



Summer Newsletter

Bray Hunt Branch

May 2007

As you will see from this Newsletter, it looks like being a very busy Summer. Be sure to go through it with your parents so you can plan your events. As usual, we are asking, no pleading, that you return your REPLY FORMS on time. It really cuts down on the administration and planning. The small percentage who come back late, cause double the work of the majority who, thankfully, stick to the return date.

Usually, we only need pre-booking for rallies and camps, but we have found that events are very difficult to plan when we don't know who will turn up, and what standard to expect. Therefore we would like you to indicate on the Reply Form if you intend taking part in some other events.

If it happens that your situation changes near the event date, you can just let us know, but at least we will have a fair idea of who is coming. Impromptu events are likely to be added to, or existing events changed as the Summer goes on, so be sure to stay in touch. Check the website which will be regularly updated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mary Kelly to our committee.

Your Pony Club Committee

Reply Forms

Please complete one per member and **return on time**. If you indicate that you are interested in competing in a particular discipline, you will be contacted about training.

The rides for rallies are usually done on the Monday before. If your circumstances change and you find you want to attend a rally you didn't mark or you cannot come to a rally you paid for, let us know by Monday and we can fit you in or arrange a refund.

If you have a difficulty attending at least two rallies and wish to attend Senior Camp, please contact either Mrs Guilford or Jane Power 08702626936

RALLIES

You must attend a minimum of two rallies if you wish to come to Senior Camp as riders and ponies need to be assessed so we can organise camp rides properly. To ensure we have enough instructors, you must book rallies in advance. To book a place at a rally please tick on the Reply Form.

IMPORTANT - Out of courtesy to our landowners and for insurance reasons, **please do not arrive before 3 p.m.** as we may not have permission to gain access before this time. Arriving between 3 and 3:15 should give you plenty of time to be **ready to ride at 3:30 p.m. and instruction finishes at 5:30 p.m.** Once instruction has finished you must remain dismounted unless you are hacking home.

Neat turn out please, i.e. tidy hair, sweatshirt, shirt/polo shirt, tie and badge for riders and clean ponies and tack! No jewellery allowed. Remember, the Rally Cup is presented at camp for attendance and turn out at Rallies. Please note, you must attend rallies regularly to be eligible for any team. We are grateful to the people who let us hold rallies on their land, so please show your thanks by not leaving any litter behind, including horse box contents.

- 13th June Rosenallis (Kingston Farm)
 Barnaslingan Lane, Kiltiernan
- 20th June Bel Air Ashford
- 27th June Brennanstown
- 4th July Kilmartin, Newcastle (Norse's)
- 11th July Monastery House, Enniskerry

COST: €10 each - Must be booked and paid for in advance by sending back Reply Form.

New Website

Check out our new website

<http://homepage.eircom.net/~bhpc>

(NB: ~ is above # on the keyboard)

Or follow the link from the
Irish Pony Club Website.

PONY CLUB SUMMER CAMPS

JUNIOR CAMP

3th, 4th and 5th July - Belfield, Kilpedder

By kind permission of the O'Loughlin family. From 10:30 to 3:30 each day. For under 10's, but it is also sometimes possible to accommodate slightly older inexperienced children. Each child must be accompanied by one responsible person. Children on lead rein, may not be led by anyone under 15. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate young children not participating in the camp. Details of what you will need to bring and daily camp schedule, will be given to each camper in advance. If you have any queries contact Mrs. Guilford or Mrs. Jane Power Book a place by ticking the Reply Form which must be returned, along with payment, by 1st June. **Cost: €40**

SENIOR CAMP

Monday 16th - Friday 20rd July - Kilruddery (Belmont)

By kind permission of the Brabazon family. You must be 10 pony club age to attend Senior Camp. **To be eligible you must attend at least two rallies.** A Camp Letter with full details of what you will need to bring, the daily timetable etc. will be given to each camper in advance. To book your place at camp, tick the **Reply Form** and return it by **Wednesday 1st June**. This is very important so we can ensure we have enough instructors to accommodate everyone who wants to attend camp. Booking **cannot** be taken for camp unless accompanied by payment. **Cost: €85 for one child, and €75 for subsequent children from the same family.** Contact Deirdre O'Kane or Jane Power with any queries. 2862369 or 2869354 or e-mail: brayponyclub@eircom.net

TREK

We are holding a pony club trek on 21 August 2007 starting out from Bel-Air at 11 am
Details from Deirdre or Jane

TOP QUALITY HAY FOR HORSES:

- Round bales to be made June/July 07
- Orders taken in advance.
- Phone 087 2480695
- Square bales possible if sufficient orders.

GYMKHANA

Saturday 7th July 2007

Monastery, Enniskerry

(by kind permission of the Bourke family)

Our annual Gymkhana is great fun.
All ages and abilities will be catered for.

Obedient Pony

Fancy Dress

Style and Appearance

Clear round jumping

Mini, midi, maxi show jumping

John Foster Cup team competition.

**Full Schedule available
later on at rallies etc.**

Pony Club Shop

Sweatshirts - Badges - Polo Shirts - Ties

All available at Rallies from Mrs. Burrowes

Tel: 2876259

JUMPCROSS

Friday 29th June 2007
Dragonhold Stables - 2 p.m.

We have decided to try out a version of this activity which is growing in popularity. It combines show jumping with cross country. You jump a round of show jumps, proceed straight around a cross country course (a mixture of solid and knockables), and return to jump another round of show jumps.

Comp. 1 15 and over- Singles (90cm - 1 m)
Comp. 2 15 and over Pairs

Comp. 3 Under 15 - Singles (75 - 85 cm)
Comp. 4 Under 15 - Pairs

Comp. 5 Under 12 - Singles (60 - 70 cm)
Comp. 6 Under 12 - Pairs

NB: Dress as for cross country. Skull caps, medical armbands, body protectors etc. To pre-enter mark the Reply Form. Cost: €8 for singles, €12 per pair.

The above is a guide to maximum heights. You may jump hor concors (not in competition) out of your age group if you wish.

Each combination may go twice, i.e. in singles and pairs. Not suitable for lead rein.

We will start at 2 p.m. with Comp. 1.

More information from Mrs. Guilford 2819572 or Deirdre or Jane Power at brayponyclub@eircom.net

JUNIOR DAY

For under 10's
Friday 13 July 2007
At Elizabeth Gordons
Ferndale House
Ferndale Road Rathmichael
10.30 to 12.30
Bring a picnic lunch.
Cost Euro 5

Handy Hunter

Friday 3 August 07

Diamond Hill Roundwood
(by kind permission of the Leeson family)

NOT open to combinations who qualified for the Horse Trials championships

There are three phases to this competition:
Phase 1 - Turnout
Phase 2 - Dressage
Phase 3 - Jump Handy Hunter Course

Test for all ages: Dressage for Beginners 2004
(available on the website)

JUNIORS - 10:30 a.m.

This will be divided into three sections.
Lead Rein - Under 11 - Under 13

Followed by Seniors at approx 12pm

Cost 8 Euro
Enter on reply form

Tetrathlon

The National Tetrathlon Championships will take place on **25th and 26th August** in Mallow Co Cork. Regular training sessions are held throughout the Summer.

We are holding an Introduction evening on the **15th June at 7 pm. at Monastery House, Enniskerry** by kind permission of the Bourke family. Details of dates for swimming, running and shooting training and the venue will be available then. The cost of training will depend on the numbers taking part, but will kept to a minimum.

Please tick the Reply Form if you are interested in doing the Tetrathlon. If you want to find out more, come along to the first training session and see what is involved.

National Minimus Championships

This year's Minimus Triathlon

Sat/Sun 17/18th June 2006

Competition will take place in Waterford

Swim and run on Saturday

Ride on Sunday nearby

If you are interested in taking part or want to find out more contact Mrs. Guilford on 2819572

Pony Club Mounted Games

Wendy Lee is our games trainer and would love to get some teams together. There are Under 16, Under 14 and Under 10. Regular practice sessions take place during the Summer. If you are interested in taking part tick the box on the Reply Form or contact Wendy on 2828969 to find out more

Are you interested in Show Jumping

We are running a Show Jumping screening evening on Wednesday the 6th June in Dragonhold starting at 5pm. If you are interested give your name to Deirdre 0863694251

Dressage Training

We are hoping to organise dressage training on Thursday evenings, if you are interested please tick the box on the reply form. We can only organise this if we have enough members interested

Passports for Horses/Ponies

Since October 2004, the Department of Agriculture advise that all horses/ponies must have a passport. If your Pony does not have a passport, you can get an Irish Pony Club Passport from Weatherby's. If you need an Application Form for this, please contact Deirdre O Kane Please check out the Department of Agriculture website for more information on this regulation.

Parents in Attendance

The Pony Club does everything possible to make our sport as safe as possible. That said, riding is a risk sport. Each member should have a parent or responsible person in attendance on the field during all Pony Club activities, the exception being Senior Camp. Children hacking to Pony Club events, must arrange to have an adult present on the field.

One day Events

Mairead Waters has been appointed event Secretary ph. 086 1016478
Events will only accept entries via your pony club event secretary.

(no exceptions)

So entries must be with Mairead at least 10 days before the event with full payment

Entry fees are non-refundable

Visiting Other Branches

You can only belong to one branch of the Irish Pony Club. However, sometimes members are invited to participate in another branches activities (e.g. whilst on holidays in another county etc.). If this is the case, you must get permission from the D.C. of your own branch. Important: No Pony Club test may be taken outside of your own branch.

Planner - Summer 2007

Use the Planner enclosed with this Newsletter to help you remember what you put on your Reply Form

Important Safety Reminders

- ⇒ Ponies must NOT be tied to trailers
- ⇒ Bring your Body Protector to all Pony Club activities, compulsory for jumping
- ⇒ Only children who are members of the Pony Club may be mounted on the field
- ⇒ Medical Armbands (with photo) compulsory for all interbranch/national competitions (with Membership card inserted)
- ⇒ No Jewellery allowed for safety reasons.
- ⇒ When you dismount for any reason, stirrups must be run-up properly.
- ⇒ Check you stitching on all tack.
- ⇒ Remind yourself of the Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Parents.
- ⇒ Ponies must NEVER be left in UNHITCHED trailers
- ⇒ Only SKULL CAPS are allowed for any cross country (no fixed peak hats)
- ⇒ New/All members please note, owing to the revised regulations, we would advise anybody buying a new hat that a skull cap is suitable for ALL Pony Club activities. A skull cap can look very smart with a dark coloured cover

Bray Hunt Pony Club - Planner Summer 2007

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Sun			
Mon			
Tue			
Wed			1 Pony Club Festival Stradbally
Thur			2 Pony Club Festival Stradbally
Fri	1		3 Handy Hunter Leeson's Roundwood
Sat	2		4
Sun	3	1 One Day Event Tattersalls Co Meath	5 one day event Glandoran
Mon	4	2	6
Tue	5	3 <i>Junior Camp</i>	7
Wed	6 Show jumping screening	4 <i>Junior Camp</i> RALLY Norse's	8 RDS
Thur	7	5 <i>Junior Camp</i>	9 RDS
Fri	8	6	10 RDS
Sat	9	7 GYMKHANA	11 RDS
Sun	10	8 One Day Event Stradbally	12 RDS
Mon	11	9	13
Tue	12	10	14 Horse Trials
Wed	13 RALLY Rosenallis	11 RALLY Bourke's Monastery	15 Horse Trials
Thur	14	12	16
Fri	15 Introduction to Tetrathlon	13 Junior day Ferndale House	17
Sat	16	14 One Day event Coolboy	18
Sun	17	15 One Day event Cloncaw Equestrian Monaghan	19 U.12's and novice event Glandoran 20
Mon	18	16 Senior Camp	20
Tue	19	17 Senior Camp	21 Trek Bel-Air
Wed	20 RALLY Bel-Air	18 Senior Camp 1 day Event Sleedagh Farm	22
Thur	21	19 Senior Camp	23
Fri	22	20 Senior Camp	24
Sat	23 Minimus Waterford one day event Mullingar	21	25 Tetrathlon Mallow Co Cork
Sun	24 Minimus Waterford one day event Watergrass Hill Cork	22 One Day event Fethard Co Tipperary 23	26 Tetrathlon Mallow Co Cork
Mon	25	23 Area Qualifier dressage and Combined Training (Bourke's)	27
Tue	26	24	28
Wed	27 RALLY Brennanstown	25 Area Qualifier Showjumping Hosted by Wicklow pony club	29 H Test Gurteen Co Tipperary
Thur	28	26	30
Fri	29 Jumpcross Dragonhold	27	31
Sat	30 One Day Event Flower Hill Galway	28 Kilmacanogue Show and One day Bunclody	
Sun		29	
Mon		30	
Tues		31	

REPLY FORM

(Must be returned by 1st June 2007)

This form must be signed by a parent/guardian and accompanied by full payment, for bookings to take effect. Please use one Reply Form per member.

To ensure we have up to date information, please fill in the following:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Address: _____
(only needed if changed recently)

Would your parents/guardians be available to help during the Summer? _____ Yes _____ No

***** YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST TWO RALLIES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SENIOR CAMP *****

RALLIES

I wish to attend the following rallies and enclose €10 for each rally.

13th June	Kingston Farm	_____	
20th June	Bel-Air	_____	
28th June	Brennanstown	_____	
4th July	Kilmartin	_____	Total Enclosed for Rallies _____
11th July	Monastery House	_____	

CAMPS

I wish to book a place at following camps and enclose payment. NO late bookings will be taken for camp.

Junior Camp	_____	€40	
Senior Camp	_____	€85 (€75 for subsequent children from same family)	
B Ride Camp	_____	To be advised	

Total Enclosed for Camp _____

Total Enclosed € _____

OTHER EVENTS

I will be taking part in the following:

29th June	JumpCross	_____	
13th July	Junior Day U 10's		
3rd August	Handy Hunter	_____	Payment for these on the Field.

DISCIPLINES

I am interested in competing in the following disciplines:

Show Jumping	_____	Dressage	_____	Combined Training	_____	Games	_____
Tetrathlon	_____	Minimus	_____	Horse Trials	_____	Activity/Musical Ride	_____

RETURN THIS FORM BY 1st JUNE 2007 TO :

Jane Power Scalp Farm Barnaslingan Lane Enniskerry Tel. 087 2626936
(Cheques made payable to Bray Hunt Pony Club)