



Mansfield Pony Club

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Newsletter December 2011

**Next Rally will be held Sunday December 11th for our Christmas Break up
9am – 9.30am Gear check and Registration for games
Parents please remember to bring watches or phones with stop watches**

Really important: Please remember to bring a hamper gift item and this does not include some old Christmas cake that the mice have been tackling for the last few years!

Anne Payne is hoping that some parents may make some desserts for the Christmas lunch. Please let her know by dropping into Horsepower or phone 57752844

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).
Don't forget your tinsel and bring the reindeers.

REMEMBER:

Please go to Kris Blake at the 'Apex Bar' to have her mark off your attendance in your card .

Then register with Val Kirley for the Xmas games.

DUTY ROSTER:

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

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 Cameron, 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.

December Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to:

Nikki Kraatz 7th Dec

Anna Kraatz 24th Dec

Annie Edwards 24th Dec

Molly Hore 30th Dec

Maddy Shultz 31st Dec

And

Samantha Jones who I forgot last month on 20th Nov

And any others whose birthday I don't have ☐



YOUR

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RSVP EMAILS:

Don't forget to RSVP to each rally, The RSVP for the Christmas rally is on please make sure you reply for everyone, parents, members, extra siblings, grandparents so the organisers know numbers for catering purposes. A flyer and raffle tickets have been posted out to you all. Please remember to return your raffle tickets

You can simply do this via our 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:

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 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

Some of you have forgotten that once daylight saving starts we have an earlier starting time to try and avoid the heat of the afternoon. This continues until the end of daylight saving

Despite the inclement on the weekend of the 26th and 27th November the gymkhana and show jumping day managed to go ahead. Both events were well supported in the end with over 60 riders competing in the Showjumping which had to be held on the grass as the sand was a bog. Despite the success of the events the club unfortunately does not have many families helping with set up. Only 2 people turned up for the gymkhana set up and not many more for the SJ. Although there were plenty of helpers on the day the organizers will not hold these events anymore if parents and members are unable to help with working bees.

Games and Flat teams for quallies and State have already started practicing. These will be held in May and then States in June.

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 Jacinta and Amy Dixon Reilly along with our experienced games rider Beth Gleeson are lining up for a crack at it. This will be a serious team expertly coached by Marion Sargeant. If any members are interested please contact Fenella Ritchie ritchie.mark@bigpond.com

No one has contacted Fenella yet . The teams need to start serious practice in the New Year so come on have a go.

There is always room for those that just want to participate in a fun team

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

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.

The Club has recently purchased 60 new SJ poles. These all need painting so at the clinic/ twilight rally in January we will make a start.

It is a pizza, plonk and paint day and every member that attends this clinic/rally must provide a parent to start this job.

The club will be selling some of the rails it no longer uses so watch this space

IMPORTANT

The clubs Grey Fergie Tractor and slasher will be offered for sale by silent auction at the Christmas rally

FIRST AID COURSE:

Expressions of interest are invited for a subsidised Level II First Aid Course to be run for Pony Club parents, older kids and instructors. The committee has agreed to subsidise Pony Club parents if they agree to be on a First Aid roster for rallies & Mansfield PC events. Date is still to be advised (it is a one day course with a self directed learning package to do before-hand). 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

The Will and Emily 2 day clinic to be held in January 2012 is full. Fiona is hoping to organise another one towards the end of January. Put your name on the waiting list if you are still keen. Fiona@foxag.com.au

There will be a twilight rally on the first day after the clinic Tuesday January 10th at 5.30 for 2 sessions for those members who have missed out. Details will be on the website after the Christmas rally.

There will be a Showjumping Clinic in June with Alan Mitchell, so watch out for details on that

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

February 25 & 26th 2012 in Albury. Volunteers are needed for all sorts of roles to assist with this important state level event, being held in our Zone. There are lots of jobs including parking & general maintenance on the Sunday. If there enough of us we will be able to just do a little bit of time each, and it is great experience for our kids to go and watch these top riders, plus some of our own riders will surely be competing. Please see one of the Committee if you can help please.

RUGBY TOPS

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

These are retailing around \$60.00. Remember Christmas is just around the corner, and they look very smart as a matching piece for Mums and Dads, get the whole family in them! See Bec to get in early.

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 are finishing at the end of this 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 this year.

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

It will be packed lunches at the February rally unless someone is found

Our ever efficient and long serving Secretary Traci Kyritsis will not be taking up this position again. She has kept us informed for so long with all that is going on within the club and all the happenings outside the club as well. Correspondence is an important part of this role.

Last but not least the most important position in Pony Club Kerryn Gooding our fantastic District Commissioner will not be standing again for this position at the AGM in April/May. Please can everybody put their hands up for this job as the club cannot operate without one. Main duties include the smooth running of rallies, organizing instructors, making sure members are graded correctly.

RESULTS

Lots of Pony Club members have been out and about competing over the last couple of months so congratulations to you all for your successes.

Several of the clubs riders are competing at the Dressage and Show jumping State quallies on the weekend of the 3/4 December

Look out for the DCs diary for more detail.

Senior Rider Maddy Kyritsis on Reggae Music has been selected by the club for the Special Pony Club Combination to compete at the Summer Royal in January 2012.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget our XC training sessions every second Tuesday evening, guess where the

details are? On the website!!!!

Our April Horse trials are fast approaching we need some coordinators for the dressage and Show jumping phases. **Please Help.** Contact Kerry Gooding

Finally to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.
Hope you all have a wonderful summer hols and try not to eat too many mince pies!