

# The Eglinton Hunt Branch of the Pony Club

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## EASTER PROGRAMME 2009

- TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL **DAY RALLY** at Muirmill Equestrian Centre. Organiser Julia Kerr. There will be a fee of £12 for first family member, £10 for second and £8 for any additional members to be sent in with rally slip. Details of times will be available on the web site, or from Julia 07754-487761
- WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL **CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING DAY** at Strathearn Eventing Centre, Perthshire all levels. Cost £35 per member – send cheque made out to Eglinton PC to Christine Jamieson ASAP, saying which level of team you wish to train for. The charge is non refundable unless the place can be filled. Details from Christine 01560-830818.
- WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL **DAY RALLY** at Rowallan Equestrian Centre. There will be a fee of £12 for first family member, £10 for second member and £8 any additional members, to be sent in with rally slip. Organiser Julia Kerr. Details of times will be available on the web site, or from Julia 07754-487761. Canteen will be open all day and there will be a Parents Meeting at lunch time.
- THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL **HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SHOW – Horse and Rider** at Adamton Grove, Monkton 10-2pm. Christine Jamieson will run a day for both children and parents please phone for details. Please bring a packed lunch. Anyone wishing to take part **must** phone Christine 01563-830818.
- WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL **EVENING RALLY** at Eglinton Park. 6.00-8.30pm. Tuition covering dressage and show jumping. Organiser Julia 07754-487761.
- MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY **ROAD SAFETY BADGE TRAINING** starts. Phone Frances Pearson if you are interested in taking the Badge 01505-850279. There will be a BHS Road Safety Test in the Summer please phone Frances if you want to take the Test.
- SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY **EGLINTON FRIENDLY GAMES COMPETITION** at Eglinton Country Park, Ayrshire. Come and support your teams.

**YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RALLY SLIP IN AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE THE RALLY OR IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

## **Who's Who 2009 - The Committee!**

See your Committee on the web-site!

District Commissioner	Martyn Pawson	01560-322609	eglintonpc@yahoo.co.uk
Assistant D.C.	Aly Boswell	01290-551517	alyboswell@aol.com
Treasurer & Child Protection	Katrina Geddes	01655-740345	
Secretary	Anne Pawson	01560-322609	eglintonpc@yahoo.co.uk
Membership	Helen Speirs	01294-823453	

Committee: Julia Kerr (Chief Instructress 07754-487761), Wum Dodds (S.J. Teams & Tuition, Games 01292-571220), Christine Jamieson (Badges 01563-830818), Amanda Hammersley (Dressage Tuition 01290-552196), Karen Ritchie (Tetrathlon 01292-541231) Frances Pearson (Road Safety 01505-850279), Robert Noble, Ros Evans, Danny Wilson and Andrew Hunter,

### **The D.C's Word:**

Winter is over, the rain is getting warmer. The days are getting longer. Games training will move to Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at Dundonald, and your Committee has been hard at work, planning for the Easter rallies and the Summer. Congratulations to Katie Offer who has been chosen for the Great British Games Team which will tour Canada in July!

We have decided to run the PC Area 19 Eventing for Intermediate and Open classes a week after the Auchinleck HT and camp, on the 2nd. August. We will also run junior and novice classes and will need lots of help on the day.

Wum Dodds has had considerable success running our S/J teams this winter. Fewer events, awful weather, and even more competitors made the job harder. We will have to make more use of e-mail to speedup communications.

Only 8 families have contacted us requesting to receive their newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to get your newsletters by e-mail, please contact our secretary, Anne, [anne.pawson@gmail.com](mailto:anne.pawson@gmail.com). If the newsletter is to be sent to a members e-mail address we need parental permission for this.

We ran our first Team S/J at Ingliston EC and it was a great success, finishing on time! A big thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it a successful day. It seems a long distance, but travelling takes only an hour, and the venue and food are excellent!

Our games friendly will be at Eglinton Country Park, near Irvine, on 10th. May. The Zone games will be at Lanark, but it's rumoured that this is for one year only, and then we go back to last years Big zones!

The PC Championships are to be held a week earlier this year, so fewer members will have to miss school. However, this is only due to the "normal" date clashing with a big dressage competition. Next year it will revert to its old date!

Julia reports that tack and turnout at rallies is pretty good, but we have reports from S/J competitions that we must try harder, especially when representing our Branch.

If you are interested in a Transport Day, (Truck and trailer handling, for parents and older members), please phone or e-mail Julia.

Do not forget that after our evening rally at Eglinton Country Park, we must clear all droppings /straw from the car parks. Take a brush and shovel and feed the bushes!

I hope to see you at the Easter rallies.....

Martyn Pawson D.C.

## **Best Turned Out Rally League Competition**

We are going to run another Best Turned Out Rally League Competition this year, awarding a special rosette to the best turned out member in each ride at each rally during the year.

These members will also be awarded points which will go towards a junior and a senior “Best Turned Out” trophy to be awarded at the prize giving.

What we are looking for:

### **Rider**

- Riding hat/skull cap black or blue only, tagged if possible
- Hair tied back and in hair net (including boys with long hair!!)
- Shirt and Pony Club tie
- Pony Club Sweatshirt (or plain sweatshirt)
- Pony Club badge
- GLOVES
- Plain jods, beige if possible
- Boots black or brown, with half chaps of same colour if you wish
- Warm waterproof jacket if required
- No jewellery

### **Pony**

- Well groomed, free from stable stains and mud
- Well shod / hooves in good condition
- Hooves oiled
- Main and tail free from tangles (and shavings!)

### **Tack**

- Well fitting, well oiled and in good condition
- Brown or black tack and boots only please
- Plain brow-bands
- Plain numnah/saddlecloth (brown or black if possible)

Good luck!

**Julia Kerr**

## **Notices**

### **❖ Reminders for all members:**

- ◆ **Rallies** - you **MUST** complete the attached attendance form on the final page and **send it in at least a week before** if you are going to attend a rally. **If you haven't sent the form in a week before, you will not be allowed to attend the rally.** If you change your mind after completing the form please give Julia Kerr a ring on 07754-487761 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 Julia.
  - 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 indoor Rallies have a fee that must be sent with the attendance slip. Too many members are just turning up at rallies or only letting Julia know the day before, so we do not have enough instructors.
- ◆ **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.  
**For cross-country riding (including Eventing, Tetrathlon, Horse Trials, tests and training) over fences 0.80m high and above; a jockey skull cap with no fixed peak must be worn. It is also strongly recommended that a jockey skull cap is worn for cross country riding even over lower fences.**
- For Dressage, Show Jumping and Mounted Games the cover must be dark blue or black only. Hats with vertical plastic/metallic strips are permitted but hats with long ventilation slits are not allowed for Members over 9 years old. All hats must be tagged. Hats must be replaced after a severe impact; subsequent protection will be significantly reduced. Hats deteriorate with age and should be replaced after 3 to 5 years depending upon the amount of use.
- ◆ **Body Protectors** must be worn for all Events/Rallies with Cross-Country, and are advised for S.J. **It is recommended that a rider's body protector should not be more than 2% of their body weight.**
- ◆ **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 phone Helen Speirs 01294-823453.
- ◆ **Membership Cards** must be signed by your instructor at the end of each rally. Please note that all team members and ponies must have attended 3 working rallies since the 1<sup>st</sup> July of last year.
- ❖ **Eglinton Pony Club Sweatshirts and Rugby Shirts** in various sizes and colours, please order before first rally if possible, from Helen Speirs on 01294-823453.
- ❖ **Camp** - Camp 2009 dates are Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July for Seniors and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 need plenty of time in which to book instructors. **So you must have your camp applications in before the 30<sup>th</sup> April as places are limited.** Seniors to Amanda Hammersley and Juniors to Julia Kerr.
- ❖ **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 Monday morning between 9-10 to help finish setting-up and settle in and Camp will end at lunchtime on Friday, full details will be sent to you later. 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 £150 each, £120 for a second member of the same family. Please fill in the Senior Camp application and medical forms attached and send them to Amanda **before 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday morning between 10-11 and Camp will end at lunchtime on the Friday, full details will be sent to you later. 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 £110 for the first child and £85 for the second member of the same family. Julia Kerr is the Camp organiser. Please fill in the application and medical forms attached and send them to Julia Kerr **before the 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

- ❖ **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+ and B tests in the summer at Auchinleck or Titwood.
- ❖ Fill in the form if you want to complete a test this year, and contact Julia for further details. If you want to try the B or A tests contact us ASAP.

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

## **Area Dates 2009:**

**Games** - Area May 31<sup>st</sup> at Crofthead, Zone 11<sup>th</sup> July at Lanark Racecourse.

Junior Final, Intermediate & Senior Runners-up Competition on 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August at the Pony Club Championships at Draycott House, Derbyshire. Prince Philip Cup Finals at Horse of the Year Show in Birmingham NEC 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Tetrathlon** – 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July at Gleneagles. Finals 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire

**Eventing** – Open and Intermediate 2<sup>nd</sup> August at Auchinleck Estate. Novice Eventing 5<sup>th</sup> July at Tynninghame Estate, East Lothian. Open and Intermediate Championships 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August Draycott House, Derbyshire. Novice Championships 29/30<sup>th</sup> August at Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre, Cheshire.

**Show Jumping** – 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Ingliston Equestrian Centre, Renfrewshire - Open, Intermediate, Novice & Jnr. The Championships 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August at Draycott House, Derbyshire.

**Dressage** – 21<sup>st</sup> July at Ingliston Equestrian Centre – Open, Intermediate, Novice & Jnr. Pony Club Championships – 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August at Draycott House, Derbyshire.

### **Area Competition Levels explained**

- Teams compete in Area Competitions, with the chance for qualifying for national events (bar some junior levels) run at four levels:-
- **Open** – this is the highest level of competition; any age can enter if they are capable of the level.
- **Intermediate** – This is a fairly new class and comes between Novice and Open. Height 3'3", over the pre-novice course for Eventing.
- **Novice** – a fairly new level aimed at riders who are too old to compete in Junior competitions, but Intermediate 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 in any of the teams.**

## Tuition for the Disciplines

**Dressage Tuition/Flatwork Improvers:** - Amanda Hammersley will be arranging Dressage Tuition in small groups, so please phone if you are interested 01290-552196.

**Show Jumping Tuition** - Please phone Wum Dodds (01292-571220) who will be arranging training sessions for various levels, if you are interested.

**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.

Anyone interested in training to any of these levels please phone Frances Pearson 01505-850279. Training for the Road Safety Badge starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May and there will be a BHS Test in the Summer, phone if you are interested. Don't forget you must have passed your P.C. Road Safety before you can take your C Test.

**Games Training** is being held on the beach but will be moving to Dundonald Camp on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the clocks change - contact Wum Dodds for details 01292-571220.

**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. A Cross Country tuition day has been arranged at Strathearn Eventing, Perthshire on the 8<sup>th</sup> April for all levels – phone Christine Jamieson for details 01560-484173. It will cost £35 per member, so please send a cheque for £35 to Christine ASAP saying which level you are interested in – this will be non-returnable unless the place can be filled. The Open and Intermediate Competitions will be at Auchinleck Estate and the Novice at Tynninghame. Aly Boswell, Trisha Hunter, Wum Dodds and Christine Jamieson will organise the Eventing teams – Open, Intermediate, Novice and Junior so please phone them if you are interested in competing. Teams will not be organised until later in the year but training starts now.

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

- Day Tickets are available for Pony Club Members to compete in normal BE Intro, Pre-Novice and Novice events. Phone BE for details 01203-698856.

**Tetrathlon** – Contact Karen Ritchie for details of competitions and training – 01292-541231.

## News & Results

❖ **It's a Knockout!**  
was held at Muirmill Equestrian Centre and around 40 children enjoyed the team competitions with Games on foot. It was a very successful day with all the children having great fun. Thanks to everyone who helped make it such an enjoyable day.

❖ **A Mock Hunt**  
was held at Rowanhill this year, thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Miller. The Eglinton Hunt has

disbanded so Julia Kerr and Mugs Montgomery organised a mock hunt with the help of Muriel Miller. There were 20 riders and a very sunny day to add to the enjoyment. Everyone said it was very well organised. Our grateful thanks go to Muriel Miller for all the food and drinks she provided for both parents and children. Many thanks; they all had a wonderful day.

## Cross Country & O.D.E. Dates 2009

### April

EGLINTON PC, TRAINING DAY, STRATHEARN EVENTING CENTRE, PERTHSHIRE 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Fife Hunt Hunter Trials & Tetrathlon, Montraive  
East Lothian PC, Pick a Fence, Tynningham  
Perth PC Hunter Trials, Hallyburton  
Dumfriesshire Hunt Hunter Trials, Whitehill, Lockerbie  
East Lothian PC, Hunter Trials & Tetrathlon, Tynningham  
Strathblane & District PC, mini x country & training day  
Angus PC Hunter Trials, Auchlishie Farm, Kirriemuir

### May

Kirkintilloch & Campsie PC ODE  
Caithness PC ODE  
Nithsdale PC ODE, Drumlanrig  
Peebles PC ODE Eddiston Farm, Peebles  
Lanark & Renfrew PC X Country, Corsliehill

### June

West Perthshire PC X Country, Doune

### July

Lanark & Upperward X Country, Douglas  
Linlithgow & Stirling PC ODE Dalmenny Estate  
Peebles Tweedale PC Triathlon Dalmenny Estate  
5<sup>th</sup> JULY AREA JUNIOR & NOVICE CHALLENGE ODE, TYNNINGHAM  
21<sup>ST</sup> JULY AREA DRESSAGE AT INGLISTON EC  
22<sup>ND</sup> JULY AREA SHOW JUMPING AT INGLISTON EC  
28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>TH</sup> JULY AREA TETRATHLON AT GLENALMOND & GLENEAGLES

### August

2<sup>nd</sup> Area Intermediate & Senior ODE.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Eglinton PC ODE, Auchinleck Estate  
Fife Hunt ODE, Montraive  
Fife Hunt ODE, Prats Farm  
East Lothian ODE  
Stewartry PC ODE, Auchenhay

### September

Dumfriesshire Hunt PC XC, Locker  
East Lothian PC ODE, Tynningham  
Nithsdale PC XC, Drumlanrig  
Dalkieth & District ODE, Temple Farm, Gorebridge  
Peebles PC P.A.F, Eddeston Farm, Peebles

### October

East Lothian PC, P.A.F., Tynningham  
West Perthshire PC P.A.F., Doune

Schedules can be found on branch websites approx 6 weeks prior to the event. Remember Entry forms must be sent to your D.C. for his permission to compete. He will then forward them to the relevant secretary in a stamped envelope which you should provide. Enter early, entries are limited.

If you have any questions concerning entering a PC event please contact either; Christine Jamieson 01563 830 818 or Karen Ritchie (Tetrathlon Expert) 01292 541 231.

We hope to see lots of Eglinton Members at these events, they offer a wide variety of courses from 2ft upwards. The pick a fence (P.A.F) competitions are great for a first try.

Karen & Christine attend many of these events and would be happy to help any member to get started. Training for the Area Team Competitions has started and again, anybody who would like to be involved should contact Christine.

**Attendance Form** - Fill in this form and send it to: Julia Kerr, Broomhill Cottage, Tarbolton Road, Dundonald, KA2 9AR. **It must be received at least a week before the rally or your application will not be accepted**, so do not phone Julia after this date. If you cannot come after sending in the application form let Julia know - [www.julia.broomhill@yahoo.co.uk](http://www.julia.broomhill@yahoo.co.uk) or 01294-560274.

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pony Height:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rallies:** Please circle if you are attending, **and** write names if more than one member on the form.  
 \*For rallies with fees please send a cheque with this form, made payable to 'Eglinton Pony Club'.

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> April	DAY RALLY at Muirmill £12 (£10 & £8 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3rd family member)*	YES/NO
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> April	DAY RALLY at Rowallan £12 (£10 & £8 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> family member)*	YES/NO
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April	EVENING RALLY at Eglinton Park	YES/NO

I have **already passed** my..... test, e.g. D, D+, C, C+, B, Road Safety or Achievement Badges. Therefore I would like to take my .....Test.

Please circle the teams you are interested in joining – Show Jumping, Dressage, Games, Tetrathlon (XC, running, shooting and Swimming), Eventing (XC, Dressage and S.J.) (2009)

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**SENIOR CAMP Return BEFORE 30<sup>th</sup> April to Amanda Hammersley, Rodenloft, Mauchline KA5 5HH.**

**01290-552196. Please also return the attached medical consent form.**

NAME(s).....  
 ADDRESS.....  
 AGE (on 27<sup>th</sup> July)..... PHONE NO..... EMAIL.....  
 Pony..... Age..... Height.....

My parents are willing to help with catering on: - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday:-  
 with lunch on.....or evening meal, on .....

And can help transport us to the swimming pool on Wednesday evening.....YES/NO.

I can supply a: - caravan, trailer, horse box for sleeping in.....and have spare spaces.....

I enclose a cheque for £..... To Eglinton Pony Club **and a stamped addressed envelope** for further details.

PARENTS SIGNATURE..... (2009)

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**JUNIOR CAMP - Return BEFORE 30<sup>th</sup> April to Organiser **Julia Kerr, Broomhill Cottage, Tarbolton Road, Dundonald, KA3 4BT 01560-484173. Please also return the attached medical consent form.****

NAME(s).....  
 ADDRESS.....  
 AGE (ON 27<sup>th</sup> July)..... PHONE NO..... EMAIL.....  
 Pony..... Age..... Height.....

I enclose a cheque for £..... To Eglinton Pony Club **and a stamped addressed envelope** for further details.

My parents are willing to help on: - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday;.....  
 Morning or afternoon.....

PARENTS SIGNATURE..... (2009)