

# BENONI PONY CLUB



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NEWSLETTER #45 – FEBRUARY 2010

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Hi Pony Clubbers,

## PAST EVENTS :

### **Annual Mounted Fun Day at Double TT Stables (23rd January)**

Our congratulations to all members who participated in this annual fun event!! Members enjoyed the day tremendously and were given an opportunity to try their skill at Cross Country jumping – which most of us are not familiar with. (This was clearly visible with numerous horses and ponies spooking at some of the jumps that they were unfamiliar with!) However our rider's coped well and managed to get through it all – with no major falls or injuries reported!

You will have received the results from the show, which were emailed to you shortly after the event. If you did not, or would like another copy, please let us know and we will gladly forward them to you again.

Thank you to the Tanner-Tremaine family for the use of their venue, and for making the event possible.

### **Achievement Badge Testing**

Members who attended the tuition rally in early January, were tested on the 4<sup>th</sup> February for various badges. Congratulations to the following who passed ...

Care of the Horses Foot :	Melissa DWH	Meggan Ireland	Stacey Ireland
	Gareth Ireland	Caitlin Lloyd	Brittany Taylor
	Chelsea Taylor		
	(Friends of PC – Mrs T, Nicole and Alison)		
Mini-Care of the Foot	Jessica Black	Cyngen Black	
Points of the Horse :	Carolyn Hale	Donovan Nowers	
Mini Points of the Pony :	Talya Harpin		

*Note: Those of you who are new members to Pony Club, and who attended the tuition rally, will be tested soon! We will try and arrange for a date at the end of March, or during the upcoming holidays.*

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We must take this opportunity to 'brag' a little! ....

Phillip Roberts, who tested our members for the Care of the Horses Foot badges, (very thoroughly I might add!) extended his congratulations to all those who passed, adding that he was very impressed with the overall high standard, and answers given.

Some of our members now qualify to receive a prestigious badge from the U.K. !!! (In association with the Blue Cross, which is the overseas equivalent of the SPCA)  
The Blue Cross Equine Welfare Badge (and certificate) is presented to Pony Club members who have Passed 10 specified badges, relating to the welfare of the Horse, namely ...  
Points of the Horse, Grooming, Feeding, Perfect Paddock, Lorinery, Equine 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, Mucking Out, Saddlery, Care of the Horses Foot; and Shoeing.

These members will be receiving their honours! :-

Gareth Ireland	Brittany Taylor	Chelsea Taylor	Stacey Ireland
Meggan Ireland	Nicole Taylor	Rosemary TT	

*(Monique Harpin received this badge last year already!)*

And last but certainly not least – Congrats to our very own Mrs T, who proved that old-age is no excuse, by passing her “Riding on the Lunge” badge last week!!

**COMING UP ... :**

### **Mounted Fun Rally (Official Rally)**

DATE: Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
TIME: 9 :00am sharp.  
VENUE: Banbury Stables, Leopard Rd, Zezfontein Benoni  
DRESS: Johds and red pony club T-Shirts / Jackets

(An email was posted out to all members a little while back, as the visit to the Mounted Police Unit unfortunately had to be postponed AGAIN! We will now be reverting back to our original plan for a rally at Banbury for this date.)

Even if you do not have a pony, please do your best to attend. Your squadron leaders have been instructed to get you all together in your Squadrons – and put on a children’s “Fairy Tale” play. Members can be mounted or unmounted, and ALL members in the squadron have to take part!! (Your leaders will sms’s you if you need to bring clothes or props)

On arrival, you will be allowed half an hour to practice in your squadrons, whereafter you will all take turns in ‘performing’ in the main grass arena.

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This is all in good fun, so please don't be shy! We are anticipating a few good laughs!

As soon as we have all finished, we will be ending off the morning by doing a quiz – entitled “Is that my Horse/Pony?” Mrs T will be describing someone's equine friend using various colour markings, distinguishing features, etc.. and you will have to figure out who she is describing!! You have just had tuition and testing on Points of the Horse .... So you should know your stuff!

Basic tuck shop will be available from Alison. Pony Club clothes and stock will also be on sale.

*Note : we have decided to waive having Inspection at this rally, but please ensure that you and your mount are still presentable!*

Moms / Dads ... please ensure that you are available should your child require someone to lead them.

### **Visit to EMPD (Mounted Police Unit) (Official Rally)**

DATE: Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
TIME: 9 :00 for 9 :30am.  
VENUE: 16 Meerkat Street, Zezfontein Benoni  
DRESS: Jeans and red pony club T-Shirts / Jackets

The mounted Unit, as well as the Dog Unit, will FINALLY be putting on a display for us! This rally is open to friends and family – so if you know anyone who loves animals – feel free to bring them along as not many people get the opportunity to visit this Unit.

Basic tuck shop will be available from Alison.

We suggest you bring your caps and sunblock if the weather is sunny, as there is not much shade and we will be outdoors.

Don't forget your apples / carrots !! (Please contact us if you need directions)

### **Evening (Unmounted) Rally (Official Rally)**

DATE: Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
TIME: 6 :00 for 6:30 pm  
VENUE: StrideAlong Stables, Cloverdene  
DRESS: Casual

Bring your thinking caps ..... and join us for an fun evening of “The Weakest Link” !!

A beautiful Shield will be up for grabs for the winning Squadron.

Your Host, Monique, will be testing your “horsey” knowledge!

### **Mounted Rally (Official Rally)**

DATE: Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
TIME: 9 :00am sharp.  
VENUE: Kingsdale Equestrian Centre, Acorn Rd  
DRESS: Full riding attire

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Inspection will start at 9:00am sharp. Thereafter, members will receive valuable tuition and training from professionals, in the “lesser-known’ disciplines of Dressage and Equitation.

Many of our riders are only familiar with Showjumping – we would like to give you an idea of what the judges are looking for in Dressage and Equitation tests, and the correct way to perform these movements!

There will also be activities planned for our “little” members.

### **April Rally (Unmounted) – Provisional notice**

Please diarise the evening of Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. We are hoping to arrange an evening fun rally at Dunblane for this particular rally. We will keep you informed as, and when, the date is confirmed.

### **Inter-Branch and Inter-Regional Competition**

DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
VENUE: Equestrian International

Please diarise this important date.

(Remember that you need to have attended at least 50% of Official Rallies held, to enter!)

### **NEW MEMBERS :**

The following members have since renewed their subs, or joined Pony Club for the new year....  
(Please check below to see which Squadron you are in for this year, and who your Leaders are!)

Karyn von Mill	Welsh Squadron	(your Leader is Brittany)
Devon	Arab Squadron	(your Leader is Chelsea)
Lauren Gerhard	Lippizanners	(your Leader is Gareth)
Tarryn Gerhard	Thoroughbreds	(your Leader is Stacey)

A very big, warm welcome to our new members, we trust that you will have lots of fun and learn a great deal at Pony Club!!

### **GENERAL / OTHER :**

Benoni Branch has been invited (along with Irene-Midrand and Medunsa Pony Clubs), to perform a games demonstration at this years annual Rand Show over the Easter weekend. Teams will be required to attend for 2 days, performing two displays per day. The organisers of the Show will be covering all costs incurred. If you are interested, please contact Mrs T or Gideon. Please note that the team consists only of 4 or 5 riders.

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We will be having try-outs and practices in order to select those four/five horse and rider combinations which we feel are best able to represent the team.

HQ Pony Magazine has a Special Offer for all Pony Club members ....

You pay only R19 per issue (R228 subscription per annum)! This offer is only open to paid-up Pony Club Members.

Phillip Roberts, who is the new PR Officer for Pony Club, will be selling various items from Joyride, to promote Pony Club. (Example: Johds, bridle bags, pencil bags, etc.. with the Pony Club logo printed on.) All items are available in your branch colours. Please support!! Contact Phillip for further enquiries. Stock will be on display at various rallies and events.

The Committee will be planning for Proficiency Testing during the upcoming school holidays. We have many members who qualify to do their E Level, D- and D Advanced Levels !! We will keep you posted.

The first leg of the SANEF Schools League has just recently taken place. Well Done to all of our members who competed, and we wish you Good Luck for the next leg in March!!!

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES :**

The following member(s) will be celebrating their birthdays soon...

- Karyn von Mill (10<sup>th</sup> February) Belated wishes to you Karyn!
- Chanel Jordaan (23<sup>rd</sup> February)
- Meggan Ireland (28<sup>th</sup> February)
- Jade Williamson (4<sup>th</sup> March)
- Melissa DW-Holmes (6<sup>th</sup> March)
- Melissa & Melanie Jones (7<sup>th</sup> March)

On behalf of all of us at Benoni Pony Club, we wish you a very Happy Birthday, and may you have many more !!

***Happy Riding***

### **BENONI BRANCH OF PONY CLUB COMMITTEE**

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**Dates to diarise :**

20-02-2010	*Mounted Rally	Banbury	9:00am
06-03-2010	*Visit to EMPD unit	Zeefontein	9:30am
12-03-2010	*Evening fun Rally	StrideAlong	6:00pm
14-03-2010	*Mounted Rally	Kingsdale	9:00am.
20-03-2010	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg Schools League)		
22-03-2010	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY!</b>		
26 March -12 April	<b>GOVERNMENT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!</b>		
17-04-2010	*Unmounted Fun Rally	Dunblane	(t.b.a.)
29/30 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Inter-Branch/Regional's	Equestrian Int.	
* Official Rally			

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**[www.ponyclubgauteng.co.za](http://www.ponyclubgauteng.co.za)**