



February 2012 NEWSLETTER

Hi All,

We are only a month into the New Year and all ready Cheval members have been picking up rosettes!!!! Hopefully it's a sign of things to come for 2012! As you will see the calendar is already crammed with events for the first half of the year so it is important to get your membership renewal in as soon as possible so you are eligible to compete in AIRC shows.

Please remember to keep Claudine informed of your results as we have started the 2012 leader board claudine.kerr@gmail.com.

If there is anything you would like me to include in the next newsletter or if you have any photos please feel free to email me trionamcgrath@hotmail.com

New Members

Firstly, a big welcome to our new members: Karen Kelly, Claire O'Dywer and James Duff. You may recognise these riders as they have kindly supported Cheval shows in the past but now, we are delighted to confirm, they are fully fledged Cheval members!

Cheval Mini, Midi, Maxi & Super Maxi League / Bronze Horse League

The first two legs of our open to all league have been very popular, with good turnouts. You must compete in 3 shows plus the final to be eligible for the over all league. There are some nice prizes up for grabs at the final, and don't forget the highest placed Cheval rider in their nominated grade will be awarded a Bronze Horse later in the year at our awards night. The remaining dates are 11th Feb, 18th Feb, 25th Feb and the final has been moved to the 10th March.

1st leg of the Equipet NER Jumping League – hosted by Cheval & Cavallo

Sunday saw an early start for the Cheval members that made the journey to Kernan's Equestrian Centre in Newry for the first leg of the leg. But it was well worth braving the weather and the early start as we had a member placed in nearly every class on the day. The show itself was a great success – a huge thank you to all our members who helped out on the day. We received many compliments on how smoothly the day ran. The next leg will be held this Sunday at Castlehill EC, Julianstown, Co Meath and please remember to bring your valid 2012 card with you on the day.

Upcoming events for 2012

As you will see from the fixtures list, Cheval have a lot of shows scheduled for 2012; the dressage league, a derby day, the team challenge and Pre Festival just to name a few. As you are aware a lot of organisation and planning is required to run these shows successfully. With this in mind we will be asking any Cheval member riding on the day of these shows to volunteer at least an hour of their time to help out on the day. Even if you're not riding we would greatly appreciate some of your support before the show i.e. course building or on the day. After all, it is important to remember, the money generated from one show goes back into the club allowing us to run other shows. Without volunteers we would not be able to run so many shows.

Cheval are hoping to host some clinics in 2012. Some of the suggestions have been a showing clinic, a show jumping clinic and a dressage clinic. I would be grateful if members would confirm by email or text to Triona (0857360335) which of these if any they would be interested in taking part in. If you have other ideas for clinics please let me know. As I'm sure you understand we can only run a clinic if there is enough participants in order to cover costs.

AIRC AGM / The Lancelot Awards

Annual General Meeting of the Association of Irish Riding Clubs on Saturday 18th February 2012 at The Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard, Co. Laois. The meeting will commence at 13:00 and is open to 2011 registered members only. Registration opens at 12:30. The Lancelot Awards will be presented after the meeting at 15:00.

The Lancelot Awards are presented annually by the AIRC to recognise the sterling efforts of its members who regularly go beyond the call of duty in organising or helping at club, regional or national level. Congratulations to our chairperson Maria Carrick who has been nominated for Club Member of the Year.

If any one wishes to attend please advise Maria or Triona.

Dressage Tests

The list of dressage tests for this year's National Events has been published by the Association of Irish Riding Clubs. It includes tests for the dressage competitions at the riding clubs festival, the dressage championships and the horse trials championships. The AIRC tests are available on their website in the download section and all the other tests are available on www.dressagediagrams.org. If you are having any problems, please contact Triona on 0857360335.

New AIRC rule amendments introduced for 2012

A number of new rules changes are being introduced by the AIRC for 2012. They include changes to the Team Show Jumping Championship and Horse Trials Championships. Teams may only use reserves which were declared on the official entry form, for the Team Show Jumping Championship, if a club needs to alter their team from the close of entries and the qualifier taking place. Two judges must also officiate at a qualifier, one of which must be of at least judge status or higher. The other judge, if unlisted, must be approved in advance by National Office prior to the close of entries for the qualifier.

At the Horse Trials Championships, Clubs may only nominate two teams for the team championship and these must be submitted before the close of entries. If a qualified rider cannot compete at the championship final, their place will not be reallocated.

In other rule amendments, under the eligibility of horses in competitions, they are only permitted to jump-off once in team show jumping competitions.

These new rules are in addition the A new code of conduct is being introduced for members of the Association of Irish Riding Clubs. Club members, by acceptance of their membership to an affiliated club in 2012, automatically agree to be bound by this new code. The code says no member shall:

- Conduct themselves at any event in a manner which is offensive to the public.
- At any event, argue, behave with incivility or contempt, or use abusive or threatening language, towards a judge, official or other person.
- Conduct themselves in a manner detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- Make, either orally or in writing, to an officer of the Association or Club, or a third party, a statement on a matter covered by the rules which they know to be untrue.

In addition the AIRC has introduced a new co-efficient scoring system for use in all Horse Trials competitions from this year onwards. The co-efficient will only affect those riders who have a higher dressage grade than their cross-country grade. This will be applied on a sliding scale depending on the higher grade span difference. For riders with a single higher grade span difference, their dressage penalties will be multiplied by 1.1 while riders with a two grade span will have 1.2 co-efficient applied to their score. For an example of how the scoring system will be applied see www.airc.ie. The 2012 rule book is available from the download section on www.airc.ie or, alternatively contact Triona.

Personal Liability Insurance/ BHS membership

In the previous newsletter I mentioned that BHS as a Gold Membership automatically includes Personal Liability Insurance. The even better news is the BHS are offering 25% off new membership for 2012 AIRC members (terms & conditions apply). Please contact the BHS for more information.

Results Round Up

Christmas Hamper League:

I think everyone will agree that the Christmas Jumping league was a great triumph, despite the weather's best efforts! A huge thank you to all our competitors and volunteers for their hard work.

Overall League results

Mini			Midi		
1st	Laura Carrick	Prince	1st	Sandra Hannigan	Rosie
2nd	Ciara Lynch	Rio	2nd	Geraldine Farrell	Eddie
3rd	Aishling Bradwell	Hazel	3rd	Christina Mullan	Foxy
Maxi			Super Maxi		
1st	Gerry O'Byrne	Charlie	1st	Laura Carrick	Megan
2nd	Sandra Hannigan	Rosie	2nd	Trisha Gallagher	Lisa
3rd	Elaine Carroll	Smurf			

1st leg of the Equipet NER League

Cheval members had a very good day in Kernan's Equestrian Centre with Jacqui Doupe winning the AI class and Trisha Gallagher a close second. Trisha and Laura Carrick came fourth in the AI pairs class. Maria Carrick won the Inter B class with Laura Carrick coming 3rd on her four year old Bowe's fifth outing. Christina Knowles was 5th in the Inter class and then came 3rd in the Inter pairs with her partner in crime Elaine Carroll.

G&S Sport Horses

Our Neighbours & Members John Scariff and Trisha Gallagher have set up their own horse sales company, G&S sport horses; they also do livery service & training. John is also available to do individual lessons. To get in contact please call John @ 0863806714 or Trisha @ 0851805710. We wish them every success with their venture

A Final Note to All Cheval Members, when using the grounds please note some of the general rules:

Only members are allowed to use the grounds, this is for insurance purposes, if however you have a friend that would like to join you when using the grounds can do so at a fee of €15. This can be left in the judges' box. Please report any damages or breakages to the committee so that we are aware of this and can replace if needs be.

Finally, please always close the gate when you are using the show grounds in the case of a loose horse Please also make sure when leaving the club grounds that the **gate is locked**, this has lately become a problem, that we are getting reports that the gate has been left wide open, the consequences of this could be damaging for Cheval riding club,

The grounds are there for everyone to enjoy so please respect them.

If any club member has any suggestions that they would like to see in place or that might help, be it training clinics, seminars, more night outs, etc please do not hesitate to alert us of this we the committee try our hardest to ensure that we cater for everyone.

Committee Members

Chairperson	Maria Carrick	087 6241743
Triona McGrath	085 7360335	Secretary
Geraldine Farrell	086 0507566	Treasure
Debbie Larkin	0876247345	Safety Officer
Claudine Kerr	086 8194610	Results / Leader board
Trisha Gallagher	085 1805710	Events
Fran Flanagan	086 1595634	
Eddy Hannigan		

Events 2012

Date	Event	Open to who	Venue	Contact
5th Feb	NER SJ	AIRC members	Castlehill	
11th Feb	Bronze horse	Open to all	Cheval	
12th Feb	NER SJ	AIRC members	Cloncaw	
18th Feb	Bronze horse	Open to all	Cheval	
19th Feb	NER SJ	AIRC members	Killossery	
25th Feb	Bronze horse	Open to all	Cheval	
26th Feb	Dressage	AIRC members	Punchestown	
26th Feb	Dressage league	Open to all	Balcultry	
3rd March	Dressage league	Open to all	Balcultry	
4th March	NER SJ	AIRC members	Castle Leslie	
10th March*	Bronze horse (F)	Open to all	Cheval	*change of date
11th March	Dressage league	Open to all	Balcultry	
11th March	SJ League	AIRC members	Coilog	
11th March	NER SJ	AIRC members	Collistown	
17th March	Hunter Trial	Open to all	Tattersalls	
18th March	Dressage league	Open to all	Balcultry	
18th March	Dressage league	Open to all	Cheval	
24th March	Dressage league	Open to all	Balcultry	
25th March	Hunter Trial	Open to all	Malahow, The Naul	
31st March	Hunter Trial	AIRC members	Bel Air	
31st March	Dressage league	Open to all	Balcultry	
22nd April	Killossery Show	AIRC members	Killossery	
28th April	Dressage League	Open to all	Cheval	
29th April	Team Challenge	AIRC members	Cheval	
6th May	Ashbrook Derby Day	AIRC members	TBC	
6th May	ODE	AIRC members	Bel Air	
13th May	Spring Show	AIRC members	Cheval	
19th May	Dressage League	Open to all	Cheval	
20th May	Summerfest	AIRC members	Coilog	
20th May	RDS Qualifer	AIRC members	TBC	
26th May	Dressage League	Open to all	Cheval	
27th May	Cross Jump	AIRC members	Callighstown EC	
27th May	Kilronan Show	AIRC members	Kilronan	
3rd June	Pre Festival	AIRC members	Cheval	
24th June	Dressage Qualifer	AIRC members	TBC	
24th June	H&P show	Open to all	Cheval	
1th July	Summer Show	AIRC members	Bel Air	
22nd July	Derby Day	AIRC members	Cheval	
29th July	SOCK Show	Open to all	Cheval	



Cheval Mini, Midi, Maxi & Super Maxi League



Showjumping starts @ 12.00 sharp



Dates

21st Jan
28th Jan
11th Feb
18th Feb
25th Feb

10th March (final) *Please note date change

Rider and Same Horse must compete in 3 + final to be eligible for placing

Venue:

Cheval Riding Club Oldtown Co Dublin

Time: 12.00 sharp

Price per Class

€10 for 1 class
€15 for 2 classes
€25 for 3 classes

Prizes at final and Rosettes each week 1st- 6th place

Contact: Maria Carrick @ 0876241743

Mail: info@chevalridingclub.com

The committee reserve the right to cancel or amend the show or any classes without prior notice

Cheval Riding Club Wish to thank our Sponsors for their kindness and support for 2012

Association of Irish Riding Clubs National Championships Dressage Test List

Reference: D73/12
 Issued: 26/01/2012
 Amended:

Grade / Competition	Riding Clubs Festival	Horse Trials	Dressage	
			Morning Test	Afternoon Test
Primary	AIRC A (2011)	BE 91 (2009)	AIRC 1 (2007)	BD 7 (2002)
Advanced Primary	AIRC B (2012)	BE 91 (2009)	AIRC 10 (2008)	BD 1 (2006)
Intermediate Intermediate Long Arena	AIRC 15 (2008) BD 16 (2002)	BE 92 (2009)	BD 13 (2006)	AIRC 19 (2010)
Advanced Intermediate Advanced Intermediate Long Arena	AIRC 20 (2010) BD 19 (2008)	BE 102 (2010)	AIRC 25 (2009)	BD 34 (2009)
Open Open Long Arena	AIRC 29 (2009) BD 22 (2007)	BE 112 (2010)	AIRC 40 (2010)	BD 35 (2009)
Advanced Open Advanced Open Long Arena	BD 34 (2009) BD 39 (2010)	BE 112 (2010)	AIRC 29 (2009)	BD 59 (2010)
Veteran Rider	AIRC 15 (2008)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Veteran Horse	AIRC 2 (2007)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Young Horse	AIRC 7 (2008)	BE 91 (2009)	n/a	n/a
Team Dressage	AIRC 4 (2007)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Prix Caprilli	AIRC Prix Caprilli (2011)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Novice Expert	AIRC 17 (2008) AIRC 7 (2008)	n/a	n/a	n/a

AIRC = Association of Irish Riding Clubs BD = British Dressage BE = British Eventing PC = Pony Club

All A.I.R.C. tests are available to download on www.airc.ie Remaining tests are available to purchase from their respective organisation.

Please contact your club secretary for further details as National Office cannot distribute tests to individual members.



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