

DONEGAL EQUESTRIAN
CENTRE

Sun 5th Feb Training

9.30am - 1pm

8th & 9th Feb Training

4pm - 6pm

Sun 11th Feb

Training 9.30am - 1pm

16th & 17th Feb

Training 09.30 - 4pm

19th Feb Combined

Training 9am - 4pm

22nd & 23rd Feb

Training 4pm - 6pm

Sun 26th Feb

Training 09.30 - 1pm

29th Feb & 1st March

Training 4pm - 6pm

6th, 7th & 8th March

Training 4pm - 6pm

13th, 14th, 15th March

Training 4pm - 6pm

20th, 21st & 22nd

March

Training 4pm - 6pm

25th March Combined

Training 9am - 4pm

27th, 28th & 29th

March

Training 4pm - 6pm

1st April Family Ride

No Training

5th April Training Day

09.30 - 5pm

12th April Training Day

09.30 - 5pm

YRC What's On

YOUNG RIDERS CLUB

SPRING 2012

Spring Training

With effect **from 4th February** 2012

Training will be held on Wednesdays, & Thursday from 4pm - 6pm.

Saturdays 9.30am - 4pm and Sundays 9.30am - 1pm. Please try and book for these sessions so we can plan the horses and training schedule. Training for the progressive riding tests will be held in these sessions.

February Half term will have two full days 9.30am - 4pm on Thursday 16th February and 9.30am - 4pm on Friday 17th February. Pony Camp will also be running this week YRC rates are 1 day - €30 & 3 days - €85. There will be no evening training this week..

From 4th March training will be Tues, Weds & Thurs evenings 4pm - 6pm, Sundays 09.30 - 1pm and Saturday 09.30 - 4pm.

Price Increase

From 1st March there will be an increase in price from €80 pcm to €100 pcm. If you have 2 children riding the first child will be €100 and the second €80 pcm. The increase is necessary to cover our rising costs e.g. staff, feed & hay.

I am sure you will still find this good value for the amount of time children

St Patrick's Day

We will once again be putting three horses in Bundoran's Parade. Deb is coming over from England to do the horse costumes and she has asked that anyone wishing to take part should kit themselves out as Leprechauns. We will be holding a draw to decide who will ride in the parade if you would like to ride let me know by 1st March and we will then draw the names out of a hat.

Family Ride Out

We are holding a family ride out on Sunday 1st April

11am - Children that can canter on the beach - any cantering parents can join them ! Non cantering parents can watch from the dunes.

2pm - Novice and Beginner riders this group will be kept together on the dunes.

YRC Price:- 1 Adult & 1 Child = €25.00

Extra adults €15 per person

Easter Events

Pony Camps are running on 3rd, 4th, 5th 9th 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th April YRC rates 1 Day = €30, 3 Days = €85, 5 days = €135

Days don't all have to be taken in the same week.

Training will be on Thursday 5th April and Thursday 12th April 09.30 - 17.00. There will no evening training for the two weeks.

Easter Egg Hunts YRC rate:- € 10.00

Friday 6th April

Cantering group

Walk and Trot Group

09.30 - 1pm

2pm - 4.30pm



Equestrian Social Media Awards

For the second year running Donegal Equestrian Centre is through to the finals of these awards, please take the time to vote for us at:-

<http://www.equestriansocialmediaawards.com/voting>



We are in category 14

Thank You :)

Octopus Rally

Monday 7th May 9am
start Finish 4pm ish
A mixture of Practical,
Riding and Theory com-
petitions.

Points will be given for
the eight events and ro-
settes awarded for the
top overall scores.

1. Best Turned Out
2. The Foot & Shoeing
3. Handy Pony or
Cross Country
4. Jumping
5. Colours & Markings
6. Riding Theory
7. What is it
8. Gymkhana

We will cover all the
theory from now until
the rally, but get reading
up on the topics!

Entry fee: €10.00

You must enter before
the day so ponies can be
allocated



**Each newsletter will
be featuring a breed
profile**

**This month is the turn
of The Welsh
Mountain Pony**

Breed Profile - Welsh Sec A

The Welsh Section A pony is also known as the Welsh Mountain Pony and has been bred in the mountains and wild regions of Wales for many generations.

General Character:- Hardy, spirited and pony-like.

Colour:- Any colour, except piebald and skewbald

Head, Eyes & Ears:- Small, clean-cut, well set on and tapering to the muzzle. With neat pointed ears, big bold eyes and a wide forehead.

Nostrils:- Prominent and open.

Jaws and Throat:- Clean and finely-cut, with ample room at the angle of the jaw

Neck:- Lengthy, well-carried and moderately lean in the case of mares, but inclined to be cresty in the case of mature stallions.

Shoulders:- Long and sloping well back.

Forelegs:- Set square and true, and not tied in at the elbows. Long, strong forearm, well developed knee, short flat bone below knee, pasterns of proportionate slope and length, feet well-shaped and round, hoofs dense.

Back and Loins:- Muscular, strong and well coupled.

Girth:- Deep

Ribs:- Well sprung

Hocks:- to be large, flat and clean with points prominent, to turn neither inwards nor outwards. The hind legs not to be too bent.

Action:- Action must be quick, free and straight from the shoulder, knees and hocks well flexed with straight and powerful leverage well under the body.



Welsh Sec A

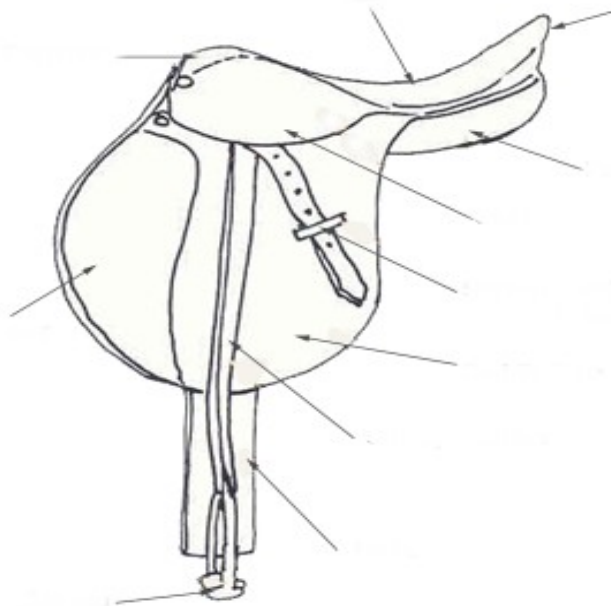


Parts of the Saddle
Can you identify the parts of the saddle?

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This Months Competition

The competition this time is to write a dressage test with score sheet. You can copy the layout from your combined training book.

- You need to include 10 movements that will be marked out of 10.
- Make sure you can ride all of the movements no flying changes or canter half pass! As you will also ride and be marked on your test.
- Tests are to be handed in by 1st March .
- All tests will be ridden on Sunday 4th March in the outdoor arena.
- Remember A is at the gate end of the school

