

The Eglinton Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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EASTER PROGRAMME 2005

- MONDAY 21ST MARCH **DISMOUNTED RALLY** at Rosemount. 6.30-8pm. Tina Hazlem Organises rallies – 01560 484173. Horse care instruction. Tuition will be given for P.C. Tests up to B level, so please come along if you intend to take a test this year.
- FRIDAY 25TH MARCH **CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING DAY** at Strathearn Eventing, Perth with Trisha Hunter and Tina. Anyone interested in Nov. Challenge or Area Eventing teams phone Trisha 01560-322156 ASAP to book a place. Places are limited. Cost £30.
- WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH **DAY RALLY** at Rowallan Equestrian Centre. There will be a fee of £6, or £10 per family to be sent in with rally slip. Details of times will be available on the web site, or from Tina. Canteen will be open all day. There will be a Parents Meeting at lunchtime to discuss accounts, etc. – see D.C.s word
- DATE TO BE ARRANGED **SPECIAL WORKING HUNTER DAY** has been arranged over the Easter Holidays with Sheila Thom, with working hunter jumps and advice on preparing your pony. Phone Christine Jamieson 01563-830818 if interested.
- WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL **DAY RALLY** at Rowallan Equestrian Centre, Fenwick. There will be a fee of £6, or £10 per family to be sent in with rally slip. Details of times will be available on the web site, or from Tina. Canteen will be open all day.
- SUNDAY 10TH APRIL **EGLINTON FRIENDLY GAMES COMPETITION** at Lanark Racecourse – come and support your teams.
- WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY **EVENING RALLY** at Pony Club field, Eglinton Park. 6.30-8.30pm. Tuition covering dressage and show jumping.

Who's Who 2005 - The Committee!

See your Committee on the web-site!

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Committee: Tina Hazlem (Chief Instructress & Dressage 01560-484173), Robert Noble (Games & SJ 01294-850260), Gordon Ridland (Tetrathlon 01292-591828), Christine Jamieson (S.J. tuition 01563-830818), Eleanor Dickie, Ros Evans, Muriel Miller, Nan Paton, Jackie Skelly, Danny Wilson, Frances Rodman, Frances Pearson and Andrew Hunter.

The D.C's Word:

After another long wet winter we have planned our Easter events and are looking forward to summer.

Your Committee have decided to have another Parents Meeting at the rally on 30th March at Rowallan between the morning and afternoon rides. We will try to answer your questions, give a financial summary and float one or two ideas, e.g. our own Pony Club Field.

We need more volunteers to help:-

At Camp. We can only run camp at these low prices if we have helpers, particularly providing lunch for members and instructors, etc. and evening meals (expenses are reimbursed). You will not have to do it by yourself – there will be 2 or 3 involved with any meal. You must send your camp applications **before 30th April.**

At rallies. Help with show jumps, etc., at rallies is always welcome – especially re-loading and towing the jumps trailer at the end.

At Area Dressage. This year we are hosting the Area 19 Games and Area 19 Dressage Competitions. The dressage will be held at Barskimming on 13th July, and we will need lots of help on the day.

Please phone me, or any committee member, if you can help in any way, or E-mail me at martyn.pawson@btinternet.com.

- The art of lunging horses and ponies is going to be included this year for most members, a great way to improve fitness.
- Pony Club H.Q. have pointed out that ponies and horses should not be left unattended if tied up to the outside of boxes and trailers.
- When at rallies or competitions please take your horse muck home with you, or put it on a muck heap. Do not “skip out” onto the grass (you get fined £20 at most BE competitions).
- H.Q. have decided that all hats must be inspected and tagged this year before members can ride at rallies or competitions – thus they will only need to be inspected once during the year.
- We will be tagging hats at the Rowallan rallies.

My thanks to Robert and Gordon for all their hard work in organising and running all our teams in the winter team S.J. competitions. Thanks also to all the parents who collected entry money and got young riders and ponies to the right place at the right time. The number of events was lower than previous winters, but Eglinton remained very successful. It is a real pleasure to see so many young riders progressing to the bigger heights and doing so well. Success in S.J. does not come without a lot of training and competition, and it's always hard to go out on a winter's night, although the facilities at Rowallan are excellent. (See their website for their S.J. competitions, etc.) Our next winter team S.J. competition will be at Rowallan on Sunday 20th November – one for the diary and more later.

Lastly, send Tina your rally slips and camp applications ASAP, so the correct number of instructors can be booked.

Martyn Pawson. D.C.

Notices

All Hats must be inspected and tagged this year and you will not be allowed to compete unless you have a tagged hat. We will be tagging hats at the Rowallan rally – details on safety levels your hat must reach are listed below.

❖ **Reminders for all members:**

- ◆ **Rallies** - you **MUST complete the attendance form** (comes with postal newsletter) and send it in plenty of time if you are going to attend a rally. If you change your mind after completing the form please give Tina Hazlem a ring on 01560-484173 or email. This lets us arrange instructors - to avoid large groups and give you more tuition. Other points:
 - Anyone needing directions to get to rallies please check the web-site or call Tina.
 - Please be ready at the **START** times for rallies – leave plenty of time to get mounted.
 - If a member is being left on his/her own will parents please ask another responsible adult to keep an eye on him/her and inform the organiser. **Members must not be left on their own.**
 - Remember; if the weather is very bad we may finish early.
 - Suitable dress for mounted rallies includes self-coloured shirt, polo shirt and an Eglinton Sweatshirt.
 - The Rowallan Rallies have a fee that must be sent with the attendance slip, if you do not send your attendance and cheque in on time we will charge an extra £2 per member. Too many members are just turning up at rallies or only letting Tina know the day before so we do not have enough instructors. Please get the slips in at least a week before the rally.
- ◆ **Hats** must be worn at all times when mounted, properly fitted and fastened. Hats must have one of the following numbers inside 1) PAS 015:1998, BS EN 1384:1997 (all must carry the BSI Kitemark). 2) Snell E2001 with the official Snell label and number.
3) AS/NZS 3838:1998, or AS/NZS 3838:2003. The PAS015:1998 and the Snell E2001 meet higher impact criteria and therefore give more protection. All hats must be tagged.
- ◆ **Body Protectors** must be worn for all Events/Rallies with Cross-Country, and are advised for S.J.
- ◆ **Medical Armbands** are now compulsory at **all** PC XC competitions - these are to help improve safety at these events. If you would like an armband contact us by e-mail at: eglintonpc@yahoo.co.uk or ask at the next rally.
- ◆ **Membership Cards** – no membership cards this year. But please note that all team members and ponies must have attended 3 working rallies since the 1st July of last year.

For Sale – Horsebox Iveco Cargo
1991 - excellent runner, Plated, Taxed until Feb 2006. Professional conversion, very easy to drive, great ladies box, non HGV.
Stalled for two ponies with hydraulic ramp, stock gates etc. Rubber flooring, saddle and rug racks and extensive lockers.
First class accommodation, sleeps 4 with dining, toilet, shower, oven, cooker, fridge, hot and cold running water. Fitted units with good storage and wardrobe space.

£8,900 ono Tel: 01294-850411

If you would like to advertise something in the Newsletter contact Adam at eglintonpc@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01560-322609 before the newsletter goes out!

Next newsletter will be at end May.

❖ **Camp** - Camp 2005 dates are Sunday July 3rd to Thursday 7th July for Seniors and Monday 4th July to Thursday 7th July for Juniors. Once again Auchinleck Estate is the location for Camp with many thanks to the Boswell family for allowing us to use it. Many activities are being planned but the Committee have decided we need more time in which to book instructors. **So you must have your camp applications in before the 30th April.** Seniors to Tina Hazlem who will be arranging instructors and Juniors to Ros Evans.

❖ **Senior Camp** is for members aged 12 years and over, and is residential. If you are 12 you can choose to go to either Junior or Senior Camp. Horses will be stabled in individual pens by day and can be turned out or stabled at night. Seniors should arrive on Sunday evening to help finish setting-up and settle in; full details are available from Helen Speirs Camp Organiser. Parents are asked to help with catering and generally assist so please make sure you fill in what help you can give on the application form. The cost will be £120 each, £110 for a second member of the same family. Please fill in the Senior Camp application and medical forms – (come with newsletter) and send them to Tina before 30th April.

❖ **Junior Camp** is for members aged 12 years and under. The Camp will **not** be residential; with members coming in each morning. Ponies will be tied up by day and turned out in the field at night. Ponies may be brought to Camp on Sunday evening, or Monday morning if you prefer. You need to bring a packed lunch every day and we would like to ask one of your parents to help on one morning or afternoon. The cost will be £90 for the first child and £85 for the second member of the same family. Ros Evans and Frances Pearson are the Camp organisers. Please fill in the application and medical forms (come with newsletter) and send them to Ros Evans before the 30th April.

❖ **Eglinton Pony Club Sweatshirts** in various sizes and colours, please order before first rally if possible, from Helen Speirs on 01294-823453.

❖ **Tests** Pony Club Training encourages Members to take tests which enable them to learn progressively about horse and pony care and riding. The tests are taken at recommended ages, with certain objectives in mind. Chances to do the D, D+, and C tests at rallies, C+ in the summer.

❖ Fill in the form if you want to complete a test this year, and contact Tina for further details. If you want to try the B or A tests contact us ASAP – training day soon.

Test	Objectives	Min Age
D	To have a basic understanding of ponies. To achieve confidence in handling and riding a pony. To improve and enjoy learning about ponies.	8-9
D+	Developing a balanced seat, understand basic aids and apply them.	10
C	Working towards a secure seat, apply simple aids correctly, knowledge of the care of a pony off grass, control of the pony on the roads, need Riding & Road Safety Test to get this test.	11-12
C+	Become an educated and practical horseman, ride over fences at all paces, care of a stabled pony and of a pony at grass, capable of riding all activities with a knowledge of pace, distance and discipline - alone and in groups.	14
B	Effective horseman capable of riding and look after a pony out hunting, in horse trials, or on a long distance, care of a stabled pony and a pony at grass. Members holding the full B Test are allowed direct entry to BHS Stage III.	15-16
A	Highest award of the Pony Club and provides a comprehensive examination in Horsemanship, Training Young Horses and Handling Mares and Foals, 'A' Test is a really worthwhile achievement providing the foundation to specialise in a branch of equitation. The BHS accepts it as an exemption from Stages III and IV Examination.	18-21
Also	Riding and Road Safety - tuition will be organised over the Summer.	11

Tuition for the Disciplines

- ❖ **Dressage Tuition/Flatwork Improvers**: - Tina (01560-484173) has arranged tuition on alternate Wednesday evenings at Ellen McNinches, Drumley, Mossblown with Tina Hazlem or Lady Fergusson. You must get in touch if you would like to take part as she already has three rides training. Phone Tina.
- ❖ **Show Jumping Tuition** - Isobel McGeogh, John Geddes and other instructors will be taking small groups from Novice/Novice level up on Monday/Tuesday nights. Includes SJ and small XC jumps. Cost approx. £7 per session. Please phone Christine Jamieson (01563-830818) who arranges these sessions for various levels.

Riding and Road Safety Training - There are three levels of Riding Road Safety Training:

- 1) Achievement Badge, which is an introduction to road safety but not on the road.
- 2) P.C. Riding and Road Safety which is almost the equivalent of the BHS Test.
- 3) British Horse Society Riding and Road Safety Test.

There will be a BHS Test on May 25/26th at Kelburn. The BHS fee is £30 plus the organiser's fee. Anyone interested in training to any of these levels please phone Ros Evans 01294-607143. Don't forget you must have passed your P.C. Road Safety before you can take your C Test.

- ❖ **Games Training** is underway at Ayrshire Equitation, then moving outside when the clocks change - contact Mr. Noble 01294-850260 for details.
 - Our 'friendly' at Lanark Racecourse is held on Sunday 10th April.
 - ❖ **Eventing Tuition** – Eventing tuition is given at Camp and rallies throughout the year and for the teams. Have a look at the Eventing page of the website for more opportunities. See front page for details of tuition at Strathearn Eventing on 25th March. Aly Boswell and Trisha Hunter organise the Eventing teams with fence max height starting at 3'0", so contact Aly or Trish if you are interested. Teams will not be organised until later in the year.
- Area 19 Cross Country Training Day** on Wednesday 6th April at Strathearn Eventing, Perth. This is a subsidised rally, which will give around 1 1/2 hours with top British Eventing accredited trainers. The rally is open to all with a huge variety of fences at Strathearn- ranging from just over 2ft to around 3ft 6ins. Phone Caro Haddow if you are interested 01355-302548.

P.C. Members at British Eventing (BE) Events:

Pony Club Classes are now held at many BE events that do not require BE membership – see website for local dates. They are run over the pre-novice or Intro courses.

- Day Tickets are available for Pony Club Members to compete in normal BE Pre-Novice and Novice events. Cost approx. £22 per ticket. Phone BE for details 01203-698856.

- ❖ **Tetrathlon** – Contact Gordon Ridland for details of competitions and training - 01292-591828.
- ❖ **Special Pony Club Day at Stewarton Polo Club** on the 5th April for all Pony Club members. Take your ponies and a packed lunch. A Polo star will be instructing. Cost £30. Ring Katie Coward 01856-751301 to book a place.

Area Dates 2005:

Games – May 22nd at Lanark, Zone 16th July at Castle Doune.

Junior Final/Senior Runners-up Competition Sansaw Park 23-25 August.

Novice Championships 27/28th August at Smallwood Cheshire.

Finals at Horse of the Year Show in Birmingham NEC 12-16th Oct.

Tetrathlon – 20/21st July at Huntly, 18/19th Jnr&mini at Lanark & Peebles

Eventing – 13th August at Houston House,

Novice Challenge Eventing on Monday 3rd Aug at Tynningham.

Show Jumping – 10th August at Market Field, St. Boswells. Also Novice Challenge&Jnr.

Dressage – 13th July at Barskimming. Also Novice Challenge&Jnr.

Pony Club Championships – 23/25th August at Sansaw Park, Shropshire.

❖ Area Competition Levels explained

- Teams compete in Area Competitions, with the chance for qualifying for national events (bar some junior levels) run at three levels:-
- Interbranch – this is the highest level of competition; any age can enter if they are capable of the level.
- National Novice Challenge – a fairly new level aimed at riders who are too old to compete in Junior competitions, but Interbranch level is a bit too big, no age limit.
- Junior – a class with an age limit usually around 13 years and under.
- The heights and details of team selection will be in the next newsletter, but remember that you must have been to at least three rallies to compete.

News & Results

❖ The Christmas Party

was again held at the Savoy Park Hotel this year and was a great success with the “Big Yin” arranging lots of games for both children and parents and playing lots of great records. It was an enjoyable night for both parents and children from the Pony Club – some of the parents appreciated the bar being in a separate room. The annual cups went to Heather Ridland and Rory Boswell - the two members who have contributed most to Pony Club and improved throughout the year. Well done to you both.

❖ It's a Knockout!

was held at Rosemount on New Years Eve and around 40 children enjoyed the team competitions with Games on foot. Thanks

go to Mrs Hatty Forrest for letting us use her indoor arena and to Robert Noble and all the helpers for organising such an enjoyable day. The profits from this event are donated to a charity of Hatty's choice.

❖ The Pony Club Meet

was at Rowanhill again this year, thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Miller. It was a great day with over 60 riders, so there were plenty of adults riding and on foot to help the children round the countryside. Our grateful thanks go to Muriel Miller for all the savouries, cakes, chocolates and drinks she provided for both parents and children. The adults also greatly appreciated the somewhat stronger drinks Muriel! Many thanks they all had a wonderful day.

The Winter Team Show Jumping

Eglinton - November 04 @ Muirmill

Everyone had a great day when we eventually got started but unfortunately a lot of boxes got lost when they closed the road to Muirmill with no diversions set up. We had to post someone on the dual carriageway until we could set up a sign. Eglinton were 1st and 6th in the pre-novice and 1st and 2nd in the Novice. In the Intermediate we were 1st, 2nd and 5th and in the Open 1st and 2nd. Heather Ridland and Ricki McCloy qualified in the Dengie placed 1st and 3rd. So Eglinton won all 5 classes – congratulations all of you. There were 38 teams and 15 Dengie entries so very well done to all our Officials, committee members, parents and members who worked hard all day.

Gleneagles – November 04

Novice:

Liam Dodds, Mary Pearson, Rachel Offer and Eleanor Bailey.

Well done - this team finished on a double clear - 3rd out of the 24 teams in the Novice! - and only just missed out on 2nd by 0.4 seconds from East Lothian.

But we had 2 teams in the Novice our other team was:

Euan Hammersley, Rachel Offer, Katie Offer and Ellis Simister.

Well done to the team which finished first!

Intermediate:

We only had one team in the Intermediate - Ian Cochrane, Jayne Geddes, Susie Simister and Heather Ridland.

Ian was the only member to have a pole down in the first round - meaning the team finished clear in the first round. In the second round both Jayne and Susie unfortunately had a pole down - meaning the team finished on 4 faults. Out of 18 teams there was only 1 team - West Perth - who finished double clear. Our team finished as the fastest 4 faulter, in second place!

Well done to all our teams! GR

Eglinton – January 05 @ Jumps

We had to change the venue to Jumps at the last moment when Muirmill closed very suddenly. We did not have quite as many entries as usual with 23 teams and 14 Dengie entries but everyone had a great day and we managed to finish earlier than usual. Many thanks to all our hardworking helpers who travelled much further on the day. Eglinton only won one class this time, the Pre-Novice with the Foxes Charlie Hazlem, Tiffany Targell-Worth, Hamish McIntosh and Caitlyn Cunningham. The Eglinton Hunters were 4th in the Novice – Liam Dodds, Ellis Simister, Sharon Tait and Michelle Hamilton. In the Intermediate the Hounds were 3rd Ashleigh Brown, Michelle & Jennifer Hamilton and Heather Ridland, and the Foxes were 4th Claire Gaffney, Sharon Tait, Katie Offer and Ian Cochrane. Rachel Offer was 2nd in the Dengie and qualified. In the last class, the Open, the Foxes were 2nd Hannah Hunter riding two ponies and Ian Cochrane. Well done all of you.

Many thanks to everyone for their support.

OTHER P.C. DATES - Details on events check the website or phone 01560-322609

12 th March	B and A Test Training Day at Lawside, Jackton Liz Love 01555-880489	8 th May	East Lothian Combined Training at Tynninghame
26 th March	Area Dengie Winter SJ Final at Jumps	8 th May	Area 19 Arena Eventing at Jumps
3 rd April	BE Brougham	8 th May	K&C ODE at Crofthead
4 th April	Triathlon Competition Loretto School	15 th May	Nithsdale ODE at Drumlanrig
9 th April	Tetrathlon Competition at Tynninghame – contact Gordon Ridland	21/22 nd May	BE Floors Castle
10 th April	A Test XC Tuition at Hendersyde	29 th May	Peebles ODE at Temple Farm, Dalkeith
17 th April	Dumfriesshire Hunt XC at Whitehill, Lockerbie	29 th May	L&R ODE Corsliehill
23 rd April	East Stirling Games Competition	11/12 th June	Kelso Games Weekend and W. Perth Games Competition
23 rd April	Junior HT at Boquhan – Strathearn PC	23/26 th June	Royal Highland Show
30 th April	BE Scone	2/3 rd July	BE Hopetoun House
1 st May	Kirkintilloch & Campsie P.C. Team Games Crofthead	3 rd July	L&U XC Douglas
2 nd May	L&R Arena Eventing at Rowallan	9/10 th July	BE Barskimming
7 th May	BE Brechin Castle	23/24 July	BE Auchinleck
		31 st July	BE Strathallan Castle
		7 th Aug	BE Hendersyde