

Drysdale Leopold Pony Club

Newsletter February 2015



**** New rules for competition ****

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**** Results from Riders Out and About ****

See page 3 and 4.

DC's Report

Welcome to the February Rally and back to pony club for 2015. Hope you had a fabulous Christmas and a good break over January. Your horses will either be well rested or over worked looking for somewhere to lie down.

Our horse trials are looming – Sunday 15 February is the day. We will be setting up the grounds on Saturday 14 February – this will be a huge day getting the dressage arenas set up and finalising the cross country jumps and show jumping arena. We need everyone to volunteer for this event.

We need donations of pot plants to dress up our cross country jumps. Please have a think and see if you can lend us any for the day. Also there will be a working bee at this rally to finalise the cross country course. Please bring whipper snippers, barrows, etc. to lend a hand.

Games competition is in the next few months. Please see me, your DC, if you are interested in competing in the games competition in April. We need a coach and a parent willing to take on the games team(s).

The BEST showjumping competition starts in February at Barwon Valley – please organise gradings for horse trials and showjumping if you need them changed at this rally – see me before the rally starts. Please note there are new cross country heights for 2015 – please read the revised rules – links are in this newsletter and on the website.

We are also looking for a new freezer – if you have one please let us know. See you on Sunday,
Your DC Caroline

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We are on Facebook – join the Group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/178406815670064/252403194937092/>

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PCAV Rule Books

PCAV Rule Books

The following information is available from the Pony Club Association of Victoria website:

- [Dressage Tests](#) (effective 1 January 2013)
- [Dressage Rules](#) (effective 1st February 2015) - supersedes all previous editions
- [Guidelines for Dressage Pencillors](#) - created by the Northern Metropolitan Zone of PCAV
- [Showjumping Rules](#) - Effective 1 January 2015 - supersedes all previous editions
- [Gear Rules](#) (With Comfort and Safety Requirements) - Effective 1 January 2015 - supersedes all previous editions
- [Gear Rules Competition: Quick Reference Guide](#) - Effective 1 January 2015
- [Horse Trials Rules](#) (Including Combined Text Competition Rules) - Effective 1 January 2015 - supersedes all previous editions.
- [Guide for Cross Country Jump Judges](#) - March 2014
- [Handbook of By-laws](#) - Effective 1 January 2015 - supersedes all previous editions
- [Games for Pony Club](#)

More information is available from [PCAV Rules, Regulations and Guides](#).

Prix Caprilli Tests - These tests have been adapted for PCAV Combined Training and HRCav Combined Training assessed riders purely for use in the Barwon Equine Dressage Series (BEDS). Riders MUST be assessed for Combined Training, not Dressage and must produce their cards on registration.



2015 Deadlines for newsletter content

March - 23rd February
 April - 30th March
 May - 27th April
 June - 1st June
 July - 29th June

Issues or Concerns?

Please see your group leader if you have any qu's - if they can't resolve it they will take it up with the DC - Caroline

Canteen



Kently and Dev will be in the canteen this rally

Rostered on this month to help are the Bischof and Robilliard families

Please see Kently or Dev before pony club starts.

Wanted a Freezer for the kitchen - if you have one please see K or D ☺



Coming Events

February

1st Rally

8th Barwon Valley Pony Club BEST Showjumping Round 1

15th Drysdale Leopold Pony Club Horse Trials

March

1st Rally

8th Ballan Pony Club and Open Horse Trials

15th Ballarat Pony Club and Open and Pre Grade 5 Combined Training

22nd Barwon Valley Pony Club Horse Trials Grades 2 – 5

22nd Rokewood Pony Club Autumn Chill Out Show

28th Leighdale Pony Club BEST Showjumping Round 2

29th Bacchus Marsh Pony Club and Open Horse Trials (State Qualifier)

April

5th Rally

5th Lochard Pony Club and Open Horse Trials

12th Barwon Zone Flat, Games and Musical Ride Teams Qualifying Championships hosted by Ballan Pony Club at Bacchus Marsh

18th Drysdale Leopold Pony Club BEST Showjumping Round 3

19th Corio Moorabool Pony Club Horse Trials Grades 1 – 5 and HRCAL Levels 1 – 5

25th – 26th Smythesdale Pony Club Pony Club and Open Horse Trials Grades 1 – 5

Results

Isabella Morrison & Scully results from Kingston Agricultural Show Sunday 30th November 2014

PC Ring

2nd Handler 10 – 14 years

2nd Best presented 10 – 14 years

2nd Rider 10 – 14 years

2nd PC pony 12.2 – 14hh

Reserve Champion PC mount

Open Ring

3rd Saddle pony 13hh – 13.2hh

1st Pony under 14hh & under child rider 15 years & under

1st Pleasure pony



Ella Berry and Abbey Page painting the cross country course in preparation for our horse trials



Results

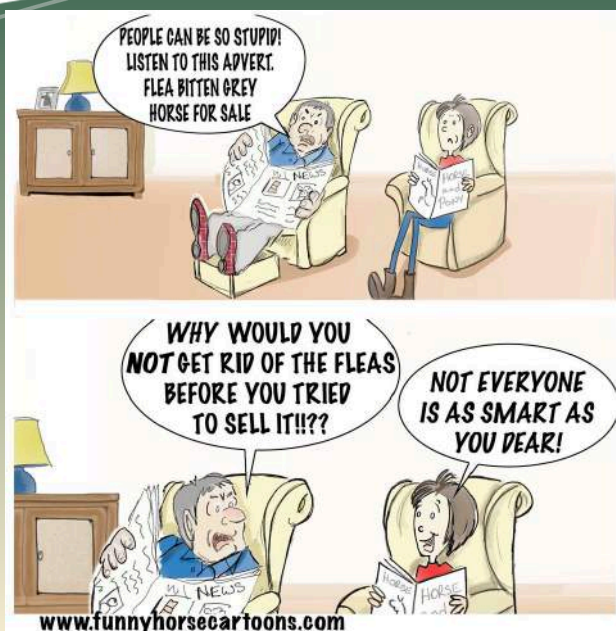
Royal Melbourne Summer Show 2015

5th Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin

Pictured left – Ella Berry and Macey Devlin on Australia Day having a great time.



Below – rebuilding the brush jump on our cross country course



Horse Trials Jump Heights and Spreads Changes 2015

C.10.3. Table for Cross Country Heights, Spreads, Efforts & Speeds

HORSE TRIALS	Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1
NOTE: These are MAXIMUM dimensions. There is no compulsion for all fences to be at the maximum height or spread.					
Fixed	0.50m	0.65m	0.80m	0.95m	1.10m
Brush	0.65m	0.80m	1.00m	1.15m	1.30m
Top Spread	0.50m	0.65m	0.80m	1.00m	1.20m
Base Spread	0.65m	0.80m	1.20m	1.50m	1.80m
Spread Without Height	0.65m	0.95m	1.40m	2.00m	2.40m
Drop – Maximum	0.50m	0.70m	1.00m	1.20m	1.40m
Water depth- entry to exit	Nil	0.30m	0.30m	0.30m	0.30m
Height of obstacle into water	Nil	Nil	0.50m	0.65m	0.80m
Minimum width of water crossing (See Rule C.10.6.c.)	Nil	6.00m	6.00m	6.00m	6.00m
Speed (metres per minute)	274	320	360	420	480
Distance	1200- 1600m	1200- 2000m	1600- 2400m	2000- 2800m	2000- 3000m
Number of EFFORTS	Min 14- Max 18	Min 14- Max 18	Min 15- Max 20	Min 18- Max 25	Min 20- Max 30

C.7.3. Excessive use of whip: Excessive and/or misuse of the whip may be considered abuse of the Horse and will be reviewed case by case by the Ground Jury according to the following principles:

- a. The whip is not to be used to vent an athlete's temper.
- b. The whip is not to be used after elimination.

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- c. The whip is not to be used after a horse has jumped the last fence on a course.
- d. The whip is not to be used overhand (i.e. whip in right hand being used on left flank)
- e. The whip is not to be used on a horse's head.
- f. The whip is not to be used more than three times for any one incident.
- g. If a Horse's skin is broken with the whip the use is always excessive.

2015

Grade	Distance	No of efforts	Max. Height	Max Spread		Speed metres/min
				At base	At highest point	
1	Not more than 470m	9-12	1.10m	1.80m	1.30m	325m
2	Not more than 470m	9-12	0.95m	1.50m	1.00m	325m
3	Not more than 470m	9-12	0.80m	1.00m	0.80m	300m
4	Not more than 470m	8-10	0.65m	0.80m	0.65m	250m
5	Not more than 470m	8-10	0.50m	0.65m	0.50m	250m

- f. Approved uniform should be worn by competitors when walking the course, Helmet not required. Riders may only inspect the course on foot, when told the course is ready for inspection, having been approved by the Judge.
- g. Riders must not climb over or in any way dismantle any fence or part of any fence under the penalty of elimination.

C.11.3. Rider Requirements

- a. Competitors are required to present to the Judge upon entering the arena unless instructed otherwise.
- b. Competitor should wear approved uniform to walk the course.
- c. Competitors who are eliminated for 3 refusals MAY jump an obstacle already successfully jumped.
- d. Competitors should enter and leave the Showjumping arena/ring at a walk or trot.



10 GOOD THINGS ABOUT BEING A PONY

By Cindy Hale HorseChannel.com/PonyLife

1. Half the time people expect you to be bad, so there's no pressure to live up to any grand expectations.
2. It's a compliment to be described as "short and chubby."
3. Since every item of tack and equipment must be downsized, you get your own personalized stuff. That means you don't have to share things with anyone else. ("Neener-neener" to the horses!)
4. Nature blessed you with a thick, shaggy forelock, which shields and camouflages the expression in your eyes. As a result, no one really knows what you're thinking.
5. If you plan carefully, you can spend your entire show career in the walk/trot division.
6. Spring grass conveniently grows to a height level with your mouth, so you don't have to reach far to grab a snack on the trail.
7. You're never stuck with the embarrassing names some horses get, like Zipped Chick Shining Doc or Sir Alfonse Foo-Foo III. Instead you get cute names like Gumdrop, Peanut, Donut and Cookie.
8. Thanks to a customary layer of fat over the ribcage, it's easy to ignore the continual thumping of a child's heels against your side.
9. By utilizing the pony yoga position known as "kneeling giraffe" you're able to crouch down onto your knees, contort your neck and twist your head. This allows you to steal food from the clueless horses in neighboring corrals.
10. If you're good and sweet you'll have a forever home because your owners can't bear to sell you. If you're evil and nasty you'll have a forever home because your owners can't convince anyone to buy you.



Saddle Fitting

Kylie Berry, our DLPC President, is studying to be a qualified saddle fitter.

If you would like her to fit your saddle to your horse or advise you on what saddle would best fit your horse – please contact her on 0403 622 115 to arrange a suitable time at pony club.

Pony Club Etiquette

Walk between lessons

Walk when coming back from lessons

If you need to leave a lesson for any reason, please ask permission from your instructor first – don't run off.

Useful Links

List of recommended distances between any two fences

Use this stride distance calculator to generate a customised distance for horse or pony (Big pony or little pony) depending on jump types and heights.

http://www.strides.co.nz/stride_distances.php

Statement from the Equestrian Victoria Board RE: Hendra. 22 January 2015

Equestrian Victoria has been listening closely to our members and wish to reassure them that we are representing them in our discussions with EA over the proposed mandatory Hendra Vaccination Policy. The policy is currently under review...

<http://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/news/statement-equestrian-victoria-board-re->







DVD of the Month

7 Clinics with Buck Brannaman – Full Set

Publisher: Trafalgar Square

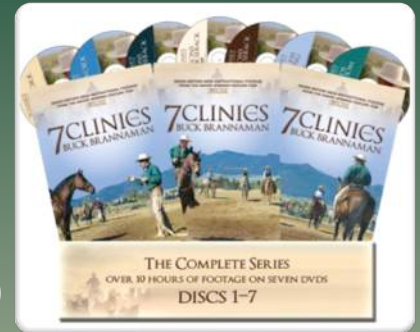
Format: DVD

Author: Cindy Meehi, Buck Brannaman

Price: \$195.00 (AUD) including GST

<http://www.horsebooks.com.au/product/4688/75968/7-clinics-with-buck-brannaman/>

The 7 CLINICS with Buck Brannaman project features over 10 hours of incredible, never-before-seen footage from the making of the award-winning feature film documentary BUCK — the stunningly portrayed story of one man's quest to help horses with "people problems" lauded by critics and audiences alike. 7 CLINICS allows riders, trainers, and horse lovers everywhere to travel with Buck from coast to coast while learning his techniques and absorbing countless words of wisdom along the way. This project came about when we saw how much footage was left on the "cutting room floor", and we realized we could bring Buck's message to a larger audience — with the intent of benefiting the horses!



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Parents Attendance at Rallies and Events

Every child under 17 years must be accompanied at all times by a parent or nominated guardian at all pony club events. If parents cannot attend they must sign a form designating who will be the guardian on that day, and the guardian must also sign if in agreement. This is an important safety issue.