



Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club

Newsletter



August 2012

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Congratulations

We are incredibly proud of our multi-talented members! Wesley and Liam were selected to compete in regional cross country running trials! Sam, Gaby, Donnelly and Courtney were awarded SANESA Schools Ekurhuleni/Sedibeng regional colours, and competed at Gauteng Finals at Maple Ridge this last weekend.

We would also like to thank you for your support with fundraising to send Donnelly, Courtney and Gaby as regional Pony Club exchange members to the KwaZulu Natal Interbranch show at Shongweni during the July school holidays! We could not have done it without you 😊

Feedback on July rallies

Courtney and Donnelly prepared and presented a PowerPoint slide show at the unmounted Friday night rally. They taught the information required for the Equipment Safety Achievement Badge, using photographs of their KZN Pony Club exchange trip. It was awesome! We shall be testing this badge at the next unmounted rally, so complete the workbook activities and revise the content.

We followed the inspection at our mounted rally with the Jumpkhana. It was hugely successful, whether members were on foot or on horseback! For those who missed the fun, a Jumpkhana is a combination of some show jumping jumps, and some mounted games activities, completed against the clock! Our fastest time was clocked by Wesley.

Next rally

Please note that the rallies scheduled for this weekend (17th and 19th August) have been *postponed* to next weekend.

Unmounted Friday night rally – 24th August 18:30 – 20:00 at the MacKenzie's home, 62 Golf Course Road, Golfview, Walkerville. We shall be testing the Equipment Safety Achievement badge, and do some efficiency test/quiz preparation.

Mounted rally 09:30 for 10:00 – 13:00 at the MacKenzie's home. Please join us for inspection and a safety check at 10 o'clock sharp, as we shall then run the Pony Club Triathlon competition, consisting of three events.

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Triathlon programme Sunday 10:00 – 13:00	
10:00 – 10:30	Mounted inspection, safety check and briefing. (Please wear Cross country riding kit i.e. long sleeved T-shirt/jersey, correctly fitted hat, boots, and jodphurs (any colour), gloves, hairnet, body protector (if you have one.) Horse may wear boots/exercise bandages (surcingle optional.)
10:30–10:45	Walk cross country and long distance running courses
10:45 – 11:30	Phase 1- Ride cross country round, cool down, and untack horses and put them in paddocks
11:30 –12:00	Phase 2 – Target shooting with airguns
12:00 – 12:30	Phase 3 – Run ‘cross country’/long distance track (takkies needed)
12:30 –13:00	Correlation of results, refreshments & prize giving

NB: In order for us to run this very exciting event, we need parent/friend/family volunteers to ‘man’ jumps and assist. Please contact Chanty, and she will brief you on how you can help.

Interbranch quiz to be hosted in Walkerville – 16th September

Please see the attached quiz entry form. We shall discuss the event with members, but since we are hosting it, we would appreciate it if all members and families would diarise the date, and be there to assist and support our fundraising initiative, as well as participate☺

Efficiency testing

We shall be testing on 30 September for anyone who is ready (but will also test early next year). Please confirm with Chanty whether you would like to be tested, by Wednesday next week. Members from other branches are joining us to be tested on this day.

See you all soon, and until then, happy riding!

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