

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

2013 RALLY SUNDAY November 13th
Gear Check Time – 9.45am

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UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<i>Tooradin PC XC Clinic</i>	<i>9th November</i>
<i>Ringwood PC Dressage Day</i>	<i>10th November</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn PC Combined Training</i>	<i>10th November</i>
<i>Yarrambat PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>16/17th November</i>
<i>Monbulk PC Dressage & CT Day</i>	<i>17th November</i>
<i>Yarra Glen PC Derby</i>	<i>(Sat) 23rd November</i>
<i>Upper Yarra PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>24th November</i>
<i>State Workshop at Kangaroo Ground</i>	<i>(Sat) 30th November</i>
<i>Mornington Peninsula PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>30th Nov/1st December</i>
<i>Healesville Showjumping Day</i>	<i>1st December</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Pony Club Rally (Club Champ's)</i>	<i>1st December</i>
<i>North Metro Zone State Qualifiers for SJ & Dressage</i>	<i>7/8th December</i>

Please note that the clinic previously advertised as being run at Lilydale on 30th November is being rescheduled.

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

www.ponyclubvic.org.au

Families on Duty this Month

November: Willand & Laukart

December: All hands on deck for club champ's

DC's Report - November 2013

Don't forget to let me know if you are a YES or NO for rally, you can email me karen.brooks0@bigpond.com or text / ring the mobile 0408 558 776 or leave a message on Facebook.

Hi All

November rally is here already. We will hopefully be able to use the cross country fully and after so many of you doing so well at the derby it will be good to be out there again. I would like to thank the parents and riders for their help at the working bees and on the day of the Derby. We were lucky that the weather was kind to us in the end with only a couple of light showers.

I am planning to start games practice on the 23rd of November at 10.00. Please come along and join in - it's great fun and great for ponies and horse's control, remember that you can always do it at a walk or a trot.

Also we will be running the club championships in December, please note that the December rally is the first Sunday in December.

Have fun over the week and we will see you on Sunday.

Please let me know if you cannot make the November rally.

Karen Brooks

Games Training Starts ...

Put it in your diary – games training starts on November 23rd (Saturday) at 10 am at the club grounds.

Medical Arm Bands ...

A timely reminder – at many events stickers are placed on your arm band (indicating you have presented to gear check) – don't forget to remove old stickers at the end of the event, don't leave them on your arm band.

Lessons with Nicky

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Nicky will be running lessons at Pony Club on Tues 5th Nov & Sat 30th November. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729 – please contact her if you are interested.

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!

Mentone PC Horse Trials – 27th October

Sara-Jane Vaughan, Lauren Howes & Chelsea Winter attended this event but we haven't got details of how they went – so will publish results in next newsletter.

Eltham PC Showjumping Day – 27th October

Jackie Wright took Tommy & Tetley to Eltham's SJ day, and was elated with Tetley's results, coming 1st overall in B Grade (with two 1st and one 2nd in the individual events). Tommy placed 2nd in Equitation, but it wasn't to be his day otherwise, with a rail down in one event, and a refusal in the 2nd round of the 2-round champs.

Oaklands PC Horse Trials – 20th October

Sara-Jane Vaughan & Lauren Howes attended this event but we haven't got details of how they went – so will publish results in next newsletter.

Mooroolbark PC Derby & Showjumping Day– 3rd November

And of course, loads of "personal bests", ribbons & prizes to be had at our Derby & SJ Day ... congratulations to all riders - more news and photos to come in our next newsletter. However, I think we all deserve a huge pat on the back for the success of this day.

And a special mention to all those who turned up at our various working bees and set up days ... in particular we should be proud of how many of our riders came to help out with the work. True pony club spirit on display – recognising that it's not just about the riding.

And a huge thanks to Chelsea Winter, photographer-extraordinaire, for some fantastic photography at the Derby ... if you haven't already, check out her work on Mooroolbark's Facebook page.



State Training Workshop

Saturday 30th November 2013 – Kangaroo Ground Pony Club

For all Pony Club Instructors, Office Bearers, Officials, Parents, Riders and any other interested people.

This clinic is an updating activity for current NCAS Coaches

Session	Presenter	PCA NCAS Module	Target Group
PCAV Grievance Procedure, PCA NCAS accreditation, Sports CONNECT	Pam Davey Kate Wilson		All participants - lunchtime
Comfort and Safety ALL DAY	Pam Davey - Master Saddler Clare Lewin – PCAV Executive Officer		Coaches, prospective coaches, parents, riders and club officials.
Showjump Course Building ALL DAY	Jenny Muir EA NCAS Level 1 Coach EA Level 2 Course Designer		Coaches, prospective coaches, parents, riders and club officials.
Horse Behaviour Be more confident & safe when handling your horse. ALL DAY *NEW TOPIC*	Tim Calkin EA NCAS Level 2 Coach and Coach Educator		This will be an informative session for parents, and riders on basic horse handling techniques.
Showjumping Coaching Poles & Grids – AM Jumping Courses - PM	Heather Wilson PCA NCAS Level 1 EA NCAS Level 1 Coach	Prelim Unit 3.5 Level 1 Unit 3.8 & 3.9	Coaches, prospective coaches, parents, riders
Lungeing – AM	Natalie Lees PCA NCAS level 1 Coach PCAV State Assessor	Level 1 Unit 3.11	Coaches, prospective coaches, parents, riders and club officials.
Rally Planning/Grading PM *NEW TOPIC*	Natalie Lees PCA NCAS level 1 Coach PCAV State Assessor		Club DC's, Chief Instructors, Committee members, Parents

This is a great opportunity to receive instruction from presenters with years of experience and knowledge and at the same time cover competencies from the new PCA NCAS coaching courses.

Kangaroo Ground Pony Club Grounds

Kangaroo Ground & Panton Hill Road, Kangaroo Ground

MW 471 F7

9:00 AM Registration - 10:00 AM Start – Finish 4PM approx.

This workshop will be partially funded by PCAV through its instructional grants

Cost \$20.00 per person.

Preferred payment via direct deposit

BSB : 013355

Account : 260054734

Quote code : STW and your name please

OR cheque payable to PCAV

Bring your own chair, pencils and notepaper

Canteen will be available on the day OR BYO lunch

This clinic is a great opportunity to hear from experienced and knowledgeable presenters. A few people from Mooroolbark indicated they were interested in attending, so if you would like to find out who, or share the driving, it would be a good idea to put a message on the Mooroolbark Facebook page. See the Zone website (www.nmz.ponyclubvic.org.au) for entry information.

Horse fact sheets – Mosquito-borne diseases of horses

Extracted from the DPI website: <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pests-diseases-and-weeds/animal-diseases/horses/mosquito-borne-diseases>

From DPI Note Number: AG1440, Published: March 2011

Dr Cameron Bell

Introduction

Mosquitoes and related insects can carry a range of diseases that affect horses. Fortunately, Australia is free of many of the serious mosquito-borne diseases of horses. Nevertheless horse owners need to be vigilant and take steps to minimise exposure of their horses.

Mosquito biology

There are over 300 species of mosquito in Australia but only a small proportion represent a significant risk to animal and human health, either as nuisance-biting pests or vectors of disease.

Mosquito larvae develop into adults over warmer months of the year in stagnant water that has been standing for at least 7-10 days. Some mosquito species will also develop in brackish/saline habitats, so high tides together with flooding in coastal regions may also increase mosquito numbers. Flood conditions and high rainfall in other areas may do the same.

Female mosquitoes suck blood from animals, including humans, as part of their eating and breeding habits. When a mosquito bites, she also injects saliva and anti-coagulants into the blood which may contain disease-causing organisms.

Mosquitoes are primarily attracted to carbon dioxide and the “smell” of skin. Each species varies in its propensity to bite animals. Conversely, different animals vary in both their attractiveness to mosquitoes and their sensitivity to a bite.

Adult mosquitoes typically live for up to 3 weeks.

Mosquito-borne diseases

Mosquitoes and related insects can transmit a range of diseases to animals, including humans. Not every mosquito however spreads disease: only those that have been infected after feeding on an infected animal.

Viruses carried by mosquitoes and related insects are called arboviruses. Although a number of well-studied arboviruses of animals occur in Australia, there are some about which very little is known.

Unexplained cases of disease in horses have been recorded in Victoria in the past and they usually coincide with periods of very high mosquito activity after a high rainfall period. Associating these cases with nearby water bodies suggests mosquito-borne infection is the primary cause.

Affected horses typically show either nervous (neurological) signs, including being wobbly on their feet, or a reluctance to move and swollen joints. Affected horses usually recover uneventfully and deaths are rare.

Viruses causing two mosquito-borne human diseases, Ross River fever and Murray Valley encephalitis, have been implicated in these unexplained cases. However no definitive evidence has been found at this stage.

It is highly likely a majority of horses infected with arboviruses will not show any signs of illness.

There is no known risk to humans from direct contact with horses infected with arboviruses in Australia.

Prevention

As for all diseases, prevention is better than cure. All horse owners should make efforts to reduce the risk of exposure of their horse(s) to mosquitoes. It may be impossible to completely prevent a horse being bitten but the following suggestions may minimise the risk of horses contracting mosquito-borne diseases.

- Eliminate breeding sites on the premises by removing stagnant/standing water. This includes disposing of tins, tyres and rubbish containers that may hold water, and ensuring that mosquitoes cannot access rainwater tanks.
- House horses during peak periods of mosquito activity (ie. between dusk and dawn).
- Turn off lights inside stables at night.
- Use fluorescent lights in stables which do not attract mosquitoes.
- Place incandescent bulbs around the stable perimeter to attract mosquitoes away from horses.
- Use commercial mosquito traps.
- Screen stable windows.
- Use fogging, fans and automatic overhead misting systems to eliminate mosquitoes within stables.
- Apply topical insect repellents.
- Use physical barriers such as rugging and hooding of horses in lightweight material. Other barriers such as mesh fly veils with ear covers and fly boots are commercially available.

Further information

Horse owners are encouraged to contact their local veterinarian for further information about mosquito-borne diseases of horses and reducing the risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Any horse showing unusual or unexplained signs of disease should be promptly reported to a veterinarian.

Department of Environment and Primary Industries - Horse Information

If you are looking for more information like this about horses, or maybe reference material to help with an assignment, take a look at the DPI web site:

<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/agriculture/animals-and-livestock/horses>

Where they have information about horse health & welfare, land management and advice to help you plan to keep your horses safe in an emergency. In particular, there are some timely articles and videos about bushfire preparedness.

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FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

November 10th	Willand	Laukart
<i>December</i>	All hands on deck for Christmas rally	
<i>2014 February</i>	Moore	Savini
<i>March</i>	Black	Hughes
<i>April</i>	Wright	Howes (A&K)
<i>May</i>	Harper	Smith
<i>June</i>	Winter	Willand
<i>July</i>	Laukart	Moore

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 Karen).

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.

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.

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

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