



Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club



Newsletter

September 2013

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The KZN Interbranch show 2013

With a huge amount of fundraising, help from our sponsors the Walkerville Spar, Kellwin Stud and Tracker, and the support & input of

the region and our branch parents, we managed to take four of our riders to compete in KZN! Courtney, Donnelly, Gaby and Tanisha joined Lomé and Brylee from the Benoni branch in representing the Gauteng & Limpopo region at the KZN Interbranch show. We trucked down the girls' own mounts, as well as Shetan (Courtney's borrowed games pony.) The girls competed in dressage, show jumping, equitation and cross country classes, and had the time of their lives.

MGASA Inter-provincial games competition

In addition to competing every day in the Inter-branch events at the Durban Shongweni Club, Tanisha, Donnelly and Courtney participated in the 3-day Mounted Games Association of SA Inter-provincial competition. Our girls learned so *much*, and were mentored and coached by their captains and other team members.



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Courtney joined the Gauteng A team under the captaincy of Megan Marr (an International rider), and Donnelly and Tanisha joined the Benoni riders in the Gauteng B team. Their captain, Courtney Smith, literally 'walked the talk', lending Donnelly her experienced games pony for many of the games. Donnelly's hired pony, Chico, had never played games before so was very unsure.

After Day 1 Gauteng A was in the lead, but the competition was fierce with two excellent KZN teams, a WC team and the Irish visiting team! Gauteng A came in 2nd overall, and Gauteng B 5th! What an experience!

The MGASA SA Champs take place in KZN from 7-8 December, and then the South African teams to take on New Zealand and Australia at the 4th Southern Hemisphere Championships from 14-16 December.

Karen Ososki seminar and clinics

We were so fortunate to be able to book this international instructor of Refined Performance Horsemanship at short notice. Riverpark and Hartebeespoort branch riders attended the Saturday clinic in Sandton, with our Walkerville contingent of the Kruger and MacKenzie families travelling to Benoni on Sunday. The three girls all had small group mounted lessons with Karen, as well as an unmounted Natural Horsemanship ground clinic. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Equine Biomechanics PowerPoint presentation.

Sunday show preparation rally - 8 September

Our next rally will focus on briefing and preparation for the Trec competition, and the Dressage and Working Riding (Utility) classes at Inter-branch, rescheduled for Saturday 28th September at Southern Riding Centre. I have attached the dressage tests to practise (the junior riders will take turns reading the tests for each other.) Courtney, Donnelly, Sam and Tanisha will ride Prelim 2 (2013), and Gaby will ride PR Prelim 3 (2010.) Leann Morecroft-Davies will be our Dressage 'judge' for the day, who will give pointers on what to focus on during preparation.

The rally is at the MacKenzie's - Gecko Valley Stables, 62 Golf Course road, Golfview. Inspection is at 09:30.

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Trec training competition & rally

It is not compulsory for all our members to ride at our next rally, but for those who enjoyed the Trec activities at our 2011 camp, this is a fun follow –up! Chanty and Michéle will also be riding, and are happy to create a group for Phase A (outride/orienteering.)

KELLWINN STUD TREC TRAINING SHOW

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| Date | : | Sunday, 22 September 2013 |
| Starting Time | : | 08:00 |
| Venue | : | Kellwinn Stud, 133 3 rd Road, Walkers Fruit Farms, JHB South |
| Enquiries | : | Marie – 072 401 6406 or kellwinnstud@gmail.com |
| Entry Fee | : | R100.00 |
| Entries Close | : | Friday 13 th of September 2013 |
| Banking Details | : | JM Kellerman, FNB code: 251705, Acc: 62049835195 |
| Prizes | : | Rosettes, and sponsored prizes |

Pony Club Mounted games

The Inter-branch Pony Club Games competition is scheduled for October so those keen to compete (or provide ponies) please contact Chanty so that we can start practising.

Children's Hunt

The Rand Hunt has scheduled the Children's Meet for the 1st of December the Sunday before schools close for the holidays. Catering specifically for Pony Club and non-adult riders this is worth diarising (whether you ride or follow by car.)

Until Sunday, happy riding!

Michéle

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