

# HITCHING POST

## CALENDAR

### May 2010

*Please note all comp. forms are attached.*

- 1-2nd St Andrews PC Dressage
- 1st Balnarring CT & Dressage
- 15th Southern Peninsula PC Freshmans Show Jumping
- 16th May Rally  
Inter-House competition**
- 16th Main Ridge PC, CT
- 16th Monbulk Showjumping
- 23rd Mini Tooradin ODE
- 23rd St Margaret's Inter-School Show jumping
- 23rd Nar Nar Goon Dressage Day
- 30th Nunawading Dressage & Show jumping
- 30th SMZ NCAS Show jumping Equitation Training Clinic Doongala
- 30th Mentone CT & Dressage
- 30th Upper Beaconsfield CTD

### June 2010

- 13th June Rally**
- 6th Moe CTD

## MAY RALLY SUNDAY 16TH

### INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE



It was a great day at the club's Games Day on Sunday April.

One of our teams placed 5th overall, they were only 30 points behind 4th, 3rd and 2nd. These three places were given out on, countback, as all teams ended on the same points. Our other games team, being a composite team, could not place on the day, but did a wonderful job seeing one rider had only one day of training.

### **INTER-CLUB COMPETITION**

This month is the Inter-club competition with the ARC. Trish will send out competition times and entry forms shortly.

Could we please have as members as possible to help set up equipment the day before, Saturday 15th May.

### **A huge Thank You to:**

- Mike Christoph for doing the land stewarding.
- Shane Huxham who managed a team. He also has organised training through two riders from Dingley Pony Club, who are on the state games squad.
- Gary Harding who also managed a team.

### **Duty Roster May Rally**

**BAILEY**

**JENKINS**

**MARQUIS**

#### **DUTIES:**

- Help prepare food & serve in canteen, sweep club house, clean amenities block.
- Assist in setting up show jumps and games equipment at beginning of day & pack up at the end of the day.
- Assist with ground duties as required.

**NOTE: IF YOU CAN'T HELP WHEN YOU ARE ROSTERED, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT. PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE!**

## CONDOLENCES



The Dandenong Ranges Pony Club was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Margaret, fondly known as Sister, Douglas. Sister was a founding member of the Mountain District Pony Club in 1944, but over the early years of Dandenong Ranges Pony Club played a significant part in the organisation and running of some of our most successful events.

Sister once owned the land west of Lloyd Park (Over Belgrave Hallam Road) and was kind enough to allow us to use this land as the cross country venue for our one-day-events. During the many events that were held there, not only did she put up with the lengthy task of building the course, but also having more than 200 riders go around the course on the day. (Apparently there were so many riders competing that one year dressage had to start at 6.00am).

In the early 1960's Dandenong Ranges, in conjunction with Pakenham Pony Club, were responsible for the organisation of the State Horse Trials Championships which were held at the 'Hunt Kennels' at Cranbourne. It was Sister who played a significant part in this organisation.

Dandenong Ranges Horse and Pony Club would like to acknowledge the contribution Sister made to the early success of the club, and passes on its condolences to Sister's family.

## New Members

Rebecca Young, 9th May

Olivia Young, 24th March

### MAY - BIRTHDAYS

Hayley Crane	Lucy Christian
Emily Gadsden	Georgia Price
Zoe Kavaliotis	Amy Shaw
Rebecca Young	

## New Horse

Bella Lloyd received her new pony!  
'Toby' for her 6th Birthday





## Up and Coming Events List

Please note all competition forms are attached to the email.

The PCAV Interzone Teams Horse Trials 2010

Grades 3 & 4

Sat 24 & Sun 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**WORKING BEE DATES:** 4 JULY 2010 & 19 SEPT 2010 10am to 2pm

## ***BRAGS FOR THE MONTH***

Hayley Crane, Grade 1, 4th place at Bunyip Horse Trials.

Darius Edwards - 4th place, Grade 4 at Dingley PC, Hickstead and Dressage Day (one of only four clear jumping rounds in grade 4 on the day)

CONGRATULATIONS!



# ***PHOTO GALLEY***



## ***TOORADIN ODE***



## ***GAMES DAY***



# ***GAMES DAY CONTINUED***



# AGM & PRESENTATION NIGHT

16TH APRIL 2010

## New Committee Members Elected

Changes as follows:

NEW: Esther Durrant (general)  
Shane Huxham (general)  
Vicky Walker (general)  
Jonno Lloyd (president)

MOVES: Steve Burford - President to General  
Kate Huglin - from general to District Commissioner (DC)  
Jane Kavaliotis - from general/canteen to Vice President

Out: Trish Bailey - DC  
Julianne Stephenson - General  
Heidi Ball - General



## – Just A Horse by an unknown author –

From time to time, people tell me, 'lighten up, it's just a horse,' or, 'that's a lot of money for just a horse'. They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for 'just a horse.'

Some of my proudest moments have come about with 'just a horse.' Many hours have passed and my only company was 'just a horse,' but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by 'just a horse,' and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of 'just a horse' gave me comfort and reason to overcome the dark.

Those who think it's 'just a horse,' probably also use phrases like 'just a friend,' 'just a sunrise,' or 'just a promise.' 'Just a horse' brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. 'Just a horse' brings out the very best in me, a person who rises early, takes long walks, and looks longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not 'just a horse' but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. 'Just a horse' brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.



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So the next time you hear the phrase 'just a horse,' smile. You are one of the blessed few who understands.