

# MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**MAY 2010**

**NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

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

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## FAMILIES ON DUTY – May RALLY

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

Romei Laukart Winter

### UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <i>NM Zone Games &amp; Flat Team State Qualifiers</i>   | <i>24<sup>th</sup> April</i>  |
| <i>Mooroolbark PC Rally (date change)</i>               | <i>2<sup>nd</sup> May</i>     |
| <i>Upper Yarra PC CT &amp; Dressage Day</i>             | <i>9<sup>th</sup> May</i>     |
| <i>NM Zone Teams Horse Trials at Yeringberg</i>         | <i>16<sup>th</sup> May</i>    |
| <i>Monbulk PC SJ Day</i>                                | <i>16<sup>th</sup> May</i>    |
| <i>Mooroolbark PC Annual General Meeting 7pm</i>        | <i>21<sup>st</sup> May</i>    |
| <i>Ringwood Open SJ Competition &amp; XC Training</i>   | <i>23<sup>rd</sup> May</i>    |
| <i>PCAV State Workshop at Merricks PC (Free)</i>        | <i>29<sup>th</sup> May</i>    |
| <i>NM Zone Grade 4/5 Eventing Clinic at Lilydale PC</i> | <i>29/30<sup>th</sup> May</i> |
| <i>Nunawading PC Dressage &amp; SJ Event</i>            | <i>30<sup>th</sup> May</i>    |
| <i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>                             | <i>13<sup>th</sup> June</i>   |
| <i>Mooroolbark PC Hickstead</i>                         | <i>14<sup>th</sup> June</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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| <b>MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB</b>     |          |          |                  |
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| <b>FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER</b> |          |          |                  |
| 2009 February                    | McKinnon | Dalsanto | Tropeano         |
| March                            | Robbins  | Pepper   | ??               |
| April                            | Russell  | Savini   | ??               |
| May                              | Litovkin | Tropeano | Catley           |
| June                             | Brooks   | O'Neill  | Wright           |
| July                             | Fleming  | Harper   | Winter           |
| August                           | Drennan  | Goss     | Laird            |
| September                        |          | Romei    | (rally at Wandin |
| October                          | Moore    | Bourke   | Howes            |
| November                         | Clark    | McKinnon | Kanen            |
| December                         | Dalsanto | Russell  | Savini           |
| 2010 February                    | Bourke   | O'Neill  | Catley           |
| March                            | Brooks   | Goss     | Harper           |
| April                            | Tropeano | Moore    | Pepper           |
| May                              | Romei    | Winter   | Laukart          |
| June                             | Robbins  | Wright   | Howes            |
| July                             | Kanen    | Drennan  | Russell          |
| 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 All

As we head towards another winter of pony club I hope you are all organised with waterproofed rugs and wellies that don't leak.

This rally we have specialist instructors Amy Strapp for Showjumping and Sue Cornish for Dressage. I am trying to juggle groups as Amy likes to take smaller classes for slightly longer sessions. I need to know ASAP if riders aren't coming to rally or if you don't want to do showjumping. We will not be able to fit everybody in for Amy this month but we will be getting her back for June so we will try to give everybody a go.

To run the extended Showjumping sessions we be starting that first group at 9.0. I will have a better idea of who will be in it once I have received notice of who isn't coming to rally. SO AGAIN, TELL ME IF YOU AREN'T COMING TO RALLY. Ring or email me. I will send out a notice to people who need to turn up early.

We will have two teams plus two extra riders going to Yeringberg on the 16th of May for the North Metro Zone Teams Horse Trials. Our club will be doing a duty as well as providing two xc jump judges. So be prepared, parents, to help out. We are down for grounds duty which will involve setting up on the Saturday and some light maintenance on the Sunday.

Looking ahead to the June rally we plan to have a vet from the Equine Practice come to give a talk and be available for inoculations, dentistry, microchipping etc. More info on that coming up.

Cheers  
Lindy

Good luck to  
our team riding  
in Games today  
24/4.

**2010 Mooroolbark PC Calendar**  
**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**

# Canteen Report

*I would like to say a big thank you to the families on duty last rally, you all did a fantastic job. It was great to know I could leave at lunch time, go and watch Matthew's first game of footy for the season, and know that canteen would run smoothly. Thanks again.*

*I would also like to inform everyone that Steven and I will not be running the canteen again after the next AGM. We have done 2 years and now feel ready for another family to take on this responsibility. So if you think you would like to do this for the next year, please don't be shy. I am more than willing to help out for awhile to show you the ropes. It is a great way to get to know families in the club if you are new members, maybe even share the job with someone else. If you would like to know any more information regarding the running of the canteen, feel free to come and talk to us. It is a good job. We did offer cup-a-soups last rally, which we will have some on hand again at next rally. These are great if you want a light meal.*

*See you all at next rally.*

*Kerrie and Steven*

## Club Jackets

A few of our riders have asked for club jackets, and we will be putting in an order for these soon.

Please speak to our uniform coordinators, Mary Tropeano or Renaye Dalsanto at the next rally if you would like an order put in.

## 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. Next lessons will be Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

## 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 May rally unless fees are paid.**

**If your fees are outstanding, please contact Sue Tucker urgently.**

# **SPECIALIST INSTRUCTORS**

**At some of our rallies this year, we have specialist instructors coming along to provide instruction in show jumping, dressage and eventing. Next rally we have Amy Strapp, a high-level eventer, and well recognised instructor, who will be running show jumping lessons. Also in May, we have Sue Cornish, a very experienced dressage instructor who impressed many of our riders last year. Sue is also a dressage judge who can help you learn what is needed to get the most from your dressage work.**

**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 questions about these sessions, please discuss them with our DC, Lindy.**

## ***GROUP PHOTO***

**We are hoping to take a group photo at the next rally – stay tuned and we will let you know on the day.**

**PARENTS – make sure you bring your cameras along.**

## **Yeringberg- Thank You's**

**Thanks to Wes Harper and Wendy & Jackie Wright (with crutches and milk crate seat in tow) for helping at the working bee at Yeringberg on March 28. And of course, the club's thanks to Jim Page for his huge efforts as part of organising the working bee for the zone.**

**And THANK YOU to the parents who helped with our duty at the Horse Trials – it ran very well on the day.**

**Without helpers like all these parents, our zone would not be able to run big events such as this for our riders.**

# 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!*

## **Eltham Short Course Competition**

**Millie Romei** went to the Eltham Short-Course competition on Sunday and placed equal 1st in Grade 4 Dressage - well done! They rode very well in the cross-country, but were eliminated at the water jump towards the end of the course (along with plenty of other competitors).

## **North Metro Zone - Yeringberg Horse Trials**

Yeringberg Horse Trials went well with **Elisha, Lauren, Justine, and Tessa and Sara-Jane** competing. Congratulations to Lauren who placed 3rd in Grade 2, Tessa placed 9th in Grade 3, and Sara-Jane who placed 13th on her new horse in Intro 2 - great result for their first comp together at this level



Sara-Jane and Flynn at Yeringberg

# Kal's Rug Collection



Lauren and Kal at Seville Horse Trials earlier this year.

This is the rug to aim for ... red and black to match Mooroolbark's colours. For those interested, Oaklands Horse Trials are usually held in October each year.



# Invitation - AGM

## **Annual General Meeting Presentation of Annual Trophies Club Championships Results**

**Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm  
Community Centre at Lilydale Lake**

Don't forget that Mooroolbark is holding it's Annual General Meeting on Friday May 21 in the hall at Lilydale Lake. On arrival at the meeting, we need all adult members to sign in and pay a \$2 fee.

Nomination forms for committee positions will be available at the next rally for anyone interested in joining the committee. We will be looking especially for canteen organiser, secretary and some willing helpers to join in general! But no matter what job you are interested in – you will be welcomed!

This is also the evening when we hand out our annual awards, and the results from the club championships in March.

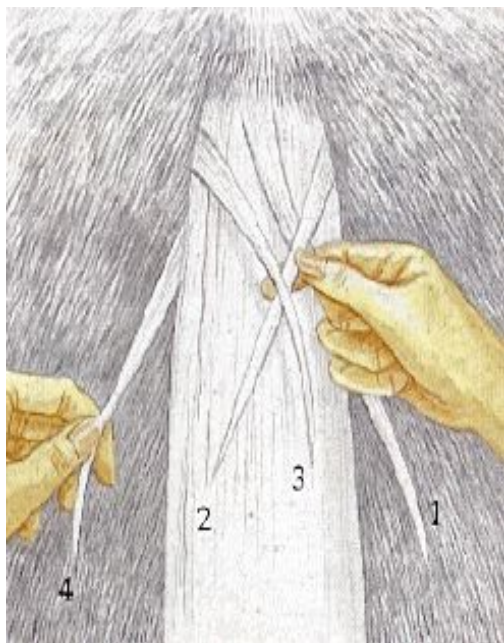
Please bring a supper plate to share. We will be running a fundraising auction on the night, so are looking for donations of vouchers or goods – please give these to Jim at the May rally.



## Horse fact sheets – Plaiting a Tail

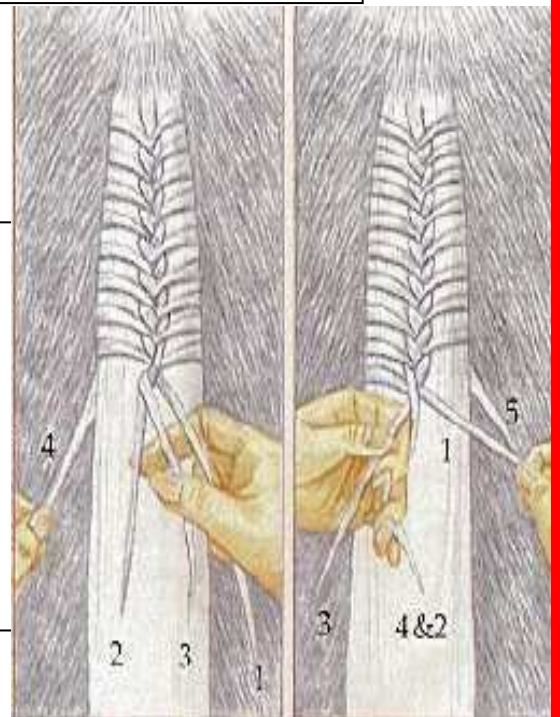
To plait a tail successfully, the hairs should be as long and even as possible to get a really good effect. Tail plaiting is particularly useful for grass-kept animals or those with bushy tails.

To begin, damp the hair, take a small strand from each side of the dock, pick up a third strand from one side, and work them into a central 'plait' (as shown) down the middle of the dock, taking in hair from the sides as you go. Try to keep the side pieces even and tight, and the plait straight. When you have achieved a long enough plait (about two-thirds of the way down the dock), stop taking in hair from the sides and continue plaiting to the ends of the hairs. This long plait can then be looped back under the dock. plait and apply an elastic band to hold it neatly in place.

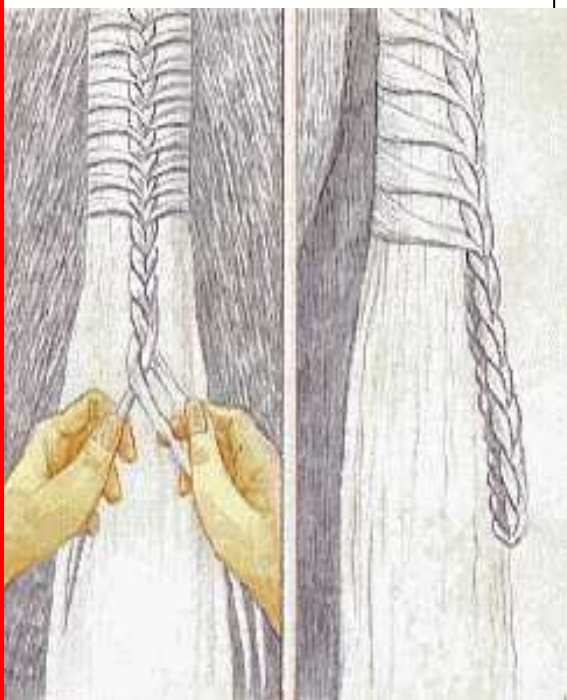


To plait the tail, begin by brushing it well then take a few strands of hair from each side of the dock. Pick up a third strand and work into a plait.

As you plait incorporate new strands from the sides, keeping the plait central, tight and even. Continue almost to the end of the dock.



Continue forming the central plait, but without taking hair from the sides. When you reach the end, loop the plait back as shown and secure with an elastic band.



**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).**