



## XXXX MOOR FUN – Spring 2007

Well, the clocks have gone forward so it must be time for another newsletter. We hope all your ponies are well, starting to shed in time for show season and you are all enjoying the lighter nights. SEPRC has already had some successful events this year, with and without ponies and yet more are planned. List of current planned events is at the end of this newsletter. Hope you can all attend at least some of them, it's great to have more Exmoor pony pals to chat to!

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### Games Day – 4<sup>th</sup> February, Langfaulds, Fife

The first riding club event involving the Exmoor ponies themselves was a Games Day held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February at Langfaulds Stables, near Saline, Fife. Those ridden Exmoors that were able to get to the venue the day before the event also benefited from a lesson, in preparation for the SERC/SDG Combined Training Competition in April which we are hoping to send Exmoor representatives to. Both ridden ponies and inhand youngsters attended the SEPRC Games Day, along with a good number of spectators and helper pixies. All the people and ponies enjoyed themselves, special mention must be made to rising two year old Heathpool Zephyr who was making her first journey away from the farm where she was born and took everything in her stride!

With the success of the games day and the interest from people who could not get their ponies to this event, we are holding a youngstock day in the near future.

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### Dick Vet Horse Society Ball

On 17<sup>th</sup> February SEPRC booked a table at the Royal Dick Horse society ball which was held at the Scottish National Equestrian Centre at Oatridge. Eight of us went along for the night, all eager to catch a glimpse of the famous guest star Ian Stark. The SEPRC table housed Lisa Bell, our president, Lesley Bell, Katie Adam, Lorna Armstrong, Alison Downing, Leni Gunn, Rosie

MacDiarmid and SEPRC's own special guest Matt....brought along by Rosie.

Lots of presentations were made to the different University riders and teams and some great raffle prizes were on offer, the best one being a lesson with Ian Stark himself. Imagine our excitement followed by our dismay when Lisa's number was called, bar the last digit. So nearly did Ian Stark have the honour of teaching one of our short fat hairy ponies. Oh well his loss I say!

The ceilidh band was top notch and our multi talented SEPRC member Rosie even joined them on the fiddle, very talented lass I have to say. After much vino there was much dancing to be had and most of us gave it a go.

The buffet was well worth the wait and we had sensibly chosen a table right next to it and the heater for that matter. A great night was had by all I believe. After all, you can't beat a night of pony chat, good music, vino and grub!

Looking forwards to our next SEPRC outing...what will it be?

Leni



Caption Competition Anyone?

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### Endurance Reports

Seton, Uxellon and Pendragon have managed a couple of rides to successfully uphold the honour of Exmoors in the sport, ably assisted by honorary Exmoor, Struan. Unfortunately, the first couple of rides of the season were cancelled due to the bad weather but we've already got 34k under our belt and many more rides planned.

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### WANTED: People to do mad musical ride!!!!

OK I have plans! Having discovered that I can canter around the arena clapping my hands above my head in time to 'I don't feel like dancing' I am now seeking 3 equally mad people, hopefully within easy reach of me, to form a quadrilles/musical ride team! All other musical ride demos I've seen have been terribly serious! I feel the need for a funky team who 'dance' to chart music. So if you too are prepared to ride with knotted reins and maybe clap your hands, even if only for a few strides, let me know, as rehearsals MUST begin!

If we are to do competitions through BRC etc, this does require a bit of commitment and access to transport (but remember there will be space in my trailer) so please think before committing to this team. For insurance purposes, team members must be full/ student members.

Need I clarify that I was riding Seton when I discovered I could do this?! I have yet to establish whether I can do it on V or Ux!!!

El Presidente!

p.s. Under the influence of vino we think we've found THE music, eh Lisa (Ed)

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### Race for Life

A number of members are thinking of entering this so we're thinking of going as a gang to help motivate each other on the way round. The venue we've chosen to take part at is Kirkcaldy on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Rumour has it it's flatter than the Edinburgh course!!!!

Interested in joining in? Email

[seprc@scottishexmoors.co.uk](mailto:seprc@scottishexmoors.co.uk)

If you can't join in then feel free to donate at:-

[Race for Life - Scottish Exmoor Pony Riding Club](#)

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### Crew Required – May 12th

Seton and Pendragon are competing in the SERC/SDG Combined Training event at Cousland Park Livery, near Dalkeith. The competition involves riding a dressage test followed by a 14km endurance ride. Anyone who would like to come and support the Exmoor pony cause, see what's involved in endurance and get roped into helping would be very welcome! We'll need help, getting the ponies

changed into endurance mode after the dressage as well as ideally having some slosh points around the route. If you are interested please email [seprc@scottishexmoors.co.uk](mailto:seprc@scottishexmoors.co.uk)

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### FUTURE SEPRC EVENTS

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Not an event organised by us but SEPRC has block booked 15 tickets at the Health of the Native Pony Event held at SNEC. If you would like to obtain one of these tickets so we can have a good get together then email [seprc@scottishexmoors.co.uk](mailto:seprc@scottishexmoors.co.uk).

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Members Only rideout, Carron Valley. Route is off-road and suitable for youngsters as well as seasoned ridden ponies. There may still be room in the SEPRC taxi so if you're looking from transport from Edinburgh, give us a shout. Entry form will be on the club website soon. BBQ after the ride.

Potter's Pimms and Polo – July 21st, date and venue to be confirmed. To celebrate summer and the release of the final Harry Potter book, come along to see if your Exmoor is a real polo pony (and not just the ones they eat!). No previous experience necessary! Pimms and cucumber sandwiches will be available, after all this is polo daahling!

Other Events in pipeline:

Jumping/Combined Training day.

TREC talk in Northern area, combined with social. Possibly in combination with another breed society, watch this space!!!

Cross country

Social evening at Musselburgh Racecourse – any one fancy John Smiths Night, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August?

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Have you checked your pony's standing in the performance awards yet? See the trophies page of the website for more info, pics of the trophies you are aiming for are coming soon!!!!

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