



Hobart & Districts Pony Club

August 2009 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

September 09

- 4-7 Eleanor Russell Clinic, Acton Park
- 17-18 Sue McDermott Holiday Camp
- 20 H&D Rally
- 27 Monmouth Hunter Trials

October 09

- 4 Brighton ODE
- 10 RSPCA ride-a-thon
- 10 Derwent Dressage and Showjumping Day
- 18 H&D rally
- 21-24 Royal Hobart Show

For further details of events state-wide, booking forms etc, see the links via the PCAT *Calendar of Events* at www.pcat.org.au .

DC's report

Well unfortunately the rain still hasn't let up and our grounds that were starting to dry out are now wet again, but perhaps if everyone can do a sun dance the rain will go away ☺. Lets hope that if we can get a couple of weeks without rain and some wind we should be able to hold our September rally at our grounds.

Well we are now heading towards the competition season now, so it will be good to see lots of our members out competing. The first event of the season will be a Hunter Trials at Monmouth on the 27th September.

It has been great to receive a number of entries from members for the royal Hobart show this year.

We will be holding our ODE on the 1st November, so I will be asking members to do

a number of jobs to help us run this event. If there is something that you would particularly like to do (pencil for dressage or showjumping, marshalling, help in the canteen etc please let me know.

I will include some recent rule changes in the newsletter (news from zone section) and the new dressage tests for the upcoming season, so please make sure you know these and understand them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have taken up positions on the committee and those that have left the committee this year. I will attach a copy of my DC's report that I presented at the AGM.

Well I think that is all for this month, lets just think positive and hope the rain eases and things start to dry out.

Erin

Reminders from the Treasurer

Insurance, PCAT fees & subs are due if you haven't already paid them. The fees are: Insurance \$30; PCAT \$20 (\$10 Adult riders), PCAT South \$5 & Subs \$75 (1st family member) / \$25 (2nd & subsequent family members).

If you have any queries regarding fees, please contact Sue-Ellen on 6248 9534. If you prefer, please post payment to Sue-Ellen Bomford, 1526 South Arm Road, Sandford, 7020. Make cheques payable to Hobart & Districts Pony Club.

New Committee

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM in August and to the following who have taken on committee positions for the 09/10 year:

DC	Erin Hunn
Assistant DC	Jennifer Briggs
President	Alison Venn
Treasurer	Sue-Ellen Bomford
Secretary	Cathy Amos
Rally Coordinator	Kim Sly
Membership	Patsy Davis
Test Coordinator	Sheila Millhouse
Canteen	Ali Lewis, Claire Alsford & Ange Baker
Riders' Reps	Mykaela Briggs & Matt Ryan.

D & D* Tests

Hopefully at the September rally we will be able to finally get the following riders tested.
D Tests- Steph Lewis and Alison Kaye
D* Tests- Tessa Amos, Lily Baker, Kate Jarvie, Celeste Meincke, Steph Lewis and Alison Kay.

Please make sure you have your formal uniform to wear, if you need to borrow any items please contact Jennifer Briggs 0429 148 305.

News from zone

- Riders in Grades 1-3 eventing must drop their whip before riding around the arena and presenting to the judge. Grades 4-5 may still carry a whip.
- When qualifying for trials, penalties will no longer be taken into account in Cross Country. You just need to complete the course without being eliminated.
- PCAT have adopted the EA rule that if a rider has a fall anywhere on the Cross Country course, they are eliminated. Riders may show jump as long as they have been viewed and passed as fit and safe.

- If you fall during Cross Country you may walk back on your horse if the steward deems it safe for you to do so.
- Time wasting rule on Cross Country will be enforced- PCAT have adopted the EA Rule which states: In the case of competitors in Pre Novice and below classes (all pony club grades) the time of the finish should be taken at the time when deliberate time wasting (e.g. slows to a walk, circling or zig zagging) to avoid penalty for under time becomes apparent.
- Clip reins have been approved for jumping.
- Treeless saddles have been approved.
- Bitless bridles are not permitted.
- **Dressage Tests for 2009/2010 Season**

Eventing

GRADE 1- EA Novice 2B 2009

GRADE 2- EA Novice 2A 2009

GRADE 3- EA Preliminary 1A 2009

GRADE 4- PCAV 4B

GRADE 5- PCAV 5B with canter

PCAV 5A no canter

Tests can be located through the following link-

<http://www.pcat.org.au/default.asp?Page=12489>

Uniform

New uniform stock has arrived.

Rugby Jumpers \$60

Polo Tops \$30

Saddle blanket badges \$7.50

Ties \$20

Small badges (D, D*, C, K etc) \$2

There are a few rugby tops in the old colours in small sizes; these are available for \$50.

Stirrup Irons

There has recently been some confusion about the correct size of stirrup irons. Please note that section 4.2 of the PCAT handbook states that clearance between boot and

stirrup iron must be a **minimum of 1cm and**

maximum of 2cm.

Gear check

Stirrup leather stitching will be checked at the next rally.

School Holiday Camp

Sue McDermott will be holding a holiday camp with Abigail Hawkins on September 17 and 18 at Forest Hill Rd, Sandford; details will be on the Tashorse website. Please contact Sue for further information on 0421 954472. Signed booking forms need to be sent in at least a week before the 17th. The format will be somewhat different this time with flat and xc in the morning, and show jumping rounds in the afternoon. Accommodation for riders and ponies can be arranged.

Services

Tack, Saddlery and Rug Repairs

Rod Dewhurst
146 Balook Street,
Lauderdale 6248 6883

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

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DC's REPORT 2009

Well whilst I sit here and write my first report as DC, I feel that I am a little out of my depth as I feel that I have only been in the role for such a small part of the last year. So I want to start by thanking Debbie Ninnes for all the hard work and effort that she has put in to Hobart and Districts, her commitment and organisation. Debbie did an exceptional job of getting grants and organising the State Dressage and Showjumping Championships over the last twelve months. On a personal level I would like to thank her for her support and input since I have taken over as DC.

The season started with Hobart and Districts hosting the first ODE of the year, which was run successfully in conjunction with STEA. Followed by Hobart Show, where unfortunately H&D entries were very light on with only Amber Alsford representing the club.

The club was successful in receiving grants from Woolworths to purchase a wonderful new commercial fridge; we were also successful in our grant application for a PA system through Sport and Rec, which was installed in time for our Christmas rally. We also received funds from a Clarence City Council grant funds which were used to purchase witches hats and bollards that are used each rally and for when we set up a show jumping ring. The club was successful with the Commonwealth Volunteers grant, giving us funds to purchase some more portable jumps for the grade 5 cross country course and the remainder of funds have helped off set the travel costs of our volunteers and instructors.

The summer was spent tirelessly painting showjumping poles for the upcoming Championships and when completed they looked fantastic. The fenced area was planned to be completed in time for Championships, and it was completed just in time, at lunchtime the day before! It has certainly proven to be a great facility for the grounds, providing a wonderful safe area for rallies, show jumping and warming up.

The State Dressage and Showjumping Championships were held in January and were a fantastic success, giving the club the opportunity to showcase our grounds to the rest of the state. Members of the club worked very hard to have this competition run smoothly and it was a worthwhile fundraiser for the club. Also giving a number of our riders the opportunity to represent the club at this State Competition.

Pony Club camp was also held in January at Bruny Island and from all reports everyone had a great time. Thanks to Debbie Ryan for her organisation of this activity and I certainly look forward to the next one so I can come along.

The club was represented at State Trials in Launceston by Pip Duggan, Alice Saul, Morgan Davies, Matt Ryan, Sarah Millhouse, Grace Patterson, Kate Russell and Mykaela Briggs, all riders represented the club to a very high standard and achieved some personal best performances for the season. Mykaela won her age group in grade three, which was a very close competition and came down to her needing to go clear in the showjumping. Well-done Mykaela.

Next on the competition list was zone games held in May at Brighton, Celeste Meincke, Stef Lewis, Alice Patterson, Matt Ryan, Sarah Bomford and Mykaela

Briggs represented the club. Despite the slightly inclement weather, all riders had a fun day out and we look forward to having more riders represent the club at next year's games.

Another great highlight for the club this year was Pip Duggan's selection to represent the club and the state at the Pony Club Nationals in NSW, which occurred just last month. It takes a lot of hard work to get to this standard and Pip did the club very proud with her performance. It was also great to see members get behind Pip in terms of fundraising these things certainly aren't cheap and every bit helps. Well done Pip on a fantastic job and hopefully the club can have more representatives in 2011 at the Nationals in Victoria.

The club certainly couldn't operate if it wasn't for the parents who volunteer to take on various positions and jobs, whilst I haven't been around too long I would like to especially thank; Sue Sluce for organising the very successful wine drive. Sue Fleming and Sonia Tapping for their fantastic job of organising the canteen each month and at all other competitions that the club has held throughout the year. Sue-Ellen Bomford for keeping the finances in a wonderful position. Kim Sly for her work as rally co-ordinator, this is at times a thankless and tiresome job. Allison Venn and Jennifer Briggs for their fantastic support and guidance that they have given me since coming into this role and also the hard work they have put in during the last twelve months.

Well I feel that all that has happened since I took over as DC is that it has rained, whilst the rain was much needed, hopefully it will ease off now so we can get the rallies and competitions back on track in the coming months. Again thank you to Debbie Ninnes for her contributions to this report and support she has given me since I have taken over. Also thanks to the committee for their support and as we farewell Lynn Sparrow as Secretary I thank her for her hard work in this position. I really look forward to the year ahead and whilst I see being DC as a challenge it certainly is something that I look forward to.

Thanks
Erin