



Walkerville branch of the South African Pony Club



Newsletter

August 2010

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Picture 1 : Colleen Kelly giving Courtney tips

Feedback on the Colleen Kelly lunchtime demonstration 24th July

Courtney and Baroness were selected as one of three PC demo rider / mount combinations to participate in this donated Biomechanics coaching session. She had a team of willing Walkerville branch grooms, who did a sterling job turning her out! Along with Sam, the Fouche, Gomes and MacKenzie families, she learned some tips on how to use invisible aids in both upward and downward transitions, another way to check your stirrup length and how to use your balance and seat to tackle difficult jumps and combinations. All 3 riders received koala bears from Colleen, as well as a whole set of coaching DVDs and the offer of a horse should they qualify to ride for a National Pony Club team overseas!

Chanty and Michèlle learned a lot about their riding posture, seat and balance in their lesson the next day. Colleen will be returning to the country (and Walkerville in particular) in November, so copy Gaby and start saving your pocket money to pay for a lesson for yourself!

HQ and HQ Pony subscriptions

Walkerville has taken up the special PC subscription offer by Panorama Publishers to receive regular copies of both HQ Pony and HQ magazine for all members to read at rallies. If you would like your own subscription, let us know and we shall send you the information.

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Important rally dates

Next mounted rally (official for all members)

Our next mounted rally will take place on **Sunday 15 August** from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Walkerville show grounds. After inspection we shall be doing testing for both the Road Rider and Mini Road Rider Achievement badges. While the ponies have a break in the stables we'll test the Perfect Paddock AB. We plan to finish off with a mounted games practice.

Unmounted rallies (attendance as per AB)

Date, time & venue	AB training topics	Who needs to attend
Friday 6 August Chanty's home 18:30 – 20:00	Road Rider Mini AB	E & D test candidates
	Perfect paddock AB	D, D+ and C+ candidates
	Road Rider AB	D+ candidates
	Shoeing AB	C+ candidates
Friday 27 August Chanty's home 18:30 – 20:00	Saddlery AB	E, D & D+ candidates
	Handling & Grooming AB	E, D & D+ candidates
	Lorinery AB	C+ candidates
Friday 10 September Chanty's home 18:30 – 20:00	Points of the Horse AB	E, D & D+ candidates
	Foot Care Mini AB	E & D candidates
	Care of the Foot AB	D+ and C+ candidates

Efficiency testing

We shall be conducting Efficiency testing on **Sunday 19 September**, at a venue to be confirmed. A schedule of testing times will be sent out, so that candidates may arrive in time for testing and leave once they are finished. The table below covers what members need to wear, what to bring with them and (for the parents) what testing costs are:

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MEMBER NAME	EFFICIENCY TEST	WHAT TO WEAR	WHAT TO BRING	PRICE
Michelle	E			R20
Luca	D	Candidates should wear heeled shoes/ boots, jodhpurs, branch golf shirt and riding hat	Halter & lead rein Grooming kit Water, grass and tack for pony Own refreshments	R25
Dakota				
FJ				
Sam				
Wesley				
Liam				
Kelly				
Tanisha				
Gabriella	D+			R50
Savannah				
Donnelly	C+	Riding section; pony / horse plaited, rider in boots, jodhpurs, shirt, PC tie, jacket and hat	Halter & lead rein Grooming kit Water, grass and tack for pony Boxing kit, tail , exercise & stable bandages, equine first aid kit Own refreshments	R150
Courtney		May be dressed as for previous tests for Horsemanship section		

Events to diarise

- 28th August - Dare2Dream Soap Box Derby
- 16th & 17th October – Avis South African Derby
- 31st October Inter-branch Mounted games
- November – Colleen Kelly visit
- December – Branch AGM

Happy & safe riding!

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