



YARRAMBAT HORSE AND PONY CLUB

JULY NEWSLETTER





HI MEMBERS,

A very big welcome to the new membership year at Pony Club!

For a few members, it may be their first or second rally ever, for many riders they are heading for their 50th rally and for some members, they are reaching in excess of 100 rallies. YHPC today is a large, diverse pony club, with riders of all ages and levels and it is so pleasing to see 50 plus riders and families gather together on the first Sunday of the month, to share their passion for horses!

A busy rally this Sunday as we welcome the CFA to our club to host a large animal rescue demonstration. This is an excellent horsemanship session for all of our riders and will take place over lunchtime, so please take note of the revised rally plan, including an extended lunch break and **3.30pm** finish. On that note, a reminder to all riders to check the rally plan on display at each rally. In order to provide riders with optimum sized rally groups, it is sometimes necessary to make last minute changes to the rally plan, so please check the rally plan and be prepared to attend the correct session with the correct gear, on time.

Lots of reading in the attached pages, including the very exciting news that **Eloise Barton** and **Edward Darby** have been selected to represent Victoria at the PCA National Championships in Queensland later this year - what a magnificent effort! We will also be seeking out riders interested in participating in the NMZ Flat Teams and Musical Ride Qualifiers to be held on 13 August - not much time to prepare, but if we have some eager riders happy to put some time and energy into practising, this is a fantastic and fun team event and can lead to participation in a State competition. Read on for further information...

Cheers, Sinéad

OUT & ABOUT...



Ebony bringing home many ribbons at Findon winter woolies. Great job!



Kelsey cruising around her first grade 4 cross country!



Takiyah doing a great job at her first Grade 3 Horse Trials!!



Tamika and Eloise having a fun day at Yarra valley jump club.



Tamika's horse Froggy looking very relaxed after a successful day at CLC Dressage

Haven't seen your photo in our newsletter yet? That's because we don't have one!!

Please remember to email photos to Ciara at: yhpcwebsiteeditor@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



15th/16th July Bacchus Marsh HT

16th July Langwarrin HT

16th July Gisborne Showjumping

23rd July YHPC Showjumping

YHPC Showjumping is coming up soon so please contact Andrea or Teha to nominate your preferred duty at the rally on Sunday.

Sarah and Lemon having a very successful day at Bacchus Marsh Interschools!

DUTIES

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

If you are rostered on and cannot make it, you are responsible to find a replacement.

Canteen

Gamble (Team Leader)

Stephens

Calvert

Lowe

Ling

Set up/Pack Up

Bulmer (Team Leader)

Munnery

Spencer

Smith

Baird

Working Bee

A very big thank you to the members that helped at our recent working bee. The grounds are looking refreshed and the club rooms have never looked tidier!

MUSICAL RIDE, FLAT TEAMS QUALS C CERTIFICATE INFO

A meeting will be held at the end of the July rally for any riders interested in participating in these events this year. The musical ride is a fun, team event and riders do not need to be graded to participate in this event.

The Qualifiers for the State events are being held on the 13th August, so we need to get teams organised and practising. If you are unsure, come along to the meeting at 3.45pm on Sunday.

C Certificate Riders:

Please bring tail bandages and float boots to the rally on Sunday.

C Certificate Booklets will be available at the July rally. The following fees in relation to C Certificate are due on Sunday:

C Certificate Booklet: \$20

C Certificate Exam: \$20

YHPC Showjumping Day

Make sure you get your entry into the YHPC Showjumping event asap via www.eventsecretary.com.au. All YHPC families are expected to complete a duty at this event, so please ensure you see Andrea Barton or Teha Smart at this Rally to nominate your preferred duty. They would also welcome any contributions to the silent auction that will be held at this event, so if you have a service or goods to donate, please chat to Teha or Andrea.

Pony Club Australia National Championships



Eloise on Weltevreden Nuralee (Bubby)

A huge congratulations to Eloise Barton and Edward Darby who have both been selected to represent Victoria in the Junior eventing section of this elite event! In order to gain selection in the national team, a team of selectors assessed the performance and results of many of the state's best PC eventers, so it is a fantastic achievement for Edward and Eloise to achieve selection. They will make the huge journey to Toowoomba in QLD to compete in the Pony Club Australia National Championships in September.

Membership Fees Overdue!

A reminder that your current membership expires on 30th June 2016. If you have not yet paid, you will not be insured and unable to ride at the rally on Sunday. This year the fees can be paid online through the My Pony club Member portal

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If you are having trouble logging on, please contact Gen Brocksopp asap.

Edward on Tad



RIDER OF THE MONTH

SHERIDAN KING

Age
20 Years old

Tell us a little about your horses

I started riding my first horse Matilda (Rebel Law) when I was 13 and actually bought her a year later, due to my dad making the mistake of saying "you can have a horse when you have the money to buy one". Matilda is a 14yo, dark bay 1/2 Clydie, 1/4 Percheron and 1/4 Quarter horse. She was a trail horse her whole life before I started riding her and she was the best first horse I could ever ask for. She was kind and forgiving throughout my mistakes as I tried to train a horse when I really had no idea how. Eventually we made a connection and understood each other, learnt together and made it to Grade 3 eventing, before I decided she was reaching the top of her physical capability.

I bought Leo (Mystic Pride), my 16.2hh, 9yo bay thoroughbred three years ago when he was 6. He was trained to be a racehorse, but we believe he injured his hamstring and they decided not to pursue racing. I got him off a lady who had him since he was 3 and simply spelled him for the 3



Sheridan and Leo

Other Information

Pets:

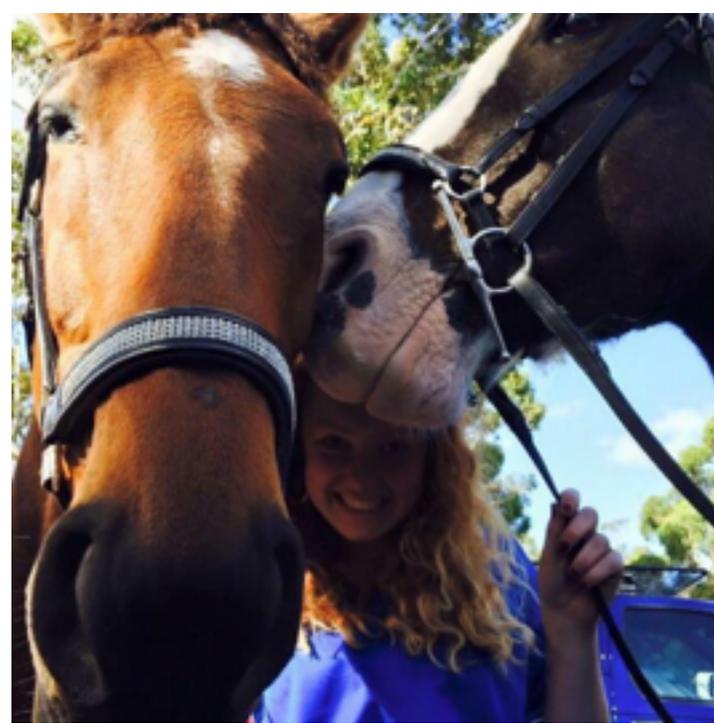
I have 1 Dog, Molly, an 8yo Golden Retriever/Labrador who is always by my side. A perfect dog to take to the horses as you don't have to worry about her as she's well behaved and always in sight. I also have a cat called Daisy, who is currently curled upside down next to me on the couch.

Hobbies/interests:

Besides horses, I love pilates, yoga, reading, writing and spending time with friends.

People I most admire:

My parents by far. They have made me the person I am and then some. I also admire Stephen Fry, I find his opinions, his wisdom and his discussions interesting.



Sheridan with both of her horses

When and where did you start riding?

I started at Melbourne Indoor Equestrian Centre when I was 9 after begging my parents to let me ride horses.

Favourite discipline

Eventing, I love each discipline in its own way but there is no feeling like the one you get as you run around the cross country.

Biggest Influences:

Chris Burton and Sarah Ray are eventers whose careers I follow. I am inspired by how both of them ride.

Highlight of your riding so far:

Matilda - winning Monbulk Show jumping as it was completely unexpected and she was just along for the ride as it was Leo's first Show jumping day.

Leo - Our first grade 2 event at Bacchus Marsh. I was extremely nervous having never competed at that level before and he reassured me that we had nothing to worry about.

Goals:

At the moment I just love doing the best I can and seeing where that takes me.

What are your horse's personalities?

Complete opposites. Matilda is tough, stubborn and not very affectionate by nature, a one person horse. She finds it hard to trust people, but under saddle, I can trust her with absolutely anyone on her back, including taking my dad (who doesn't know how to ride), onto the beach her first time there. She is very smart and great at assessing people's abilities and behaving accordingly.



Sheridan and Matilda

Leo is soft, sensitive, loves cuddles and could shower anyone with affection. He trusts easily, but is harder to ride due to his sensitivity and therefore very few people other than myself have ridden him. Unlike Matilda, he's not good at assessing abilities and gets confused and nervous when someone rides differently to me.