



Mansfield Pony Club

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Newsletter—May 2011

Next Rally will be held Sunday May 1st at 10am

10am: Jock Grey Points

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

1030: RIDE!

1300: LUNCH and **Annual General Meeting**

1400: Ride again

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: Wilson, Edwards & Lawson

Grounds: Games: M Davies; Showjumping: Reed & Goff; Dressage: Fenella

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:

Charlotte	17 th
Foley	1 st happy birthday to him on Sunday!
Verity H	7 th
Beth G	15 th
Alec R	8 th
Molly L	9 th
Lauren H	19 th
Sophie F	12 th



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.

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 PCV Club Member Card is the riders PCV 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 years' 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.*

Classifieds:

The Wilsons have a number of saddles for sale, including a beautiful handmade 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

The MPC Combined Training and Dressage Day is to be held on Sunday 29th May Grades 1 to 5. There is also a minis/ungraded event.

Come and have a go, if you feel like a challenge and want to try a higher grade just enter for the open. Entry forms are on the Mansfield Pony Club website www.mansfieldponyclub.org.au and can be done online or by post. If you need to be graded talk to one of the committee members at the next rally.

The sub committee is already looking for volunteers to help on the day gear checking, marshalls, judges, pencilers, catering, rail stewards, setting up and packing up. So let one of the committee members know if you are available.

The Games qualifiers are to be held on Mothers Day Sunday May 8th at Moyhu. At the moment Mansfield has a team but no team manager, so is rather in limbo. We are hoping someone will step up to the role at the next rally otherwise the team cannot go. The team needs to organise a practice session so if anyone feels they can take on this role, let one of the committee members know at the next rally.

The **AGM** is at the next rally on Sunday 1st May during the lunchbreak. All the executive positions are to be filled as well as just ordinary committee members. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website or visit Anne Payne at HorsePower. The committee would love to see new faces and fresh ideas. Come and shape the pony club's future and have your say.

MPC have a team competing at State level Horse Trials at Heytesbury on May 1st. This is Nicole Grey, Maddie Kyritsis, Angeline Robinson and Sophie Fox. An unmounted rally will be given to all those supporters who go along and cheer our team.

GOOD LUCK GIRLS

FUNDRAISING NIGHT The sand arena at the Showgrounds is in desperate need of an upgrade so we are holding a Trivia night at the Golf Club on Saturday 6th August to raise money. We are

hoping to have some grant money to put towards it but there is still a lot to raise. Please start getting tables together with friends. We will need auction items, so everyone get your thinking caps on and lets make this night **HUGE**.

The committee are already working towards the Horse Trials for 2012 and the preferred date we have put forward to the zone is April 14th and 15th so get it in your diaries.

And finally a huge THANK YOU to all the members, parents, community volunteers for all your hard work in making the 2011 Mansfield Horse Trials such a success. Despite the cold, wet miserable conditions on the Sunday most of us finished with a smile on our faces. Mansfield members did us proud with many placings and also taking out the Senior Zone Challenge Cup.

Happy Easter to you all

Look forward to seeing you all at our next rally on Sunday 1st May