

# MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

**NEXT RALLY SUNDAY July 8<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
**Gear Check: 9:45**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>8<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Kangaroo Ground PC short course XC &amp; Dressage</i>	<i>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>St Andrews PC SJ Day</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Doongala Dressage Day</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>PCAV Inter-Zone Teams Horse Trials</i>	<i>21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July</i>
<i>NMZ Pre 5 &amp; 5 Eventing Clinic</i>	<i>28<sup>th</sup> July</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>12<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Yarrambat HT</i>	<i>18<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Seville Dressage Day</i>	<i>26<sup>th</sup> August</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> November</i>
<i>Check the PCAV web site for entry forms, and more details on these, and other events.</i>	
<a href="http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au">www.ponyclubvic.org.au</a>	

# Mooroolbark Pony Club

## Duty Roster

2011 June	Pepper	
July	Robbins	Wright
August		
September	Catley	Whitfort
October	Moore	Winter
November	Laukart	O'Neill
December		
2012 February	Savini	Whitfort
March	Rally at Yarra Glen	All members to help
April	Winter	Moore
May 6th	Harper	Wright
June 10th	Savini	Laukart
<b>July 8th</b>	<b>Pepper</b>	<b>Vaughan</b>
<b>August 10th</b>	<b>O'Neill</b>	<b>Wright</b>
<b>September 9th</b>	<b>Breen</b>	<b>Howes</b>
<b>October 14th</b>	<b>Willand</b>	<b>Winter</b>
<b>November 11th</b>		<b>Moore</b>

### How Does The Duty Roster Work?

**Canteen** The duty families are to run the canteen all day, starting from 8:30 (winter) 7:30 (summer). There are instructions provided in the canteen area, and one of the canteen supervisors will be available at the start of the day to deliver food, get things going, and answer any questions. There is usually some time during the day for families to share staying inside, and being outside watching the rally, and they should roster this between themselves. It is usually "all hands on deck" just prior to and during the busy lunch period.

**Outdoors Setup** Duty families are responsible for setting up and packing up at the rally, and this means that one parent needs to be outside most of the day, starting from 8:30 (winter) 7:30 (summer). If there is more help needed during setup, the duty family should organise a call over the loud speaker for more help. There will usually be a supervisor available to provide direction (usually Jim or Roz).

**Canteen end of day** Duty families are responsible for the 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.

**Outdoors Pickup** Duty families are responsible for organising the pack up of outdoors areas at the end of the rally day. However ALL FAMILIES are required to assist them. Stay in touch with instructors and with the DC to find out when rings can be packed up, and put announcements over the loud speaker to get other families involved if needed.

### Changes to the roster?

As we no longer have a specific person organising the 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 accurate 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.

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

## **DC's Report – July 2012**

Yuck, yuck, yuck!!! I'm over all the mud and rain, how about you guys. It is winter so I guess we can't complain, there have been some nice days in between with a bit of sun on our backs I'm sure our 4 legged friends enjoyed it as well. Speaking about the mud, a timely reminder to keep an eye out for signs of mud fever it's a bugger this time of year.

Ok, July rally – unfortunately our grounds aren't holding up all that well with all the rain we've had so I have decided it's not really safe to use the Cross Country course, there are a few jumps that are ok but not enough to cover an hour lesson it would also wreck any part of the course that was holding up. Sorry guys but no Cross Country this rally. Don't forget to let me know if you are a YES or NO for rally, you can email me [dpgoss@dodo.com.au](mailto:dpgoss@dodo.com.au) or text / ring the mobile 0418 392 004.

We have the dentist coming out to do a talk with all his bits and pieces, it's always an interesting topic that you should enjoy. Don't forget to let Lauren know if you are going to the sleepover at PC – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. You guys are keen, make sure you bring plenty of blankets and maybe a cat to keep the mice away!!! The vet will be coming hopefully to the September rally, Lindy will confirm when they can come. As in the past with the vet visit you should be able to get your annual vaccinations done and microchipping, this will also be confirmed closer to the date.

Congratulations to all the riders who have been out competing, you really deserve a medal in this weather. There are quite a few comps around and as we have seen in the past, you can be lucky and get a really nice day in amongst the horrible ones. Hats off to you all.

Your new grading cards have arrived, please check them thoroughly when you collect them after rally to make sure all the information has been transferred correctly, if there are any issues come and see myself or Lindy and we will get it rectified.

Keep warm and keep your furry friends nice and warm as well. See you all at rally.

*Roz*

### **News From Zone**

Interzone Horse Trials are coming up at Yarrambat on July 21 & 22. We have a few riders entered. Good luck to them and all the NMZ teams.

New Rule → No helmet cameras allowed at Pony Club

### **Uniform**

We are planning to put in an order for uniform items in the near future –coats, jumpers etc. If you would like to order any items, please see Fiona at July rally.

### **Jobs for Rally Day**

Jim has requested that a few volunteers pull down the flags and numbers from the cross country at rally. Requirement – a cordless drill with Phillips head screw driver bit.

### ***LESSONS WITH NICKY***

**Nicky will be running lessons at PC on Friday 13th July (all day). She can be contacted on 0413 249 729. You MUST let her know if you plan to go.**



# June Rally

These photos taken at June Rally show the “thoroughbreds” group amusing themselves with the trot poles whilst waiting their turn in the showjumping.

We thought their “parking lot” was worthy of a funny photo caption.

If you can think of a funny caption for one or both of these photos, hand it in at rally to Wendy Wright or Julie Howes.

A prize is on offer for the best one.



# Derby Postponed

As you all know, we were unable to run our Derby on Queens Birthday due to the slippery condition of the grounds. The new date for our Derby is SATURDAY, the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Thankyou to all the riders who entered and everyone who had volunteered to run the day. We hope you can all make yourselves available again in November.

Because the day is booked for a Saturday (we had to take what was available), there will need to be quite a bit of set up done on the FRIDAY before. We hope than some helpers will be available during the day, but we are also planning a twilight working bee for set up of the showjumping rings.

\*\*\*Please mark both Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November on your calendar.\*\*\*



# PONY CLUB SLEEPOVER!

*This is a great social night for ALL members, so come along for some entertaining party games, a couple of movies and just general social chit chat! Please have dinner before you come and a pancake breakfast will be provided the next day! Can't wait to see you **all** there!*



*When: Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July*

*Time: 7:30pm - 10:00am*

*Where: Mooroolbark Pony Club Rooms*

*What to bring:*

*All bedding including mattress*

*Warm Pj's*

*Snacks and soft drink to share!*

*\$5 a head*

*RSVP: Lauren by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July!*

*(m) 0407 798 235 or via Facebook*



# 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!*

## Donvale PC Dressage – 3rd June

Two of our riders competed at Donvale on June 4th. **Sara-Jane Vaughan** and **Flynn** **WON** the Novice Open section - fantastic achievement. and they placed 5th in Pony Club Grade 2. Good effort as well remembering 4 different tests with no errors of course.

And wait, there's more ... **Lauren**

**Howes** and **Leo** placed 2nd in Grade 3. Leo was on his best behaviour (well, for him!).

It was a well run day, with some good prizes.



## Hurstbridge Winter Woollies – 17th June

**Lauren** and **Leo** went to Hurstbridge Winter Woollies show on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Leo was a good boy and won Champion Hack and jumped 105cm Freshman's with two rails down, which is a really good effort as he hasn't attempted anything that size before. Thanks to Sara-Jane for a super plaiting job. Hurstbridge is a lovely club with great grounds and the show was small and friendly – more of a gymkhana really. It was a good day apart from the rain. *Julie Howes*

## Freshman's Showjumping (Adam Wootten's) – 17th June

I took Tommy to Adam Wootten's winter Freshman's Showjumping on 17th June. He had out all his bright & scary jumps for everyone to try. We jumped 4 rounds, starting from 55 cm (just to get a look at them - we had one stop at the scary poles that look as though they're moving as you ride up to them), then a round at 75 cm and 2 rounds at 95 cm all clear. I was really proud of him, and we both had heaps of fun! There are a few more sessions running in July for anyone interested. **Jackie Wright**



## Horse Fact Sheet

### WARM UP RING ETIQUETTE

As you've no doubt experienced, warm up rings at events can be chaos. Often there seems to be riders going in ten different directions with no organisation and you wonder how nobody crashes. In fact, although few people know them, **THERE ARE RULES**, like road rules, that apply to the warm up ring.

- If there is no reason not to, then in general, **ride on the track** (the outer edge of the area).



- **Give way to the rider on your left.** That means that the rider on the left rein stays on the track when a rider on the right rein comes towards them. The rider on the right rein will come to the inside of the track and the two should pass left shoulder to left shoulder.

- For riders travelling in the same direction on the track, **the faster rider stays on the outside track**, the slower rider comes to the inside. Eg A cantering horse should be given way to by a walking or trotting horse.

- **When coming back onto the track** eg from a circle or centre line or when first entering the arena, **give way to riders already on the track.**

- For higher grades, **lateral work has right of way over all other gaits.** Give way to anyone schooling leg yield, travers etc.

- **Do not stop on the track.** Do not socialise or hang about in the warm up area, or discuss your performance after your test is finished. If you are not using the arena for

your warm up, leave it to make room for others.

- **Coaches** wishing to instruct **should stand outside the edge of the arena.**
- **If your horse is** misbehaving and **upsetting other horses**, you should **leave the arena.**
- More experienced riders should be aware that younger riders may not know the rules, are often less aware of their surroundings and may have less control of their horses.
- **Riders must make every effort to avoid collisions.**



## JUMPING WARM UP

- Generally the number of riders allowed in the jumping warm up ring is limited to 4 or 5. Don't enter half an hour before your round. If your horse needs a long warm up, do some flatwork somewhere else first.



- Only **jump the fences in the correct direction**, red flag on your right. You can be eliminated for jumping in the wrong direction.

- Sometimes two riders will be approaching the same fence, one on the right rein and one on the left. The rider on the left rein has right of way.

- Do not jump a fence too closely behind the horse in front.

- In some circumstances you may wish to alter a warm up fence, eg to lower it for a horse in difficulty. It is good manners to ask the other riders in the ring if they mind before you make any adjustments, and to put the fence back again to how it was as soon as possible. It is against the rules to set the fences more than 10cm higher than the ring height.

- You are not allowed to jump any fences other than the labelled warm up fences. For example, you

cannot jump nearby cross country fences (even if there is no cross country competition that day). You can be eliminated if you do.

### OTHER GENERAL PONY CLUB WARM UP RULES

- You can only lunge your horse at a pony club event if there is a designated lunging area.
- You are the only person allowed to lunge or ride your horse on a competition day. Instructors, parents and friends cannot ride your horse on a competition day.
- Make sure you only use permitted gear in warm up. It is your responsibility to know what gear is allowed. In some cases gear is allowed in warm up but not in the actual competition. (eg dressage whips in some grades or warm up boots) Make sure you do not accidentally ride into your test with these items as you will be eliminated.



***More fact sheets can be found on the PCAV web site in the Resources section.***





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