

THE HORSE'S MOUTH

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Newsletter of the Phillip Island Pony Club and Phillip Island
Adult Riding Club.



Cover: *Denelle Wake with the beautiful Tia at the Summer royal 1st in her Warmblood class and 6th in her Arabian derivative class.*

District Commissioners Report

What a pleasure it was to have so many parents, especially dads, at the last rally early in the morning to help set up the show jumping and cross country equipment. That meant groups started on time and instructors weren't standing around waiting for us to organise ourselves. It really helps everyone to have so many hands on deck. So once again, thank you.



Duty families need to note that the both arenas must be raked and smudged before and after each rally. As there are two duty families rostered for each rally, maybe you could organise between you, that one of you will look after the Jumps arena while the other the dressage arena, or maybe one of the families can do the raking and smudging before the rally and one after. It doesn't really matter what format you choose. What is important is that each arena is maintained before and after each rally. In this way it ensures that with the Adult Riding Club rallies, that all arenas are smudged at least twice a month, which is really the minimum, required to keep them in working order.

A little note to riders too. The Ventnor Recreation Reserve Committee who oversee the use and maintenance of the grounds, were a little unhappy with the amount of poo left in the stalls after the last rally and that the hay and straw needed to be raked out a little more carefully. Please ensure that as you leave your stall or yard, that you clean of all hay, straw and rubbish of any kind out of it. The gate should be replaced on each yard so that the grounds present a pleasing look for passersby and other users.

Duty families also please ensure that you sweep the sheds out and give the club rooms a general tidy up as it is the main time that this area is also maintained. For sure, the wind often blows all your good work away bringing in more leaves and debris just as you finish sweeping, but it should be done in the morning and in the afternoon after the rally is finished. Please inspect the toilets, male and female, ensure there is toilet paper and that the general area is quite clean. We will install a check list for duty to families to check off as they work through the day.

Last rally saw Shane Simpson instructing showjumping, **Felicity Jones** on Cross Country and **Jill Grayden** in the flat arena. Every rider enjoyed their day enormously and had a wonderful day of riding and most had some personal breakthroughs that saw them achieve better riding through the wonderful instruction given on the day. This rally we welcome back Shane Simpson and Jill Grayden and Libby Cameron who will instruct on the cross country.



Wonthaggi Pony Club have their Combined Training and WGZ Dressage Series Day this month on Sunday 17th of March. This is always an extremely well run day and we usually have a very good show of competitors representing Phillip Island Pony Club. A couple of members have already discussed with me their intention to attend this event and have spoken to me about regrading upping their grade for the day in either Combined Training or Dressage. Suzie has been emailing the entry form out to you so if you are in a position to attend this event, then I would encourage you to do so. It is a lovely event, nice and close to home, but with a very good level of competition provided on the day. Remember, if we want competitors from Wonthaggi Pony Club to attend our event, it is important that we attend theirs too.

Two Big events coming up for Phillip Island Pony Club were mentioned in the last newsletter. Firstly, our AGM on May 14th at the Spencer Residence. Unlike other years, this will not be held on the holidays and so we won't make it a dinner meeting. Instead we will meet for coffee and cake, elect the new committee for the coming financial year, as well as set the fees and begin planning for pony club in 2013/14. All families should be represented at the AGM. It is an opportunity for you to express your desires and expectations from pony club. Or perhaps mum or dad would like a voice on the committee; if that is the case they

can nominate and be more involved in lots of different ways.

Our Combined Training Day and WGZ Dressage Series Day is fast approaching. I trust you are getting those entry forms out there and encouraging everyone that you know to come to our event. If you go to a show or competition, the saddlery the food barn, ensure you take a heap of entry forms with you. It is vital we get lots and lots of entries. The entry form is attached to the email that you received your newsletter on. Print them off and get them out there.

We need a Catering Officer for our event. This is a big job, but someone needs to do it. Over the last couple of years we had Sue Hines look after this challenging position, but may not be available this year. So we need someone from our ranks to look after this area for us. They will do the shopping prior to the event; remember all families bring bacon, eggs, salad, cakes etc. Last year we provided baked potatoes with meat sauce, cheese etc, they were a great hit. If you think this could be the best way for you to contribute to your club, would you please contact Alyn Spencer or Suzie Smith as soon as possible and let them know you are available. We'll love you forever!!!



Don't forget the Raffle!! Please remember to bring something for this year's raffle which will be held at the competition and raises quite a few funds for the club. Next time you are at the

feed barn or saddlery, please pick up something that you would be pleased to donate to the raffle. It would be great if we could start getting those raffle prizes in now so that we can set it all up and make it look fantastic.

Competition Results

Emma Spencer has had an amazing couple of months. Emma entered and competed at the Pakenham Horse Trails on the 2nd of February and finished in first place on Fairview Caprice (Lace). She was chosen to be a part of the West Gippsland Zone Show Jumping team at 'C' Grade for the State Championships. The event was held at Yarrambat and the WGZ team achieved 5th place. Read Emma's story in '**Out and About**'.

Denelle Wake of PIARC has also completed a wonderful couple of months of competition with her young mare Tia. Denelle and Tia have been unbeatable at a number of shows. Many many congratulations to this beautiful combination. Every photo Denelle has listed as shown both her and Tia looking absolutely splendid.

Sianan Price and Ebony Simrajh competed at Interschool Showjumping on Friday 22nd February and came 5th and 6th respectively in the Two Phase competition. This is a pretty spectacular achievement when you know that there were 43 competitors in the class. Ebony went on to contest the jump off in the Grand Prix which consists of three rounds. The first two must be clear in order to ride in the jump off.

OUT AND ABOUT



2013 PCAV State Dressage and Show Jumping Championship

Last Saturday mum and I set off early and made the long trek to Yarrambat where the Victorian Pony Club Zone Show Jumping and Dressage Championships were being held. There we met up with the rest of my team, Viv Carfree, Jess Bolding and Kaity-Lee Zuidema. Mum who was team manager collected the polo's and other info. We went and watched the WGZ dressage team in their last test and they did really well for the day. 4th in the state in Grade 3!

Round one was held on Saturday afternoon and consisted of a round and if jumped clear you went back for the jump off. 3 of our riders made it through to the jump off and had a lovely first round and a great 2nd round with some great times.



We put the horses to bed and got ready for day 2. We had to walk the course at 8am and started to ride at 8.30 with the second event being the fastest clear round. Again three of our riders had a great ride and this put us in a great position for the Championship. We had to wait around for quite a while so they could

change the course and it was very, very, hot (35 degrees). We all hid under the trees while mum was running backwards and forwards calling each rider for their warm up and round.... We all rode the first round of the third event which was a competition over two rounds and then had to wait for the draw for the second round as it was based on the penalties gained and time ridden. Twenty-eight riders got through and we rode as 17th, 19th, 20th and 22nd so we had some time to watch what the other riders did and what lines they took. It was a tricky course and unfortunately our team, after talking about our options, got a few penalties which put us in 5th position in the state at the end of the championship. I personally got 4 penalties for the whole weekend of which I am very proud. As a team we had a great time and learnt a lot from each other. As a team we had great support from the dressage riders who stayed to watch and help and from the parents also.



I would like to thank mum and dad for supporting me in my challenge to make the team and to get me there! I will definitely be trying out for the show jumping team again. It was a great experience and we had a great time.



*If you **get out and about**, please send me a bit of a blub with photos if possible and I will print your results in the newsletter.*

Phillip Island Adult Riding Club

What a lovely instructor is David Boyle. Every horse and rider that you see him work with improves in every aspect. I love to see him get on the horses at rallies as he seems to work some magic over them and they respond to his quiet and sensitive way with them. We are lucky enough to be welcoming David back to our March Rally for a follow up lessons. If you are keen to be a part of this rally, please contact Jill Grayden and let her know of your intention to ride.

Don't forget that Phillip Island Pony Club have their annual Combined Training Day and Dressage Competition on Sunday 21st of April. I have attached the entry form to the email that you received this newsletter with. This will be a lovely event for you to bring young horses out to, or to have a go at competing at a level you feel comfortable with, or even try riding a level up. Remember these are PCAV tests and not HRCV tests but are around the same skill level as HRCV for each grade.

You can find the PCAV tests on the PCAV website, but ensure they are the 2006 edition as they are the tests we are using. Apparently, PCAV have just released their 2013 tests so make sure you get the right ones.

Anybody able to help with Phillip Island Pony Club's Combined Training Day and West Gippsland Dressage Day competition on 21st of April. We have loads and loads of jobs that need doing, from Parking Attendants, Canteen Help, Gear Checkers and Dressage Pencilers, just to name a few. If you think you could give the pony club even just a part of your day, please contact me via the email address at the bottom of the newsletter and we will very gratefully give you a job.

Congratulations to Denelle who has had wonderful success with her young horse at the Bass Coast Summer Show and also at the Royal Melbourne Summer Show. This pair are cleaning up where ever they go and I must say Denelle is a worthy recipient of some success.

Classifieds

AEG 5kg Washing Machine

1000rpm 4.5yrs old.

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Contact Cameron Drew

0430 032 292



17" Black County Saddle

Very deep and
Comfy saddle.

\$1200.00

Ring Jill on 0400 032 480

Coming Events

March

3rd PIPC Rally

13th PIARC General Meeting – all welcome – Venue to be advised.

16th PIARC Rally – instructor David Boyle

19th PIPC general meeting – all welcome – Venue to be advised.

April

7th Easter Sunday, stay tuned for advise on this rally.

10th PIARC General Meeting – all welcome – Venue to be advised.

13th Working Bee – clean up sheds and grounds for next week's CTD and Dressage Day.

16th PIPC General Meeting and final planning meeting for CTD – all welcome – venue to be advised.

20th Working Bee – set up for tomorrow's CTD and Dressage Day.

21st Phillip Island Pony Club's CTD and WGZ Dressage Series Day.

28th PIARC Rally – Instructor Matt Archibald.

May

5th PIPC Rally – Berwick – Riding of the Bounds.

8th PIARC general meeting

14TH PIPC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Spencer Residence - 7:30pm

18th PIARC RALLY – instructor Matt Archibald

Duty Rosters

PIPC

Could the first name listed on the following roster please provide morning tea and the second name listed bring along salad things for lunch.

March. - Price / Tynska
 April. - Woollie / Spencer
 May - Smith. / O'Brien
 June - Leno/ Watt

PIARC

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