



Mansfield Pony Club

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Newsletter—April 2011

Next Rally will be held Sunday April 3rd at 10am
(After daylight savings finishes we go back to 10am starts)

10am: Jock Grey Points

1015: Line up in colour groups, roll call, gear check & announcements

1030: RIDE!

1230: LUNCH

UNIFORM: Optional of either full winter uniform of shirts, ties & PC jumpers, or summer uniform of MPC T shirts. (You can decide depending on the weather).

REMEMBER:

Please go to Kris Blake at the 'Apex Bar' either before or after Jock Grey, to have her mark off your attendance in your card (please see more info on cards later on the newsletter).

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

DUTY ROSTER:

Canteen: Davies, Friday, Gleeson

Grounds: Jones, Grey, Hore

Equipment: Oval one rope arena 60x20, witches hats 60x30, games, & Sand Arena 2 two grids one course

Please remember if you are unable to do your duty please try to swap with someone.

Grounds duty parents, please report to Cameron Lachal- equipment coordinator - at the sheds no later than 0930.

ALL PARENTS (& KIDS) HELP IS APPRECIATED WITH SET UP & PACK UP, Thankyou

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to:



And any others whose birthday I don't have ☺

YOUR

EXECUTIVE:

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New Rally Plan:

You will note some changes to our rally plan this month. We have noticed that riders sometimes need a drink, change of saddle or toilet stop in between sessions so we have allowed a short break. The canteen will NOT be open at this time. Would parents (especially of the younger riders) please ensure that their children don't see this as a play time and that they are at the second session at 11:45 so that our wonderful volunteer instructors are not kept waiting. We have also allowed some time for unsaddling after the second session as some riders have found their lunch break a bit rushed. If all riders would then saddle up at 1:45 so that we can get the final session started on time please.

The games team will be practicing and the other activities for the afternoon are optional. Would riders please put your name down at the Apex Bar for the activity you would like to do.

Horse Trials:

Our major fundraiser for the year is fast approaching and we desperately need helpers. This is a time for us to all band together and pitch in so that we run a successful day and the profits are used to update equipment, pay for instructors, and make our pony club the best it can be. Please email Tracey with your availability.

Can we please say a big thank you to our fabulous sponsors of this years' Horse Trials:

Bendigo Community Bank Mansfield

Horsepower High Country

Marks IGA

Mansfield Riding Centre - Kim Owen

Delatite Winery

Subway Mansfield

Rodwells

Fox Ag

Helmet Hiders

Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital

Mansfield Bakery

Let's all try and support those fantastic businesses that support us. Without them, running events such as our Horse Trials would be very difficult.

Working Bee:

We will be having a working bee commencing at 1:00pm at the Showgrounds on Friday 9th April to set up for the Horse Trials. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to come along.

RSVP EMAILS:

Don't forget to RSVP to each rally, the importance of this is to enable good rally planning, and so we don't have our (mostly volunteer) instructors attending PC without being needed.

You just have to hit 'reply' to the email you will receive to say whether you will be there or not.

Alternatively you can RSVP via our new and wonderful website: www.mansfieldponyclub.org.au

Thankyou!

CARD ATTENDANCE:

Please remember to gain an attendance at a rally you must be there for a minimum of half a day and have 2 riding sessions.

If unmounted you are to be in Full Pony Club Uniform and help out at the rally, either by following your group and helping the instructor or performing another helpful duty.

Please see the note below regarding the importance of a membership card.

The PCFV Club Member Card is the riders PCFV club membership record and establishes that the rider is also registered with the PCFV.

The card must be kept up to date and accurately completed.

After the first year of club membership, members are required to keep two cards as their membership record, preferably kept in the official PCFV vinyl cover.

Cards required are the current year's card and the previous year's card. Note that the colour changes every year. All other year's cards are to be removed from the cover and filed away by the member.

It is the **members' responsibility** to make sure that their card is up to date and accurately completed before competing. Check with the D.C. to ensure it has been fully completed, details printed. This is confirmation that the rider has paid in full.

Colour Groups:

Please note you will not see colour groups in your rally plan from now on. Riders will be grouped for each rally as per your RSVP, **thus the importance of this reply to your coordinator.**

Groups will vary depending on numbers attending the rally and availability of instructors.

So it will be extremely important that you read the newsletter and web page to keep up to date on rally proceedings.

Commencing next year, if you haven't replied you will be given another task to complete at the rally, or you will be put wherever there is room. *It is your responsibility to keep informed.*

MPC Members out and about:

Bella Butterworth has been going 'great guns' out and about at Shows, some of her recent results are amazing!

April Lachal, Annabelle Fox & Millie Ritchie all did extremely well at the recent Shepparton Horsetrials, all coming in the top 4 placings. Lauren Hutchins also did a very brave job of riding her dressage test and showjumping with a broken arm!!!!!!!!!! Sophie Fox, Nicki Grey, Nicole Bertalli and Tess Storey have all been out and placing, and great to see those newer eventers out riding so well, such as Amy & Jacinda and Lauren.

If you have any results please let us know, these results were sent it by a proud friend, not the Butterworth family, so please send'em in! We love to hear about what you are doing.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

[Racing Victorian Pony club program](#) Racing Victoria are offering pony club members training in track riding. Please See Bec Hutchinson (treasurer) at the next rally if interested

The [games qualifiers](#) are to be held at Moyhu on May 8th. **Still looking for team members** so let your committee know. There will be some training days in the school holidays

[Come and Try attendance sheets.](#) If you have any friends or family who want to have a try out at a rally. \$10 for the one day [Tina Stewart - Minute Secretary.](#) Due to the retirement of our hardworking minute secretary Sally Steiner, Tina Stewart has accepted to take on the role. The AGM which was scheduled at the April rally has been postponed until May 1st, to give more time for parents to get their nominations in. All positions are vacant and we need lots of support so please just nominate for committee if nothing else. Nomination forms are available on the website or see Anne Payne at Horsepower. Parents must be a financial member to nominate. The AGM will be held during the lunch break

[Easter Gymkana](#) Sadly with all the hard work that the Horse trials requires and the up and coming Combined Training at the end of May the pony club will not be running its Easter Gymkana. There is also the possibility that the oval is being reseeded so there will no space. There is the Molyullah Sports on the Sunday as an option and hopefully a minis event will be run at the CT Day.

The next big event for Mansfield is the Combined training day on 29th May. The committee is planning to run a pure dressage section which hopefully will end up being part of a series for qualifying for state level

If you need grading please make sure you see the DC Kerry Gooding at this April rally

Also if you are entering the pony club classes please make sure you are a financial member of the club. Memberships were due 1st January 2011, if you decide not to rejoin the pony club then you have the open classes as an option.

At the start of the April rally please could all parents ensure their kids are paid up members of the club. There are still quite a few who have not yet rejoined. If you are unsure please ask the club's treasurer Bec Hutchinson. Contract forms and payment forms can be downloaded from the website.

The committee welcomes all the new, old and rejoining members for this 2011 year and looks forward to a fun and happy year ahead

Classifieds:

The Wilsons have a number of saddles for sale, including a beautiful pony dressage saddle, a Wintec dressage saddle, a lovely Stuben all purpose. Please see Leonie at the rally or phone 0417 598 220.

Charlotte just keeps growing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!