

The bad weather did not deter the enthusiastic riders and supporters attending the East Glendalough School's TRI equestrian Interschools on Sunday the 20th February in Wexford Equestrian Centre. Mercedes' Benz Ireland generous sponsorship meant teams were competing for beautiful prizes.

First into the fray were the primary teams and it was the team from St Brigid's Grange Ns, Lucy (James Mulhall) Anna (Lulu Rose Mulhall) Molly (Cillian Tobin) and Smokey (Rocco Mulhall) that claimed the first prize ahead of Scoil Diarmada Castledermot riders, Pippy (Mia White) Dolly (Anna Curry) Belle (Oisín Phelan) and Melody (Eimear White) and the Scoil Mochua Nuns Cross team of, Pugsy (Louisa Smith) Fernhill Ruby (Lilly Mai Gallagher) Nakita (Ellie Sheane) and Annie (Isla Coad) in second and in third.

This was followed by the EII 70cm individual league class, sponsored by Cooley Farm which went the way of St Saviour Rathdrum rider Isla Coad on the Wow Cow. St Savours' Charlotte Goor riding Charlie was second and Tynock NS rider Lucy Darby on Darkly slotted into third place.

The final competition in the outdoor arena, just before the really bad weather struck was the Fairlands Equine Clinic 80cm fun novice event open to both novice secondary school riders and primary school riders and Colaiste Bhríde Enniscorthy's representative Sarah Kennedy on Kilcarrig Delight was the fastest to claim first place ahead of Lucy Darby on Darkly for Tynock NS, Darkly and Kilrane NS rider Hannah Rose Roche on Angel in second and in third.

In the meantime, the action indoors was well under way. The Mercedes Benz sponsored novice teams led the action and the host school's novice team of Mayfield Boy (Skyla Nally) Pixie Magic (Sarah Curry) Reilly (Anna Morrissey) and Sunny Girl (Rosie Coad) were worthy winners with local school Loreto Wexford's, Leo (Faye Murphy) Curraghmore Sparrow (Ashley Durack) Shakespeare Romeo (Cora Finn) and Tomoka Spots (Kiera Crowther) in second. These two schools are currently battling it out at the top of the Novice teams league. The St Declan's Community College team of Zeus (Kiera Reilly) Dudes Law (Aoife Lenihan) Hugo (Darragh Walsh) and Annandale Royal Mint (Conor Cusack) were third with Presentation Wexford and Loreto Wexford's two other novice teams in fourth, fifth and sixth.

The Equieire EII90cm qualifier class sponsored on the day by Newtown Medical Practise was hotly contested. The qualifying slots went to Niamh Tobin on Hershey's Kiss for Tullow Community School, East Glendalough's Rosie Coad on Sunny Girl, Mackenzie Martin on Little May for Blackwater Community School, Bridgetown College representatives Owen Carroll riding Joey and Sophie Whitehead on Mollie and in sixth Skyler Nally ring Hayfield Boy for East Glendalough.

The TRI equestrian open teams event followed. Three teams made it through to the jump off round and the fastest time was posted by Gorey Community School. Gorey Community's team members were Reggie (Jessica Murphy) Billy (Ciara O'Connor) Sparrow (Lauren Spencer) and Abby Brook Auro (Angela McGee) They just got the better of East Glendalough's' Firebolt (Robert Cherry) BallyKnock Obos Hollywood (Jazmine Arthur) Shergar Rose (Anna Morrissey) and Rusheen duff (Conor Doyle) in second. Dominican College, represented by Slanelough Supremacy (Naoise O'Neill) Westbrooke Dancer (Casey Neville) Drumlane Oscar (Baylee Neville) and Monalease (Megan Neville) slotted into third. The remaining league points went to Colaiste Bhríde Carnew, Borris Vocational School and Presentation Wexford.

The TRI open individual league once again went the way of Cian Byrne riding Hunter's Lodge Puissance for Colaiste Bhríde Carnew. Dominican College rider Baylee Neville riding Drumlane Oscar

claimed second place ahead of Colaiste Bhríde Carnew rider Hannah O'Neill on Drummin Pretty Lady in third. The remaining league points went to Anna Morrissey, Lucy Rhatigan and Cathy Doyle.

The final competition of the day was the HSI 110cm class, which was sponsored on the day by Prunella Dobbs Facing; East Glendalough's All That Jazz ridden by Jasmine Arthur was a worthy winner when just pipping Colaiste Brid Carnew rider Chloe Walsh on Althorp into the runner up spot and Aine Kavanagh on Newmarket Angle for Borris Vocational School in third. Arthur also claimed fourth place ahead of Sarah Sheppard and Robert Cherry in fifth and sixth place.

On the same day in the west Ower Equestrian Centre, Roscahill, Co. Galway ran a leg of the TRI Interschools league and qualifiers. It was well supported by local schools, particularly in the novice classes. The EII novice team competition went the way of the combined team from St Paul's Secondary School Oughterard/Presentation College Headford, represented by Quiltamia (Sophie Lee) Coshla Sparrow (Doireann Clancy) Knockillare Leona (Dervla Foley) and Ballinduff Boy (Finn Reynolds) who claimed first place ahead of Clifden Community School's Charles (Aoife Nee) Lilly (Clodagh O'Toole) Izzy (Sadbh O'Toole) and Southern starlight (Eimear Nee) in second and Holy Rosary College Mountbellew's, Fusion (Sorcha McDonagh) Harry (Saoirse Loftus) and Julian (Isobel Dermody) in third.

The Equieire EII 90cm qualifier was won by Black Pearl ridden by Heather Kelly for Clarin College, Athenry. Doireann Clancy riding Coshla Sparrow for St Paul's Secondary School, Oughterard was second. Ava McCarthy riding Lily White from Salerno Secondary School won the fun novice class just beating Rebecca Ni Mhaonghaile riding Kane for Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiaráin in second and Ava Joyce riding Judy for Dominican College Taylor's Hill.

Barnaboy Shauna and Laura Donohue for St Brigid's College, Loughrea won the TRI equestrian Open Individual Competition and Clifden Community School's Eimear Nee riding Charlie of Blakehill was first in the HSI 110cm qualifier with Niamh Donohue riding Barnaby Shauna from St. Brigid's college Loughrea in second.

Letterfrack NS won the primary teams. Letterfrack was represented by Southern Star light (Cadhla Curran) Iskaheen Olaf (Kerris Mae O'Toole) and Danville Sundance (Yann O'Toole) while the Primary Individual class went to Nathan Regan on Freddie for Scoil Bhríde Lackagh ahead of Ella Herlihy and Sammy and Kerris Mae O'Toole on Iskaheen Olaf.

Action remains at the Wexford Equestrian Centre this weekend where Good Counsel College are the hosts.