

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

2014 RALLY SUNDAY July 13th 2014

*****Gear Check Time – 9.45am*****

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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

Mooroolbark Pony Club Rally

Bacchus Marsh Horse Trials

Hurstbridge Winter Woolies

PCAV Interzone Horse Trials

Cockatoo Dressage Jackpot

Wyeena Combined Training and Dressage

Seville Dressage Day

St Andrews Show Jumping

Ringwood Pre-Royal Show

Kangaroo Ground Dressage Day

July 13th

July 19th & 20th

July 20th

July 26th & 27th

Aug 2nd & 3rd

Aug 10th

Aug 24th

Aug 31st

Sep 14th

Sep 14th

Families on Duty this Month

July: Willand and Laukart

August: Moore and Savini

DC's Report - June 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,

So another month has come and gone. Congratulations to all our members who got out and competed in the last month. There were some excellent results at Donvale and Templestowe Dressage Day, Monash Show Jumping day and more. It's great to see everyone progressing so well!!

The weather has recently taken a turn for the worse, so it has become even more important to keep an eye on your horses' weight and watch out for nasties like abscesses and mud fever.

This month's rally is extra special as it's our 30th year at our Hull Rd grounds. Hopefully we will be able to use all of the grounds but this will depend on this week's weather. This rally we have Nicky, Chloe, Sarah and Sue Cornish instructing.

Later this month we will also be attending Lilydale Pony Club's July Rally (28 Melba Hwy Yering). They have made a big effort to make us feel welcome, so it would be great to see everyone there. I have been in correspondence with Lilydale placing everyone in groups and it is shaping up to be a great day with almost 60 riders!! Not to mention it will be a great opportunity to get out and have a ride on a different cross country course.

Lilydale run their rally days with three 75 minute sessions, with gear check at 9.30am. Please be on time!!! If anyone has any issues concerning getting down there, let me know and I'll see what I can do.

Last rally James Harvey, the equine dentist, tidied up the teeth of some of our mounts. Thankyou James for your services.

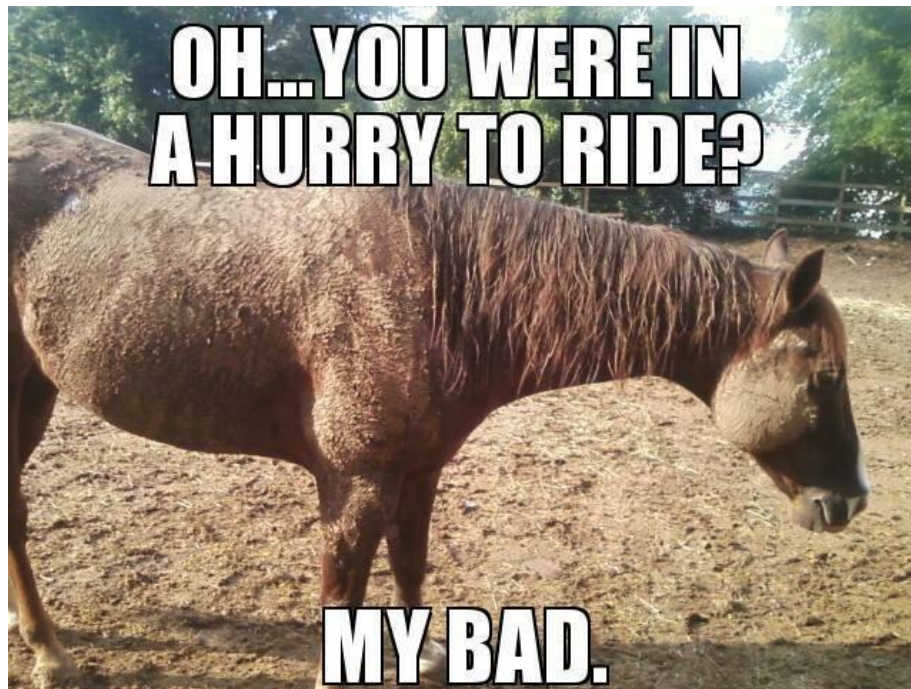
Finally a big thankyou to Lauren for organising the movie night. It was a great night for all involved. We have had some great feedback from Lilydale riders and parents who were very impressed with how friendly and welcoming our riders were. Well done girls!

Look forward to seeing everyone with their ponies next Sunday.

Karen



Winter and Owning Horses!!



Pony Club Association Victoria - Rules changes

Each year PCAV reviews its rules relating to competing and generally running pony clubs. At the start of each year any changes are published on their web site. The latest rule books can be downloaded from

<http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au/?Page=27609>

Grade 1 & 2 riders should particularly note that the rules for qualifying for the annual State competition have changed – you should read up on these to make sure you are clear on what's required.

Lessons with Nicky

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Lessons with Nicky in July will need to be negotiated directly with her

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!

Donvale/Templestowe Dressage Day – 15th June:

This event was well attended by our members. We had Allie and Lizzie Brooks, Amy Moore, Tessa Whitfort, Sara-Jane Vaughan and Amy Tucker all competing. It's wonderful to see our riders continue to get out and about, even when the weather conditions are not great.

Allie and Lizzie both had a good but wet day at Donvale. Allie was happy with Jazz who placed 6th in grade 4 in one test and middle of the field in the other. Lizzie was very pleased with a 3rd and 6th with and over all 4th. Congratulations girls.

Amy took Charlie to his first dressage day, finishing 5th on one test and 10th on the other, he wasn't too keen on cantering in wet and slippery conditions. Overall she placed midfield. It's nice to see Amy getting out and about with her new horse.

Sara-Jane was competing Flynn in Grade 1, finishing 2nd overall. Again this pair continues to achieve outstanding results. Well done. Sara-Jane also competed Griffin in Grade 3 with an overall result of 4th.

This competition was Loui's second competition. He has improved greatly, (aside from the odd display of gymnastic moves – well ridden Tessa!!), from the weekend before despite the rain turning the arenas into slush. They placed 4th in the first test and 9th in the second, resulting in an overall placing of 8th.

Amy took 'Little Hen' to only his second ever competition and after competing with 20 grade 4 competitors in miserable weather, he behaved like a super star and took it all in his stride to place 3rd, 4th and 3rd overall. He won himself a lovely bag of feed, I'm sure he's very happy with himself! As you should be very happy with yourself as well, Amy!



Doongala Combined Training and Dressage Day – 29th June:

Doongala was also well attended by Mooroolbark riders, Chelsea Winter, Lauren Howes and Taylah O'Neil.

Chelsea Winter:

Gypsy and I went to Doongala CT day and we came 3rd overall in our section in grade 3! It was her first competition in about 8 months so I was really pleased with her. Great effort Chelsea.

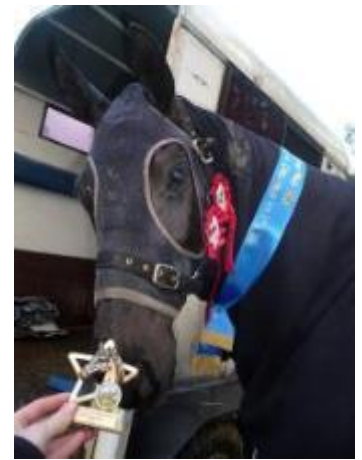


Lauren Howes:

Leo was so clever having his first go at Grade 1 and placed 1st in Open 1A, his SJ was not as impressive but he gave it crack and it will come in time. Leo also placed 1st, 3rd and 2nd overall in PC Gr2! What a star!



Little Ollie man was a champ also placing 2nd overall with two 2nd's in his PC Gr4 tests. Ollie also had a go a Gr3 for the first time and followed up his performance with another 2nd in Open 3A and 2nd in the Open Gr3 Combined Training. Onward and upward for Ollie man!! Both boys doing brilliant in terrible conditions! Couldn't be prouder.



Taylah O'Neil



As it can be seen, the conditions at Doongala were challenging, especially for the big horses! Donny and Taylah seemed to take it all in their stride, finishing 5th overall in Grade 3.

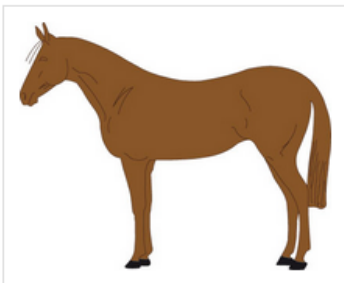
HORSE FACT SHEET:

In winter, when our horses are in work, their thick coats can result in excessive sweating, slow drying and a chill factor after work. As a result many owners choose to have their horses clipped. Below is some information about clipping your horse and the different types of clipping patterns.

Types of horse clip

There are many different horse clipping styles and designs. When considering the types of horse clip, you should think about:

- ✓ Whether your horse will be stabled
- ✓ Whether your horse will be turned out during the day
- ✓ How much work your horse is in
- ✓ The rugs you have, or are prepared to buy
- ✓ How much your horse sweats
- ✓ The extent to which your horse feels the cold
- ✓ If you horse has been clipped before – if it's the first time, do a bib clip to build his confidence

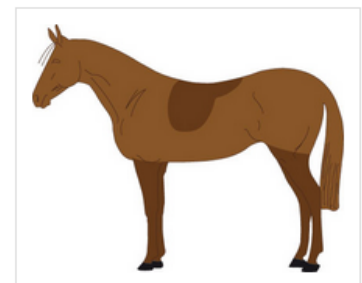


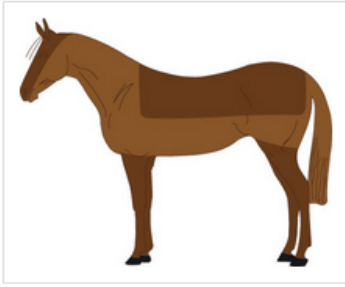
Full Clip

All the coat is removed, including the legs, head and ears. This clip leaves the horse with no protection or warmth so requires careful stable management to ensure the horse does not get cold or suffer other ailments, such as rain scald or mud fever. The full clip should only be considered for horses in hard competition work with no turnout throughout the winter.

Hunter Clip

A popular clip for horses in medium to hard work. Although most of the coat is removed, the hunter clip gives the horse protection from the saddle and helps keep the legs warm and protected. Many people lightly trim the longer hairs running down the back of the leg to give a neat finish and some choose to leave half of the head on for extra warmth and protection. As with the full clip, the hunter clip requires careful stable management to ensure the horse does not become cold.



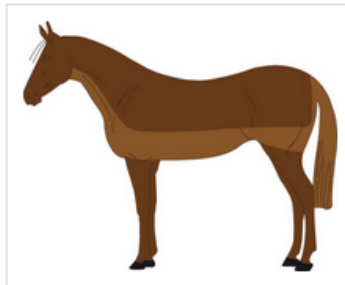
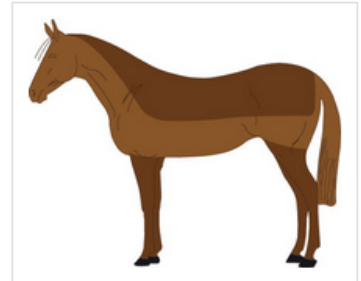


Blanket Clip

The blanket clip is ideal for horses that are in medium work and turned out during the day when the weather permits. By leaving some hair on in an area not prone to sweating, the horse gets extra warmth but without excessive sweating when working. Many people lightly trim the longer hairs running down the back of the leg to give a neat finish.

Chaser Clip

Very similar to a blanket clip but helps keep the muscles on the top of the neck warm too. The chaser clip is ideal for horses that are in medium work and turned out during the day when the weather permits. Many people lightly trim the longer hairs running down the back of the leg to give a neat finish.

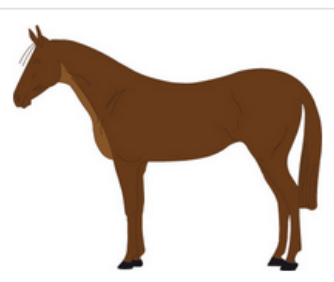
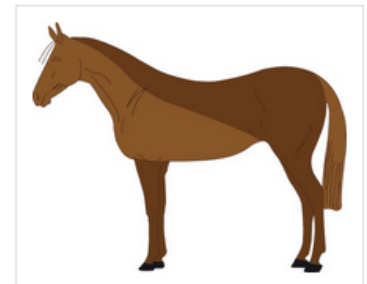


Trace Clip

The trace clip is very similar to the chaser clip but only half of the neck hair is removed and the head hair is either left on completely or only partially removed. This gives the horse more warmth and protection. The trace clip is suitable for horses that are in moderate work and turned out by day.

Irish Clip

The Irish clip is fairly quick and simple to do, making it ideal for young horses and those in light work. By removing hair from the areas that the horse sweats most (around the neck and armpits) sweating can be reduced but the horse still has plenty of warmth where it matters most. The Irish clip is suitable for horses turned out by day.



Bib Clip

As the most basic type of clip, the bib clip removes only a small amount of hair from the front of the neck and chest. Some people also choose to continue the clip so that it runs partially under the belly too (where the girth goes), which is why this clip is often called the neck and belly clip. The bib clip is ideal for horses in light work and can be given to horses that are turned out throughout the winter, providing they are suitably rugged and have access to a field shelter.



Lilydale and District
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Would like to invite and welcome
Mooroolbark Pony Club to a rally.

When: Sunday, July 20th

Where: Yarra Glen and Lilydale Hunt
Club, 28 Melba Highway, Yering, 3770

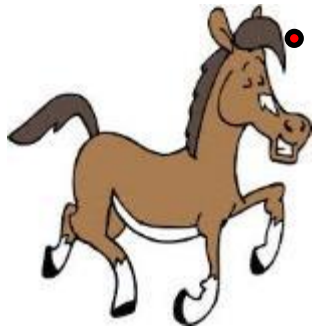
Time: Gear check is at 9.30am

Let's have a great day and share some fun.
The canteen offers bacon and egg
sandwiches for breakfast and a range of
food for lunch.



RSVP by July 1st
Karen Brooks
On 0408 558 776 or email
karen.brooks0@bigpond.com





BITS AND PIECES

IMPORTANT DATE

**Bunnings BBQ - Saturday 4th
October**

**Put it into your calendar -
great fundraiser for the
club**

CONGRATULATIONS

This rally is a special one for Mooroolbark Pony Club. This month we celebrate 30 years at our current home on Hull Rd Mooroolbark. Both past and present members are to be congratulated for making our club so friendly and successful. A huge thankyou goes to Jim Page for all his efforts in helping to establish such a wonderful club.

THANKYOU

Thankyou to Lauren Howes for organising the Dinner at Pancake Parlour and Movie for the Mooroolbark and Lilydale PC members. The night was extremely well supported and all enjoyed the evening.

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

We had a very exciting rally, eight riders from Lilydale Pony Club joined us and the day ended with a very enjoyable, yet slightly competitive, game of polocrosse.

We hope the Lilydale riders enjoyed their time at Mooroolbark Pony Club, it was a pleasure to have them join us, the riders included; Maddison Clarke, Phoebe Dixon, Jasmine Dillon, Natasha and Isaac George, Hannah and Ivy Schey and Sammy Caudwell.



Jasmine, Hannah, Sammy



Natasha



Maddison



Ivy



Isaac



Phoebe

This rally we saw the return of some of our more 'seasoned' horses: Donny, Cherry and Gypsy, all looking very nice.



Ending the day with a game of Polocrosse may well have been fraught with danger!!! However, to the surprise of many on the sidelines all went well and there turned out to be some highly skilled riders and horses, perhaps the making of a future team. The younger group did some training and exposed their ponies earlier in the day. Have a look at the wonderful job Brianna did with Junior, he wasn't having a bar of that polo stick at the beginning.



Then it was game on!



MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<i>July 13th</i>	Willand	Laukart	
<i>August 10th</i>	Moore	Savini	
<i>September 14th</i>	Black	Hughes	Horner
<i>October 12th</i>	Vaughan	Howes (A)	Howes (J)
<i>November 9th</i>	Winter	Willand	Dodd
<i>December</i>	Christmas Rally	Duty - everyone	

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?

Please re-check the roster for changes each month. It is YOUR responsibility to organise a swap if needed.

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 about them.

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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