



Kinnitty Ride 7th May 2017

Sunday the 7th of May saw the 2nd leg of the league take place in the fantastic settings of Kinnitty Castle on Co. Offaly. We have been very lucky over the years to have the castle as our venue which leads straight out to the forest. This course is a tough but flowing course. On this occasion, the organiser had set the course with a lot of pulls and drops with the highest point at 1342ft and the lowest at 611ft, the biggest elevation 667ft.

Our vet on the day was Natasha O'Malley Moore who is no stranger to vetting with us. First riders on site were Madison Flaherty followed by Teresa and Evelyn Moore and Anne Kinsella. Teresa and Madison both presented their horses to the vet and then headed out on course. Anne Kinsella and Evelyn Moore both took on the trail course with Anne's mount Simmie as company for Evelyn's young horse Cue, an Anglo Arab by Anne Clarke's Arab stallion Mavros.

Father and daughter combo Pat and Niamh Cooney were next to present to Natasha and then out on course to complete the CR distance on the day which was 49.72km. Last but by no means least to take on the 2nd leg of the league was Patrick Byrne and his mare Amber Sky who are well set for a good year in the league.

Aisling and Paddy Doyle, from Carlow, both took on the trail of 19km with their horses along with Fr. Hennessey from Mountrath on his mount, out for a day in the sunshine.

All the CR riders were then vetted post ride under the watchful eye of Natasha and all passed and that left Yvonne and Emer to work out the points for the league.

Results of the 2nd leg of the league

1st Madison Flaherty

2nd Teresa Moore

3rd Patrick Byrne

4th Pat Cooney

5th Niamh Cooney

Endurance Ireland would like to thank both Kinnitty Castle and Coillte for allowing us to hold our event in their venues. Thanks also to Yvonne and Emer for organising.