



YARRAMBAT HORSE AND PONY CLUB

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER





HI MEMBERS,

The sun gods shone brightly upon us as we once again hosted a hugely successful horse trials event. Perfect conditions on Sunday paved the way for a tremendous day of eventing and seemed to add to the already exciting atmosphere, with many happy riders, supporters and helpers. We have received so much favorable feedback and a very big thank you is due to all of our members who so generously donated their time and enthusiasm to this event! This year, every member of our club contributed to this event and many members happily donated many additional hours and in some cases, their entire weekend – THANK YOU!

To the organising committee who spent many hours on the planning and execution of this event, your enormous efforts are reflected in the enormous success of the event. From the Page family's enthusiasm and exuberance in the canteen, to Jodie Bissick's slick organisation and operation of the dressage ring to Molly Brocksopp's competitive design and cool coordination of the showjumping ring to Ciara's clever design and printing of the program, to Sally Gill's spot on management of all things financial, to Anne Ryan's amazing sponsorship efforts and to Tony's year long contribution to maintaining and designing our magnificent cross country course, a huge amount of time and energy (and fun) has been injected into this event.

Of course to the truly amazing efforts of Gen Brocksopp who was brave enough to head up this event yet again and to the Brocksopp family, who once again devoted an extraordinary amount of hours, days and weeks to ensuring that one of the largest pony club events in the State runs like clockwork, we extend our hugest thanks!

It was fantastic to see so many of our own riders competing in this event. We had almost 40 riders competing across all levels from the Junior CT event right through to Grade 1. Scoreboard results were impressive with many ribbons and placings, but best of all, our rider results off field were outstanding – camaraderie, support, sportsmanship and all round good cheer from our YHPC riders, topped off a hugely successful 2017 horse trials!

Just one week after our big event, our C Certificate riders (pictured above), headed off to Seville Pony Club bright and early on the Saturday morning to complete their C Certificate testing. A successful day for all, with all riders passing their C Certificate with flying colors! More pics inside....

Cheers, Sinéad

OUT & ABOUT...



Great Job Hannah 4th place in the G3 at Hurstbridge CT!!



Well done Tamika and Macca 5th place at Hurstbridge CT G2!!!



Amazing Job Ebony in G5 at Hurstbridge CT!!!



Well done Takiyah and Ghost !!



Great Job Abbey winning G4 Hurstbridge CT

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

Please remember to email photos to Ciara

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12th November
Yarra Glen Horse Trials
- 12th November
Monash Showjumping
- 12th November
Kyneton Horse Trials
- 19th November
Lilydale/Mooralbark Super cross
- 9th/10th December
NMZ SJ/Dressage Qualifiers



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

- Turner (Team Leader)
- Warrior
- Davies
- James

Set up/Pack Up

- Bird (Team Leader)
- Vanderwert
- Fitzgerald
- Inwood
- McLeod



NEWS...

PCAV Nationals

A massive congratulations to Edward Darby and Eloise Barton who both made the long journey to Toowoomba to compete in the Junior Eventing of the PCAV Nationals. Both Edward and Eloise did an amazing job both having clear XC rounds !!!!! Read more about their journey in the reports that they have kindly shared with us.

Results

A reminder to add all your event results onto the website. If you are having trouble registering please email Ciara at:

yhpcwebsiteeditor@gmail.com

Please remember that results need to be posted within 90 days of competing. Results entered after 90 days will not be included in calculations for end of year results.

Perpetual trophies – Time to hand them over...

A call to all perpetual trophy holders to please return them to the DC desk at the rally on Sunday as we need to prepare for our 2017 awards at the Christmas party in December.



State Qualifiers Dressage & Showjumping

Attention all PCAV Grade 1, 2 & 3 dressage riders and PCAV Grade A, B & C show jumpers – the State qualifiers for dressage will be held on the 10th of December at Kangaroo Ground Pony Club and the showjumping will be held on the 9th of December at Upper Yarra. To be considered for entry into this competition, riders over the age of 13 must have their C Certificate and must also be prepared to commit to competing at the PCAV State Championships at Gladysdale in March next year.



C Cert

Great job who successfully completed their C Certificate testing recently. A huge thankyou to Kylie Parker and Gill Gascoigne for ensuring all the riders were well prepared and also to Liz and Alice Davies for lending their house out for all the riders to study on friday nights !!

PCAV NATIONALS

NAME: ELOISE



In June this year I was chosen for junior eventing on Bubby in the Pony Club Victorian team for the PCA nationals. Edward Darby (Yarrambat PC) and Maddy Kitto (Seville PC) were also chosen to be apart of the junior eventing team. The event was held from the 17th to the 22nd of September in Toowoomba, Queensland. Our trip up there was well planned to stay at showgrounds and would take us around 6 to 7 hours a day over 3 days. We would stop over during each day to give the horses a break and allow them to walk around, drink and put their head down to prevent travel sickness.

On Saturday we arrived at Toowoomba where we went through a biosecurity process and settled Bubby into her new environment for the week. Bubby had become slightly dehydrated on the trip up there. We had been giving her electrolytes and salt prior to the trip but with the stress of travelling and the change of water she had stopped drinking. We quickly found a solution and got her back drinking and rehydrated with "drink up" sachets.

The event officially began on the Sunday evening with a welcome BBQ and a formal dinner on the Wednesday evening as well as dinners each night for the competitors. The competition started for the eventing team with trot up on Sunday where we all passed. On the Sunday we also had a lesson with our team coach Virginia Mock to run through our dressage tests for the following day. Our team were all happy with our dressage tests, although Bubby become quite hot in her test as usual which placed us in 9th position.



Next was the cross country phase which we walked as a team to discuss the way we would ride each of the lines, fences and challenges the course had in it. Tuesday morning came and we were all prepared for the hilly cross country phase with our water buckets and ice boots ready for cool down at the end of the course. Edward and I finished the course clear and under time but unfortunately Maddy had a couple of penalties.

Wednesday was our second trot up and Bubby passed. After the trot up was the showjumping phase where Bubby jumped well, but with the hot weather she become slightly tired and dropped some rails. The junior team was sadly out the event with one of the horses not passing the second trot up but the senior eventing team came 1st!

On the Friday I competed in the formal gymkhana and our team placed 2nd and I placed in the best presented and rider class.

Overall the Victorian team all went very well in the many disciplines and had a fantastic trip. I encourage⁵ all Pony Club riders to work towards nationals as it is an amazing experience!

PCAV NATIONALS

NAME: EDWARD

My mum and I left Melbourne on Thursday and travelled to Gin Gin near Dubbo where we stayed with friends. We stopped every 4 hours to give TAD a stretch of the legs and some water, once near the border and also just out of Forbes. TAD travelled very well eating hay and drinking some water.



The next day we set off for somewhere near Toowoomba and ended up at a little town called Millmerran an hour south of Toowoomba as the showgrounds were closed till 12 Saturday. The showgrounds at Millmerran were rather dry as is everywhere in Queensland. TAD enjoyed himself and had a gallop around and roll.

Next morning we drove on to Toowoomba. The roads in Queensland were rough as anything but the fuel was cheap, a bit the opposite of NSW. The travelling really took it out of TAD and he spent the next day or two lying down a lot.

Sunday I had a little ride and became familiar with the huge showgrounds and all the sheds.

Our competition was Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. TAD did a very nice test which I was very happy with and expected to score pretty well. But I was a bit disappointed with 7th but considering it was only 4 faults off the lead it was all very close.

Tuesday was cross country. The course was rather low and very straightforward which was almost a bit of a surprise. TAD pulled up well after XC but was given 5.2 time faults for being more than 20 seconds under time. In Victorian pony club the under time rule doesn't exist. There are different rules in the different states and it was not clear what rules the cross country was being run under as we had been told the rules of each state applied but then were told later that was just for uniform. As TAD and I mostly compete EvA 105 and grade 1 where the speed is 500mpm compared to the 450mpm of the nationals I was used to travelling between fences a bit faster.

On the Wednesday morning we had a second trot up. TAD was a little stiff at first in the morning but seemed fine after walking. The vet failed him apparently for hind limb lameness so we were very surprised and disappointed. There was no holding box or chance to represent. That ended the comp for us.

Later we discovered that TAD was slightly pricked in a front foot by our farrier and wound up with an abscess. We worked hard to get him right but without having our usual vets and farriers it was not easy to get things right at each stage so he would be right for the showjumping the next week. On the following Monday his abscess broke out and we were able to get him right for the showjumping on the Wednesday.

Outside of the actual competition is where the best moments were found though. At the dinner each night which was just for the riders, people's personalities shone out and many laughs were had. This was a time where the different disciplines and the different states mixed and made friends as well.

Overall it was a great experience competing at the pony club nationals. Everybody from everywhere was kind and always happy to help with anything. It is interesting to see how the Interschools event has been run compared to the pony club event. I do feel that as the pony club nationals was almost exclusively older riders and the Interschools event more younger kids that if they worked together, the older kids could end up helping the younger kids and the event would be more full and end up with the sport moving forwards in a greater way.