

July-August 2010

FLAT CHAT

The Newsletter of Rural & District Pony Club Inc



Royal Easter Show – Zone 23, Team of Four Rider



Dural Pony Club Calendar of Events 2010

August		
Sunday 1st	Closed ODE	DPC
Wednesday 4 th	Committee meeting	DPC
Sunday 8th	Zone 23 ODE	Foresthill
Sunday 15th	Club Rally Day	DPC
28th & 29th	State Dressage Championships	Aubury Wodonga
September		
Wednesday 1st	Committee Meeting	DPC
Sunday 5th	DPC Camp (C+C*written exam,D+D* certificate exam	DPC
Sunday 12th	Zone 23 Show Riding Championships	ESPC (Ryde PC)
Sunday 19th	Closed ODE	DPC
Sunday 26th	Zone 23 Showriding	Ryde
Sunday 26th	Club Rally Day	DPC
October		
2nd & 3rd	State Mounted Games	To Be Announced (TBA)
Wednesday 6th	Committee Meeting	DPC
9th & 10th	State ODE Championships	TBA
Sunday 17th	Club Rally Day	DPC



Club Captain

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

Britt Sedgman whose child is a Beginner, who has taken on arranging a Zone event in her first year as a Pony Club parent!

Sandra Wiggins who has taken on the ODE when not so long ago ago they were beginners themselves.

Donna Dorahy who does not even have kids at the Club but donates her time anyway!

Deb Barber who lives miles away, whose winning smile charms the Dressage judges into coming back.

Karen Wilton whose expertise ranges from Dressage to Mounted Games Team Manager.. the quiet achiever who is always there to help!

Andre our leader who even comes when the kids and Grace are overseas. Always first to arrive, and last to leave, and can stuff 3 giant horses into my float to save me 2 trips to Kurrajong!!

David whose title "Fat Controller " may remain with him if he eats all the beautiful food Joanne,Liz, Julie, and Co have organized for our Zone event!

Liz Evans for her clever promotion ideas, enthusiasm and Food planning. Our Canteen rivals Master Chef!

Joanne McWilliams and Grace Kunz- always in the Canteen providing us and our guests with gourmet fair.

Graeme, Tom Carter, Adam and Rebecca Skopek, and Britt's mum who have been mass producing Mounted Games equipment.

Liarne and Shane Wilcox who come up on their days off to move jumps, paint and build, and sort out our gear.

Lorraine Carter whose guidance and mountain of knowledge gets us through all the events!

Regina who keeps everyone updated and organizes the paperwork.. she is Superwoman who knows where to find information on any aspect of PCA.

Trina Chaney Butt who keeps track of all the attendance and achievements.

Alexis Borg who is juggling HSC and still manages to be there to help run the Events!

(I'm sure there are some I've missed, my apologies if I have).

From Teacher to Podiatrist, Accountant to Mechanic, Retiree to Artistic Director, Landscaper to Professor, Corporate Boss to Builder, Nurse to Psychologist - all give their time so our children can learn and grow

To all the parents...your enthusiasm, good humour and support make my role much easier.

THANK YOU

Our club is a great place to be!!

Vivian Bouchier

(Club Captain)



Competition News

Zone Dressage 4th July can be located at
<http://www.zone23.com.au/results/2010%20Zone%2023%20Dressage%20Results.pdf>

Eloise McWilliams came second in Novice 2a and 2D events 15 - 17 years
Marnie Clapham made it first and second in the under 13 years events, 1C and 1D.
Her sister Brittany Clapham had great rounds but just missed out on a place

Also Amy Eggington came first and second in her Associates tests (the highest and hardest the Pony Clubbers do). She was therefore the Reserve Champion Associate for our Zone, and will be going to State. This is quite an honour and highlights a great achievement for both rider and horse, especially the dedication of the rider.

Preparation went well for the Zone mounted games at DURAL (first time we've done this discipline). People donated their time expertise and culinary skills. It was a great day.

Britt Sedgman and her team perform brilliantly. Check results on the next page.

Closed ODE 1st August was postponed due to wet weather and a soggy field.
Closed ODE now scheduled for **19th September 2010**

Next Zone ODE to be held on the 8th August at Forest Hills PC. It will be a championship series of events.

Cross country Clinic went well 18th July Thanks to Sandy Lucas and Keira Byrnes both Level One instructors. Keira is an Associate member of DPC having attended our club from her first pony to competing 3 star eventing. She specializes in Eventing. Sandy is also a member of our Club, and runs her training facility from Windsor Downs.

Upcoming competition.

Closed Showriding	15th August 2010
Zone Showriding	26th September 2010

Upcoming Clinic.

Sue Eggington is organizing a mixed Show Jumping Clinic for a day in the October school holidays - keep your eye on this space.



Personal Achievements

Caz Barber and Torro went to their first Gymkhana together. It was hosted by Northside Riding Club at St Ives Showground on Saturday the 24th of July, 2010. They had a great time and came home with 2 firsts, 2 seconds, a fourth and a fifth. Torro was judged as the days "Most improved horse" and Caz came away Reserve Champion Adult Rider.





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
15Aug10	Rally Day	Sedgman, Ide
05Sep10	Closed Show Riding	Johnson, Clapham
03Oct10	Rally Day	Skopek, Jones
17Oct10	Rally Day	Shanahan, Ide, Kenna
07Nov10	Closed Sporting	Atherton, Gillespie
21Nov10	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

I don't know whether this is very exciting news to you all but Poppy Graeme and Nanna Julie Patman are both retiring on 31st July 2010. I don't have time for work if you consider I spent 20 minutes at 6.15am running around the paddocks this morning trying to catch Ricky who had managed to get out of his paddock. The ground was wet and muddy, luckily I had put the gum boots on, and I had the dog tied to my arm. Ricky knocked the fence down on another horse's paddock and was about to indulge in that horse's breakfast. He had no lead on and I had to grab his coat and drag him and the dog back to the other end of the property. I even had to get him to go over a jump to get out of that paddock, at which point the dog got away and at 6.30 all I could think was "thank god the gorge is open". I left the dog out and had to leave at 6.40 or I would have been late. When I arrived home tonight fortunately the dog was there to greet me!

Having myself now turned 60 this year and Graeme already in his 60's you should now understand why I have all these "Senior" moments.

Julie Patman



Lighter side of horses

ONE HUNDRED WAYS FOR A HORSE TO TRAIN ITS HUMAN – SHOW JUMPING

If your human's ego gets a little out of proportion and you have to remind them who is boss, choose your fence carefully and never, ever give any indication of your intention to do anything other than jump it! Stride into the fence and then stop and spin sideways. Your human may or may not stay with you! It is then vital that you look completely incredulous and feign absolute terror of the fence.

At some point in your career, you will need to employ the Harrier Jump Jet method...where you take off from a standstill. This technique is useful when your human isn't sure whether they want to jump the jump or not...and then decides at the last minute to go for it! A few 'Harrier' jumps and your human will soon learn to make their mind up before the fence rather than at it!"

Most humans will have a jump they don't like they usually try to blame us 'he doesn't like the spotty ones!' (Whilst really we know we don't care one way or another). You will know which one they hate because your human will kick harder and hold the reins really tight... If they don't WANT to jump it, it's only good manners to oblige them. If they want to jump it on their own, that's their choice!

Good for a giggle Cheers

Vivian

Greg Holley





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Camp

Greg Holley kindly provided these pictures from the Pony camp



Greg Holley portraits of a girl's best friend

