



Walkerville Branch of the South African Pony Club



Newsletter

January 2011

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New 2011 committee

We welcomed two new committee members, Sean and Alison Ireland, to our team at last year's AGM and Night at the Movies. They are already invaluable members of our branch, having helped at both the Interbranch Mounted Games and the Derby!

December Children's Hunt & Walkerville Meet weekend

Courtney, Chanty, Donnelly, Gabriella and Michéle rode at the annual Children's Hunt at ICB in December, along with many other Pony Clubbers and young riders. It proved to be a very exciting day, with all the mounts enjoying the swim across the river, Donnelly parting ways with Queen and Fire kicking Gabi's shin, resulting in stitches!

Our branch hosts the annual Walkerville Hunt in conjunction with the Rand Hunt and Heversham Park Farm this weekend! All members are invited to join in the fun activities planned for the weekend, either mounted or unmounted. Saturday will include building the jumps, hacking over a part of the hunt course, swimming in the dam & camping out. The cost for the whole weekend is R100, which includes the R50 cap fee to ride in Sunday's hunt.

Whether you choose to ride in Sunday's hunt or follow on the back of a bakkie, bring your family for our first rally of the year which will be an experience not to be missed. You will earn your first attendance points and be around to score back copies of **HQ Pony** mag!

Our branch is providing the brunch after the hunt on Sunday to raise funds, so parental help will be much appreciated 😊

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Feel free to check out the Rand Hunt website (www.randhunt.co.za) to find out how drag hunts work (see attached poster), what to wear etc, and then let Chanty know whether you will be attending.

Efficiency testing and seminar

Gareth Ireland and several PC members from other branches have been working extremely hard for their B test. We wish them the best of luck for the 22nd January! The region will also be hosting an A test seminar towards the end of the month for all interested parents and riders planning to work towards this test...Watch this space for details.

HQ Pony mag subscription

Our branch subscribes to this awesome mag, so remember to chat to Chanty to borrow one. Also, look out for the February issue, since it features our very own Justy!

Bargain bin

If you have any horsey items to sell, please send the information to us & we'll include them here!

- Brown 16" saddle with narrow gullet for sale, hardly used – please contact Miriam on 079 252 4098
- Wooden stables for sale (4), please contact Miriam on 079 252 4098
- Award winning Pony Club pure bred section B Welsh pony available on loan. Ben Hur MacGyver (d.o.b. 1989 – a “Hydown” pony) brilliant as a lead rein or first pony looking to give another little rider confidence and experience! (Advert attached)

You will receive an update next week with all the rally dates for the next few months – there are lots of brilliant things planned for the year!

Happy & safe riding!

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