

BENONI PONY CLUB



NEWSLETTER #44 – JANUARY 2010

Hi Pony Clubbers,

Welcome back from the holiday break! We wish all our members and their families a prosperous New Year, and look forward to another fun-filled year with Benoni Branch of Pony Club!

While most of us were relaxing during December, two of our branch members attended the B-Test Camp at Medunsa, and by the sound of it, worked extremely hard!! Monique and Gareth received tuition from Mande Sidefrin to prepare them for the B-Test which they will be doing at the end of this year. They have kindly given us a written report back on their time spent at camp – see attached.

PAST EVENTS :

Tuition Rally at Double TT Stables (11th January)

Our apologies for the change of venue for this rally. There was a wonderful turnout for the afternoon, with many current members, as well as (literally) a “truck load” of new faces in attendance!!!

Members received tuition towards the “Care of the Horses Foot” and “Points of the Horse” Achievement Badges. Thank you to Mr Phillip Roberts for sharing his time and expertise with us. Although the Care of the Horses Foot all sounded very confusing and involved, we all left with valuable insight and learnt something new!

A date for testing has been set (see below). As per Pony Club policy, members must have been with the club for a minimum of three (3) months before attempting any tests. Therefore, if you are a new member, we will be setting another date for you take the tests for these badges, a little further on in the year. Members received notes on this topic, so don't forget to study these!!!

COMING UP ... :

Annual Mounted Fun Day (Official Rally)

DATE: 23rd January 2010
TIME: 8 :00 (walk XC Course) – Briefing starts at 8 :30am
VENUE: Double TT Stables, Sports Rd, Fairleads
DRESS: Proper riding gear (beige jods, boots and riding hat), PC T-Shirts/Jackets

Entries closed on the 18-01-2010 and the Programme has been drawn up and e-mailed to all entrants. Please adhere strictly to your riding order and obey all rules and regulations as set out in the entry form and programme! Your Squadron Leaders are there to assist you if need any help or information.

Any members who have not entered are invited to attend and cheer on your fellow riders. Remember, this is an Official rally, which means you get 10 points for you and your squadron, and also counts toward you attendance quota to qualify for Inter-Regional and Games competitions!!

All entrants ... Remember to bring along a water bucket and a teff net for your horse!

Testing (Care of the Horses Foot, and Points of the Horse)

DATE: Thursday, 4th February 2010
TIME: 3 :00pm
VENUE: Double TT Stables (Fairleads)
DRESS: Casual

(Please see testing policy above – under ‘tuition rally’) Open only to those members who attended the tuition on 11-01-2010, and who have been members for more than three months. If you cannot attend, please let Mrs T know so that we can make another arrangement for you. Another testing day will be held later for our newer members.

Visit to the EMPD Mounted Unit (Official Rally)

DATE: Saturday, 20th February 2010
TIME: 9 :30am sharp.
VENUE: Meerkat Street, Zezfontein Benoni
DRESS: Jeans and red pony club T-Shirts / Jackets

As per our last newsletter, a provisional date was set for January. Unfortunately the EMPD were unable to accommodate us on this date. The 20th of February has now been confirmed 100% and they are looking forward to meeting us all!

The mounted Unit will be putting on a display for us, and as an added bonus, they have kindly arranged for their Dog Unit to come along and give us a show too!!!

Come along to see these beautiful horses at their stableyard – and don't forget to bring lots of carrots and treats to spoil them!!

Note): The rally scheduled at Banbury for 20th February, has now been postponed and a later date will be confirmed for this.

Evening Rally (Official Rally)

DATE: Friday, 12th 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, 14th March 2010
TIME: t.b.a.
VENUE: Kingsdale Equestrian Centre, Acorn Rd
DRESS: Full riding attire

Inspection will be held. 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!

Inter-Branch and Inter-Regional Competition

The date for this event has now been confirmed by Regional for 29th and 30th May 2010. (Remember that you need to have attended at least 50% of Official Rallies held, to enter!)

GENERAL / OTHER :

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!)

<i>Welsh</i>	<i>Thoroughbred</i>	<i>Arab</i>	<i>Lippizaner</i>
<i>Brittany (Leader)</i> <i>Lauren M. (Vice)</i>	<i>Stacey (Leader)</i> <i>Natasha K. (Vice)</i>	<i>Chelsea (Leader)</i> <i>Lome (Vice)</i>	<i>Gareth (Leader)</i> <i>Jade (Vice)</i>
Marco Viana Brylee Daniels	Carmen Blum Cassey Prinsloo Phillip	Connor Morton Morgan Noakes	Kristen Musterd Amy Flockhart

A request was placed in the last newsletter, for any photos you have of pony club activities. We are still in need of these in order to make a new collage. If you have any nice (or funny) photos which were taken at any rallies, please could you forward them to us to include in the collage. (Speak to Gideon for more details.) Thank you!

We have also had a request from one of the Editors from HQ Pony Magazine, for any photo’s or even your own ‘horsey’ drawings, to feature in the Pony Club section of their (soon-to-be monthly) magazine. If you would like a pic of your special horse, etc. to be featured, hand your contributions to Mrs T, who will forward them on to the Editor – and who knows ... it might be in one of their future editions !!!

Help us to make Benoni Branch even better

If you have any suggestions, complaints, queries or comments relating to activities offered by the branch (or anything else!), please let us know! We welcome any / all input from our members and parents in order to provide a fulfilling experience to all our loyal members!

We also would like to extend an invitation to all parents...

If you feel you would like to get more actively involved, please consider submitting your name for election on the Committee. We always benefit from fresh faces and ideas!

A big "Thank You" to Mrs Noakes (one of our Pony Club moms!) for assisting us with the repairs of numerous items which needed a facelift!

NEW MEMBERS :

A very big, warm welcome to our newest members :-

- Connor Morton
- Brylee Daniels
- Marco Viana
- Kristen Musterd
- Phillip
- Charlene Raubenheimer (Friend of Pony Club)

We trust that you will have lots of fun and learn a great deal at Pony Club!!

BIRTHDAY WISHES :

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

- Heather Raubenheimer (Friend of PC) - 25th January

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

CLASSIFIEDS :

- **Coloured Browbands** made to order –
Any two colors and Silver/Gold. R120 each
SMS or telephone Carika Duvenage on 082 830 2779
- **Horses for Full or Half Bait –**
(1) "SHOWTIME"
Talented, beautiful chestnut gelding, exceptionally well schooled Eventer (Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross Country,) Pony Club activities. Formerly ridden by Lauren Merber who has progressed to more advanced horse. Will be stabled in Benoni from end Feb. Confidence giver, has worked in school. **Available for full or half bait to approved rider.** For more information contact Mandy 082 553 8947 or Phillip 079 324 7204

(2) "NUTTY NORAH"

Sponsored Pony to approved rider! Pretty bay Pony mare, approx 14,2hh, needs work. Not suitable for beginner, would suit good Child or small Junior rider. Ideally I would like a rider who does not have a horse of their own and would love, play with, show and school this pony exactly as though she belonged to them. I will cover feeding costs. Rider must be prepared to be a Pony Club member. Applicants may put motivation in writing as to why they would be the best person to have this opportunity. Must be prepared to ride a minimum 3 times per week, and have parent's permission. Pony to be kept at my facility. Call Phillip 079 324 7204. ostlersinn@polka.co.za

(3) "SWANSONG"

*Elderly TB mare free to good home as Companion or quiet hack. **NO riding schools!** Call Phillip 079 324 7204.*

Happy Riding

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COMMITTEE**

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Dates to diarise :

23-01-2010	Annual Mtd Fun Day	Double TT	8:00am.
04-02-2010	Ach.Badge Testing	Double TT	3:00pm
20-02-2010	Visit to EMPD unit	Ze-fontein	9:30am
12-03-2010	Evening fun Rally	StrideAlong	6:00pm
14-03-2010	Mounted Rally	Kingsdale	t.b.c.
May 2010	Inter-Branch/Regional's	t.b.a.	

* Official Rally

CHECK OUT THE NEW GAUTENG PONY CLUB WEBSITE !!!

www.ponyclubgauteng.co.za