

# \*FLAT CHAT\*

The Newsletter of Dural & District Pony Club Inc



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June-** Zone 23 Dressage Championships

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July-** Rally Day

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July-** Rally Day



## Dural Pony Club Calendar of Events 2009

### **Events at DPC Grounds shown in bold.**

This calendar may change through the year. Check the most recent calendar closer to an event to confirm dates

#### **JUNE**

Wed. 3rd	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Sunday 7th	<b>DPC Closed Dressage competition</b>
Friday 12th	State Dressage entries due to zone secretary
13th/14th	Zone 23 Regional Dressage /Show Jumping School. Forest Hills PC
Sunday 21st	Zone 23 Dressage Championships hosted by Avondale PC.
27th/28th	Dressage Judges School. Tbc

#### **JULY**

	School Holidays: 11th - 27th July
Wed. 1st	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Sunday 5th	<b>Rally Day - Cross Country training - Mounted Games - Show riding</b>
4th/5th	PCA State Show Jumping Camden.
12th- 18th	National Pony Club Championships. SIEC
Sunday 19th	<b>Rally Day - Cross Country training - Mounted Games - Show riding - D D* Certificate training</b>

For the latest information about Dural Pony Club, go to  
<http://www.duralponyclub.com.au>

Keep looking at the Zone 23 website for regular updates:  
<http://www.zone23.com.au>

For information and entry forms for PCA state events go to:  
<http://www.pcansw.org.au>

# FROM THE PRESEIDENT

Dear Pony Clubbers

The last month has only seen one highlight on our grounds and that was the closed showjumping event. The event was very well organised by Janne Redman who managed to get David Lawrence, a renowned course builder on board. David did not only design the course but attended the entire competition and provided valuable feedback to our riders. Thanks you very much Janne and David!

A great thank you also to the numerous parents who helped set up and later remove all the jumps. Events like this are not possible without the assistance of as many parents and friends as possible.

The wet weather has forced us to close the grounds for the first time in a long while. Unfortunately the weather also led to the cancellation of our closed dressage. We will try to fit it in on September 20.

The committee has received a request from Arcadia who asked to participate at our closed One Day Event. Arcadia will support us with judges and helpers to set up and remove the jumps and materials. Their competition will be held separate to ours, albeit on the same day.

Apart from a minor item we have also completed the renovation of the dressage arena and the levelling of the new paddock. The paddock had suffered from a fair bit of soil settlement and became unsafe for horse and rider. Many thanks to Peter Vella and his crew who donated a fair few hours and all the soil and sandstone for these two projects. If you need any excavation or soil movement work done, please consider Peter's company.

See you all next Sunday,

Andre

# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT...

**We will be having a rally day this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, weather permitting.** We will be practising skills for the upcoming One Day Event in August, as well as practicing mounted games, which is on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. Some of our riders will be going to Zone dressage and we wish them well.

We have certainly had a lot of rain over the past month. This unfortunately resulted in the postponement of the Closed Dressage competition as well as DPC grounds closure to all riding.

Karen is trying to reschedule the Closed Dressage to later in the year, so keep an eye out for the new date.

EA (Equestrian Australia) has published new dressage tests that will replace the current ones in July. They are on the national EA website <http://www.equestrian.org.au> go to EA rules and regs, dressage, 2009 dressage tests.

Ray and Mel will soon let you know which tests we will be using for the ODE's in August, so if you need to learn the new tests you have plenty of time. Remember, in ODE dressage no callers are allowed (Beginners excepted).

## Closed Show Jumping

Congratulations to all who competed in the closed show jumping day successfully. At the start of the year I gave out sheets with examples of personal goals so that riders could think about what they would like to achieve this year. I think a number of riders had a very successful day at show jumping, despite not taking home a ribbon this year, having achieved their personal goals.

Janne, although running the day as a competition to determine placings, was also very generous in allowing all riders to complete the course, even though they had been technically eliminated.

Even though this made the day much longer, we all agreed the experience gained was well worth it. Thank you to Janne for organizing the day and asking David Lawrence to be the course builder. David volunteered his time for the entire day to help with course walks, set the different graded heights and encourage all riders. We were very lucky to have Janne and David share their show jumping experience with our DPC members and hope this puts you in good stead should you compete at outside events. They will both be helping out again at our ODE's.

## Closed Show Jumping Results:

### C Grade

Champion: Joelle  
Reserve Ch: Kealey

### D Grade

Champion: Olivia  
Reserve Ch: Courtney

### E Grade

Champion: Alana  
Reserve Ch: Imogen

### Ungraded:

Champion: Phoebe  
Reserve Ch: Dennis

### Beginners Unled

Champion: Jessica S  
Equal Kaitlin McK  
Reserve Ch: Emily J.

### Beginners Led

Champion: Kayla

## A word about our closed competitions – all disciplines.

Please remember that although our closed competitions only include our club members, they are still run so that the conditions are the same for every competitor in their group (either grade or age group) to keep the competition fair to all. Competitions are a place where riders show what they have learned and as such no help from anyone is allowed while riders are competing. Competitors are under the judge's orders whilst in the arena. Many of our closed competition judges are EA qualified (e.g. dressage judges) and can only judge when rules are enforced. If your child is not confident enough to compete in open classes we offer beginners classes open to any age of rider, where limited outside help is allowed, so that there is a level for all our members to participate in.

It is becoming more and more difficult to get officials to volunteer to help local pony clubs to hold events. Judges are only reimbursed for their traveling expenses and sustenance for the day, so could we all make sure that their day is an enjoyable one when they come to DPC and hopefully we'll see them back again?

If you have any queries about the running of a closed competition day, the DPC coordinator for that discipline is the person who knows most about the way we are running the competition and is the person to ask. Under no circumstances should a judge be questioned.

### **What to wear at competitions**

(See the DPC handbook for full uniform)

The formal pony club uniform consists of a white shirt and DPC tie, and black woollen V neck jumper. This must be worn to most of our closed competition days and to any zone or outside pony club event, such as agricultural shows, Area 1, regional schools etc when you are representing DPC. The committee has now approved an optional sleeveless, woollen V neck vest which may be worn at events instead of the long sleeved jumper.

At our **closed competition days only**, if you don't have a jumper, the fleecy gold and black pullover may be worn instead of a woollen jumper with the shirt and tie.

**During winter, formal uniform with jumper/fleecy, shirt and tie must be worn to receive full marks at gear check.**

## **D and D gold Star Certificates**

We will be testing for D and D star in September. Most of you were given books covering the requirements for these at the beginning of the year when our rally day was rained out. You have to be at least 7 years old to do the D certificate and 9 years old to do the D Star.

Please look over the syllabus (see end of Flatchat) and start practicing to ensure you can do everything by September. Some of our older riders who are new to pony club will also be able to do their C certificate this year in October. (see syllabus at end)

You will receive an embroidered patch to sew on your shirtsleeve to show you have been successful. We encourage all our riders to undertake these certificates and I'll have a list of eligible candidates at our next rally day.

**Winter is definitely upon us.** This means a few things for horse owners:

Horses need more energy to keep them warm in winter. **Roughage** such as grass or hay is the best way to keep a horse warm. As roughage digests in the gut, it releases the heat that keeps their bodies warm. As many paddocks are bare of good grass after the frosts, you may need to feed your horses hay through winter, preferably not too rich or green.

**Rugging**, especially when it is wet and windy, also stops horses losing body heat. If rugging check your horses often to ensure rugs are not rubbing or cutting into them. Also take the rugs off to check body condition often.

**Riding** – horses tend to be fresher when its cold which may result in exuberance such as pig rooting etc. In order to have an enjoyable and safe day at pony club and so that your horse is not a danger to the other riders, make sure that you ride your horse in the days before our rally days. Don't just take them out of the paddock on the morning of pony club and throw a saddle on – you must plan ahead to get the most out of rally days.

### **National Pony Club Championships SIEC 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

The National PC championships are held every two years rotating around the states. This year it is being held at SIEC in Sydney from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July. The web address is <http://www.ponyclubnationals.org.au> There is a timetable of events listed here.

Tash A has earned one of the six places on the NSW team for junior dressage (under 17 years) on her mare, Rothwell Highclere. Being in NSW this year, places on the team were highly sought after. After submitting results and being accepted onto a long list, nominees then had to go down to Bungendore in April for a ride-off. Tash came first in 2 of these tests and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the other.

In the championships she will ride a Novice 2.3 and 2.4 as well as the elementary 3.1 test.  
We wish her the very best of luck.

If you have a spare day, the event being in the July school holidays, try and get out there and cheer Tash on. Every state in Australia will be sending teams so you will be watching some of the best juniors in Australia.

## Royal Easter Show 2009



Congratulations to the Zone 23 senior team that came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of eleven teams in the Pony Club team of four riders 13 & under 17 years at this year's Royal. The judge, well known pony club identity, Jane Frankum, said the senior teams were the highest standard she had ever seen and she had to send all teams out for a second workout to finalise placings. Tash A and Natasha S from Dural PC, teamed up with 2 riders from Forest Hills to make up the team with a 3<sup>rd</sup> Dural rider, Emily T going reserve. Phoebe was the reserve rider for the zone 23 junior team that placed fourth. (Under 13 years)

Tash A also competed in the Pony Club rider 13 & under 15 years and won it! What an amazing day she had.

The entire zone 23 team had fun being part of such an exciting event and some even slept at the showground with their horses the night before. Thanks again to Lorraine Carter for training the senior team. The planning and training were very relaxed and friendly. On the day everyone helped each other to prepare so that the presentation of both teams

Afterwards the girls celebrated with a shopping spree around the showground. As it was the last day of the show all the stall holders were packing up. The Woolies and RM Williams pavilions had the best goodies – free food and tops for \$1!

The zone 23 **tryouts for next year's teams of four** will be held at the Zone 23 show riding Championships to be held at DPC grounds on 27th September. If you think you'd like to get a team together, let me know or talk to your friends so that you can start practising and are ready for the tryouts.



*Catriona*

# Notice BOARD

## CANTEEN ROSTER

The following families are rostered for canteen duty on the specified dates:

CANTEEN ROSTER	
DATE	FAMILY
21 <sup>st</sup> June- Rally Day	Borg Smith (Rebecca) Chaney Butt
5 <sup>th</sup> July- Rally Day	Clarke Shanahan Cox
19 <sup>th</sup> July- Rally Day	Roberts Crosato Rosekilly
2 <sup>nd</sup> August- Closed ODE	Angyalosy Williams (Olivia) Apicella
16 <sup>th</sup> August- Zone 23 ODE	De Belle McKinlay Wiggins McWilliams Durnan

Every family needs to do canteen duty and six hours of ground maintenance to claim their deposit at the end of the year. This is vital to keep the canteen open to raise funds for DPC and to maintain the grounds in good order. You must sign in when you do your duty. If you have been assigned and cannot do your canteen duty on the day, it's up to you to arrange for another family to take your place. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Robyn Plummer on 9654 9079 or email [tplummer@bigpond.net](mailto:tplummer@bigpond.net).

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Natasha A who will be representing NSW and Zone 23 in Dressage at the National Pony Club Championships in July.

## STATE VAULTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May, Ashleigh B travelled to Canberra with mum Regina for the Vaulting State Championships. Ashleigh won her "D" division and was awarded the State Champion Trophy. Together with her partner Melissa Thompson, she also placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Pas De Deux. Well done Ashleigh!

## SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

Sarah R competed at the Royal Easter Show on Woranora Parade ("Chopper") and brought back some amazing results. She won 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Novice Hunter Pony (out of 23 competitors), 5<sup>th</sup> in the Open Hunter Pony (out of 16), and 5<sup>th</sup> in the New Working Hunter (out of 23). The working Hunter consisted of 8 jumps and a workout, which included a hand gallop. Sarah trained Chopper herself, so to win so many placings is a great achievement!



## GALSTON EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Courtney W competed at Galston Equestrian Club on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. She placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Jumping, 2 flag, bending, keyhole and the relay, and 2nd in the bonfield bounce. She ended up winning Champion as well. Congratulations Courtney!

*Below: Courtney W at State Sporting*



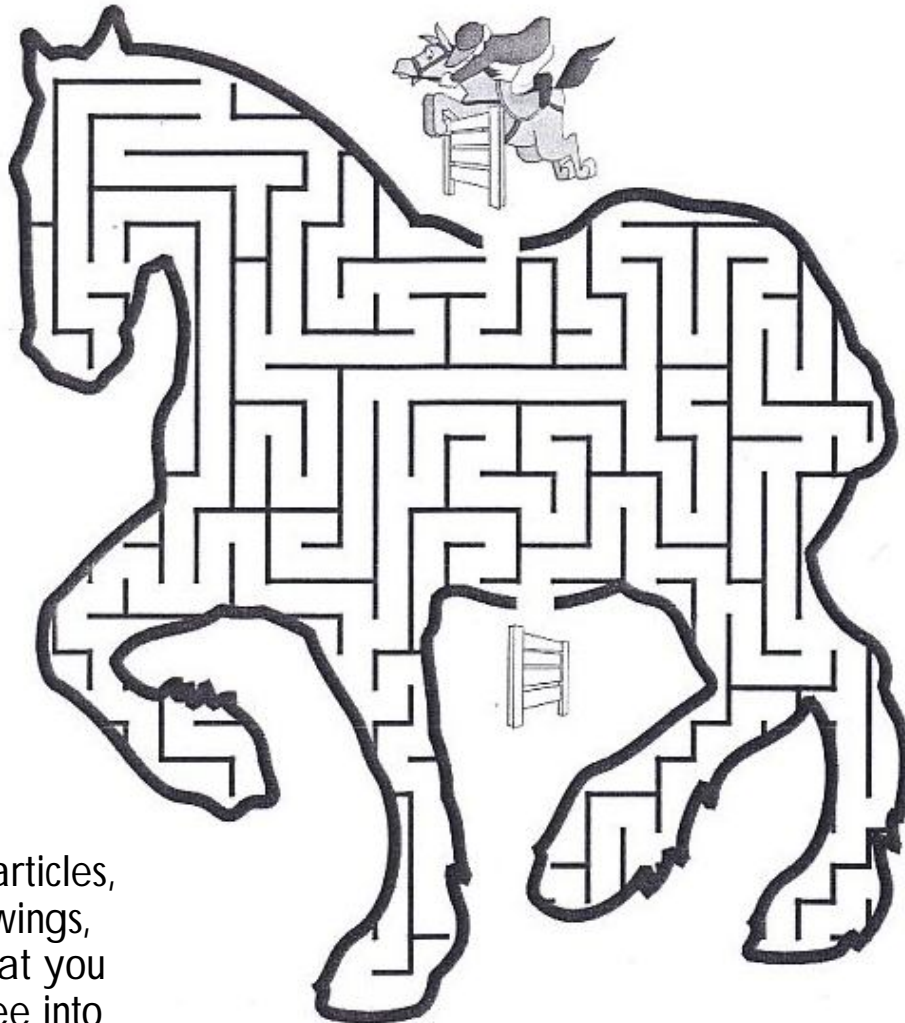
# Happy Birthday!

June

13 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren C	Associate
14 <sup>th</sup>	Alexis B	17 years
20 <sup>th</sup>	Olivia W	16 years
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sarah R	16 years
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jodie G	7 years



Help the jockey and horse find their way through the horse shaped maze to find the next fence to jump.



Any photos, articles, results, drawings, stories etc that you would like see into Flat Chat can be emailed to Joelle at [kunzoz@bigpond.com](mailto:kunzoz@bigpond.com)  
Thankyou!