

July, 2011



DC DIARY

State Games Team:

Congratulations to Benalla Pony Club who won the State Games Championship. The team had 4 firsts, a second and a third place and tied with St Andrews for the Championship. The two teams then had to have a run off and careful riding by the Benalla team won them the day. A fantastic effort for our Zone. Mansfield was given the opportunity to ride at State but unfortunately we were not able to field a team. Hopefully Benalla will inspire us all to make a big effort for next year.

Competitions:

This tends to be a quiet time of year on the competition front. Upcoming local events are Cobram Horse Trials on 17th July and Tocumwal Horse Trials on 14th August.

New Cards:

The 2011/12 membership cards have arrived so if you are planning on competing you will need to ensure you have your new card, which is green, together with the existing orange card. The blue cards will no longer be necessary. Chris will have them available at the Apex Bar on Sunday.

July Rally:

This rally sees us concentrating on our members working towards and obtaining their Efficiency Standards Certificates. The standards are D, D*, C, C* or K, B and A and need to be gained in that order. Minimum ages are:

- D 7 years
- D* 9 years
- C 12 years
- C* K 14 years
- B 16 years
- A 17 years

We are very lucky to have Sen Weir who is able to instruct and test for both the D and D* Certificates. The higher certificates involve a written examination as well as riding and horse handling. Testing is done at different times throughout the year at various clubs in our Zone. Kammy will instruct candidates and let us know when they are able to take their tests. The tests are designed for members to learn progressively about horse and pony care (horsemastership) and riding (horsemanship). They will help our members gain or improve their confidence in riding, handling and caring for their horse or pony. The rally coordinators have tried to set up the groups and activities for this rally so that the maximum number of members who are eligible are able to prepare for their next Certificate.

See you all on Sunday.

Kerryn