



Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club

Newsletter



October 2012

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Congratulations to our members!

We tested the Equipment Safety Achievement badge at the last unmounted evening rally. Congratulations to Sam, Don, Gabs and Clara for earning them! Our mounted rally on the 26 September at Gecko Valley Stables (the MacKenzie's!) was awesome fun. The Pony Club Triathlon consisted of three phases; the ridden cross country round, followed by the cross country 1km run, and ended with air pistol target shooting. Thanks to all our helpers, and to our super all-round athletes. The Under 10 winner was Brad, Gabs the Under 12 category winner and Don the first placed Over 13 athlete!

The Walkerville branch hosted a very successful efficiency testing day at the Krupke's farm on 30 September. All candidates from Sedibeng, Benoni and Walkerville branches passed their tests. Well done to Tanisha who now holds her D+ test, and Sam who earned her C! Thanks to the Krupke's for their hospitality, as well as to all the supporters, friends and examiners who helped out!

2012 Interbranch quiz – hosted by the Walkerville branch



**Quiz team & supporters
silver medal winners!**

Five teams battled it out at the Walkerville Show grounds on 16th September! With all the questions displayed on the Power Point slides, all supporters could get involved (and check their own knowledge at the same time!) The trophy was tightly contested, with Riverpark 1 taking the honours, followed closely by Walkerville. Megs, Gabs, Court and Don loved their silver medals!



**AB testing – trying on
“body armour”**

**Triathlon – newest member
shooting**

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Community involvement – Country Kids Fun evening & Thorntree Conservancy fair

The 'Trick or Treat' Pony Club table at the Country Kids Fun evening was mobbed with kids wanting to dunk their faces into flour to win awesome prizes (NOT to be sprayed with Tanisha's water pistol!) A big thanks to all those who helped out; Sam and Jason, Tanisha, Court, Don and Candy, Gabs and Luca and to our prize sponsors; Panorama Publishers and the Community Police.

Those who missed out will have the chance to do more fundraising at the Thorntree Conservancy Fair on 4th November.

South African Avis Derby – Sunday 7 October at KEP

The Gauteng & Limpopo region is asked to provide 10 hardworking and honest Pony Club members to sell thousands of rands worth of programmes on the final day of the Avis Derby. Thank you to Tanisha, Gabs, Sam, Don and Court for volunteering to join the 5 Irene-Midrand branch members on Sunday. We know you will work hard, and thoroughly enjoy this prestigious horse event!

Upcoming rallies and events

Please diarise our next rally dates; unmounted **19th October** and mounted **21st October**. Our branch AGM will take place on **Sunday 18th November**...watch this space for details...

Sunday 9th December is an annual highlight on the Pony Club calendar; it is the Children's' Hunt at Inanda Country Base. New, young and experienced child and junior riders have the chance to participate in a hunt specially designed for them! Join us for the ride; either on horseback, or on the back of a bakkie, followed by egg & bacon rolls for brunch!

Keep your eye on the TV on Sunday afternoon when they televise the South African Avis Derby, and see if you can spot our Walkerville branch golf shirts in the crowd!

Until the next rally, happy riding!

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