



The Orkney Branch of The Pony Club

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PONY CLUB CLINICS

Following the pilot instruction clinic on 2nd and 3rd October there have been 3 more clinics organised for 4th/5th December 2004 – Diane Walker, 22nd/23rd January - Fiona Brown and 12th/13th February 2005 – Jean Gunn.

We were very fortunate to have Toots Cromarty teach on the 2nd/3rd October and it was obvious to all those watching that the improvement of many of the riders was very evident. The following Games practice was further proof of the progress many of the riders experienced, with relaxed children having super fun with their ponies. I would advise you all to attend as many of the clinics as you are able, you will all benefit from the instruction and at the same time have fun with your ponies.

The price for an individual lesson is £10 but if you book two lessons the total cost will be £15. Yes buy one and get one half price! The clinics are open to all Pony Club members. Due to our large membership we will have to limit you to one lesson per day. The first lesson will begin at 9am and the last at 4pm. Everyone is reminded to be ready to ride exactly on time as the ride cannot wait.

Ride organisation will be made by the Chief Instructor and Assistant District Commissioner – this is always difficult and members are reminded that there will be many factors taken into account. The size/age/fitness of your pony, your age and experience all have to be taken into account. There will be times when you will ride with different members from usual. There will always be some riders who are more experienced than others but the instructors will ensure everyone in the lesson will be able to learn and make progress. Remember you do not have to jump big jumps to have had a good lesson, the flat work preparation, the approach and get-a-way are vital to good jumping and if you get that right then the height of the jumps will not be a problem.

There must be no riding in the car park but you can ride/warm up in the outdoor arena. All droppings inside or out must be picked up, obviously this will be impossible while a ride is going on so we would ask those who take part in the last ride of the morning and afternoon to clear the riding surfaces. Place the droppings in the bags provided and please do not overfill as they become extremely heavy, get a new bag. If the bag is full up, using the barrow, take it to the collection point which is opposite the outdoor arena. It is vital that everyone take on this responsibility as it is unfair to leave this job to someone else.

There will be refreshments available at the canteen – it is self service and pay as you go for most of the day except for the lunch time. If any mums or dads are able to cover the lunch time to provide the instructor with some much deserved refreshment then could they please let us know, it would be great to get volunteers, let the co-ordinator know.

Bookings and payment for the clinics will have to be made in advance by the entry date. It will be on a first come first served basis, so get your bookings in as soon as possible. If the clinic becomes full then there will be a waiting list and your name will be placed on it. Any cancellations cannot be refunded unless the space you have cancelled is filled by someone off the waiting list, this is because the instructor and the hire of the Riding Centre has to be paid for. Confirmation of your lesson time will be made when you telephone the weekend co-ordinator as directed on the entry form.

As this can be an expensive time of year we will happily receive post dated cheques for future clinics, please ensure that they are dated with the entry date.



BOOKING FORM

FIONA BROWN

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd January 2005

Weekend co-ordinator –Tel No.....

Bookings to be made to Frances Drever by Friday 14th January 2005
Phone for your ride time on Wednesday 19th January, from 6 to 8pm

One day only - £10, two days - £15

Rider's Name	Age	Pony/Horse's Name	Age

Rider's Address	Rider's Telephone Number

Please tick which days you want to book.

Saturday	Sunday

Payment enclosed £.....

Any special requests:

Bookings to be returned by Friday 14th January to: Frances Drever, Croftness, Glaitness Road, Kirkwall, KW15 1BA. Remember bookings will be made on a first come first served basis as places are limited.