

Tri Equestrian Interschools show jumping goes from strength to strength.

The strength of inter-schools show jumping was very evident in Barnadown Equestrian Centre on Saturday 15th October with 50 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 twenty four teams to a five 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 Jack Ryan and Oisin Aylward returned home on zero faults and a combined time of 81.06 which could not be beaten. Representing their school, Good Counsel, New Ross they were joined by Ruairi Aylward and another Jack Ryan! 2nd place went to Borris Vocational School. Catherine and James Kavanagh left all poles standing and stopped the clock on 88.94secs. They were ably supported on the team by Declan Deegan and Aoife Murphy. The team of Emily Laffan, Kate Foley, Maud O'Callaghan and Meabh Hasset from St. Declan's Kilmacthomas took 3rd place after Maud and Meabh brought the team home on 4 faults in a time of 88.90 secs. 4th place went to the host school, Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew. Emer Kavanagh, Ella Byrne joined Patrick and Aidan Kavanagh who also did the jump off. This team finished on 4 faults in a time of 94.29. 5th and 6th places respectively went to St. Mary's School, New Ross and Newbridge College.

This year's Novice Team competition was a great success and all twelve teams were up for it on the day. 1st Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew – Rachel D'Arcy, Annjoelle Claeys, Katie Nolan; 2nd Newbridge College – Lucy Ross, Ella Kelly, Niamh Behan, Max Ross; 3rd CBS Secondary School Kilkenny – Andy O'Donnell, David Lawler, Tom Murphy, David Holland.

The Primary Schools event was well contested with twelve teams in competition. 1st St. Anne's National School Rathangan - Cathal Murohy, Isabelle Barry, Faye Murphy, Edie Codd; 2nd Gaelscoil Eoghain Ui Thuairisc Ceatharlach – Ava Ni Mhurchu, Lucy Ni Chellaigh, Cara Ni Cheallaigh, Rachel Ni Chearra.

The HSI 1.10m class was held in the main arena and this competition produced some excellent jumping. 1st Aidan Kavanagh, Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew (24.26); 2nd Oisin Aylward, Good Council, New Ross (27.85); 3rd Ruairi Aylward, Good Council, New Ross (28.41); 4th Emer Kavanagh, Coláiste Bhríde Carnew (28.77); 5th Laura Bailey, FCJ Bunclody (29.66); 6th Kirsti Connole, St Gerard's School, Bray (31.82).

The Open Individual competition (1m) saw 35 competitors jump an inviting course. 1st Isabella Radford, Templecarrig School, Greystones; 2nd Jennifer Robinson, St. Gerard's School, Bray; 3rd Michelle Hughes, Gorey Community School.

The Novice Individual (80cm) was highly competitive with almost thirty competing. 1st Andy O'Donnell, CBS Secondary School, Kilkenny; 2nd Lucy Ross, Newbridge College; 3rd Rachel D'Arcy Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew.

The next round of the TRI Equestrian interschools showjumping competition takes place in Coilog Equestrian Centre on Sunday, 23rd October and will be hosted by Ardscoil na Troinoide, Athy.