

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

2014 RALLY SUNDAY December 14th 2014

*****Start Times – see list later in newsletter*****

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UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

Remember that some events may be forced to cancel in the event of extreme weather - keep an eye on web sites & facebook to stay up to date ... Check the PCAV web site for entry forms, and more details on these, and other events. www.ponyclubvic.org.au

<i>Mooroolbark Rally – Club Champs</i>	<i>Dec 14th</i>
<i>Cockatoo PC Jumps Trial (at Wandin Park)</i>	<i>Jan 18th</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Rally</i>	<i>Feb 8th</i>
<i>Yarra Glen PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>Feb 7/8th</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn Twilight Showjumping</i>	<i>Fri Feb 13th</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>Feb 15th</i>
<i>PCAV State Dressage & Showjumping</i>	<i>Feb 21/22nd</i>
<i>Seville PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>Feb 22nd</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn Twilight Showjumping</i>	<i>Fri Feb 27th</i>
<i>Lilydale PC Horse Trials</i>	<i>March 1st</i>
<i>Wyena PC Super Cross</i>	<i>March 7/8th</i>
<i>NMZ Games & Flat Teams Qualifier</i>	<i>March 15th</i>
<i>Mt Evelyn Derby Day</i>	<i>Sat March 21st</i>

DC's Report - December 2014

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

Club Champs are here again. We are starting with dressage and then a derby (3 or 4 show jumps and then cross country and then finishing with 3 or 4 more show jumps. The dressage tests are 1C, 2C, 3C, 4C, 5D and 5A (for pre 5). A couple of riders are only doing the dressage. Times are on the schedule below. Please be on time and you may need to be prepared to ride earlier. Please contact me if you have any questions.

We are starting at 9.00 and will run till about 1.00 we will then have lunch.

After lunch we will run a Kingston Lad jumping comp. This is a jumping comp that starts at f grade and is slowly increased. Everyone who wants to compete must jump the every round and to move onto the next round you have to have a clear round. The last one standing (or jumping) wins. You may think that this will be our top jumpers but it is surprising how many of them will knock a low rail.

After the Kingston Lad we will take the horses home and then come back to the club at 5.30 to have a Christmas break up. Please bring picnic blankets or chairs and running legs to join in the human games. All family members are welcome.

If you could please let me know the numbers that will be coming to the break up, this would help with the catering (RSVP by Thursday the 11th December). If you have a surname starting with A to K please bring a dessert and if you are M to Z please bring a salad. The pony club will provide the main course (including for vegetarians).

Now the hard part:

Friday at 9.30 cross country set up, Saturday at 12.00 is dressage set up. If we could have some mowers and whipper snipper that would be great. And on Sunday we will need all families to help – see the roster elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hope to see you all there as it's our last time we will be having a rally at Mooroolbark and after Christmas the cross country will be being moved to Lilydale. Please bring a big smile so that we can take a club photo and a hand to put on our jump as a memento.

Karen

**Families on Duty this
Month**
***December: Club
Champs - All hands on
deck - see the roster***

Cross Country Relocation to Lilydale

**Our XC jumps will start to be
relocated to Lilydale in
January. Our riders are able
to use Lilydale's grounds for
training. More details on how
to get access at Lilydale
coming soon.**

2014 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Family Duty Roster

All families needed to attend at least one of these set ups – some mowers and whipper snippers would be great as well (either day) ...

XC Setup Friday 12th 9:30

Dressage Setup Saturday 13th midday

Canteen 8.00am – 11.30am

Kat Howes, Glenice, Andrew Howes

Canteen 11:45 – 1 pm

J. Howes, K. Smith

Canteen 11.30am – 3.00pm

Jenelle O'Neill, Sue Tucker, Kim Howes

Ring Marshalls

Dressage 8:45 – 11.40am Lisa Savini

Derby 10:15 – 12:40 pm Craig Black

Crash Crew 10.15 – 12:15 pm Stuart Moore 12 – 3pm Ian Smith

Pencillers *Dressage:* Sara-Jane Vaughan *Derby:* Hayley Harper

Cross Country Judges **10:15 AM:** D Harper, M Winter, K Black, D Moore

Scoring Wendy Wright/Fiona Vaughan

Secretary and Gear Check Lindy Whitfort and Karen Brookes

Pack up – all families to be available to assist with pack up at the end of the day.

Please contact Di Moore if you are not able to do your assigned duty

2014 CLUB CHAMPIOSHIPS – Rider Times

Number	Name		Horse	Grade	Dressage Time	Derby time
1	Jackie	Wright	Tetley	1	9.00	10.30
2	Lauren	Howes	Kiel Park Newmarket (L)	2	9.10	10.35
3	Jackie	Wright	Tommy	2 (HC)	9.20	10.40
4	Lauren	Howes	Ollie	3 (HC)	9.30	10.55
5	Amy	Tucker	Henry	3	9.38	-
6	Tessa	Whitfort	Kantallis Anson (A) Andy	3	9.46	11.00
7	Kate	Moore	Pepper	3	9.52	11.05
8	Chelsea	Winter	Kahean Leilani (G) Gypsy	3	9.58	11.10
9	Taylah	O'Neill	Donegal Kings Ransom	3	10.04	11.15
10	Genevieve	Savini	Amber	4	10.15	11.30
11	Louisa	Smith	Goose	4	10.21	11.35
12	Jillian	Brooks	Shamus	4	10.27	11.40
13	Alexandra	Brooks	Storming Prince (Jazz)	4	10.33	-
14	Phoebe	Dobbs	Baney	4	10.39	-
15	Chloe	Black	KitKat	5	10.45	11.55
16	Elizabeth	Brooks	Abbey	5	10.50	12.00
17	Amy	Moore	Charlie	5	10.55	12.05
18	Brianna	Howes	Junior	5	11.00	12.10
19	Emily	Savini	Willow	5	11.05	12.15
20	Stephanie	Hughes	Bobby	5	11.10	12.20
21	Lauren	Howes	Harry	5 (HC)	11.15	12.25
22	Elizabeth	Brooks	Mistletoe	5	11.20	-
23	Juila	Matthews	Bounty	pre 5	11.40	12.40

If you are riding 2 or more horses in the club champs or the Kingston Lad you need to nominate (before the start of the comp) which horse you are riding for a place and the other horse or horses will be HC.

Please be prepared to ride early.

Please contact Karen Brooks if any changes are needed to these times

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!

Mansfield Games Day

Stephanie Hughes competed at Mansfield Games Day. She and Bobby came 2nd in bending and 2nd in the keyhole. Then 3rd in the barrels, 3rd in the musical mats and 4th in the "apple in the straw"! Amazing effort from this team (who surprised even themselves!) ... who knew Bobby had moves like that????



NMZone Qualifiers for State Dressage & Showjumping

Lauren Howes / Jackie Wright / Amy Tucker nice work from all our riders at the zone state qualifiers.

Amy & Henry did some lovely work in the Grade 3 dressage arena at their first qualifier. They are certainly showing their potential to be serious contenders in the future.

I was incredibly impressed with Kal's performances - especially in the heat to place him 4th and 2nd in his elementary tests which qualified him 3rd for Grade 1 state champs. He managed to pull out a few 9's in gr1 which was amazing! Leo also performed very well and I was especially pleased with his second test however on a day of strong competitors and challenges of being first horse of the day he placed 7th and 4th in his tests which unfortunately was not enough to qualify for state being placed 6th overall. It was a shame but I am still really happy with how he performed on the day.

Lauren Howes



Woohoo both Tetley and Tommy qualified to go to PCAV state showjumping again as part of the NMZ teams!! Tetley didn't have a fault all day and qualified 1st in B Grade and Tommy qualified 4th in C Grade (after deciding the spooky water jump required a closer inspection). Super pumped for state next year and being part of 2 awesome teams again! **Jackie Wright**

Great to see some Lilydale riders also qualifying for state – Sophie Ashton (Grade 2 Dressage), Keyarra-Lee Smith (A Grade SJ), Nicole Davies (C Grade SJ) ...

Mt Evelyn PC Combined Training

Great day at Mt Evelyn Pony Club Combined Training - Ollie's first comp back in nearly 3 months, his second grade 3 and placed an awesome second place by only 4 points! Super pony! Leo was also a good boy and should of walked away with a pretty blue ribbon if it wasn't for a silly rider error (forgot to drop whip before test) which lead us to elimination.

Lauren Howes

Yarrambat PC Horse Trials

Once again both my ponies were super jumping machines! Neither did the most brilliant dressage but they made up for it with their jumping. Tetley was a wonderful boy, placing 5th with just a few time penalties in xc in only our 2nd Grade 1!! Little Tom flew around the jumps and ended up about 11th in grade 2. He just needs an off button for dressage!

Jackie Wright

I was so impressed with Amber's jaw dropping improvement at Yarrambat HT Amber had no warm up for dressage at all.. She had her gear cheek and went straight into the ring.. Her sensational dressage test WAS her warm up! She blew me out of the water at how well behaved she was! If only we had time To warm up I can't imagine how well we would have done!

Amber then did a sensational show jumping round with no refusals which is already a massive improvement from our last outing at Oaklands being eliminated in jumping and eliminated again on the first jump of cross country. However at Yarrambat amber tried her absolute heart out and gave it her all on very slippery grounds and only refused one jump due to rider error and if there were no rider error Amber would have placed 6th! I'm Very proud of Amber and can't wait to get back out and compete at another event!

Gena Savini

Ringwood Dressage Day

Kal placed 2nd and 3rd in elementary. Leo was very naughty at his first comp back after a few months off still managed a 4th in one test for novice, but I was not too pleased with his behaviour!

Lauren Howes

Monbulk PC Combined Training & Dressage Day

Monbulk dressage and ct day. Kal placed 4th and 2nd in elementary and Leo redeemed himself (after Ringwood) with first in both novice tests and first in Grade 2 CT, winning champion overall.

Lauren Howes



Nunawading Combined Training

I took Kal (on his own for once!) to Nunawading, and he placed 1st in Grade 1 CT (one of only two horses to complete the course, out of about 7 in total). He also placed 3rd in Dressage test 1F.

Lauren Howes



BITS AND PIECES



THANK YOU

To the parents who came to setup the dressage rings at Wesburn for the zone qualifiers ... a very efficient team they were!

Glad you're ok Jim!

Our hardworking president spends a huge amount of his time helping not just our club, but zone activities. Whenever there's something going on, he's in there lifting and shifting with the best of them.

So there were lots of quizzical looks over the course of the day at the zone qualifiers, wondering why he'd been so quiet – we'd hardly seen him since the morning - had Jim gone home ?

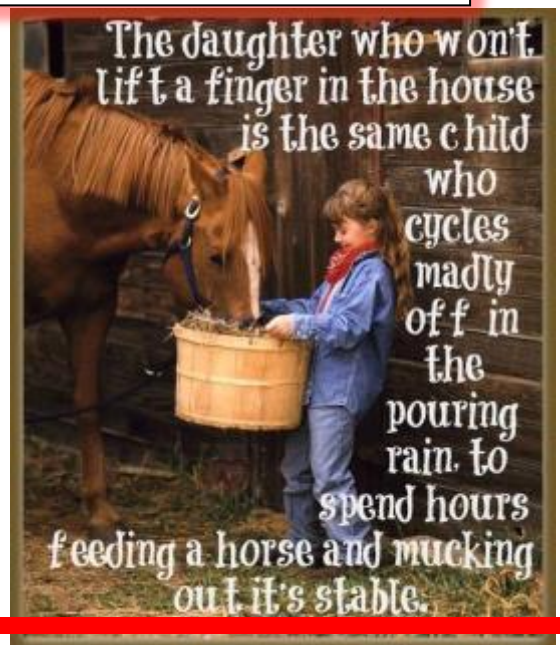
No ... actually it turned out that the ambulance we had seen at the grounds that morning was for him – Jim took a fall (probably whilst fixing or setting something up) – and while they kept him in hospital overnight for some enforced rest (was that for Jim or Margaret?), he got the all-clear the next day and was back home raring to go!

DERBY THANK YOU

Our Derby in November went incredibly well, and was a great fundraiser for our club. Despite having increased numbers of entries, the day went smoothly, and we got heaps of positive feedback about our organisation and our friendly helpers. Well done everyone – pat yourselves on the back.

CADBURY CHOCOLATES

A special thankyou to Kylie Black for organising the chocolate fundraiser. If you have sold all your chocolates please return the money to Kylie at rally and feel free to ask for another box!



RALLY GALLERY

This is your opportunity to contribute monthly to Mooroolbark Pony Club's newsletter. It would be wonderful if all our members could see what goes on at our rallies. When you're with the same group each month you often have no idea what others are up to.

It's easy to contribute, here's what to do:

STEP 1: Make sure you get photos of your day at rally

STEP 2: Choose one or two photos that you would like to have published, remember space will be limited.

STEP 3: You may choose to add a caption or words to your photos

STEP 4: Email your photos to Dianna Moore (s.dl.moore@bigpond.com)

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED LAST RALLY



Kat has started work on the new photo board, we invite all members (past and present) to contribute photos, feel free to discuss this with Kat at the December rally.



Our 'BBQ Boss' was not seen anywhere near the BBQ, instead he took some time off to watch his sister, Taylah, riding. Next rally we need you back on that BBQ Riley!



Amy got Charlie to canter, and he didn't even try and put her on the deck. Well done Amy



Kate returned to Pony Club after finishing her VCE studies, Pepper seemed to pick up where he left off.....many months ago.

Perhaps, one session of XC was just too much for the 'Rolly-Polly' Pepper and he just had to go back to what he's mastered in the last 10 months, EATING!



Our younger riders continue to advance and it's so pleasing to see them praising their mounts when they achieve new skills. Keep up the great riding Brianna.

Jim thought it would be interesting to bring out the 'Water' jump, he did take a bit of encouragement from some of the mums.....Jenelle! So here's what happened when the riders took to the SJ 'Water' jump, with and without DUCKS.





Didn't really bother them Jim! Next Trick.





And those that weren't quite ready for the ducks trained over the dazzle board.



The rally ended a little differently to normal. Karen arranged for Michelle to take riders through a 'Pilates' session, you can be the judge as to who's the expert.



Given that it's the end of rallies for 2014, it seems only fitting to thank all of our instructors and wish them all the best for Christmas and the New Year. Our instructors have gone to all sorts of lengths to help our riders and their mounts improve. Nothing has been too much trouble for them.

This is not the first time we've seen Nicki in this position!



Lessons with Nicky ...

Lessons with Nicky in December and January can be organised directly with her. As of Jan 1, lessons will go up by \$5.

***She can be contacted on
0413 249 729 – please contact Nicky if you are interested.***



Amber & Chelsea on show at Equitana ...

On the 22nd, we were asked to bring Gypsy to Equitana to be displayed in the breed village and to do a 15 minute display in one of the indoor pavilions (on our own, which was a bit daunting!) on the versatility on the breed. Mum helped me out by throwing a beach ball under Gyps and we played catch with it as well while I sat on her bareback and in a halter. I also cantered around and



jumped with Gypsy in her halter, waved an umbrella all around her, cantered her over tarps and jumped on her from behind over her bum. Gypsy was so relaxed about the whole thing and I couldn't have asked more from her during the demonstration.

Then we spent the day over in the breed village with Gypsy in her stable

with the door open so people could come in and pat her and play with her mane and tail. I was even asked by a little girl for my autograph after she saw our demonstration which was very cute. We were asked if Gypsy could be used for the Mark Burnell dentistry demonstration later that afternoon so I had to walk her through one of the main pavilions and through all the trade stalls and people to get to the little demonstration ring, I think Gypsy was more interested in going shopping than walking on carpeted floors through crowds! We got her teeth done for free which was an added bonus and she managed to fall asleep during Mark's talk.

It was a great day and I was so proud of little Gypsy :) **Chelsea Winter**

There's even a photo of Gypsy & Chelsea on the Equitana web site at this link:

<http://www.equitana.com.au/breedvillage.html#connemara-pony-breeder-s-society-of-australia-inc>



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