

Mooroolbark PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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NEXT RALLY SUNDAY 12TH February

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FAMILIES ON DUTY – NEXT RALLY

Please note that rally starts at 8:30, so duty starts at 7:30

Savini

Wright

UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>12th February</i>
<i>Yarra Glen PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>12th February</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn PC Twilight Showjumping from 5pm</i>	<i>17th February</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>19th February</i>
<i>Ringwood PC Open Showjumping Day</i>	<i>26th February</i>
<i>Seville PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>26th February</i>
<i>Eltham PC Dressage Day</i>	<i>3rd March</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn PC Derby Day</i>	<i>4th March</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally at Yarra Glen grounds</i>	<i>11th March</i>
<i>Wyena PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>11th March</i>
<i>Lilydale PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>25th March</i>

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

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<i>2011 June</i>	Pepper		
<i>July</i>	Robbins	Wright	
<i>August</i>			
<i>September</i>	Catley	Whitfort	
<i>October</i>	Moore	Winter	
<i>November</i>	Laukart	O'Neill	
<i>December</i>			Duty Start Time
2012 February	Savini	Wright	7:30 AM
March	Pepper	Vaughan	
April	Winter	Howes	
May	Catley	Whitfort	
June	Moore	Laukart	
July	O'Neill	Wright	

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!

Rally Setup - Feb

Jim is going to be at Yarra Glen on our rally day, so won't be available to help with setup.



DC's Report February 2012

I hope you have all got a lot riding in over the holidays and enjoyed some quality time spent with your trusty steeds. We have had a few riders out competing recently with some good results which is fantastic to see and a lot of team spirit shown. Congratulations to you all and for those who are looking to get out to a few comps don't forget to check the PCAV calendar as well as having a chat to other members to find out where they might be going.

Please check facebook as well as your emails for any updates and general information, I will try to send message through on FB for those who don't check their emails regularly. We have been lucky enough to get Kate Wilson back on deck for our February rally it will be great to see her again and catch up, it is unfortunately only a once off to help us out for the day so please thank her when you see her.

Our SJ comp is fast approaching so anyone who hasn't got their entries in please do so asap to ensure you don't miss out. March rally will be held at Yarra Glen PC so please let me know asap if you know that you will definitely not be there otherwise I will be contacting everyone a week before to organise groups etc.

Not a lot more to say from me, hopefully we can all catch up on Sunday.

Roz

SHOWJUMPING DAY – FEB 19

Don't forget to get your entry in for the SJ competition coming up on Feb 19,

Entries close on Feb 10, which is the day BEFORE the next rally. So bring your entries to rally if you haven't already sent them in.

MOOROOLBARK SHOWJUMPING ROSTER

February 19th 2012

Setup: Saturday February 18th, from 11 am ... the SJ judge will be setting up the ring from midday so we need to get started at 11 am to make sure it's all ready for him.

TIME	DUTY			
7 – 9.30am	<i>Car Parking</i>	Stuart Moore	Dianna Moore	
7am – 3.30pm	<i>First Aid</i>	Ruth Romei	Stuart Moore	Gary Tucker
7.30am onwards	<i>Gear Check</i>	Roz Goss	Lindy Whitfort (am only)	
7 – 11.30am	<i>Canteen</i>	Karen Brooks Ruth Romei	Lynne Pepper	Stephen Russell(BBQ)
11.30 – 3.30pm	<i>Canteen</i>	Karen Brooks Ruth Romei	Lisa Savini	Sue Tucker(BBQ)
7 – 3.30pm	<i>Office</i>	Fiona Vaughan	Wendy Wright	
8 – 3.30pm	<i>Scoring</i>	Wendy Wright		
			RING 1	RING 2
8 – 11.30	<i>Gate Marshall</i>		Michelle Winter	Sue Russell
	<i>Pencilling</i>		Jenelle O'Neill	Jeanette Catley
	<i>Crash Crew</i>		Neil Romei	Gary Tucker
11.30- 3pm	<i>Gate Marshall</i>		Rob Laukart	Ian Pepper
	<i>Pencilling</i>		Dianna Moore	Lindy Whitfort
	<i>Crash Crew</i>		Adrian Brooks	Stuart Moore
7 – 3.30pm	<i>General Organisation</i>	Jim Page	Julie Howes (pm Gear Check)	Kim Howes

If you are unable to do your duty or you wish to swap a duty please contact DIANNA MOORE on 0418 357 486 or 5964 3340

Riders who are not competing on the day it would be much appreciated if you were able to assist with the running of the day, please contact DIANNA MOORE to indicate your availability

January Beach Ride(s)

It sounds as if a lot of our riders were able to get their horses to the beach at some stage over the holidays. Our first planned Seaford beach ride turned out to be a wet day, so most of us peered out the window (or watched the BOM radar) and decided to give it a miss ... but a few intrepid riders headed down to find the skies clear for just long enough! Some families managed to strike gold weather wise later in January, and others enjoyed a break with their horses in Powlett river.



At Powlett River this year we had quite a few riders. Lauren, Tessa, Chelsea and families. Also past members Hayley Harper and Tara Clark and families. Excellent weather this year. Some great beach days but not too hot for riding. If anyone wants to ride down there during the year, I have a permit for Mooroolbark Pony Club lasting the next 12 months, that must be carried. As at Carrum Downs, the Parks and Wildlife officers are fining (\$550) riders without a permit.

Julie Howes

The Brooks, Moores and Wrights headed down to Seaford on January 29 and found themselves at the beach on a beautiful warm morning ... all the girls got their ponies into the water and were thrilled with the morning.

Just a word of warning though – for the first time since any of us can remember, there were officers on the beach inspecting tickets and keeping an eye on proceedings (not just on the horse riders, but on people with their dogs)! We needed to be diligent about cleaning up manure, and they were photographing floats that were not out of the car park by 9:31 am. Also, the council contacted Karen Brookes afterwards to advise that our permit only allows for five horses at a time, so we'll need to take that into account next time. I'd say they've had a lot of complaints - we don't want to lose the privilege of beach riding, so it would be an idea to pass on this warning to others in the horse world.

Wendy Wright



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!

December 2011 – State Dressage & Showjumping Qualifiers

Congratulations to all our riders who competed late last year at the State Dressage & Showjumping Qualifiers – Lauren Howes, Justine Russell, Sara-Jane Vaughan and Tessa Whitfort. Special commendations are deserved for competing on a day with absolutely terrible weather ...

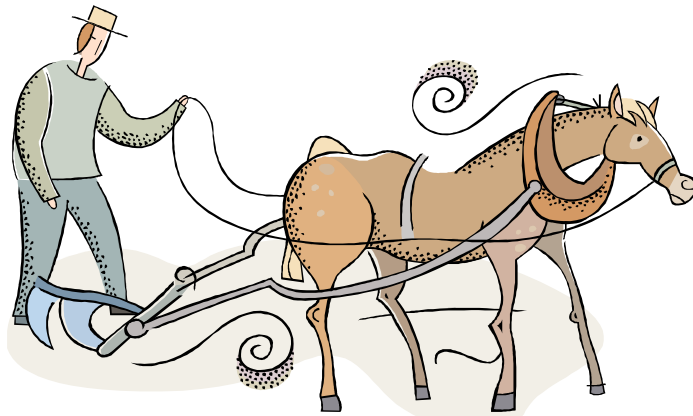
Lauren and Kal placed first in grade 2 dressage, and **Justine and Tetley** placed 3rd in B grade showjumping, so they're both off to Albury for the State competition on February 25. ***Justine has qualified for state showjumping every year for the last 5 years – well done!*** We believe that Sara-Jane may be an emergency reserve.

We wish the riders going to State all the best for a great competition.

January 2012

Jackie Wright competed with Tommy at Wandin Park in the Cockatoo pony club Jump Trials. They placed 7th in Open Grade 3 and Jackie was rapt with Tommy's performance in his first grade 3 competition.





An out-of-towner accidentally drives his car into a deep ditch on the side of a country road. Luckily a farmer happened by with his big old horse named Benny. The man asked for help. The farmer said Benny could pull his car out. So he backed Benny up and hitched Benny to the man's car bumper. Then he yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull." Benny didn't move. Then he yelled, "Come on, pull Ranger." Still, Benny didn't move. Then he yelled really loud, "Now pull, Fred, pull hard." Benny just stood. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Okay, Benny, pull." Benny pulled the car out of the ditch. The man was very appreciative but curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Benny is blind, and if he thought he was the only one pulling he wouldn't even try."

LESSONS WITH NIKKI

Nikki will be running lessons at PC on Saturday 25th February, in the afternoon. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729. You MUST let her know if you plan to go.

Reminder not to put gear on yard rails ...

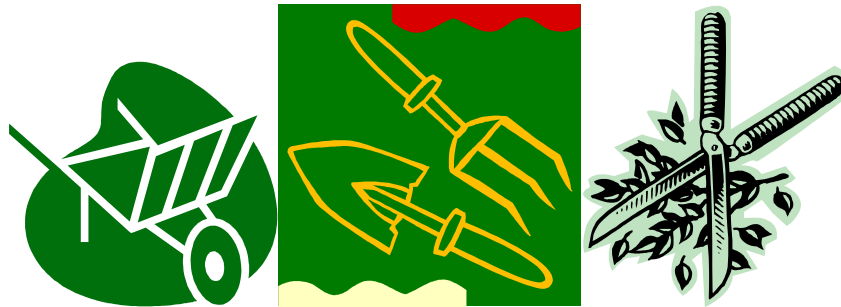
Just a reminder to everyone not to put gear on the rails that make up our yards. There are separate rails in front of the yards that are for gear.

This is for safety reasons - gear that falls into a horse's yard may cause an injury (not to mention becoming damaged by a frightened horse).

Hay for sale

Jim has let us know of good quality hay that is for sale at \$50 for round bales, and \$8 for small – contact Graham on 0427 004 837 or 9739 7330.

Graham has been helping Jim around the grounds over the years & has been one of those “quiet helpers” that Jim is so good at finding!



Working Bee

Thursday 9th February from 4 pm

We are having a working bee at the pony club grounds on Thursday Feb 9th, which is the Thursday before our next rally.

Jim will be at the grounds from 4 pm and we will work until we're finished. Jim. Mainly just getting things in tip-top shape for rally & the show jumping day. Please BYO equipment - the club doesn't have whipper snippers or mowers, so we really need you to bring these with you on the day, also helpful are wheelbarrows, rakes etc. The more hands, the less work for each of us - so, please try to make it down there for at least some of the time. I know that Jim would appreciate if you can contact him to see what else he might need.

If you can't make it on the 9th, please contact Jim who will be able to organise jobs for you to do at a different time.

Games Training ... has started !!

But it's not too late to join in – either for fun or if you want to try out for the games competition in April.

We are currently running training on Thursday at 6 pm, and possibly will run on alternate Saturdays as well.

Can you please let Karen Brooks (at rally) know if you are interested so that she can let you know of any changes.





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