



Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club



Newsletter

June 2012

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Inter-branch show at Southern's 26th May

What a fantastic turn out from our Walkerville branch members! Thank you so much to our parents, riders, supporters and helpers who assisted in a million ways and made us proud! Even the weather co-operated beautifully! It was lovely to have judges of a high calibre assisting us, and a special treat was hearing Rogan Asken commentating all weekend! We narrowly missed winning the Best Turned Out branch trophy, and enjoyed a lot of firsts...It was Sidh and Double's first show, Luca came first in the utility class, the First Aiders came from our branch supporters, Tanisha won two show jumping classes and Gaby jumped Justy and Checkmate in her first show jumping class in ages !



Inter-regional competitors and Pony Club colours



Congratulations to Donnelly and Courtney who were selected to ride for Gauteng in the inter-regional show classes on the Sunday. Rogan commented on Donnelly's determined riding of Queen Street in the Novice Junior show jumping class; she made us very proud!

Courtney and Baroness were awarded regional Junior Open Pony Club colours in both equitation and show jumping. Courtney, along with four other Junior Open riders from other branches, have been invited to participate at the KwaZulu Natal region's four day Inter-branch show at the Shongweni Club during the July school holidays !

Our branch is going to be involved in fundraising to cover the costs involved in getting the Courtney and Baroness down to KZN, thereby contributing to their entry fees, trucking, stabling, food and accommodation expenses. Michéle will be accompanying the team as Chef D'équipe.

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We were very excited to be able to go ahead with the inter-branch games competition after it had to be postponed in March. The games classes were held after the inter-regional classes on Sunday 27th May in Southern Riding Centre's large grass arena. This meant that we had an extra pony for our team to use. Thank you Gaby for lending the team Checkmate!



Our branch supporters were very vocal and supportive of the team, and were thrilled when they were awarded the Best turned out games team trophy! Riverpark were victorious, but our riders did us proud, despite being quite tired after a full weekend's show.



Next rally dates

Our next unmounted evening rally will be held on **Friday 15th June** at 116 de Wet Street, Blignautsrus (Chanty's house) from 18:30 – 20:00. We have exciting announcements to make regarding squadrons, the awarding of achievement badges, fundraising organisation and efficiency test preparation.

The mounted rally begins at 10:00 (winter time) with inspection at the Walkerville show grounds on **Sunday 17th June**.

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

Michéle



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