

SHOW JUMPING

Every year a lot of show jumping competitions take place in pony club. Some are run as club competitions, Inter Club, Area 3 league, National Classic and All Ireland team competition at the Pony Club Festival.

Every year an Area Qualifier is held in show jumping usually in July. We are in Area 3 which consists of 5 clubs. Each year a different club hosts the qualifier. This year it is the turn of Waterford Pony Club.

The competitions are:

1. JUNIOR SHOW JUMPING (ROBBIE BAILEY)

Competition for a team of four competitors under the age of 14 on the 1st January. Must be of "C" test standard or hold their "C" test. The winning team at the Festival receives the ROBBIE BAILEY cup.

2. INTERMEDIATE SHOW JUMPING

For a team of four competitors under 21 yrs on the first of January of the current year and must have passed their "C" test. The winning team at the Festival are presented with the CAPT. JOHN LEDINGHAM Trophy.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SHOW JUMPING

For a team of four competitors over the age of 12 yrs and under the age of 21 yrs and must have "C" test. The winners of this competition at the Festival are eligible to compete at the U.K. Pony Club Festival. There is also a SENIOR INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION.

The Area Qualifier is a great family day out. We encourage as many teams as possible to compete on the day. Three teams from each section qualify for the Festival which will be held on the 28th and 29th of July this year. Training for these competitions will start at Easter and will be followed by show jumping rallies during May and June. The training will consist of Flat Work for the first part of the lesson followed by Jumping Exercises and finish with every member jumping a full course which will have nice fences built below the required height at the beginning. Hopefully everyone will enjoy the training and go home having learnt something from it. We would like Members that might be interested in participating in these competitions to put their name forward and those who want to do the training at Easter to book their place. We are aware that some of our members are doing state exams or in boarding school, we will do our best to facilitate them later on. Training at Easter will take place at Belline Equestrian Centre.

Training will be on the WED 31st MARCH and WED.7th APRIL. When we know numbers we will fix training times **Booking closes on March 20TH**

All names to Pat Walsh 087-2792422.