



Stradbally IMFHA Foxhound Show 1st July 2018

Well it was a busy day for Organisers at the Stradbally IMFHA Foxhound Show, with everyone keen to continue to enjoy the sunshine, especially in the fabulous setting of the Stradbally Hall Estate. We would like to extend our thanks to the Cosby Family for allowing us the use of their fantastic grounds and the IMFHA for the invitation to join them at this event.

First to arrive were our CR riders, Terri and Evelyn, the ladies were taking on Slaneyside Queen's first Intermediate qualifier of 64km. Terri and Evelyn quickly vetted the veteran Gales Hill Boffin and Slaneyside Queen and headed out to do the first of two loops required before the midway vetting. They were keen to get started with the aim of completing as much as possible before the sun rose too high.

Next up were Niall on Rio and Natasha on Apache, this father/daughter duo undertook the furthest trail distance of the day completing the maximum 32km trail ride. The foursome completed it at a very steady pace enjoying the new route in place this for this event.

Pat and Niamh arrived next, with their mounts Ringo and Gypsy, taking into account the heat of the day the duo decided to skip the CR and undertake a trail ride instead. Endurance is all about knowing and judging your horses and most enjoying your days out. Pat and Niamh easily completed the course and headed off to enjoy the sights and sounds of the show taking place all around them.

Familiar faces to Stradbally, Paddy and Regina brought out their mounts Rosie Rebel and Tia Maria, Rosie not living up to her name on this occasion but Tia Maria seemed well ready to party on the day, enjoying her loop in familiar surroundings. John was next out with the handsome Woody, John was joined by Liz, who after a solo run in Timahoe decided she would like to see how Hugo liked some company today. The four headed off to enjoy the sights and sounds of the day.

Eileen joined us with the stunning Billy, Eileen and Billy do not hang around and easily completed the course, enjoying the sections through the forestry. Eileen's husband Thomas accompanied by the faithful Louie enjoyed the other events of the day, watching the ID show classes and pony games events.

Ann with the pretty arab/welsh cross Jasmine joined us for the day in Stradbally, with Ann and Jasmine enjoying the flowing course and easily completing it.

Making it a real family day out, Jill and Shane arrived with their mounts Jessica and Sally, joined by sister Lisa on Cricket and Paddy on Kala. The foursome were celebrating both Lisa's birthday (Happy

Birthday Lisa) and Jill and Shane's Anniversary (Happy Anniversary Guys). The 16km was ably completed by all.

At this stage Evelyn and Terri reached the half way point of their 64km ride and were straight into the midway vetting. Aply crewed by Bob, the horses were quickly through the vet and into their half hour rest period before heading out again to complete the distance.

Tara and Emma Jay were next to head out on the course, Tara with the fantastic Zee and Emma on Tommy. Tara was accompanied by her family who had a great day enjoying viewing the hounds and games on offer at the Hound Show.

Martin arrived on his stunning mare, Tess. This was Tess' first day out with Endurance Ireland, however Tess took the day in her stride settling down very quickly into this new discipline.

Amanda on Apache and Aoife on Fergus joined us again for this event, the girls really enjoying the going and fields available for long canters.

New to Endurance Ireland Faye arrived with her new ID gelding Henderick, she was accompanied by Aisling on Pooky, both ladies headed out to do the 16km course, taking it at a steady pace to accommodate Faye's new mount.

Claire and Trish arrived with Kerry and Mindy to head out around the lovely estate. The ladies completed the course at a leisurely pace and enjoyed the day in the sun.

Patrick and Catriona were the last to head out on course to enjoy the day, with their mounts Amber and Rua, this duo completed the course in quick order and headed off to watch the Irish Draught Working Hunter Class and some of the IMFHA competitions.

The final pair to finish were our CR riders who came in at a steady pace off their final loop. Despite the warm day the ladies vetted in quick succession and we are delighted to say both passed with good heart rates. The foursome completed the course at a steady 12.5kph, which was an excellent result on the day. So for Slaneyside Queen, that's her first Intermediate Qualifier complete. Well done to all.

Endurance Ireland would like to thank all of our volunteers who organised this day, Aisling our vet, who worked tirelessly on a very warm day, Terri and Evelyn for marking the course, Susanne, Ben, Kerry, Yvonne and Anne for doing the groundwork on the day. Without volunteers, there are no rides so thank you all for the help.