



Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club

Newsletter



February 2012

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Welcome and congratulations!

We would like to welcome our newest branch members, Morgan Stroebel and Toni Clark. Morgan joined us for our first unmounted night rally in January, and we look forward to seeing Toni at our February rally.

Congratulations go to Wesley, who has earned his learner's license.

Walkerville Hunt 22nd January

Our hunt at Heversham Park Farm was as exciting as always! Gareth was very grateful to Sam, as he borrowed Lady Grey to hunt. Unfortunately Sam did not get to try out Nudge Nudge because she was so stiff from athletics inter-house. Both our riders and car followers enjoyed the morning. Some committee members were first responders when a rider fell off over her pony's head and was injured. Bianca kindly completed the hunt on the pony, leaving the first aiders to organise a helicopter to take the rider to the hospital. She stayed in hospital a while, but had no back or head injuries.

Due to the fairly small field of riders and followers, we did not sell as much delicious food as we usually do, but made R650 profit anyway! A big thanks goes to Chanty and her team of pony club sales personnel, and to the Spar, our food supplier!

Fundraising Achievement badge recipients

Thank you to all those who handed in their letters for the Fundraising achievement badge; if you have not yet done so, please e-mail them to michelle@optionsit.co.za or bring them to the next rally, as we shall be handing out the badges.



Photo 1: Walkerville Hunt riders, car followers and a tree...

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Next rallies 24 & 26 February

We shall be doing training and testing of the Road Rider mini badge, achievement badge and certificate, so everyone will be involved. Those who have reflector vests, please bring them along with you for the mounted rally.

Friday night is the unmounted rally from 18:00 to 20:00 (116 De Wet Street Blignautsrus), and Sunday's mounted rally (including inspection) will be from 09:00 – 12:00, also at Chanty's home. *(Note the venue change)*

Inter-branch Mounted Games

This show is scheduled for the 25th March, so please let Chanty know who would like to try out for the games teams. There are three categories of competition, each needing a team of 4/5 riders. The categories are:

- Under 10
- Children 10 – 13 years
- Juniors 14 and over

You need not have played games before in order to try out. We are happy to coach you. We have found that it is easier to ride ponies instead of horses, so if you have extra ponies that you would be willing to lend us, we would be thrilled!

Our riders fared extremely well last time, so we would like to set some dates for practice sessions ASAP.

Good luck to those riders competing at their first SANESA Schools League shows of the year.

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 24th February.

Until then , happy riding!

Michéllé



Photo 2 : Our 2010 games team

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