

The Eglinton Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2009/10

MONDAY 28TH DECEMBER

MOCK HUNT at Rowan Hill Farm, Symington. This will count towards the hunting badge. The time and where to park will be on the website. Only the first 30 members will be allowed to take part, so fill in your rally slip and send to Julia ASAP. The cost will be £10 which must be sent in with your rally slip. Please check the website on the day as bad weather might cause cancellation.

TUESDAY 29TH DECEMBER

RALLY at Muirmill Equestrian Centre, Symington. Although this rally has a games theme it is open to all Eglinton PC members; numbers will be limited, so first come, first serve. Rally starts with flatwork and small jumps then there will be a selection of games. Good fun! Morning session: 10-12am (Be there for 9.45am please). For experienced ponies/riders e.g. over 15/Senior/Junior A etc. Afternoon session: 1-3pm (Be there for 12.45pm please). For novice ponies/riders e.g. for any age from lead rein upwards. £12 charge, £10 for 2nd family member and £8 for third. Send rally slip to Organiser Frances Pearson 01505-850279.

MONDAY 4TH JANUARY

DAY RALLY at Rowallan Equestrian Centre. Tuition on flat work, jumping and horse and pony care. Canteen will be open all day. £12 charge for 1st family member, £10 for 2nd family member and £8 for third. Fill in slip on last page. Ride times available from the website or by phoning: 07754-487761. Organiser Julia Kerr.

SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY

IT'S A KNOCKOUT at Muirmill Equestrian Centre. Games on foot 11.00-1.00pm. All ages, friends and parents welcome! £2 per person.

FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

PARTY & PRIZEGIVING at Troon Rugby Club £7 per ticket. There will be a Valentines theme and disco - and a bar for parents. Organiser Pauline Lindsay 07985-114164 for details. Please bring a plate, savoury or sweet.

MONDAY 15TH 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. £12 charge for 1st family member, £10 for 2nd family member and £8 for third. Fill in slip on last page. Ride times available from the website or by phoning Julia Kerr 07754-487761.

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

Eglinton Team S.J. at Ingliston Equestrian Centre. Four different levels – First round Max Heights: *Nov/Nov* – 1ft9ins, *Novice* – 2ft3ins, *Intermediate* – 2ft9ins, *Open* – 3ft3ins. For details phone Wum Dodds (01292-479902) **and** an individual Dengie competition. Dengie entry form with rally slip on the last page.

SLIPS MUST BE RECEIVED 1 WEEK BEFORE THE RALLY OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

D.C'S WORD

It's nearly Christmas, and so far we have had lots of rain....

Recently, we ran a team show jumping competition, lasting 13 hours, at Ingliston. My thanks to all of you who helped before, and on the day, to make it a very successful and enjoyable day. We will be running another on 28th Feb. 2010.

You should have received your rejoining form by e-mail or post. If you have not got yours, please let us know. You must have rejoined by 31st. Jan. or you will not be eligible for teams.

Regretfully, Roz Evans has resigned from the Committee, after many years service and we would like to thank her for all her hard work on behalf of Eglinton. Apart from instructing at rallies and camp, Roz was a games trainer for many years and we hope we can persuade her to return in the future.

TRAINING: Anyone interested in Eventing, at any level, see Christine Jamieson at the rally at Rowallan.

The trainers for 2010 are:

Eventing Aly Boswell. 01290 551517

S/J Wum Dodds. 01292 571220

Dressage Aly Boswell and Nicky Hassard. Aly (01290 551517) and Nicky (01563 822417).

To help, we will again have co-ordinators to assist the trainers.

Juniors Christine Jamieson. 01563 830818

Novice Laura Dunlop. 01292 592305

Intermediate Claire Pearson. 01563 860227

Open Amanda Hammersley. 01290 552196

Games Trainers

Senior A Francis Pearson. 01505 850279

Senior B Olwyn Gaffney. 01560 600102

Junior A Sheena Targel-Worth. 01563 860318

Junior B David Scott. 01560 321140

The games co-ordinator Wum Dodds. 01292 571220

Games Training will start on Monday 18th January at 7p.m. at Rowallan. For information please phone Wum Dodds.

These are the people to contact. Of course many of you will not want to start training until the spring, or after exams, but it is important to register your interest so that training can be planned, and advice given where requested.

The parents meeting at Craigie was well attended, and it was good to see many new faces. I hope we were able to answer your questions.

Next year we hope to run a "friendly" games competition at Lanark, and a (possibly) two day competition at Turnberry.

We will also run the Area 19 Dressage, followed the next day with the Area Eventing, both at Auchinleck. The **provisional** date for camp is 4th -8th July 2010.

There is a new date for Auchinleck Horse Trials (8/9th May) and two for Turnberry (3rd April and 5th September).

If you can help, please contact Vivienne McConechy. 01292 445555.

Good luck for 2010.

Martyn Pawson

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 £2 for postage and rally levy of £10 per member, £8 per

additional family member. Please complete and send the enclosed subscription renewal form **and complete the section on gift aid.**

- ❖ **SHOW JUMPING TUITION** Wum Dodds is arranging Show Jumping Tuition, so if you are interested please phone him 01292-571220. It will be on two nights a week at Ayrshire Equitation.
- ❖ **GAMES TRAINING** will start again as usual on the third week in January on Monday 18th January at Rowallan (7-8pm). Come along and have a go at games. For further information phone Wum Dodds 01292-571220.
- ❖ **EVENTING TRAINING** Aly Boswell has been training Junior and Novice Teams from mid October, so if you are interested please phone Christine Jamieson 01563-830818.
- ❖ **TETRATHLON** is a really super event and it would be great to be able to put more teams forward in the future so, please, anyone wanting a go, looking for advice or requiring shooting practice, contact Karen Ritchie 01292-541231 or kyritchie@tiscali.co.uk. There is a minimum age of 8 years. Schedules for competitions are available on the Scottish Tetrathlon website www.tetrathlon.org.uk.
- ❖ **HORSE & PONY CARE (STABLE MANAGEMENT)** – anyone who wishes to have tuition on Horse and Pony Care - ideal preparation for tests - should contact Julia Kerr on www.Julia.broomhill@yahoo.co.uk.
- ❖ **ROAD SAFETY TEST.** Anyone who wants to take the Pony Club Road Safety Test please phone Frances Pearson 01505-850279.
- ❖ **EGLINTON PC SWEATSHIRTS, POLO SHIRTS AND RUGBY SHIRTS** will be available at the rally on the 4th January but if you need them before then, or want to pre order, phone Helen Speirs 01294-823453 or Christine Jamieson 01563-830818. Do order early.
- ❖ **SADDLE CLOTHS** will also be available from Ann Allan, please phone 07817 018084 to order them – as soon as possible. They will be white with the PC Logo and Eglinton Hunt on them. They are machine washable and will cost £15 each.

WHO'S WHO 2009/2010



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NEWS

Tests

Congratulations to Neah Evans for passing her AH Test – she was the only member from Area 19 to pass her AH Test in 2009. Well done!

Road Safety Eilidh Jack, Amy Stuart, Fiona Scott, Holly Sherrie, Lulu Wareham, Robyn Donaghue, Lauren McWade, Vicky Smith, Molly Paterson and Fionnulla Kerr have all passed their Pony Club Riding and Road Safety Test. Well done.

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 2010.

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 2010. Anyone interested in stable management tuition please ring Julia Kerr 01563-830960.

Dressage Team at Ingliston

We had just one Junior Dressage Team, but boy were they good! Jack Hassard, Elspeth Jamieson and Harris and Katie Ritchie were our Team and they trained with Aly Boswell and had some great extra help from Dressage Diva Mum Nicky Hassard. We had such fun at Ingliston, even poor Jack, who had to contend with three women gelling, spraying and pinning his hair under his hat accompanied by his fellow Team mates hilarity.

All four children produced outstanding tests with Jack being in a class of his own to very deservedly win his Arena. The other three were all highly placed and we were delighted to learn that the Team had won by a good margin.

Junior Dressage in Scotland has taken off and the standard was high so to win was an achievement indeed. The extra training has given more of our members a taste for Dressage and they are now understanding the benefits of riding a well schooled Pony, and we are going forward to next year with more young children than ever before interested in improving. The general training with Aly and Nicky is

ongoing and anybody who would like to give it a try would be most welcome.

I would once again like to thank the children and their parents for all their enthusiasm. Some of the Children in both the Dressage and Eventing Teams had to work very hard to improve and they achieved success whilst maintaining good humour. On behalf of the Team we would like to convey once again our gratitude to Aly and Nicky without whose help and encouragement our success would not have been possible. Hope to hear from you soon.

Novice Challenge Dressage at Ingliston

We had one team: Kirsty McMillan, Katie Pearson, Hamish McIntosh and Morvyn Robertson. Kirsty and The Pikey won their arena and travelled down to Cheshire for the Novice Challenge Championships. Katie Pearson and Summer Breeze were 6th.

Sadly we had nobody for the Intermediates, we will have to do much better next year.

Christine Jamieson

Junior Eventing

Our Junior Eventers have had a fantastic and successful year. We had two teams to contend the Area Competition at Tynningham. The Fillies - Harris and Katie Ritchie, Elspeth Jamieson and Harman Lindsay and the Terriers - Jack Hassard, Michael Craig, Chelsea Gaffney and Shauni Dunlop. The children greatly benefited from regular training from Aly Boswell from February onwards and towards the competition some help with their Dressage from Nicky Hassard. We made visits to Strathearn Eventing, Rowallan, lived at Auchinleck and some fine tuning of the Dressage at Adamton Grove.

We set off for Tynningham in great spirits, staying overnight and enjoying a Beach Ride and a BBQ. The day dawned bright and sunny and every child surpassed themselves. They all rode beautiful tests, with Katie and Elspeth winning their Arenas. The S/J was a good test and again all rode very well with just the odd mistake. The XC was nice but we lacked a bit of luck and a small ditch seemed to cause "Big" problems. However our youngest team member, Katie,

was a star and finished on her Dressage score to win her section. Chelsea and Harris were also very successful and were 3rd in their respective Arenas. The Fillies ended up in 5th place and, much to my delight, were 2nd in the turnout competition!

For all of us involved the whole experience was so much fun and the improvement in some of the riders astonishing. Strong friendships and a great Team experience have been enjoyed by all the children. I would like to thank all the children and parents who put so much time and effort into the Teams and on behalf of us all a big thank you to Aly for all her help. The success of last years experience has been proved, in that all the children are champing at the bit to start again for 2010! To this end we have indeed started training and if you would be interested in joining in please contact either;

Christine Jamieson on 07843 604903 or

Karen Ritchie on 07810 874223

Christine Jamieson

Auchinleck Estate ODE

A total of ten EHPC juniors enjoyed a fantastic day of competition over Auchinleck Estate with the kind permission of Aly and James Boswell.

We had two junior teams: - Eglinton Fillies - Katie Ritchie on Buster, Harmen Lindsay on Jester, Jack Hassard on Hannah, Harris Ritchie on Frodo and Eglinton Terriers- Michael Craig on Bally, Shauni Dunlop on Domino, Chelsea Gaffney on Ned, Natalie Allen on Snoopy. Mhari Templeton on Poppy and Fionulla Kerr on Red ran as individuals.

Eglinton Fillies team posted some of the best dressage score of the day. Harris finished on 33.8 penalties, Katie on 28.8, Jack 30.3 and Harmen on 38.0 putting them into the lead. Eglinton Terriers were not far behind. Both Mhari and Fionulla, who were competing in their 1st ODE, coped admirably and went into the show jumping on creditable scores.

In the show jumping Harris, Katie and Jack went clear and Harmen was unlucky to roll one pole leaving the Eglinton Fillies on their dressage score. Eglinton Terriers both Natalie and Chelsea posted solid clear rounds but Michael and Shauni were less fortunate.

Michael finished with eight faults and Shauni had an uncharacteristic round resulting in them being eliminated. Mhari was also unlucky to be eliminated also and Fionulla put in a marvellous clear on a pony she had only ridden for a week prior to this event. Eglinton Fillies all had superb cross country runs, all going clear. Eglinton Terriers Natalie, Michael and Chelsea also had super clear runs x country. Shauni, due to her prior experience, was allowed to go x country and put in a solid performance. Fionulla and Red looked like a

long term partnership when they also finished clear. Eglinton Fillies were 1st and Eglinton Terriers 4th. Individual Results: EHPC Dressage Cup Arena1 Jack Hassard. EHPC Dressage Cup Arena 2 Katie Ritchie. EHPC X country Shield presented to the rider closest to the optimum time (opt time 3.19, Harris's time 3.22) Harris Ritchie. EHPC Jimmy Dykes Memorial Quaich presented by Katie Dykes to the best EHPC member overall Katie Ritchie.

Area 1 and Area 19 Novice Challenge Eventing

We had 2 teams that went to Tynningham:
Foxes: Taylor Mowat, Caitlyn Dodds, Katie Pearson and Morvyn Robertson
Hounds: Hamish McIntosh, Erin Houston, Kirsty McMillan and Katie Campbell.
We managed to fit in some training, thanks to Glenys McKee and Aly Boswell.
Hamish and Ballydoon Duke won their arena, Katie Pearson was 4th and Kirsty McMillan was 5th. The Foxes just missed out on qualifying, they were 3rd and

they needed to be 1st or 2nd. Hamish competed in Cheshire and completed which was great. We also ran teams at Auchinleck in the Novice. Hamish won his arena again, Taylor and Buster were 4th, Anna Houston and Missy were 5th. The team of Hamish, Taylor, Morvyn and Anna Houston were 2nd and Christopher Liecti, Erin Houston, Katie Campbell and Zara Rankin were 9th. Lots of up and coming talent.

Area 19 Scottish Tetrathlon Championships 2009 Strathallan School, 28th July 2009 and West Perthshire Hunter Trials, 4th October 2009

Early on a very wet, Tuesday 28th July 6 Eglinton members and family headed for Strathallan for the combined Area 1, Area 19 and Scottish Tetrathlon championships. We had already been told that only the intermediate and open members would complete the cross country the next day and that the mini's and juniors would be asked to run XC on another date later in the season.

Heather Ridland represented Eglinton in the Open Girls and scored a fantastic 920 in the shoot (2nd), 6mins 16 seconds in the run and 9 lengths 7 metres in the swim. She then went on to have a clear round in the cross country gaining her 1400 points and an overall 6th place. Neah Evans competed in the Intermediate Girls where she had a disappointing shoot, a good run 6mins 41 seconds and a good swim in a very competitive team of girls. She then had a good cross country round incurring only 120 penalty points over a very testing course. Unfortunately Neah was out of the placings.

In the Juniors Eglinton had 1 boy's team entered, Hamish McIntosh, Christopher Liechti and Michael Craig, who also competed as individuals. Their competition started at Strathallan for the shoot, swim and run and completed the competition at West Perthshire Hunter Trials on Sunday 4th October. Hamish McIntosh, who was persuaded to take part, shot a brilliant 800 for his first shoot, enjoyed the run and swim less and then showed everyone how to jump the cross country as he went clear winning the hunter trial in the process! Hamish finished 5th overall. Christopher Liechti has stuck to a very rigorous training schedule which paid off, helping him to score 860 in his shoot, 5mins 33seconds in his run (2nd) and

8 lengths 15 metres (3rd) in his swim. Unfortunately, Christopher and Molly did not like the Pimple on the cross country and only gained 500 points in the cross country. Christopher finished 4th overall. Michael Craig enjoyed his day at Strathallan where he shot 900 (3rd), ran 5mins 42 seconds (3rd) and swam 10 lengths and 20 metres (1st). Unfortunately, he and Bally suffered the same fate as Christopher at the pimple and only gained 500 points. Both Michael and Christopher will not forget to jump the "L" the next time. Michael finished 2nd overall. Michael also received the Shield for most points in the Junior competition for Under 12's. Saving the best for last, Harris Ritchie represented Eglinton in the minis, arguably the most competitive age group. At Strathallan Harris shot 960 which only managed 3rd place due to one girl shooting 1000 and another 980, she ran 4minutes and 1 second and swam a fantastic 6 lengths and 9 metres (1st). This left Harris requiring a clear round to win the Scottish and Area 19 Tetrathlon which she managed at the hunter trials. Well done Harris!

OVERALL RESULTS Our Junior boys team were 1st in Area 19 and are Scottish Junior Champions and Harris Ritchie is individual Scottish and Area 19 Mini Champion!

Well done to you all. We will hopefully have a strong Junior Boys team to take forward to 2010 and with Katie Ritchie and Antonia Craig reaching the Minis, we will have a Mini girls team next year also. We would be delighted to hear from any other pony club members who are interested in joining our budding tetrathletes. Please contact Karen Ritchie on 01292 541231 or e mail kyritchie@tiscali.co.uk.

Regional Junior Tetrathlon – 20th-21st June 2009

On 19th June 23 Scottish Junior Tetrathlon competitors and their 54 supporters set off for Thornton Watlass in

North Yorkshire to take part in the Junior Regional Competition, hosted by Northern England Region – and what a weekend it was! There were 115

competitors all together with teams from Northern Ireland, ROI, Eastern England, Central England and Wales and Borders. Boys made up 45 competitors with 9 teams and the girls 70 with 14 teams. Christopher Liechti and Michael Craig had been picked from Eglinton Hunt PC to compete in the Scottish teams. We all arrived on Friday night and setup the Scottish camp of boxes, trailers, tents and caravans with the "Scottish Office" right in the middle. There were Saltires adorning most boxes, ponies with thistles spray painted on and children wearing very smart Scottish kit that had been handed out at the last training session – all adding up to a very "teamy" event. The first event of the weekend after setting up tents, settling ponies in stabling, grabbing quick plate of pasta was to take part in the "games". All the teams were divided up into mixed country teams and the games began – all setting the tone for the competitive but sporting atmosphere over the whole weekend. Saturday morning we travelled to Bedale Leisure Centre for the shooting discipline. Christopher Liechti shot a good 720 and Michael Craig 800 (with a very silly 2 in it!). The other Scottish A team members shot very well, 920, 920, 880 and 880 – putting Scotland A first after the first event. Callum Fletcher and Callum Gray were awarded individual 3rd rosettes for this performance. Swimming was next, Christopher swam a fantastic 7 lengths and 20 metres and Michael managed 10 lengths and 7 metres amid huge support poolside. The other Scotland A team members managed 8 lengths plus which put Scotland A second going into the Saturday evening. Michael's swim was awarded an individual third rosette. Thornton Watlass marquee was the venue for "Northern Tetrathlon's Got Talent", disco and Hog Roast. Scotland dressed in kilts and saltires were piped into the marquee making quite an entrance and went on to win the NT Got Talent with a rendition of the Eightsome Reel to the Proclaimers – good fun. Sunday we got down to the serious stuff of the cross country event. The course was super. It was a BE Intro course with lots of combinations set at sharp and offset angles, trucainers, dry stone dykes, skinny's, water, L's and lots of newly planted flowers – it had it all. Christopher set off on his new horse Molly and completed the course with 762 points. Michael followed incurring one refusal (at an easy jump!) and a fall due to Bally not enjoying him shutting the gate

Winter Series Annan 01.11.09

The Winter Triathlon Series got under way at Annan on Saturday 1st November 2009. This is the first of four competitions held over the winter, the others being held in Aberdeen, Glenrothes and Boness. The three best scores out of the four go towards the winter rankings. Three of Eglinton Hunt's members attended the event with tremendous success.

Christopher Liechti, Junior Boys, shot 880, ran 1500m's in 5mins 38 secs and swam 8 lengths 19 metres in 3 mins, both the latter being personal bests.

with such a bang which, unfortunately, also led to time penalties – he completed the course with 1154. Both boys really enjoyed the course. Three other boys in Scotland A managed clear with 1400 points each and the other 1270 with an L and a refusal. At this point the scoring slowed down due to a horrible accident at the gate. The competitor's horse also didn't like shutting the gate and air ambulance had to be called. News by end of the competition was better. The run was the final event, 1500m over very pretty parks in front of the Hall. Christopher managed a fantastic 5.33 with 1035 points and Michael 5.25 and 1075 points. The other boys in the Scotland A team managed 5.07, 5.10, 5.54 and 6.26. ROI boys really dominated this discipline with 5 boys running a sub 5 minute time – fantastic!

The final results were as follows:

Boys Team

1 st ROI – B	18633points
2 nd Wales and Borders	18538points
3 rd ROI –A	17886points
4 th Scotland A	17876points

Individual results:

Michael Craig – 19th

Christopher Liechti – 38th

Other Scottish Results

Scotland A

Callum Gray – Captain	16 th
Callum Fletcher	17 th
Jamie Paisley	10 th
Michael Craig	19 th
Donald Voas	33 rd

Scotland B

Christopher Liechti	38 th
Chris Burnett	36 th
Robbie Beatyman	44 th

Plus 2 Northern Members

Scottish Girls submitted 3 teams, A, B and C.

1st ROI –B

2nd Scotland A

3rd Wales and Borders

4th Scotland B

9th Scotland C

Stop Press – Jo Muir won the individual, Elidh Prize 4th, Iona Brodie 9th and Eleanor Robertson 10th.

This resulted in him being placed 3rd, 2nd and 2nd respectively and coming a fantastic 2nd overall. Harris Ritchie, Mini Girls shot 960, ran 1000m's in 3.54 (PB) and swam 5 lengths 24metres (PB) in 2 minutes. Harris won all three individual events and was a brilliant 1st overall. Katie Ritchie, Mini Mini Girls shot 680, ran 1000m's in 4 mins 59 secs (PB) and swam 3 lengths 22 metres (PB) in 2 mins. Katie came 2nd, 9th and 4th respectively and came a credible 4th overall. WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!!



Camps 2009

It all feels like a very long time ago now but I do remember how grateful we were to Auchinleck for allowing camp to go ahead at all after the relentless rain which had put paid to the BE event.

The ground was very wet and because we were trying to salvage the Pony Club event (scheduled for the weekend after camp) both Senior and Junior instructors had to be very careful where they went and what they did so we did not churn up the ground on the course.

Senior campers had a ball as ever and the members were amongst the friendliest, most mature and good fun we've had for a while. Everyone enjoyed themselves and made progress over the week - on and off their ponies. Members worked hard in their teams to produce posters showing what they'd learned and enjoyed lectures from their instructors, a horse dentist, and a farrier.

The final day's competition took the form of a Combined Training. The best boy in Senior camp was Euan Hammersley and best girl was Rachel Offer.

Thanks to Leona for all her hard work organising, overseeing and teaching. This was her first year in charge at Senior camp – but she's already got big plans for next year!

Junior camp was very busy with everyone learning loads and enjoying the chance to hang out with their pals. This year we all made our own brow bands which was brilliant fun and really tricky!

Hats off for the pony club mum who had time to organise 3 children and then go home and bake personalised biscuits for the next day!

The credit crunch was evident though as there were fewer pub lunches than in previous years! Best boy in junior camp was Callum, and our 2 Best girls were Harmen and Elspeth.

A big thanks to everyone who helped make camp such a success.

Julia



Senior "A" Games Team

The senior A games team for 2009 was:

Katie Pearson and Slipper
Zoe Dodds and Geoff
Caitlyn Dodds and Chief
Robyn Marshall and Clover
Caitlyn Cunningham and Jupiter

Karen Burns kindly agreed to train the A team and Danny helped to pick the team and assisted with the early season training. The team were looking slick and managed to win The Champions of Shropshire under 15s and were 2nd to W.W.W.s in their friendly competition in May. In Cheshire the team didn't run so well and were 2nd in the B final to Oakley. They were unlucky in the Zones where they were eliminated in 2 races, one was a broken

pole in the tack box race when they were well in front. You need skill but you also need some luck to go your way. In the local friendly competitions we were vying against Angus, Strathearn and Lanark, there was little to separate the teams. I think the team probably finished the season slightly disappointed not to get further from such a promising start but they tried hard and had moments of brilliance. Katie, Zoe and Caitlyn Dodds and Robyn sadly have to leave Pony Club games; I think they all intend to do some MGA. Caitlyn Cunningham is the only team member left for 2010. Thanks to all the parents, team players and followers, including Mary Mitchell for training the team at the end.

Senior B Games Team 2009

Sophie Targell-Worth Rosie and Rags
Rachel Scott Gordon
Chelsea Gaffney Copper
Cecile Dodds Paddy
Robyn Donaghue Toby
We were also helped by Sophie Targell-Worth,
Lauren McWade and Fionnulla Kerr.

The B team had a good season with some very good racing. Sadly, because there were so few teams at the Area we did not qualify for the zones, even after finishing 3rd behind Lanark and the A team. We did go to Cheshire after getting an entry at the very last minute and after much good competition we ended up by winning the B final.

At Blair we just missed out on qualifying for the A final but we managed to win the B road, finishing the season on a good note. The team members worked well as a team and I enjoyed training them, many thanks for all the support and commitment from them and their families. Onwards and upwards for 2010.

During the October week we had a very last minute invitation to take a team to run in a club

competition alongside an international one at Punchestown, Southern Ireland. The Irish were very hospitable, the racing was very fast and furious, the weather was brilliant and all the Eglinton kids were fantastic and a real credit to The Club.

Frances
Pearson

Eglinton Junior A's Games Team 2009 – End of Season Report

Whoever would have thought, way back in the cold, dark evenings at the beginning of this year, that our little team with three new members could possibly have such a successful season? In those early days we had lots of wobbly poles and slippery cups – tennis balls that couldn't possibly stay put on top of cones that were far too small, and all the other problems that beset a young team finding their way through the difficulties of Pony Club Games, so it looked a tall order to get a winning formula before the season's close.

But as the saying goes, "Where there's a will there's a way!" and the way we finished the season at SHOYS, those children should be so very proud of their achievements and proud of their ponies too. They may not have been the fastest, nor the youngest ponies in the world, but they are all little triers and pure class - one and all! Short of putting cups on poles themselves they really could have done no more for the team.

Pandora surely deserves a long-service medal and along with all the others, Toffee, Millie, Snowflake & Barney, medals for bravery and determination!

The most victories, the most points gained, and incredibly, reserve champions at the PC National Championships - Undeniably the best Scottish junior team and so very nearly National Champions!

We shared the SHOYS Honours with friends from K&C Pony Club last weekend with Eglinton winning handsomely on Saturday while K&C were runners up and positions reversed on Sunday evening and a much closer competition. These two teams have supported each other very sportingly since June when we both ventured down to Cheshire – they have trained together, made friends and shouted encouragement to each other all season - this is what Pony Club games is all about. Well done kids!

I must give a very special thank you to team captain Lauren McWade and her lovely pony Toffee – the best-ever captain a team could wish for, so talented but always running for her team, not individual glory, and always the first to encourage or comfort her team-mates. We could not have performed so well without you Lauren – thank you so much!

Finally children – thank you for your gifts and kind words. Most of you will now be moving up to Seniors and I'll be saving the Champagne until the day you win at HOYS!

Congratulations to you all:

Lauren McWade (Team Captain)
Sophie Targell-Worth (Team Nuisance!)
Neve Donoghue (Team Lucky Mascot)
Lulu Wareham (Team Thinker)
Callum Leach (Team Chatterbox!)

Sheena Targel-Worth

Junior B Games Team

Well, where do we start? What a fantastic season, a big well done to all our team members, Alice Scott on Coffee, Rhianna Marshall, firstly on Dizzy then Freddie, Bronja Milicaevic on Cherry, Natasha McKee on Beth, before moving onto Kaz and Antonia Craig on Keetah. This team competed throughout the year, more often than not exceeding all expectations, from 5th in the first competition at Stirling to the dizzy heights of 2nd at Dounne.

All the girls did well in the area competition at Kirkintilloch, narrowly missing out on a qualifying slot by coming in 3rd (Yes, it was that difficult to qualify, that even 3rd wasn't enough). However, we were delighted to accept a wildcard entry into the zones at Lanark. The zones were fantastic for the team, with each individual member having gained some invaluable experience. This became no more evident than the SHOYS qualifier held again at Kirkintilloch, where our little team came 3rd.

Unfortunately, due to the pony club ruling of 1 team per club, we unable to go forward to Ingliston from this qualifying position (and this is not so easy to try and explain to very excited kids that think they've just qualified).

Lovely end to the year at Blair, where we came 4th in the middle road, against much older teams. Thanks to Daisy Galbraith on Willow for helping to make up the team, the report for Blair can be viewed on EHPC website, along with some lovely pictures.

The winner of the Sunshine Cup this year was Alice Scott and Coffee.

David and I would like to thank all the kids and ponies for a fantastic year, it was a pleasure to train you all, and watch how everyone has improved, and of course a big thanks to all the parents as well!!!!!!



Hope to see you all again next year.

Janie & David Scott

DENGIE: On Sunday 28th February 2010 we will be holding a qualifier for the Dengie PC Winter League 2009/10 S.J. Competition at Ingliston. First round will be a max. of 90cm (3 feet). It is open to individual Pony Club Members, horse/rider combination not to have represented their Branch at Area Open qualifiers, or any rider who has competed at the PC Open Show Jumping Championships or PC SJ Final at Hickstead. J.A. Ponies and Grade A&B horses registered with the BSJA in the current year or previous year are not eligible. A Pony or Horse which upgrades during the 2009/10 series cannot compete any further in the Series. Limit of 3 horses/ponies for each competitor. 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 after 6pm on Friday 26th Feb. for rough times, or see the Eglinton web-site. **Please Note** the class is being run in-between Intermediate and Open Classes.

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Dengie PC Winter League Qualifying Competition Entry Form – 28th Feb 2010

Rider	Horse/Pony	Telephone Number

Entry fee: £10.00

All entries must be received by Friday 19th February.

Please make cheques payable to Eglinton Pony Club.

Entries to be sent to: Mrs A. Pawson, Waterhaughs, Darvel, Ayrshire KA17 OEJ. Tel: 10560-322609.

YOU MUST HAVE SLIPS IN 1 WEEK BEFORE THE RALLY TO BE ACCEPTED.

- ◆ **Rally Slip** - Please cut off and return with rally fee to: Julia Kerr, Broomhill Cottage, Tarbolton Road, Dundonald, Ayrshire KA2 9AR. Let Julia know if you change your mind about attending – Julia.Broomhill@yahoo.co.uk Make cheques for rallies payable to 'Eglinton Pony Club'

Rowallan Rally – 4th January - £12 for first family member, £10 for second and £8 for additional family members.

Name(s) Attending:

MOCK HUNT – 28th DECEMBER - £10 each.

Name(s) Attending:

Rowallan Rally – 15th February - £12 for first family member, £8 per additional member.

Name(s) Attending:

YOU MUST HAVE SLIPS IN 1 WEEK BEFORE THE RALLY TO BE ACCEPTED.

Rally Slip – Please cut off and return with rally fee to Frances Pearson, Riglaw, Uplawmoor, Renfrewshire G78 4BN. Make cheques for rallies payable to Eglinton Pony Club.

Muirmill Rally – 29th December - £12 for first family member, £10 for 2nd family member and £8 for third.

Name(s) Attending: Age.....Experienced or Novice.....

Pony Name.....Age....Height.....Experienced or Novice.....

Preferred session am or pm.....Telephone No.....email.....

Address.....
