

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*****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>Mooroolbark Pony Club Rally</i>	<i>Oct 12th</i>
<i>Lilydale Show Jumping Day</i>	<i>Oct 12th</i>
<i>Yarra Glen Show Jumping and Derby</i>	<i>Oct 18th</i>
<i>Donvale/Templestowe Spring Fling</i>	<i>Oct 19th</i>
<i>Mountain District Show Jumping</i>	<i>Oct 19th</i>
<i>Mentone Show Jumping</i>	<i>Oct 25th</i>
<i>Nunawading Combined Training and SJ</i>	<i>Oct 26th</i>
<i>Warragul Show Jumping</i>	<i>Oct 26th</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Show Jumping and Derby</i>	<i>Nov 2nd</i>
<i>Mooroolbark Pony Club Rally</i>	<i>Nov 9th</i>
<i>Yarrambat Horse Trials</i>	<i>Nov 15/16</i>
<i>Monbulk Dressage & Combined Training</i>	<i>Nov 16th</i>
<i>Upper Yarra SJ Day</i>	<i>Nov 23rd</i>
<i>NMZ Dressage & SJ State Qualifier</i>	<i>Nov 30th</i>
<i>Duty for Qualifier</i>	<i>TBA</i>

DC's Report - October 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

Another month has passed so I hope you are looking forward to the October rally. The weather is improving so beware of the spring grass.

As you know we have a few riders going to compete at Lilydale show jumping next week. Good luck and I hope you have fun.

For the other riders we will be running a normal rally day at pony club. Please let me know if you are coming or not as I need to work out groups.

Also the hickstead is coming up so please let your friends know about the hickstead, it is an open event so please tell non-pony club members as well. Please remember to put your own entries in before the due date (being our last hickstead, numbers may be up compared to previous years).

Nicky has offered to do a show jumping lesson on the 18th October so that you can practise for the hickstead, please let her know if you would like a lesson

For next year it would be great if we could organise a flat team and a games team - please come and talk to me if you are interested. Remember you don't 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

Families on Duty this Month

October: Hughes, Howes (A), Howes (J)

November: Winter, Willand, Horner

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!



Children's Hunt – 20th September

Great Day – Around 40 riders attended the Children's Hunt at Brooklands Yering. Ponies of all shapes & sizes, from Shetlands to Hunter Hacks, great weather, everyone had a ball and yummy BBQ. They will be running more of these next year.

Shelley Hughes



Eventing Clinic Yarra Glen Pony Club **24th & 25th September**

Brianna, Lizzie and Steph all attended the Eventing Clinic held at Yarra Glen Pony Club in the holidays. It was Brianna's first time 'eventing' anywhere other than at Pony Club and Yarra Brae Farm so it was a great experience for her and Junior. This was Brianna's third clinic and it was really well run with loads of riders attending. The girls were originally on a waiting list but after more instructors were organised were invited to attend. Brianna and Lizzie were in the same group and were pleased that Ivy from Lilydale Pony Club was in their group too.

Kat attended day one and was very proud of how hard Brianna and Junior worked throughout the day. He can be a stubborn little boy but Brianna always manages to get his best out of him and they are becoming a nice little team. Andrew attended day two and took the photos (Kat of course timed that beautifully as meant Dad was there to help with packing up when the clinic was over).

Overall, Brianna really enjoyed the experience riding at new grounds and was very happy with Junior. She also had fun meeting some other riders from the local area.

A big thank you to Karen Brooks who's kind offer of transport there and back over the 2 days was very much appreciated. Junior and Abbey floated very nicely together too.

Kat Howes ☺



North Eastern Pony Club Horse Trials – 7th September

Amber and I competed at north eastern horse trials in September and after what I thought was a very messy dressage test with a few mistakes we went on to do a pretty clean show jumping course and breezy cross country! I messed up the optimum time AGAIN! And now know I need to forget about my watch! We placed 6th despite MY mess up! Very proud of Amber and am keen to get out and about more! *Gena Savini*



Werribee Pony Club Horse Trials – 27/28th September

Super happy with my boys at Werribee PC horse trials this weekend! Tetley and I smashed our 1st attempt at grade 1, with just 1 rail over a SJ course that got a lot of riders (everyone had some form of penalty) and a clear xc with 6 time penalties. We ended up 11th, but would have finished 7th without the time. So proud of our performance and how strong and fit he felt. Tommy did his usual dressage test, with his own twists on the movements and some unnecessary extravagance (not particularly impressing the judges)!! He was fabulous for the



jumping phases and was the only horse in his section to jump double

clear, moving from the bottom third of the field to 8th. Overall, couldn't have asked for more from either of them.

Jackie Wright



Pony Club Sleepover!

The pony club sleepover with Lilydale PC was great success ... we can tell just by these photos ... why exactly the hat & feather boa? ... a big thanks to all who helped organise the night ...



job well done... 

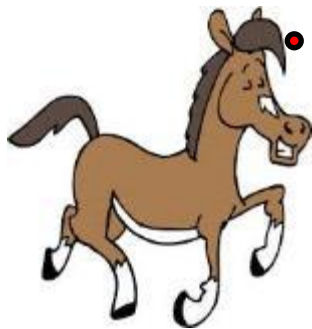
BUNNINGS - BBQ

Didn't we pick the best day for our bbq?!! Well done to all our hardworking volunteers – especially to those who stayed longer than rostered, or brought extra's, or made sure their brains were switched on (you know who you are!) – as all hands & brains were needed to feed what (at times) seemed like never-ending queues!

Sorry we didn't get more photos, but we were so busy we just didn't get time to think.



Early counting suggests we made about \$2,000 profit, something of a record we believe.



BITS AND PIECES

Medical Forms

A few of you haven't already handed in your medical form please do so this coming rally, copies are in the newsletter.

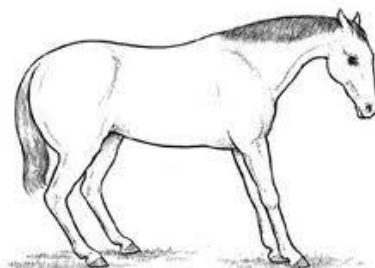
DERBY - Helpers

As usual we will need everyone to pitch in and help with our upcoming Derby event. A roster will be prepared soon, but if you are only available for limited times, please let us know at next rally ...

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Time to keep a close eye on your ponies, the grass is growing fast and is full of sugars, you need to closely monitor laminitic ponies/horses. Also your pony/horse's behaviour may not be quite as calm and controlled as it has been over winter.

(Gunnah thinks he's a stallion!!!)



Characteristic stance of a horse with laminitis in all four feet

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



It was wonderful to have Sandra Chambers instructing at the rally. For those who don't know Sandra, at one time she was the DC of Mooroolbark Pony Club and her daughter Josie was a member of the club for many years.



Lauren had a different mount at this rally. She has offered to take on and expose this horse for the mother of a family at Ringwood Pony Club. She would almost spend more time in the saddle than on the ground, keeping her horses in work and helping out others!



Jillian and Seamus had a great rally, showing the benefits of their time getting to know each other.

Gena returned with Amber after a period of time out of the saddle due injury. It's nice to have you back Gena, fit and as enthusiastic as ever.



And of course there was lots of activity in the SJ ring and out on the XC ...



Lessons with Nicky ...

Lessons with Nicky - October 18th will be show jumping (set up 12:30, first lesson 1pm), these must be booked in with her. Otherwise contact her directly to work out a time She can be contacted on 0413 249 729.

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

LILYDALE HORSELAND

DERBY & SHOWJUMPING DAY OPEN & PONY CLUB CLASSES

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Sunday November 2nd 2014

Hope you have your entries in for the ~~Hickstead~~-Derby competition – please promote our event to all your friends – it's likely to be our last Derby ever – and for the first time we're running an Open Grade 1 class (great for those wanting to test themselves at that level).

A reminder that the Mooroolbark cross country course will be closed to all riders from two weeks before the Derby, as per competition requirements.

MOOROOLBARK PONY CLUB

FAMILIES ON DUTY - ROSTER

<i>September 14th</i>	Black	Vaughan	Dodd
<i>October 12th</i>	Hughes	Howes (A)	Howes (J)
<i>November 9th</i>	Winter	Willand	Horner
<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?

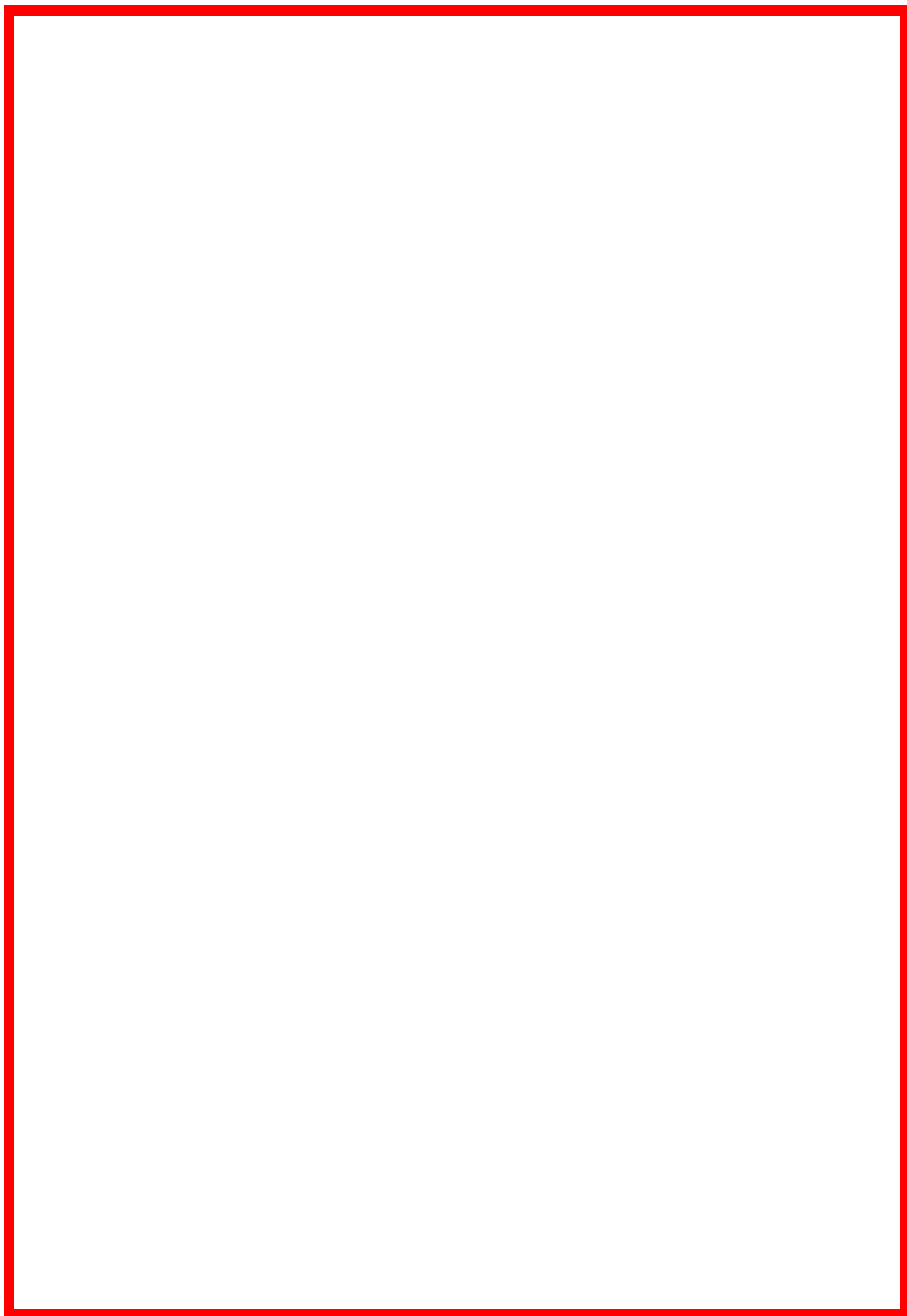
Please re-check the roster for changes each month. It is YOUR responsibility to organise a swap if needed.

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!



Mooroolbark Pony Club PCAV MEDICAL HISTORY & EMERGENCY CONTACTS FORM

The information you provide on this Medical History Form will be kept by your Pony Club in a secure place and used only in the event of an emergency. Keep in club – do not send to PCAV



Personal Details

First Name: Last Name:

Sex: Vehicle/Float Reg No.:

Date of Birth: Age:

Emergency Contacts

Full Name Relation:

Phone (h) Phone (w):

Full Name Relation:

Phone (h) Phone (w):

Health Cover Details

Medicare No.:

Do you have Ambulance Cover? ☐ Yes ☐ No Ambulance No.:

Do you have Private Health Cover? ☐ Yes ☐ No Fund: Fund No:.....

GP & Dentist Details

Private Doctor: Phone:

Private Dentist: Phone:

Health History eg, Asthma, anaphylaxis, ongoing medical conditions, previous major injuries. Pto if required.

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I certify that the information given on this form is to be best of my knowledge a true account of my current physical condition.

Rider Name: Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian: Signature: Date:

Medical Release

Member over 18 years

If emergency medical care is required for myself and if I, or an accompanying spouse or relative, am not able to convey permission in a timely manner, then the undersigned authorised authorises appropriate emergency medical care as deemed necessary by emergency medical personnel, a physician or the medical facility providing treatment.

Rider Name: Signature: Date:

Member under 18 years

If emergency medical care is required for my child..... and if permission is not available in a timely manner, then the undersigned authorised authorises appropriate emergency medical care as deemed necessary by emergency medical personnel, a physician or the medical facility providing treatment.

Parent/Guardian:

Signature: Date:

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