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Fun on Saddles Newsletter **June 2014**

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DC's Report

Hello everyone,

I hope that you all are looking forward to another day at pony club?

There are just a couple of points that I would like cover in this month's DC Report.

Here we go...

Looking at our class groups, I will be looking to move some of the riders around to try and even out the groups a bit. This is not easy as I think it is important to keep riders together in groups where they all ride at a similar level/grade. I will be talking to instructors and individual members at this rally to see who is ready for a group change and let you know how we go.

I have also been advised by some of the instructors of riders not showing up to a class and not paying attention to the instructors during classes. Firstly, if you are going to leave the rally early, you must let me know. It would also be good manners to let your instructors know as well.

If you are unable to ride in a class for a medical reason i.e. you or your horse has an ailment or injury that does not allow you to participate in that class, that's fine, but you are still expected to attend the class un-mounted to watch and to assist the instructor.

If you and your horse are not ready to take on the challenge of a particular class, for example you and your horse are a new combination and you just don't feel quite ready yet, that is fine. Come and see me and we can sort out some options that may help you in this time of transition. I could try and place you with another group doing something you feel more confident with during that class or, you and your horse could participate in only part of the class.

My last point is that at all times you are expected to listen to your instructors and do as they ask. You all need to remember that you are riding in a group situation, so for your own safety and that of the other riders in your group, you need to listen to the instructors. Your instructors are busy enough working with you on you're riding skills and should not have to worry about riders doing their own thing or just not listening.

I would also like to remind you that our instructors are not paid huge sums of money to teach at pony club. They do it because they love riding and want to share with others the knowledge that they have gained through experience. We are very lucky that they give us their time and their experience. Sometimes you may not agree with the way or what you have been taught, however a great rider always learns to take something away from each lesson.

If you returned your membership forms to Jo (and paid the PCAV Insurance), your new cards hopefully will be available at this rally. So, I will need you all to remember to bring your current cards so that I can record your gradings onto your new cards. I will also be going over your gradings to make sure that you are graded at the appropriate grade for your various rider/horse combinations. So please be patient with me as this will take me most of the day.

The last thing that I would like to remind you is that the State Games will be on the weekend after pony club. As Jo always says to me it is nice to see as many brown jumpers out on the day supporting our Club. So I would love to see as many of our Ballan Pony Club Members out there at Bacchus Marsh supporting our games team and our Club.

I hope to see you all at the June rally.

Katrina

Ballan Pony Club Rally Groups – June 2014

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 Melissa Billings	Brittany Francis Eloise Berry Nicole Pama Sarah Crnojacki Sophie Monaghan	Bridget Curwen-King Brielle Snape Charlotte Labas Charlotte Sapsead Jessica Norman Meg Kennedy Mel Farrugia-Baker	Ella Conroy Emily Binks (holidays) Hayley Josephs Hughie Berry Kelsey Josephs Maggie-Rose Sapsead Samara McLeod Tristan Curwen-King	Annabel Mather 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	<u>Gear Check 10 min</u> Show jumping Donna Watt 1hr 10 min	<u>Gear Check 10 min</u> Flat TBA 1hr 10min	<u>Gear Check 10 min</u> Active Riding Debbie 1hr 10 min	<u>Gear Check 10 min</u> X-Country Jess 1hr 10min	<u>Gear Check</u> 10.00am start: Flat Gerard 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	Flat TBA 1hr	Show Jumping Donna Watt 1hr	X-Country Jess 1hr	Active Riding Debbie 1hr	Poles Gerard 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 Jess 1hr	Active Riding Debbie 1hr	Show Jumping Donna Watt 1hr	Flat TBA 1hr	Games Gerard 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	X-Country Jess 1hr	Flat TBA 1hr	Show Jumping Donna Watt 1hr	Horsemanship Gerard 1hr
3.15 – 3.30	Pack up of equipment & Pick up cards. Thankyou and see you all next month.				

RALLY DUTY

CANTEEN/TOILETS/CLUBROOM

JUNE	Billings, Binks, Birkett, Bowman
JULY	Cocks, Crnojacki, Curwen-King, Farrell
AUGUST	Farrugia-Baker, Francis, Harbright, Howe,
SEPTEMBER	Josephs, Kennedy, Labas, Mather
OCTOBER	Maver, McLeod, Monaghan, Norman
NOVEMBER	Pama, Riebling, Sapsead, Snape
DECEMBER	Webb, Wilson, Berry, Billings

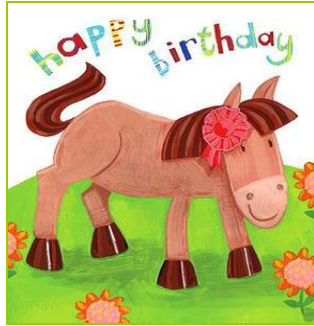
***ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO HELP SET UP
THEIR FIRST CLASS***

&

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.....



May BIRTHDAYS

Bridget Curwen-King

Please accept apologies if your name has been missed