

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*****Gear Check Time – 9.45am*****

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UPCOMING EVENTS and REMINDERS

<i>PCAV State Horse Trials (Riddells Creek)</i>	<i>3/4th May</i>
<i>St Andrews Dressage Day</i>	<i>4th May</i>
<i>Monbulk PC Showjumping Day</i>	<i>4th May</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>11th May</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC AGM (at rally)</i>	<i>11th May</i>
<i>Yeringberg Teams Horse Trials (North Metro Zone)</i>	<i>18th May</i>
<i>Donvale & Templestowe PC Dressage Day</i>	<i>1st June</i>
<i>Mooroolbark PC Rally</i>	<i>8th June</i>
<i>Lilydale PC Eventing Clinic Grades 1-4</i>	<i>14th June (Sat)</i>
<i>NMZ Eventing Clinic Pre5/Grade 5 at Eltham PC</i>	<i>28/29th June</i>
<i>Doongala PC CT & Dressage Day</i>	<i>29th June</i>

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

May: Wright & Howes (A&K)

June: Winter & Smith

DC's Report - May 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,

Let's hope the weather holds out for rally day. It is Mother's Day so please say a big thank you to those mother's for bringing you to rally on this special day.

Could you please make sure that you are ready for gear check at 9.45, so that the first session can start on time. It's not fair on your instructor or other rides to come late. Please remember to clean your gear as well as you are marked in gear check on how you present yourself.

The teams for Yeringberg horse trials are as follows:

Grade 2 - Sara-Jane -Flynn

Grade 3 - Chelsea - Bubba

Grade 4 - Lauren - Ollie

Grade 4 - Taylah - Beau

Grade 2 - Jackie - Tetley

Grade 3 - Kate - Pepper

Grade 4 - Allie - Jazz

Grade 4 - Lilydale rider

Jackie and Lauren (grade 2) have a team made up of Lilydale riders. Lauren and Sara-Jane (Grade 3) have been put down as extras but I am sure teams will be found for them.

The fee is \$65.00 per horse. The club is paying \$35.00, so each rider will need to pay \$30. So if you haven't already paid your money please do so by the closing date of March 5th (to be paid to Mooroolbark PC - let me know once you've paid).

Good luck to you all.

Please let me know if you will not be there at the May rally.

Karen Brooks

Lessons with Nicky

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Nicky will be running lessons at Pony Club on Sunday 18th May. She can be contacted on 0413 249 729 – please contact her if you are interested. Those who are doing Yeringberg Teams, contact her to organise another time if you would like to work on XC or dressage tests.

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!

Healesville PC Combined Training & Dressage Day April 12th

Huge congratulations to Lizzie Brooks and Abby for their **FIRST PLACE** at Healesville ... what a team!

Mooroolbark PC Eventing Clinic for Pre5/Grade 5 April 9th/10th

The weather wasn't kind for the clinic being run at our club grounds but that didn't stop an intrepid group of keen eventing stars !

Thanks to everyone who helped out for the Pre-5 / Grade 5 Eventing Clinic. Despite the wet conditions Brianna and Junior had an absolute ball and made some new friends too. It is so awesome the way you older girls cheer on and support our young girls - thank you! Kat & Brianna



Main Ridge Pony Club Eventing Clinic

On the 15th and 16th of April I attended the Main Ridge Pony Club Eventing Clinic. The clinic was incredible with great instructors and a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Some of the instructors included Nina Lloyd for dressage, Yona Lloyd for showjumping and Nat Davis for cross country. Each day consisted of 2 X 90min jump sessions and 1 X 45min dressage lesson, so it was lucky Rove was fit. At night Rove stayed at Boneo Park where he was treated fantastically and Mum and I stayed at a friend's holiday house. I was very proud of Rove who put in a super effort and who even started doing some grade 1 cross country jumps. This clinic caters for all riding abilities starting with small half day clinics for pre-5 right up to grade 1. If you are looking for a great time I would highly recommend this clinic in the future. *Hayley Harper*



Cross country training this month In the lead-up to lots of events (State Horse Trials, Yeringberg Teams) as well as just for fun and experience, a lot of our riders have been getting out and about to different grounds for training.

Before they could jump the XC at Lilydale a couple of weeks ago, Hayley & Lauren had to "round up" the cows to get them out of the way ...

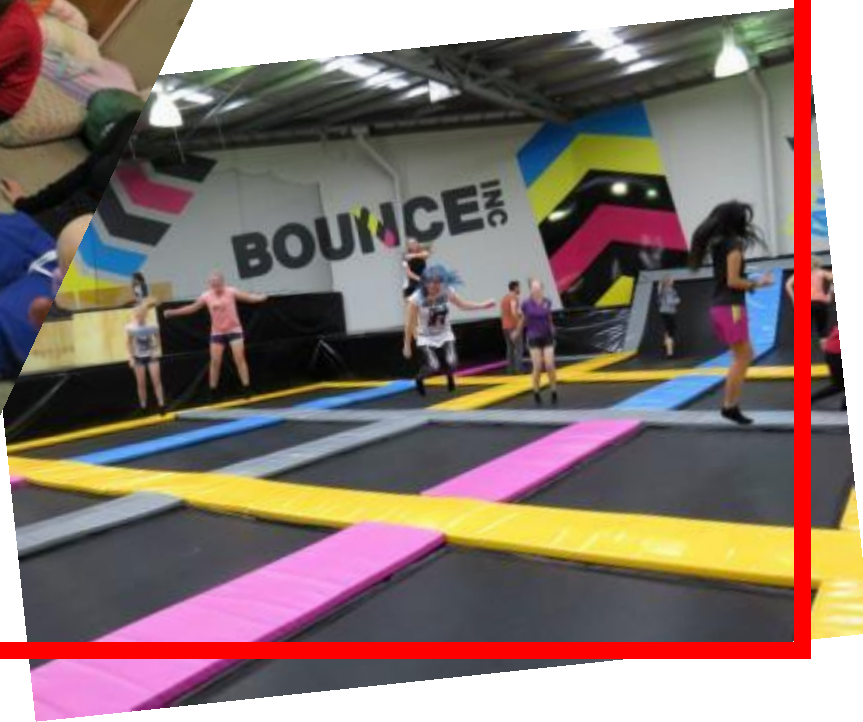


Funny how the grade 1 piano jump doesn't look so daunting once you've been over it.



PC Sleepover & Bounce

I would just like to say thank you to **Lauren Howes** on behalf of us that attended the sleepover and bounce! It was great fun and really well organised. Amy Moore





BITS AND PIECES

THANK YOU

Fantastic job by all those who helped with Yeringberg Horse Trials ... we had a number of families helping at the working bee, the SJ setup on Saturday and the XC jump judging on Sunday.

The event was a huge one (the first year that grade 4 has been included) and relies so much on the cooperation of all clubs in the zone, as well as ours.

more THANK YOU's!

Thankyou to all the club members and families who helped out with setup & canteen at the clinic in the school holidays. What a great club we have – there are so many events this time of year, and the way our club pitches in is fantastic.

This clinic is a wonderful fundraiser for us and your support is much appreciated.

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)

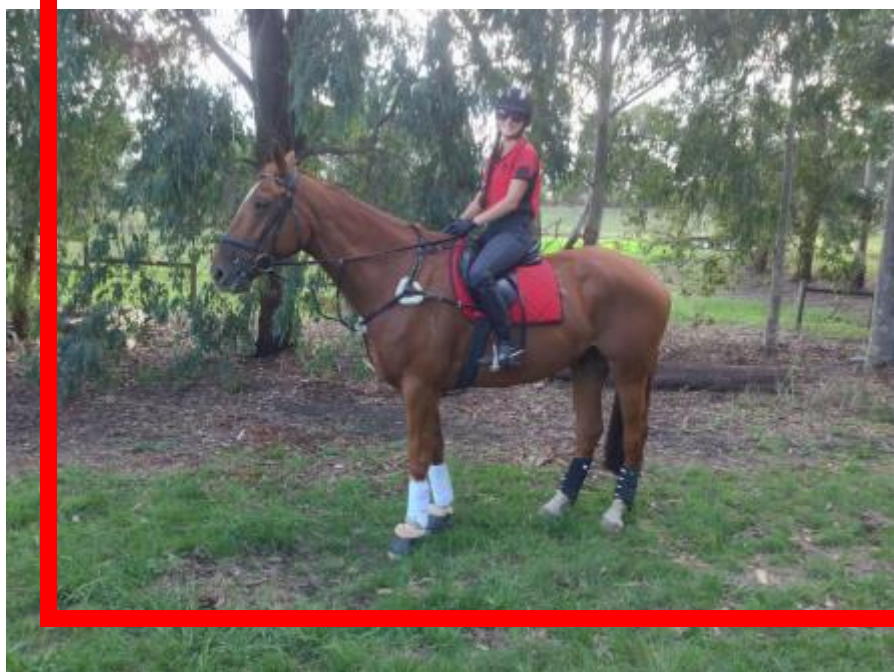
HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED LAST RALLY



We saw the return of a few ponies that are old hands at this pony club stuff!



Can you name these ponies and who they belong to (or who was riding them)?



It's been the year for new mounts, Chelsea Winter brought along her new mount, Bubba, and was successfully graded (Grade 3). No doubt we'll be seeing them in the 'Out and About' section in future newsletters.

Horse fact sheets – Horseshoe Studs

Also known as calkin or calks, studs are projections on a horse's shoe that improve balance and grip over uneven or slippery terrain, allowing the animal to move better and jump more confidently in poor footing.

Traditionally a farrier forged a stud into the shoe and it was a permanent feature - these are rarely used now. They were fairly dangerous and potentially damaging. Screw-in studs are used in sport competition because they can be removed when not in use, and changed to suit different terrain.

While the use of studs involves extra work, they can be invaluable for providing better grip for jumping, and, in some conditions, for dressage and showing as well. They are mainly recommended for riders at higher levels.

Whatever anyone might tell you, studs are not good for your horse's fetlock joints; and can be injurious to a horse. They are, however, a necessary evil because without them you risk falling over in hard or slippery conditions, which could be far worse.

There is a great variety of shapes and sizes to choose from and most have a tungsten core for durability. Choosing the correct type of stud will depend upon the ground, the type of shoes in use and the activity in which your horse is participating. Generally the harder the ground the more pointed the stud and the softer the ground the squarer the stud and, remember, perfect ground means no studs should be required.

This photo shows the “sleepers” used to plug stud holes between uses, studs, tap, spanner, and horseshoe nail.



Many people put just one stud on the outside of each shoe. However, if you think about this, one stud has got to drag one-sidedly on the horse's joints. When the stud sinks into the ground the pull is minimal, but what happens when the stud hits harder ground?

STUD GUARDS When using pointed studs in the front feet, horses that snatch their front legs up tightly over a fence can 'stud' themselves behind the girth, so it may be necessary to use a stud guard or belly pad which attaches to the girth.



Obviously the outside of the hoof is tipped upwards which affects the joints in the leg. Horse's fetlock joints have no lateral movement, so this tipping will unbalance and stress the leg. You might not notice any effects immediately as they will be minimal each time but, as these occurrences of stress stack up, two or three years down the line your horse may go lame as his leg finally 'gives up'.

To minimize any damage, it is preferable to use two studs on each foot, one either side, so a horse completely studded up will be wearing eight studs. If the ground is hard you might use studs with small points on the front feet and those with medium points on the hind feet. If the ground is soft you might use studs with fairly square points in front and those with large squares behind: remember, it is your horse's hind legs which are more likely to lose their footing. For that reason, some people put studs only in a horse's rear hooves.

FITTING STUDS

1. The first step in the use of studs is having your farrier put stud holes into your horse's shoes. These should then be plugged. (see notes above). If you haven't used them before, ask your farrier lots of questions and ask for a demonstration of fitting studs.
2. Before putting in a stud you will need to remove the plug, so keep a horseshoe nail handy for doing so.
3. Place the stud tap into the holes and screw down to clean the thread and be careful to keep the tap square or else you will damage the thread. Do not allow your horse to put his foot down while you are using the tap otherwise he may panic at the feel of something attached to his foot and serious injury could result if he were to jump about or bolt. Practise holding his foot up for some time, until you are sure he is quite happy about the procedure before using a tap.
4. While still holding the hoof up, select an appropriate stud and screw it into the hold. Use the other end of the tap to make sure it is tight.
5. The type of studs you use in both front shoes must be the same, as must those used in both back shoes.

STUD REMOVAL

Having finished a competition you should always remove studs before putting your horse on the float or walking him on to a hard surface. Traveling your horse home in studs is like expecting a man to stand on a train in shoes with super high heels.

Shoes with stud holes are more expensive than standard shoes. So if you only use them for a short time and wear is minimal you can remove and store them (cleaned and oiled) until they are needed. The horse can then be returned to barefoot or fitted with cheaper ordinary shoes.

However, never put studs into shoes which are worn thin. If you do it will result in the end of the stud driving into the wall of the hoof.

Tip: Cleaning out stud holes is time-consuming, so take the time to clean and re-pack them the night before a competition, then stable your horse overnight if possible. The clean out job the next day will be much easier and less stressful.

PROTECTION OF STUD HOLES

In order to prevent stud holes from becoming clogged with mud and becoming rusty, it is essential to pack them out immediately the stud is removed. You can do this by making a plug of cotton wool smeared in Vaseline, or you can buy purpose-made stud 'sleepers' to plug the holes. Make sure you push any plug right in (a horseshoe nail is an ideal tool for this job) and that it plugs the hole out right to the top.



STUD CARE

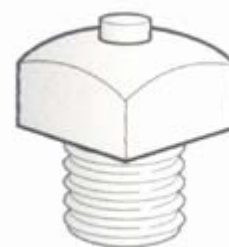
When studs are not in use you should keep them wrapped in an oily rag and put them into a polythene box to prevent rusting, together with the stud tap, plugs and spare horseshoe nail so that they are all to hand when you need them.

This article on studs (including pictures) is a modified version of one written by Kerry Hill for a 2005 Ringwood Pony Club newsletter, used with permission.

TYPES OF STUDS

There are many different studs, although, for most activities, one of the following six will be used

Road Studs are for hacking out on the roads to provide grip and durability for the shoes.



Pointed jump studs are for use in firm ground as they will penetrate the soil, offering hold without jarring the legs. They are ideal for all disciplines and in such conditions, including dressage and showing.

usually used on the hind feet of horses undertaking demanding show jumping or cross-country courses.

Large jump studs are longer than other studs and the end tapers off so that it will enter the ground more easily if it is slightly firm.

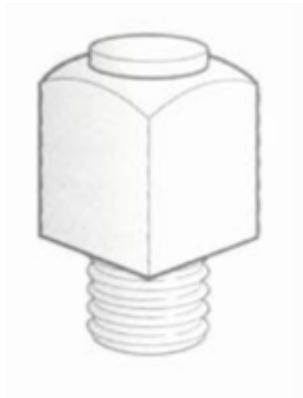
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Standard Jump Studs provide extra grip in good going but when the conditions (perhaps dewy or rainy) might prove slippery.



Dome-top studs are another long stud but they do not taper at the end, the end is dome shaped instead. They too are designed for demanding jumping, especially where maximum grip is required in soft going.



Sharp studs have a round tapered barrel coming out of a square base. They are designed to penetrate hard ground, with the square base providing plenty of hold. They are used in all disciplines.

INNOVATIVE STUDFITTING

For those who struggle with fitting Studs or who have horse who gadget when studs are fitted, a new safety inspired stud, tap and socket unit (STS) may be the answer to the problem (see below).

The short 3/8th tap lessens the chance of penetrating the horse's sole or tapping too far into the shoe, and the flat unit lessens the chance of injury should the horse put his foot down. The sockets are located around the edge of the unit which is available in nylon or aluminium. Many people find that the smooth rounded shape of the unit is easier to get to grips than the traditional spanner.



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FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<i>May 11th</i>	Wright	Howes (A&K)
<i>June 8th</i>	Winter	Smith
<i>July 13th</i>	Willand	Laukart
<i>August 10th</i>	Moore	Savini
<i>September 14th</i>	Black	Hughes
<i>October 12th</i>	Wright	Howes (A&K)
<i>November 9th</i>	Winter	Willand
<i>December</i>	Christmas Rally	Duty TBA

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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