

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2010

NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 11th July

Note – we are back on winter start times

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FAMILIES ON DUTY – July RALLY

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

Kanen Drennan Wright

UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>11th July</i>
<i>St Andrews PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>19th July</i>
<i>Ringwood Combined Training Day</i>	<i>25th July</i>
<i>PCAV Coaching Workshop (Swan Hill)</i>	<i>31th July</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>11th July</i>
<i>Donvale PC Dressage Day</i>	<i>1st August</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally – 40th Anniversary Celebration</i>	<i>8th August</i>
<i>Doongala Showjumping Day</i>	<i>15th August</i>

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

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FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<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	Pepper
<i>May</i>	Romei	Winter	Laukart
<i>June</i>	Robbins	Russell	Howes
July	Kanen	Drennan	Wright
August	McKinnon	Dalsanto	O'Neill
September	Savini	Henchley	Goss
October	Catley	Brooks	Winter
November	Harper	Wright	Pepper
December	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 Everybody,

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How is everybody liking this rather old fashioned winter? We haven't had a season like this for many years. Had almost forgotten how winter used to be with day after day of leaden skies and very muddy paddocks. We have just had a sleep over with a lot of our members and everybody seemed to have a good time with lots of fun and food. I have been most impressed with how organised everybody must be because after you left there wasn't a single sock or hair clip or anything left behind. Most unusual for a sleep over!

Next rally is the usual format with a slight difference. Three of our instructors are being assessed on the day by examiners from PCAV. It shouldn't interfere with your riding but there will be two senior instructors wandering around on the day.

As always, remember to be courteous to your instructors and fellow riders . We are all on show!

Until rally

Cheers

Lindy



New Grading cards

- At the end of the financial year, PCAV always issues new
- grading cards. These new cards will be given to you at July
- rally. Please make sure that you check your details carefully
- on the new card and if you notice any problems, speak to
- Fiona Vaughan straight away.
- Your grading card folder should only contain TWO cards – the
- new one for 2010/11 and the 2009/10 blue card. All other
- cards should be removed. You may like to keep them as a
- keepsake, ideally in your log book.
- You will also be given a new medical armband, which is the
- same colour as the grading card for this year.

Our new committee

Our Annual General Meeting was held on May 21. We would like to thank all of the 2009/10 committee for their efforts. The club experienced a successful year, and as always we need the concentrated efforts of our committee to keep it all running smoothly. THANK YOU

Most of the previous committee agreed to nominate for 2010/11, and in addition to this two additional parents agreed to join them. This is a great result – as our committee benefits from many years of experience combined with new energy and ideas.

Please welcome your new committee for 2010/11:

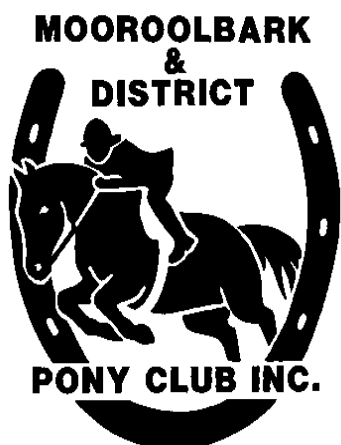
District Commissioner – Lindy Whitfort
President - Jim Page
Vice President – Julie Howes
Secretary – Fiona Vaughan
Treasurer – Sue Tucker
Canteen – Karen Brooks & Ruth Romei
Newsletter/Website – Wendy Wright
General Committee –
Dianne Moore,
Roz Goss,
Kerry Scott

We would like to particularly welcome new committee members Dianne Moore and Ruth Romei, and thank them for being willing to step up to help out.

It's not too late for anyone else who might be able to put up their hand to join the committee – there are a number of smaller jobs available, or you can be on the general committee.

During their meeting at the last rally, our riders also met to appoint their committee ... A round of applause for these riders who are our **Junior Committee for 2010/11:**

President Lauren Howes
Vice President Tessa Whitfort
Treasurer Lauren Howes
Secretary Tahlia Bourke
Jnr President Kate Moore



LILYDALE HORSELAND DERBY & SHOWJUMPING DAY

To all Mooroolbark members,

Didn't the sun shine on our Derby on June 14? Photos & summary results have been posted on the web site. If you have any photos (particularly from the morning) please send them to Wendy Wright.

There were some great results for Mooroolbark riders, but we hope all our riders had a fantastic day regardless of whether they placed amongst the healthy competition.

We would like to thank all our hardworking families for the fantastic effort they put in to making our day run so smoothly. We really did showcase the club's attributes in the best possible light. Not forgetting thanks to those families who came along to help even though their children were not riding, to our riding members who made themselves useful in between their events and also to those families who were able to have both parents attend to help. Without you all there is no way we could have run this day!

Thanks ! From Jim, and the organising committee



Canteen Report

From The Canteen...

Ruth Romei and myself, Karen Brooks have taken on the canteen for this year, so if you have any suggestions please come and see us.

We would just like to say that we felt that the canteen run very smoothly on the rally day and that both Ruth and I spent time outside watching as the helpers did a lovely job. Just to let helpers know, there is a list of jobs and the time that items need to be done on the wall near the stove, it is a guideline only but it may help. If you are a helper in the canteen please do not hesitate to ask Ruth or I for help.

The Derby day went very well for the canteen, the good weather certainly helped the sales. Thankyou to our great helpers and also to the children for their help on the day and for the couple of people that gave a hand when they had a free moment. It all made the day a great success.

From the ladies in their aprons Ruth and Karen

Newsletter ideas ?

Do you have any ideas for pieces that you would like to see in upcoming newsletters? Please pass them on to Wendy Wright, or put them in the suggestion box at the club grounds.

Also, feel free to send your photos, stories, results etc in for inclusion in the newsletter and web site.

Reminder not to put gear on yard rails ...

Just a reminder to everyone not to put gear on the rails that make up our yards. There are separate rails in front of the yards that are for gear.

This is for safety reasons - gear that falls into a horse's yard may cause an injury (not to mention becoming damaged by a frightened horse).

Facebook - Warning Message From Our Zone

Facebook is a popular way to keep up to date on what's going with your friends and a place to let lots of people with similar interests communicate.

The vast majority of material on Facebook is good natured, some is very funny and it's generally entertaining. Sadly though, like many things in life, there is a downside.

Occasionally people use Facebook to let off steam or voice an opinion which others may find offensive, and this can lead to trouble - not just with their fellow club members - but with the law.

PCAV are looking at introducing a code of conduct, but in the meantime, they have asked all clubs to notify members that anyone who uses Facebook to post derogatory comments about any Pony Club - their own or someone else's - may find themselves the subject of a lawsuit. If there is something that you are unhappy with regarding our club, or another Pony Club, please talk to one of our committee members, who will then see that the appropriate action is taken.

Facebook is a great way to keep in touch ... but please discuss within your own families the pitfalls and how to avoid them.

Year Badges ... Don't forget to bring back your old year badges if you have received a new one (or are due to). If you don't then other riders may miss out on their badges.

Photos for our Club rooms please!

At our August rally we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary, with lots of visitors expected.

We want to liven up our notice boards and photo displays and need your artistic talents! Please put together your collection of favourite photos for our boards. Bring your own "photo board" presentation, or just bring photos to help add to our board. Di Moore will be organising this at the next rally.

2010 Mooroolbark PC Calendar
July 11th – Rally
August 8th – Rally
September 12th – Rally
October 10th – Rally
November 14th – Rally
December Break Up rally , date TBA

GROUP PHOTO

IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN THIS RALLY !

The photo will be taken at the start of the rally – could everyone be available for that at 9:30 am.

PARENTS – make sure you bring your cameras along.

LESSONS WITH NIKKI

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

Our riders out & About

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!

Mooroolbark PC Derby June 14th

Congratulations to our riders who placed at our Derby ...

Derby Grade 2 1st place – **Chelsea Winter**, 2nd Place **Lauren Howes**

Grade 3 2nd place **Justine Russell**, 4th place **Tessa Whitfort**,

Grade 4 1st place **Millie Romei**,

Grade 5 1st place **Taylah O'Neill**, 4th place **Alexandra Brooks**

Showjumping B Grade, 1st place **Justine Russell**

C Grade 1st place **Tessa Whitfort**, 2nd place **Lauren Howes**

D Grade 3rd place **Amy Tucker**

Monash PC Combined Training

Sarah-Jane Vaughan placed 5th in the grade 3 section of the Monash PC Combined Training Day.



Wyena Combined Training June 27

Georgia Goss competed at Wyena CT. She did the dressage only section riding two tests 5B and 5C. Georgia came 6th overall missing out on 5th by 1 point but was eliminated because her whip had a "lash" not a "flap" on it even though it was the correct length (something for other riders to look out for!). Nevertheless, she should be proud of her riding.

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UNIFORM / APPARELL

ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Contact No. _____

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE (Please circle)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Club T-Shirt (New)	8 10 12 14 16	\$30.00		\$
Club Jacket	S M L XL	\$ 65.00		\$
Club Saddle Blanket	Wool	\$ 60.00		\$
Club Jumper	10 12 14 16	\$ 60.00		\$
Club Tie		\$ 20.00		\$
Medical Armband		\$ 18.00		\$
		\$		\$

A copy of this form is available on the web site, in the “About the club” section.

Please fill out form and hand to the Uniform Coordinator (or any member of the committee to be passed on).

NEW T SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB HAS GROWN UP



Help us celebrate our **40th birthday**
At the Pony Club Grounds
Hull Rd, Mooroolbark

You're invited to join us on rally day
8th August, from 11am to 1pm

Bring your old photos and memorabilia.
Catch up with old friends.

Please pass on this invitation to other past members you are in
contact with.

RSVP Julie 9722 1920



Horse fact sheets – Grading / Cards

Your grading card is proof of your membership with the Pony Club Association of Victoria (PCAV). One of the most important parts of your membership is your insurance in case of accidents, so your grading card is proof to those who don't know you, such as when you compete at other clubs, that you are insured. Once you have attended two rallies on a particular horse or pony, you can ask the DC to be graded on that pony. The lowest grade is Grade 5, through to the highest, Grade 1, or in the case of showjumping, F through to A. In conjunction with your instructors, the DC will decide which grade is the safest and most suitable for you and your mount as a combination. For example, an experienced horse and rider might be Grade 2, but an experienced rider on a new inexperienced mount might only be grade 4. A young rider on a small pony or a beginner rider, even on an experienced mount will usually be Grade 5. Your grading will be written in your card. If you have attended pony club on more than one mount you may be graded for both, and they may be the same or different grades.

Once you are graded at a particular level, you may work to move up to the next grade over a period of time. There are no set rules for when you should be re-graded, and you are encouraged to discuss with your instructors whether they feel you are ready to move grades. They are the best people to help you assess your capabilities and to give you ideas for areas that might still need to be worked on. The DC and your instructors will take into account how you and your mount are progressing as a team, both at rally and in competitions that you have entered. In some cases, you may be given the opportunity to demonstrate with your mount over a particular course to help the DC arrive at an appropriate decision.

The purpose of grading is to allow you to compete in the various pony club competitions offered. It tells another club which doesn't know you what level you are safe to ride at. At each competition you attend, you must submit your grading card at the start of the day, and that club's secretary will check that you are graded correctly for the competition. If you are not, you will not be allowed to ride, as the club has no way of knowing what level would be safe for you to compete at. There are some competitions where grading is not required (usually described as Open classes) – details and rules will be provided by the relevant club.

You will notice that your attendance is also recorded in your grading card. This is also used for competitions. To be eligible for any pony club competition, you must have attended at least 50% of your club's rallies in the 12 months preceding the competition and at least two of those attendances must be on the mount you are competing on. If you are 17 years or older the required attendance drops to 25% to allow for school study commitments of older riders. At each rally you can only be granted attendance for one mount. Again, if you don't have sufficient attendance when you go to a competition, you won't be allowed to ride.

So before you enter a competition on a particular mount

- 1) Check that you are correctly graded on that mount.
- 2) Check that you have attended at least two rallies on that mount in the 12 months prior to the competition.
- 3) Check that you have attended at least 50% (25% if over 17 years) of rallies in the 12 months prior to that competition.
- 4) Remember to take your grading card with you.

For more information, go to the pcav web site (www.ponyclubvic.org.au) has two guidelines that are very helpful. Look for the *Handbook of ByLaws 2010 (Grading Sections)* and the *Guidelines for Grading* both of which can be downloaded.