



## Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club



### Newsletter

May 2014

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#### Games Clinic 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Our games riders absolutely *loved* the clinic run at our March rally by Megan Marr and Megan Frost! Several guests joined us; a family of Irish Pony Clubbers who also compete in MGA, riders from Jods Riding Centre, as well as ex-Pony Clubber Taneil Arkner who runs the new IEA School.

The Gauteng 'A' team was chosen to compete at the MGA inter-provincials in KZN in July, congratulations to Donnelly & Courtney! Team practice and trials for the 'B' team will take place at the end of the month. Good luck to Sam and Meagan!

#### The Walkerville Show 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday's Showing classes and Sunday's Show jumping events at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Agricultural Show were a resounding success! Not only did a number of our members compete and lead on both days, but they assisted with marshalling and running the show! We received lots of compliments on how smoothly the show was run, but we could not have done it without our awesome team – thank you!



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### Branch fundraiser at Speedway

We had the opportunity to raise money for our branch by selling food at one of the Speedway racing days. Thanks so much to our chefs – Dré, Brandon, Keegan & Allan, and to our sales & marketing team Meagan, Sam, Stacey, Courtney, Donnelly and Michéle.

### MasterChef Walkerville camp 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April

It was great to have Megan & Emma van Schie from the Irene-Midrand branch join us for the camp, and for the B test training in particular! Once stable inspection was done we introduced the MasterChef Walkerville judges, and allocated Blue and Red team members.

Level 5 Sanef instructor, Nichole du Toit, gave two group riding lessons. We have attached some exercises she sent riders to practice before the next rally. After lunch we enjoyed the company and expertise of Jean Linden from Thornhill Equitation Centre for a conformation seminar. We were impressed with how much our campers had absorbed when they gave their presentations on Monday! The game drive and first camp fire cooking challenge on the first day were topped off with a delicious potjie dinner at the Krupke's farm.

Another day and a half were spent on achievement badge training and testing, another cooking challenge, chef hat construction, an outride, and the design and presentation of three Musical Kurs...interspersed with looking after ponies, mucking out, cleaning and feeding !

The weekend was so much fun that three campers become members of our branch!  
Welcome to Angie Isidoro, and Keenan and Ashton Cronin 😊

### Tour de Walkerville on 1<sup>st</sup> May

A number of our branch riders enjoyed the walk for charity on the backs of their horses and ponies. Angie, Courtney, Donnelly, Gaby, Sam and Tanisha, were joined by Chanty and Michéle. Members looked professional and well-turned out in branch golf shirts, numnahs and matching reflective vests.

### Upcoming events

Our three B test candidates are attending an Equine Anatomy clinic this coming weekend; we hope they learn a lot! Entry forms for the Interbranch quiz (which our branch is hosting) will be sent out shortly...look out for a totally different format. Kellwin Stud is hosting a Trec competition in June; if you are interested we shall send you an entry form.

Until then, happy riding!

*Michéle*



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**Walkerville Branch of the  
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2014 calendar**



Date	Event	Venue
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**May**

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	B test Equine Anatomy seminar	Corkwood Conference venue, Walkerville
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Interbranch quiz	TBA
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> &amp; Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	MGA trials & practice sessions	TBA

**June**

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Trec competition	Kellwin Stud, Walkers Fruit Farms
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Efficiency test preparation	Walkerville Showgrounds

**July**

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Efficiency test preparation	Walkerville Showgrounds
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**August**

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Efficiency testing	Walkerville Showgrounds
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**September**

<b>20/21<sup>st</sup> or 27/28<sup>th</sup></b>	Inter-branch/Inter-regional show	TBA
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**October**

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Rally	Walkerville Showgrounds
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**November**

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Rally	Walkerville Showgrounds
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**December**

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Branch AGM	TBA
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