

# PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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## *FAMILIES ON DUTY – NEXT RALLY*

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

**Robbins                      Wright**

## *UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS*

<b>NMZ Gr5 &amp; PreGr5 Clinic at Eltham PC</b>	<b>6/7<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Mooroolbark PC Rally</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Yarrambat PC Winter Woollies</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>State Interzone Teams Horse Trials (Werribee)</b>	<b>23/24<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>St Andrews PC Dressage Day</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>

*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)

## **Message from Eltham PC - Grade 5 Clinic**

Dear neighbouring clubs

Eltham PC are running the NMZ pre5 and Grade 5 clinic Wednesday and Thursday next week, but for the first time in known history we are calling for riders. **There are still 15 places available.**

The Eltham grounds are looking fantastic at the moment - the sand arenas and x-country course (with lots of new fences) are in great shape, the parking area is bitumen (no chance of getting bogged) and the canteen will have lots of yummy hot food – not to mention the wonderful instruction by some very experienced and dedicated people.

If any riders are interested – please contact Sue Cook at ([slam@netspace.net.au](mailto:slam@netspace.net.au)) or mobile 0412 540 433 We look forward to welcoming a whole lot of younger riders and their parents next week.

Many thanks Tracy Hosier

DC Eltham District Horse & Pony Club 0414 680 554

## MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

### FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<i>2010 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>	Howes	Russell	
<b>March</b>	Henchley	Goss	
<b>April</b>	Moore	Winter	
<b>May</b>	Laukart	O'Neill	
<b>June</b>	Pepper		
<b>July</b>	<b>Robbins</b>	<b>Wright</b>	
<b>August</b>	<b>Catley</b>	<b>Vaughan</b>	
<b>September</b>	<b>Henchley</b>	<b>Whitfort</b>	
<b>October</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
<b>November</b>	<b>Laukart</b>	<b>O'Neill</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>Pepper</b>	<b>Robbins</b>	

### 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

## Roster Families

**For future rallies** there will only be two families on duty.

Because of this, 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.

## DC'S Bit



Another wet month rolls on. The weather isn't looking too bad leading up to rally so hopefully we can all get a bit of riding before then.

As our numbers are very low the decision has been made to reduce our instructors to 3 per rally, we have had to juggle the groups around to fit into 3 not our usual 4.

I would really like to have some confirmation of attendance by way of text message to my mobile 0418 392 004 by no later than the Sunday before the rally. In the past we have only asked you to let us know if you WON'T be attending but it would be more helpful when organizing groups and instructors to know who is definitely coming so if you could let me know that would be great.

August rally to be held at Yarra Glen PC is still on track, hopefully their grounds are holding up better than ours.

Our grounds are taking a bit of a pounding with all this wet weather we have been getting. They are still water logged from previous months and the water just can't go anywhere. We will be limited once again with our XC, the flat and SJ will be on the gravel arena and there will be no grass areas available. Hopefully being rested in August will give the grounds time to recover for September rally onwards. By then we should be getting nicer weather as well.

All the groups will be having an "un-mounted" session until the grounds are a bit dryer, more than likely theory but I am interested in hearing from everyone their ideas on things to do for this session. I will dust off the "suggestion box" and place it on the table for you to use.

I think that's about it. I will be away on holidays from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June till Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July so if you have any queries or questions could you please give Lindy a call, otherwise I will see you all at rally.

Roz

### ***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 Steve Russell straight away.
- Your grading card folder should only contain TWO cards – the new one for 2011/12 and the 2010/11 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.
- If you are competing before going to the next rally, please contact Fiona Vaughan on 9735 3000 to arrange to get your new card.



# 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!*



## **Eltham Dressage Jackpot June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Lauren Howes and Scoobie** competed at Eltham: This was very exciting as it was our first grade 3 competition!!! We placed 8th in our first test and 1st!!!! in our second test placing 4th overall out of 21 riders. Very proud of Scoobie for coming home with just a great result at his first gr3.

## **Monash Combined Training June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Chelsea Winter and Gypsy** competed at Monash: Gypsy and I competed at her first competition on the 26th June at Monash pony club combined

training day. We ended up placing 6th overall which was very exciting for us! Gypsy behaved herself very well (especially considering how windy it was!) and received many pats from bystanders.



## **Wyena Dressage & Combined Training June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Lauren Howes and Scoobie** competed at Wyena and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Grade 4 dressage section.



## ***Caption Competition ...***

***The winner of our caption competition from our June newsletter is***

***Kate Moore***



***What can I  
say?  
These are  
haaawt!***



***Lindy, Jim  
really picks the  
best birthday  
presents !***



# NORTHERN METROPOLITAN ZONE “C” CERTIFICATE INFORMATION NIGHT

**DATE:** Friday NIGHT 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011  
**TIME:** 7.00pm registration for 7.15 sharp start – 9.30pm (approx)  
**VENUE:** Ringwood Pony Club Quamby Reserve,  
Wonga Rd Ringwood Melways 36 A 11  
**COST:** NMZ members free, \$5.00 per head for non NMZ members

**REGISTRATION:** BY Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
Kylie Parker 0407 712 005 or Anna Beard 0408 055 159  
(Please leave name, contact number & number attending if no answer)

This information session will focus on “C” Certificate at Pony Club and will include:

How to prepare candidates for “C” certificate

- What to expect & preparation for examination day
- The “C” certificate written paper
- Information for parents, “C” coordinators, DC’s and examiners
- Resources – including book sales on the night
- Our Clinic Presenters are Kylie Parker, Anna Beard & Diane Baxter

Please register as there will be printed material supplied as part of this clinic and we would like to have enough copies available for everyone.

Tea & Coffee will be available

## ***LESSONS WITH NIKKI***

**Nikki will be running lessons at PC on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the afternoon. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729. You MUST let her know if you plan to go.**

# 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](http://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.



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