



# Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club



## Newsletter

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### *Welcome to our new members*

We welcomed ten new members to our branch last weekend, we hope you have lots of fun with us & learn a lot!



**Photograph 1: Walkerville Hunt water break out on the Common**

Taneil Arkner	Cherise Miles	Lara Fry	Tyron Moorhen	Kayli Moorhen
Tamsin Moorhen	Layne De Wet	Bradley Whiting	Crizell Batalides	Sage

Well done to Wesley and Liam who swam – and completed – the Midmar Mile race.

### *Walkerville away Hunt weekend 15/16 January*

Ten branch members joined the Rand Hunt for a hunt weekend at Heversham Park Farm in January. They enjoyed a sleepover, a hack, the hunt and lots of swimming.

It was the first hunt for several of our members; both riders and mounts were tired and sore afterwards but could not take the smiles off their faces! **Big** thanks to our members for sharing & helping out when Melody & Queen went lame 😊

Our adult volunteers were awesome; the catering was smooth & professional, and we raised some money for our branch!



**Photograph 2 : Cooling off in the Rifle Range Dam**

### *A and B test seminars & testing*

Chanty, Gareth, Taneil and Michéllie attended the regional A'' test seminar over the weekend of 29/30 January, and learned a huge amount about the level required for the 'A' test. We were proud of Gareth and Taneil for volunteering to be 'guinea pig' riders!

An 'A' and 'B' test boot camp will be run in the Western Cape in June/July, with financial assistance from the National Lotto.

'B' test dates – March and September 2011

'A' test date – September 2011

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### **Equitation & Conformation seminars 26 February**

Gauteng South is hosting a **FREE** 'Introduction to Equitation' seminar at Penbritte Equestrian Centre in Alewynspoort on Saturday 26 February. Please see the attached flyer, and contact Taneil to reserve your place if you would like to attend.

In the afternoon of the same day, Belinda Martin is running a Pony Club 'A' and 'B' test Conformation seminar. Our branch is sponsoring the costs for our B test candidates and C+ test holders to attend.

### **Equine behaviour rallies**



Our first working rallies of the year covered equine behaviour and communication under our **Horsemanship with Heart** theme. We shall send out the Achievement badge workbook next week, to assist you with revision of the concepts which we shall test you on in order to earn your Equine Behaviour Achievement Badge.

### **Dates to diarise:**

Date	Venue	Topic/ type	Times & clothing
<b>Sat 26 February</b>	Penbritte Equestrian Centre	Equitation seminar Conformation seminar	09:00 - 12:00 13:00 - 16:00
<b>Fri 18 March</b>	Chanty's house: Plot 116 de Wet street, Blignautsrus, Walkerville	'Achieving harmony between horse & rider' Unmounted Dressage rally	18:30 - 20:00 Casual clothes & takkies
<b>Sun 20 March</b>	Tiffany's farm : Aloe Ridge Drive (opposite the school)	'Achieving harmony between horse & rider' Mounted Dressage rally	09:00 - 12:00 Branch golf shirt, riding clothes & hat
<b>Fri 8 – Sun 10 April</b>	Walkerville show grounds	Annual branch camp	To follow
<b>Sat 28 &amp; Sun 29 May</b>	To follow	Pony Club Interbranch show	To follow
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	To follow	Rally	To follow

Happy riding!

*Michéle*

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