

# MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**April 2010**

**NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**Note – we are back on winter start times**

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## FAMILIES ON DUTY – April RALLY

Please note that rally starts at 9:30, so duty starts at 8:30

**Moore Tropeano Winter**

## UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Mooroolbark PC Rally</b>                             | <b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>    |
| <b>NM Zone Horse Trials at Yeringberg</b>               | <b>10/11<sup>th</sup> April</b> |
| <b>NM Zone Games &amp; Flat Team State Qualifiers</b>   | <b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>    |
| <b>Mooroolbark PC Rally (date change)</b>               | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>       |
| <b>NM Zone Teams Horse Trials at Yeringberg</b>         | <b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>      |
| <b>Monbulk PC SJ Day</b>                                | <b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b>      |
| <b>Mooroolbark PC Annual General Meeting 7pm</b>        | <b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>      |
| <b>Ringwood Open SJ Competition &amp; XC Training</b>   | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>      |
| <b>NM Zone Grade 4/5 Eventing Clinic at Lilydale PC</b> | <b>29/30<sup>th</sup> May</b>   |

*There are MANY more events to consider. Check the PCAV web site for entry forms, and more details on these, and other events.*

# Please check your details - roster has changed

Last Updated 5/04/2010

| <b>MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB</b>     |          |          |                   |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| <b>FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER</b> |          |          |                   |
|                                  |          |          |                   |
| <i>2009 February</i>             | McKinnon | Dalsanto | Tropeano          |
| <i>March</i>                     | Robbins  | Pepper   | ??                |
| <i>April</i>                     | Russell  | Savini   | ??                |
| <i>May</i>                       | Litovkin | Tropeano | Catley            |
| <i>June</i>                      | Brooks   | O'Neill  | Wright            |
| <i>July</i>                      | Fleming  | Harper   | Winter            |
| <i>August</i>                    | Drennan  | Goss     | Laity             |
| <i>September</i>                 |          | Romei    | (rally at Wandin) |
| <i>October</i>                   | Moore    | Bourke   | Howes             |
| <i>November</i>                  | Clark    | McKinnon | Kanen             |
| <i>December</i>                  | Dalsanto | Russell  | Savini            |
| <i>2010 February</i>             | Bourke   | O'Neill  | Catley            |
| <i>March</i>                     | Brooks   | Goss     | Harper            |
| <i>April</i>                     | Tropeano | Moore    | Winter            |
| <i>May</i>                       | Wright   | Pepper   | Laukart           |
| <i>June</i>                      | Robbins  | Romei    | Howes             |
| <i>July</i>                      | Kanen    | Drennan  | Russell           |
| <i>August</i>                    | McKinnon | Dalsanto | O'Neill           |
| <i>September</i>                 | Savini   | Henchley | Goss              |
| <i>October</i>                   | Catley   | Brooks   | Winter            |
| <i>November</i>                  | Harper   | Wright   | Pepper            |
| <i>December</i>                  | Bourke   | Moore    | Laukart           |

## How does the duty roster work?

These are the expectations for families on duty:

- \*\* One parent to assist in the canteen all day, starting from 8:30 (winter) 7:30 (summer)
- \*\* One parent to assist outside the canteen all day, starting from 8:30 (winter) 7:30 (summer)
- \*\* Assistance with clean up of canteen, toilets and club rooms at the end of the day
- \*\* Roster families also need to take home that day's garbage as we don't have a garbage collection at the club

## Changes to the roster?

As we no longer have a specific person organising roster, it is YOUR responsibility to organise a swap if needed, and to let Wendy Wright know so she can change the information in the newsletter/web site. The information that we have published above is to the best of our knowledge - if you don't tell us about changes, we won't know to make the change.

## End of day pack up

The pack up of equipment in each ring/arena is to be done by ALL FAMILIES at the rally on the day. This frees up the rostered families to help with the clean up duties.

*If everyone pitches in, the ring pack up can be done very quickly - more hands make light work!*

# DC's Bit...

## Greetings all

Here's hoping everybody's well and your horses have some energy left to tackle rally. We have had perfect riding weather over these school holidays so you and your steeds should all be super fit - or worn out..

This rally some of our riders will be at Yeringburg doing the Horse Trials and I will be with them.. Roz Goss has kindly agreed to step in so she will be DC for the day.

Nicki and Kate's groups, can you dig up and bring along the tests you rode last rally. You can have a go at re-riding them and get some feedback on how to improve them. We will put up a 40 metre arena which can take the grade 5 and 4 tests. Here is a chance to have a go at the higher tests for grade 5 riders who want to try grade 4.

Nicki's group, you will be gear checking from 9.30 so we can fit everything in.

Kate's group, you need to bring along your C theory books.

The North Metro zone Teams Horse Trials is being run at Yeringburg on Sunday the 16th of May. Yeringburg is a lovely course to ride around and it is just up the road from us! Our Jim has put many hour of work into building it so the jumps are 1st class.

A team is made up of 2 grade 4 riders, 1 grade 3 rider and, if available, 1 grade 2 rider. Cost is very reasonable as the club subsidises the entry.

We have done well in the past. A team from our club won not so long ago and came a close second another time. I need to know at this rally, or very soon after, who would like to be on a team. I am especially encouraging grade 4 riders, we need you.

As usual, please give me a call or email if you will not be coming to rally.

Cheers  
Lindy

**2010 Mooroolbark PC Calendar**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup> - Rally**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rally**  
**June 13<sup>th</sup> - Rally (Long weekend)**  
**June 14<sup>th</sup> - Hickstead**  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> - Rally**  
**August 8<sup>th</sup> - Rally**  
**September 12<sup>th</sup> - Rally**  
**October 10<sup>th</sup> - Rally**  
**November 14<sup>th</sup> - Rally**  
**December Break Up rally , date TBA**

## Show Jackets ...

Would you like to have a go at showing, but don't know if it's for you? Don't want to invest in your own jacket until you are sure?

The club has two jackets donated to the club and available for loan by members who don't have their own. These can be booked on a first-come, first-served, booking basis through our uniform coordinators, Mary Tropeano or Renaye Dalsanto.

Jackets should be dry-cleaned after use and returned in the dry cleaning bag to the club rooms.

## Club Champs

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who turned up to help with setup for our Club Champs in March. Everything went very smoothly and quickly as a result of all the help.

### Rules Clarification - riding other horses at rally ...

**A reminder that, if you have a good reason to need to ride someone else's horse, you need to have permission from both parents (that is your parents, and the parents of the owner of the other horse), the DC, and the instructor of the session that you are in.**

### Notice regarding fees ...

**Annual Fees Fees for this year are now overdue. You should have received your annual renewal invoice in early February, but if have lost your copy, please contact Sue Tucker urgently. For insurance purposes, members will not be able to ride at the next rally unless fees are paid.**

**You can bring payment to the next rally, or send to the club address at P.O. Box 284, Mooroolbark, 3138**

## **SPECIALIST INSTRUCTORS**

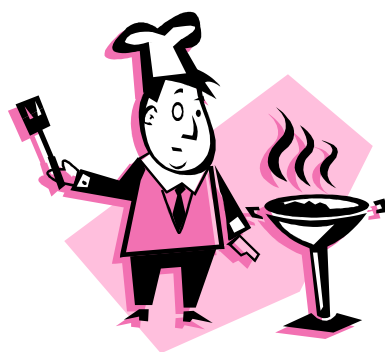
**At some of our rallies this year, we have specialist instructors coming along to provide instruction in show jumping, dressage and eventing.**

**To get the most from these lessons, please make sure you arrive on time for the rally and check your group and time.**

**If you have any concerns or questions about these sessions, please discuss them with our DC, Lindy.**

## *LESSONS WITH NIKKI*

**Nikki will be running lessons at PC on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April, time to be confirmed. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729. You must let her know if you plan to go.**



### **Fundraiser updates ...**

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all the families who helped staff our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and who helped in all aspects of the SJ day. These are important fundraisers for our club – with the sausage sizzle netting us just under \$800 and the SJ day \$1,800.

### **Swelter no more in the club rooms!**

**You must have noticed the difference in temperature in the club rooms on the recent hot days ??? A big thanks to two of our dads – Glenn & Frank – for organising installation of the air conditioners that have already been put to good use.**

# O u r r i d e r s O u t & A b o u t

*Congratulations to all our riders who have been out and about recently.*

*Not everyone can place at every event, thanks to all those of you who send in news of your wins, placings and personal bests. If your name is not here, please don't be shy just send your details to Wendy or put them in the out & about book. Let us know the type of event you entered, the date, horse you were riding, and what class you rode in. AND LOTS OF PHOTOS! For personal bests - tell us what you were particularly pleased to have done on the day!*

## **Glenbrae Interschool Short Course Eventing Competition**

Congratulations to all our riders who competed on March 17<sup>th</sup> at this competition ... we haven't heard individual results as yet, but it's great to see so many of our riders out at this event ... **Maddie Scott, Madi Henchley, Bianca Tropeano, Brooke Dalsanto, Kate Moore, Allie Brooks, Laura Dalsanto and Georgia Goss**

## **Ivanhoe Grammar Interschool Competition**

**Sara-Jane Vaughan** went to Ivanhoe Grammar's Interschool on Flynn, and competed Novice dressage where she came 9<sup>th</sup> in the first test and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> test - not bad for only having him 2 weeks. The show jumping was ok although she was knocked out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

**Elisha Laukart** was also there and did 2 very nice dressage tests placing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> test. She got into the jump off for Show jumping, after jumping 2 very good rounds on Roly. The hard work is paying off - definitely the quiet achievers - they were working very well together, lovely to see!

## **Werribee APOB**

**Tess Whitfort** went to the APOB pony dressage at Werribee and did 2 Prelim and a Novice test. She placed 6th in the Novice and 7th in a Prelim.

## **Bacchus Marsh PC Horse Trials**

Lauren Howes placed 7th at Bacchus Marsh HT's on March 21



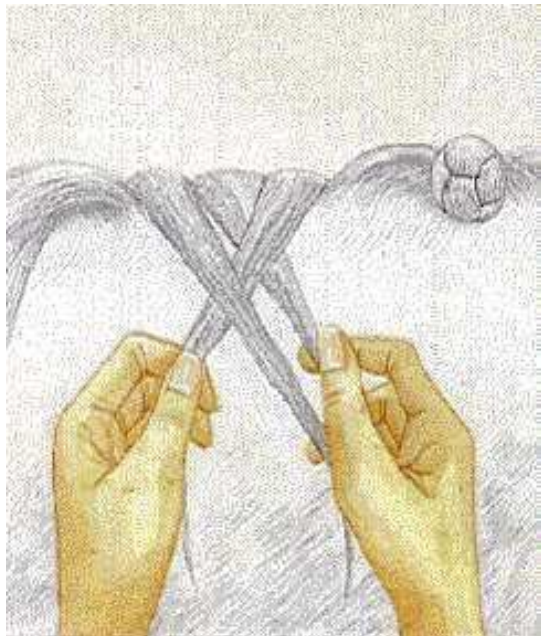
## **2008 Zone Teams Horse Trials**

Just a reminder of the excitement! In 2008 one of Mooroolbark's teams placed first at the Zone teams horse trials. (pictured at left) In 2009 one of our teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup>! This event is being held again on May 16. We encourage all our grade 2 3 and 4 riders to put their hand up to make a team for 2010 ...



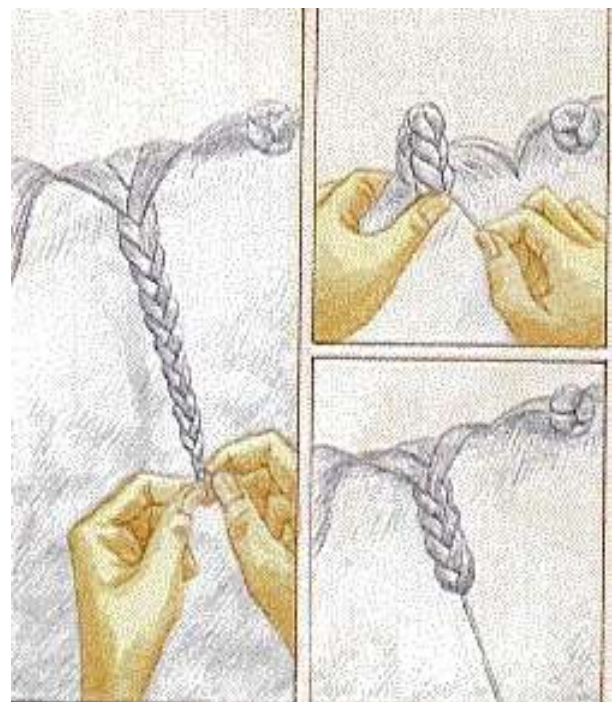
## Horse fact sheets – Plaiting a Mane

To plait a mane it is necessary to have it neatly and evenly pulled to a suitable length. You must take the same amount of mane for each plait, damp it thoroughly and keep an even pull throughout the plait. Turn up the end of the plait and wind the thread round it a couple of times, before folding the plait up and securing with thread. Then turn up the plait into a nice, neat ball and pass the needle through the base until the plait is firm, then cut the thread. (Use a thread that matches the colour of the horse's mane.) Rubber bands are sometimes used, being doubled round the base of the plait, then looped round the plait. Plaits should not be left in too long as they can damage the mane, and become uncomfortable for the horse

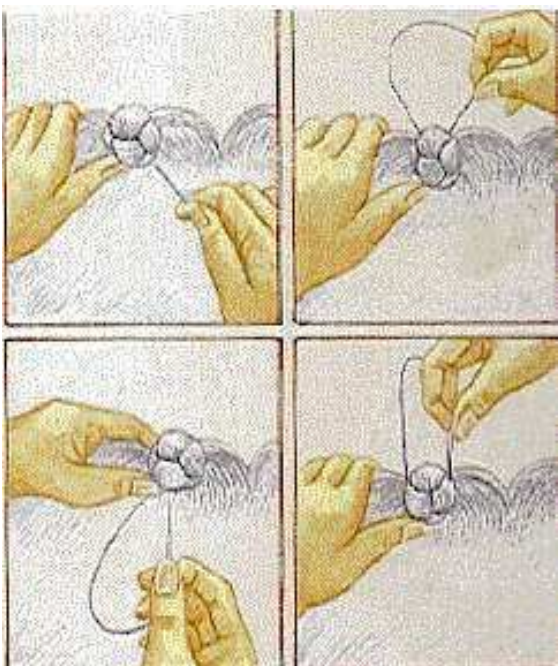


Before Starting, make sure the mane is of an even thickness and Length. Divide a section of the mane into three, having first dampened it and start plaiting.

Plait evenly and firmly, secure the end well and loop up on to the neck. Secure tightly and roll up to finish. Keep the mane damp and the plaiting tight.



Finish off each plait by threading the needle through the completed plait a few times. Even size and shape plaits along with tight firm plaits are the secret.



**Information sourced from Pony Club web site. You can find more of these fact sheets in the Resources section of the site at [www.ponyclubvic.org.au](http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au) .**