



Lanark & Upperward Branch of Pony Club February 2011 Newsletter



~ Congratulations ~



Team Showjumping

We had a good day on Saturday 5th February at SNEC.

The Nursery Novice team of Jennifer Wisdon, Annabell Bryce, Rory Davidson and Christopher Brown were 1st in the team competition. Jennifer Wisdon was 1st, Christopher Brown was 2nd and Annabell Bryce was 3rd in the individual competition.

Our Nursery Novice team of Hannah Broadhurst, Rachel Frame, Katie Deas and Lauren Bell were placed 2nd. Rachel Frame was 4th and Hannah Broadhurst was placed 6th in the individual competition.

Our Novice team of Rebecca Hind, Tierney McCulloch, Sophie Thomson and Kirstyn Beattie were 3rd in the team competition.

We also had Fraser Beattie, Katie Deas, Jenna Letham and Jenny Barclay riding as a Novice team but they were not placed.

Two Intermediate teams took part. Lindsay McDonald, Laura Mitchell, Meghan Ballantyne and Tierney McCulloch along with Rebecca Hind, Allyson Ross and Amy Haddow. Unfortunately neither team was placed.

We had a late withdrawal from the Open team as Amy Deas horse went lame but Katie Ross and Rebecca Hind rode as individuals with Katie coming 2nd.

In the Dengie we had Laura Mitchell, Tierney McCulloch and Amy Haddow. Amy was an impressive 6th on her first ever attempt at this height.

The previous week Laura Mitchell qualified for the Dengie in a competition held at Jumps, Carluke. Well done Laura who was 4th at this event.

Again we had great success at the Eglinton competition of Saturday 19 February at Ingliston.

The Nursery Novice team, The Hobbits, Katie Deas, Rachel Frame, Lauren Bell and Hannah Broadhurst came 1st and The Elves, Jennifer Wisdon, Rory Davidson, Craig Armstrong and Christopher Brown were 2nd.

The Novice Purples, Sophie Thomson, Tierney McCulloch, Kirstyn Beattie and Fraser Beattie came 4th and the Novice Lilacs, Annabell Bryce, Jenna Letham, Katie Deas and Jenny Barclay all rode extremely well but were not placed.

It was brilliant day for the Intermediate team, Tierney McCulloch, Laura Mitchell, Meghan Ballantyne and Allyson Ross who came 1st.

Laura Mitchell, Tierney McCulloch and Meghan Ballantyne all took part in the Dengie competition. None of them qualified although Meghan was an impressive 4th on the day.

Our last competition of the season will be at SNEC on the 19th March. Good luck to everyone who will be taking part.



Triathlon

Bo'ness Triathlon - 6th February, 2011

3 Lanark and Upperward members took part in the last triathlon of the Winter Series and results were as follows

Rachel Barr – Open Girls – 7th in shoot (800); 7th in run (6 mins 18 secs); 5th in swim (8 lengths 14 m) to finish 5th overall

Craig Armstrong – Junior Boys – 8th in shoot (680); 10th in run (6 mins 55 secs); 6th in swim (8 lengths 6 m) to finish 10th overall.

Drew Armstrong – Mini-mini Boys – 1st in shoot (760) & pb; 2nd in run (4 mins 36 secs); 1st in swim 4 lengths 2 m) to finish 1st overall.

Excellent results all round with a pb for Drew in the shoot. The running was very wet underfoot but at least this time – no snow! The swim finished with a fun relay, with teams of 4 competing.

This being the last event, the overall placings were announced for the season. Taking the best 3 scores from the 4 Winter Series events – medals and certificates were awarded.

Rachel was 3rd Open Girl with average score of 2611, Craig was 6th Junior Boy with average score of 2512 and Drew was 1st Mini-mini Boy with average score of 2276. This was an excellent result for all their hard work and all three were amongst only a handful of competitors who received certificates for competing in all 4 events – true dedication.

A few Pony Club Branches are holding their own triathlons over the next two months and details and entry forms can be found on the website www.tetrathlon.org





Achievement Badges

Well done to the following members who achieved their Points of Pony achievement badge this month.

Robyn Hodgson, Abbie Letham and Rebecca Hailey

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Robyn Hodgson, Jamie and Robbie Still, Sam Wainhouse, Amy Laird Walker, Sophie Donaldson, Abbie Letham and Rebecca Hailey

Results

Remember if you are competing at any Pony Club event please let me know what you are doing so I can give you a mention and let everyone else know what you are up to.



Outdoor Rally Sunday 27th March

Our first outdoor rally will be on Sunday 27th March. Some of you will be sitting your D+ and C tests at this rally and Janette will let you know times etc.

For everyone who is not involved in tests it will be a flatwork lesson before lunch and games training after. Everyone is invited to stay for games training regardless of whether you usually take part.

There is NO competition at this rally and NO catering so please bring a packed lunch.

Please be booked in and on board for a 10am start. You will be told what ride you are in when you book in at the portacabin prior to the lessons starting.

The cost of the outdoor rallies has been increased from last year. The cost will now be **£7.50 per member**, payable on the day before you ride. The committee apologies for the increase in cost but it is necessary to keep up with current costs.

If you wish to take part in the March rally please contact Julie McCulloch Julie.mcculloch4@btinternet.com **before 10th March** to allow time for instructors to be booked.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS OR YOU WILL MISS THE FIRST HOUR!!

All the outdoor rallies will follow the same format as last year. If you are new to the branch you will find all the information you need about the full day rallies on our web site.



Thank you to everyone who got in touch to offer to help out with first aid. Unfortunately we still need more of you to come on board. If you are interested but do not have a first aid qualification please contact Diana McDonald dc.mcdonald@hotmail.co.uk Diana is hoping to arrange a first aid course in the near future.



Endurance Riding

After the success of last year's ride, Jennifer Hume allthehumeclan@btinternet.com is in the process of trying to set up another on Friday 1st April. If you are interested in endurance riding please contact Jennifer so she can keep you up to date with progress.



L & U Cross County Competition Sunday 12th June

Attached to this newsletter is our 2011 schedule. Please pass on to anyone you know who might be interested in taking part.

As many of you are already aware this competition is our major fundraiser of the year. To run this competition takes many, many helpers on the day and the weeks leading up to the event. Please get involved, especially if your child is not competing which means you could give up some time without the pressure of getting your wee one ready to ride. Some of you very kindly signed up for this year at the end of the day last year and I have not forgotten and have your details on file. To everyone else please get in touch, the sooner we can get all the boxes ticked and jobs filled the less stressful the run up to the day is for us all.

We will be holding a training evening on the course for fence judges etc so don't worry if you have never done it before you will be talked through everything well in advance.

Please contact Julie McCulloch Julie.mcculloch4@btinternet.com if you can help.

Thank you.



Summer Camp Mon 27th June – Wed 29th June 2011, Longshot, Lanark

This year camp will be right at the beginning of the summer holidays so put it in your diary now.

As last year, no child can attend camp without adult supervision. We have no definite plans or costs yet but will let you know as soon as arrangements become available. In the meantime if you know that you will be interested in attending camp please contact Julie McCulloch Julie.mcculloch4@btinternet.com so that we can start to get an idea of numbers.

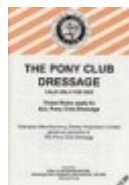
This year will be self catering.



Area 19 Competitions 2011 Show jumping, Eventing and Dressage

If you are interested in taking part in the Area 19 competitions this year either as part of a team or as an individual please contact Diana McDonald dc.mcdonald@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible. If you are not sure about any aspect of the competitions or your eligibility please contact Diana or Janette Pullen jinty2525@msn.com for clarification.

We will be holding 2/3 days of intensive training from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th July for those members who are eligible for Area events. There will be more details in the March Newsletter.



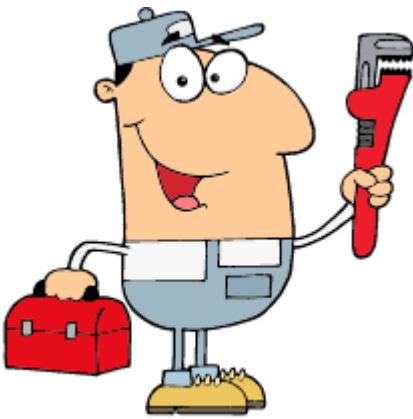
Rule Books

Please purchase a rule book for any discipline that your child is competing in. The rule books cost £3 and can be ordered online from Pony Club at pcuk.org



Pony Racing Point-to-Point 26th March, Lanark

If anyone is interested in taking part in a pony race at the point-to-point on 26th March please contact Maggie Young at poppersyoung@aol.com or for 07833718510 more information.



Finally a plea for help.

We have unfortunately suffered a burst pipe in the toilet block at the Longshot. To save lots of little crossed legs on these cold days are any of you able to fix it? Apparently it's not a big job if you know what you are doing.

Please contact Brian Ross rosco.br@btinternet.com if you can help.

Next Meeting

Our next committee meeting is Monday 21st March 2011. Please contact any committee member if you wish anything discussed.