

# MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**May 2011**  
**NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May**

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## *FAMILIES ON DUTY – NEXT RALLY*

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

**Laukart                      O'Neill**

## *UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS*

<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> May</i>
<i>Yeringberg Teams Horse Trials</i>	<i>CANCELLED</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn PC Combined Training &amp; Showjumping Day</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> May</i>
<i>Nunawading PC Dressage &amp; Showjumping Day</i>	<i>22<sup>nd</sup> May</i>
<i>Grade 4 / 5 Eventing Clinic at Lilydale PC</i>	<i>28/29 May</i>
<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>

*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 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>	
<b>March</b>	<b>Henchley</b>	<b>Goss</b>	
<b>April</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>Winter</b>	
<b>May</b>	<b>Laukart</b>	<b>O'Neill</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>Pepper</b>	<b>Bourke</b>	
<b>July</b>	<b>Robbins</b>	<b>Wright</b>	
<b>August</b>	<b>Catley</b>	<b>Bourke</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

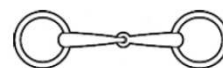
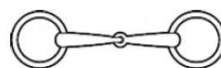
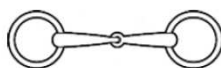
The pack up of equipment in each ring/arena is to be done by ALL FAMILIES at the rally on the day. This frees up the rostered families to help with the clean up duties.

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

## LESSONS WITH NIKKI

**Nikki will be running lessons at PC on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729. You MUST let her know if you plan to go.**

## DC'S Bit



Greetings Everybody ...

I expect you should all have fit mounts after two plus weeks of school holidays and some beautiful autumn weather.

The news from zone is that the Yeringburg teams horse trials are cancelled. This is due to the grounds not recovering so well from the April horse trials and issues with grass seeds not taking. Hopefully they will be rescheduled soon. Meanwhile you all have more time to practice!

This months rally won't be quite as normal as the grassy area is chopped up after the clinic and needs to be rested. We will have to work around it. Also Jim won't be with us as he will be attending the PCAV State Horse Trials competition.

We have a vet from the Equine Practice coming in June. Like last year he will be delivering a talk and then giving vaccinations, microchips, dental checks and basic health checks. More details including prices in next months newsletter.

Good luck to all of our C Group riders who are having their practical assessment next Saturday. You have all done lots of hard work with Kate and are beautifully prepared. We are all proud of you.

So far I have been told of one rider who is not coming to May rally. If there are any more out there not coming please tell me sooner rather than later.

Until rally.

Cheers

Lindy

## 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.

Also, Jim will be at State Horse Trials on May 1, so won't be available to help with setup.

## *Mooroolbark Clinic - Thanks to all*

The clinic that was held at our club during the school holidays went well and we would like to thank everyone who helped. In particular, we would like to thank our older riders without whose help we really couldn't have run the day as well as we did. Despite the rain, we had a fantastic turnout of young riders, and we received loads of positive feedback about the day and our club.

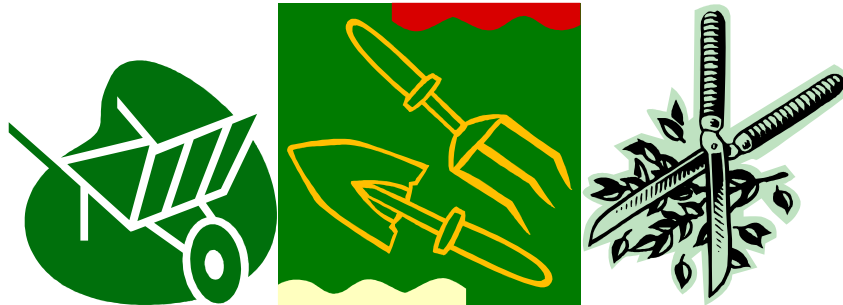
Special thanks to the Moore family, who worked hard with Jim to setup on the day before the clinic.

To top it all off, we made a profit of \$2,500 which is a great reward for the work.

## Thanks ...

**It's been a busy few months and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped one way or another around the club. Yeringberg was a big commitment and we'd like to thank Fiona Vaughan, Lindy Whitfort, Deb Harper & Julie Howes for jump judging, Wendy Wright for helping at a working bee, Fiona & Frank Vaughan and Julie Howes for helping with setup.**

**Also, thanks to all those people who turned up either at the Mooroolbark working bee, or before, the grounds certainly looked good.**



### Jobs around the club

There are a number of jobs to be done around the club grounds, but we haven't organised a formal working bee at this stage because we know we will need to organise one before the Derby in June. 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. We suggest you either go there at your preferred time before the rally, or spend an hour or two during the rally. Of course, during the rally when horses are around we can't really do the noisy jobs, but there are always other jobs that can be done. If you do come before the rally, you can either park outside the grounds and walk in, or contact one of the committee members to organise a key/access.

The jobs currently on the list (but of course, the enthusiasm we're predicting means you need to get in quick for your pick of job!) are:

1. Clean up a small tree that has fallen on the arena fencing.
2. Lop the branches overhanging the ditch jump on the cross country (lop them high enough so that that riders on taller horses don't need to duck!)
3. Pull out the blackberry and other weed that's starting to come up around the arena.
4. Clean the showjumping poles on the yellow trailer. This is probably a rally job, or one for a small group of people to tackle (see separate note in this newsletter). You will need gumboots, buckets, detergent, old cloths/towels etc.

All green waste to be cut up as small as possible and then dropped off near the mulch pile in the corner of the flat area. Make sure it is well out of the way of the grass flat area of the arena. Please do not drive onto riding areas of the grounds, some areas are very wet and need to recover from the clinic.

*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.*

*Please drop let Jim or myself know if you have been to the grounds so we can keep the job list updated.*



# 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!*



## **Yarra Glen PC Horse Trials 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Yarra Glen Pony Club ran their first competition in many years, and their first since the Black Saturday fires went through their grounds. Mooroolbark were well represented with riders, **Lauren Howes, Sara-Jane Vaughan, Amy Tucker, Jackie Wright, Millie Romei** all competing on the day. **Lauren and Scoobie** were elated to come 1<sup>st</sup> in their grade 4 section. **Jackie** was equally pleased with **Tommy's** performance at their first competition, coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the same grade 4 section. **Millie and Hinch** placed 4<sup>th</sup> in their grade 4 section.





## **Eltham Short Course Competition April 3rd**

**Lauren Howes, Kate Moore and Amy Moore** competed at Eltham on April 3rd. Lauren rode Scoobie, in grade 4 and they placed 11th. In grade 5 Kate placed 5th and Amy placed 6th.  
Well done to you all ...



## ***Grade 4/5 Clinic - Lilydale Pony Club***

**Our zone is running an eventing clinic for grade 4 and experienced grade 5 riders. The clinic will run for 2 days (May 28/29) and represents fantastic value, with a great group of experienced instructors. The Lilydale XC grounds are a fantastic for building your eventing experience.**

**If you are thinking of entering, we recommend you do so soon so that you don't miss out. Further details are in the entry form – we've put a copy in this newsletter. Don't forget – you need to get the DC's signature on the form, so make sure you do that at the May rally.**

## **Coming soon - Mooroolbark PC's Derby (Hickstead)**

*Our club holds a Derby competition on the Monday of the long weekend in June (13<sup>th</sup>). What's a "Derby" you might ask? Some of you may know it by the old name of "Hickstead" (PCAV changed the name about a year ago).*

A Derby is a combined Showjumping (SJ) Course that comprises both Cross Country (XC) and SJ Fences. The competition takes place over a distance of between 750m and 1300m over a course which comprises at least 50% natural obstacles (ie xc jumps). Think of it as being like a Horse Trials competition, without the dressage, and where you do the SJ and XC as if it were one course. Where applicable, the rules used are the horse trials rules – for instance the grades used are the same as for horse trials.

So, what this means in practice is that we will have a SJ course set up on the gravel arena, and also will have a course flagged on the XC. Both courses are shorter (that is, less jumps) than they would be if it were a straight horse trials. At your turn, you will jump a number of showjumps (usually 4) in the arena, and then ride immediately (via a gate at the back of the arena) to the cross country and jump a series of jumps out on course. You then return to the showjumping arena and put your horse over another series of showjumps (again, usually 4 different jumps). At the end of each grade or section, there is a "jump off". In this, all riders who went clear across all jumps, and within the time limit allowed, come back and jump all of the showjumps in order (so the first 4, and the second 4 are all used in the jump off).

The exact details may change, and you will receive a map showing which jumps are to be used on both the showjumping and cross country. The map will also tell you the distance of the course, and the amount of time that you will ideally take. There are penalties for going over the maximum time and also for refusals and rails dropped.

*One of the key challenges of a Derby is the change in pace you and your horse need to go from showjumping, to cross country, and back to showjumping again.*

On the same day, we will also be running a straight showjumping competition, following SJ rules and grading. Price for both competitions is included in the entry fee. The Derby & SJ are run as separate competitions with separate scoring and prizes.



Our June rally is on the Sunday of the long weekend - the day before the Derby. So, we normally setup for the Derby towards the end of the rally day. We will need volunteers on the 13<sup>th</sup> to help with all the various jobs involved with running the competition.

We repainted a lot of our jumping poles earlier this year, and they looked great for the showjumping competition in February. We'd like to get them looking slick again and so at our May rally, we are organising a cleaning bee. Please bring along gumboots, buckets, detergent, old cloths / towels, and whatever else you think might help and we will pull them out and give them a thorough going over.



# 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.



**NORTHERN METROPOLITAN ZONE OF P.C.A.V.  
GRADE 4 & EXPERIENCED GRADE 5  
EVENTING CLINIC  
LILYDALE PONY CLUB INC**

Reg no: A0005224P

DATE	Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May 2011
COST	\$75.00 for 2 days instruction by cheque made <b>payable to Lilydale Pony Club Inc.</b> (inc \$1 Zone levy)
VENUE	Lilydale Pony Club Grounds, Melba Highway Yering MW REF 281 C3
UNIFORM	Full Pony Club Uniform must be worn <b>including</b> medical armband.
INSTRUCTORS	Kate Wilson, Gill Gascoigne, Marg Hinkley, Anthea Cooper, Heather Wilson, Petrina Gilligan
ENTRIES	Send completed entry form, consent form, entry fee and stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Kylie Parker 70 First Avenue, Eden Park 3757
ENQUIRIES:	Kylie Parker 0407 712 005 Brenda Mitton 0414 277 534

**CLOSING DATE** Friday 13th May 2011 unless full prior.

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- Each rider must be a current member of an affiliated PCAV club.
- Riders must be riding their regular Pony Club Mount and have been to **two** Pony Club rallies on this mount.
- All riders must wear medical armbands
- DC's signature is required to confirm this rider's suitability for this clinic.
- **No refunds after closing date.**
- Neither the organising committee of this clinic nor the PCAV accepts any responsibility whatsoever for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, ground spectators or any other person or property.
- Horses must be at least four years old
- Entering this clinic constitutes acknowledgement that PCAV rules apply and acceptance of these rules.
- Grading Cards not required.

# ENTRY FORM

GRADE 4 & 5 EVENTING CLINIC LILYDALE  
28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011

GRADE (**Please circle**)                      Grade 5                      Grade 4  
Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rider's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Pony Club \_\_\_\_\_

**DC Signature** (no signature = no entry) \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate held \_\_\_\_\_ Height of horse \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered Name of the Horse and / or names as officially entered**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address of property from which horse will be moved to the event

\_\_\_\_\_

Address of property where the horse will move after the event

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been to a Zone clinic before? YES/NO                      Who was your Instructor? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have been at Pony Club on **the** horse you are bringing to this clinic? \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Rallies :                      on horse going to clinic \_\_\_\_\_

No. of H/T events :                      on horse going to clinic                      Gr 5 \_\_\_\_\_                      Gr 4 \_\_\_\_\_

No. of H/T events :                      on any horse                      Gr 5 \_\_\_\_\_                      Gr 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Comments that may help us put you into the correct group \_\_\_\_\_

## CONSENT FORM

I hereby give consent for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ ("this rider") to attend the Grade 5 and 4 Eventing Clinic to be run by the Northern Metropolitan Zone of P.C.A.V. on the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Lilydale Pony Club Grounds. I understand, in the event of this rider requiring urgent medical attention, every effort will be made to inform me first, however, if I cannot be informed, I hereby authorise the organisers to obtain such treatment (including blood transfusions and/or anaesthetics) as is considered necessary at the time. I also authorise the organisers to seek assistance for the rider's horse in the case of an emergency. I also undertake to reimburse the organisers for any costs incurred.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# 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.





## **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. All positions are vacated or re-elected and below is 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,

**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**

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?

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.

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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