



## Mansfield Pony Club

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Newsletter April 2012

Due to the camp draft the Showgrounds are unavailable on April 1<sup>st</sup> there will be no rally. Our next rally will be May 6<sup>th</sup> 2012

However the Committee have arranged a Film Night on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April "Buck" to be held at the Mansfield Armchair Cinema at 6.30pm. \$15.00 with nibbles. Seats are limited so book with Leonie 57773565

### UNIFORM:

#### DUTY ROSTER:

There will be no more Show jumping until further notice as the sand arena is no longer useable.

Reminder: please note that if the main arena is too wet, it is not to be used for PC, only the sand arena and side show alley. We must not ruin them for the Show Society or else we wind up with no grounds. If you are on grounds duty and are not sure please see Glen or Fenella, if we don't remember this we will not be allowed to access the main arena any more. Also the terrace area is not for warming up but for gathering and registration for groups, do that on side show alley .

Thank you.

#### New Members

There will lots of new members enrolling over the next couple of rallies so if you see anyone looking lost please direct them to Jenny and or Bec at the Apex bar.

Please do your very best to make everyone feel really welcome!

## April Birthdays:

### Happy Birthday to:

Matilda Reeves 2<sup>nd</sup> April

April Lachal 12<sup>th</sup> April

Cobie McCormack 17<sup>th</sup> April

Jo Stevens 22<sup>nd</sup> April

And any others whose birthday I  
don't have ☐



### YOUR

#### EXECUTIVE:

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### RSVP EMAILS:

Don't forget to RSVP to each rally,

You can simply do this via our wonderful website [www.mansfieldponyclub.org.au](http://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:

### Colour Groups:

**Colour groups are being changed to horse colours. So from now on you will see groups named Chestnut or Strawberry Roan etc**

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 rally plan on the website, the newsletter to keep up to date on rally proceedings.

If you haven't replied you may 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.*

## **NEWS WITHIN THE CLUB**

### **Rallies**

**Our March rally was well supported due to the cancellation of Kergunyah Horse Trials.**

**We were lucky enough to have Ashleigh Pace a Sports Physcologist giving our senior riders an insight into how to prepare your mind and body for competitions.**

**Sally Clayton, Andrea Garbler, Perrin Gooding, Belinda Caldow, Cathy Keogh were all enjoyed by our other riders and most were able to get out onto the XC course for the final practice before the Horse trials.**

As previously mentioned the sand arena has finally called it a day. However a grant maybe the pipeline thanks to the efforts of the sand arena committee which comprised of representatives from MADEC, Pony Club and the Show Society. So with the money the clubs have already raised we should be able to start work on it fairly soon.

### **Awards**

**The committee has agreed to no longer have the 100% attendance award. Instead there will be a rally award which will announced on the day. This is a \$15.00 voucher kindly donated by our new Horse Shop in town Gone Riding and will be aimed at improving the culture of the club. So it will be on anything from setting up, packing away, being on time, good manners all sorts of things!**

**Congratulations to our March winners the Reed Family**

### **XC Training**

The fortnightly Tuesdays XC sessions have now ended until next summer

## Teams

The State Games and Flat teams are 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June so only about 1 more rally until the quallies. **We really need some interest. The Qualifiers are to be held at Howlong Pony Club on the 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

The Club has a flat team of Lauren Hutchinson, Molly Hore, Tess Storey, Sally Kirley coached by our very capable senior rider Nikki Grey.

The Games team has not yet been finalised but those that have shown an interest so far are Katy Hunt, Beth Gleeson, Nikki and Anna Krainz, Alec Ritchie, Charlotte Wilson are lining up for a crack at it. This will be a serious team expertly coached by Marion Sargeant. If any other members are interested please contact Fenella Ritchie [ritchie.mark@bigpond.com](mailto:ritchie.mark@bigpond.com)

There is always room for those that just want to participate in a fun team. Molly Lines, Verity Hore are keen to have a go in the fun teams.

## Horse Trials

Our April Horse trials are fast approaching we desperately need help. There has been a roster put out by Traci. All parents are expected to help. If you don't put your name down you will be allocated a job so grab the good ones while you can!!! Email Traci at [tracekyritsis@bigpond.com](mailto:tracekyritsis@bigpond.com). We are running it in conjunction with MADEC who are holding there Horse trials on the Saturday. Hopefully this will ease the work load of setting up and pack up.

If you have any raffle prizes you are willing to donate please let Traci know.

Unfortunately we will not be able to allocate yards to our members as hopefully we will be having so many from out of town!

Perrin Gooding has done an amazing job repairing the course.

If you are thinking of entering make sure your Grading card is up to date, if you have any queries speak to the DC kerryn Gooding.

All entries can be done over the website. **No late entries will be taken so get your entries in soon**

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## News from the Committee

### **Membership fees are now due**

In 2012 the clubs membership fees will increase by \$70 dollars per family for a maintenance levy. This will be like the old working bee levy except that it will be non refundable. This will be to cover costs such as slashing the XC course, repairing fences, all the jobs that parents used to do but no longer have to time to do, so an outside contractor has to be hired.

Membership fees are due from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 all fees, forms and our membership contract can be downloaded from the website [www.mansfieldponyclub.org.au](http://www.mansfieldponyclub.org.au)  
If you have any friends who may like to join please mention our Come and Try Days for \$10.00

**Please remember that all Members must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the whole rally otherwise for safety reasons riders will not be able to participate.**

### **IMPORTANT**

#### **FIRST AID COURSE:**

Tina Stewart and Traci Kyritsis are the clubs new first aid helpers having just completed the First Aid course in March. The club desperately needs more first aid helpers for rallies and Pony Club events, so please enrol.

*If you are interested please see Leonie or ring 5777 3565*

#### **CLINICS**

There will be a Showjumping Clinic in June with Alan Mitchell, flyer out very soon. This will be open to all riders from all pony clubs and adult riding clubs. First in best dressed!

#### **PCAV DRESSAGE & SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS; Grades 1,2 & 3, and A,B,C**

See DC Diary for results but all our girls did very well

#### **RUGBY TOPS**

Our new very smart Rugby Tops have been approved to wear at competitions.

These are retailing around \$60.00.

Also don't forget the for sale section on the website, lots of gear, show wear and of course horses.

There is also our second hand shop which is open most rally days.

## **JOB VACANCIES**

**No one has put their names forward for any of these roles below!!! Come on parents step up to the mark!!!**

Our Catering Coordinators, chefs extraordinaire, Janelle Purcell and Sue Luise finished at the end of last year, so the club desperately needs 1 or 2 people to step into this role. We were very fortunate to have Janelle and Sue takeover from Graham and Heather Mainsbridge at the beginning of 2011.

Although the Canteen is not a huge money spinner it subsidises the delicious Christmas Lunch for us all and hampers for our volunteer (non parent) instructors.

Please be aware that all the buying of the food will be done by Anne.

It is all fine at the moment as the days are warm but come winter when it is cold and wet and the mornings are dark we will all wishing for a nice mug of warm soup.

**Please speak to Anne Payne if you feel you could fill this role.**

## **AGM**

To be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm at the Delatite Hotel.

All the positions will be vacant. Even if you don't want to have a major role join the committee to get your ideas and suggestions heard or just to help out and be part of a team.

Nomination forms are available from Anne Payne at HorsePower and on the website.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Don't forget all our rally dates for 2012 are on the website so get them in your diary.**

There is a North East Zone Pony Club Camp planned for 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Tallagatta Showgrounds. So watch out for the flyer.

Look forward to seeing you all at the rallies over the coming months and out and about at the competitions.