



# Hobart & Districts Pony Club

## December 2008 Newsletter

### Calendar of Events

#### December 08

21 H&D xmas rally

#### January 09

8-11 H&D Camp, Bruny Island  
12-13 Pre-champs training camp, Monmouth  
17-18 State Dressage & SJ Champs, TEC  
22-23 Sue McDermott Holiday Camp  
25 Derwent ODE at Brighton

#### February 09

1 H&D Event  
15 H&D Rally

### DC's report

Season's greetings to our members and their families – is it just me or has Christmas snuck up on you quickly as well?

As I look back over the last twelve months I am amazed at the opportunities that Pony Club offer members – are you interested in riding at Horsley Park, the Olympic Equestrian venue next year? If you are, why not try out for the State Games team? In 2008 the two games teams travelled to Adelaide to participate in the National games championships. In 2009 the championships are being held at Homebush! What an amazing opportunity! There are two teams: A team (16-25 year olds) and B team (under 16). Interested in trying out? Let me know so I can nominate some of our members for this great opportunity. Zone selection will be late January – early February. The International Mounted Games will be hosted by Canada in 2009 – wouldn't it be exciting to see some Tasmanian members in that team!

Last Sunday I attended the **State PCAT meeting** in Perth (Tasmania not WA!). A few important items from the meeting:

**Insurance:** just a reminder to all members that your pony club insurance only covers you when you attend a pony club activity, ie: rally, event or pony club organised clinic. A good example of what is not covered is the upcoming Jonna McLean clinic – you need EFA insurance to attend this type of clinic.

**New gear:** if you purchase some new “whiz bang” item for you horse, please don't assume that it will be suitable for pony club. A few items were mentioned at the meeting that had been seen/purchased at *Equitana* included the new Stubben snaffle bit and break away stirrups. All new products need to be submitted to the Association for their approval and DCs will keep members up to date on their acceptance or non-acceptance, as the case may be.

**Proposed horse levy and compulsory EI vaccination** - there is still a lot of talk about this and the Federal Government is investigating. As I don't wish to make our newsletter political, all I can suggest is that you take the time to seek out information regarding these proposals and if you disagree with them, please lobby local and interstate Senators, especially the independent Senators who hold the balance of power. My only comment is that any levy/compulsory vaccinations will end up costing us all more money to participate in riding activities. Is this just another tax by stealth?

If you wish to contact the Senators concerned, send a letter rather than an email – the general feeling at the State meeting was that emails get deleted, whereas individually signed letters will be better received.

**State Dressage and Jumping Champs** are only a few weeks away. Most riders who wish to participate have confirmed their qualifications and there should be quite a few riders representing Hobart and Districts next month. Good luck to everyone who has

chosen to participate in this prestigious event.

As Champs are being held at our home ground we will need to do a little bit of tidying up around the ground before the big day! We will need to:

- Do some hand moving around the club house and sheds;
- Check the chains/clips on all the yards as horses will be staying overnight in these;
- A general clean-up in the club house;
- Set up dressage arenas on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan;
- Prepare the riders' packs in the week leading up to the 17-18<sup>th</sup> Jan;
- Co-ordinate all the back numbers being handed out and returned;
- And lots of other jobs that I can't think of right at this moment. Can I please ask you to make a few hours available that week so we can show case our ground to members statewide.

**Agistment for champs:** we need lots of agistment!! Are you able to take a horse or two over the weekend of champs? Or perhaps you have a friend/neighbour who can help out? Travelling to any of the State events can be a very stressful time and knowing your horse is in a safe environment overnight makes a huge difference! If you can help out in any way, please contact Patsy Davies on 6218 7473; she is co-ordinating all the agistment for champs. (*Thanks Patsy, this is a HUGE job!*)

**Pony club coaching:** The current Pony club level 0 and level 1 coaching system is being replaced and there will be an introduction session at the TEC club rooms, Tuesday 16 December 7.30pm. If you are interested in upgrading your current qualifications or starting the new prelim course, please come along on the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you can let me know if you will be attending, that would be great for catering purposes. This course is open to all pony club members, parents, coaches and anyone interested in teaching at pony club level.

**Royal Hobart Show:** Next year the southern zone will be submitting some suggestions to the Show Society regarding equestrian events. What would you like to see changed/added? This is our chance to make changes to the programme that will make it a great day – please let me know your thoughts.

**Stop watches** – have you accidentally taken home one of the club stop watches? We did have three – and now we only have one!! If so, please return it at the December rally. It would be a pity to have to purchase new ones when they are probably in someone's glove box or tack box!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas rally – and if I don't, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.

Happy and safe riding

*Debbie*

## Christmas Rally

Format for this rally will be as follows:

Gates open	9am
Fancy dress	10am
Activities	10.30-12.30
BBQ lunch	12:30

Free BBQ lunch provided but all families need to bring a dessert to share.

There will be no afternoon activities and no charge for the rally.

Bookings to Kim Sly as usual and, for catering purposes, let Kim know how many family members will be attending.

## Monmouth pre-champs camp

12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 - this camp will be show jumping and dressage with test and tell and competition height rounds on the second day. For bookings, please call Sue McDermott on 6248 8550.

## Results

### Monmouth ODE (Nov 23)

Grade 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> M Davies

Grade 3 (Juniors) 2<sup>nd</sup> M Briggs, 4<sup>th</sup> O Tapping

Grade 3 (Seniors) 4<sup>th</sup> M Ryan

Grade 4 (Juniors) 2<sup>nd</sup> A Alsford

Grade 5 (Juniors) 2<sup>nd</sup> A Paterson

### Monmouth Dressage & SJ (Dec 13)

1.2 4<sup>th</sup> R Berry (12-15yrs)

50cm 3<sup>rd</sup> R Berry

## HDPC Jackets

Orders are now being taken for HDPC jackets. These are a new item of uniform but are **not compulsory**. They're navy blue spray jackets with long sleeves and a long-sleeved microfleece insert. The HDPC logo will be on the front and the HDPC name on the back. Jackets come in standard sizes.

Orders will be taken at the November rally with a \$35 deposit. The full cost is \$70 – balance on delivery. Deliveries should be in February 2009. Note we will not be keeping stock nor will we be putting in frequent orders so please *order now if you want one*. See Jennifer with queries/orders or call her on 62602773 or 0429 148 305

## Christmas gift to the RSPCA

We will be presenting a hamper of donated goods to the RSPCA. Their wish list includes kitty litter, washing powder, wet kitten food, disinfectant hand wash, lunge whip/ dressage long whip for loading tricky horses, hay nets, feed bins and big buckets (tug tubs would be great), blankets, cat toys, puppy toys, rabbit food, horse food, hay, ropes and halters various sizes, lunge rope, heat and wheat packs for warming kittens.

All donations gratefully received at the December rally. The gifts will be presented to the RSPCA then.

## Raffle results

Lucky winners of the Horseland vouchers in the PCAT raffle were:

1st - \$1000.00. Mark Van Galen, Longford  
2nd - \$500.00. Sue Ellis, Derwent PC  
3rd - \$250.00. Lucille Stubbs, TPRC  
4th - \$125.00. Sue Lowery, Railton  
5th - \$75. Bruce Young, Meander  
6th - \$50. P Cochrane, Bowthorpe,  
Longford

Bookseller prize - Christie Russell-Jarvie,  
Derwent PC

## Camp – Bruny Island January 2009

Pony Club camp will be from Thursday January 8 to Sunday Jan 11 at Murrayfield on Bruny Island. For more details, please see Debbie Ryan at rally or contact her at [mpjryan@netspace.net.au](mailto:mpjryan@netspace.net.au) or 6248 5460.

## Polocrosse

The lessons on polocrosse at the last rally were enjoyed by many of the riders. For anyone interested in learning more, you can contact John Lynas on 6268 5258 or [jlynas1@bigpond.com](mailto:jlynas1@bigpond.com) or [jlynas@reachnet.com.au](mailto:jlynas@reachnet.com.au)

There are various grades of competitions – and John would love to hear from anyone interested in participating.

## New Members

Any queries re new members should be directed to Sue Fleming at her new number 6243 9349

## Rally booking

Please book in for rally with Kim Sly by email at [tafhob@ozemail.com.au](mailto:tafhob@ozemail.com.au) or text her mobile on 0418 343211. Otherwise, call 6239 9689.

## Fund-raising worming paste

Razor worming paste is available at rally for \$20 per tube (2 adult doses). See Alison or

Sue-Ellen if you can take a box to sell or when you next need to worm your horses.

## Sue McDermott Holiday Camp

22-23 January 2009 at Forest Hill Rd, Sandford. See flyer on Tashorse website or call Sue McDermott on 6248 8550.

## For Sale or Wanted

**Caveletties** - \$150 per pair – well built and painted. Contact Geoff 0419 885 837

## Services

### **Wet Nose Animal Portraits**

Kim Maxwell has recently started a photography business, Wet Nose Animal Portraits, specialising in animal photography. Individuals and groups catered for. Contact 0417 335 969 or email [enaid.rhydd@yahoo.com.au](mailto:enaid.rhydd@yahoo.com.au).  
Web: [www.wetnoseportraits.com.au](http://www.wetnoseportraits.com.au)

### ***Hot to Trot* horse riding wear**

Hot to Trot is an Australian company designing and manufacturing UV-protective ladies and girls horse riding tops. See their website at [www.hotto.com.au](http://www.hotto.com.au)

### **Tack, Saddlery and Rug Repairs**

Rod Dewhurst  
146 Balook Street,  
Lauderdale 6248 6883

### **Have your horse poo picked up!**

Ty-Mawr Equine Services  
Noel Wilson  
Richmond  
6260 2066 or 0400 350 015

### **Pet Sitters.**

K&S Petsitters Austins Ferry  
Contact Kait or Sarah  
62493390 0406 210 347 0406 210 329  
Horse feeding and rug changing as well.

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