



Hobart & Districts Pony Club

February 2010 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

February 2010

27-28 Equus Inspiration Event, TEC

March 2010

6-8 PCAT State Trials
14 HDPC Rally (*change of date*)
27 Hamilton Show

April

5-6 Sue McDermott Holiday Camp
18 HDPC Rally

May

16 HDPC Rally
30 PCAT State Games, Brighton

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 as the days get shorter and the mornings colder the event season is quickly coming to a close, but it certainly has been a great few months for all our riders and as DC I have loved seeing so many of our members out competing.

The BIG news for the club is certainly that we have been successful in our bid to host the 2011 State Pony Club Trials at our club grounds; this is a great achievement for the club and an opportunity for us to be able to show off our fantastic grounds. And whilst

not all our members will get to compete on this weekend, the improvements to the grounds will benefit all members. The event will be held the long weekend in March 2011 and obviously a lot of hard work will need to be done before then with building new cross country fences, tidying up around the grounds, gaining sponsorship etc. So if anyone thinks they know potential sponsors or where we may be able to gain materials to build cross country jumps (logs, pine bark, telegraph poles etc) please let me know.

As you will notice we have ten new yards at the centre, these have been built by some very hardworking pony club dads, and I would like to say a very big thank you.

The State Dressage and Showjumping Championships were held at Westbury on the last weekend in January; we had Mykaela and Amber representing the club, and they did exceptionally well. Both placing fourth in their respective sections in the showjumping equitation, Mykaela also placed second in the A group showjumping and was a member of the winning southern zone scramble team with Sarah Cotton (Brighton) and Anna Clarke (Monmouth). I think they would both agree that it was a great fun weekend. Thanks to Jennifer and Clare for their support throughout the weekend and also Georgia Fleming, Ali and Steph Lewis who came up to support the riders on the Sunday.

Congratulations to all members who have been competing at the recent ODEs, particularly well done to Alannah Monty, Tessa Amos, Megan Amos, Lily Baker Hayley Sly and Ellie Fleming, who have all competed in their first ODEs this season and done extremely well. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

This coming weekend Equus Inspiration will be held at the TEC this weekend, we have a games team participating in the demonstration on Saturday morning and there are plenty of other events and demonstrations to see so if you get the opportunity come along and have a look.

Next weekend is the State Pony Club Trials at Penguin; I would like to wish our riders all the best for the weekend and the long trek to Penguin, they are: Mykaela Briggs (Grade 1 and 3), Matt Ryan and Sarah Millhouse (Grade 2), Morgan Davies, Amber Alsford, Georgia Fleming and Steph Lewis.

Hope to see you at the upcoming events.



Cheers
Erin ☺

March rally - change of date

Please note we have had to move the March rally which will now be on **March 14** (instead of the 21st).

Rally bookings

Please remember that bookings for rally are due one week in advance i.e. the Sunday before rally and should be by email or text to Kim Sly at tafhob@ozemail.com.au, or 0418 343211. Otherwise, call 6239 9689. Late bookings cause problems for rally coordinators and instructors, and also riders if groups become too large or too mixed. Riders – if you are receiving this newsletter (and not your parents), then please help make sure bookings happen on time. Late bookings may be refused – avoid disappointment!

Also, please let us know, preferably at the time of booking, if you plan to leave rally early before afternoon activities. Generally riders are expected to attend for the full day.

Visitors – please let the membership officer, Patsy Davies, know a week in advance if you intend to visit rally on foot or with your horse.

Training to use the tractor at the TEC grounds

A one-day tractor training course is being planned and is a requirement for all new tractor users. All the TEC user groups (HDPC, dressage, show jumping and eventing groups) need to contribute to grounds maintenance during the year and some of this work needs the tractor e.g. for slashing. Currently we have only one trained HDPC parent. If you are interested in this training, please contact Erin by email or text at erin_hunn1@bigpond.com or 0418 124092 by March 14 (date of next rally). Costs will be covered by the club.

Contributions for the newsletter

Do you have ideas for the newsletter or something horsey for sale? Contributions welcome – just let Alison know at rally or email Alison.Venn@utas.edu.au

Easter holiday Camp

Sue McDermott will be running a camp at Forest Hill Road, Sandford, on April 5 and 6. Tuition will be from Sue and Abigail Hawkins.

For Sale

Hugh (Hedge Hunter) 16.1, 9 years old, bay tb (see attached flyer for photos). Hugh has competed up to grade 3 eventing PC trials

always having clear rounds and achieving good results. Hugh floats, shoes, clips, maintains his weight extremely well in paddock grass, and makes a lovely ride for a confident rider wanting to progress in their riding. \$4,500

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