

# MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**April 2011**  
**NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April**

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## *FAMILIES ON DUTY – April RALLY*

Please note that gear check is 9:45 , so duty starts at 8:30

**Moore Winter**

## *UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS*

<i>Mooroolbark PC Working Bee 2pm</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<i>Yeringberg Horse Trials</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Junior Eventing Clinic</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<i>Yarra Glen PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>17<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<i>Grades 1,2,3 Cross Country Clinic at Yarra Glen PC</i>	<i>19<sup>th</sup> April</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> May</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> May</i>
<i>Yerringberg Teams Horse Trials</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup> May</i>
<i>Nunawading PC Dressage &amp; Showjumping Day</i>	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> May</i>

*Check the PCAV web site for entry forms, and more details on these, and other events.*  
[www.ponyclubvic.org.au](http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au)

## MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

### FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<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
<i>July</i>	Kanen	Drennan	Wright
<i>August</i>	McKinnon	Henchley	O'Neill
<i>September</i>		Dalsanto	Goss
<i>October</i>	Moore	Scott	Winter
<i>November</i>	Catley	Wright	Pepper
<i>December</i>	Bourke	Harper	Laukart
<b>2011 February</b>	<b>Howes</b>		<b>Russell</b>
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<b>April</b>		<b>Moore</b>	<b>Winter</b>
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### 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?

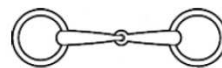
As we no longer have a specific person organising roster, it is YOUR responsibility to organise a swap if needed, and to let Wendy Wright know so she can change the information in the newsletter/web site. The information that we have published above is to the best of our knowledge - if you don't tell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

This rally is back to standard starting time as daylight savings is over and we head towards winter. Please be prompt and on time for gear check at 9.45 so the day can run smoothly. Jim, Fiona Vaughan and myself will be at Yeringburg Horse Trials on rally day and Roz Goss will be standing in as DC. If there is anything you need to ask me please ring or email before rally.

We are collecting names of riders who are interested in going to the Yeringburg Team Horse Trials. We need definite expressions of interest from Grade 2, 3, and 4 riders to make up teams. Talk to Roz at rally and get your name down. Even if you think you have already put your name down, do it again just to make sure we have got you.

This has been a bad season for laminitis and continues to be so. Be careful to limit your horse's access to sweet sugary grass and keep their feet in good trim. Watch carefully for any sign of tenderness or lameness as that can be a clear warning of trouble coming. Get them off grass if necessary and on to a diet of plain grass hay.

Have a good time at rally.

See you all in May

Lindy

### Roster Families

**For at least the next two rallies** there will only be two families on duty. April rally will be a bit quieter than usual as a number of families will be at Yeringberg.

However, we will need all families to pitch in and help with setup (as well as pack up) so that we can start our rally on time. So once you are at the grounds, please head over to the rings to see what still needs doing.

Also, Jim will be at Yeringberg on April 10, so won't be available to help with setup.

### Notice regarding fees ...

**Reminder that fees are now overdue ...** For insurance purposes, riders cannot ride at the next rally if their fees are not paid. If your fees are not paid, please ensure that they are paid by the next rally

Whilst we hope to see everyone back next year, if you don't plan to rejoin, please let Fiona or Sue know – that way they won't be chasing you for fees. Also it helps us to know this when we get enquires from potential new members.

## ***Mooroolbark Clinic Setup - Tuesday April 12***

We are running our Grade 5 / Pre 5 clinic on the school holidays – April 13 & 14. We need helpers on the day prior to help setup at the grounds. Jim will be on site from 2pm, and would welcome all the help we can muster.

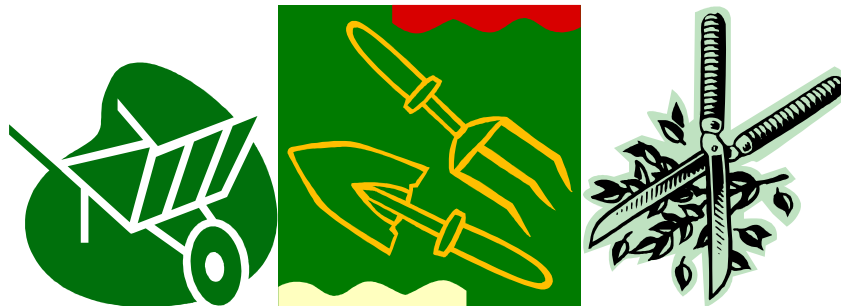
The clinic itself is run by the zone, who organise all the activities. However, we do need to run the canteen. Karen Brooks is organising a roster for that and would love to hear from parents or older riders who can come down for a while to help. She will be putting a roster together at our next rally.

## ***LESSONS WITH NIKKI***

Nikki will be running lessons at PC on Saturday 30<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.

An update on our showjumping day results – we made around \$1,400 in profit, which will go back into the club – a reward for all that effort!

*Showjumping Day*



## **Working Bee - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 2 pm**

We need to do some cleaning up around our own club both for our next rally and for the clinic. We are running a working bee on Saturday 9th April from 2 pm. Jim can't be at Mooroolbark on the 9th (he will be back at Yeringberg, helping at the event being run there) so chances are you may not find anyone else at the grounds on Saturday. The gates will be opened at 2 pm, and helpers are free to come and go until they are locked up again around 6 pm. The main work required will be whipper snipping around the cross country jumps so they can be used and so that Jim can slash the rest of the grounds. So generally, same as usual, bring along the equipment that you can and be prepared to look around and see what needs doing.

As usual, give Jim a call if you are able to help at a different time.

If your horse says no, you either asked the wrong question, or asked the question wrong.

~Pat Parelli



# 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!*

## **Bacchus Marsh Horse Trials 20/3**

**Lauren Howes** went to the Bacchus Marsh Horse trials on the 20th of March. She rode Kal in Gr2 who was coming 6th after dressage and came 2nd overall. She rode Scoobie in Gr4 who was equal 5th after dressage, and came 10th overall. A very hot but successful day had by all.

## **Kangaroo Ground Combined Training Day March 20 Georgia Goss**

competed at Kangaroo Ground CT & Dressage comp on March 20. She came 6th in the dressage only section 5C, she did a really nice test for the CT 5B but was eliminated in the SJ (no results have been posted so I don't know where she finished after the dressage).



## **Wyena Horse Trials March 12 & 13**

**Lauren Howes** went to the Wyena Horse trials on the 12th and 13th of March. She rode Kal in Gr2 who came 4th out of 25 riders. She rode Scoobie in Gr4 who did really well in his first horse trials - Lauren was very happy with him.



## **Our AGM is being held on Friday May 6**

*At the AGM we will be seeking volunteers to join our committee for the next year. At the AGM, all positions are vacated are re-elected and towards the end of the newsletter you can find a list of the different roles.*

***Please consider helping out with Mooroolbark's committee this year – you won't regret it!***

This year, the following people were on the committee, and we'd like to offer them a HUGE, make that **HUGE ... no make that ....**

# **HUGE THANK YOU:**

**Jim Page – President**  
**Lindy Whitfort – DC**  
**Julie Howes – Vice President**  
**Fiona Vaughan – Secretary**  
**Sue Tucker – Treasurer**  
**Karen Brooks – Canteen**  
**Ruth Romei – Canteen**  
**Wendy Wright – Website / Newsletter**  
**Roz Goss – General Committee**  
**Di Moore – General Committee**  
**Kerry Scott – General Committee**

to each and every one of them for the hard work and their contributions to the club. Most of the current committee have indicated they are willing to put their hands up again next year (so it can't be too bad?) and for that we thank them.

However Fiona Vaughan who has worked tirelessly on our committee as the Club Secretary for 3 years will not be available to continue in this role after May 2011, and we are looking for someone to take up this position. Fiona is very happy to help and train the new person.

Wendy Wright is happy to continue as the Website / Newsletter Coordinator for 2011, but also happy to take up a different role if someone is interested in giving this one a go. We would like to extend an offer to anyone that is interested in learning the role. Please speak to her if you would be interested. If you are not sure, then consider joining the General Committee and helping with this role for a year to see how it goes?

# Invitation - AGM

## **Mooroolbark Pony Club Annual General Meeting Presentation of Annual Trophies**

**Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Yarra Valley Motel, 420 Maroondah Hwy,  
Lilydale**

Don't forget that Mooroolbark Pony Club is holding it's Annual General Meeting on Friday May 6 in the function room at the Yarra Valley Motel. 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 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.

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 Roz Goss (in Jim's absence) at the April or May rally.



# MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

## COME & TRY PONY CLUB



We are planning to offer an ongoing invitation to prospective new members to try out our fantastic club. Come and join in on our rally day. Meet our riders and instructors, and participate in showjumping, cross country, games and dressage lessons.

We cater for riders and horses of all ages and all levels of experience.

We offer fabulous facilities including all weather flat areas, an outstanding cross country course from Pre 5 to Grade 1 and extensive showjumping equipment.

We are a small family oriented club; very friendly and with a high level of participation from riders and parents, and an active enthusiastic committee.

We are a competitive club with recent wins in

State Teams Dressage and Yeringberg Teams Horse Trials, and have state level riders in all areas.

Cost for the day is \$30, which includes a levy payable to PCAV. Bookings are essential – contact our DC Lindy – 97221548 a week before rally date.

Full canteen facilities available and holding yards for horses.





## Pony Club Fact Sheet – PC Committee Roles

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### **WE NEED YOU !!!**

Pony Clubs are run by a committee of volunteers made up of parents and other people interested in the club. Although some roles on the committee benefit from having prior experience, you definitely don't need any prior experience to put up your hand for the majority of roles.

Our club couldn't run without an active, ongoing, committee. We are here to help our children get the most from Pony Club, and the aim is to spread the workload so that it's not a big job for a small group of people. Our committee has a fantastic mix of "old hands" and newer parents, which means that you are never on your own – there's always another member available to guide you.

***Please consider helping out with Mooroolbark's committee this year – you won't regret it!***

To give you some idea of the types of roles that clubs have, we've outlined them here. Some roles are mandatory (the club wouldn't be allowed to continue without them) and others are optional. Some roles can be combined together for one person to do – others are shared amongst a few members. Each year the make up of the committee might be slightly different.

### **Mandatory Roles**

*Pony Clubs are not permitted to run without these 5 roles being filled ...*

**Club President** is responsible for Chairing Meetings, and for generally promoting the aims and objectives of the Pony Club movement.

**Club Vice President** assists the President wherever possible and acts as Deputy to the President in his absence.

**Club District Commissioner (DC)** is the person responsible to the Club, Zone and Council for the running of the Club Rallies and activities.

**Club Secretary** is responsible for secretarial/administrative matters of the Club such as preparing and distributing minutes and collecting and opening mail.

**Club Treasurer** is responsible for financial matters of the Club such as receiving and banking monies, and recording financial transactions.

### **Optional Roles**

*These roles are optional – which is not to say they are not important! We don't always fill each role each year – sometimes some roles are shared, some years we just don't have enough people to do all the roles.*

**Maintenance Person** coordinates grounds maintenance and activities to maintain the grounds.

**Canteen Coordinator** organizes the running of the club canteen, including organizing the workers who will run canteen on rally day.

**Fundraising Person** coordinates fundraising efforts for the club.

**Uniform Coordinator** organizes purchase and stock of uniforms and other necessary items associated with club clothing.

**Card Secretary** is responsible for maintaining Membership & Attendance Records and updating Membership card information.

**Roster Organizer** prepares an ongoing roster for club duties.

**Newsletter Organiser** prepares monthly newsletters to distribute to the club.

**Website Coordinator** updates the club website as follows.

**Event Organiser** coordinates club events, along with a sub-committee of helpers. They might be assigned to coordinate all events at the club, or a separate organizer might be appointed for each event.

**Zone Representative** Pony Club Victoria is divided up into “zones” and each club belongs to a zone. We are in Northern Metropolitan Zone. The Zone has its own committee, and each club sends one person to represent their club.

### **General Committee**

Most clubs also have a few people on the “general committee” – these people don’t have a specific assigned role, but help out with general tasks. For instance, volunteers on the general committee might:

- Fill in for other committee members when they are away
- “Shadow” another committee member to learn their role, so they can take over the role in the future.
- Volunteer to organize particular event/s (eg a competition or fundraiser)
- Volunteer to do more general activities or organizing tasks to help out.

General committee is a great place to start if you are new to committee and need some time to learn what it is about. It is also great for those who have been on committee for a long time, and have handed over their main role to another person, but still want to stay involved and help out.

### **Where to go for More Information?**

- Remember, if you are considering joining our committee, you are not alone. Speak to any of our current or past committee members to get more ideas.
- The Pony Club web site ([www.ponyclubvic.org.au](http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au)) has a wealth of resources to help committees to run effectively.
- PCAV periodically run training sessions for new committee members, helping them to understand the roles and responsibilities of committees.

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