

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

NEXT RALLY SUNDAY APRIL 14TH 2013
Gear Check: 9:45am for a 10am START

****NOTE **The later start time. ****

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UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<i>Mooroolbark Rally</i>	<i>14th April</i>
<i>Yarra Glen HT</i>	<i>14th April</i>
<i>Mooroolbark SJ & CC Training Day</i>	<i>20th April</i>
<i>Kangaroo Ground CT</i>	<i>21th April</i>
<i>NMZ Games & Dressage Qualifier</i>	<i>28th April</i>
<i>State HT Deniliquin</i>	<i>4&5th May</i>
<i>St Andrew Dressage Day</i>	<i>5th May</i>
<i>Monbulk SJ Day</i>	<i>5th May</i>
<i>Healesville Dressage Day</i>	<i>11th May</i>
<i>Rally</i>	<i>12th May</i>
<i>Yeringberg NMZ Teams HT</i>	<i>19th May</i>
<i>NMZ Gr 4 & 5 Clinic at Yarra Glen</i>	<i>25th & 26th May</i>
<i>Nunawading SJ & Dressage Day</i>	<i>26th May</i>

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

*******Very Important*******

2012 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

We need the lucky winners of last year's perpetual trophies to return them this rally so they can be prepared for the new winners in May.

Mooroolbark Pony Club

Duty Roster

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB			
FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER			
<i>2012 February</i>	Savini	Whitfort	
<i>March</i>	Rally at Yarra Glen	All members to help	
<i>April</i>	Winter	Moore	Howes (K&J)
<i>May 6th</i>	Harper	Wright	
<i>June 10th</i>	Savini	Laukart	
<i>July 8th</i>	Pepper	Vaughan	
<i>August 12th</i>	O'Neill	Wright	
<i>September 9th</i>		Howes (K&J)	
<i>October 14th</i>	Willand	Winter	
<i>November 11th</i>	Savini	Moore	
<i>December 2nd</i>	In house club champs, all hands on deck.		
<i>2013 February</i>	O'Neill	Drennan	
March 10th	Vaughan	Howes (A&K)	
April 14th	Wright	Smith	
May 12th	Winter	Laukart	
June 9th	Moore	Willand	
July 14th	Howes (K&J)	Savini	
August 11th	Vaughan	Drennan	
September 8th	O'Neill	Howes (A&K)	
October 13th	Winter	Smith	
November 10th	Willand	Laukart	
How does the duty roster work?			

These are the expectations for families on duty:

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 Packup 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.

DC's Report - April 2013

Well Yeringberg has been run and won, once again Mooroolbark had a strong impact on the competition. Well done to all involved especially to those dedicated mums and dads who worked tirelessly to get everything done. What's a comp without a laugh to be had or a story to tell, was it Jackie on the "White Flash" if you blinked you missed them on XC or was it Lauren who demonstrated that all forms of horse riding can be tricky even a dressage warm up! Very proud of all our riders, excellent results as well.

Just a couple of thing to mention:

- Don't forget our Pre5 & Grade 5 Clinic being run on Wednesday & Thursday (10th & 11th), we



will be setting up on the Tuesday afternoon and will need helpers on the day. If you haven't already done so can you contact Karen Brooks to let her know if / when you can help out either via Facebook or the mobile 0408 558 776.

- May Rally will definitely be on Mother's Day. We have tried to move dates in the past but our instructors are committed to other clubs on set weekends so we have found that we can't get instructors if we move the date, sorry.

- July Rally – Dentist James Harvey will be coming to do a talk. You can have your horse's teeth done as well for \$50 so I will be asking for confirmation leading up to that.

- Don't forget the AGM will be held at lunchtime at the May rally, we will be looking for new faces to join our General Committee as well as some of our primary roles such as DC, canteen supervisor etc.

- We will also try and organise our annual Vet visit hopefully June rally. In the past we have had the vet do the annual shots,

micro-chipping and general inspections if required. Once that date has been confirmed we will let you know.

A bit of networking has been going on with a few new riders coming to rallies, I know I don't have to ask as you are all very friendly "chatty" members by nature, if you see some new faces go and have a chat and make them feel welcome. We are all here to have a bit of fun and learn along the way.

Hope you have all got a bit of riding in over the holidays, I look forward to seeing everyone Sunday.

Roz



Condolences to the family of Joy Kelly-Wiseham

We offer our condolences to the family of Joy Kelly-Wiseham (prev Brennan) who passed away on March 16.

Joy was a founding member of Mooroolbark Pony Club – in fact the club was first established and run from her property in Taylor Road.

Many of our members will remember that we were fortunate to have Joy attend our 40th anniversary celebration in 2010, where she and one of our youngest riders cut the cake, and where she shared some of her great memories with us all.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS STEPHANIE
HUGHES AND CHLOE BLACK AND THEIR FAMILIES
And this rally WELCOME BACK TO HAYLEY HARDER**

C Group News

**Thanks to Nicky for running a "C Group" session
at pony club over the Easter break. I believe the
girls were working on their gallop.**



LESSONS WITH NICKY

**Nicky will be running lessons at PC on April 23rd. She can be
contacted on 0413 249 729. You MUST let her know if you plan to
go.**

Grade 5 Clinic – Duty Roster

Hi everyone,

Just a reminder about the clinic being run at our club this week. The clinic has generated great interest with at least 40 riders entered, and this will be a fantastic opportunity for us to do some fundraising (by feeding them all!), not to mention show off our club in a great light (ie hopefully sunshine).

We need helpers across three days, and have some volunteers already rostered on - if we haven't heard from you, we've had to slot you in, and ask that you contact Karen Brooks to re-arrange times if you are not able to make it ... we have assumed that each family brings one person to their rostered time slot, but if can bring more please let Karen know.

Setup from 2pm on Tuesday 9th April.

We need to setup 2 dressage & 2 SJ rings and would ideally like to have 10 - 12 people in total.

Whitfort
Wright
Drennan
Laukart
Harper
Tucker
Vaughan
Willand
Winter
Brooks from 3:30

Wednesday from 7:30 until approx 3:30 – mainly canteen duty

Moore - parking in the morning
Brooks x 2 from 7:30 - 1:00 (will be in & out as they have a child riding)
Wright - from 7:30 - 9:30
Howes (K&A) - from 8 am - 1:00 (will be in & out as they have a child riding)
Howes (Lauren) - from 11 - 3:30 (tentative)
Romei - from 11:30 - 3:30

Thursday from 8 am until approx 3:30 – mainly canteen duty

Moore - parking in the morning
Brooks - from 8 am - 1:00 (will be in & out as they have a child riding)
Howes (K&A) - from 8 am - 1:00 (will be in & out as they have a child riding)
O'Neill - from 10 - 2:30
Romei - 11 - 3:30
Goss - 12 - 3:30
Savini - 11 - 2:30

ALL CHANGES - PLEASE NOTIFY
KAREN BROOKS Mobile 0408 558 778 or email karen.brooks0@bigpond.com

GOODBYE SOVVY

How can you sum up the life of a phenomenal pony in so few paragraphs? On the 7th of April we lost our dear Sovvy due to a laminitis outbreak. Sovvy has dealt with these attacks before and has always pulled through due to his love of life, however, this time it was not meant to be and the kindest thing for our friend was to send him to heaven.

I first met Sovvy when I was 9 years old and after I had come off a pony that had

broken my confidence. We travelled up to Bendigo to view him and fell in love straight away; a little girls dream pony, pure white with big brown eyes! Sovvy was 20 years young and had years of experience under his belt, he knew what he was doing and I, for the most part, did not! However, I trotted, cantered, did a small cross rail and took him through an obstacle course his owners had set up consisting of walking over tarps, throwing a ball at a target, holding a pole between his ears and many other small challenges. Fortunately, the owners decided that we would be the new owners of their special pony.

For 11 years Sovvy has taught me about every aspect of riding. The first time I took him out on a trail ride Mum kept warning me that I was being too complacent and that I should be more prepared for Sovvy to spook or react to something but he never did. He taught me how to jump little logs amongst the bush and I distinctly remember him teaching me how to fall

off the exact same way at the exact same log.

Everytime. Sovvy took me to my first ever pony club rally and still joined in on pony club activities up until last December! Despite our efforts, we never placed in horse trials because the one thing Sovvy didn't do and did not enjoy doing was boring old dressage but that didn't matter because we always had a great time out on cross country or in the show jumping ring. He took me from a nervous grade 5 rider to jumping grade 2 jumps with no fear.

Sovvy's aptitude and love of jumping was always a

standout in his personality and was noticed everywhere we went.





Since owning Sovvy, he has taught me some important life lessons. These include:

- Just because you are considered old does NOT mean you have to go slowly.
- Just because you tell your horse to slow down does NOT mean they will comply.
- Just because your horse is considered old and reliable does NOT mean you can stick your beginner friend on him and trust him not to canter up the paddock on her.
- Always eat every last bit of your breakfast/lunch/dinner. Someone has put a lot of time and money into making it for you.
- As you get older, you are allowed to become more mischievous and get away with being a bit stubborn.
- You don't always need to follow a large herd of people to feel comfortable. Sometimes it's just as nice having your own space.
- Always try your hardest at everything and whether you win or lose, make sure you go about it with passion.
- And most importantly, a bad haircut will always eventually grow out.

Sovvy has led a beautiful life so he has well and truly earned a time of rest. He has touched the hearts of many people in his 31 years of being alive and my family were lucky enough to have him for the length of time we did. I am so very thankful for the things he has given me and he has taken a large piece of my heart with him. Rest peacefully, old fella.

Chelsea



Invitation - AGM

Mooroolbark Pony Club Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Annual Trophies

**To be held at Rally 12th May
At lunchtime**

On arrival at the meeting, we need all adult members to sign in and pay a \$2 fee (An insurance requirement for Adult supporters).

Please consider helping out with Mooroolbark's committee this year.

At the AGM we will be seeking volunteers to join our committee for the next year. All positions are vacated and re-elected and below is a list of the different roles.

Nomination forms for committee positions will be available at April rally and on the day of the AGM.

This year, the following people were on the committee,

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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our hard-working committee for their efforts this year – there are so many things that “just happen” as a result of their skills – both at organizing and “doing”!

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. But of course, for some of our committee, it is time to move on.

As Georgia is now longer riding, we are losing Roz, our DC. ☹ With two ex-DCs in the club, there's loads of support available to anyone considering taking on the job.

Pony Club Committee – more information

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 some of them here.

Mandatory Roles

Pony Clubs are not permitted to run without the first 5 of these 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.

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?

If you are considering joining our committee, but want to know more, speak to any of our current or past committee members to find out what's involved.

Recent working Bees and Duties

March has been a very busy month for the Zone and the club. Thanks to all the parents and riders who helped out at duties, working bees and clinics over the last few weeks, including Yeringberg (brush fence building, dressage ring construction, and cross country judging) and NMZ Pre 5 / Gr 5 Clinic, still to come Tues, Wed and Thurs this week (canteen and SJ and CC set up). We are an incredibly lucky club to have such a high participation rate from our parents. Other clubs, twice or even three times our size regularly complain that they are unable to cover their duties at events, as they just don't have enough parents who contribute. So, WELL DONE and a PAT ON THE back to all involved!!!

And thanks as usual to Jim for cracking the whip and keeping us all in line.



JUNIOR COMMITTEE JUMPING TRAINING DAY

Hi Girls,

Just a reminder about our jumping training day we will be running on **Saturday the 20th of April**. Please continue to spread the word about the event, to both pony club and non-pony club members; everyone can attend as it is an OPEN training day. The flyer for the day is below for more details, or if you would like to give a copy to a friend.

Also very important is the duties that we will finalise at rally I need **all hands on deck** so if you know you will not be at rally please let me know beforehand if you are able or unable to help out so I can assign you to a duty.

Thanks girls! I cannot wait. It's going to be a great day!

☺ Lauren

AUTUMN JOBS for HORSE AND PROPERTY OWNERS

- Weed spraying – now is the time to spray capeweed, dock and most broadleaf weeds. Their seedlings are appearing in paddocks now. Broadleaf weeds are much more vulnerable to herbicides when very young. Older plants are much tougher and resistant to spraying. (See article below to identify common paddock weeds.)
- Do any other paddock maintenance jobs around the property, keeping in mind that your pastures will soon be too wet to drive over.
- Autumn is a good time to worm horses too. You should ensure your horse wormer includes a boticide.
- Inspect your Winter horse rugs now. Repair and waterproof as needed. You don't want to discover when the first really cold, wet weather hits that your rugs are ripped or leaky.

POISONOUS PLANTS FOR HORSES

Many of the common paddock weeds are poisonous to horses, but as most of them taste bad to the horse, he rarely eats them. Another factor that protects horses is their size--a 500kg animal has to consume a lot more of most toxins (poisons) than a smaller animal does to feel any effects. However, some plants are so toxic that even a small nibble can be dangerous or because repeated browsing over weeks or months can lead to serious illness and death. The risk of poisoning is higher

for young horses, who are more curious and like to try things they shouldn't, and for horses in very bare paddocks where the only thing left to eat is the weeds.

Poisonous plants are worth getting to know by sight -- not only so you can eliminate them from your paddocks, but also so that you can avoid them when out on the trail.



RAGWORT

A yellow daisy like flowering plant which causes damage to the liver when grazed over a period of time.

Signs: Photosensitization, diminished appetite and weight loss, progressing to depression, incoordination and jaundice.

PATTERSON'S CURSE

A purple-blue flowering plant which causes damage to the liver. Individual horses vary in their susceptibility, with some dying after a few weeks grazing Paterson's curse. Others may graze the weed for successive seasons before signs of poisoning appear.

Signs: Diminished appetite and weight loss, some horses show nervous signs such as head pressing, blindness and aimless walking.



NIGHTSHADE

A fleshy plant when young but stems can get woody when older. It has small white flowers, followed by small green berries that turn black as they ripen.

Signs: colic like symptoms, loss of muscle control, disorientation, dilated pupils, death.

BRACKEN FERN

Bracken fern is very common, out on the trail and in bush paddocks. Horses like to snatch a mouthful of fern while you're out riding. Bracken

fern dried and baled into hay is still toxic. The individual leaves contain only a small amount of poison--horses must consume very large amounts to experience ill effects. However, bracken fern is unique among the toxic plants in that some horses like the taste of it and will seek it out.

Signs: loss of coordination, depressed heart rate, arrhythmia, weight loss, eventual death if not promptly treated



BUTTERCUP

Yellow flowered buttercups are fleshy, low growing plants that prefer marshy, wet areas.

Horses will avoid eating buttercups when grass is available. After a hard frost or dried in hay, buttercups are no longer toxic.

Signs: Irritation of the mouth area, colic like symptoms, diarrhoea

HEMLOCK

Hemlock is a fleshy plant with purple spots on its green stems and a small white multi headed flower. It grows in wet areas,

especially on disturbed soil. It grows rapidly after Autumn rains. Handling the plant can cause dermatitis in some people.

Signs: dullness, loss of muscular power, stumbling and falling, nausea, dilation of pupils and complete paralysis. Symptoms may show as quickly as 12 minutes after the plant is eaten and death may occur in 2 to 3 hours.



GARDEN PLANTS

Many common garden plants are also poisonous to horses. Some of the worst are Azaleas, Oleanders, Red Oaks and acorns and Red Maples.



MOOROOLBARK & DIST. PONY CLUB INC.

Mooroolbark Junior Committee



JUMPING TRAINING DAY

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SATURDAY APRIL 20TH 2013

Enquires: Lauren Howes 0407 798 235

Our cross country

course is a

EVENT SCHEDULE

Commences at 9am beginning with F grade showjumping and grade 5 cross country. Events will increase every 60 – 90 mins depending on demand.

Cross country training Grades 2, 3, 4, 5

Max Heights 90cm (Gr 2), 75cm (Gr 3), 60cm (Gr 4), 45cm (Gr 5)

Showjumping training Grades A, B, C, D, E, F

Heights: 45cm (F) – 55cm (E) – 70cm (D) – 85cm (C) – 1.00mt (B) - 1.15mt (A)

[All heights are the max starting heights for PCAV Showjumping grades]

very natural and inviting course that has recently been refurbished making it an ideal training day for confidence boosting for both horses and riders.

ALL WELCOME

Enter on day: \$5.00 per show jumping round

\$7.00 per cross country round

Or

2 cross country rounds and 2 show jumping rounds per rider \$20

ALL riders must fill in a Day Attendance Form and pay a \$1 zone levy fee and those who do not have a PCAV card must pay \$10 p/day Day Attendance fee

Limited Canteen available, Holding yards available.

Gates open at 8am.

Conditions of Entry: Entry is conditional upon acceptance of these conditions.

1. Entering this competition constitutes acknowledgement that PCAV rules apply and acceptance of these rules.
2. The organizing committee reserves the right to cancel any class or competition; divide any class; alter times; refuse any entry with or without stating the reason.
3. Competitors may ride more than one horse, subject to the conditions of PCAV Handbook of Bylaws Multiple Horse Rules.
4. PCAV membership card must be presented to the secretary's office for inspection before riding. Or riders must fill in a Day Attendance Form (avail on PCAV website) and those who do not have a PCAV card must pay \$10 p/day Day Attendance fee
5. Armbands must be worn by all riders and presented at gear check.
6. Gear check before riding in each phase of this competition is required.
7. Queries, protests, horse abuse and doping rules as per the PCAV Handbook of By-Laws.
8. Dogs are prohibited without exception.
9. Horses must be at least age four, no stallions, colts or rigs.
10. No lunging will be allowed at this event.
11. Neither the organizing committee of this competition nor the PCAV accepts any responsibility whatsoever for any accident, damage, accident, injury or illness to horses, ground spectators, or any other persons or property.
12. **All riders must complete a separate biosecurity form for each rider and a declaration of Competency form by participant or guardian before riding. Forms are avail on website and must be completed before competing**

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!

Wyena Horse Trials – 9&10th March 2013

Congratulations to **Chelsea** and Gypsy. Sounds like you had a great day.

Just a recent result by Gypsy! We came 2nd at Wyena horse trials with a double clear and we also received the optimum time trophy which was great :) Chelsea



Bacchus Marsh Pony Club Horse Trials - 17th March 2013

Two of our riders made the long trip in the rain in the early hours of an unusually cold Sunday morning ... the wind didn't let up all day, but the sun did eventually come out and helped to add to the sense of satisfaction and success of the day ... Mooroolbark took home their share of ribbons and trophies!



Lauren Howes:

with Kal placed 1st in Grade 2 HT and third in dressage.

with Leo placed 2nd in Grade 3 HT

Jackie Wright:

with Tetley placed 2nd in Grade 2 HT

with Tommy placed 6th in Grade 2 HT

Mt Evelyn PC Derby Day - 17th March 2013

Also out and about were another three of our riders - **Kate Moore, Gena Savini** and **Elisha Laukart**. We haven't heard all the results from the day yet, but we do know that Kate & Pepper did a great job in the ShowJumping to take out first place - Jim Page was very proud to say that they were the only combination to get double clear rounds in D Grade.

*I competed at Mt Evelyn Derby and SJ Day and Pepper went really well! We placed 7th out of 25 riders in the Derby because of a refusal at the ditch on XC. We won D Grade SJ because we were the only pair that managed to have a clear round in the Jump Off! I was very proud of him and it was a great day. :) **Kate Moore***

*We didn't place but Amber did two fabulous rounds and I was very happy with her. **Gena***



Lilydale Horse Trials – 24th March 2013

Lauren, Sarah Jane and **Jackie** all competed at Lilydale Horse Trials.

Lauren placed 3rd on Kal in Grade 2 and 3rd on Leo in Grade 3.

Jackie placed 7th in Grade 2 on Tetley and 9th on Tommy in Grade 2.

Sarah Jane came 10th in Grade 2 on Flynn.

**All three girls have now qualified for State Horse Trials at Deniliquin May 4th.
!!ROADTRIP!!!**

Yeringberg Horse Trials – 7th March 2013

Jackie had a great day placing 2nd on Tetley and 10th on Tommy in Grade 2. Both horses are steadily improving. Lauren's day was not so good. Leo, being his usual idiot self fell over in the dressage warm up and twisted Lauren's knee in the process! After a couple of painkillers (thanks Lindy) she soldiered on to place 6th on Kal in Grade 2, 6th on Leo in Grade 3 and 5th on Scoobie in EA Intro.

Sarah Jane unfortunately had to scratch as Flynn was out of action, but she came and helped with the jump judging. She looks much happier sitting on her chair than Lauren did sitting on Leo!





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