



Lanark & Upperward Branch of Pony Club March 2011 Newsletter



~ Congratulations ~



Dengie Showjumping Final

Laura Mitchell, Katie Ross and Jenna Letham took part in this competition in Sunday 13th March at the SNEC. Laura and Tomtom did extremely well in the Dengie class finishing on an unlucky 4 faults. Katie Ross and Milly rode in the Open and again had an unlucky 4 faults. Jenna Letham took part in the preliminary rounds.

Dengie Dressage Final

Rachel Barr was an impressive 2nd on Kincather Tomas in the Open with a score of 71.9% and Hannah Broadhurst, who rode Benji and Magic and Jennifer Wisdom on Tala both competed in the Dengie but were not placed.

Robyn Hodgson took part in an intro A class at the competition and was placed 5th.

Well done to all who took part.

Team Showjumping

We had a good day on Saturday 19th March at SNEC with six teams competing in the last competition of the series.

Nursery Novice, Hobbits were 3rd. Well done to Ellie Davidson, Katie Frame, Josh Clark and Harrison Broadhurst who all rode brilliantly.

Novice, Fillies were 3rd after their mothers nearly having heart attacks when the team was put in the schedule as Intermediates! Well done to Lauren Bell, Rachel Frame, Katie Deas and Hannah Broadhurst. Brilliant riding from you all.

Novice, Colts, our first all boy team were 6th. Well done to Rory Davidson, Craig Armstrong, Harry Clark and Christopher Brown. The boys had a great day.

Novice, Aces who were Jennifer Wisdon, Jenna Letham, Lizanne Young and Jenny Barclay rode there socks off but unfortunately were not placed.

Intermediate, Diamonds were Annabell Bryce, Jenna Letham and Jenny Barclay. Unfortunately they were not placed being beating only in the jump off after three fabulous clears in the first round.

The Open Stars of Tierney McCulloch, Laura Mitchell, Meghan Ballantyne and Allyson Ross came 6th. All the girls were delighted.

Games



Laura Mitchell and Allyson Ross were both at the Scottish Team trial on Sunday. Both girls rode extremely well and enjoyed the day but were not selected.

We recently competed in the Glen eagles Individual Competition with many of our members being placed.

Under 8's – 1st Ruth Haddow, 2nd Ellie Davidson and 4th Katie Frame
10 & Under – 5th Katie Deas

Everyone that took part had a great day. Our first outdoor competition will be on 3rd April. Good luck to everyone who is taking part



Achievement Badges

Recently passed their D Test is Robyn Hodgson, Brooke Sharkey, Abbey Letham and Rebecca Hainey. Well done to you all.

Some of our members will be sitting their D+ or C test on Sunday – good luck to you all.



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. Unfortunately if you have not booked in for this rally it is now fully booked.

For everyone who is not involved in tests it will be a flatwork lesson before lunch and a Games Rally after. Everyone is invited to stay for games regardless of ability or experience.

We are also very lucky to be able to have a demonstration of clicker training. Hamish the pony will be the lovely assistant and will help show us how to deal with difficult behaviour using the clicker training system. The demonstration will be at 12pm. We appreciate that this will clash with some lessons but we will arrange for a future demo to accommodate those who miss out.

- There is NO competition at this rally and NO catering so please bring a packed lunch.
- There will be a hat check for everyone attending. Please bring your hat when you book in. Leanne McKay or Alexis Mitchell will check and tag any new hats or replace any worn tags.
- Please be booked in and on board before your ride time. You will be told who your instructor is when you book in at the portacabin prior to the lessons starting. If you could also indicate whether you will be at the 10th April rally that would be very helpful.
- Please remember the cost increase to **£7.50 per member**.

- The First Aider on the day will be Ian Sharkey.
- Please park at the far end of the Longshot to free up as much space as possible.
- Could all parents please speak to their child's instructor to see if they need any equipment etc and help bring out and put away the games equipment.

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

Full Day Rally Sunday 10th April

There will be a jumping lesson in the morning and show jumping competition in the afternoon. There will be catering at this rally.

- The heights for the different classes will be a max of:
 - Lead Rein – poles on the ground
 - Mini Novice – cross poles
 - Mini Open – 50cm
 - Junior Novice – 50cm
 - Junior Intermediate – 60cm
 - Junior Open – 75cm
 - Senior Novice – 60cm
 - Senior Intermediate – 85cm
 - Senior Open – 1M
- If you do not wish to jump your recommended height then you can jump the cross pole class HC. You will have to jump at the time the course is set up. The course will not be lowered once the heights have been reset.
- Points gained stay with the height. I.e. If a member jumps Intermediate then at a later competition decide to move up or down a class the points gained at Intermediate stay with the Intermediate class. Any new points gained are against the new height jumped.
 - Rules for Mini Novice:
 - A helper can be in the arena with the member but cannot touch the child or pony. Verbal assistance only. The helper is not allowed to jump any of the fences.

After each competition the points gained will be posted on our web site so members can track their points.

There will be a parent rota for help issued before this rally.

Names for the April rally can be given at the March rally or e-mailed to Julie McCulloch at Julie.mcculloch4@btinternet.com



L & U Cross County Competition Sunday 12th June

We are still looking for 14 helpers for the day. Please get in touch if you are in a position to help.

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.

Endurance Riding Thursday 14th April – Irvine Beach



After the success of last year's ride, Jennifer Hume allthehumeclan@btinternet.com is in the process of organising a ride at Irvine Beach on Thursday 14th April. If you are interested in taking part or wish more information on endurance riding please contact Jennifer.



Summer Camp

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

AND

Mon 18th July – Wed 20th July, West Kype Farm, Strathaven

After much discussion the committee have decided that the best way forward for camp is to split it in two.

We will be holding camp for Minis and Juniors at the Longshot from 27th June – 29th June. The cost will be approximately £70 per member.

There will be no catering at this camp and members will camp on site. Non camping members are welcome.

The Senior camp will be at West Kype Farm, Strathaven from 18th – 20th July. The cost will be approximately £170 per member. This cost included two nights stabling. Members can stay on site. Non camping members are welcome.

We appreciate that this new arrangement may cause some of you issues with having to split your family but for quality of instruction and health and safety we feel that this is the only way forward.

As always, no child can attend camp without adult supervision. We have no definite plans and the costs are estimates at the moment until we get an idea of numbers.

Please contact Julie McCulloch julie.mcculloch4@btinternet.com if you are interested in attending either camp. If you have already been in contact your name will be kept on file unless you ask for it to be removed.



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Area 19 Competitions 2011 Show jumping, Eventing and Dressage

Thank you for getting in touch to put your name forward for events. We will be in touch over the coming months with more information.



Branch Saddle Cloths

These are available for sale (with embroidery) at £15 each. Please contact Alison Huntley Christopher@chuntley.wanadoo.co.uk if you are interested.



Finally – Thank You

A huge thank you to Phil Wainhouse for fixing our burst pipe. We all greatly appreciate it.

Next Meeting

Our next committee meeting is Wednesday 27th April 2011. Please contact any committee member if you wish anything discussed.