

## **ANNUAL REPORT PONY CLUBS OF KENYA 2017**

The Pony Clubs of Kenya consists of 4 Pony Clubs:

Kabete Pony Club

Langata Pony Club

Mount Kenya Pony Club and

Nairobi Pony Club

Since Nairobi Pony Club and Langata Pony Club fish in the same pond, so to speak, members and volunteers wise, Nairobi Pony Club decided at the beginning of this year to go dormant. Their remaining members mostly joined Langata Pony Club. We therefore have 3 active pony clubs left, with a possible fourth one being set up in the Rift Valley. Watch this space.....

### **KABETE PONY CLUB:**

Kabete Pony Club always organises a Happening (a Cross country and Show Jumping Event) in Limuru and did so again this year. Despite being a small Pony Club and despite the rains coming early and therefore the venue being quite wet, it was a lovely event with a great atmosphere (See Photo 1, 2 and 3). Unfortunately, event venues are getting few and far between around Nairobi and this was the last year this venue in Limuru was available for the Kabete Happening. Prior to The Happening, a Fun Event was held at the same venue in March. This is an informal event. Jumps start at a slightly lower level to encourage beginners, and go up through the normal levels for more advanced riders.

### **LANGATA PONY CLUB:**

Langata Pony Club has 51 members at the moment and organises monthly rallies with the exception this year of August, October and December. Langata and Nairobi Pony Club started sharing the organisation of their yearly PC camp and because of the dormant state of NPC, LPC was challenged this year with the organisation of Camp. It was held in Naivasha at the beautiful Sanctuary Farm on the edge of lake Naivasha where the children were riding in between Wildebeest, Zebra, Giraffe, Impala and Bush Buck, amongst others. 36 children took part of this year's camp for 5 days and they were offered a good mix of hacking (and swimming in the dam), Gymkhana games, Cross Country, Show Jumping and Dressage. Fun was had by all culminating in an Event held on the last day where all the children could impress their parents with their amazing improvements. (Photo 4, 5, 6 and 7). The monthly rallies, to which all members of various pony clubs are always invited, are also a good mix of disciplines: this year LPC organised: two Gymkhana rallies, two Show Jumping rallies, two Le Trec rallies and one Cross Country Rally. In November all culminated in a Mini Show, which included the annual prizegiving.

### **MOUNT KENYA PONY CLUB:**

MKPC has 61 members at the moment and holds three camps per year. The first is generally held over a weekend during the Easter holidays to encourage parents to take part. The venue varies each year but is based on local conservancies in the lovely area around Mount Kenya and involves hacking morning & evening. Children & ponies are likely to come across a range of wildlife from antelope to rhinos!

Summer camp is more structured, with rides split by ability. Children camp for a full week & ponies are on picket lines as there is no formal stabling (Photo 8 and 9).

Xmas camp is shorter, just 3 days, to fit in with the busy Xmas schedule. The venue is generally Timau Sports Club which has polo pitches, stabling, a x-country course & hacking. Children will have the opportunity to camp out & learn survival skills from BATUK, the British Army training unit, who are based locally.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9