



Mansfield Pony Club

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Newsletter February 2012

The next rally will be on Sunday 5th February commencing at 8.45am with gear check. The first session will commence at 9am

Please report to the Apex bar to have your self checked off.

If you are bringing two horses only one can be nominated and 2 sessions must be done on the nominated horse.

There is a change of format to this months rally as there is no canteen so there will be no lunch break. There will be a morning tea break so remember to bring a snack. All sessions will be completed by 1.00pm. Please pay particular attention to the rally plan which is on the website

UNIFORM: summer uniform of MPC T shirts.

DUTY ROSTER:

The games grid and the dressage arenas are being set up on Friday. Please help to pack away after the sessions.

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 Kris and or Bec at the Apex bar.

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

February Birthdays.

Happy Birthday to:

Nikki Grey 8th Feb

Ange Robinson 9th Feb

Maddy Delarue 12th Feb

Ellen Goff 14th Feb



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.

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

An email has already been sent out to all members notifying them of the new format and new times. Start is at 8.45am and no lunch break. Our first session will be games and flat teams practice or a senior rider will take a group. Hopefully this will give our junior and new members a chance to get to know the senior riders.

As previously mentioned the sand arena has finally called it a day. However a grant is in 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. Desperately needs to be ready for the Horse trials.

There is also talk of the Show Society ploughing up the oval for the Camp draft in March. Hopefully this will not happen otherwise our Horse Trails will be seriously jeopardized.

Now that the New Year is upon us we really need to get some commitment for the games teams.

The State Games and Flat teams are 16th and 17th June so only about 4 more rallies until the quallies. **We really need some interest**

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 and interest so far are Jacinta and Amy Dixon Reilly, Beth Gleeson, Nikki and Anna Krainz, Alec Ritchie, Annabelle Fox 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

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

The Wil and Emily clinic was held in the middle of January and a huge success. The XC country course ran smoothly and all participants from both within and outside the club enjoyed world class instruction.

If anyone is missing a parent or a child please ask Fiona to check the loos!!!!

Remember the club will hopefully hold it again next year so when it comes out get your names down quick as quite a few members missed out this year.

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 nonrefundable. 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 1st January all fees, forms and our membership contract can be downloaded from the website www.mansfieldponyclub.org.au

The pizza, paint and plonk Show jump painting which was to start at the clinic 10th and 11th January has been postponed as the poles need to dry out a bit more.

IMPORTANT

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

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

The State Championship will be held towards the end of February in Albury so keep the day free and head up there to support them.

For all results see our DC diary on the webpage

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 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.

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 has agreed to take on the position for another year so that lets everyone off the hook and we can all breath a sigh of relief. Please do consider this position and maybe offer to help her at rallies if you feel could take this role on in the future.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Tolmie sports is on 11th February plenty of horse action there

Our zone horse trials for the Autumn session kicks off with Kergunyah horse trials at the beginning of March

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