

BENNACHIE BRANCH : APRIL NEWSLETTER 2025

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Club News

AREAS QUIZ COMPETITION

Our 2 Stable Management groups have spent the winter learning more about Horse and Pony Care. This learning culminated in 4 Bennachie Teams going to Area 1's South Quiz this year. The quiz was on the 9th March at the Village Hall in Aberchirder. We had 2 Mini Teams and 2 Junior/Senior Teams representing our Club.

The Bennachie Highlands Team came a very respectable 4th and the Bennachie Clydesdales came 9th in the Minis Section; and the Bennachie Buckin' Brainboxes came 11th and the Bennachie Beauties came 12th in the Junior/Senior Section. Well done Teams!

Once again our members did us proud by looking super smart on the day and conducting themselves in a respectful manner.

Thank you to our Quiz organisers, Claire and Gemma for all the work you put in to preparing the teams for quiz. Joining the Stable Management sessions during the winter really builds your Pony Care knowledge and prepares you for the both the Dodson & Horrell Quiz & the Blue Cross Horse and Pony Care Quiz and also helps you on your way to your next efficiency test.

Stable Management is also a fun way to spend the winter with Pony Club pals and learning more about how to care for your own pony.



Pony Club Vision:

"Lifelong Love of Horses through Fun, Friendship, Horsemanship and Sport"

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RACING TRAINING

You may have noticed that we are offering Racing Training as a regular event on our Summer Calendar.

Racing Training is a super fun way to come and learn to ride your pony in more open spaces; to build your pony's fitness and to come and learn how to race.

We had a Racing at Camp last year as well as a Racing Rally in October last year and the members who attended all had a fabulous time. Ian Duncan was our Instructor on the Rally day and will be the Instructor for these upcoming sessions. He left the rally wishing he had been riding that day because so much fun was had by all. The sessions are all about controlled riding, how to manage the ponies excitement and so much more. Even the spiciest of pony's was racing at a consistent, controlled speed and none of the ponies went flat out. It really was an excellent confidence builder for the members.

So come along this Spring & Summer and give Racing Training a try. Bookings are now open on EntryMaster: [Entrymaster - Home page](#)

More information about Pony Racing can be found in the latest PC Rulebook: [2025-Rulebook-Pony-Racing-280325.pdf](#) In the rulebook you will find all the information about what to wear, tack requirement as well as information on the actual racing rules.

❖ KEEP A FITNESS DIARY ❖

Please could any members who book into a Racing Session keep a diary of all your rides on your pony for 2 weeks prior to the session. This helps our instructor know how fit your pony is.



Find our more
about Pony Racing
in the UK : [PRA](#)



TRAINING DATES:

23rd April;
7th May;
21st May;
4th June;
18th June;
2nd July; and
27th July

... SAVE THE DATE ...

Spring Show : 1st June

Information & Schedule will be published about this exciting event very soon

Wishing you lots of luck!



We would like to wish several of our members luck with some very exciting upcoming adventures:



ROYAL WINDSOR
HORSE SHOW

15TH - 18TH MAY 2025

Best of Luck to Nicole Finch and Ted who are competing in the Scottish Tetrathlon Team at the Royal Windsor Horse Show.



BARRIER SPRING FESTIVAL 2025

5th – 7th April

Morris Equestrian

GOOD LUCK TO OUR BENNACHIE TEAM

Arena Eventing:

Brooke Tetley PC70
Lachlan Milne PC80, PC90

Show Jumping:

Brooke Tetley PC70
Lachlan Milne PC80, PC90

Dressage:

Lucy Douglas : Prelim 70
Harry Moore : Grassroots 80
Lachlan Milne : Grassroots 80

Harry Moore : Musical Ride

You can follow our Team's progress on [Pony Club Results](#)

Member Accomplishments

EAST ABERDEENSHIRE ARENA EVENT

East Aberdeenshire Pony Club hosted an Arena Event at The Cabin on the 8th March and we had lots of members take part.

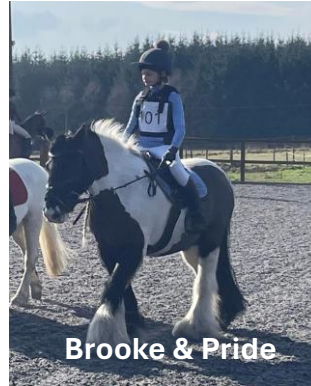
Congratulations to Brooke Tetley and Pride who finished 1st in the 70cm class;

Charlotte Sutherland and Tinkerbell came 2nd in the X-Pole class;

Eden Cotezer and Dinky came 3rd in the X-Pole class and 3rd in the 40cm class; and

Aleyshia Gregory and Bart Came 5th in the 1m class.

Well done everyone on a brilliant day out.



THE GREAT PONY CLUB HACKING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Brooke Tetley & Pride who have now completed **200 Miles** of hacking.

This is a fabulous achievement and so good for pony fitness and rider confidence.

Hacking is such an important part of life with horses.



To join the Pony Club Hacking Challenge and to add miles to the Leaderboard, click here: [The Equilab & Hy Equestrian Hacking Challenge | The Pony Club UK](#)

TET ROUND UP

The Deeside winter triathlon series came to an end on the 2nd March at Cults Academy. This is always a super friendly competition with the kids encouraging one another regardless of which pony club they are a member of.

Results were as follows:

2nd Nicole Finch, Junior Girls

3rd Tristan Finch, Junior Boys

1st Maria Dougall, Mini Girls

4th Luke Dougall, Junior Boys

1st Eden Coetzer, Tadpole Girls

We are very pleased to say that Eden Coetzer won the Winter Series trophy for the Tadpole Girls and Nicole Finch won the Junior Girls.



The Ellon Arena Event Tetrathlon was held with the jumping on the 9th March at The Cabin and the Triathlon on the 16th March at Ellon where Bennachie members had a great day with lots of PB's.

Results:

1st Luke Dougall, Junior Boys Tri – PB in Shoot, Swim and Run

1st Maria Dougall, Mini Girls Tri – PB in Shoot, Swim and Run

with an overall score of 3026

2nd Eden Coetzer, Tadpole Girls Tet (1st in Tri) – PB in run and

Eden rode a very excited Dinky really well to get a super 4th place at the Arena Event

1st Pippa Lyon-Low, Beanie Girls – Fantastic first event, looking forward to seeing Pippa at the next ones.



The National Winter Tri Finals in Grantham were held on the 30th March with Maria and Tristan having secured qualifying places for Area 1. Both Tristan and Maria are first years for their age groups so it was a great achievement to have qualified. It was a very early start given the clocks changing which meant some sleepy faces. Maria had the run first, followed by shoot and swim whereas Tristan was following the traditional shoot, run, swim format.

Maria finished up 22nd and Tristan finished up 25th with a PB in his overall score. Well done to both members!

Helpful Hints & Tips

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

As a Club we love to celebrate our members' achievements but we don't always know what you're up to. Please submit any news by email to: bennachie@pcuk.org and we will endeavour to publish the news in our next newsletter.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

Please ensure your Vaccination Certificates are up to date. You will not be able to enter rallies, attend camp or compete if your pony is not fully vaccinated. You should always carry your Pony's Passport when you go anywhere with your pony.



ARENA EVENT

18th May 2025

Bennachie Pony Club Field

AB51 5LX

W3W: ///drizzly.though.sling



X-Poles to 100cm

*(including **Spring Festival Qualifiers**; and
Points for **SRCES** can be gained at this competition)*



Enter on EntryMaster 

ENTER HERE

This is a fun event on grass, all abilities welcome and
we look forward to seeing you there.

Home - Bennachie

Can you help?



ARENA EVENT 18/5 & 7/9 SPRING SHOW 1/6

We always need volunteers for our Summer Events. Stewards; Time Keepers; Judges; Entry Takers; Field Prep; Tea/Coffee Helpers; Arena Crew; Set Up; Clear Up.

SPARi COMPETITION ENTRY CO-ORDINATOR

We have a fantastic opportunity to enter the SPARi Competition that was promoted in the March Newsletter. The prize is a much coveted one. We need someone who can pull our entry together.

FIELD MAINTENANCE TEAM

Laura needs a small team of helpers who she can lean on to help with the Field Maintenance jobs. This only requires a little bit of time at the beginning and end of the field season and maybe a few jobs in between.

FIRST AID-ers

Every rally needs First Aid cover. We currently have a shortage of First Aiders within the Club. We would like to request that **all** parents/carers try to attend First Aid courses that we make available to them. This will make cover at rallies/events so much easier.

FIRST AID CO-ORDINATOR

This role entails updating First Aid bags every summer; making sure the list of First Aiders is up to date; Organising First Aid Training once a year & Ensuring first aid bags are at our training venues.

AREAS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer lists for Areas & Regionals are already being compiled. Please let the DC know if you are interested and available to help.

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to start a database of volunteers to help make our events a success. If you can spare a few hours of your time once or twice a year please get in touch. This help can come from friends and family members outside of the club. All helpers are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Please email: bennachie@pcuk.org

SUMMER IS COMING!

We are so excited to be getting back to riding on the field again soon. Our first ride will be the Junior Easter Rally on the 13th April.

Please remember that with the joy of riding at the field comes some responsibility:

- ❖ Please ensure you arrive early enough for your rallies and lessons to help instructors get set up and please always be willing to help pack away at the end of the day.
- ❖ Don't forget we pack away all jumps, back onto trailers, at the end of every session. Please return jumps cups to the bins provided.
- ❖ Please ensure that you park as required. The field has some soft, wet spots and early in the season these can be sink spots for trucks and trailers. If you are not sure where to park please ask one of the more long standing members and they will be happy to help;
- ❖ Due to an incident in the past we ask that ALL ponies are put back in their boxes when they are not being ridden – this is a strictly enforced rule within our club;
- ❖ Please remember hats must be worn by members and visitors under the age of 16 at all times when ponies are out of trailers and if ponies are being handled in trailers;
- ❖ Please always bring your own water and water bucket to the field;
- ❖ Please take all poo; fallen hay & litter home with you;
- ❖ Please keep the gate closed at all times;

Riding on the field in the summer is such a special time. We look forward to seeing you all there and to having another Summer of Pony Loving Fun.

What's On in April / May



April



**PLEASE CHECK
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AND ENTER ON
ENTRYMASTER**

12th April
- Easter Rally with Jen Morris -

13th April
- Easter Fun Day -

23rd April
- Racing Training -

27th April
- Polocrosse -

- Thursdays -
- Core Strength & Conditioning Classes -

Please note:
Events close 1 week
before to allow
Organisers, Venues &
Instructors to properly
plan the event/rally






May



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4th May
- Flatwork Training -

5th May
- XC with Jen Morris -

7th May
- Racing Training -

10th May
- Rally -

18th May
- Arena Event -

21st May
- Racing Training -

25th May
- Polocrosse -

- Thursdays -
- Core Strength & Conditioning Classes -

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2025 Bennachie Events

JANUARY

- 5 Flatwork Training
- 9 MINI Stable Management starts
- 15 JUNIOR Stable Management starts
- 18 AGM & Prizegiving
- 19 Jump Training
- 23 MINI Stable Management
- 26 Indoor Rally (Games/SM/Lesson)
- 29 Junior Stable Management

MARCH

- 2 Flatwork Training
- 5 Jnr Stable Management
- 6 Mini Stable Management
- 8 Indoor XC, Area 1, Bogenraith
- 9 Area 1 QUIZ, Aberchirder
- 22 Jump Training
- 30 Indoor Rally
- 30 Flatwork Training

MAY

- 4 Flatwork Training
- 5 XC Training with Jen Morris
- 7 Racing Training
- 10 Rally
- 18 ARENA EVENT
- 21 Racing Training
- 25 Polocrosse

JULY

- 2 Racing Training
- 7-11 5 DAY SUMMER CAMP
- 18-20 AREAS @ Auchleshie
- 27 Racing Training
- 27 Polocrosse

SEPTEMBER

- 7 ARENA EVENT
- 14 CLUB TEST DAY : E to C incl Road Rider
- 21 GRASSROOTS/CAROLINE CUP
- 27 Spurs; C+; B; B+; Lunge @ Mosswood

FEBRUARY

- 2 Flatwork Training
- 6 Mini Stable Management
- 9 AREA 1 Spurs Test @ Bogenraith
- 16 PC Dressage Show
- 19 Jnr Stable Management
- 19 KAHOOT QUIZ (C, C+, B)
- 20 Mini Stable Management
- 22 Jump Training
- 23 Indoor Rally
- 28 Team Online Quiz

APRIL

- 5-7 SPRING FESTIVAL
- 10 Horse & Pony Care QUIZ, Hayfield
- 12 Easter Rally with Jen Morris
- 13 Easter Fun Day
- 23 Racing Training
- 27 Polocrosse

JUNE

- 1 SPRING SHOW
- 4 Racing Training
- 7-8 Snr Camp – Lindores
- 14 Summer Rally
- 18 Racing Training
- 29 Polocrosse

AUGUST

- 1-3 REGIONALS @ Auchleshie
- 10 Summer Rally
- 21-24 SCONE
- 30 Test Practice Rally
- 30 AREA 1 AH Test @ Fosterseat

OCTOBER

- 11 Rally
- 25 SOCIAL : Beetle Drive

NOVEMBER

- 5 PC CONFERENCE, Edinburgh

DECEMBER

- 29 Christmas Stable Management Party

All bookings on Entry Master online

There will be another update to our Calendar shortly as we will be adding Evening Lessons during the early summer session