

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

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| <i>Tooradin PC XC Clinic</i> | <i>12th October</i> |
| <i>Lilydale PC Showjumping Day</i> | <i>13th October</i> |
| <i>Mountain District PC Dressage Day</i> | <i>20th October</i> |
| <i>Oaklands Horse Trials</i> | <i>20th October</i> |
| <i>Mooroolbark PC Working Bee 10am</i> | <i>26th October</i> |
| <i>Doongala Dressage Day</i> | <i>27th October</i> |
| <i>Nunawading CT Day</i> | <i>27th October</i> |
| <i>Eltham Show Jumping</i> | <i>27th October</i> |
| <i>Mentone PC Horse Trials</i> | <i>27th October</i> |
| <i>Mooroolbark PC – Derby XC Setup 10am</i> | <i>31st October</i> |
| <i>Mooroolbark PC - Derby Setup 2pm</i> | <i>2nd November</i> |
| <i>Mooroolbark PC - Derby & Showjumping Day</i> | <i>3rd November</i> |
| <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>23rd November</i> |
| <i>Upper Yarra PC Showjumping Day</i> | <i>24th November</i> |
| <i>Lilydale PC Eventing Clinic Grades 1 - 4</i> | <i>30th November</i> |

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

www.ponyclubvic.org.au

DC's Report - October 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

I hope you are all looking forward to the October rally. The weather has been interesting over the holidays but I hope you have all been able to get out with your horse. As the hickstead is coming up we are only able to use a limited cross country area, but I am sure you will have a good lesson. Also please let your horsey friends know about the hickstead, it is an open event this year so please tell non pony club members as well. Please remember to put your own entries in by the due date.

We also need to wish the C Certificates group good luck as they are doing there test on the 12th of October. Please remember to have fun girls.

Also we are hoping to start games practice once or twice a month on a Saturday or Sunday. So please let me know if you are interested and what times best suit you. We will work out the best time. Remember you do not need the perfect games pony, it is a chance to do something different with your pony and exposes horses to new things. It is lots and lots of fun so come and at least have a try.

Karen Brooks

Families on Duty this month

October: Winter & Smith

November: Willand & Laukart

Full Roster is at end of newsletter & is on website



Lessons with Nicky ...

Nicky will be running lessons at Pony Club on Sat 19th October (afternoon) and Saturday 26th October (afternoon). 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!

North Eastern PC Horse Trials – 8th September

Gena competed at North Eastern horse trials and says that she rode the best dressage test she has ever ridden and was absolutely over the moon to work out she placed 3rd in dressage when she would usually be eliminated or place close to last. She did very well in show jumping and cleared everything with ease and went very controlled. Gena then went on to cross country and says **Amber** didn't place a foot wrong! She says she has never been so proud of Amber and is now so much more confident! Even though Gena was told by another parent the wrong information about the ultimate time and caused her to gain time penalties (technicalities) Gen still placed within the top 10 and knows that it was no fault of her own or Amber's and had the potential to place higher. She was so proud of Amber and herself and the two make an unstoppable team!

Lisa Savini

Main Ridge Pony club Eventing Clinic–24/25th September



On the 24th and 25th of September, Mum and I attended a 2-day Eventing clinic at Main Ridge Pony Club. It was a fantastic clinic. There were small groups and fabulous instructors including Nina and Yona Lloyd and Adam Wooten. **Rove** was a really good boy and made the whole time very pleasurable. There was no accommodation on the grounds so Rove got to have a 2-day holiday at Boneo Park and we stayed at a holiday house in Rye! I will definitely be planning to go back in the future, we had so much fun. **Hayley Harper**

Come & Try Day – Modern Pentathlon Vic (MPV) September 15th

Ok, so maybe it's a bit off-topic, but being short on news this month, it gets a run! MPV ran a "come & try" day, running their version of a Tetrathlon (swim, run, fence, shoot). They are on a recruitment drive for Pentathlon (which adds showjumping). Jackie Wright went along (as did her dad, John) & they had a go! MPV were generous and welcoming with their time and facilities, making for a fun day, not at all serious. They are running another on October 27, I will post details on Mooroolbark's Facebook page.

Wendy Wright



Preparations for our Derby ...

Preparations are under way for our Derby (Hickstead) on November 3rd. Here's some things to make a note of:

- *Saturday 26th October at 10am – working bee to get club grounds ready ... all members to attend, or if you are not able, please make an alternate time and speak to Jim about jobs needed to be done.*
- *Thursday 31st October at 10am – 3 or 4 helpers needed to help put up the numbers on the cross country course*
- *Saturday 2nd November at 2pm – as many helpers as possible for setup of showjumping rings & other last minute clean up and jobs.*
- *Di Moore is putting together the duty roster for the day and will be confirming the details with everyone at the next rally.*

For those who haven't helped out at events before, don't worry about your lack of experience, there are plenty of "old hands" around to show you the ropes. And we've included our "helping at events" fact sheet in this newsletter as

well.

Uniform Special!!

We have a few of our old-style T-shirts still in stock, and are selling these off at \$15 each (first in best "dressed"). Whilst you can't wear these at competitions, they can be worn at rallies (and so save your new T-shirt to last that bit longer). Please speak to one of your committee members if you are interested.



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OPEN EVENTS – SASHES TO FOURTH PLACE

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Section 1 – Pony Club

Section 2 – Open

DERBY Grades 2, 3, 4, 5

Run under PCAV CT Rules Article E5 DERBY, in PCAV HT Rule Book 2013. (In the event of an equality for first place there will be one jump off over the showjumps.)

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

SHOWJUMPING Table A Grades B, C, D, E, F (No Open F Grade)

Run under PCAV Rules 2013 and FEI SJ Rules 2013 Article 238 2.2

Heights - refer to table below.

Cost \$50 (Including \$1 zone levy)

Open Section Riders who do not have a PCAV card must also pay a \$10 Day Attendance Fee

From PCAV Showjumping Rules, Feb 2013. All measurements are in metres.

| Grade | No of Obstacles | Minimum Starting Height | Maximum Starting Height | Maximum Finishing Height | Maximum Spread | Speed metres per minute |
|-------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| B | 9 to 12 | 0.90 | 1.00 | 1.15 | 1.20 | 325 |
| C | 9 to 12 | 0.75 | 0.85 | 1.00 | 1.05 | 300 |
| D | 8 to 10 | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 275 |
| E | 8 to 10 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 250 |
| F | 6 to 10 | 0.35 | 0.45 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 250 |

Enquiries Karen 9739 5536 or Julie 9722 1920 or Jim 9726 5801

Entries close Friday 25th October, 2013.

For conditions of Entry and Full Entry Form go to www.mooroolbark.ponyclubvic.org.au

Horse fact sheets – Helping at Events

One of the important functions of pony club is to run events and competitions to enable riders to get experience and fun from doing more than just attending rallies. These events are run by various clubs within a zone, or by the zone itself. The zone and clubs rely heavily on volunteers to make the events run smoothly. This is no different for our club – if everyone volunteers to do a job, no one person has to carry a huge load.

For those new to pony club, getting involved in volunteering at your club's events is a great way to learn more about what goes on at competitions and this can be a great help to your own children in their enjoyment of riding. We also encourage riders to volunteer – not only because it can be fun – but it can be instructional watching how other riders prepare and participate in an event. However it can be a bit daunting if you are assigned a job that you haven't done before, and we have put these notes together to help you.

General Guidelines

Following are a number of jobs that might be typically assigned at a competition or event, and the basic requirements for fulfilling those jobs. Of course, different types of events may be run slightly differently, sometimes some roles are combined or split and you should take note of any specific instructions you are given by the club. But if you are ever assigned a job that you are uncertain about, don't be afraid to speak to the organiser – they are usually more than willing to help you.

At many events, there are briefing sessions that are held to give instructions around what is required. Listen out for these, or check with the organiser.

At some events you may be given a walky-talky or similar for communication purposes. These should be used for valid reasons only, and over-use is discouraged. They should be used in an emergency, eg to seek medical assistance.

Don't be afraid to speak up if you feel something is unsafe. The organiser may not have noticed something that has been missed or become a problem.

Be cautious in giving advice to riders if you are not qualified to do so – they may rely upon your answer when they should have checked out something themselves. A common question going into a dressage ring, is "am I allowed to carry a whip in this test?" – unless you are sure, you are better to direct the rider to get the right answer rather than risk them being disqualified by wrong advice.

Note that there are many more jobs that are required at an event ... for example, Penciller, Cross Country Judge, Secretary – these will be covered in later editions – but if you are looking for answers earlier, the pcav web site has some excellent information, particularly regarding Cross Country Judging.

Event Organiser

This is the person who has been designated to run the event – they are often very busy in both the lead up and on the day as they need to ensure that all runs smoothly, and are very reliant on getting as much help as they can. It is out of scope to outline the details of this role here, but two points to note:

1. There are some basic guidelines for running a competition on the pcav web site in the Resources section
2. If you are volunteering at an event, this is your go-to when you don't know who else to ask!

Cross Country Judge

At horse trials and similar events, a number of people are normally needed to act as Cross Country (XC) judges during the XC phase of the event. This is an important role responsible for assessing and recording the faults made by each competitor at the XC obstacle.

We stress that the following is a summarised overview of tips for XC judges – there is a very good detailed guide on the PCAV web site and we strongly encourage you to download a copy and print off some of the pages.

- There is normally a briefing for XC judges where you will be given specific details about procedures for the day and you will be assigned to one or more of the obstacles
- Type of obstacles include fences, jumps, water, ditches, or combinations of these
- You may want to bring your own folding seat, and ensure you have something to eat/drink and rain/sun clothing, as you may be at your position for a period of time.
- Chose a position near the jump that has a clear view of both sides of the obstacle, but ensure you are out of the way of any potential lines of approach. Make sure that you are visible to rider & horse to avoid startling them.
- You will be given some type of scoresheet to record competitors as they come through and to note the results of their efforts. You should include your name and the obstacle number
- When recording rider numbers, don't write numbers down until the competitor has come past you – it is important that you record them in the sequence that they present to the obstacle.
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Crash crew

The crash crew are normally required for showjumping events to rebuild jumps that have been knocked down. Usually this will be for BOTH the main ring, and the warm up ring or areas.

- Crash crew should wait outside the main jumping area until they are needed.
- It may be possible for the crew to go into the ring to start repairing a jump before the rider and horse have left the arena, HOWEVER you should look to the judge or instructor for direction on this – safety of everyone is the first priority.
- When a jump is badly crashed, it may be necessary for the judge or instructor to re-check the heights and safety after it is rebuilt. Check with them if you are not sure.
- The same applies to the warm up area – often this is overlooked and may become a safety hazard because bystanders inadvertently rebuild the jump without keeping safety in mind.
- The crash crew may assist the judge with changing jumps between classes – but the judge will always re-check jumps as they are responsible for ensuring the safe structure and height.
- It is good practice to make sure that spare poles and other parts are stored safely out of the way until they are needed

Ring Marshall

Most events have one or more “rings” where a competition (or instruction) takes place, along with an area that has been set aside for riders to warm up. Basically, the ring marshall keeps a record of which riders have presented for their session, ensures that riders ride in the pre-allotted sequence, and that the area is kept orderly, with not too many horses and riders congregating in one area.

- Usually you will be given a running sheet to tick off riders as they go through
- Riders should go into the warm up area in sequence, following your direction.
- Keep an eye on proceedings in the main ring and let the next rider know when they should be preparing to go in. The judge or instructor may let you know if they want this “sped up” or slowed down.
- If there is a gate your job is to open and close that as needed. Gates should be kept closed where possible for safety.
- You may need to call up riders who have not presented to you as yet, sometimes you may need to be in contact with the organiser to find out if a rider has actually scratched.
- The judge or instructor must give their approval if a rider wishes to ride out of sequence
- For safety (and fairness to riders) you may need to limit the number of riders in the warm up area. Check with the judge/instructor / organiser if you are unsure what a reasonable limit should be – but don't be afraid to use your judgement to ensure safety.
- Similarly, you should discourage too many horses waiting around to go into the warm up area. If a ring is running late, provide that feedback to the riders.
- The organiser may want you to be in touch with them periodically regarding progress of the ring you are marshalling (eg running ahead, behind) so they can make announcements

Gear Check

Gear check is a very important role in terms of checking the safety and compliance of gear that a horse is presented with. It's probably not the best job for someone new to pony club to do on their own, but a great job to learn alongside a more experienced person, to be able to help your child in future competitions.

- The gear checker is required to check that the rider's gear is compliant with pony club rules, and not unsafe (eg worn).
- There are very comprehensive gear check guidelines on the pcav web site, as well as a checklist for competitions. You need to be familiar with the latest version of these (they do change).
- If gear is not compliant, or safe, the rider needs to correct it before they can be given the ok to ride. If there is a parent or helper with them, get them involved in the discussion.
- Be aware that questioning a person's gear can become a very "hot" topic and if you want a second opinion, just ask the organiser or another club adult.
- Usually you will be given a running sheet to tick off riders as they have presented for gear check. You will also be given a sticker or some other method of giving the rider confirmation that they presented for that gear check.
- The check list and the sticker together are a cross-check that the rider presented for gear check – it is very important to get this right because a rider may be eliminated for failure to gear check.
- When the rider presents, you should cross-check their number and name with the information on the sheet.
- Gear check is normally required to be repeated for each phase of competition, and this should be stated in the competition rules

How do we communicate with you all?

As you would know, we have a number of different ways to communicate with our members to make sure that you are getting information about our club & activities.

We have a Mooroolbark Pony Club Facebook page that is a closed group – if you are not a member & would like to be, you can apply via the group.

***Of course not everyone uses Facebook. So, we also have our web site
www.mooroolbark.ponyclubvic.org.au***

And we also send emails ... We can send those emails to both riders & parents/guardians, so if you are not all receiving these & would like to, please provide your extra email addresses to Lindy Whitfort or Wendy Wright and we will organise that.

If you have any ideas for how we could communicate more effectively, please feel free to discuss with a member of your committee.

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

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| October 13th | Winter | Smith |
| <i>November 10th</i> | 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 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 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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