



Ballan Pony Club Inc.

Fun on Saddles Newsletter July 2014

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Hello Everyone

I hope everyone is ready for another rally?

I know that the next two rallies will probably be quite cold as they are our winter rallies. I also know that some of you will not feel like coming out in these conditions, especially families with younger children. I totally understand your concerns about bringing your children out on cold wintry days. **If you make the choice not to come please let me know so that I can structure the groups accordingly. We do endeavour to run an alternate program at rallies where it is not safe to ride due to weather conditions. These days include inside instruction with your instructors, horsemanship, DVD's and other activities.**

This leads me into the discussion that was raised at the last rally. The possibility of an indoor rally? I have gone into more detail further down in this report.

I would also like to congratulate the games team and Mel for their participation at the State Games at Bacchus Marsh. They all did an outstanding job against the best teams in the state. They did our club proud doing their best throughout the whole day. We came 14th overall out of 25 clubs, which I thought was a great effort. Thank you to the other members of our club who came to support our girls; it was good to see.

It's also good to see our club members out competing in zone competitions. I have been out to the last 2 rounds of B.E.D.S and it's nice to see our brown jumpers out there having a go. I've even spotted a few going home with ribbons.

For me, what is even nicer than them winning ribbons, is seeing the improvement in their riding. The long hours often spent in the saddle to gain the harmony between them and their mount. As I watch them riding, my mind goes back to the struggles they had in the beginning: gaining the courage to come out of the yard, learning to deal with new and unexpected situations, which will always arise when you're dealing with horses as sometimes they just don't agree with what you want do. Then, as it often happens, they finally get to the point where they are in total harmony with their horse and, shock horror, they grow out of him/her. Either they get to big or their mount has taken them as far as he/she can. Then they are back to stage one again, where they must go again down the hard road to find that elusive harmony all over again. This is the life cycle of the horse rider. You will always be on the path of learning. Sometimes the road may be bumpy but the life of an equestrian is never boring.

I hope to see you all at the July Rally, Katrina

Indoor Rally For August

We could try for an indoor rally in August, if the arena is available, and if I have volunteers for the jobs listed below.

After researching possible venues for such a rally, the only venue that would be able to cater an adequate rally for a whole club would be the **Mount Rowan Indoor Arena**. The hire cost for this venue is \$400 a day. To run a rally that would be able to cater for all members in such a tight space would require a less comprehensive rally plan. ***We would only be able to have show jumping and dressage on the arena. The arena would have to be split into two so any instruction would have to be limited to the area available. The only other class that would also run on the day would be horsemanship.***

I would also have to juggle everyone into different groups for the day so that everyone will be able to participate and there may be times during the day where members will not be riding or studying horsemanship. ***There are also no canteen facilities available so we would need to run a BBQ and cold/hot beverages to help cover some of the costs for the hire of the arena.***

Below are a list of items/jobs that would have to be done to run an indoor rally.

(If members want an indoor rally, they will need to volunteer to take on responsibility for some of the jobs below)

Job List For Indoor Rally

1. Book the venue:

I can do this. Once I am provided with the necessary paper work required on booking forms.

Name: Katrina Labas	Ph: 0408310449
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2. A person to collect venue key from University at Mount Helen and return it after the rally.

This means you must be at the arena early on the rally day to open up the venue.

Name:	Ph:
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3. People to arrive early to help set up equipment.

Name:	Ph:

4. BBQ/Drinks Coordinator.

Organise the type and quantity of food/drinks required. Organise the people who will be purchasing food/drinks, those bringing a BBQ and eskies and the people running the BBQ.

Name:	Ph:
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5. Person to bring a BBQ.

Name:	Ph:
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6. Person to purchase food for BBQ.

Pony club will pay for this.

Name:	Ph:
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7. People to supply Eskies to keep drinks cold

Name:	Ph:

8. Person to purchase drinks/ice for lunch.

Pony club will pay for this.

Name:	Ph:
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9. People will be needed to run BBQ and sell drinks.

Name:	Ph:

10. People to pack up equipment at the end of the day.

Name:	Ph:

11. People to clean toilets and seating area.

Name:	Ph:

If we are to have an indoor rally it must be done as a club with everyone chipping in to help. It is too big a day to organise and run on my own.

***We will only be able to have this indoor rally if the venue is available, so if people are still interested we need to get onto it straight away.**

***This form and a suggested rally plan will be on the table at pony club. If all the volunteer spots are not filled I can't go ahead with the preparations for an indoor rally.**

Ballan Pony Club Rally Plan - July 2014 - Rally Groups

Andalusian Grade 3-2 Experienced	Clydesdale Grade 4-3 High Intermediate	Connemara Grade 5-4 Intermediate	Arab Grade 5 Low Intermediate	Shetlands (Yard) Not Graded
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Bethany Howe Bree Cocks Caitlin Webb Ebony Bowman Nicole Pama	Brittany Francis Eloise Berry Meg Kennedy Sarah Crnojacki Sophie Monaghan	Bridget Curwen-King Brielle Snape Charlotte Labas Charlotte Sapsead Jessica Norman Kelsey Josephs	Annabel Mather Ella Conroy Hayley Josephs Hughie Berry Maggie-Rose Sapsead Samara McLeod Tristan Curwen-King Emily Binks (holidays)	Caleb Monaghan Ella Frisch Emily Norman Jessica Wilson Lizzie Maver Max Farrell Poppy Birkett Rafferty Bowman Tom Norman
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9.00am	All parents to assist in set up of SJ, Games & Dressage arenas. P/C cards handed in & Attendance form signed.				
9.20am	Roll call and group placements by DC. (All mounted at front of silver shed) Followed by Gear check by Instructors.				
	Andalusian	Clydesdale	Connemara	Arab	Shetland
9.30 - 10.40	Gear Check 10 min Flat Donna 1hr 10 min	Gear Check 10 min X-Country Mel 1hr 10min	Horsemanship Debbie Saddle & gear check 10.30-10-45 Debbie	Gear Check 10 min Show jumping Nick 1hr 10min	Gear Check 10.00am start: Flat Gerard/Michelle 50 minutes
10.30 - 10.50	Committee Meeting				Break 10.50 - 11.00
10.40 - 10.50	CHANGE OVER BETWEEN CLASSES				
10.50 - 11.50	Show jumping Nick 1hr	Flat Donna 1hr	X-Country Mel 1hr	Horsemanship Debbie 1hr	Poles Gerard/Michelle 50 min
11.50 - 12.00	UNSADDLE FOR LUNCH				
12.00 - 12.40	LUNCH				
12.40 - 12.50	CLUB MEETING				
12.50 - 1.00	PREPARE FOR NEXT SESSION				
1.00 - 2.00	X-Country Mel 1hr	Active Riding Debbie 1hr	Show Jumping Nick 1hr	Flat Donna 1hr	Games Gerard/Michelle 1hr
2.00 - 2.10	CHANGE OVER BETWEEN CLASSES				Prepare for next session 2.00 - 2.10
2.10 - 3.10	Active Riding Debbie 1hr	Show Jumping Nick 1hr	Flat Donna 1hr	X-Country Mel 1hr	Horsemanship Gerard/Michelle 1hr
3.15 - 3.30	Pack up of equipment & Pick up cards. Thankyou and see you all next month.				

RALLY DUTY

CANTEEN/TOILETS/CLUBROOM

JULY **Cocks, Crnojacki, Curwen-King, Francis**

AUGUST Harbright, Howe, Josephs, Kennedy

SEPTEMBER **Labas, Mather, Maver, McLeod**

OCTOBER Monaghan, Norman, Pama, Riebling

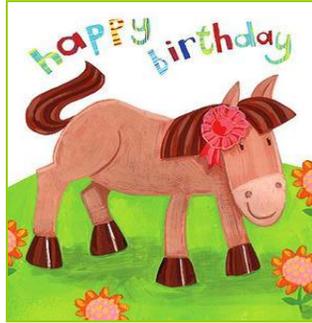
NOVEMBER **Sapsead, Snape, Webb, Wilson**

DECEMBER Berry, Binks, Birkett, Bowman

***ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO HELP SET UP
THEIR FIRST CLASS
&
PACK UP THEIR LAST CLASS AT EVERY RALLY***

All families are expected to meet their roster commitments. It is your responsibility to swap with someone if you are unable to attend otherwise you will be re-rostered for the next rally.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES
TO.....**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Tristan Curwen-King

Meg Kennedy

Charlotte Labas

Please accept apologies if your name has been missed