



Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club



Newsletter

February 2014

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Branch AGM

Our Mounted Games practice at the MacKenzie's was followed by a casual AGM meeting on the veranda. (See attached minutes.) Congratulations to our new Head girl, Donnelly, and our two Junior Branch instructors, Stacey and Courtney. Thank you to Tiffany who has joined the committee, and to Adele who is willing to lend a helping hand at rallies.

Please be aware that membership fees are due to Chanty; parents will have received invoices already.

Walkerville Hunt 19th January at Heversham Park Farm

Chanty got to ride in this local hunt at last! She was joined by Sam, Michéle, Courtney, Donnelly and Gaby on horseback. The remaining Krupke, Gomes, MacKenzie and Kruger family members were ground support in the vehicles. Luckily Don, Sam and Court rounded up Tiffany on her motorbike at the same time as Traveller, the hound who also went AWOL!

Our branch then supplied the catering in Nigel's beautiful barn style stables! A super job was done by Ann, Russell and Flo, along with our branch members & families.



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Inter-branch Mounted Games competition

Congratulations to the 'A' and 'B' teams who took 1st & 2nd place in the Senior Division at Randjesfontein on 2nd February! In addition our branch adult team won the Adult/Committee section, and we were awarded the Best Turned Out and Spirit trophies! Donnelly and Courtney did an excellent job finding ponies for all riders, and training us all!

Next rally Sunday 23rd March at the show grounds

Our first formal rally of the year will be held at the Walkerville show grounds, and will be an absolute treat for several reasons! The first is that you are welcome to invite any non-Pony Club friends to attend, who would like to try out Mounted Games. Secondly, you are requested to ride a pony/horse capable of doing games training at the rally (noting that inspection will be according to the tack and clothing worn for games.)



Megan Marr, South African 'A' team international games rider is giving a clinic at our rally! In addition, we shall be doing training for one of the new Competition achievement badges! We shall be testing both levels of badge for the Mounted Games Discipline at the camp in April:

- ✓ **Introduction to Mounted Games** badge – for younger or less experienced members who are just starting out in the discipline. This badge will help you understand the basics to help you get ready to compete.
- ✓ **Mounted Games** badge - for members who are ready to or have already started to compete in the discipline. It will help you to understand the rules of the discipline and what is expected of the horse and rider in order to be successful in a competition.

**Both levels of the Competition Badges can be worked on, practised for and tested during rallies, camps or lessons, and require lots of progressive training and practice to achieve.*

Mounted Games clinics in Gauteng & MGASA 2014 Inter-provincials

Megan will be conducting clinics and training sessions in Gauteng prior to the MGASA inter-provincials to be held at Ashburton, KZN from 18-20 April 2014. All Pony clubbers are welcome! *(See calendar for dates)*

SAPC team to compete in Zambia in May

Courtney has applied for team selection, along with other Gauteng, KZN and WC region riders to compete against Zambian and Zimbabwean Pony Club teams. We wish her luck! This is one of several awesome opportunities this year, so look out for others coming up soon.

Until then, happy riding!

Michéle

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**Walkerville Branch of the
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2014 calendar**



Date	Event	Venue
March		
8-9 March	MGASA Games clinic	TBA
Saturday 22 March	Games training with Megan Marr	TBA
Sunday 23rd	Mounted rally with Games clinic	Walkerville Showgrounds
Sunday 30th	Branch fundraiser @ Speedway	Walkerville Showgrounds
April		
18-20 April	MGASA Inter-provincials	Ashburton, KZN
Sat & Sun 12-13th	Walkerville show	Walkerville Showgrounds
Sat, Sun & Mon 26-28th	Branch camp	Walkerville Showgrounds
May		
Friday 30th	Interbranch quiz	TBA
June		
Sunday 22nd	Efficiency test preparation	Walkerville Showgrounds
July		
Sunday 20th	Efficiency test preparation	Walkerville Showgrounds
August		
Sunday 24th	Efficiency testing	Walkerville Showgrounds
September		
20/21st or 27/28th	Inter-branch/Inter-regional show	TBA
October		
Sunday 19th	Rally	Walkerville Showgrounds
November		
Sunday 23rd	Rally	Walkerville Showgrounds
December		
Saturday 6th	Branch AGM	TBA