



Walkerville Pony Club



Newsletter

December 2009

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I almost can't believe that we have reached the end of 2009. I am very pleased though, because it means that it is time for a well deserved holiday! Walkerville Pony Club has had a fantastic year – we have been up to all sorts of exciting things, and I would like to thank everyone for their commitment; the members, the parents and the committee.

Show at Pony Tales

The show didn't turn out to be everything that we'd planned! Those that got to ride enjoyed it, even though we were all rather worried about Donnelly. She is recovering very well, and is back in the saddle after a few weeks of rest. The show was cancelled half way though due to the bad weather and the conditions of the arena. This show will be rescheduled in the new year.

Conservancy Fair

Our riders did us proud at the Conservancy Fair at the Walkerville Showgrounds. Although it was rather challenging with the small area we had to work with, I felt a lump in my throat when I saw our members all lined up and saluting – well done to all of you! We had Kim doing a dressage test, Tanisha doing utility, and Gabriella doing a "freestyle" demonstration in her leprechaun outfit. Luca did his part on Piglet – showing everyone how much faith and trust we put in our mounts by sliding off the bum and going under the tummy. All the others were supporting from the ground – and did a great job of giving WPC a good name.



Feedback on Dare2Dream cross country training show

This was the second opportunity that we had to use Lynn Stevenson's wonderful cross country course in support of Dare2Dream. Fun was had by all who attended.

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What an unusual and relaxed AGM we had! All the members and families came out on a beautiful sunny day dressed up in their Halloween costumes. We had 18 children join us, either on their ponies/horses, on foot or on their bicycles. We looked quite a spectacle as we went on our trick or treat outside to Thornhill, Sharon Brown and the Canterbury Arms – with our Community Police escort.

At the AGM later, we did have some sad moments when we said goodbye to Anne & Jenna Burrows, and Tasmyn Sinclair. We also said goodbye to 2 dedicated committee members – Debbie Sinclair (Vice DC) and Deirdre Burrows (Treasurer). We hope that our paths continue to cross in the future.

We have a new Head Girl for 2010 – Courtney MacKenzie – congratulations!

I have already had two parents who have offered their help next year – thanks to Belinda Fouche and Megan Veldman. Our members look fantastic in their new green anoraks, which was the gift for this year. I know that they will come in very handy in the rain and the cold.

Upcoming events

We have already planned some dates for next year, so please put them in your calendar.

6 th December 2009	Childrens Hunt with the Rand Hunt
15 th January 2010	First unmounted night rally
17 th January 2010	Walkerville Hunt hosted by us at Nigel Riley's farm
19 th February 2010	Unmounted night rally
21 st February 2010	Mounted rally at Walkerville Showgrounds
7 th March 2010	Walkerville Hunt hosted by us
26-28 th March 2010	Walkerville Branch Camp
21 May 2010	Unmounted rally
29 & 30 th May 2010	Gauteng & Limpopo Inter Branch

If there are any riders going to the THEM show on the 5th December, or the Hunt on the 6th, please wear your Pony Club tie, badge and jacket. We could travel in convoy to either, contact me if you'd like to.

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday and Christmas – we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and eager next year!

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