



Hobart & Districts Pony Club

March 2010 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

April

- 5-6 Sue McDermott Holiday Camp
- 17-18 Showjumping Tasmania, Laurie Lever School, TEC
- 18 HDPC Rally
- 25 Derby Day, Showjumping Tasmania, TEC

May

- 2 Schools Event, Huntingfield grounds
- 9 Southern Zone Games, Brighton
- 16 HDPC Rally
- 29 Campbell Town Show
- 30 PCAT State Games, Brighton

June

- 20 HDPC Rally

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 now that daylight savings has gone and the horses get woollier, we can enjoy a bit of a slower time in regards to horse events, although the games are coming up.

We recently had Mykaela, Matt, Sarah, Amber, Georgia and Stef represent the club in Penguin at the state pony club trials and they all did a fantastic job and made me very proud to be DC. Thanks to everyone that

made the trek to Penguin, I'm sure you all had an enjoyable weekend.

We have the games coming up at Brighton on the 9th May, so we will start training in the coming week and hopefully have a team that we can send along to represent the club.

Thanks to Matt and Mykaela for organizing the orienteering ride at last rally, I think it was a successful activity and a nice change for our members. A reminder to everyone to ring in if you are attending rally as it becomes very difficult to organize instructors and groups if people ring in late.

Well Jump Club has finished for the year and I certainly feel that those younger riders who were able to come along benefited greatly and I saw huge improvements in their riding from when we started, so I look forward to when we are able to start up again.

As I type this I know that Mykaela and Jennifer are busy getting organized and packed to go over to Victoria, where Mykaela will represent Tasmania in the Junior teams competition, as well as competing in other classes. I know that all members will be keen to hear how she and Gem got on.

Hope to see you at the upcoming events.



Cheers
Erin ☺

Trials Report

by Amber Alford

On Friday the 5th of March, a number of members travelled up to Penguin for the 2010 horse state trials. It was a long 5 hour trip, but a good chance to catch up on sleep for the long weekend ahead.

A few of the members, Steph, Georgia, Matt and Amber and their wonderful parents stayed at the Wings Wildlife Park which was about an hour away from the trials venue. It had everything! Lovely accommodation, fresh air was unbelievable, friendly neighbours and even a few strange neighbours, who were scared of horses! So we were made to move our horses a million miles away from where they were before, which was just behind the huts! We all were a little grumpy but in the end, the horses loved it! We were offered a huge paddock for them to roam around in and had scary deers as neighbours!

Day one was the dressage. We were given lovely weather and wonderful results from everyone! The horses were all well behaved and riders showed some really great nerve controlling. The dressage tests were the usual tests we use at any other ODE. So everything was basic and no worries about forgetting the test.

All members took the opportunity to walk the cross country course that day after they had completed their dressage tests. We were lucky enough to have our DC Erin there to walk and help us with the course! We were all bugged after walking the one MASSIVE hill and we weren't looking forward to walking it for a second time. That night we all had an early night, because of Amber! The others were disappointed but they did get over it!

Day 2 was cross country and once again a lovely day. Once we had arrived, we had walked the course again. For some people this was the second time, for some it was their thirds. It had some simple jumps and a

few technical ones. Fitness was a major key to completing the course! Horses and riders had to be mentally and physically fit to complete the course. It was no problem for our H&D riders!

Day three was Showjumping day, it had rained all night and it was still raining when we arrived at the grounds! All the riders were up early to walk the show jump course in the rain and red mud! First was our gr3 riders Georgia, Amber, Steph and Mykaela who all did a great job riding in the conditions as most of us hadn't ridden in almost knee deep mud before! Next was Gr2 with Matt and Sarah both doing great rounds! Then our last rider was Mykaela who also did a good round!

All of our riders did a great job over the whole three days, and should be very proud of what they achieved. I would like to thank Erin for all her help! 😊😊 And for walking the very long steep x-country course multiple times with us! 😊 And to all our parents and other family members who made the effort (and paid the cost) for us to be able to go all the way to Penguin thank you 😊😊

Southern Tasmanian Inter High Schools and College Equestrian Event

The Schools Event will be held at the Huntingfield Grounds on 2nd May. All the necessary information for this event has been sent to the respective School Equestrian Coordinators who you should contact if you are interested in representing your school. Information is also available at www.huntingfield.pcat.org.au

Working towards PC tests

The following people are working towards their D, D*, C and K tests. If you are not on these lists and wish to prepare for a test, please let Sheila Millhouse know at rally or at Sheila.Millhouse@fire.tas.gov.au . Books for

C and K tests will be available for sale at the next rally.

D

Molly Stephenson, Cassie Richardson, Josie Hamlet, Hayley Sly, April King, Olivia Lawson, Jemma Curtain, Taylor Brown

D*

Georgia Sly, Ellie Fleming

C

Sarah Bomford, Stef Lewis, Celeste Meincke, Tessa Amos, Lily Baker

K

Sarah Millhouse, Georgia Fleming, Amber Alsford, Mykaela Briggs, Rachel Berry, Matt Ryan

Rally bookings

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.

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

For Sale

Regretfully For Sale - Sibanda (Rusty)

16.1 hh bay thoroughbred gelding with four white socks. 15 years old, stunning looks. Good to shoe (although does have ticklish feet!), float, catch, worm. Won grade 2 Trials 2008. Good Novice Dressage. Full of character and very easy to love.

Contact Jane Berriman on 0419549607 for more information. Rusty will be at STEA champs if you wish to view. Approved home only, not for a beginner or unconfident rider, but an easy ride for experienced rider. \$5,500

For Sale - Prince (Naturi Gwyn)

Pure bred Section A Welsh, 11.2 hands, 7 years old. Expressions of interest to equusequestriancentre@bigpond.com by April 16.

See also www.equusequestriancentre.com

For Sale - Tre'Sor

11 y/o 16.1hh Black Anglo Gelding reg AHSA. He is very pretty, with huge movement and presence and excellent conformation. He is brilliant to clip/float/feet and to prepare and handle in every way. He is going kindly in the double, performing walk or halt/canter counter canter and training changes. Very sad sale due to no fault of his own **\$7,500**. I have current Vet Check (from Nov) including X-rays. Contact me on hawklands@bigpond.com or 0418 396 040 for further details/ pictures.

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