



Hobart & Districts Pony Club

February 2009 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

March 09

- 7-9 PC State Eventing Trials, Powranna
- 14 H&D Rally at Monmouth Grounds
- 21-22 Equus Inspiration Expo, Richmond
- 28-29 Schools Event (date & venue to be confirmed)
- 29 Hamilton Show, Hamilton showgrounds

April 09

- 19 H&D Rally
- 24-26 Sonia Johnson Clinic, Huntingfield grounds
- 25 State Games Teams try-outs, Deloraine

DC's report

It seems amazing that we are at the end of another eventing season. Well done to everyone who qualified to participate in the **State Eventing Championships**. The championships will be held at the Powranna ground over the long weekend in March. The club will be represented by the following riders:

- Grade 1: Pip Duggan and Alice Saul
- Grade 2: Morgan Davies
- Grade 3: Kate Russell, Sarah Millhouse, Matt Ryan, Grace Paterson and Mykaela Briggs.

If you have some spare time take a trip to the Powranna ground; it is on the southern side of Symmons Plains – you turn left at the big Dragway sign and then there should be signage how to get to the ground. Dressage will be on Saturday, followed by cross country Sunday and show jumping Monday.

Congratulations to Pip Duggan and Beau who have been selected to participate in the **Equestrian Australian Talent Search Squad**. This squad recognises the potential

of Pip and Beau and they will both participate in the high performance program. Well done Pip – you have come a long way with Beau and now your hard work and dedication is paying off. It seems like a long time ago he was a very nervous young boy just off the track with lots of bad habits! Now look at him! We look forward to watching you both develop further.

The **annual Schools ODE** is scheduled for the weekend of 28 and 29 March. The entry forms have not been sent out at this stage and there may be a change of date or venue. The event will be discussed at the next southern zone meeting and as soon as more details are available I will forward them around.

Games Team: The southern zone games championships will be held in May at the Brighton Pony Club ground at Mangalore. Are you interested in joining the games team? The riders who participated in the February rally and did a flat lesson with Abigail were doing some amazing things, including vaulting off their ponies at canter – and can you believe it – landing on their feet! They all seemed pretty enthusiastic about joining the games team. Please let me know if you are interested in participating as well and we can arrange some special games training sessions to learn the games and have some fun.

Rally bookings – it is imperative that you book into rally on time. We set the deadline of a week before rally so that we have time to organise the groups and extra instructors. Late bookings are not guaranteed and you will only be accepted if there is a space.

DC position. Over the next few weeks I will be handing over the role of DC to Erin Hunn who has generously agreed to take over the position. March rally will be my last as DC. It has always been my intention to step down as DC after champs and slot into the role of

assistant DC to help with the transition during the "quieter" part of the pony club year!

Don't forget rally is on Saturday 14th March at the Monmouth ground.

Happy riding

Debbie

March rally – change of day and venue

Reminder - our March rally will be held at the **Monmouth PC grounds** at Five Mile Beach and will be on **SATURDAY March 14**. There will be **NO CANTEEN**, so please bring your own morning tea, lunch and drinks.

Rally bookings

Reminder - rally bookings **MUST** be in the Sunday prior to the rally. Late bookings will only be accommodated if there is room, and riders must be aware that they may be allocated to an alternative group if they book in late.

Thanks to canteen helpers at Champs

A big thank you from Sue and Sonia to all those who helped in the canteen and cooked for the State SJ and Dressage Champs in January. This was a very successful fundraiser for our club and everyone's contribution was greatly appreciated.

Use of XC course

Please note all riders, including casual users, are not to use the cross country course unless an instructor is present.

Results

Congratulations to the following riders who were placed at recent events.

H&D ODE, Feb 1

Grade 3, under 17 – 1st Matt Ryan

Grade 3, 14 & under – 1st, Mykaela Briggs; 2nd, Amber Alford; 4th, Grace Paterson.
Grade 4, 14 & under – 1st, Georgia Fleming; 2nd, Mykaela Briggs; 3rd, Stephanie Lewis; 5th, Celeste Meincke.

Monmouth ODE, Feb 15

Grade 3, 14 & over – 1st, Kate Russell
Grade 3, under 14 – 2nd, Sarah Millhouse

TSJA Laurie Lever weekend.

Congratulations to Mykaela Briggs who won the equitation award and best presented rider/horse combination at the recent TSJA Laurie Lever weekend. She also won Runner-up Rider of the Year at the Horse of the year.

PCAV Fire Relief Fund

The Pony Club Association of Victoria (PCAV) State Council has established a PCAV Fire Relief Fund to assist clubs and members who have been impacted by the devastating events of the fires in Victoria. The State Council sends their thoughts and deepest sympathies to the families and friends who have lost loved ones, suffered injury, property loss and community displacement.

Unfortunately, the loss of pony club facilities, equipment, feed, horses has been significant. The State Council urges clubs to fundraise much needed cash to assist clubs to rebuild or replace facilities and equipment. They recognise that many people have already contributed through a variety of funds but are urging members to support their fellow clubs and members. To make a donation, please email Alison or Debbie for the PCAV account details.

Equus Inspiration March 21-22

This equestrian expo will be held at 12 Oaks Equestrian Centre, 210 Fingerpost Rd. Richmond. Tasmania. Tickets are on sale through Ticketek. See also www.equusinspiration.com

Main Event Master Classes, Clinics and Demonstrations include:

- Heath Ryan - Dressage Master Class/Clinic (rider positions available)

- Matt Williams - Show Jumping Clinic (rider positions available)
- Warwick Schiller - Reining Clinic (rider positions available)
- Dan James- Colt Starting Demonstration (Horse Required)
- Dan James- Liberty Training (2 positions for Liberty Trainers)

To apply for rider positions please email lisa@equusinspiration.com with some information about horse and rider, training and competition level.

Hamilton Show, March 29

Games, dressage and show jumping at the Hamilton Show. Dressage entries close March 23. Equestrian events chief steward - Mrs Cate Johnston. Enquiries 6287 1285.

Sonja Johnson Clinic 24-26 April

2008 Olympic Eventing Silver Medallist.
3 day clinic at Huntingfield PC grounds, open to all ages (must be able to walk, trot and canter).
Cost: 3 Day Clinic \$210; private lessons \$100 per lesson (arranged by request).
Bookings close: Wednesday, 22nd April 2009
Bookings to: Stephanie McIntosh 6239 6550 or 0418 396 550, e-mail wattlefieldmacs@bigpond.com.

For Sale

Gear

- Eurohunter kool coat, used only a few times. Size 5'6, \$20
- Eurohunter 80cm girth, used only a couple of times. A good quality girth, \$30
- Zilco Show fleece rug. Excellent condition, used once. Size:5'0, \$80

Contact Amber on 0400 603191

Pea Straw

\$10 per bale. To pick up from Lenah Valley.
Contact Pamela Wright 0409 132 648

Services

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