

Hitching Post

Dandenong Ranges Horse and Pony Club: Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2015

Duty Helpers November

- Bartolo
- Harris
- Roche

Duty Helpers December

- Comben
- Grave
- Schnell

Duty Helpers February

- Hoefler
- Kavaliotis
- Leonard

Canteen and duties

Families on duty roster will be preparing a simple lunch menu in the morning and maintaining the canteen, along with the clear up at the end of the day.

It is essential that you 'Report in' to the Canteen by 9am (even if you can not help until Lessons begin, due to having young children to assist) so that we can ascertain if there is anyone missing from duty and if so arrange alternative cover.

Duties: Report to the canteen at the beginning of the day (9am). Someone will tell you what you need to do (in the nicest possible way....first to report to canteen will have first pick of duties)

Canteen: Prepare lunchtime menu, serve throughout the morning and at lunchtime and clean the canteen when finished including sweeping and mopping the kitchen floor.

Cleaning: Sweep club rooms and clean amenities at the end of the day.

Equipment: Help set up jumps and games equipment etc before rally and pack up these at the end of the day. If you are not in the canteen you must do this.

Important:

If you are unable to help when you have been rostered on, you must arrange to swap with someone else.

To do this, call/text either

- **Sam Cross**
(0432 077 051)

or

- **Claudia Schultz**
(0423 003 294)

Reminder that no dogs are permitted on the grounds during rallies and there is a no smoking policy at all times.

Don't forget to **book into rallies!!**

Just follow the link below;-

<http://www.dandenongranges.ponyclubvic.org.au/default.asp?Page=28791>

If you do not book in, or have not contacted the DC by phone/email at least 7 days prior to the rally date, it shall be assumed that you will not be attending the rally. Please realise that we get the very best of instructors and we pay them much more than PCAV recommends as, if we didn't, we would not have these high quality instructors. The instructor bill is over \$1,000 every rally and sometimes it is well over this amount. If we have 2 instructors with 3 riders in their group, we are, in effect, giving 6 riders a fantastic day, but we are using funds unnecessarily. We would love to spend money on improving the grounds so a saved \$250 is almost a whole new portable cross country jump.

FEEDBACK

We would love to hear any feedback, be it positive or negative. If you would like to make a suggestion or have any feedback please email the secretary or the president or alternatively you can use the suggestion box located in the club rooms. Your feedback helps to change the things you are not happy with and tells us when you like the things the club is doing for its members.

USE OF THE GROUNDS

The committee encourages members to use the pony club grounds for training purposes. There are several advantages to using the grounds for both members and the club. Riders are able to utilise the safe and secure facilities to better their riding skills and the club benefits from a steady stream of members who have an interest in ensuring that our grounds are kept safe, that security is maintained and the grounds kept in good clean condition.

Keys can be collected from any committee

member by arrangement and must be returned after you have finished using the grounds. If you do utilise the grounds, please run your eagle eye over the facilities..... Is the tractor container secure, is the door closed, are all padlocks still on all doors? Is there anything that looks wrong or unsafe? Is there a tree down? If there is any damage to the grounds, such as a broken jump or tyre ruts in the ground, please let someone know so these hazards can be fixed in good time. If there is something that can be fixed yourself please do. We are all volunteers at this club so every little helps. If you can not fix the issue, the committee members are the 'go to' people to action repairs.

THE RULES

- Always wear a helmet and correct riding boots.
- NEVER ride alone. There must be at least one, unmounted, adult with you at all times.
- Do not lend out the key, or allow access to our grounds to non-members of the club. Our grounds belong to the members and are private property, for the use only by its club members. Non-members are not covered by insurance to ride at our grounds.

These rules may be restrictive but we do not want to discover a horse or rider injured and requiring medical attention just because that rider was riding alone.



Important Information

Not Going to a Rally?

If you are not going to attend a rally you must notify our DC, Fiona Matthews, by the Monday prior to the rally.

You must also notify Fiona if you decide to leave during the rally as to gain an attendance at a rally day on your card, you must attend for half the lessons on the day according to PCAV by-laws, which means at least 2 of the 3 lessons for the day.

Please call Fiona on: 0419 336 645

ENTERING A COMPETITION?

If you wish to enter pony club competitions, you must ensure that you are graded for that type of competition and that your grading card is fully completed, up to date and that you have it with you! If you require grading you must fill in a grading request form (available in the club rooms and online when you book in), give it to Fiona and she will arrange a suitable time to be assessed. If you have any queries or need more information on how to

enter competition, what the different competitions are, including gear rules etc. please contact Fiona or speak to another committee member.

WHAT UNIFORM MUST I WEAR?

There is some confusion regarding what is acceptable uniform at rallies and out at competitions.

At Rallies: Clean jodhpurs (any colour or design), club jumper with white shirt and club tie or Polo Shirt. The long sleeved polo top can be worn over the short-sleeved polo. Socks are never to be worn over jodhpurs unless wearing gaiters/chaps.

At Competitions: Beige or white jodhpurs/breeches. Dressage uniform must be club jumper with white shirt and club tie. This is also the show jumping uniform but the Polo shirt can also be worn. Cross-country can be ridden in any top as long as it reflects our club colours.

FULL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN IF YOU ARE REQUIRED FOR PRESENTATION!!

Working Bee & Combined Training Comp.

A big thank you to all members that attended our recent working bee. We managed to get the grounds looking great for our Combined Training, which was held last weekend.

Also a huge thank you goes out to all members and parents that assisted in the smooth operation of our Combined Training competition, some of whom did not have children riding in the competition, however these parents showed great support for their club and still came along to help on the day. We could not run this event without the help from members and parents, you should all be very proud of yourselves and give yourselves a pat on the back.

Did You Know?

Did you know that horses gallop, on average, at about 44km per hour and that the fastest recorded sprinting speed of a horse is 88km per hour

Casino Night



Dandy Ranges PC is excited to announce a **CASINO NIGHT** to be held on **Friday 12 February 2016**. This event will not only provide an opportunity for all our adult supporters to come together for a fun filled night of elegant socialising around the roulette wheel or blackjack table, but will be a major fundraiser for the club in 2016, with food, drinks, auctions, raffles, door prizes and a prize for the person holding the most amount of chips at the end of the night. Fancy your chances? Come along and give it a whirl!! Beginner? No problem! The friendly croupiers are happy to assist..... and you never know, Beginners Luck may kick in and you could take home the prize! Our major sponsor for this event is Horseland Narre Warren and in order for this evening to be a success, we need all members to support it. Spread the word amongst your families and friends and get them all to join you in this exciting, cocktail style affair. Tickets for the event will go on sale later this month so keep an eye out in your email for the notification and ensure you purchase your tickets early as there will be earlybird prices available and ticket numbers will be limited to the capacity of the club rooms.

In order to make this fundraiser a huge success, we will require donations from all members, no item too small, even a box of chocolates or a good bottle of wine, would be great for the raffle. We also need donations of major prizes so if you own your own company or know someone else who does... or even if you have a new item sitting around at home, that is not being utilised... please consider donating an auction or raffle prize. We have instructors donating riding lessons and there is even a place on Toni Shave's School Holiday Camp (valued at \$220) up for auction on the night.

Donations do not need to be limited to horsey items, vouchers for services are just as great. If you run a restaurant, a meal for two could be donated..... if your run a photography business, you could donate a photo shoot.... If you run a hotel, a romantic weekend getaway or if you are a handyman, perhaps donate a morning of your time. If you are a butcher, a meat tray donation would be great or if you are a hairdresser a free cut and colour..... The list is endless and I'm sure everyone will have something to offer. Please contact Sam Cross (e: samandyoz@hotmail.com or p: 0432 077 051) for all donations, which will be gratefully received. All proceeds go towards improving YOUR club facilities.

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Working With Children Check (WWC)

PCAV now require all parents and adult supporters of Members to hold a WWC. If you have not yet got one and provided your details to the Club Secretary, you are at risk being turned away from a rally. Get your WWC Check started online at the following link, it's easy; <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>.

Dandy Ranges will also be following the recommendation from PCAV that all visitors be required to sign in at each rally. You will find the Sign In Book in the Club Room. Please ensure that each adult supporter/parent signs this book before leaving for the day.

Level 2 First Aid Course

Dandy Ranges would like to organise a 'Horse Orientated', Level 2 First Aid course to be held at our club, with a focus on dealing with injuries that can be sustained by horse and rider accidents/incidents. Feedback from previous courses has been excellent, so if you think you may be interested in taking part, please let a committee member know (or email the club Kelly, the club Secretary) to receive more information. The operation of this course is subject to numbers and places will be offered to members from other clubs, as well as our own.

BRAGS & Out and About Photos

Please forward all brags and 'out and about' photos to Sam Cross on samandyoz@hotmail.com so that we can share them with our members

Interschool Show Jumping

Grace Contessi and Jumpin Jack, in the 85cm- 95cm Progressive Class, were the 2015 Series Reserve Champions following a win in the Spring show 2 phase event and a 5th in the Grand Prix.

Werribee Spring Horse Trials

..... And at their very first EA event, Grace and Jumpin Jack, after being placed 3rd in dressage, went clear cross country and showjumping to end up taking 2nd place overall, in the EVA80, only 2.5 points behind the winner.

CONGRATULATIONS Grace and Jack.



BRAGS....Continued.

Hastings Show Jumping



Bailey and Monty

Both Bella and Bailey Lloyd competed at Hastings with their ponies Monty and Tricky with Bailey being crowned Overall Champion in F Grade with a 1st in the Two Phase and 4th in the Two Round. Bella achieved 4th place in the Two Round in D Grade. Well done Baily and Bella.



Olivia &
Ryder
Comben on
Nigel &
Bazz

Horsham Agricultural Show

Ryder Comben on Nigel:

1st in Pony Club Mount, rider under 7 years old
1st in Pony Club Pair of riders under 10 years old (with Liv)
2nd in Pony Club rider under 7 years old
2nd in Pont Club Handy Mount Pony under 12hh

Olivia Comben on Bazz:

1st in Pony Club Mount, rider 7 to 10 years old
1st in Pont Club Pair of riders under 10 years old (with Ryder)
2nd in Pony Club rider 7 to 10 years old
2nd in Pony Club Handy Mount Pony 13hh to 14hh

Goroke Agricultural Show

Olivia on Bazz:

1st in Pony Club Rider under 10 years old
1st in Pony Club Best Presented under 10 years old
1st in Pony Club Mount 12hh to 14hh
Reserve Champion Pony Club Rider any age
Overall Highpoint winner in the pony club ring

Geelong Royal Show:

Ryder on Nigel:

1st PC rider 5 and 6 years (not led)
1st PC mount, rider 5 and 6 years (not led)
3rd PC handler 5 years and under 8
5th Handy mount under 10 years

Liv on Bazz:

2nd PC handler 8 years and under 10
4th PC rider 7 years and under 10

[Tyf] What great results from two of our newest (and youngest) members! It's great to see our younger riders out competing and doing so well.

Thanks to our generous sponsors:

Please consider supporting them all where possible
and don't forget to mention your club

Melanie from **Piaffe** is kindly sponsoring us by donating items to raffle at our rallies and competition days. Check out her website at: www.piaffeequestrian.com or phone her on: 9754 8499. You can also Facebook her.



Our fresh Fruit and Vegetables are kindly donated by Martin at The **Groovy Fruit Shop** in Belgrave South.

Consider supporting the local community Greengrocer and pay them a visit.

Our Bread is kindly donated by **Bakers Delight** - Fountain Gate and arrangements for this were made through one of our members

Lysterfield Produce are also extremely generous supporters of our club, notably providing us with showbags with gifts for our competitions

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