



Walkerville Pony Club



Newsletter

April 2010

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Welcome to our new members!

Great fun was had by all Walkerville and guest jockeys who participated in our 'Night at the Races' team quiz competition which tested both knowledge and agility! Wesley Crook had so much fun that he and his friend Liam Tiplady promptly joined our Pony Club branch and came camping with us at the end of March! Kelly introduced us to her new horse, Chase the Moon, at the camp.

On the Saturday of the camp we hacked over to Thornhill Stables to meet up with members of the Blue Moon centre. It proved to be a very exciting introduction to the Pony Club discipline of jumpkhana, as well as a rehearsal for those riders participating in the displays at the Rand Show at Nasrec.

Congratulations to all who attended the camp and attained their Tack Cleaning Achievement badges, and either the Points of the horse, Loading or Mucking Out badges!

Our riders at the Rand Show

Riders from several Gauteng & Limpopo region branches and centres had the awesome opportunity to participate in the Horse Extravanaganza alongside the Lippizaners, Diamond X Ranch cowboys and the SAP Mounted Unit at the Rand Show over the Easter weekend. Chanty and Michèlle helped out at the last minute when extra riders were needed for the Utility demonstration and parade on Good Friday. Chanty's horse, Latin Fire, lived up to his name and tried to throw his rider off. We are glad he wasn't successful (particularly since Chanty was wearing a Walkerville golf shirt !)

Thanks go to our riders; Courtney, Donnelly, Gabriella and Kim, as well as to Allan and Phil who were the prop crew. You made us so proud !

It was lovely to see and hear the Fouche, Veness and Clarke families who came to support us (as well as other locals who cheered for us too!)



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Unmounted Derby rally – 11 April

Weather permitting, our branch members and officials will be assisting with the safety checks for the Derby classes at the Pony Tales show scheduled for Sunday. Please wear your green golfshirts, caps (and dry macs if its chilly.) Our distinctive branch colours and logo made a great impression at the Rand Show, and we would like to do the same at Pony Tales.

Good luck to the boys from our branch who have entered for the show! Look out for Chanty and Mich lle on horseback too...

Mounted rally – 9 May

We have an exciting line-up planned for our next morning rally to be held at the Walkerville showgrounds. Guest speakers will give short presentations on saddle fitting, horse supplements and equine behaviour. (All of which are useful for future Achievement badge and Efficiency testing, so bring a pen & paper to take notes!)

The mounted section of the rally will consist of Mounted Games – you had a taste of this fun at the camp jumpkhana! We are extending the invitation to all other branches in the region, as entrance is free for all pony club members. We are also working in conjunction with Sam Houniet of *Just Events* to encourage more teenagers and kids in our area to join Pony Club, although they will be asked to pay a visitor's rally fee.

See you on Sunday !

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