters Lodge Puissance and Cian Byrne for Coláiste Bhríde Carnew and Rookery Amber ridden by Caoimhe Keegan for Mount Sackville. Since three of the first to six lines up are already qualified Jessica Murphy on Darcy de Chanteloube, Gorey Community School, Dempsey and Ciara O'Connor, Gorey Community School and Chloe Walsh riding Althorpe for Colaiste Bride, Carnew

Host school Newbridge College was victorious in the **EII Novice team event**. Newbridge was represented by Basil Brush (Mia Browne), Blackjack (Bonnie O'Neill), Saltre Imperial Commander (Mai Monaghan) and Blackwoodland Breeze (Anna Nangle) Second place went to the Loreto Secondary School Wexford team members, Skylanna Scatman (Lily Mai Berry), Rathmanna Check (Kate Walsh), Phoebe (Jessie Murphy) and Carraghmore Sparrow (Ashley Durack), whilst third place was claimed by Tullow Community School's Hershey's Kiss (Niamh Tobin), Knockdown Ba Murphy (Caitlin Byrne), Ballynamurragh (Caoimhe Curran), Paris Girl (Brook O'Donoghue). St Mary's College, Naas, Kilkenny College and St Gerard's Bray were fourth, fifth and sixth. The Best turned out prize was awarded to the very smart Rockwell College team. 16 teams lined out for this class.

The warm up **80cm class** followed and for the second week running went the way of Holly Gee riding Coolodge Maeve, representing Loretto Kilkenny ahead of Clio ridden by Lucy McCarthy for

Scoil Bhríde Kill in second and Blackhill Border Fox ridden by Arabella Whelehan from St. Gerard's Bray in third.

The final class in this ring was the **Equieire EII 90cm qualifier**. The qualifying slots went to Four Milk Boy and Sarah Boyce-Donohoe for Rathangan Secondary School, Tagunnan Lad and Ariana Durkan riding for St. Gerard's Bray, Basil Brush and Mia Browne representing Newbridge College, Blackwoodland Breeze and Anna Nangle also from Newbridge College, Hershey's Kiss and Niamh Tobin for Tullow Community School and Creggan Belle ridden by Evlyn Fahey for Presentation Thurles. Since some of these are already qualified Creggan Belle ridden by Evlyn Fahey for Presentation Thurles also qualifies.

The **Primary teams event** was won in fine style by local schools Kildare Town Educate Together and St Brigid's Kildare Town: Moelyparc Gold Gift (Jamie Monahan), Brynrodyn Robbie (Evie Holohan), Daisy (Orla Cleary) and Golden Grove Maydream (Charlotte Kelly) Scoil Diarmada Castledermot's team of Pippy (Maya White), Dolly (Anna Curry), Belle (Oisín Phelan) and Molly (Eimear White) was second and Rathmore's Black Team of Amigo (Georgia Queally), Hotspot (Gloria Queally), Ferret (Reuben McCann) and Nelson (Jack McCann) was third. The Individual classes were divided between those jumping 75cm and those jumping 55cms. The 75cm class which is an **EII Primary Individual qualifier** was won by Lucy Kent riding Snoopy for Realt na Mara NS Dunmore East ahead of Luna ridden by Emily McCarthy for Scoil Bhríde Paulstown in second and Shanbo Hazels Boy ridden by Julie McDonald for Holy Cross Tramore third, while Georgia Kehoe riding Anorca Diamond representing Donard National School won the 55cm class.

The action this weekend moves west to Ower Equestrian centre in Co. Galway and south east to Wexford Equestrian where East Glendalough School is the host.