



Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club



Newsletter

January 2013

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Welcome back!

After an incredible Western themed AGM to end off 2012, we all enjoyed the Christmas season and holidays! It was lovely to hear that Gareth is thoroughly enjoying his farrier apprenticeship with Lorenz and that Stacey is currently being trained at SARDA.

Welcome back to Pony Club, we have loads of exciting activities planned for the year, so join us for our first official rally, bring current and potential new members and complete your membership form.

The Walkerville Hunt – 20th January - starting the year with a bang!

We had an awesome morning's drag hunting with perfect weather conditions; it was cool, the ground was soft after the previous night's rain and we had set up lovely tyre jumps on The Common. The Krupkes brought their game viewing Land Cruiser to lead the car followers under Allan's guidance, so non-riders had just as much fun as Courtney, Donnelly and Michéle, who rode. Thanks to the Gomes, Krupke and MacKenzie families who catered at Heversham Park Farm with their traditional egg & bacon rolls.

Our 1st rally – Team Adventure Challenge – Sunday 17th February 09:30am

Bring your family and friends, on horseback, bicycles or on foot to our first rally of the year at the Walkerville show grounds. After the briefing and safety check, teams will be given a map and a list of directions and fun challenges to complete. (Invitation to follow; open to non-members too!)

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2013 Walkerville Agricultural Show - 13th & 14th April

We have been approached to run the horse show events at the Walkerville Show. The most exciting thing is that the area in the centre of the Speedway track will be resurfaced and be used as an arena for horses again! How awesome to have a show within hacking distance again, after so many years! Watch this space for more details ...

2013 Regional dates to diarise

The Inter-branch quiz – 20th March

The Walkerville branch will be hosting the Interbranch quiz again this year, but at the Field and Study centre in Parkmore (the home of the Riverpark branch.) We are trying out something different, and having it on Wednesday 20th March at 17:30 for 18:00 (no school the next day as it is a long weekend!) We would love to take more than one team this year, so attend all rallies as we prepare you for the event!

The Inter-branch show - 20 & 21st April

Please diarise our regional show date, incorporating *cross country* as well as dressage, show jumping, equitation and working riding classes!

The National SAPC AGM 1- 3 February

The Gauteng & Limpopo region is hosting Pony Club committee members from the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and KZN this weekend at Misty River in our area. We will report back to you on the decisions made at this annual meeting.

In the meantime, please contact us to let us know whether you can or can't join us for our first rally, and round up some friends who might enjoy joining you.



Photo 1: Hunt jump building on The Common

Until then, happy riding!

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