

# The Eglinton Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

www.ehpc.org.uk



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2006/7

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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. Charge to cover cost of hiring Muirmill. Fill in slip on last page. Ride times available from the website. Organiser Julia Kerr - 01563-830960.

FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**IT'S A KNOCKOUT** at Muirmill Equestrian Centre. Games on foot 10.30-2.30pm. All ages, friends and parents welcome! £2 per person. The canteen will be open all day.

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**P.C. MEET** - Eglinton Hunt have organised a special introductory day for PC members at Rowanhill Farm 11.00am – parking is at Muirmill, leave there at 10.30am to allow time to hack to Rowanhill Farm. 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.

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Charge to cover cost of hiring Rowallan. Fill in slip on last page. Ride times available from the website or by phoning: 01560-484173. Organiser Tina Hazlem. There will be a Parents Meeting held in the lunch hour.

FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**RALLY** at Muirmill Equestrian Centre, Symington. Tuition on flat work and Games. Canteen will be open. Charge to cover cost of hiring Muirmill. Fill in slip on last page. Ride times available from the website (or by phoning 01294-607143). Organiser Ros Evans.

SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**EGLINTON TEAM S.J. COMPETITION** at Muirmill Equestrian Centre. Classes:- Nov/Nov 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.

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

**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. Charge to cover cost of hiring Rowallan. Fill in slip on last page. Ride times available from the website or by phoning: 01560-484173. Organiser Tina Hazlem.

# DC's Word

It's been a hectic year with Eglinton Teams and Individuals competing everywhere.

This was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Prince Philip Cup and Robert Noble's Senior A games team won their way to the Horse of The Year Show at Birmingham for a record 26<sup>th</sup> time in the last 30 years. There they appeared on Sky TV and met Prince Philip on the last night, when the winning teams from the last 50 years paraded in the arena.

We had teams and individuals competing at the Pony Club Championships in four disciplines.

This year we ran the Pony Club Eventing qualifier with all three levels of courses at Auchinleck after their BE event. We also ran the Area Dressage on the day before the Eventing. Many of you who help at the BE Horse Trials will know of the effort that goes into the running of these events and to run the two Pony Club Area competitions as well needed a big effort from many members, parents and friends. A big thank you to all! And the good news - Pony Club want us to do them again in 2007! For your diary, following Auchinleck Horse Trials on 21/22<sup>nd</sup> July, the Pony Club Dressage will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July and the Area Eventing on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

We hope that after Christmas we can run a Pony Club introduction to training techniques course. This will probably be held locally over one evening and will include child protection, etc. This is becoming a Pony Club requirement for trainers and parents who assist them.

Meg Jessiman, our Area 19 Representative, is trying to get Lottery funding for a Health and Safety at Work First Aid Course to be run on this side of the country, over two weekends. Many of the events we run need a 'qualified first aider' to be present. Anyone who volunteers would be expected to help, or be present, at a small number of events, e.g. rallies with cross country. We would still use paramedics at our big competitions. Best of all it will be free. Names to me please.

Your treasurer Katrina Geddes became the Organiser of Curzean BE Horse Trials this year. It was very successful and in such a scenic setting.

Back to winter, our Team Show Jumpers, led by Robert Noble and Gordon Ridland have not returned from an away competition without all their teams being placed. Well done to all!

Thanks again to all who helped at our Team Show Jumping Competition at Rowallan, Committee members and parents alike. With over 65 teams entering - 49 after pruning - it was going to be a long day. Having parents to help man gates, etc. for shorter periods seemed to work.

So far the winter has been largely warm and wet. Time to really look after your ponies and horses - they need pampering too!

Lastly, membership now stands at 145, remember to renew your membership at the end of the year (no later than the end of January if you wish to be in Area Teams). Same price as last year - a bargain - and please fill in the Gift Aid part, it costs you nothing extra.

Martyn Pawson. D.C.

## NOTICES

❖ **SUBSCRIPTIONS** are due on the 1st January. The cost is £50 per member. Family membership, where there are more than 2 members in one family, is charged at £125 regardless of the number of children in the family. Plus £10 for postage and rally levy. Please complete and send the enclosed subscription renewal form **and complete the section on gift aid.**

❖ **SHOW JUMPING TUITION** Christine Jamieson will organise small groups over the winter with John Geddes at Rosemount, Monkton (max of 5 per lesson). Contact Christine 01563-830818.

❖ **GAMES TRAINING** will start again as usual on the third Sunday in January, 1 p.m. on 21<sup>st</sup> January at Muirmill. Come along and have a go at games. For further information phone 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 January 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 have tuition on Horse and Pony Care - ideal preparation for tests should contact Tina on 01560-484173. We hope to run a B Test in the Spring, so ring Tina if you're interested.

❖ **ROAD SAFETY TEST.** Anyone who wants to take the Pony Club Road Safety Test please phone Frances Pearson 01505-850279.

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

### WHO'S WHO 2006/2007



District Commissioner	Martyn Pawson	01560-322609
Assistant D.C.	Aly Boswell	01290-551517
Treasurer	Katrina Geddes	01655-740345
Secretary	Anne Pawson	01560-322609
Membership Secretary	Helen Speirs	01294-823453

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), Ros Evans, Andrew Hunter, Amanda Hammersley, Nan Paton, Frances Pearson, Frances Rodman, Jackie Skelly and Danny Wilson.

### **FOR SALE**

English quality leather straight cut showing saddle, 17 1/2", medium fit, £150.

Ford Cargo 813, 'E' reg, non HGV Horsebox. Luton; sleeps 4; moveable partitions; 4 ponies or 3 horses. Plated June 2007. 160,000 Km only. Much loved family box. £5,995.

Tel. 01294-607143

# NEWS

## Tests

The following members all passed their tests.

**D Test:** Archie Axten, Cecile Dodds, Jack Hassard, Harris Ritchie, Katie Ritchie, Alice Scott, Drew Price and Abby Steel

**D+ Test:** Charlie Hazlem, Flora Fergusson, Caitlin Dodds, Zoë Dodds, Samantha Gemmell, Rachael McKenzie, Rachel Scott and Rachael Todd.

**C Test:** Lucy Fergusson, Samantha Fergusson, Sarah Gemmell, Lucynda Graham and Brogan White. Well done all of you!

**C+ Test:** Tests above C test have to be organised a little differently as we have to use examiners from outside our own Branch. We also need cross country jumps. We hope to hold one in 2007.

The B test is a very high standard and is acknowledged by the BHS and many professional bodies as being an indication that the candidate has a high standard of riding and general horse management ability. We also hope to hold a **B Test** in 2007. Anyone interested in stable management tuition please ring Tina Hazlem 01560-484/73.

**Riding and Road Safety Badges:** Aillie Brown, Lucy Fergusson, Samantha Fergusson, Sarah Gemmell, Lucynda Graham, Charlie Hazlem, Holly Kennedy, Rachael McKenzie, Lucy Murdoch, Katie Pearson and Ellis Simister. Congratulations!

## AREA 19 QUALIFIERS 2006

### Area Show Jumping

The Area Show Jumping Competition was run by Linlithgow and Sterling Branch this year on the only wet day in 8 weeks of dry weather. After great difficulty in finding the ground, the Eglinton teams had a very successful day. The Open Team of Sophie Harvey, Susie Simister, Jayne Geddes and Kate Ellison won to qualify for the Championships at Sansaw. Jayne was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Individual Competition and Sophie was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Intermediate Team of Heather Ridland, Claire Geddes, Ashley Brown and Megan McNutt also won and qualified for Sansaw. Heather was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the individual competition and Claire was 5<sup>th</sup>. In the Novice Challenge the Eglinton Team was 4<sup>th</sup> – Sastre Lawrence, Anna Houston, Rachel Todd and Ellis Simister. Congratulations to all the teams!

## Area Team Eventing

Eglinton hosted all three levels of Eventing this year at Auchinleck in the week following the Auchinleck BE Competition. Many thanks to Aly Boswell and John Faulds for preparing the three courses for us. We did not have an Open Team this year but Susie Simister entered as an individual and was 6<sup>th</sup> in her Arena. However, our Intermediate Team of Heather Ridland, Claire Geddes, Kate Ellison and Nicky Jamieson won and qualified for the Championships at Sansaw. Kate and Heather were 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Arena in the individual competition. In the National Novice Eglinton had three teams. Rachel Malloch, Rachael Offer, Katie Offer and Sastre Lawrence were 4<sup>th</sup>; Ellis Simister, Harriet Tan, Euan Hammersley and Sastre Lawrence were 7<sup>th</sup>, but unfortunately our third team were eliminated – Neah Evens, Megan McNutt, Mary Pearson and Stephanie Lynch. In the individual competition Katie Offer was 2<sup>nd</sup> in her arena and Rachael Offer was 5<sup>th</sup> in hers. Well done to all the teams. Training will start again at Easter time, so if you are interested in Eventing please get in touch with Aly Boswell or Trisha Hunter.

## Dressage

Hot on the heels of Auchinleck Horse Trials, we were back for the Area Dressage. Fortunately, Aly had had the ground equivated so only the 20 x 60 arena needed altering. Our Open Team of Susan McBain, Jayne Geddes and Rachel Malloch were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open. Jayne was 2<sup>nd</sup> in her Arena, Rachel 4<sup>th</sup> and Susan 6<sup>th</sup>. In the Intermediate the Eglinton Team of Holly Rivett, Kate Ellison, Clare Geddes and Samantha Fergusson were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clare was 6<sup>th</sup> in her arena and Kate was 1<sup>st</sup> in her arena and qualified for Sansaw in the individual competition. Success continued in the National Novice with Euan Hammersley, Katie Offer, Rachel Offer and Mary Pearson taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Katie 2<sup>nd</sup> in her arena. Neah Evans, Lucynda Graham, Harriet Tan and Lucy Fergusson also won 5<sup>th</sup> place. While in the Junior Dressage Flora Fergusson, Katie Pearson, Heather Kerr and Sarah Watson were 6<sup>th</sup>, with Heather 3<sup>rd</sup> in her arena. Harris Ritchie, Charlotte Geddes, Zoë Dodds and Chelsea Gaffney were placed 11<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams. Well done all of you for all your hard work.

# The Pony Club Championships 2006

Gordon Ridland has written a report on Tetrathlon and on how all the teams that qualified for Sansaw got on:

Tour 2006 has been phenomenally successful!!

**Milton Keynes - Sat/Sun 12/13 August** - UK Regional Tetrathlon Championships hosted and organised superbly by Central England Region at the Milton Keynes Eventing Centre. The Scottish Girls Team was Heather Ridland (Eglinton), Caitlin Stokes (West Perth), Freya Prentice (Aberdeen), Kirsty Liddon (Dumfriesshire) and Alix Wilcox (P&Tweedale). The cross country stage on Sunday was over a BE Novice track - technical and full up. The Girls competed well with Heather and April went clear over the xcountry and the team was narrowly pipped into third place. Heather was placed 4th as an individual.

Lorry troubles meant that we had to call on the services of the local mechanic - guess what his daughter is in the current Oakley Hunt West Team that we will meet at HOYS this year - what a coincidence!

**Hartpury - Mon to Sun 14 to 20 August.** We were allowed early access to the National Championships site at Hartpury. What a venue - 3DE and country fair on 12/13 Aug has established Hartpury as one of the premier CCI courses in the UK with classes for one, two and three star. Olympic size outdoor arena still had the BE jumps from the weekend, which allowed some training over first class facilities. An Olympic indoor arena is under construction for the European Dressage Championships next year and no doubt with an Eye to 2012. "Monarch" indoor stables (of which there are 250) provided luxury accomodation for April.

**National Tetrathlon Championships - Hartpury** - Fri to Sun 18 to 20 August.

Heather had an indifferent start with an average shoot of 860 points and loosing her goggles in the pool, which cost about 5 metres and robbed her of a PB 9 lengths (in 3 minutes). Lying about 30th at this stage - we had hoped for better. Saturday was cross country day and Heather was on 2nd. The weather was fair and ground conditions were good, even so the word on the street was that the XC had been decisive in the one star the previous weekend. Two sunken road fences, one with a skinny hidden just round the tree. An abc combination with a step up to a drawbridge and three strides round 90 degrees to a corner. Three part water with a skinny exit and offset houses where the direct route meant taking them at a 45 degree angle. Plus plenty in between. There were just 29 clear rounds out of a class of 107 and Heather's clear lifted her to 7th place overall going into the final phase - Running on Sunday.

The picture shows Freddy Rider (Deeside), Siobhan Prise (Aberdeen), Freya Prentice (Aberdeen) and Jay Sutherland (West Perth) getting in some serious training for Sunday.

A PB of 5 minutes 29 secs for a 1500 metre XC run on Sunday gave Heather her silver award and 3rd place overall - fantastic.



## Sansaw - Mon to Wed Aug 21 to 23.

We had little time to draw breath let alone celebrate before we were on the road to Sansaw.

Monday was the **Intermediate ODE** with Heather on April, Claire Geddes (Ari G), Kate Ellison (Bosely) and Ashleigh Brown (Lipton). Claire and Kate were double clear; Heather was clear in the SJ but has an understandable if unexpected whoopsie in the XC - 20 faults. Ashleigh has just 4 faults in the SJ. Kaye was =4th in her arena and Claire 8th. This gave us team penalties of 136 and 7th place out of 22 teams - awards down to 10th and more celebrations.

Monday was also **Individual Open Show Jumping** with Sophie Harvey and Jayne Geddes both completing their two rounds although not placed.

Tuesday was **Team Open Show Jumping**. Huge and Technical - triple with an upright to follow - water tray - height and spreads full up and scary. Our team was Sophie Harvey (Minsky), Jayne Geddes (Chevy), Susie Simister (Cavalier Connection) and Kate Ellison (Bosely). At this level it is creditable just to get round and all our riders did but with one pole outside the "tickets" ending up 11th out of 22 teams. More a sigh of relief than celebrations but you have to be there to see what these riders achieved.

Particular thanks to Trish Harvey for her help with preparing the ODE and Open teams.

Wednesday was **Team Intermediate Show Jumping** and Heather, Claire and Ashleigh were joined by Megan McNutt on Freya. (I must admit at this stage to feeling a bit worn out and I wondered if April felt the same.)

In we went for our first round. Heather and Claire were clear, Ashleigh had just 4 faults and Megan was understandably nervous and had a few down - team score just 4 faults - 5th place.

In the second round each team member jumps with the equivalent members from the other teams. Heather and Claire went clear and Ashleigh had 4 down so we are sitting on 20 faults - 4th equal at this stage. Megan took centre stage and with just three down we ended up with a team score of 12 for the round and 16 for the competition - taking 3rd place and beating Fife into 4th - the podium and more celebrations. Again at this level just to see all members complete their rounds is a fantastic achievement and to be placed - almost hard to convey what a team performance this was. Atherstone won the **games championship** with just 43 points and will be at HOYS. In a nail biting final race any of the top three teams could have qualified but they all missed the final leaving Atherstone to win by default. No team stood out and Orkney were 3rd - so watch out for them next year.

The lorry held out and we arrived home at 1.30am on 24th August just 15 hours short of 14 days after we left - what an adventure.

Yours a weary Gordon, Margaret, Heather and April

# Camps 2006

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

## Senior Camp: -

This year we had the biggest Senior Camp ever with 36 kids having fun. The weather was very kind to us and enabled us to have some great rides. Having the new Intro Cross Country 3 foot jumps to school over was fantastic. We all learned a great deal thanks to my team of excellent instructors who worked together to make sure that all the children were having fun, whilst being challenged and achieving so much. We all enjoyed ourselves and the atmosphere was great. Remember it is your Pony Club Camp so if you want anything changed, included or have ideas how to improve it then please let a Committee member know.

And finally a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped at camp, particularly to Gordon & Margaret Ridland and Helen Speirs who stay and look after everybody at night and also to all the Mums who feed us so well. And of course to Aly & James Boswell for letting us use Auchinleck.



This year Camp Cups went to: Senior Boy - Robbie Cochrane and Senior Girl - Sophie Harvey.

Tina Hazlem

## Junior Camp: -

What a difference the weather can make. This year we enjoyed long, warm, sunny days and we made the most of them – with more children than ever!!

The standards and expectations were high and the children all rose to the challenge, many achieving badges, but everyone learning loads, having a wonderful time and making friends.

As well as flat work and jumping the ponies enjoyed orienteering, and the Tetrathlon was a huge success.

We are very lucky to have our camp in Auchinleck Estate and also to have such a dedicated army of instructors, parents, helpers and friends who set up, tidied up and scooped up without getting fed up!

Who's for a swim in the water jump.....?

Maybe next year!

This year Camp Cups went to: Junior Boy – Angus Cochrane and Junior Girl – Rachael Scott.

Julia Kerr

## Kate at the European Trec Championships



Well done to Eglinton member Kate Ellison who has been celebrating following winning individual gold at the European young rider TREC championships last month.

This made her the first young rider ever to have won the title twice!

Kate was also in the bronze medal winning team, but it was made extra special by the fact that this was the first time the championships had been held in Britain.

Kate said 'My pony was amazing and we won two out of the three phases!'

The picture is of Kate after the presentation.

## **GAMES REPORTS 2006**

### **Senior "A" Games Team**

Chelsea Burns, Mary Pearson, Rachael Offer, Amy Fergusson and Gina Mitchell.

Another great year – unbeaten for one and a half years in Scotland and England until the final night of the Horse of the Year Show. We won the Farmers Guardian Cup at HOYS earlier in the week but were unlucky to finish third in the Prince Philip Cup. This was the Eglintons 26<sup>th</sup> appearance at HOYS and it was great to get into the final night on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PPC. It brought back memories to see so many ex-Eglinton riders in the procession, but it was sad to see Ted Hunter retire. He was the HOYS starter, Pony Club Games Committee Member and lifelong supporter of Games in Scotland.

My thanks to all parents who helped and especially to Nan Paton for all her help.

ROBERT NOBLE

### **Senior "B" Games Team**

Consisting of Victoria Lind, Katie Offer, Beth Ingram, Ellis Simister and Claire Gaffney.

All in all we had some good competitions at Eglinton, Kirkintilloch and West Perth. We were third in our Area and at the zone we qualified again for the Novice championships at Sansaw. Our best run of the year was at the Gleneagles qualifier where we came second. It was nice to finish the year at Blair Athol where we again really well in the morning qualifying for the main ring in the afternoon. I would like to take this chance to say thank you to Katy Pearson who stepped in to help out when needed.

Jimmy Robertson

### **Senior C Team**

We started the outdoor season with only Rachael Todd with Bailey and Katie Pearson with Claire. We managed to join up with other Pony Clubs and with the help of junior members Chelsea Gaffney and Tiffany Targell-Worth, we managed to get to all of the competitions except one. Dougal and Amanda Houston joined us half way through the season. Kelsie, an American visitor staying with the Ridlands, was with us for the 2 day competition at Kirkintilloch on Archie and Pandora. Blair Castle, the last competition of the season, was the first competition for Aillie Brown who rode Archie and wished that she had discovered games earlier! At Blair the team ended up middle of the 'Middle Road', which I thought was a brilliant result. Hopefully Katie Amanda and Rachael will all be part of a 'proper team' and will be able to put the skills that they have been practising this year to good use next year.

Frances Pearson

### **Junior "A" Games Team**

This years Junior A team had a very successful year. The team consisted of Caitlyn Cunningham on Snowflake, Tyler McWilliam on Coco, Shelby McWilliam on Minnie, Hamish McIntosh on Milly and Elise Harper on Toby.

All the children and ponies gained a wealth of experience and progressed in leaps and bounds throughout the Season. They were unbeaten in Scotland and ended the Season by winning The Scottish Horse of the Year Show at Gleneagles.

They travelled to Cheshire in June, rode very well and won some of the sessions. They gained valuable experience which can only be found by competing against similar standards of teams. They also qualified and travelled to Sansaw in

August where they performed well and won some of the races.

Caitlyn moves up to Seniors next year and her experience will be hard to replace but I hope next years team can reach the same level of competence and success as this won enjoyed. I wish my successor every success in training them as I am retiring from games as Gina has now finished Seniors after first becoming a Junior A mum with my son twenty years ago.

Mary Mitchell

### **Junior B Team Report**

The team started of with Tiffany Targle-Worth on Soldier, Sophie Targle-Worth on April, Rachel Scott on Muffy, Chelsea Gaffney on Harley and Ashley McColm on TJ, this was a great start to the season as all the ponies had done games before as had all the riders and as they were all smiling, ponies included, things looked positive from our first team practice.

April sometimes decided she would rather go back to the start even when she wasn't quite finished, but Sophie, did well in deterring her. Ashley soon got the hang of steering TJ round the poles and not tipping it over and after a few challenges with left and right in the rope race it was off to the competitions. In the first two competitions the team came in 5<sup>th</sup> which was a great improvement on last year, then at Doune they managed to win the Low Road, and then back in to 5<sup>th</sup> position at Lanark and Upper.

At the Home Pony Show, ran at Kirky, the team had a run off on the second day and were narrowly beaten in to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, which was a real achievement as they had only 4 riders. The last competition was Blair, where Rachel had a change of pony and unfortunately TJ was lame, so Elise Harker and Toby kindly came along to fill our 5<sup>th</sup> position. The girls had a great run in the morning and came 4<sup>th</sup> over all. Well done girls and thanks to all the parents who faithfully brought the ponies and children to the practices and competitions and to Sheena for her help at the competitions.

Good luck to Rachel who is moving up to seniors and hopefully we will see the rest of you in January both ponies and children smiling and any new members ready for some fun!

Olwyn Gaffney