

Schools' show jumping goes from strength to strength.

The strength of inter-schools show jumping was very evident in Barnadown Equestrian Centre on Sunday, 15th October with 40 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 eighteen teams to a seven team jump off. The jump-off proved to be a seriously competitive affair.

In what proved to be an exciting jump off the duo of Aoife Murphy and Catherine Kavanagh returned home on 4 faults in a time of 88.50 seconds. Representing Borris Vocational School, they were joined by Claire Kavanagh and James Kavanagh. 2nd place went to Ronan Byrne and Natasha Bernon representing St Gerard's Bray Blue team who stopped the clock with 4 faults in 94.39 seconds. They were ably supported on the team by Milly O'Loughlin and Georgina Wilkinson. The team of Emer Kavanagh, Patrick Kavanagh, Conor Wafer and Ella Byrne took 3rd place after Emer and Patrick brought the team home on 4 faults in a time of 94.56 seconds. 4th place went to Alanna Doherty and Anna Maher joined Tilly Shaw and Holly Duggan who also did the jump off. This team finished on 4 faults in a time of 109.62 seconds. 5th and 6th places respectively went to Good Counsel College, New Ross (12 faults in a time of 96.74 seconds) and FCJ Bunclody (15 faults in a time of 116.92 seconds).

This year's Novice Team competition was a great success and all thirteen teams were up for it on the day. 1st place went to East Glendalough and team members were Jane Mooney, Anna Hudson, Sophie Bohm Leahy and Robert Cherry. They finished the jump off on zero faults in a time of 65.95sec. In 2nd position was St. Mary's College, Arklow Maeve Magee Katz and Naomi Devereux jumped off in a time of 77.47sec and zero faults. They were joined by Ella Devereux and Mollie Graham. Gorey Community School took 3rd place. Team members were April Haxby, Eimear Ní Chinnéide, Abby Spencer and Amie Bolger. 4th place went to Good Counsel College, New Ross Maeve Byrne and Eamon Byrne jumped off and they were joined by Kilian Murphy and Tom O'Shea. The Carrick-on-Suir team from Scoil Mhuire Greenhill took 5th place. Team members were Ava Lynch, Katie Doyle, Hazel Barden. Joint 6th place went to Newbridge College and Avondale Community College, Rathdrum. Representing Newbridge there was Kate Maloney, Aoife Keane, Lauren Kavanagh and Orla Ring. Caoimhe Daly O'Brien, Eimer Butler Lister and Sanita Jackson made up the Avondale team.

The Primary Schools event had with seven teams in competition. 1st Gorey Central School and Ballycanew National School. Team members were Gemma Earle, Kate O'Brien, Cora O'Donnell and Lauren Adams. 2nd place went to Drumphea National School, Bagenalstown. In 3rd position was Castle Park School, Dalkey. Gorey Central School was placed 5th and 6th place went to Drumphea National School.

The HSI 1.10m class was held in the main arena and this competition produced some excellent jumping. 1st Ruairi Aylward, Coppengh Tom Sparrow, 0 faults 27.68secs Good Counsel College; 2nd Oisin Aylward, Bendix 0 faults 28.02secs (Good Counsel College New Ross); 3rd Cara Sweeney, Kippure Steepleview Jack 0 faults 28.18secs (Newbridge College); 4th Isabel Hughes Kennedy, Coppengh Celtic

Rebel 29.71secs (Presentation College Kilkenny); 5th Oisin Aylward, Coppnagh Matador 30.50secs (Good Counsel College New Ross); Tom O'Shea, Tynan's Cappuchino 31.84secs (Good Counsel College New Ross).

The Open Individual competition (1m) saw twenty competitors jump an inviting course. 1st Niamh Flinter, Newbridge College; 2nd Leah Ross, Newbridge College; 3rd Niamh Behan, Newbridge College; 4th Hannah Murphy, Borris Vocational School; 5th Lucy Ross, Newbridge College; 6th Ciara Walshe, Presentation School Kilkenny.

The Novice Individual (80cm) was highly competitive with forty competitors taking part. 1st Lauren Adams, Gorey Central School; 2nd George O'Connor, St. Michaels College, Dublin; 3rd Isabella Donohoe, Drumpea National School, 4th Robert Cherry, East Glendalough School; 5th Aoife Keane, Newbridge College; 6th Mosie Murphy, Borris Vocational School.

The next round of the TRI Equestrian schools competition takes place in JAG Equestrian Centre on Sunday, 22nd October.