**WEST CORK TREC - PTV Winter League Bantry (Leg 1) - 7th Nov. '21**

We had a fantastic turnout for our first league event in Bantry Bay Pony Trekking, with a total of 17 riders taking to the arena.

The day did not start according to plan. Our Technical Delegate Elaine rang to say that she and our Chef de Piste Frances had unfortunately broken down just outside Ballincollig (together with their horses, a couple of the obstacles, the marker cones and all the paperwork for the judges) and were unable to make it down to the event.  A few quick phone calls later and things were looking up again. Jill, as event secretary, worked on getting copies of the judges paperwork together, and Bastian was asked if he could bring the necessary equipment with him.  We started late as a result, but all the riders and volunteers worked quickly to get the course of obstacles set up.  Adèle did the course walk with the riders while Megan, as acting TD, did a few last minute checks on the obstacles (corridor widths, jump heights, etc).

Level 3 riders went in first, then Level 2, and finally Level 1.  While one level was competing, riders of the other two levels were in the arena judging obstacles.  As judges are always looking to see what the rider has or has not done correctly and whether any style marks would be lost, many riders find this experience a useful tool, as judging an obstacle helps them learn how an obstacle should be ridden. A break between levels allowed those riding to put their horses away and return to judge, while the next level to ride got ready to compete.

It was nice to see some new faces competing in their first TREC event. Due to the late start, we were unable to complete the scoring before people went home, but overall it was a good event.

Many thanks to Georgia and Bantry Bay Pony Trekking for the use of their facilities, to all the riders, judges and helpers, to Frances for designing the course, to Bastian for bringing the backup obstacles, to Jill for scoring and to Megan for acting as TD in Elaine's absence.

**RESULTS -**

Venue: Bantry Bay Pony Trekking

**Level 3 (Advanced)**

1st - Kildarvan Cookie (Judith Perrin); 2nd - Paddy (Annie O'Neill); 3rd - Mo (Kate Sheehan).

**Level 2 (Intermediate)**

1st - Ballyclough Nugget (Sheila Winters); 2nd - Grace (Shirley Squire); 3rd - Silversprings Sia (Mary Creedon); 4th - Lady (Tinso Villanueva); 5th - Annaleese (Lorea O'Sullivan); 6th - Rufus (Niamh O'Carroll); 7th - Tom (Adèle Connor).

**Level 1 (Novice)**

1st - Teddy (Phillippa Christie); 2nd - Maddy (Caitlin Steel); 3rd - Mo (Debbie Chapman); 4th - Annaleese (Christina Doyle); 5th - Abbano (Audrey Dubauloz); 6th - Stella (Julie O'Neill); 7th - Julie (Rachel Walsh).