

BENONI PONY CLUB



NEWSLETTER #47 – MAY 2010

Hi Pony Clubbers,

PAST EVENTS :

Unmounted Rally at Kingsdale (30th April)

A good turnout, once again. Due to electricity problems at StrideAlong, we had to quickly find another venue for this evening, but Kingsdale Equestrian Centre graciously came to our rescue.

Our members were given briefing sessions on the rules for all the different disciplines (Equitation, Dressage, Showing and Show Jumping), as well as the correct way to dress if you are entering a competition, and also what tack/accessories are allowed for the various classes.

Thank you to Sunette, Justine, Phillip Roberts and Lenora Duvenage for presenting these informative sessions. Also to the Duvenage family from Kingsdale, for allowing Benoni Pony Club to 'take over' their home!!

COMING UP ... :

Mounted ShowJumping / training Rally (Official Rally)

DATE: Saturday, 8th May 2010
TIME: Inspection will start at 1 :30pm – training starts 2 :00pm sharp!
VENUE: Crystal Ridge stableyard (Jarrah Rd, Benoni Orchards) **
DRESS: Full Pony Club attire (Inspection). Pony club T-Shirts can be worn after.

** Please note change of venue!!!!

Unfortunately Dunblane Equestrian Estates are temporarily unable to make use of their arenas due to government installing a large water pipe system through the property, so an alternative venue had to be found.

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Members are requested to be early so that inspection can be done as soon as possible. We would like to be finished before it gets too late.

Members who are entering jumping classes of 60cm or higher, will be practicing in the jumping arena, while our less-experienced members (those entering Lead-rein and First Pony classes), will be practicing small jumps and Utility / showing in a separate arena. Qualified instructors will be on hand to assist you. Crystal Ridge has a water jump which they have kindly made available should any of our brave and experienced riders wish to introduce their horse/pony to!!

Please can all our Lead-Rein moms and dads join us to assist as “runners” for your child!!!
(Those of you who do not have your own horse with you – are eagerly invited to assist too!)

Remember that you and your pony need to be turned out correctly for inspection!
Tuck shop and Stock items will be available for purchase on the day.

Inter-Branch and Inter-Regional Competition

DATE: 29th and 30th May 2010
VENUE: Equestrian International

You will have all received your entry forms via e-mail recently. (Should you not have your copy, please contact us and we will gladly forward it to you again.).
Entry forms can be mailed to Justine/Nicole for verification and submission to Regional. If you are uncertain about any classes or entry, feel free to ask and we will assist you.

Remember that you need to have attended at least 50% of Official Rallies held, to enter. Members who have not qualified, are most welcome to enter the Non-Pony Club classes offered.

Get your entries in as soon as possible!!

Pony Club camps at Medunsa

For those who are interested, Mande will be holding a camp from 12th-19th June at Medunsa. These camps are held annually for members wishing to receive instruction toward their Proficiency Tests. Speak to Justine for more details.

Proficiency Testing

We will be arranging testing for various levels of Proficiency Tests during the upcoming June school holidays. Members who the Committee feel are ready for these will be notified personally.

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GENERAL / OTHER :

We regret to advise that Gareth and Stacey Ireland have opted to step down from their roles as Squadron Leaders, and we offer our heartfelt thanks for their dedication to their Squadrons in the past. The Committee have deliberated on suitable replacements and are pleased to welcome Carolyn Hale and Monique Harpin to their new rank as Squadron Leaders !!

Thoroughbred (Leader) : Monique
Arab (Leader) : Chelsea
Lippizaner (Leader) : Carolyn
Welsh (Leader) : Brittany

Natasha Kemp, Lome Steenkamp and Lauren Merber are your vice captains, and are there to assist when your Leaders are not available.

Alison Ireland has also resigned from the Committee and we wish to thank her for all her assistance in Benoni Pony Club.

Tuck Shop will be taken over by Maggie, and Stock will be held with Sunette.

Get ready for some games practices which we hope to have in the holidays!
You will be notified as soon as these dates have been set.

New stock has arrived. Dri-macs, T-shirts, caps, badges and ties are available at most rallies if you need to purchase any.

Don't forget to visit our BENONI PONY CLUB profile on **FACEBOOK** !!!
You are invited to share your views, photos, comments, etc.. on the group wall.
Notifications will also be posted to keep you up-to-date with upcoming rallies, etc.

BIRTHDAY WISHES :

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays shortly...

- Devin Hitchings (26th April) Belated wishes to you!
- Lauren Gerhard (07th May)
- Amy Flockhart (17th May)
- Cassey Prinsloo (19th May)
- Jessica Black (24th May)

On behalf of all of us at Benoni Pony Club, our best wishes for a very Happy Birthday, and may you have many more !!

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!)

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Daniella

Lippizaner Squadron (your Leader is Carolyn)

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!!

Happy Riding

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COMMITTEE**

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Dates to diarise :

08-05-2010	*Mounted Rally	Crystal Ridge	1:30pm
15/16 May 2010	3 rd Leg of SANEF Schools League		
26/27 May 2010	Public Holidays !		
29/30 th May 2010	Inter-Branch/Regional's	Equestrian Int.	
* Official Rally			

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