



## Mansfield Pony Club

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Newsletter March 2012

The next rally will be on Sunday 4th March 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

Also remember that the terrace is just for walking around on your horses and for assembling at the start of the rally. If you wish to warm up please do so behind the Apex bar on Side Sow Alley

**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 Jenny and or Bec at the Apex bar.

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

## March Birthdays:

### Happy Birthday to:

Katelyn Stewart 1<sup>st</sup> March

Lauren Farrell 5<sup>th</sup> March

Lucy Reed 12<sup>th</sup> March

Jessica Andrews 14<sup>th</sup> March

Jemma Purcell 17<sup>th</sup> March

Nicola Payne 19<sup>th</sup> March



And any others whose birthday I don't have ☐

### YOUR

#### EXECUTIVE:

President: Glen Fox

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Treasurer: Rebecca Hutchinson

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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**

**This newsletter is going out a week early because there is so much news!!!**

### **Rallies**

**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.**

**If any one has any comments or suggestions regarding this new format please speak to our DC kerryn Gooding. The main reason for the change is no one has agreed to take on the canteen.**

**The February rally had a big turn out new and old members. A lot of members had forgotten to RSVP which made it really hard to have the correct size groups. So please, please, please don't forget.**

**Our April rally clashes with the Campdraft so at this stage we will not be able to hold one.**

### **Awards**

**For all our members that were present at the Christmas Rally our 100% attendance award was only announced for Charlotte Wilson.**

**Due to oversight Verity and Molly Hore were missed and the committee apologises to the Hore family who do make a huge effort to drive every month from Healesville to attend the pony Club rallies.**

**Their awards will be given out at our March rally.**

**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!**

**It was a very successful night for the Mansfield Pony Club at the Mansfield Couriers Sportsperson of the Year Award Ceremony.**

**Maddy Kryitsis: The Encouragement Award  
Kerryn Gooding: The Administrators Award  
Well done to them both**

## **Teams**

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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June so only about 2 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 an interest so far are Jacinda and Amy Dixon Reilly, Beth Gleeson, Nikki and Anna Krainz, Alec Ritchie, Annabelle Fox, 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.

## **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 [traceykryitsis@bigpond.com](mailto:traceykryitsis@bigpond.com) .We are running it 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.

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

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)

**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.**

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

### **IMPORTANT**

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

The committee has agreed to subsidise Pony Club parents, instructors, older kids if they agree to be on a First Aid roster for rallies & Mansfield PC events. This will be held in 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March. Tina Stewart has put up her hand and we are looking for more. 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 are to be held Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February in Albury so keep the weekend free and head up there to support our riders. This is organized by our zone and they are keen for volunteers to help.

Maddy Kryitsis, Nicola Payne and Nikki Grey will be representing our club. We wish them all the **BEST of LUCK**. Jo Stevens the clubs highly experienced showjumper was also due to represent Mansfield in the Showjumping but has decided to retire her seasoned campaigner Smashing Force

Anne Payne from HorsePower has very kindly donated some prizes for the raffle.

## **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**

Kris Blake the clubs long serving Card Secretary has handed over her role to Jenny Gleeson. A **BIG** Thank you to Kris.

Please make Jennys life easier but registering your name and the horse's at the Apex bar as soon as you arrive so we can get the rally started on time.

**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.**

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.

## **AGM**

This is coming up very soon. All the positions will be vacant although many of the office bearers have volunteered to stand again.

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.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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

Our zone horse trials for the Autumn season kicks off with Kergunyah horse trials at the beginning of March. Good luck to all our members who are heading up there

Our XC training sessions every second Tuesday evening, guess where the details are?  
On the website!!!!

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