

FLAT CHAT

The Newsletter of Rural & District Pony Club Inc





Dural Pony Club Calendar of Events 2010

Date	Event	Location
October		
Wednesday 6th	Committee Meeting	DPC
9th & 10th	State ODE Championships	TBA
Sunday 10th	Zone 26 Showjumping	Castle Hill
Sunday 17th	Club Rally Day	DPC
Sunday 30th	Maintenance Day	DPC
Sunday 31st	Zone 23 Dressage	Arcadia
November		
Wednesday 3rd	Committee Meeting	DPC
Saturday 6th	Area 1 Showjumping Area 1	Sorry Cancelled. Thanks to the would be volunteers.
Sunday 7th	Closed Sporting	DPC
Sunday 21st	Club Rally Day (Gambler stakes, Jamboree practice/troop drill)	DPC
27th & 28th	Jamboree Castle Hill - Cook Your Own	Castle Hill Showground
December		
Sunday 5th	Dural Pony Club Annual General Meeting 11a.m. start Trophies , AGM, Lunch.	DPC



Club Captain

I would like to again make special reference to the dedication of the parent coordinators who prepare the Competitions for our kids.

SHOWRIDING 15 August 2010

Regina and Alexis Borg,
THANKS SO MUCH on everyone's behalf for today's fantastic Closed Showriding Competition!!! All the kids looked so special, and you both did a great job....we know how much effort goes on behind the scene, and yet you made it look so simple. It should make us feel so proud of all the kids, and the atmosphere was happy and relaxed.. a credit to you both.
You even coordinated the storm to hold off for us!
Vivian,

Again, to all the parents...your enthusiasm, good humour and support make my role much easier.
THANK YOU

Vivian Bouchier

(Club Captain)

ODE report. From Sandra Wiggins

Hello Everyone

Well, the big day has passed and I'm sure that all of you (including your 4 legged friends) have had a well earned rest. Thanks should go to all who helped on the day and who set up and of course Donna and Vivian for helping to organise the day. I was very proud of all the children who took part and I hope they had a good day. Wasn't it wonderful to watch Amy our A grader take to the course. I'm sure I speak for most people and say our hearts were in our mouths. I noticed a couple of very important things. People overcame their fears and became more confident as the day went on and there was so much encouragement given from one child to the next. This made Dural a real club.

You should all give yourselves a pat on the back and I thank you all for a wonderful day.

Sandra xxxxx

Just a note : Jessica S. , who was taken to hospital after a fall, is making a good recovery, though reports suggest she may be sore for a short while.



A Note From Lorraine On Certificate Cross Patches

Certificate cross patches.

Blue Book 3-13. Cross patches are to be sewn to the right hand sleeve of the shirt or jumper above the elbow starting with D at the top.



Competition News

Results : SHOWRIDING 15 August 2010

(From Regina and Alexis)

Firstly Alexis & I would like to thank everyone for your support today which made the day run smoothly and very thankful we finished before the storm hit.

Secondly I have to apologise profusely. In the confusion and rush to get the points score and presentation done I had made some keying errors and a couple of the children have been placed incorrectly.

We will not be taking their ribbons off them but will hand them extra ribbons. The results below.

Led Beginners:

Champion	Nicola G.
Reserve Champion	Jessica G.

Unled Beginners:

Champion	Alexandra L.
Reserve Champion	Jordan J.
3 rd	Julia H.
4 th	Emily J.
5 th	Alana T.

Under 11's

Champion	Caitlan B.
Reserve Champion	Laura S.
3 rd	Jessica S.
4 th	Sammi C-B.
5 th	Sarah W.
6 th	Brittany C.

11 & Under 13

Champion	Pheobe S.
Reserve Champion	Ashley C.
3 rd	Isabella E.
4 th	Nicolette E.
5 th	Courtney W.

13 & Under 15

Champion	Alycia B.
Reserve Champion	Jennifer B.
3 rd	Imogen B.
4 th	Paige R.
5 th	Kimberley B.
6 th	Lauren M.
7 th	Madeline S.

15 & Over

Champion

Reserve Champion

3rd

Natasha S.

Caz B.

Ashleigh B.

Thank you

Regina & Alexis



Closed ODE Results

Grade	Place	Name	Horse
A Grade	1st	Amy E.	Bold Comment
C Grade	1st	Paige R.	Pixie
	2nd	Grace A.	The Tiger
	3rd	Jane W.	Ginger
D Grade	1st	Elizabeth C.	Koyuna Bandit
	2nd	Courtney W.	Barney
	3rd	Imogen B.	Lord Nugget
	4th	Beth W.	Breeze
E Grade	1st	Madeline S.	Codswallop
	2nd	Sammy C-B.	Taringa Miss Molly
	3rd	Emma W.	Speckles
	4th	Emily J.	Krista
Beginners	1st	Alexandra L.	Dolly
	2nd	Alana T.	
	3rd	Jordan J.	Scooter
	4th	Sarah R.	Rambo
Beginners - Led			
	1st	Nicola G.	Ozzy
	2nd	Jessica G.	Butter
Ungraded	1st	Caz B.	
	2nd	Claire W.	



Competition News

Results : STATE MOUNTED GAMES 2ND /3RD OCTOBER 2010

STATE MOUNTED GAMES

The Team: Iveta M., Madeline S., Beth W., Courtney W.,
and Imogen B.

The groom: Emma W.

We got wet and cold at Bungendore, but had fun anyway!!! Drove down 6am Friday to get there to set up Camp and Vet check at 3pm. Up at 6am and riding by 8am Saturday till 5pm that evening. Did it all again on Sunday and drove home that afternoon.

Our girls came second in two of their heats, but not into the finals. No falls and no big mistakes, so they should feel PROUD.

One giggle...Imogen's Cody was too busy looking at everything outside the games to actually do them, so she did the 3 mug by reversing him all the way !!!

We were glad the littlies didn't come - so fast and furious, and wet as well so slippery +++

It was well worth the drive -and the camping was easy with Rebecca & Adam, Graeme and Karen (who unfortunately ended up in Hospital with an allergic reaction), Sandra and myself and 3 teenage boys...yippee???

Lovely to see the smile on Iveta, Maddie and Beth's faces - their first State event... they were gorgeous!!!

The girls did Dural proud, looking perfect in their gear and giving every race their best....

THANKS TO THE COMPETITORS and the helpers

Cheers,
Vivian



Competition News

Results : Certificate passes (C and C*)

Passed C

Beth W.
Grace A.
Imogen B.
Jennifer B.
Madeline S.
Marnie C.
Phoebe W. (Avondale)

Passed C*

Ashleigh B.
Belinda P.
Iveta M.



Personal Achievements

08 August 2010 : ODE Forest Hills

Madeline Skopek won her first ODE at Forest Hills on the 8th of August. She competed at E Grade and had great times and results, and had an excellent time on the XC round!

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12 Sept 2010 : Central Coast Grammar School

Marnie was zone champion for Under 13 yrs and Britt did well also. Recently they both competed at Central Coast Grammar School dressage champs and Marnie was reserve champion Yr 7 – yr 9. Marnie has been selected in the NSW Interschools team to contest the National championships 22 - 24 September at SIEC.



Photo of Marnie and Britt at the Zone dressage championships.



Personal Achievements

Lauren C. Sydney International 3DE 2010 - 6yo Young Horse

A wonderful achievement for Lauren C. Lauren C. who has ridden for Dural for many years. She is now studying Vet science at Sydney Uni, but still finds time to go to and fro from Carlingford to Maroota to Lorraine Carter's to ride and train her young horses, and come along to some rally days and clinics.

She won the Keth Lowe award last year for her very successful Pony Club career, and her service to PC as an Associate member. She has Certificates all the way to her K Certificate, and is a shining example of a Pony Clubber who excelled in all facets of Club life, and was a great mentor to younger kids.

Well done to Lauren.



Sydney International 3DE 2010 - 6yo Young Horse



Personal Achievements

Eloise McW. attended the State Dressage 28 -29 August 2010

She performed well, and represented the DPC with pride. Thanks Eloise.

Horsemanship. 26 September 2010

Madeline Skopek, Caz Barber and Beth Wiggins attended the Horsemanship event on Saturday the 26th of September, hosted at Londonderry Pony Club. All the girls participated well in all the stations which consisted of : Station 1, Presentation, Gate drill and leading horse. Presentation- The horse had to be fully plaited and cleaned, saddles and bridles polished, full Pony Club uniform for the presentation of the horse and rider. All three girls looked fantastic and got excellent points for this station. Opening and closing the gate: The rider and horse had to be calm, and open the gate correctly, after this was accomplished, the gate then had to be closed again by the rider. Leading Horse: Emma Wiggins contributed by giving the girls her horse Speckles to be lead around. The rider had to lead horse, the ridden one cantering and the lead one trotting, for a full circle. The rider has to be calm and relaxed. This was successful for all the girls. Station 2, Taking off saddle, leading horse, loading onto float. This station was a challenge for all the girls, some horses more eager than others but they all tried extremely hard and got great points. Taking off saddle: The rein drill was performed first before the saddle was to be taken off in correct pony club manner. Leading horse: The horse was to be held correctly with the reins and perform a quick triangle in front of the judge: Half walking then the rest trotting and back. Loading onto float: Some horses were very particular about their floats so some could not get the horses on, however points are still given for attempt. The horses had to be calm as well as the rider, and the horses were to load on the float for five seconds before unloading and saluting to the judge. Station 3: Mounting bareback, Bending Bareback and putting on saddle. Mounting bareback: The rider had to hop onto the horse bareback, a mounting block is provided, with safe and calm manner for points. Bending bareback: The horse and rider had to bend through five bending poles and back cantering. Putting on saddle: The rider had to dismount in correct Pony Club manner before putting the saddle on in correct pony club manner. The rider the mounted before saluting to the judge and going to the next station. Station 4: Exercise: A small exercise on the horse was to be ridden before points were added. Station Five: Jumping: 6 jumps were set up in order for the horse and rider to jump and be judged on the approach, jump and calmness of the horse and rider. Station 6: Balloon Bursting: The last station and the best for some riders. Ready, Present, Charge! Three words were said before the horse and rider galloped towards the balloons, popping one and back again.



Personal Achievements (continued)

Judged on the ability of this.

All girls had a consistent effort, tried their hardest and attempted everything to the best of their ability. All girls represented the pony club and had excellent results.

In intermediate:

Beth Wiggins- 3rd.

Madeline Skopek- 4th

In Associates:

Caz Barber- 2nd

It was a lot of fun and the results were great!

State Mounted Games.:

The Dural Dementors competed in State Mounted Games in Bungendore.

The team consisted of: Madeline Skopek, Imogen Bouchier, Courtney Williams, Iveta Martinsons and Beth Wiggins. It was a long trip and the girls were prepared and happy for the first day. There were hundreds of horses and riders and the girls had a great time with light moods and were really well behaved. The Dural Dementors came second in two heats unfortunately not making it to the finals due to the number of people. The girls did an amazing job and worked so well and hard as a team. The horses were happy and the girls did not change during the horrible weather. Congratulations to the girls on the great 3 days and the good results. They have only just started as a team this year! Well done.

Upcoming Representations

Amy E. will be attending the State ODE on 9th - 10th October 2010

She will be competing in A grade and we (all the DPC) wish her success and good luck.



Canteen/Grounds

The Canteen Roster has been drafted in anticipation of each family being able to participate on the day they have been allocated. If you find you cannot make the day please let Grace know so she can find an alternative person to help; alternatively if you can find someone to replace you that would be of great assistance.

Canteen Roster		
Date	Event	Family
17 Oct,2010	Rally Day	Shanahan,Ide,Kenna
07 Nov,2010	Closed Sporting	Atherton,Gillespie
21 Nov,2010	Rally Day	Isbester, Smith

Grounds Maintenance and Grounds Preparation

An email or web notice will be sent or put up prior to upcoming grounds maintenance or grounds preparations. Please watch out for these and where you have an opportunity please give any assistance that you can manage on the day.



Special Milestones

1. Father's Day 2010



Graham - Happy dad, grandfather



Shane Happy Proud dad



Ed - Enjoying Father's Day at the DPC



If I stare at this camera, I might get away.



Tom, what a day !



Happy father and son



Independence on Father's Day ?



Father's Day, wonder what is waiting for me around this corner

2. "C" Certificate Day 2010



Eveta M. – love these written exams, don't you ?



Eureka! The answer just came to me.



Belinda P. – who said this was hard ?



Maddie S. and Imogen B. being helped along in their test by a lolly each



Got to finish this quick. My horse needs me!



Grace A., Jennifer B., Imogen B., Maddy S., Beth W., Marnie C., Phoebe W.(-from Avalone PC.) doing the C certificate written exam.



State Mounted Games Championships



The Team



I've lined this one up. Don't distract me.



We'll do it right the first time!



Eyes on the prize (all four eyes , that is.).



We've made it. No one could keep up with us.



Lighter side of horses

Another shot of David's family's newest bundle of joy.





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