

Report from Broadmeadow Equestrian Centre 11th January 2015

Brian Duff and the Broadmeadow Equestrian centre Team hosted the first Equestrian Interschools Ireland league competition of 2015 on Sunday. A total of 9 open teams competed following the Christmas break and most competitors took advantage of the open individual competition to try and gain Individual league points as well as lining out in the 110 HSI qualifier.

The St Gerard's team of dingle June (Mark Finnerty), My Dudley (Shona Callan), Castle Ventry Rose (Milly O'Loughlin) and Beech Hall (Kirstie Connole) gave it their all to take the win ahead of the Wesley College Red team represented by Saxo (Alex Gallagher), Bushmills Fionn (Tilly Shaw), Longfield Aphrodite (Hollie Whelan), Darcy (Pippa Durham). The Kings Hospital team of Bella's Money (Poppy Connolly Carew), wonderland winter breeze (Erin Byrne), Bobby (Jane Kenny) and Veronica's Boy (Ellen Forster) claimed third place. Wesley's other team, (a complete Micklem affair as it consisted of Sam, Holly and Leo) took fourth, with teams from Ard Scoil Na Troinoide and Scoil Mhuire in fifth and sixth. St Gerard's also claimed individual honours when Kirstie Connole partnering Beech hall just pipped Jack Sargent on Johnny to take the win. James Kavanagh representing Borris on Coppengh Blitz was next fastest to take third ahead of Milly O'Loughlin, Catherine Kavanagh and Grace Evans.

The 110 class gave Jack Sargent riding Johnny, compensation as he claimed the win with the only double clear. James Kavanagh on Coppengh Blitz was slightly faster but a pole on the ground in the 2nd round denied him pole position. Poppy Connolly Carew on Bellas Money was third followed by Mark Finnerty on Vigo and Daniel Fitzgerald on Tara.

Maynooth Secondary School was best of the Novice teams. Maynooth was represented by Dromsligo Rieko (Aaron Keogh Cribben), Argus (Emma Egan), Fionsceal (Zoe power) and Boytown Touch Of Frost (Ellen Murphy). Wesley's novice team of Bwitched (Holly Micklem), Eddie (Anna Maher), Laddy (Suzie Hoey), Mozart (Pippa Durham) was second ahead of Kildare Town Community school's team of Jacko (Lee Page), Whisper (Aine Kelly), Lilly (Katie Kelly) and Ruby (Lauren Page).

Kildare town Community College rider Lee Page riding Jacko won the novice individual competition posting a fast double clear of 35.1. Hollie Micklem on Bwitched was second ahead of Rachel Kyne on Sa Deire, Katie Kelly on Lilly, Zoe Power on Fionscael and Kevin Manning on Mac.

The action moves this weekend to Killoserry in the east and Tipperary in the south west.