

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

2014 RALLY SUNDAY June 8th 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

<i>Eltham Dressage Day</i>	<i>June 15th</i>
<i>Monash Show Jumping</i>	<i>June 22nd</i>
<i>NMZ Eventing Clinic (Inexp 5 and Grade 5)</i>	<i>June 28th & 29th</i>
<i>Doongala Combined Training</i>	<i>June 29th</i>
<i>Bunyip Dressage Day</i>	<i>July 6th</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Pony Club Rally</i>	<i>July 13th</i>
<i>Baachus Marsh Horse Trials</i>	<i>July 19th & 20th</i>
<i>Hurstbridge Winter Woolies</i>	<i>July 20th</i>
<i>PCAV Interzone Horse Trials</i>	<i>July 26th & 27th</i>

Families on Duty this Month

June: K and J Howes/Smith/Winter

July: Willand/Laukart

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,

I am DC for Mooroolbark again this year, hopefully lots will be happening. Welcome to all new members on the committee. We look forward to a busy year.

Our special thanks go to Fiona who has stood down from the committee, thankyou for the many years that you have put in.

I need to know the numbers that are coming to pony club rally on the 8th of June, so that we can organize groups, as we are going to have a few riders from Lilydale join us, I know you will make them welcome.

Please remember that this is the long weekend. If you have already replied to my Facebook message, thanks. Everyone else, please let me know one way or the other if you are coming, my contact details are above.

Lilydale has very kindly asked us to join them at their July rally (Sunday July 20th). You will need to let me know ASAP if you are coming so they can organise groups and instructors. See invitation later in the newsletter.

Congratulations to all the riders who competed at Yeringberg last month. They did a great job representing our club. It was an interesting day with the teams having a few ups and downs, remember that some days will be better than others but it important to be involved and have fun. Well done to the riders that got clear cross-country and show jumping. Thanks must go to the Lilydale riders who help make up our second team and thankyou Mooroolbark riders that joined the Lilydale teams. I am afraid that none of our teams got a placing but I hope you all had fun. Lauren joined with Eltham and they placed first in the Weber shield.

Thankyou parents and other riders who came and helped on the day. We had to run the dressage ring in the morning and then had to man some cross country jumps in the afternoon. Great work guys.

Welcome to Winter! It hasn't been to cold but the rain has arrived. This is the time of year that horse owners hate; the daylight hours are limited, it seems to be raining every time you actually can find time to go for a ride, and your horse has just rolled in the muddiest patch of the paddock five minutes before you pulled him out. It's in Winter that horse owners must show their devotion. There is more of the hard stuff: rugging, feeding, washing, brushing, and less of the fun stuff. If you truly love your horse, this is when it shows. Rugs must be removed at least once a week, and horses thoroughly brushed, even if the horse is "turned out" (unridden). Feet should be picked out and trimmed regularly. Horses must still be inspected daily to ensure they have not injured themselves or are ill. Be on the lookout for mud fever, coughs, thrush of the frog and viruses.

Don't forget that the dentist is coming to do a talk at lunch time and to do your horses teeth. Your horse should have its teeth done once a year. James Harvey from the Equine Dentistry Australia will be coming out. He has been an equine dentist for 10 years completing his certificate in 2004. He is charging \$55 per horse on the day. James is arriving at 10.00 to start on the horses that are booked in. There is still space to have your horses teeth done if you would like so please let me know.

Just a reminder regarding our pony club uniform, in the winter months you can wear black jodhpurs along with the standard colours of beige, banana and white. You must wear the official Mooroolbark Pony Club polo shirt or a white shirt and tie, the jumper and/or jacket can be worn with both of these. I have noticed that a lot of riders are wearing a long sleeve T-shirt under their polo shirt, this is fine for rally, so long as it is in club colours (black or red), however, it CAN NOT be worn in competition.

Karen Brooks

Wishing Jim Page, our president a speedy recovery. Unfortunately, Jim has broken his arm after a fall at home. It would be much appreciated if you could catch up with Jim at rally (or give him a ring), and see if there are any jobs that you could help him out with. Any assistance at any time would be extremely helpful as Jim will be out of action for some weeks. (Poor Margaret!!)



Has anyone's horse gone from **this** to **THIS** lately? This Autumn has been called a 'False Spring' where we have had enough rain and plenty of sunshine to put some umph into the grass, perhaps this explains this type of behaviour. (This could be why our top group last rally spent more time with their hooves in the air than on the ground!!)



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 June 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!

State Horse Trials – May 3rd and 4th

Mooroolbark pony club had three riders qualify for State Horse Trials 2014, Jackie Wright, Sara-Jane Vaughan and Lauren Howes, awesome effort by these girls.

Jackie Wright: "Reminiscing over 'what nearly was' after state horse trials in Riddles Creek this weekend. Tetley was an absolute superstar and was sitting in equal first place after dressage and show jumping. He was perfect in cross country, but his rider was not. I had a mind lapse and completely missed a very simple jump, forgetting it was part of the course, and resulting in us being eliminated instead of coming first. I'm kicking myself over this stupidity and completely devastated, although trying to look at it as a learning experience and a mistake I'll never make again. After this experience I still managed to do a clear XC round on Tommy (not missing any jumps!), but because his dressage wasn't fantastic we finished 18th. Very happy with them both...though I would have loved that state champion's rug!"

Sara-Jane Vaughan: Sara-Jane took Flynnn, and we are thrilled to say they placed 2nd in their section. We believe that they may be our first combination to place at this event ... certainly in our collective memories anyway. An awesome result for Sara-Jane, huge congratulations to her.



Yeringberg Teams Event – May 18th

Jackie Wright:

I was in two teams – one with three Lilydale riders, the other with one Lilydale & three Mooroolbark riders. It was great to meet the Lilydale girls. All the riders did really well on a tough course, especially for the grade 4's. Riding Tommy in dressage was like riding a pogo stick ... oh my goodness, who thought to put the grade 2 dressage ring

next to the showjumping ring and so far away from Tetley??? Tetley & Tommy have done this XC course a few times now, so they cruised around nicely (ok, Tommy's version of cruising!) and I was happy with how they went.



Team – 'Lilybark'



Team – 'Dinglebark'



Team – 'Elthambark'

Winners of the Weber Shield

CONGRATULATIONS



Photos of our riders:

Kate Moore riding Pepper in Grade 3 Show Jumping



Sara-Jane Vaughn riding Griffin in Grade 3 Show Jumping.



Lauren Howes riding Ollie in Grade 4 Show Jumping.

Strappers for the day, Hayley Harper and Tessa Whitfort.



Nunawading Combined Training – May 25th

Tessa took Louis to his first ever competition. Louis was very well behaved and not at all fussed about anything. His first dressage test (grade 3) was fairly messy as he got used to the slippery grass footing. His next was much better. They placed 10th and 3rd. He jumped two lovely calm rounds of E grade showjumping, clear on the first and one rail on the second. He looked like he had a great time. Fantastic to see Tessa and Louis out and about.



Lauren took Ollie and Leo. Ollie did two rather rushed and tense tests in Grade 4 to place third on both. He showjumped beautifully in D grade, clear on the first round and just clipped a rail on the second to place 8th. Leo did two OK tests placing double third in Grade 2 in a large field of combined PC and Open riders. Like Louis, he struggled with the slippery surface. He jumped very nicely in C grade, clear on the first round and one rail on the second to place 6th. The C grade course was very tight and quite challenging with lots of horses & riders getting into trouble, so this was a good effort for him.



We have had so many riders out and about (great to see), we apologise if we have missed any, please let Dianna Moore or Wendy Wright know and we will include you in next month.



Lilydale and District
Horse
& Pony Club Inc.

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

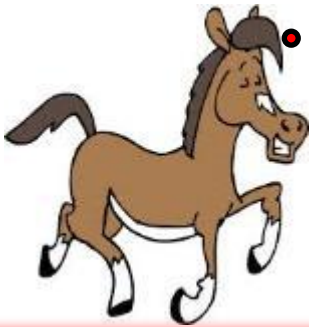
Let's have a great day and share some fun.
The canteen offers bacon and egg
sandwiches for breakfast and a range of
food for lunch.



RSVP by July 1st
Karen Brooks
On 0408 558 776 or email
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BITS AND PIECES



THANKYOU

A special thankyou to Fiona Vaughen for her long term service on our committee, her experience and input will be missed. Good luck with the future plans for the hotel.

IMPORTANT DATE

Bunnings BBQ - Saturday 4th
October
Put it into your calendar -
great fundraiser for the
club

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

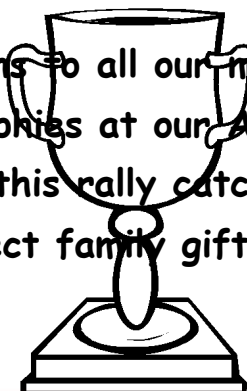
We welcome, Shelly Hughes and Kat Howes to our committee, it's always good to have new faces and ideas on committee. Thankyou to all those who have remained on committee for another year.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

- President - Lauren Howes
- Vice President - Hayley Harper
- Secretary - Taylah O'Neill and Louisa Smith
- Treasurer - Jillian Brooks
- Junior President - Monique Savini and Brianna Howes

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all our members that were awarded trophies at our AGM last rally. If you missed this rally catch up with Jim or Karen to collect family gift/trophy/medallion.



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



Amy put Henry through his three paces, look how nicely he has filled out (should have got a photo of his rump!!!), you're doing a wonderful job Amy!



Gena brought Amber back to rally after her successful eye surgery, it's amazing how our steads just adjust so well.



Meet 'Merlot', Louisa's new mount, looking forward to seeing him at rally mounted. Good luck with him Louisa he looks like a good type. Let's hopes he's as smooth as a well aged bottle of merlot.



Our new members Phoebe and Tegan have settled in well, Phoebe's mount, 'Barney' sure can get up a head of steam when jumping and Tegan's mount 'Alia' has shown maturity well beyond her tender age of five, very calm and relaxed.



Our junior riders, Monique, Brianna and Stephanie have significantly improved their XC riding, have a look how relaxed and courageous these little riders are.



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FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<i>June 8th</i>	Winter	Smith	Howes (J)
<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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