

Mansfield Pony Club Newsletter

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This Rally 3 October:

As you are all aware, due to the state of the grounds, this rally has to be compromised to accommodate the weather conditions we have had recently and will only be a half day rally.

UNIFORM:

Winter uniform: Shirt, tie, PC jumper

DUTY ROSTER:

Canteen:

No canteen this rally

Grounds:

N. Debney, J. Butterworth,
A. Collins, & R. Burns

Terrace

Colour group flags

Sideshow Alley

Games Trailer (or to cattle pavilion if too wet)

Sand Arena

Jumps trailer—8 set of poles and wings laid out in a grid.

ALSO we need to clear everything from the south side of our shed as another shed is to be erected there. All parents are asked to help please.

CARDS:

Remember to go to Kris Blake at the Apex Bar either before or after Jock Grey to have your attendance marked off.

Then join your colour group in formation where your gear check will be done by your first instructor.

BIRTHDAYS:

Happy birthday to:
Annabelle Fox for the
11th



COLOUR GROUPS:

To help us better organise rallies we ask that each month you let your group coordinator know that you will be coming.

Your coordinators are:

Blue, Red, White

Sally Steiner
sally.steiner@bigpond.com

Green, Yellow, Orange

Jenny Gleeson
mecngen1@bigpond.com

Purple, Brown, Black

Fenella Ritchie
ritchie.mark@bigpond.com

They will email you so please do them the courtesy of responding to help them in planning each rally.

Last Rally:

Due to the extreme weather conditions on the Saturday before our September rally the decision was made to postpone it. As you can see from the photo it was a very wise decision indeed. As there were a number of members who needed a rally to compete it was then held on September 19. Pictures page 2.



September Rally



Members and parents headed out on a trail ride from Parkseeds. It was a beautiful day and each group had a lovely ride. Thank you to the Parks for allowing us the use of their grounds.

There were also a number of our members who chose to ride at the final hunt as their rally and as you can see from the photo at the bottom of the page they really looked the part and had a great time. MPC is hoping that members will be able to attend another hunt next year as a rally again.



Anticlockwise from the top:
David & Lauren Farrell with Jo and Jo; Lauren Lines starting off on the shorter ride with Molly, Molly, Verity and Jessica; Fiona Fox and Cameron Lachal (on two wheels) with April & Foley Lachal and Sophie & Annabelle Fox; Jacqui Edwards leads Nicki Krainz and Isabelle; Kerryn Gooding with Tess and Anna.



Our Intrepid Hunters

Celeste, Donald, April and Ted with Kammy and Tom



2010 INTERSCHOOL NATIONALS



Maddy Kyritsis qualified for the 2010 Interschool Nationals which were held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre last week. Maddy says the



Equestrian centre is a must see for all equestrian riders as it is truly a horse heaven with security guards on the gates after 6 pm. What a wonderful experience for Maddy and hopefully more MPC riders will follow in her footsteps.

The Aussie Team—winners of the Showjumping Phase

PCA TETRATHLON

An experience of a life time! What a great trip. Pony Club Australia Tetrathlon Competition in San Francisco USA. The competition consisted of four phases, a 3km cross country run (timed), a 200m swim (scored on times), and 20 pistol shots (scored on accuracy), and a showjumping/cross country/obstacle course. The equestrian event was certainly the highlight for our team. We all had to assess 15 horses the day before our jumping competition. We were not allowed to ride any of them. Names were put in a hat and horses were drawn for the teams, UK, Ireland, USA. Canada and Australia. Australia got Cleo a big

Clydie Cross, Kiwi a bay thoroughbred, and Diva a lovely black thoroughbred mare. My team mates Billie and Ally rode Cleo both getting clear rounds, Lauren rode Kiwi and I rode Diva. We all went clear with a perfect score. Our team won the Jumping section which we were all thrilled about. The course was approximately 1 metre high with 13 jumps and in the middle a slip rail fence and a gate. To make the course more challenging the US added a slip rail after jump 3. Here you have to jump off your horse, lead her through, put the rail back in the fence and get back on and complete the course. Then before



the last double there was a gate you had to open and close while mounted.. It was essential that the rider was able to stay calm and not panic so that the horse would settle and not jump about when getting on after the slip rail and staying calm close to the gate. It was lots of fun. Final scores placed me 13 individually and our team placed sixth. I did lots of training but it was certainly worth it and I highly recommend it to everyone . Have a go.

Hannah Gillard

Breaking News:

Congratulations to Emily Thompson and Tassie achieving 3rd place at Werribee PC HT Grade 2 last weekend.



STEVENS & BAILEY



Jo Bailey and Jo Stevens have been out and about in the last few weeks following the SJ season with great success. Jo B in B Grade starting at Yarrowonga 1st in the one round stakes and 1st in the 2 round championship. At Wodonga Jo and Balmy Boy cleaned up winning all 3 events for the day and also winning the trophy for best combination. They were 3rd at Benalla ORS, 1st two round champ and 2nd top score. Jo and Balmy are looking to Moyhu and the upcoming ag shows. Jo S has been dominating in the A Grade.



Lauren Farrell & Becky Sharpe at Findon PC HT



PARADE:

Riders and organisers needed for the Melbourne Cup Weekend Parade. The best float will receive \$500 for their club.

ZONE REP

Catherine Farrell is our new North East Zone Representative.

Thank you to Lynn Stevens who has done such a wonderful job in the role for the past 3 years.

CANTEEN

Graeme and Heather Mansbridge have been our wonderful canteen stalwarts, it seems like forever, but it is now time to hang up their chef hats. We cannot thank them enough for their generosity. If you are interested in taking over this role please contact Anne Payne on 5775 2061.

HELP NEEDED!

We need families to help with the organising and running of the many events that Mansfield Pony Club puts on each year. Without your help it would just not be possible.

The expectation is that each family will attend two working bees and assist at the horse trials and one other event each year.

Would you please nominate by email to traceykyritis@bigpond.com which event you are able to help out at.

We also need volunteers to run the November Gymkhana (the Easter Gymkhana is not going to be held next year) so if you would like to have a go at this challenging but fun job please let Tracey know immediately.

XC Course—New Jump Design

Mansfield Pony Club is going to build more cross country jumps and we want YOU to design them, yes that's right, YOU.

The Committee is running a competition to find the best new jumps and when we do they will be constructed. Imagine how proud you will feel if a jump you designed is part of our wonderful XC course.

So put your thinking caps on and send your designs to PO Box 636 or drop them in to Horsepower. Competition closes 31 October.



MPC Calendar

2010

- October 3—Rally
- October 24—Rally
- November 20—Mansfield A& P Show
- November 27—Gymkhana & Equathon
- November 28—Showjumping
- December 12—Christmas Rally

2011 (proposed dates and events)

- January 2—Rally
- February 6—Rally
- March 6—Rally
- April 3—Rally

- April 9&10—Horse Trials
- May 1—Rally
- May 29—Combined Training
- June 5—Rally
- July 3—Rally
- August 7—Rally
- September 11—Showjumping
- October 2—Rally
- October 23—Rally
- November 26—Equathon & Gymkhana
- November 27—Supercross
- December 11—Christmas Rally



CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted:

Quiet pony for Matilda Reeve who is 6 years old. Matilda is a beginner who can ride, but is a little nervous and does not yet have an independent seat. If you know of a suitably experienced pony for sale please contact :

Sally 0421 697 413

Pepper is for Sale:

New Forest/Arab X, 5yo mare, 14.2hh. Excellent breeding and will excel as a Pony Club. Currently in work with an experienced rider and ready to go on with. For more information call Bec on 0417 524 223



A big thank you to Francis and Liz Seaton from Mansfield Produce and Pet Supplies for their generous donation of \$500 towards our events for the year.

When you go into the store please let them know you are from Mansfield Pony Club.

They supply horse feed, supplements and now have a great range of gear for horses and riders. They also have lots of stuff for your other pets. On top of all that you get fast friendly service so be sure to support them like they support us!

Check out our new website at www.mansfieldpc.weebly.com

Newsletters, entry forms, pictures, information, classifieds.....

Download the entry form for MPC Showjumping Competition on 28 November

October Rally—Groups

Green, Yellow, Orange, Purple and Browns groups will be riding at Kim Owen's arena.
Please note the early start for Group A. Your gear check will take place before you leave the showgrounds.

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| <p>Black Group</p> <p>10:30—12:30</p> <p>Normal activities with Cathy Keogh</p> <p>at the Showgrounds</p> | <p>Group A</p> <p>9:00—9:30 Ride to Kim's 9:30—10:30 Flat lesson with Kim 11:00—12:00 Games—Showgrounds</p> <p>Verity Hore Molly Lines Bridget Callaghan Alex Ritchie Ellen Goff</p> | <p>Group B</p> <p>10:00—10:30 Ride to Kim's 10:30—11:30 Flat lesson with Kim 12:00—1:00 Grid Work—Showgrounds</p> <p>Annabelle Fox Millie Friday Molly Hore Millie Ritchie Jacinta Dixon-Riley Pippa Lindsay Sophie Goff</p> | <p>Group C</p> <p>10:00—11:00 Grid Work—Showgrounds 11:00—11:30 Ride to Kim's 11:30—12:30 Flat lesson with Kim</p> <p>Lauren Hutchinson Kathryn Burns Amy Dixon-Riley April Lachal Nichola Payne Nicki Krainz Beth Gleeson</p> |
| <p>Blue Group</p> <p>10:30—11:00 Tack—Showgrounds 11:00-11:30 Ride to Bri's 11:30—12:30 Flat lesson with Cassie</p> | <p>Red & White Groups</p> <p>10:00—10:30 Ride to Bri's 10:30-11:30 Flat lesson with Cassie 12:00—12:30 Tack—Showgrounds</p> | <p>We are very thankful to Kim Owen and Bri Seaton for allowing us to use their properties so we can try and conduct some sort of PC rally given the state of the showgrounds. In return we ask you to be respectful of their requests and remember that we are using private property.</p> | |

For those riding at Bri's or Kim's:

- Disclaimers must be signed by each parent/guardian prior to riding on the arena (available for download on our website)
- No floats or cars to be taken to the arenas due to parking restrictions
- Approved helmets and boots to be worn
- Flat riding only, no jumping
- No riding on the arena without the presence of the instructor
- Remove manure from the arena immediately so that it is not spread
- Walking pace only too and from the arena
- Leave the property as it was when you arrived
- Keep noise to a minimum to respect the neighbouring properties

REMINDER:
The November rally will be held on 24 October

Bri's

- If there are poles out across the arena, please stay to the 'A' (double gate) end of the arena as it means the Paxtons Road end is too wet
- Access for horses to the arena is through the double gate at A only
- No hosing of horses
- Water is available for both riders and horses—riders use the taps in the bathroom, horses use the taps at either tie up area
- Toilet in the shed is available for use by riders/parents
- No access to sheds (except the toilet) or paddocks
- Maximum of 5 riders on the arena at any one time