

Yarrambat Horse & Pony Club



Wow, how good did our YHPC riders look at the Diamond Creek Fair! Well done to our Junior Committee, who so proudly represented our club and a huge pat on the back for the well behaved horses too! Fantastic effort to all involved.

Newsletter October 2016

DC Report

Hi Members,

Hopefully some of you have had a chance to sneak out and enjoy some riding during the holidays, on those days when we have had brief glimpses of Spring weather. Hard to predict, but at this stage the forecast for Sunday is promising and we hope to get as many riders as possible out onto the cross country course before our Horse Trials event on the 16th and 17th October. Please note that the cross country course will be closed from 5pm this Sunday 2nd October until our event commences.

With over 40 of our own club riders competing at this event, it should be a fantastic weekend for YHPC and an ideal opportunity to continue building our friendly club spirit. If you have not yet entered, you need to do so immediately, as some classes are already full and availability low in many others with over 260 riders already entered. If this is your first Horse Trials event and you would like some assistance or further information, please chat to me on Sunday and we can arrange a buddy to help you through your first event.

A huge congratulations to Georgia Bissicks on her selection in the Prince Philip National Mounted Games Victorian team! They are competing this weekend and we wish Georgia and her family well as they make the big journey across to Western Australia this week. Abbey Turnbull, Miranda Darby and Ella Williams were also competing at the National Interschool Championships in NSW this week and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences (and photos please) in our next newsletter.

Farewell Lady Alchemy



Sadly, another pony club member has lost their much loved pony. Tamika Allen's beautiful horse, Lady Alchemy was struck down with Colic and despite the best efforts of the Vet and her wonderful support network of horsey friends who helped get Tamika, Teha and Lady through a tough night, Lady could not be saved.

Tamika and Lady had been together for almost a year and had already formed a wonderful partnership, successfully competing and taking home ribbons across all of the disciplines. Tamika and Lady quickly forged a very close bond that saw them enjoy many great times together, whether it be at competitions, pony club rallies or just in the paddock.



Tamika wasn't the only YHPC member lucky enough to share great times with Lady. Lady has quite a history at YHPC with Ashley Davies and Molly Brocksopp also enjoying some great times with her and sharing wonderful memories.

RIP Lady, a one in a million pony that will be remembered fondly by many at YHPC.



Out & About...



Rose and Dolly had a great day at the Braemar Inter School Show Jumping Comp, with firsts all round, then taking out first overall in the 1.15m class.



Sophie and Peanut (above left) won 1st place at the recent CT event at Hurstbridge Pony Club and Georgia is preparing well for her upcoming national event taking out 1st place in the U15 MGA State Pairs.



Our Games riders out and about. Lily King (right) U12 MGA State Pairs Champion and Jack Bissicks (left) 3rd place in the U15s MGA State pairs.

October Rally Plan Info

Silver and Gold Groups

As many riders in this group have entered our CT event, riders will have the chance to learn more about the event and get to practise the 2 phases. Riders will start the day with a theory session with Molly, where they can ask lots of questions and go through their dressage test. In the 2nd session, they can pick up some hints on how to impress the dressage judge and in the last session, they will learn how to walk a show jump course and then practise jumping a 30cm course.

Yellow and Green Groups.

Most riders in these groups have entered the G5 HT section, so you will start the day on the xc course with Stephanie and learn about how to warm up and prepare for the start of a xc competition. In the second session, riders will have the opportunity to walk a HT G5 show jump course, learn the correct protocols and then practise jumping at this height.

C Certificate Groups

This is your last chance to brush up on your skills before testing day on 22nd October. Riders are required to bring their first aid kit to their theory session on Sunday and can also look forward to some bare back riding and more galloping!

Blue Group

Most riders in this group have entered the G4 section of our HT event, so your day will focus on competing at this level in each of the phases. You will get to jump a SJ course at Grade 4 height, learn how to present to judges correctly, work on straightness of entry and circle sizes in dressage and iron out any issues on the xc, including the water!

Senior Riders

Senior riders have an option of practicing their HT dressage test on Sunday. If you wish to do this, you must email or text me by 5.00pm FRIDAY. If there is not enough demand, the class will operate as a normal flat session.



Duties...

Emails have already been sent to families on duty this month. Don't forget that if you can't make it, you must find a replacement.

CANTEEN

Team Leader: Ling family

Stubbs family

Houghton family

Gamble family

James family

SET UP & PACK UP

Team Leader: Apted family

Baird family

Prince family

Zaccagnini family

Davies family

Working Bees

There are still lots of jobs to get done before our competition, so if anyone would like to help out at the rally on Sunday, it is a great opportunity to tick off one of your club commitments for the year.

For those that can't make it on Sunday, don't panic, there is another working bee scheduled for the following weekend..more details to follow or contact Cath Pender.

Please bring tools, whipper snippers, wheelbarrows, or whatever tools, gloves or useful items you might have.



Ring to Ride Groups

A reminder to all riders in the Black, White and Grey groups that you are required to advise your preferences to me by **5.00pm on Friday**.

All riders..Please make the effort to send a text or email, even if you are not attending, as it makes planning a whole lot easier. Text your preferences to 0425 759 565 or email me.

Important Diary Dates...

Zone Qualifiers

Upper Yarra SJ Day:

Date of event

Sunday 2nd October

Entries Due

Closed

Events

Lilydale Mooroolbark Supercross 9th October

YHPC Horse Trials: 15th & 16th October 2016 Entries via Event Secretary NOW

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GET YOUR ENTRIES IN NOW!