

Eglinton Branch of the Pony Club

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2004/5

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

EGLINTON TEAM S.J. COMPETITION at Muirmill Equestrian Centre. Classes: - *Novice/Novice* 55cm (1ft9ins) genuine Novice ponies, *Novice* 70cm (2ft3ins) combination not to have won more than £50 BSJA, *Intermediate* 85cm (2ft9ins) combination not to have won more than £150 BSJA, *Open* 90cm (3ft).

A **Dengie P.C. Winter League S.J. Qualifier** individual class will also be held see the last page of this newsletter for entries. Details: 01560-322609.

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

GLENEAGLES P.C. TEAM S.J. competition this year has three classes: *Novice* 2ft 6ins - riders 14 and under, ponies not to be registered with BSJA this year. *Intermediate* 3ft - horses or ponies not to be registered with BSJA this year. *Open* 3ft 6ins - for horses or ponies. Phone 01560-322609 for details.

MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER

DAY RALLY at Muirmill Equestrian Centre, Symington. Rally will be split into rides at different times. Tuition on flat work, jumping and horse and pony care. Canteen will be open all day. Small charge to cover cost of hiring Muirmill. Fill in slip below. Ride times available from the website (or by phoning: 01560-484173).

WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER

P.C. MEET - Eglinton Hunt have organised a special introductory day for PC members at Rowanhill Farm 11.30am – parking is at Muirmill. The Hunt will be taking the hounds out round Caprington. The day will cater for jumping and non-jumping groups (ways around fences)! Mounted parents are also welcome. Cap £10.

Also PC members will get a reduced rate at the hunt meet at Skeldon (Cap £10) on Mon 27th December at 11.30am.

WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER

PONY CLUB PARTY at Savoy Park Hotel, Ayr. 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each. Disco and separate bar for parents. All ages welcome! Please bring a sweet or savoury dish along for the buffet - details from Helen Speirs 01294-823453.

FRIDAY 31ST DECEMBER

IT'S A KNOCKOUT at Rosemount, Monkton. Games on foot 10.30-2pm. All ages, friends and parents welcome! £1 per person and bring lunch.

WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY

DAY RALLY at Rowallan Equestrian Centre. Rally will be split into rides at different times. Tuition on flat work, jumping and horse and pony care. Canteen will be open all day. Small charge to cover cost of hiring Rowallan. Fill in slip below. Ride times available from on website or by phoning: 01560-484173.

Includes: **PARENTS MEETING** committee members will be on hand at lunch time to hear suggestions and answer questions.

SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY

EGLINTON TEAM S.J. COMPETITION at Muirmill Equestrian Centre. Run under same format as 20th Nov competition.

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DC's Word:

Looking back on another soggy summer, it's easy to lose sight of how successful you, the members, have been:

- Roberts Senior Games team qualified for HOYS, our Senior B's were the only 'B' team to qualify for Sansaw. The Junior A's also made it to Sansaw - again!
- In S.J., Hannah Hunter qualified for Sansaw, as did Rory Boswell in dressage and Horse Trials.
- Rachel Rodman qualified for HOYS - in the Working Hunter where she finished 6th. She also won British Eventing events at Gleneagles and Culzean - and passed her B Test the day after Culzean!

The big change this winter is that your PC subscription date is 1st Jan 2005. And if you want to be in Area teams next year you must have rejoined by 31st Jan.

As you will see it has increased by £10 to £50 - this is entirely due to increasing cost of the insurance cover for members. This really comes from cases like one several years ago, when a pony spooked by a thunderstorm jumped out of it's field onto a road and was hit by a car. The pony recovered - but the driver was left disabled. The courts ruled that horses and ponies were not like farm animals and that their owners were automatically responsible. The damages awarded went into millions of pounds, prompting insurance companies to withdraw from the business, leaving only a handful of British companies. As you can see £10 increase represents terrific value and great peace of mind.

Gift Aid: Please, if you pay any tax at all, fill in the gift aid section - it costs you nothing, but Pony Club can reclaim the tax on your membership - and that provides over £14 which we put into the Club.

Rallies and Camp: Thank you to all members and parents who helped throughout the year with the showjumps and other equipment. We do need more help - once or twice saw Tina and me loading the trailer without any help.

Please, after ponies and horses have been put away lend a hand in clearing up.

Senior Camp will need help for next year from every Senior family if we are to keep costs down - especially with groups of parents for lunch and evening meals.

Winter Combined Training: PC members can compete in Ayr Riding Club indoor events - you do not need to be a RC member - see our website, or www.ayrridingclub.co.uk there is at least one per month throughout the winter at either Rowallan or Muirmill.

The parents meeting will be informal and over the lunch time at the Rowallan rally. If you can't make it and have any queries or suggestions about Pony Club please contact me or another committee member (details on next page).

November sees Robert Nobles 80th birthday. For 30 years he has trained Eglinton games teams getting his teams to the final at Horse of The Year Show 25 times, winning the Prince Philip Cup 12 times - a record that no-one else can come near.

We all wish him a very happy birthday and good luck with the team next year!

On 21st November Robert will be taking the Prince Philip Cup Team to the SEA Conference at the Normandy Hotel to meet the Sports Minister. Here are many useful workshops, which are open to all - see the SEA website on www.s-e-a.org.uk

We now have 153 members in Eglinton Pony Club! A new high in recent years - and at a time when most branches are losing members. I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Finally Eglinton will be hosting the Area Games and the Area Dressage in 2005 - the latter at Barskimming.

Martyn Pawson. D.C.

NOTICES

❖ **SUBSCRIPTIONS** are due on the 1st January. The cost is £50 per member, families pay £50 for the first two members and £25 for each subsequent member plus £8 for postage and rally levy. Please complete and send the enclosed subscription renewal form **and complete the section on gift aid.**

❖ **SUMMER D TEST PASSES** – a few members who passed their D tests this summer did not receive their certificates – please let Tina know if you are one.

❖ **SHOW JUMPING TUITION** Christine Jamieson will organise small groups over the winter with John Geddes at Rosemount, Monkton (max of 5 per lesson) + may organise Show Jumping Clinic day.

Contact Christine 01563-830818.

❖ **GAMES TRAINING** – Ros Evans – Junior A Trainer says:

Calling all Juniors – your club needs you!

Games are great fun and it is an excellent way to gain riding confidence. Most youngsters really enjoy being part of a team. As all this year's Junior A's (plus several Junior B's) will become senior (12years old), we are really short of junior games riders; ideally we need 3 junior teams plus a few spares to fill gaps as needed. We don't have half that number.

Why not come along and give it a try? There is the "Games on Foot" on 31st of December- no ponies needed- bring your friends- they don't have to be PC members for this one. Or come to the one practise on Ayr Beach on 16th of January-be dressed for winter though! Or try the Muirmill practices; dates TBA.

I hope there will be a games competition in Ayrshire next year. Several competitions now have classes for lead rein/just off lead rein.

I know the talent is out there- I've seen you future stars at rallies and camp. Its time to start practising! Games are open to anyone under 15 on the 1st January, split into Junior and Senior sections (Juniors aged under 12). Further details from Robert Noble 01294-850260.

❖ **TETRATHLON** is a team activity and the discipline is excellent for all round fitness and for bringing on cross country riding skills.

- ◆ The competitions are mainly from February to April and we give coaching in the technical aspects such as target shooting and swimming.
- ◆ Anyone else interested in joining our training sessions (usually a Saturday afternoon) can contact me (Gordon Ridland) on 01292 591828.

Gordon Ridland.

❖ **HORSE & PONY CARE (STABLE MANAGEMENT)** – anyone who wishes to take tuition on Horse and Pony Care - ideal preparation for tests should contact Tina on 01560-484173.

❖ **EGLINTON PC SWEATSHIRTS** can be ordered from Helen Speirs 01294-823453.

WHO'S WHO 2004/2005.

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Camp 2004

Thanks to Helen, Tina and Amanda who were the main people organising Camps at Auchinleck Estate this year. Also, of course, thanks go to Aly Boswell for allowing us to use Auchinleck Estate as the venue.

To keep Camp in its current form with excellent value for money, we are going to need help from every family at Senior Camp, especially in midday or evening meals. (These are provided by groups of parents – you will not be doing it alone, and expenses will be reimbursed).

Senior Camp: -

Camp was very busy this year with over 65 children attending. With the weather not wonderful and ground conditions difficult Instructors had to work hard to keep the rides occupied, especially because we didn't have the use of our usual x-country course which is no longer there. However, by continually moving our arenas and jumps (and good use of trees as umbrellas!) we managed a full schedule of rides and demonstrations.

A very big thank you must go to Mrs Montgomery and John Nesbitt who gave an excellent demonstration of driving trials which all the kids thoroughly enjoyed. Also Karina Bowlbey from Stewarton Polo Club brought her polo ponies and gave up her time to provide a polo demonstration.

We always struggle to find enough parents to help prepare food for Senior camp and would appreciate some more willing volunteers.

Most of the children had a great time from the reports that we have received back but we are always open to new ideas and would welcome suggestions for future camps.

This year Camp Cups went to: Senior Boy - Rory Boswell and Senior Girl - Megan Wilson.

Tina Hazlem

Junior Camp: -

Nearly 40 children took part in Junior camp this year - 5 boys and 35 girls.

The mixed weather took its toll and the sales in washing powder went through the roof(!) as mums furiously washed jodhpurs and shirts for the fiercely contested turn-out competition.

Once again the boys (Angus, Charlie, Scott, Euan and Robbie) were victorious and took the prize for best turned out.

Scott McElnea won best boy for the 2nd year running and best girl was won by Ellis Simister.

Everyone enjoyed themselves, they achieved badges, jumped huge fences and loved the le trec organised by Ros Evans

Gold medals were awarded to Charlies' Granny, Katie Cochrane and Francis Pearson for being a huge help to the children, the instructors and helping to make camp such a success.

We look forward to next year!

Amanda

NEWS

Rallies

You may have noticed how busy our rallies have got over the last year or so with never less than 50 children and more often 70 during the summer. It is wonderful to have so many enthusiastic children wanting to join in and take advantage of these excellent training opportunities.

As you can appreciate it is difficult to find a venue big enough and not too expensive in the winter and finding 11-12 Instructors in the summer is not easy. So next year we are thinking of splitting the rallies into Junior and Senior and running them on different days. I hate having to say "No" to anyone wanting to attend the rallies but at the moment I have no chance when numbers are too great to manage - again I would welcome suggestions.

Test Passes

D: include- Catherine Campbell, Angus Cochrane, Danielle Forsythe, Chelsea Gaffney, Sarah Gemmell, Hamish McIntosh, Holly Mills, Mhari Templeton and Borgan White.

B Full: Rory Boswell, Rachel Rodman, Hannah Hunter.

B H&PC only: Ricki McCloy, Megan Wilson.

FOR SALE

Games pony for sale.

13.3 chestnut mare

Phone Leanne or Jacky

01290661027

Team Reports & Info

◆ SHOW JUMPING

▪ **S.J. Winter Team Trials** were held at Muirmill. They were well attended by around 60 members - we hope to get everyone in a team and will let team members know shortly.

If you want to compete in Team SJ but missed the trials - phone Martyn Pawson **01560-322609**.

▪ **Show Jumping Tuition**- phone Christine Jamieson if you are interested - 01563-830818. There are limited places.

▪ **AREA SHOW JUMPING** - was held at Newton St Boswells on 10th August.

▪ Senior

Held on a drierch day at Newton St. Boswells, our team of Leonie Dunlop, Hannah Hunter and Susie Simister were unplaced over a big track, but Hannah was 2nd individual and qualified for Sansaw. At the Championship at Sansaw there were few clear rounds. Hannah had a stop in the first round but rode a brilliant second round to finish 12th.

▪ Novice Challenge

Eglinton Foxes - Heather Ridland, Sophie Harvey, Ainslie Thompson and Clare Geddes finished on 8 faults after two rounds. The Eglinton Hounds - Elaine Riley, Neah Evans, Jayne Geddes and Megan Wilson finished on 4 faults and after a jump off were 5th.

▪ **Our two junior teams** were unplaced on a course which was quite large for the wet conditions. The teams were:

A Team: Ian Cochrane, Clare Gaffney, Michel Hamilton and Neah Evans.

B Team: Kate Sapwell, Ellis Simister, Sastre Lawrence and Tiffany Targel-Worth.

◆ DRESSAGE TEAMS

▪ **Dressage Tuition** anyone interested in tuition - please phone Tina on 01290-551517.

▪ AREA DRESSAGE

Our dressage teams were very successful this year with placings across the board - see the PC website for results. Again thank you to the mums and dads for transporting their children to training and the Area competition. I know it takes time and money but without you and your talented children we would have no teams.

Next year you will be pleased to hear that we are running the Area Dressage - not so far to drive but we will need plenty of help to run the competition. Offers greatly appreciated. Keep on training and lets do even better at our own event next year!

Tina Hazlem



Hannah Hunter - qualified for Sansaw SJ. Seen here receiving her award at the Area.

◆ EVENTING TEAMS



▪ **EVENTING TUITION** - if you are hoping to event please get in touch with **Aly** Tel. **01290-551517**, so we can organise training and hopefully a few competitions (indoors) over the winter – along the lines of Arena Eventing which was so popular earlier this year.

▪ **AREA EVENTING** - Thanks to Aly for the following report:

The Team (Rory Boswell, Hannah Hunter, Susie Simister and Fiona Alexander) competed over the British Eventing Novice course at Houston. They finished fifth, with Rory first individually, in his arena, qualifying for the Championships at Sansaw. Hannah was 4th - missing the chance to compete at Sansaw by 1 penalty!

Sansaw was very wet and Rory led after dressage, was clear XC with 2 time faults, but had 4 poles down in the SJ to finish 8th.

Rory has had a string of successes in BE events and made the Scottish JRN team which went to Weston Park to compete over the intermediate 3-day course. He led after dressage, completed roads and tracks and steeplechase sections, but sadly his horse was lame, with a bruised sole, in the 10 minute box before the XC and was withdrawn.

□ NOVICE CHALLENGE EVENTING

This year training was badly hampered by the weather. We did manage a couple of days, luckily a dry one at Biggershields and one at Auchinleck.

There was a lot of interest in the teams, thankfully, but it did make it rather a headache trying to pick who was to be in the teams. After much discussion the teams were
Team 1= Holly Rivett, Heather Ridland, Ainsley Thomson and Jane Geddes
Team 2= Elaine Riley, Claire Geddes, James Sapwell and Neah Evans

◆ Tetrathlon - Report from the UK Regional Championship

Heather Ridland was selected to represent the Scottish Pony Club Tetrathlon team at the UK Regional Championship held at Burnham Market, Norfolk.

Burnham Market is a British Eventing course and the Tetrathlon cross country made use of a combination of Pre Novice and Novice jumps – a challenge, for Heathers' 13 hand pony.

The great thing about Tetrathlon is that it is a team effort, Louise led off – clear as usual, then Nydia, also clear, Heather – clear, Sophie – clear and finally Siobhan on her first ever open round just one refusal. A quick reckoning and we had taken the overall lead – party time!

The qualifying competition was held at Tynningham in July and our A team were a very creditable 2nd, thus qualifying for the championships in Chesire. The B team were all stars, but each had their own problems, a huge learning curve and hopefully they will all be back next year for another shot.

There seems to be lots of interested younger members who have been doing lots of events this year. So please if any of you are interested in being in teams, let us know early in the New Year.

The championships, which the team had all been working so hard towards, unfortunately was postponed due to bad weather. It was re-scheduled for the following weekend, but our team were unable to change all of their plans at the last moment.

What a shame after so much preparation and hard work. But many thanks to all the members who tried so hard, do keep up the good work and with luck we'll be heading South in '05.

Trish Hunter



**Rachel Rodman at Culzean - the day before passing her B Test!
Rachel Won sections at Gleneagles and Culzean**

Sunday morning – cross country running. A difficult course meant that times were generally higher than usual and we were disappointed with ours.

However, to our surprise we were in second place by the narrowest of margins. It just does not get any closer - our score was 16,152 just 8 points behind the winner – South of England.

In individual terms Louise was 2nd. Siobhan and Heather, the youngest competitors, were placed 13th and 14th. out of a field of about 60.

Gordon Ridland

(The full report and pictures are on the website.)

◆ MOUNTED GAMES TEAMS

▪ SENIOR A TEAM REPORT:

Yet again it was a very successful year (beaten only twice - in Cheshire and at HOYS). This was the twenty fifth time Eglinton have qualified for HOYS: although we won the CountryView Trophy for the 'warm-up' competition, we finished second in the National Championships for the Prince Philip Cup after one of our ponies sadly went lame in the collecting ring on the final night. Two of the six races required five ponies so we were eliminated from them - but the team still rode really well to finish second to West Perth. Well done to West Perth winning the PPC for the first time, and both of the trophies came North of the Border!

My thanks to Nan, Jimmy and all the parents - and especially to "the team": Heather Ridland, David Ingram, Neah Evans, Amy Fergusson, Gina Mitchell and our reserve Hazel Gibson. It takes several years of hard work and commitment to get to HOYS, but it's worth it.

For 2005 we need more Juniors - if you fancy it and feel you have the commitment to be in an Eglinton team.

Robert Noble. Trainer.

▪ SENIOR B TEAM REPORT:

Eglinton "B's"! Well if ever this name was a contradiction then this year's team highlighted that fact. Hazel Gibson, Tammy McWilliams, Kyrsten Cunningham, Mary Pearson and Rachel Offer were a credit to themselves and the Pony Club all year. Two 1st's, two 2nd's, two 3rd's and three 4th's in friendly competitions, on occasions beating West Perth who went on to win the Prince Philip Cup at HOYS. Qualifying 3rd in the Area and 3rd at Zone to be the only "B" team who qualified for Sansaw. We were therefore the top "B" team in Britain. The senior members of the team would have improved any "A" team in the Country. I was very proud of the way the team applied themselves under very difficult circumstances at times and showed great resilience under pressure.

I would like to thank James Pearson for his help, support and enthusiasm and all the team's other parents who likewise were always very supportive of the team and me.

Alistair Gibson Trainer.

▪ SENIOR C TEAM REPORT:

It was their first year in games, and they really enjoyed the training and the competitions. I don't think Victoria and Ellis missed a single training session!

As the team improved over the season, they were only failing to get into the finals because they were reaching the limits of their ponies.

They finished 8th at the Area. Their last competition was the 2-day at Lanark.

We look forward to 2005!

Gordon Ridland. Trainer.

SANSAW The National Junior Finals.

14 teams take part having qualified at the Zone Finals. K&C were the other Scottish junior team. (West Perth and Eglinton B were the 2 Scottish senior teams competing for the Runners-up Trophy.)

Sansaw is just north of Shrewsbury and we travelled down on the Sunday to stay at a farm near Weston Park. This gave ponies and riders a chance for a final practise on the Monday and time to recover before the competition on Tuesday.

The weather was amazing; it rained so hard that the stables flooded (the owners had never seen it so bad). Tents were severely tested- some failed - but luckily there was a drier for sleeping bags. (I wished I had taken a photo of my little tent being battered by the wind and torrential rain). The lorries were moved out of the camping field in case they got stuck in the morning.

Unfortunately not everyone had eaten before we left the farm and as many lorries had to wait to get towed into the Sansaw parking field because the rain had made it a quagmire, the late breakfasts meant we yet again ran short of time. We managed a very reduced warm up in the muddy lorry park but it was almost impossible to keep clean for Tack and Turnout. Trying to stay cool, calm and collected was a challenge.

There were only 5 races in the morning session but things did not get off to a good start. To get points you must get into a final and that means finishing in top 3 out of 7 ie there is no room for mistakes. We missed 3 finals and won 2. The team felt extremely demoralised but in spite of this we were in 3rd position.

The afternoon session had 7 races and we won 3 and missed 2 finals. It was very unusual to win 5 and yet not get into 5 finals.

We ended 2nd overall (49points) to Oakley(60points). It was extremely frustrating as I knew we had the potential to win (but then so had at least half the teams there). However to come 2nd in the Junior Championships is no mean feat and once we got over the disappointment of a personal "bad" run the team was delighted with the result.

K&C finished 10th. West Perth won the Senior competition hence qualifying for HOYS. Eggy B's were 8th.

Ros

▪ JUNIOR A TEAM REPORT:

It has been an excellent year with lots of fun but not without its hiccups: lame ponies, kicked ponies, sluggish ponies, over-the-top ponies, pony hit by car, broken collarbone, unhappy people, delighted people, squabbling, camaraderie; in fact probably a normal games year.

Thanks again to Robert for organising the paperwork and equipment -arriving first by a substantial amount to put out all the lanes of bending poles. And to Karen for assisting with training and keeping everyone calm at competitions. And to Jimmy for stepping in to look after the team whilst I was away. Also to parents/helpers/supporters for getting out equipment AND putting it back again.

The team started with 3 very capable riders from the 2003 team: Chelsea Burns, Robbie Ferguson and Katie Offer. Laura Graham from Junior B's joined them and the last place was to be between Caitlyn Cunningham and Katie Pearson (both on new ponies). They trained with the team alternately. However it soon became apparent that there was another contender- Beth Ingram. She had only just started to ride seriously but improved so fast on the very experienced Dolly that she became another possibility. Each had strengths and each had weaknesses but in the end Beth was chosen being the eldest and Dolly the most reliable giving the other 2 another year to get to grips with their ponies. In fact Katie P., the next in age, ran with the team on a number of occasions throughout the season (which probably wrecked havoc with

Jill's B Team).

Chelsea and Tiggy - were the only partnership from the previous year. For Chelsea it was the accumulation of 6 years in juniors and I could sense in many ways she felt ready to go senior but I was very glad to have her and Tiggy in the team as they provided a strong backbone for the other members. I generally ran them first as they could give us an incredibly fast flying start which was very successful at destroying the opposition!

Robbie and Magic - the first time I saw Robbie sailing over jumps on Magic, I thought he might be too strong for junior games. The opposite was true and for the first few competitions Robbie got very frustrated complaining "He won't go!" as Magic lolloped up to the far end of the arena. But as they could come back very fast they ran last. However as the summer progressed the partnership began to gel, getting better and better. By Glen Eagles, Magic (almost too sharp outside) was brilliant indoors.

Katie and BJ - After a frustrating last season I suspect Katie was looking forward to a senior A pony but BJ stubbornly refused to respond to max feeding/hard work/ rest/no grass. Then a nasty fall dented Katie's confidence. But BJ's strength was to stand like a rock on the line to link the more tempestuous members. He must have realised a For Sale notice appeared at Lanark because he started to run enthusiastically (or again maybe the partnership began to gel). Anyway he approved of the indoor practises and finished with a flourish at Glen Eagles.

Beth and Dolly - No one would have guessed this was Beth's first season riding never mind doing games. (Perhaps she learnt balance from dancing.) Dolly looked after Beth and Beth trusted Dolly completely so they quickly formed a strong partnership becoming useful and reliable team members. But they made things hard for themselves: Beth broke her collarbone (a handstand- not riding) before the Area and Dolly bumped into a car (luckily not seriously) before the SHYSqualifier.

Laura and Breeze - Laura worked hard at the start of the season and showed a great improvement developing very good hand-eye coordination. Unfortunately Breeze had a tendency to kick which meant she could not be used in join up races and as the other ponies began to distrust her taking and giving passes at greater speeds became more of a problem. Laura had to work on her vault with Breeze but was delighted to find it much easier with Ginger.

Katie and Rhona - Although really with the B team, Katie probably rode at as many competitions with the A's as with the B's. Coping with considerably more pressure cannot have been easy. Rhona was a step up from the very safe Tilly but Katie seemed to be enjoying the challenge. Having someone willing to step in at short notice was very much appreciated. Katie managed a perfect Big Sack at Glen Eagles after only one practice session.

Well done all of you and though there have been downs as well as ups it has been very interesting working with such a talented team.

Finally I would like to quote Robert from the HOYS2002 Prince Philip Cup Book:

"Riders enjoy the competitions and may sometimes get excited, but pressure is often caused by unhappy parents. Some think their child is not in enough races, others feel their rider or pony is better than the rest. It's things like this that cause pressure on a team. Unhappy parents can spoil a team's chances, happy parents are the first step towards a successful team!"

Ros Evans, Trainer

▪ JUNIOR B TEAM REPORT:

2004 has been a challenging season for the Junior Bs. We have had three regular members:

Caitlyn Cunningham on Snowflake

Tyler McWilliams who rode several ponies through the season and eventually settled successfully with Tosca

Katie Pearson on Rhona

All three members have gained in skill and confidence and some even got their vault by the end of the season!

They were helped out by various different riders and ponies to make up a team of five, some 'borrowed' from the other Eglinton games teams. My thanks here especially to Ros Evans for organising who would run with which pony and in which team and to the McWilliams here for helping us out with extra ponies at very short notice. Without their help the B's would not have competed in all competitions that they did.

The 3 regulars were helped by Shelby McWilliams, Robbie and Angus Cochrane, Hamish MacIntosh, Chelsea Gaffney + occasionally some of the 'A' team. As far as results go, the Bs usually ended up in the first 6 despite the unsettled team but didn't manage to qualify for the Zones. Well done to all and good luck in the As next year. Let's hope that next year we can have a few more budding 'Gamesers'.

Jill Offer, Trainer.

▪ JUNIOR C TEAM REPORT:

There seemed to be lots of young riders at the winter Muirmill practices but then where did you all go? I think I made myself very unpopular trying to persuade parents to go to competitions-apologies to those concerned-but I was very keen to get a team out as I know how much children enjoy and benefit from them. As there were rarely enough riders for 2 teams, I only succeeded once- at the Lanark 2 Day- and even that required a lot of fiddling with teams.

Thanks to everyone for being flexible as to which team they went in and to Chelsea, Katie and Laura for agreeing to run junior as well as senior and to the MacWilliams for providing numerous ponies. On Saturday we had Robbie Cochrane & Heather, Rebecca Kennedy & Coffee, Chelsea Gaffney & Sugar and Shelby McWilliam & Tosca. Then on Sunday we had Robbie & Heather, Katherine Blythe & Fanta, Angus Cochrane & Minty/Sugar/Tosca and Shelby & Tosca/Sugar. It was a first competition for some (ponies as well as riders) and everyone did really well: we were only last in one race and we even came 3rd in another! Brilliant!



Senior As at HOYS

There are many more pictures on the website
www.ehpc.org.uk

DENGIE: On Saturday 20th November **and** Saturday 15th January we will be holding a qualifier for the Dengie PC Winter League 2004/05 S.J. Competition at Rowallan. First round will be a max. of 90cm (3 feet). It is open to individual Pony Club Members (under 18), horse/rider combination not to have represented their Branch at Area qualifiers for the PC Show Jumping Championships. J.A. Ponies and Grade A&B horses registered with the BSJA in the current year or previous years are not eligible. The first four will qualify for the Area competition, which will be held on a later date, from which you can qualify for the Championships. Phone 01560-322609 on Thursday for times, or see the Eglinton web-site. Please Note the class is being run in-between Intermediate and Open Classes this year.

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Dengie PC Winter League Qualifying Competition Entry Form – 20th Nov 2004

Rider	Horse/Pony	Telephone Number

Entry fee: £7.50
 All entries must be received by Friday 12th November.
 Please make cheques payable to Eglinton Pony Club.

Entries to be sent to: Mr A. Pawson, Waterhaughs, Darvel, Ayrshire KA17 OEJ.
 Tel: 01560 322609

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Dengie PC Winter League Qualifying Competition Entry Form – 15th Jan 2005

Rider	Horse/Pony	Telephone Number

Entry fee: £7.50
 All entries must be received by Friday 30th December.
 Please make cheques payable to Eglinton Pony Club.

Entries to be sent to: Mr A. Pawson, Waterhaughs, Darvel, Ayrshire KA17 OEJ.
 Tel: 01560 322609

◆ **Rally Slip** - Please cut off and return with rally fee to: Tina Hazlem, Bankend, Dunlop, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA3 4BT. Make cheques for rallies payable to 'Eglinton Pony Club'

Muirmill Rally - 27th December - £6 per member or £10 for a family.

Name(s) Attending:

Rowallan Rally - 5th January - £6 per member or £10 for a family.

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