

Pony Club News



The Hong Kong Pony Club Newsletter, October 2008

' Well it has all been happening since I last wrote'. The Olympics have been and gone. Paralympics over. Pony Club water games over. Autumn Camp been and gone, Raggerty Ball # 2 past and gone (and what a success that was) and now we are thinking about Xmas Shows. Phew !!!!

It was an exciting time for us in Hong Kong as we hosted the Olympics. For those of you who attended any of the events you must have felt, like I did, very proud of Hong Kong. It was well organized and all the hard work, put in by so many people was reflected world wide for all to see. Well done.!



We too at Pony Club have been very busy over the months. At the end of June we had our annual Water Games. I am glad to report there was not a 'dry' Pony Clubber at the end of the evening. Mid September saw our Autumn Camp and 'boy' was it hot !!! Normally the Autumn camp is held in October however, due to extensive paddock renovation work at Tuen Mun, we had to hold it a month earlier and therefore, it was a lot, lot hotter but, we survived to tell the tale as you can see from the website pictures, My thanks to all of you who helped and supported. To the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the use of their facilities, Instructors and other staff members,. Thank you.

Now we look ahead to our November events. Saturday November 22nd will be Cone Scurry and Treasure Hunt at Pokfulam (full details to follow); November 17th will see a number of Pony Clubbers enter the Childrens' FEI Dressage and Jumping competitions at Beas River. On behalf of our members 'good luck' to you all .Do Pony Club proud, but more importantly, do it for yourself and your horse.



December 13th and 14th will be the Philip Day Memorial Challenge Bowl and Cup. Full details of this will be circulated shortly. Well, I think that about wraps it up from me.

Wishing you all a good festive season and even better 2009.

MILDRED GANNON
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Meet your fellow Pony Clubbers



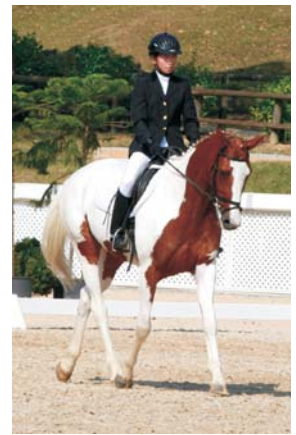
Taylor Yeung writes:

TOUCH O' COLOUR. If you don't know who she is, she's the skewbald mare from Lo Wu Saddle Club whom we fondly call Lottie. Lottie is my first livery horse. I started riding her when I was twelve years old and took her on half livery the next year. Over these 3 years Lottie and I have learnt a lot from each other.

When I first started working with Lottie she was a grumpy little mare. She hated anyone coming into her stable to visit and tack her up. She didn't even really care for carrots! She would prick her ears back, turn away from you and hope you didn't notice her.

I started flat work and jumping with her. I still remember the first time I brought her to Beas River for a competition when I was 13. We entered a 70cm to 80cm show jumping class. I'll tell you, she was...umm...pretty fast.

I've had some pretty crazy times with her. I've fallen off her quite a few times.....at the worst times. I got **ELIMINATED** from the Test Event Qualifier AND the Children's FEI Show Jumping in 2007. As a "reward" I massaged her, I stretched her, I iced her legs...oh...and she still got her carrots. **HOW SAD IS THAT!**



I think Lottie eventually realized how much she enjoyed the pampering she was getting. Her flat and show jumping started improving and I started understanding more about how my position and contact could help improve her movements. We've had some successes since those days, coming home with ribbons from competitions in both show jumping and dressage. **I REALLY LOVE HER!!**

Lottie is no longer the grumpy little mare. When I go into her stable to groom and stretch her out and tack up she is very excited to see me...or is it just the carrots? After riding, when I shower her, massage and stretch her, she's always sniffing me...looking for more carrots!

She has taught me so much. To work with a horse doesn't only mean riding it and putting it away in the stable, but you need to give it love and care and that's when the relationship really starts to pay off. **SO START SPREADING THE LUV GUYS!!**



P.S. I remember when I was eight years old, my riding instructor at that time told me "You have to fall off a horse a least 100 times before you become a good rider." I guess I'm almost a quarter way there!



Join the Equine Fun Fest on Sunday 7th December!

Shatin Penfold Park is opening for the first time since the Olympic Games as the Hong Kong Jockey Club welcomes all horse lovers to its Equine Fun Fest...

Following the excitement of the Hong Kong Olympic Equestrian Games, the Hong Kong Jockey Club will soon host an inspirational Equine Fun Fest at Shatin Penfold Park. Friends of the Public Riding Schools and the general public are all invited to join this fun-filled celebration of Hong Kong's Olympic legacy!

The Equine Heroes Zone will feature show jumping demonstrations by two of Hong Kong's Olympic Equestrians, Samantha Lam and Patrick Lam. You'll also have the chance to meet with these equine heroes and even learn from them as they teach some Hong Kong Pony Club members. A number of apprentice jockeys will also be available to meet-and-greet, so you can gain new insights on life as an up-and-coming racing champion!

To ensure a truly Olympic experience, the Equine Capital Zone will showcase a fascinating range of Olympic memorabilia, including the Olympic Cauldron, a carriage, several of the Olympic show jumping and cross country fences and other unique items. An Olympic farrier and grooms will also be on hand to demonstrate the art of grooming and shoeing an Olympic horse. You can then put your knowledge to the test in the Equestrian Fun Gallery!

To expand your knowledge of horse riding, don't miss the interactive edutainment of the Community Zone, where horse lovers and novices alike can learn more about saddling and the special needs of a horse. You can also view an amazing e-book to learn more about Hong Kong's preparations for the Olympic Games.

There's much, much more to discover at the Equine Fun Fest, including pony rides, photo sessions with Shetland ponies and wonderful door prizes. Don't miss the fun!

Limited numbers of free tickets are available at the Public Riding Schools in Tuen Mun, Pok Fu Lam and Lei Yuen Mun - but hurry, all tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis! For more information about this exciting event, please visit the HKJC website at www.hkjc.com from 18th November. Opening hours: 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Instructor Top Tips

Pippa Hattan



Pippa's Top Tip:
"Discipline and Practice"
and to have
goals to aim for.



Pippa was interviewed by Pony Club Reporters
Katie Chan and Natalie Lui



How long have you been an instructor in Hong Kong?

2 years 2 months

Which stable do you teach at?

Lo Wu Saddle Club (the best one!)

How old were you when you started to ride?

I was just 4 years old.

Who was your favourite pony when you were learning to ride?

A pony called Catkin.

What colour was he/she? He was chestnut.

Why did you like him especially?

Because he was good and well-behaved.

Who is your horse now?

D'or Win. He's the best horse in the world!

What colour and height is he?

Bay and he's 16.3hh.

What events do you like to do in Riding Shows?

I like each and everyone of them.



Hong Kong Pony Club says 'hello' and 'good bye'



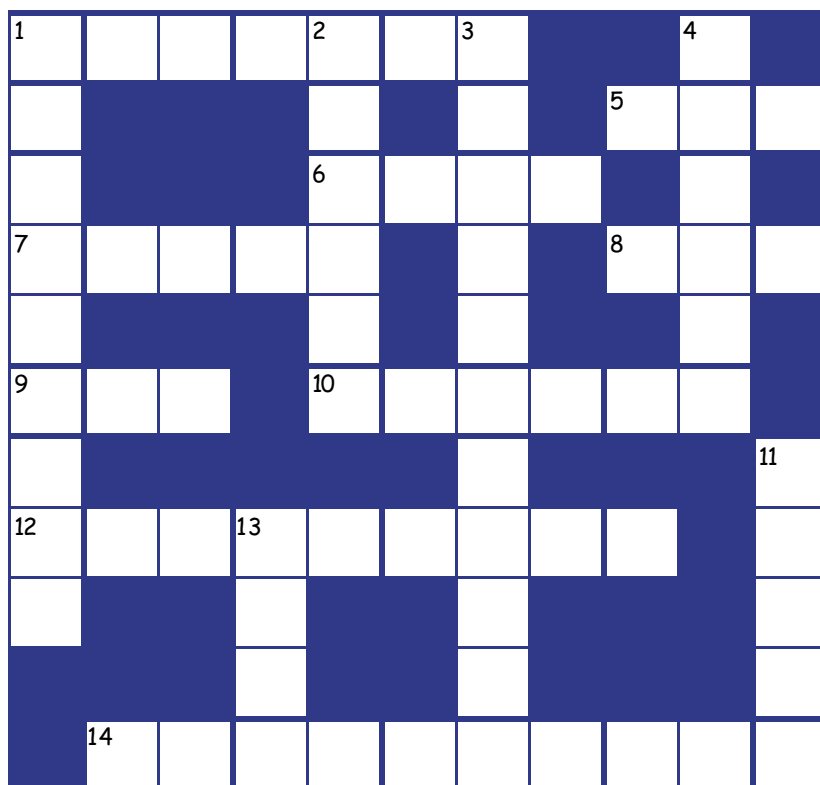
Hong Kong Pony Club welcomes Mr Sacha Eckjans and his wife Tassa to Hong Kong. Sacha is replacing Soenke Lauterbach who will be leaving Hong Kong in early December. May I use this opportunity to wish Soenke, his wife Nina and their son Jonan all the best as they return home to Germany again.

Mr Sacha Eckjans has been appointed to the position of Manager, Equestrian Affairs with effect from 28 July 2008. Sacha will

report to the Executive Director, Racing with primary responsibilities to oversee the riding operations in Beas River Country Club, and the three Public Riding Schools in Tuen Mun, Lei Yue Mun and Pokfulam. Sacha will also assist EDR in projects relating to Equestrian development.

Sacha is an experienced rider and show director. In addition, he is heavily involved in education and training of riders in different Clubs in Europe. Prior to joining the Club, Sacha was Managing Director of DKThR e.v. (German Riding for the Disabled). Sacha graduated with an Economics degree from the University of Bielefeld.

Pony Club Crossword



CLUES

- Across:**
- 1 _____ Dreamer, a palomino pony.
 - 5 English horse breed
 - 6 When a horse cannot step evenly due to pain in the leg or hoof
 - 7 _____age, high fibre food such as hay
 - 8 ____ Day Event: a horse trial with dressage, cross-country and show-jumping on a single day
 - 10 ____butt snaffle: a type of bit
 - 11 Arena in which you ride
 - 12 Dressage movement where the horse leaps forward on the hind legs
 - 14 Tack which prevents the horse's head from becoming too high
- Down:**
- 1 Bell-shaped boots
 - 2 A bit with a curb chain and 2 sets of rings
 - 3 A series of 3 show-jumping fences separated by 1 or 2 strides
 - 4 Two fence jump where the horse has to take off for the second without taking a stride in between
 - 11 Working a horse on a circle with a long line attached to the horse's head
 - 13 Standing up straight on the hind legs

Pony Club Reporters

Water Games



Lisle Gannon writes: I was really looking forward to the water games this time as they were so much fun last time we had them. The games started at 7.30pm in the top paddock (I was already wet by that time as Joss, Clinton, Lennard and I had already been practicing our water skills!!) My Mum and Heather had organized a number of team games such as the 'Waiters Race' where you had to run from one side of the paddock to the other, balancing a tray of cups, filled with water, while you were being bombed with wet sponges from other Pony Clubbers. We

also had a variety of objects that you had to fill with water and carry from one bucket to another. The winning team being those who had the most water in the bucket when the whistle blew. The best part of the whole evening was the 'Water Fight' at the very end. This was a free for all and was so much fun. Most people had water pistols, big and small, or just used cups to throw water on everyone. What was really great was that some of the adults joined in and this made the evening. I hope we can have it again next year and than even more adults will participate.

Olympic Focus



Hong Kong hosted the Equestrian Olympic events in August. Many Pony Clubbers were spotted taking advantage of this fabulous opportunity!



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Camp

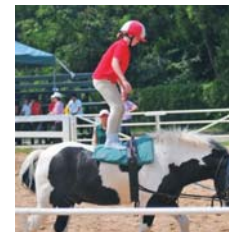
Agnes Man writes: What did you do? Who did you ride?

In the autumn pony club camp, I rode SUN-RAY. On the first day when I would ride SUN-RAY, I was a bit afraid... When I got into the stable I was more afraid, because SUN-RAY kept biting...

But when I rode on him, he was quite good! In this three days, SUN-RAY and I had a very good relationship. Till now, I like him very much. I join Pony Club camp every time, because it is very fun and nice! I love it very much!! I hope I can join the next camp! ^o^



Alex Leeds writes: The Pony Club Camp was a lot of fun for everyone. Everyone had a great and challenging time with their ponies and horses. We all got dirty and wet but that was fun tooooo !! On the first day we all checked who our



ponies were, mine was Carrington and my partner was Tiffany; we then had to register and then muck out our stables. Over the three days we had lectures on the age of the horse, a quiz and we made our own lead ropes which I really enjoyed.

The competition on the third day was really nerve racking but at the same time exciting. The smallest group had a pole scurry, the next group up a small 50cm jumping course, and the second and top groups had a jumping course in the lower paddock where the jumps ranged from 70-85cms high !! It was really fair because everyone got at least one rosette in the prize giving. Thank you for organising such a fantastic 3 days.



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Camp



Stephanie Lam writes: The day before Pony Camp, I was really excited to see which pony do I get and all of the stable management and riding. that night I slept well and woke up at 4 o'clock in the morning. I went to Tuen Mun with Jade. When we got there, I rushed out of the car and looked at which pony I would have. I scanned through the names and looked. I was having Pockets! I rushed into the stable to see Pockets and cuddled him. When we finished the roll call, I ran to the stables and picked up a shovel. I waited for my partner to come and we started to work fast and efficiently . Then we tacked Pockets up. He was ready to go!!!! My partner went to

ride first . I had a activity about weighing and measuring horses. After the Activity, it was my turn to do the riding. I rode Pockets a lot of times before so I was really confident riding him. He went really fast and tried to kick Polly. Then we had Lunch I brought in a tuna sandwich. I ate a half and ran off to play with Agnes. At the end of the day, we washed Pockets and went to watch the jumping demonstration.

The next day, I was riding first. So we cleaned Pockets Stable and tacked him up. At the lesson, We did jumping and Pockets was really good. He was a bit slower today and cleared all the jumps. Throughout the day, I had more activities . I really liked the making a lead rope activity. After I made it, I gave it to Pockets. At lunch, I ate a fish burger and drank a box of apple juice. After lunch, I went riding also and he was good . At the end of the day, I said goodbye and gave him a packet of carrots to eat.

The next day came. It was the competition day. I learnt my dressage test well and memorized it. My partner and me groomed him very thoroughly and put flower on his head. I guessed he didn't like it because after that, he kept shaking his body. Then I had to change into my white shirt and pony club tie. Next, it was competition time!! Pockets did really well. At the end of the day, it was prize giving time. I got fourth in dressage and sixth in jumping. After prize giving, I said goodbye to Pockets . He was watching me go so I said see you on Saturday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Hartpury College



India Fleischer-Ballard writes: In the summer, my teammates (Jemma Rogers, Sara Devereux and Amanda Budge) and I spent a week at Hartpury College as a prize from a competition earlier in the year.

At Hartpury they have loads of stables and arenas including the international Hartpury arena.

There is a 3-star cross country course that was going to be used the next week for an event. They have their own stud farm, and we got to hug all the foals because it was raining, and they had all been brought into the stables. There was one foal we saw that was only 9 days old!

While we were at Hartpury we were also able to go and see Carl Hester which was amazing. We watched him ride lots of his horses and we met the two of his horses that were supposed to come to the Olympics, but went lame. At Hartpury we got to ride twice a day. They have horses ranging from Thoroughbreds with personalities a bit like Tibbs to short fat little ponies and everything in between. The pony I rode the most was called Judy. She's a little grey mare that's really fat, but so cute, and she's a pretty good jumper too! She has to be ridden in a racing saddle because they can't get a saddle that fits her, and it feels like you're riding bareback with stirrups. It feels really funny when you jump in it.

Hartpury is one of the leading equine universities in the UK. It provides courses in equine sciences and animal care.



While in the UK we also took the opportunity to visit Ingestre to ride with Tim Downes, which was awesome!! Ingestre was built in the 1800's, I think, and it is really pretty. We got to ride really good dressage horses and do cross country!



Pony Club Wordsearch

H A F D F G K T E J H T J S S
P O N Y C L U B F S D H A D E
B C R A E F G Y K C I R T X G
J C G S S E E W J U M P I N G
B K S H E S A A S A F G B W Q
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G G S R U K L E O E S A V T Z
C R O L Y M P I C S A V N I C
V D C M N B C U P P G M N V X

Can you find these words hidden in the table above?

RIDING

HORSESHOES

OLYMPICS

DRESSAGE

JUMPING

CHARADE

PONY CLUB

TRICKY

FORTUNE

TIBBS

Thanks to Kwan Yee Ng for submitting this Wordsearch



Dates For Your Diary: Upcoming Pony Club Events

| Date | Event | Venue | |
|--------|----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Nov 22 | Cone Scurry & Treasure Hunt/Quiz | Pokfulam | 😊 |
| Dec 13 | Philip Day Memorial Cup & Bowl | Tuen Mun | 😊 |

😊: **confirmed events**. Final details of all events will be sent to you by e-mail. You can also check the up-to-date schedule on the Pony Club website.

'Congratulations' to Nicky Loiterton and her staff on the opening of Clearwater Bay Equestrian and Education Centre. May you have many years of safe and fun riding.

Hong Kong Pony Club

Training News



Clive Reed Clinics

We are once again delighted to have our 'In House' jumping coach, Clive Reed back in Hong Kong in mid January. The exact dates are yet to be confirmed, but we will send full details and timetable by e-mail as soon as they are available.

Pony Club Rallies and Tests

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| Venue: | Lo Wu Saddle Club | Instructor: | Helen Norton |
| D+ test: | Time: Saturdays 1 pm - 2.30 pm Rally dates: November (8, 15, 22, 29), December (6) (double rally) Test date: December 13th at 1pm (Note: this date/time is provisional) Cost: HK\$ 1,100 | | |
| C test: | Time: Saturdays 3pm - 5 pm Rally dates: November (8, 15, 22, 29), December (6,13) + 2 more dates (to be confirmed by instructor) Test date: To be confirmed Cost: HK\$ 1,100 | | |

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We'd like to invite all our Pony Club members to send us articles! Next time you take part in a Pony Club event, send us a report about it. Interview your instructor and find out their Top Tip to improve your riding. Who's your favourite pony? Tell your fellow pony clubbers about your best and worst riding experiences. Can you design a pony-themed word search or crossword? E-mail your articles to:

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and we'll include as many as we can fit in the next Newsletter.

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| Cap | red / black | one size | | |
| Tie | red & yellow only | one size | | |
| Bag | black only | small / large | | |

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Pony Club Merchandise:

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|---------------------------|-------|--------------|------|---------|-------|
| T-shirt (red/black/white) | \$ 60 | Baseball cap | \$20 | Bag (S) | \$ 80 |
| Sweat shirt (red/black) | \$120 | Tie | \$80 | Bag (L) | \$150 |

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