



# YARRAMBAT HORSE AND PONY CLUB

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER





## DC REPORT

### Hi Members,

Eventing season is upon us and it is great to see so many riders out and about trying to qualify for the PCAV State HT Champs to be held in May this year. For riders that aren't aware, Grade 3 riders are now included in this event in 2019, so if you have not yet qualified, there is still time! It would be great to have 2 teams at this year's State Title! More info about qualifying is available via the following link: <http://www.ponyclubvic.org/default.asp?Page=31067>. Please chat to me at the rally on Sunday if you have already qualified, or are close to qualifying.

We wish our State Show Jumping and Dressage riders the very best of luck this weekend, as they represent our club and zone at the PCAV State SJ and Dressage Championships. The Showjumping competition will be held on Saturday and the Dressage competition will be held on Sunday, both at PCAV Park. Most of us will be at our rally on Sunday, whilst Eloise and Sheridan are competing in the Dressage comp, but it would be great to see some YHPC supporters at the SJ event on Saturday to cheer on Rosie, Maddy, Eloise, Rose, Edward & Alice Darby, and Abi and Kelsey, competing in the newly included D grade section!

An extract from our website regarding rally groups is included later in this newsletter and I ask that everyone takes the time to revisit the basis upon which our rally groups are formed. Our club is lucky enough to have an enormous range of riders of all ages and abilities, that come together once a month to share their passion for horses and groups are formed on the basis of providing all of our riders with a social, educational and enjoyable horse experience.. We are currently in the process of reviewing all groups and changes will be made before our April rally.

Happy Riding ,  
Sinead

# OUT AND ABOUT



Abbey and Bonnie cruising around the showjumping at Gisborne Horse Trials . (Above)

Eleanor and Teek doing a great job at their first comp, coming home with a super 3rd place. (Below)



Rosie and Aggie doing a great job in the Grade 1 at Seville coming home clear , with a 6th place. (Above)

Super Job to Eliza and Ollie coming home with a very impressive 2nd place in the Young Rider 2\* at Geelong Horse Trials (Below)



Kelsey and Danz Honour did their first interschool showjumping comp at Boneo Park great job! (Right)



## **Rally Groups**

Members are instructed in groups based largely on the ability of the horse and rider combination. Grading and grouping is not an exact science and often riders' abilities can vary across the disciplines. With this in mind, we work very hard to ensure that our riders are placed in groups that allow the group to operate at a similar level where everyone can learn, be challenged and enjoy the rally.

Whilst riders (and parents) can get caught up in what group they are in, we need to be mindful that the groups take into account more than riding skill and include other factors such as friendships, age, horse size and more. Please understand that the groups are not a reflection purely of rider skill. For example, a rider in the Yellow group may be more skilled than a rider in the Blue group or a rider in Grey group may be better in one discipline than some of the riders in the Black group. Similarly, some of our younger riders may be more skilled than some of our senior riders, but are placed in a group with riders of similar age and similar (not necessarily the same) ability.

Each group generally has between 6 and 10 riders, pending attendance. Groups are reviewed on a regular basis throughout the year. Group information is updated before each rally and posted on the website under the rallies tab. Please remember that pony club rallies are not intended to provide the same level of instruction as a private lesson and sometimes a group lesson can flow tremendously, and sometimes they don't!

## **AGM**

Please be advised that this year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 7th April at the completion of the scheduled Pony Club rally.

If you are interested in taking up a role on the committee but feel unsure of what it might entail, please feel free to contact club secretary Teha Smart via [tastpa4@gmail.com](mailto:tastpa4@gmail.com) or (0412 217 190)

Please note that all nomination forms must be received by me at least 7 days prior to the AGM (i.e. by Sunday 31st March).

Nomination forms can be scanned and emailed to [tastpa4@gmail.com](mailto:tastpa4@gmail.com) posted or delivered to 2155 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd, St. Andrews, 3761 or hand delivered to Teha .

Please consider if you might be interested in taking up a role, it is loads of fun, just ask any of the committee.

## **YHPC Showjumping day**

The Yarrambat Horse and Pony Club is holding the annual Show Jumping Day on 21st July 2019. We will be running classes from A grade to E grade in both Pony Club and Open classes. Entries are now open on

[www.eventsecretary.com.au](http://www.eventsecretary.com.au)

Finally, please enter early. Each year we have to close off entries before the official closing date as we reach our maximum numbers so please make sure you enter early to ensure you get a spot.

## **K certificate**

K Certificate commenced at the last rally with a knot session and we have a float maintenance session scheduled for our April rally. Stay posted for further details.

## **C Certificate**

We are eager to commence our next C Certificate group, but so far only 4 riders have expressed interest. Please see me at this rally if you wish to be part of this group.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

10th March

Mt Evelyn Combined Training

11th March

Dandenong Ranges Showjumping

17th March

Lilydale/Mooralbark HT

17th March

JB Tooradin Estate Horse Trials

23rd March

Tooradin/ Dalmore Horse Trials

24th March

Merricks Combined Training



# DUTIES

Please remember we are all volunteers, so we rely on everyone pitching in to ensure the rally runs smoothly. Both Duties commence at 9:30am .



## Grounds

Stubbs (Team Leader)

Young

Heseltine

Ryan

Harrison

## Canteen

Gaffney (Team Leader)

Coates

Gibson/Darby

Shephard

Boyd