

The Fagan Family hosted the penultimate leg of the TRI equestrian Interschools league last Sunday. A full range of EII classes were on offer in the International Arena while in Arena two after the EII novice team class a selection of unregistered individual classes ranging from cross poles to a metre class were on offer.

The first class in the International Arena was the EII Primary 70cm class. Lucy O'Rourke from St. Colman's NS, Mucklagh, riding Corra Beauty claimed the red ribbon ahead of 1Kilrane NS's Hazel Slattery on Breolie Mist and Mirdad's Babysitter ridden by Alanna Dardis for St. Etchen's Kinnegad. The minor places went to Ted Fagan, Dardis on her 2nd pony and Oisin Phelan.

The TRI equestrian Open Team event followed with a total of 10 teams taking on the Robert Fagan designed track. Claiming first place after a fine display of riding was the three-member team from Wesley College of LGS Safari ridden by Emily Crawford, DG Arkall and Saoirse Handley and Kellie ridden by Grace Berry. Second place went to local school, St Joseph's Rochfortbridge. Sadie (Nicole Brennan on Sadie, Hannah Madden on Hillcrest Metallica, Craddenstown Vectra Star and Roisin Conway Leon Van Cauwenberge on Rocky were the team members. Third place went to East Glendalough Secondary School's Robert Cherry on Firebolt, King Carra Mia and Anna Houston Carlston and Rusheen Duff Patrick ridden by Conor Doyle. Dominican College Wicklow, Moyne Community School and Blessington Community School were fourth, fifth and sixth.

The popular Equieire EII 90cm class followed, with Bonnie O'Neill from Newbridge College on Newport Blackjack ending in pole position ahead of Caoimhe's Robin Old Road ridden by Katie McGrath for Moyne Community College. Third place went to Basil Brush and Mia Browne representing Newbridge College. The final qualifying slots went to Joe Cadam on Knockagaron Fear Bui, Cnoc Mhuire Granard, Rosie ridden by Niamh Staunton, St Marys Edenderry and Red River Head and Elisa Drumm from Eureka Secondary School Kells.

The action then turned to the TRI equestrian Open Individual class. 1st Avatar (Emily O'Neill) Mercy Secondary School Kilbeggan, 2nd Boley Boy (Cathy Doyle) Borris V.S, 3rd Usane Bolt (John Miney) Moyne CS, 4th Kelle (Grace Barry) Wesley College, 5th Atherlough Boy (Katie McGrath) Moyne CS. 6th Bella (Sophia Strickland) Calasactus College Galway.

The final class on offer in the International Sand was the HSI Premier 110cm class. First place in this was claimed by 1st Kelle (Grace Barry) Wesley College, 2nd LGS Safari (Emily Crawford) Wesley College, 3rd Maghera Melody (Charlotte Doyle) Moyne CS, 4th Quality Villane (Rachel McGrath) Moyne CS, 5th Railyard Rebel (Jennifer Hoare) Scoil Mhuire Strokestown, 6th European Cruise (Rachel McGrath) Moyne CS.

In Sand 1 the novice teams held a very competitive competition. Newbridge College fielded two teams in this class to claim first and second place. The Newbridge College White Team consisting of Saltre Imperial Commander (Mia Monaghan), Basil Brush (Mia Browne), Blackjack (Bonnie O'Neill) and Kilmovee Bridal Excess (Louise Maguire) just pipped fellow students Cronaughty Noel (Sarah Fleming), Spice (Jess O'Ryan), Mullacraw Heights (Keelin Scott), Patchwork Quilt (Kate Malone), who were well content with second. Moyne Community School, Badger (John Miney), Bailey (Martha Miney), May (Charlotte Doyle), Caoimhe (Katie McGrath) were third ahead of Our Lady's Bower, Mercy Secondary School

Ballymahon, and Cnoc Mhuire Granard. Athlone Community School claimed the final league point.

The action moves to Wexford this weekend where the final of the TRI equestrian Interschools Open teams takes place and with points and a half on offer and the top five placed league teams qualifying for the Balmoral Blue Grass Interschools Championships there is all to play for. Also, to be decided is the HSI Premier 110cm champion, the Equieire EII 90 cm champion, the TRI open Individual league winner, the EII novice league and the EII Primary Individual league winner.