

# PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**June 2011**  
**NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> June**

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## *FAMILIES ON DUTY – NEXT RALLY*

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

**Pepper                      Bourke**

## *UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS*

<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>12<sup>th</sup> June</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Derby Day (Hickstead)</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup> June</i>
<i>Eltham PC Dressage Day</i>	<i>26<sup>th</sup> June</i>
<i>Upper Yarra Combined Training Day</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> July</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Yarrambat PC Winter Woollies</i>	<i>17<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>State Interzone Teams Horse Trials (Werribee)</i>	<i>23/24<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>St Andrews PC Dressage Day</i>	<i>24<sup>th</sup> July</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)

**June Newsletter Version 2** This is version 2 of the newsletter, which has been republished with the information about the cancellation of the Derby. June 4<sup>th</sup>

## 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
<i>2011 February</i>	Howes	Russell	
<i>March</i>	Henchley	Goss	
<i>April</i>	Moore	Winter	
<i>May</i>	Laukart	O'Neill	
<b><i>June</i></b>	<b>Pepper</b>	<b>Bourke</b>	
<b><i>July</i></b>	<b>Robbins</b>	<b>Wright</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.

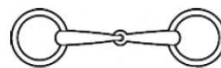
*If everyone pitches in, the ring pack up can be done very quickly - more hands make light work!*

## 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



Greetings everyone, hope you have all managed to do a bit of riding in between the rain and the wind! There has been some lovely Autumn weather mixed in with some typical wintry days – that's riding for you.

This rally will be a little restricted as we can't use the XC due to the Hickstead competition but we will do our best to use what we can (I have had to enlist Lindy's expert help to organise this rally so a big thank you to Lindy).

We will be setting up for the comp during the rally so any parents found loitering will be enlisted for help.

Don't forget we have the **Vet** coming for a talk; he will then be available for a number of services (see the flyer in this newsletter).

If you are interested in getting any of these things done could you please let either Lindy or myself know so we can for-warn the Vet as well as bring you money to rally.

We have been offered the use of Yarra Glen PC for a rally as a Thank you for helping them to re-build their grounds / jumps (big thank-you to Jim). That has been booked for the August rally, it will be a great opportunity to ride their brand new XC course and their water jump is awesome.

I would also like to get the **Dentist** out for July rally so could you please let me know if you would be interested at rally, there is usually a discounted price when you get a few horses done at the same time.

Don't forget to let me know if you can't make it to rally so we can plan the groups accordingly (0418 392 004 [dpgoss@dodo.com.au](mailto:dpgoss@dodo.com.au))

## STOP PRESS .... !!

### State Interzone Teams Horse Trials - July 23/24

**Are you a grade 3 or 4 rider interested in representing your zone on the Interzone Horse Trials in July?** Selection of teams is happening now, due date for entries is June 10. The zone will select riders who will be put into a team with other riders from our zone to compete at this event at Werribee.

If you are interesting in putting your name forward for this event, please contact to Roz Goss asap (before the due date) on email [dpgoss@dodo.com.au](mailto:dpgoss@dodo.com.au) or mobile 0418 392 004





## Jobs around the club

A HUGE thanks to all the parents who helped with cleaning our showjumping poles at the last rally.

They look fantastic, and we're looking for lots of "oohs and aahs" about them at the Derby!

A special mention to Stuart Moore – how else could you imagine spending your birthday ??? !!

There are still a few more jobs to be done around the club grounds, so keep your ears and eyes open next rally as we'll be looking for helpers to make sure we're spick & span before the Derby.

As you know, Jim does a huge amount of work between rallies to keep our grounds in order, but he can't do it alone, and if we all chip in with a few hours a month, it will make a big difference. If you can organise a time to get to the club grounds to do some of these, it would be fantastic. Please give Jim a call to find out what the most pressing jobs are and to organize access.

*By the way - at any time if you are at the grounds and see something that needs fixing or that could be a safety hazard, make sure you let someone know and we can add to the list of jobs.*

*I can't believe  
Di threw these  
in the rag bag  
...*

Aw, shucks  
everyone, you really  
shouldn't have !



## Caption Ideas Anyone?

There must be loads of caption ideas for this sequence of photos... Send through your ideas to me on email, the best caption wins a prize !

Wendy (Captions must be suitable for publishing in this newsletter ... )

## **Welcome to your new Committee**

*We are pleased to be able to thank our returning committee members, as well as thanking welcoming two new members to our 2011 / 12 committee ...*

### ***Your 2011/12 Committee Members are:***

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



## **LILYDALE HORSELAND DERBY & SHOWJUMPING DAY**

**Cnr MOOROOLBARK & HULL Rds, MOOROOLBARK Melways 38 A9**

**Queen's Birthday MONDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

**CANCELLED**

**Unfortunately with all the rain that we have had, the XC grounds are not safe to be used for the Derby, and we have had no choice but to cancel the event. We apologise for the disappointment and will endeavour to run the event later in the year if possible.**



# 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!*

## **Nunawading Dressage & Showjumping Day May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Georgia Goss & Allie Brooks** competed at Nunawading Dressage and SJ day on Sunday 22nd May. Georgia went clear in her SJ round to progress through to the jump off but she had 3 refusals in the jump off round which eliminated her. She placed about 10th in her 5B test and equal 6th in her 5C

test (didn't come home with a ribbon though as they did a count back and she ended up being 7th).



## **Monbulk Showjumping & Show Day May 15th**

Jackie Wright & Allie Brooks (and their shivering mothers) braved the rain and mud (and a bogged Patrol, but that's another story ...) on Sunday at Monbulk. Both girls were over the moon - Allie & Jazz at their first ever competition together and Jackie & Tommy at their 2nd comp, but first showjumping - another competition where Mooroolbark riders have represented us well.

**Jackie and Tommy** placed 1st in both Equitation and Top Score in E Grade, and **Allie and Jazz** placed 3rd in E Grade Equitation, 2nd in Top Score and 4th in Junior Puissance. For fun, and to break up the rather long day, Jackie & Tommy entered two showing classes and placed third in "Best PC mount Grade 4" and 6th in "Most suited for ODE Grade 4".



## **Tintern Interschool Horse Trials May 9th**

**Sara-Jane Vaughan** represented her school at the recent horse trials held at Wandin North - we are happy to report that she placed 4th in her Grade 3 section. Well done!

### **Mt Evelyn Combined Training May 9th**

Mooroolbark riders showed their stuff on Sunday - we are so proud of you all.

D Grade Showjumping - Topscore - **Millie Romei** - 1st

Grade 4 - **Kate Moore** 1st and **Millie Romei** 2nd.

Grade 5 - **Amy Moore** 2nd and **Georgia Goss** 8th

Kate was justifiably happy to get such a great result in her first grade 4 combined training competition.

And Georgia also was happy with her personal best - she was coming 3rd after dressage, and went clear in the SJ, doing most of the course at a canter.



## ***VCE Award for Jackie ...***

In 2010 Jackie Wright completed the 2 year VCE VET Equine Industry course as part of her VCE studies.

With a VCE study score of 48 she finished top in the state and received acknowledgement for all the hard work with a VCE Premier's Award presented at a ceremony last Monday.

CONGRATULATIONS Jackie !

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/premiersvce/default.htm>



## ***LESSONS WITH NIKKI***

**Nikki will NOT be running lessons at PC in June. The next lessons will be 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.**

## PONY CLUB PRICE LIST – THE EQUINE PRACTICE

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With winter approaching, keeping weight on your horse may be a concern. One area of equine management that often gets over looked is oral care. Regular dental work is important so your horse can eat and be ridden without discomfort.

Microchipping is a permanent form of identification which cannot be modified and can assist in the recovery of an animal, if it is lost or stolen anywhere in Australia, 24hrs a day. Microchipped horses can be registered with Central Animal Records and/or the EFA, breed societies etc.

An annual vaccination injection is important to maintain a good level of immunity against tetanus and strangles which are significant diseases in the horse.

Looking forward to seeing you at your June rally.

Regards

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# 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

# Horse fact sheets – Helping at Events

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*One of the important functions of pony club is to run events and competitions to enable riders to get experience and fun from doing more than just attending rallies. These events are run by various clubs within a zone, or by the zone itself. The zone and clubs rely heavily on volunteers to make the events run smoothly. This is no different for our club – if everyone volunteers to do a job, no one person has to carry a huge load.*

*For those new to pony club, getting involved in volunteering at your club's events is a great way to learn more about what goes on at competitions and this can be a great help to your own children in their enjoyment of riding. We also encourage riders to volunteer – not only because it can be fun – but it can be instructional watching how other riders prepare and participate in an event. However it can be a bit daunting if you are assigned a job that you haven't done before, and we have put these notes together to help you.*

## **General Guidelines**

**Following are a number of jobs that might be typically assigned at a competition or event, and the basic requirements for fulfilling those jobs.** Of course, different types of events may be run slightly differently, sometimes some roles are combined or split and you should take note of any specific instructions you are given by the club. But if you are ever assigned a job that you are uncertain about, don't be afraid to speak to the organiser – they are usually more than willing to help you.

At many events, there are briefing sessions that are held to give instructions around what is required. Listen out for these, or check with the organiser.

At some events you may be given a walky-talky or similar for communication purposes. These should be used for valid reasons only, and over-use is discouraged. They should be used in an emergency, eg to seek medical assistance.

Don't be afraid to speak up if you feel something is unsafe. The organiser may not have noticed something that has been missed or become a problem.

Be cautious in giving advice to riders if you are not qualified to do so – they may rely upon your answer when they should have checked out something themselves. A common question going into a dressage ring, is “am I allowed to carry a whip in this test?” – unless you are sure, you are better to direct the rider to get the right answer rather than risk them being disqualified by wrong advice.

*Note that there are many more jobs that are required at an event ... for example, Penciller, Cross Country Judge, Secretary – these will be covered in later editions – but if you are looking for answers earlier, the pcav web site has some excellent information, particularly regarding Cross Country Judging.*

### **Event Organiser**

This is the person who has been designated to run the event – they are often very busy in both the lead up and on the day as they need to ensure that all runs smoothly, and are very reliant on getting as much help as they can. It is out of scope to outline the details of this role here, but two points to note:

1. There are some basic guidelines for running a competition on the pcav web site in the Resources section
2. If you are volunteering at an event, this is your go-to when you don't know who else to ask!

### **Cross Country Judge**

At horse trials and similar events, a number of people are normally needed to act as Cross Country (XC) judges during the XC phase of the event. This is an important role responsible for assessing and recording the faults made by each competitor at the XC obstacle.

We stress that the following is a summarised overview of tips for XC judges – there is a very good detailed guide on the PCAV web site and we strongly encourage you to download a copy and print off some of the pages.

- There is normally a briefing for XC judges where you will be given specific details about procedures for the day and you will be assigned to one or more of the obstacles
- Type of obstacles include fences, jumps, water, ditches, or combinations of these
- You may want to bring your own folding seat, and ensure you have something to eat/drink and rain/sun clothing, as you may be at your position for a period of time.
- Choose a position near the jump that has a clear view of both sides of the obstacle, but ensure you are out of the way of any potential lines of approach. Make sure that you are visible to rider & horse to avoid startling them.
- You will be given some type of scoresheet to record competitors as they come through and to note the results of their efforts. You should include your name and the obstacle number
- When recording rider numbers, don't write numbers down until the competitor has come past you – it is important that you record them in the sequence that they present to the obstacle.

### **Crash crew**

The crash crew are normally required for showjumping events to rebuild jumps that have been knocked down. Usually this will be for BOTH the main ring, and the warm up ring or areas.

- Crash crew should wait outside the main jumping area until they are needed.
- It may be possible for the crew to go into the ring to start repairing a jump before the rider and horse have left the arena, HOWEVER you should look to the judge or instructor for direction on this – safety of everyone is the first priority.
- When a jump is badly crashed, it may be necessary for the judge or instructor to re-check the heights and safety after it is rebuilt. Check with them if you are not sure.
- The same applies to the warm up area – often this is overlooked and may become a safety hazard because bystanders inadvertently rebuild the jump without keeping safety in mind.
- The crash crew may assist the judge with changing jumps between classes – but the judge will always re-check jumps as they are responsible for ensuring the safe structure and height.
- It is good practice to make sure that spare poles and other parts are stored safely out of the way until they are needed

## **Horse fact sheets – Helping at Events (continued)**

### **Ring Marshall**

Most events have one or more “rings” where a competition (or instruction) takes place, along with an area that has been set aside for riders to warm up. Basically, the ring marshall keeps a record of which riders have presented for their session, ensures that riders ride in the pre-allotted sequence, and that the area is kept orderly, with not too many horses and riders congregating in one area.

- Usually you will be given a running sheet to tick off riders as they go through
- Riders should go into the warm up area in sequence, following your direction.
- Keep an eye on proceedings in the main ring and let the next rider know when they should be preparing to go in. The judge or instructor may let you know if they want this “sped up” or slowed down.
- If there is a gate your job is to open and close that as needed. Gates should be kept closed where possible for safety.
- You may need to call up riders who have not presented to you as yet, sometimes you may need to be in contact with the organiser to find out if a rider has actually scratched.
- The judge or instructor must give their approval if a rider wishes to ride out of sequence
- For safety (and fairness to riders) you may need to limit the number of riders in the warm up area. Check with the judge/instructor / organiser if you are unsure what a reasonable limit should be – but don’t be afraid to use your judgement to ensure safety.
- Similarly, you should discourage too many horses waiting around to go into the warm up area. If a ring is running late, provide that feedback to the riders.
- The organiser may want you to be in touch with them periodically regarding progress of the ring you are marshalling (eg running ahead, behind) so they can make announcements

### **Gear Check**

Gear check is a very important role in terms of checking the safety and compliance of gear that a horse is presented with. It’s probably not the best job for someone new to pony club to do on their own, but a great job to learn alongside a more experienced person, to be able to help your child in future competitions.

- The gear checker is required to check that the rider’s gear is compliant with pony club rules, and not unsafe (eg worn).
  - There are very comprehensive gear check guidelines on the pcav web site, as well as a checklist for competitions. You need to be familiar with the latest version of these (they do change).
  - If gear is not compliant, or safe, the rider needs to correct it before they can be given the ok to ride. If there is a parent or helper with them, get them involved in the discussion.
  - Be aware that questioning a person’s gear can become a very “hot” topic and if you want a second opinion, just ask the organiser or another club adult.
  - Usually you will be given a running sheet to tick off riders as they have presented for gear check. You will also be given a sticker or some other method of giving the rider confirmation that they presented for that gear check.
  - The check list and the sticker together are a cross-check that the rider presented for gear check – it is very important to get this right because a rider may be eliminated for failure to gear check.
  - When the rider presents, you should cross-check their number and name with the information on the sheet.
  - Gear check is normally required to be repeated for each phase of competition, and this is should be stated in the competition rules
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