

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 12th September

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FAMILIES ON DUTY -- Sept RALLY

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

Dalsanto Goss We still need another family to volunteer

UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>12th Sept</i>
<i>NMZ Pre5/Inexp5 Eventing Clinic Mooroolbark PC</i>	<i>29/30 Sept</i>
<i>Donvale PC Spring Fling</i>	<i>3rd Oct</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>10th Oct</i>
<i>Hurstbridge PC Combined Training Day</i>	<i>17th Oct</i>
<i>Lilydale PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>24th Oct</i>
<i>Nunawading Combined Training Day</i>	<i>24th Oct</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn Combined Training Day</i>	<i>31st Oct</i>

There are MANY more events - Check the PCAV web site for entry forms, and more details on these, and other events. www.ponyclubvic.org.au

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MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB			
FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER			
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	Laity
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	Russell	Howes
July	Kanen	Drennan	Wright
August	McKinnon	Henchley	O'Neill
September		Dalsanto	Goss
October	Catley	Scott	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,

How are we all going? Developing muscular thighs from wading through the mud in heavy duty wellies?

It should come as no surprise that the next rally will follow a wet timetable. Even if the weather is perfect between now and then the grounds have had so much rain on them they are much too wet to ride on. We have to confine the riding to the arena at the back.

The day will consist of a couple of riding sessions and one longish indoor session per group- loosely. I'm asking everybody who is coming to rally to email or phone me so I can organise numbers. If I don't hear from you I will take it you are not coming and won't put you in a group.

We will be having a bit of a go at rider fitness exercises. If anybody has a fitness ball or mat can you bring it along to share?

Until Rally
Lindy



LIFE MEMBERS ...



DVD Player? We found out at the 40th anniversary that our DVD player isn't working properly. If anyone has a spare DVD player that they would like to donate to the club, it would be appreciated.

Canteen Report

We hope that you all enjoyed our 40th anniversary lunch. Sorry no free lunches this rally!!

Thankyou to all the helpers, you did a great job and to Steve for cooking all the sausages. It was great to be able to cook the BBQ items outside, as this gave us more room in the kitchen and no smoke. Thanks to the Ross family for the donated BBQ, we hope to be able to cook outside from now on, weather permitting.

Just to let you know that we have a pregrade 5 /grade 5 two day clinic on the 29th and the 30th September. This means that the canteen will be open, so we will need as many volunteers as possible for these two days. As it is in the holidays we can have senior riders as well as parents helping, there will be a list of times you can volunteer for at the canteen, please be generous with your time as we need you and as this is a good fun raiser for your club.

From the happy Ladies in the Kitchen, Ruth & Karen

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What it takes to prepare your horse for a show
**Our riders watching a demonstration by Linda Hayes, 2009
winner of the Garryowen**

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!

Doongala Shwjumping Day August 15th

Taylay O'Neill, Maddy Henchley, Kate Moore & Millie Romei competed at Doongala's Showjumping Day on August 15. The day was terrible as far as the weather went, so well done to all just for getting there. **Taylah** had a great day placing in all of her categories. She received a 2nd, 3rd, and 6th place, and came 3rd in grade 3 overall on the day.

Donvale Dressage Day August 1st

Congratulations to **Georgia Goss** and **Millie Romei** for a great day at Donvale on August 1st. Georgia came 8th out of 15 riders in test 5B, and 2nd out of 15 riders in test 5C – 4th overall in Grade 5. Millie came 2nd and 7th - and was 3rd overall for Grade 4.



Kinglake Pony Club Jumps Lauren pictured in front of the jumps that Jim made for Kinglake, PC, the materials were purchased from money raised by the junior committee.



Happy Birthday to US!

The celebration of our 40th birthday went so well, the sun shone, and we had a fantastic turn out of previous members. We were so lucky to be able to hear from some of those members about the early days of our club.

The efforts put in by so many people went a long way to the day's success.

Thanks to the duty families for their huge efforts in the canteen and outside, thanks to Karen & Ruth for organising the canteen and the fantastic food.

Thanks to Di Moore and all her helpers for decorating and cleaning up the clubrooms. To those who dropped off photos and put together DVD's, the list goes on ...



Thanks to Sue Hotton, life member, for her donation towards the canteen and the Goss family for the donation of a BBQ. Thanks to Jeanette Catley for organising the cake, Julie Howes for the spare DVD player on the day. And thanks to all those that we haven't

mentioned, but who organised stuff, ran around, and generally made things happen.

C CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES

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We are looking at organizing C Certificate testing for this club in early March 2011.

If you are interested in being involved in the group training for this certificate you need to let Kate Wilson or the DC know at the upcoming rally.

Theory will be conducted at rallies plus a few additional days may be organized **if required.**

All candidates must have their own copy of the PCAV C Certificate manual (green cover) and bring it to next rally so Kate can see where everyone is up to!

“Riders who have been in pony club for more than 2 years and are aged over 13 years must have attained their C certificate in order to compete at **any** state or national competition.” Rule 33.11a PCAV Handbook of By-Laws.

The Nth Metro Zone upholds this rule for its qualifying competitions too.

So if you are planning to ride in Games/Flat Teams/Musical Ride/Dressage/Showjumping/Horse Trials at this level then you need to do your C Certificate. At this point in time it will be the only group going through for the club for 2011 so it would be best to do it now or risk missing out on a competition!

Thanks
Kate Wilson

LOST & FOUND?

To all our families ...

Millie lost her red jumper at the July Rally – we think someone must have taken it home by mistake. Would everyone please check they don't have an extra jumper?!

Thanks, Ruth Romei

LESSONS WITH NIKKI

No lessons in September, as Nikki will be away.

Next lessons that Nikki will be running lessons at PC will be on Saturday 23rd October, time to be confirmed. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729. You must let her know if you plan to go.

Kumara's Dedication

Kumara was sick on and off for around 4 months. Unfortunately he stopped responding to the medication and I decided it would be best for him to go to heaven before his condition deteriorated any more than it had.

Kumara was my best friend for at least the last 4 years, though I have been riding him for around the last 8.

When I first got him he was a shaggy beast. He had been let feral and he looked like a yak. We cleaned him and started the long task of brushing him and slowly but surely he started to look normal.

He spent most of his life trail riding and endurance riding. He was capable of setting his own pace and knowing when he needed a rest. But if there was ever a chance for a race off he'd go and he'd almost never lose.



We did pony club together and that was how we both found our love of games. As I am sure everyone knows Kumara and I could never get enough of games. He loved racing around the barrels and poles tail high in the air and at incredible speed. It was my favorite thing to do with him and will be one of the memories I hold closest to my heart.

Kumara was what can only be described as an annoyer. In the best way of course. He loved nothing more than to eat a mouthful of chaff and then put his mouth on my head and put feed all through my hair. He undid shoe laces, tipped up pencil cases, looked for anything that seemed important and knock it over/down/off. I would often find my brushes and tack spread all over the place and him just standing there looking angelic. There were times when all I would do is go and sit in his paddock and have him play with my jumper and mess up my hair. He loved to be around people and always knew when someone was upset. I have spent hours in his paddock being comforted by him.

He was my potato, my man and my best friend. The one I based my life around, who I worked for and who I would do anything for. Which is why with sadness I say goodbye. May you spend the rest of your time running in green fields with the wind blazing through your long mane, your tail high in the sky and to never be in any pain or discomfort again.

I love you my Kumara. Rest in peace.

Bree

Horse fact sheets – Founder or Laminitis



BEWARE!!!!!! SPRING FEVER IS COMING.

Time for a friendly seasonal reminder for our 4 legged friends.

We have officially moved into spring which means warmer weather, longer days and more feed for our equine friends. However it also presents some concerns for some of our ponies and horses. Spring is the most common time of year for horses to develop founder (laminitis). There are many ways that this can happen but for lots of ponies it is the spring grass which causes the most problems.

Founder is a very technical ailment but I'll try and put it as simply as I can. After the winter rains mix with some warmer spring sun the grass in our paddocks becomes a lot richer and usually grows faster and thicker so there's plenty of it around. The richness in the grass goes into our horses systems when they eat and can have several effects on the animal.

1. They become fatter
2. They become feral!
3. They can founder.

Founder is one of those ailments that will ruin most horses (some get lucky). The increased nutrient intake alters the blood chemistry and ultimately can cause major damage to the bones in the horse's feet. Generally once these bones have been moved or altered you can't repair the damage and the horse will be unrideable, lame or worse still destroyed as a result.

SO HOW DO WE KNOW?????????

There are a few tell tale signs that can help you catch a pony before founder begins.

- They will get fatter and fatter
- The crest of their neck (where the mane grows from) will get harder
- Their feet (mainly front feet) will get hotter to touch.
- They may become proppy on their feet when ridden, progressing to very lame
- They will be reluctant to move much
- They may lie down a lot more than usual
- They may fall behind the rest of the herd
- They may appear generally unwell or unenthusiastic.
- They may rest their front feet (back feet resting is quite normal)
- They may push their body weight back onto their heels to relieve the pressure
- In bad cases you may see the sole of the hoof dropping down

SO WHAT DO WE DO??????????????

Prevention, prevention, prevention!!!!!!

Now is the time to monitor your horses feed intake.

1. You can start reducing the amount of hard feed, particularly grains.
2. Increase the exercise to combat the increase in grass – like people the more you eat the more you have to exercise or you'll get fatter.
3. Restrict your horses grazing time by using a smaller paddock (Jenny Craig paddock)
4. **DO NOT STARVE THEM** – supplement the grass you've removed with grass hay instead it will keep his tummy full with no harm.
5. Locking up through the day and letting them out at night doesn't work – they'll just gorge themselves to catch up on what they've missed!!

Founder or Laminitis continued

If you don't know what all of this means then you need to get help from someone more experienced than you to help you monitor your pony. It could be a senior member, club instructor, a knowledgeable person from your paddock. If no one is around to help you then speak to a VET. If you suspect your horse is beginning to founder call the VET immediately, there are heaps they can do to minimize the damage.

As my Grandma used to say "No hoof-.No horse" remember **PREVENTION** is the cure!

P.S. A couple of extra founder facts for you

- Not only ponies founder it can and will happen to bigger horses too
- You don't need loads of grass for founder to occur; the smallest amount can have loads of nutrients in it.
- Horses can founder on hard food (usually too much grain) it's not only a grass thing
- Horses can founder due to work load and ground conditions
- Horses can founder as a result of another illness

Thanks to Kate Wilson for the fact sheet this month ...

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.

Horse Property Registration

Did you know that as of 1/7/2010 all properties with horses have to be registered with the Department of Primary Industries (DPI)? To apply for a Property Identification Code, go to the DPI Victoria web page and follow the links, or phone 1800 678 779. Registration is free.

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