



Isle of Man Branch of the Pony Club

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As you are all aware we now rely on our website www.iomponyclub.com to make available all information regarding our Club, however, we felt that as it was the end of the summer season, it would be appropriate to send a hard copy of information regarding some rule changes and also future dates for the forthcoming season. However, do please keep checking the website as we often have to change dates or include new events and these will always be posted there for your information.

Enclosed is the Membership Renewal Form for 2012. Unfortunately the subscription has gone up this year to £58.00. Subs are due by the 31st December 2011.

May we draw your attention to the following rules which apply to any member wishing to represent the club at Area level:-

All Discipline Eligibility Rules

All riders entered must be active members of the branch who have participated at a minimum of three working rallies of this or their previous Branch since 1st July in the previous year, excluding team practices and coaching, and Rallies must be advertised at least seven days prior to the date of the Rally. Attendance at Camp counts as one working rally. The District Commissioner has discretion in the case of those who are working. **Riders must have been members of the Pony Club since at least the 31st January in the current year**, except for Members who are **completely new** to the Pony Club, who may join up until the 31st March and still be eligible for Area Competitions and Championships.

Dates for Area Competitions (Some are only provisional)

Quiz - Saturday 4th Feb - hosted by Peake PC at Poynton.

Quiz Championship - 1st April

Area Games - Saturday 19th May hosted by Furness PC (Zone 30th June at Omley nr Stoneleigh)

Area Horse and Pony Care Sunday 20th May at Pony Club Centre in Wigan

Area Dressage - (Provisional) - 23rd June at Skipton

Area Eventing - (Provisional) - 24th June at Skipton

Area Showjumping - has not been finalised yet

National Championships - 16/19th August at Cholmondley Castle, Cheshire

Novice Championships - 25/26th August at Kelsall

Area Tetrathlon - 14th/15th July 2012. At Llanymynych (Area 5)

Fundraising -

Online Shopping

If anyone is doing any online shopping please register at

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

/causes/iomponyclub and

each purchase you make

will raise funds for us.

Summer Camp

Due to the dates of the 2012 Olympics we have had to change the dates of Summer Camp to Monday 20th - Saturday 25th August, 2012. Please note that to attend Summer Camp children must be 10 years old by 1st January 2012.

Note for parents

During the summer months we are occasionally short of help to move jumps, put in stakes etc. If you would be prepared to help for a couple of hours please contact Alice on 481510 or alicecorrin@manx.net who is putting together a list of volunteers.

Tests

Pony Club tests will be taken at the following ages:

E - 6yrs D - 8yrs D+ - 10yrs C - 11 yrs C+ - 13 yrs

Your child must be the recommended age at 1st January in order to be put forward for a test.

The cost of taking tests are D & D+ £5, C £10, C+ £15

When your child reaches the correct age & is ready for the test you will be contacted by email when a test is taking place.

Please make sure that you give your email address on the membership form.

Details of the requirements for pony club tests can be found on the pony club website pcuk.org under the Tests & Achievement section.

Branch Training for Area Events

Prince Philip Cup Games - Open to members who must not have attained their 15th birthday by the 1st January 2012. We have however arranged a series of Games rallies which are open to everyone and anyone interested in being considered for the team should attend these rallies. Next one is Friday 30th December at Kenna.

Quiz - Anyone interested in training for this please contact AnneMarie on 07624 408342 or robinson_gang@hotmail.com.

Teams are to consist of:-

1 member any age under 12 on 1st January, 2012

1 member any age under 14 on 1st January, 2012

1 member any age under 16 on 1st January, 2012

1 member any age under 21 on 1st January, 2012

Horse and Pony Care: This is a team event and each team consists of three Members.

Junior

- Junior team members to be 13 years and under on 1st January.
- With at least one member to be 11 years and under on 1st January.
- The Junior Competition is on The Pony Club Tests 'D' to 'C' Horsemastership.

Senior:

- Senior team members to be between 14 and 20 years on 1st January.
- With at least one member to be 16 years and under on 1st January.
- The Senior Competition is on The Pony Club Tests 'C+' to 'AH' Horsemastership.

This competition is not a quiz - but a theoretical and practical test as per our Pony Club Tests.

Anyone interested in training for this competition please let Alice know on alicecorrin@manx.net. Training will not be starting until March next year.

Eventing/Showjumping/Dressage - Although training for these disciplines has been helpful to members we have found it very difficult to arrange, therefore, we will be reviewing plans for this and will issue further information towards the end of the year. We would like to stress however that members wishing to be considered to represent the club at any/all of the above disciplines are advised to seek their own extra tuition and also compete regularly as selection will partly be based on results achieved throughout the winter and spring. Members should be achieving good results at the level they are hoping to compete at Area. If you are interested in attending training please email Michaela Cannell on mickycannell@yahoo.co.uk.

Showjumping

Novice - 1st round 0.90m, Second round 0.95m

Intermediate- 1st round 1.00m, Second round 1.05m

Open - 1st round 1.10m, Second round - 1.15m

Eventing:-

Novice:- Showjumping 0.95m; Cross Country - 0.90m

Intermediate:- Showjumping 1.05m; Cross Country 1.00m

Open:- Showjumping 1.15m; Cross Country 1.10m

Branch Training for Area Events cont...

Tetrathlon:- Tetrathlon dates for Area competition not yet available but usually 2nd weekend in July. Tetrathlon is a competition for the allrounder, comprising of cross country running, cross country riding (similar heights to eventing), swimming and pistol shooting. Pistol shooting training is on Thurs evenings 7-8 pm at Laxey rifle club. Please contact Jane 494689 for available places. Regarding other training, members wanting to compete at area level should be running in schools cross country. For more info on competing at tetrathlon ask Phoebe Cross 265302

Future Events

Friday 18th November Horse and Pony Care at Laxey Fire Station 6.45 - 8.00pm. Members will be doing their Fire Prevention Achievement badge.

Saturday 26th November Senior Rally at GGH/Sunday 27th November Garran Beg - both rallies with Steph Robson. Members who attended the rally when Steph was over last winter will remember that she is a wonderful instructor and this time she is happy to teach all ages so numbers may have to be limited - please get your entries in early. Steph is senior instructor at Queen Ethelburga's College in Yorkshire.

Monday 19th December Show Jumping Rally at Conrhenny 12pm - 8pm. Both Garran Beg and Senior members. Please state on your entry form when you are able to have your lesson. The widest range of times you can be available for will give the greatest chance of being allocated the most appropriate ride.

Friday 30th December Games Rally at Kennaa

Friday 13th January Annual Party and Prize Presentation Pensioners Hall, Finch Road 7.00pm - 10.30pm

Friday 20th January Horse and Pony Care Kennaa

Saturday 28th January Rally

Saturday 4th February Games Competition

Friday 17th February Horse and Pony Care

Sunday 26th February Rally

Friday 16th March Horse and Pony Care

Saturday 24th March Rally with William Blane

Sunday 1st April Showjumping at Oatlands

Monday 9th April Easter Hunter Trial at Oatlands

Wednesday 11th April Green Day at Oatlands

Friday 13th /Sat 14th April Junior Camp at Kennaa

Sat 21st /Sunday 22nd April Senior Camp at Kennaa

Sunday 29th April ODE

Monday 7th May C tests

Thursday 10th May (evening) Team Hunter Trial at Oatlands

Saturday 13th May Diddy Camp at the Glebe

Sunday 20th May Combined Training at Oatlands

Thursday 24th May (evening) Hunter Trial at Oatlands

Thursday 14th June (evening) Summer Rally at Oatlands

Saturday 17th June Circus Themed Fun show at Oatlands

Thursday 21st June (evening) Summer Rally at Oatlands

Thursday 28th June (evening) Summer Rally at Oatlands

Saturday 8th July Mini ODE at Oatlands

Thursday 12th July (evening) Summer Rally at Oatlands

Mon 20th /Saturday 25th Aug Summer Camp at Kennaa *Note new Date due to Olympics!*

Sunday 9th September ODE at Oatlands

We may at times change dates or include extra events so please check out the web site regularly so that you keep up to date with all new information.

Finally ... Please note that Pitstop will be providing catering for all the rallies at GGH this winter - we would appreciate if you would support them and make it worth their while coming.