

BENNACHIE MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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To Our
QUIZ
Teams for
Sunday 9/3

MUSICAL RIDES

We are excited to have interest in a Bennachie Musical Ride (or two) this year. These are a lot of fun but take quite a lot of pulling together. There are opportunities to get involved for everyone from themes to floor plans to bringing together the music, sorting outfits for horses and riders and supporting the riders training. There are 6-12 riders in a musical ride team which can cross the ages or be a group the same age. Points are given for the ride, the music and the overall impression.

The first Musical Ride adventure will be in the afternoon on Dressage Day at Areas (Saturday) where we can have multiple entries if there is interest. Then we have The Virtual Musical Ride which is submitted later in the year by video. There is also a Musical Ride at Champs if those thinking of heading to champs who would like a little extra challenge.

We were the first winners of the Virtual Musical Ride competition and there are lots of members still in the club who will tell you how fun it was. We had a camp Musical Ride feature on the main PC website one year too.

[Musical Ride Competitions | The Pony Club UK](https://www.ponyclub.co.uk/musical-ride-competitions)

Have a look at some of our previous club musical ride videos on our youtube channel for inspiration: <http://www.youtube.com/@BennachiePonyClub>



PLEASE SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY – WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND POSSIBLY EVEN FIND SPONSORSHIP FROM WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

Contact Us:

Liz Craigie : District Commissioner : dc.bennachie@pcuk.org
Kirsten Douglas : Branch Secretary : bennachie@pcuk.org

Website: branches.pcuk.org/bennachie
Event Bookings: <https://bennachiepc.entrymaster.online>

DRESSAGE SHOW RESULTS

Hosted by Bennachie; East Aberdeenshire; Deeside & Deveron Pony Clubs



Harry Moore & Goldie
got 72.86% in their
Dressage to Music.

Excellent work Harry!



Olivia McGhie & Raven
were 5th in their Intro 3
Class.

Lucy Douglas & Sky
qualified for the Spring
Festival in the Prelim 70
Class.

Well done Liv & Lucy!



Charlotte Adam & Pikka
competed in both the
Intro 1 & Intro 3 Classes.
They came an amazing
2nd in both classes.

Great job Charlotte!



Laura Patterson & Lilly
competed in the Prelim 1
& Prelim 3 Classes and
came a tidy 1st place in
both.

Brilliant Laura!

**Well done to all our
members who competed,
these are fabulous results!**



Anya Brown & her new pony Kung Fu Panda
competed in the Intro Class. It was Anya's
first ever dressage competition alone in the
arena and she had only had Panda for 2
weeks. They came 3rd in their class.

Amazing Achievement Anya!

Pony Club Vision:

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



Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime and Police Scotland need our help!



SPARCi and Police Scotland need their new marketing campaign to keep equestrians safer in Scotland and they want Pony Club Branches and Centres to create it for them.

They have created a short video to provide some hints and tips, but it can be anything you want, from a poster, banner, video or all of these, please do not be limited to what is in the video.

Equestrian Crimes can be anything from Thefts – tack/trailer/lorry/horse/stables, to Road Safety (Horse I App) wearing high viz/helmet camera use your imagination and if you need any help please get in touch with their team who will be there to support in any way they can.

policingtogetherrabpreventionsteam@scotland.police.uk

We are incredibly lucky that Scotland's golden Olympian, Scott Brash, is choosing the **Winning Campaign** and the prize for the winning club/branch is massive – a full day rally with Olivia Wilmot (5* eventer), Equestrian Fitness Scotland and Outline Chartered Physiotherapy at a mutually agreed venue and date.

SPARCi will be announcing the winner at the RHS on Thursday 19th of June and the closing date for the competition is 26th of May at 2200hrs.

We are looking forward to seeing all your wonderful ideas.

“If you would like to be involved in a group Bennachie entry please let us know. Ideas very welcome and we will get a team of members and parents to bring it together. Entries can be from groups or individuals.” Email: Bennachie@pcuk.org

REJOINING PONY CLUB THIS YEAR? Our events require a lot of planning and we need to book instructors in advance to ensure the best opportunities for our members. We therefore ask that you please consider rejoining the club promptly, this would really help with this planning process.



BARRIER SPRING FESTIVAL 2025

5th – 7th April

Morris Equestrian



The **Barrier Animal Health Spring Festival** is a competition series for Dressage, Show Jumping and Arena Eventing. Riders compete to qualify for the Final. There are levels for every competitive member depending on eligibility:

- Arena Eventing – 70cm, 80cm, 90cm, 100cm and 110cm
- Dressage – Preliminary PC70, Grassroots PC80, Novice, Intermediate and Open
- Show Jumping – PC70, 80cm, 90cm, 100cm and 110cm

All members will need to qualify through preliminary rounds to get to the final.

There are still a few Qualifier Competitions left before entries close, see PCUK website for details: [Scotland-Qualifiers-24.02.2025.pdf](#)

CURRENT QUALIFIERS GOING TO SPRING FESTIVAL 2025

Arena Eventing:

Maria Dougall PC70
Brooke Tetley PC70
Willow Tait PC70
Lachlan Milne PC80
Darcie Halliday PC80
Darcie Halliday PC90
Lachlan Milne PC90

Show Jumping:

Maria Dougall PC70
Brooke Tetley PC70
Willow Tait PC70
Emma Stewart PC80
Lachlan Milne PC80
Darcie Halliday PC80
Lachlan Milne PC90

Dressage:

Holly Burgess : Novice
Lachlan Milne : Grassroots 80
Harry Moore : Grassroots 80
Lucy Douglas : Prelim 70

If you have not already done so, please confirm with the DC if you do or don't intend to attend. Thank you to those who have already been in touch. Contact Liz : dc.bennachie@pcuk.org



TET REPORT : MARCH 2025

The final events of the Scottish Winter Tri Series were held on the 1st December at Forfar and 2nd February at Dollar. Sadly the weather in January meant that Annan was cancelled this year.

At Forfar, Bennachie results were:
3rd in Junior Girls - Nicole Finch
2nd in Junior Boys - Tristan Finch
5th in Junior Boys - Luke Dougall
3rd in Mini Girls - Maria Dougall
4th in Mini Girls - Brooke Tetley
3rd in Tadpole Girls - Eden Coetzer



It was a busy day with big classes at Dollar for the last in the series and qualifiers for the Winter Tri Finals. Results were:

5th in Junior Girls, 5th Area 1 - Nicole Finch
3rd in Junior Boys, 2nd Area 1 Qualified - Tristan Finch
6th in Junior Boys, 3rd Area 1 - Luke Dougall
1st in Mini Girls & 1st Area 1 Qualified - Maria Dougall



The Winter Tri Finals will be held in Grantham on the 30th March.

Good luck to Tristan and Maria who will be representing Area 1. The final local Deeside triathlon for the winter is due to be held Sunday 2nd March in Cults. Good luck to our Bennachie competitors.

SPORT FOCUS OF THE MONTH: March

TETRATHLON



Pony Club : March Sport Focus Tetrathlon!

We hope you enjoyed February's **Barrier Animal Health** Spring Festival Focused Month.

This month, we're focusing on all things Tetrathlon – a fantastic sport that can be enjoyed both as a team and individually, comprising Shooting, Swimming, Running, and Riding. There's something for everyone!

Keep your eyes peeled for what's to come this month...

To find out more about Tetrathlon, head over to <https://pcuk.org/tetrathlon/>

EAPC are hosting a friendly tetrathlon event with the arena eventing on 8th March and Triathlon on 16th March at Ellon. Would be great to see some of you there, please get in touch with any queries : lisadougall@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES @ BENNACHIE

FIELD PREP

We need 2-3 people with Chainsaw Certificates who could full cut up a fallen tree at our field. Please contact Laura on 07827963378 if you can help.

SPRING SHOW

ARENA EVENTS

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

AREAS VOLUNTEERS

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

VOLUNTEER ROLES WITHIN THE CLUB

- ♦ First Aid Co-Ordinator ♦
- ♦ Newsletter Assistant ♦

VOLUNTEERS

We would like to start a database of volunteers to help make our events a success. If you are 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



**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



CORE STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

THURSDAYS, 5-6 PM
At Garioch Sports Centre



There are 2 spaces available in this group.
Core Strength is aimed at S2 members and above. The classes are subsidised by the International Youth Sports Federation and are excellent value for the training received.

Please contact Liz on dc.Bennachie@pcuk.org if you are interested in joining.

Camp Videographer 2025

**We are looking for someone willing to do
our Camp Video this year.**

**If you would like to know more or are
interested in the role, please contact
Kirsten by email on: bennachie@pcuk.org**



Bennachie Pony Club Information

WhatsApp group



**Please scan or upload this QR code
using the WhatsApp camera to join
the Bennachie Pony Club
Information Group.**

SAFEGUARDING & FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

Please can all Safeguarding through Sport Scotland and Emergency First Aid Certificates be submitted to the Club before 25/3/2025. Please email your certificates to bennachie@pcuk.org

PONIES/HORSES : FOR SALE / TO LOAN

Ponies and Horses that have Pony Club experience are 1-in-a-million. If you have a PC pony that your child is about to grow out of or that you would like to sell for other reasons please remember that there are other Club members who are going through the same thing.

Placing your advert through us could make your process much easier as we know your ponies and we know the members who are looking which can make both sides of the process easy and seamless. The Committee is often told about ponies and horses coming up for loan/sale but if we don't know you're looking we can't help.

Please email us on:

Bennachie@pcuk.org and we will always do our best to help you out.



LOAN PONY WANTED

Looking for a 13 – 13.2hh pony. Charlotte is working towards her D test and has been riding for nearly 5 years on her current pony but this year will be her last as she has sadly outgrown the pony. We are flexible to take the pony on anytime this year. 5* home awaits. Pony would be kept at our yard and be stabled at night in winter. Please contact Alison on 07528034594, thank you.

LOAN PONY WANTED

Brook, who is 12 and working towards her D+, is on the look out for a loan pony to help her progress within Pony Club. She would be looking for 13.2 to 14.2hh pony. She is very good with a poop scoop and will make contributions towards care. Loan pony to stay at own yard. We are located in the Inch area. Please contact Vicky Gordon on 07867842609 with any prospects, thank you.

SENIOR RIDE WANTED

Senior Rider looking for a Horse to ride and compete for 9-12 months, possibly longer. References available. Horse will need to stay at own yard. Contact: dc.bennachie@pcuk.org



Area 1 Senior Training Camp 2025

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th June

Training for riding, horse/ pony care and lungeing
Training for PCUK Tests with Accredited Lead and A Test Assessors
Demonstrations and talks by Industry Experts

**LINDORES
EQUESTRIAN**

Book via Horse Events – deposits will secure places
Members must be 15 years or older to attend

Deposits need to be paid for the Area 1 senior training camp to book your place.
Please book on soon to help us with organising.

<https://www.horse-events.co.uk/.../area-1-senior-training...>



HACKING CHALLENGE LEADERBOARD

25 Miles:

Natasha Drysdale

OVERALL BRANCH/CENTRE LEADERBOARD:

13th with 225 Miles

100 Miles:

Brooke Tetley

Anna Mclean

These are all the published results up to February 2025.

To join the Hacking Challenge click this link:

[The Equilab & Hy Equestrian Hacking Challenge | The Pony Club UK](#)



What's On in March / April



March



2nd March
- Flatwork Training -

5th March
- Jnr Stable Management -

6th March
- Mini Stable Management -

22nd March
- Jump Training -

30th March
- Indoor Rally -

31st March
- Senior Training Day -

**PLEASE CHECK
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AND ENTER ON
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Please note:
Events close 1 week
before to allow
Organisers, Venues &
Instructors to properly
plan the event/rally



April

6th April
- Flatwork Training -

12th April
- Easter Rally with Jen Morris -

13th April
- Easter Fun Day -

27th April
- Polocrosse -

Thursdays -
- Core Strength & Conditioning Classes -

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We are planning fortnightly sessions from the Easter holidays with a focus on Racing for those eligible. We will also offer general Confidence Riding Outside, Riding with Control and Interval Training.

Keep an eye out for more info ...