

Drysdale Leopold Pony Club

Newsletter March 2015



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

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**** DLPC Horse Trials Photos ****

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DC's Report

Welcome to the March Rally

Wasn't our Horse Trials an amazing day? I've said this many times in the past but we are very lucky to have such an amazing committee who never gives up and every member has a job and does it well.

We also have amazing families - many now have some new-found confidence in dressage pencilling or being a cross country jump judge or any of the 90+ jobs that are required to be filled on the day. Almost every family helped over this weekend, which is fantastic and every one of you contributed to the success of our day.

Once your kids get out and about competing, you will come to appreciate just how well run events at DLPC and how wonderful our little grounds are too. Every family who helped out deserves a pat on the back. Our club wouldn't have been showcased in such a way if it wasn't for YOU.

There is still the odd family who for some reason feels that they aren't required to help, whether their kids are riding or not. This baffles me and I'm not quite sure how to encourage these families to put their hand up, other than the added Volunteer Levy to their membership. If anybody has any ideas, please let me know!

The profit was approximately \$2,400, which in real terms, is roughly what one of the white plastic dressage arenas costs. Didn't our four brand new arenas look amazing too! We also had record numbers of riders from our own club this year with 22 DLPC riders entered. There were a few tears from falls to eliminations and also to winners. Congratulations Ella Berry, Macey Devlin and Abbey Page for winning each of their classes. A big WELL DONE to Abbey Page for taking home the trophy for Most Successful DLPC rider.

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

April - 30th March
 May - 27th April
 June - 1st June
 July - 29th June
 August - 27th July

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 Kiddle and Bonello families

Please see Kently or Dev before pony club starts.



Coming Events

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 HRCV Levels 1 – 5

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

May

3rd Rally

17th Portarlington Pony Club BEST Showjumping Round 4

17th Colac Pony Club Horse Trials grades 1 – 5 & Open

23rd Leighdale Pony Club Dressage and Showjumping day

24th Ballan Pony Club Showjumping Day

31st Drysdale Leopold Pony Club BEDS Dressage Series Round 1 – at Elcho Park

Results



Drysdale Leopold Horse Trials 15 February 2015

Grade 5

Dressage

2nd Macey Devlin on Carribean Red

3rd Macey Devlin on The Artful Dodger

Overall

1st Macey Devlin on Carribean Red

4th Maddison Rogers on Topaz

Grade 4 Green

Dressage

1st Abbey Page on Springbok

Overall

1st Abbey Page on Springbok

3rd Charly Hardy-Smith on Juanita

4th Eliza Wassell MSQ Apollo

Grade 4 Gold

Dressage

1st Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin

Overall

1st Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin

Team Winners

Drysdale Delights - Abbey Page, Emily Shirra, Ella Berry, Macey Devlin

Working with Children Check – WWCC

The motion outlined below was passed by the Pony Club Association of Victoria (PCAV) State Council at the November 2014 State Council meeting. It is a proactive decision designed to provide a duty of care to all PCAV members. The WWCC Legislation outlines minimum mandated requirements; organisations can broaden their policy and widen the field beyond those listed by The Department of Justice to protect the children/youth in their respective fields.

“That from July 1st 2015 clubs must ensure that all parents/guardians/carers of members and members over 18 must provide a current WWCC”

This motion supersedes Bylaw 8.2.a

To apply for a Working with Children <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> - You can now fill in your WWC Check application online. After you fill in your details, print out your Application Summary and take it to Australia Post with your proof of identity documents, a passport size photo and the fee if required.



Coaching from the sidelines:

This is NOT acceptable at a rally. Parents are asked to please respect each instructor and let them do their job. It is extremely off-putting for the instructor and very distracting for the children.

If you feel that you just can't help yourself and hold back that urge, perhaps go up to the clubrooms and have a coffee. The instructors may "ask" you to take a coffee break otherwise....

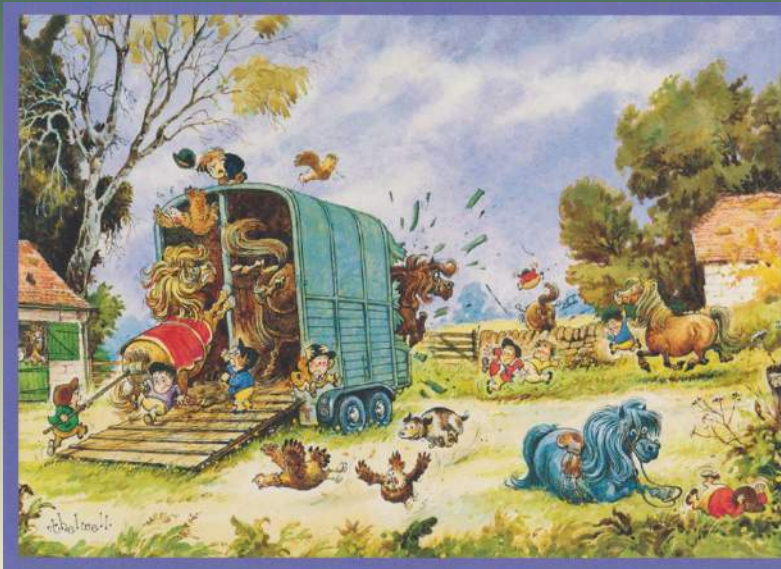
2015/16 Fees Payment Plan:

Yes, it's that time of year again. Annual fees will be due by the May rally so once again we will offer a payment plan as follows:

- March rally - \$100
- April rally - \$100
- May rally - balance owing (approximately \$100).

The exact amount of the third instalment will be determined after the AGM in May.

If you wish to use the payment plan option please see Kurt Krause (Treasurer) at THIS RALLY to get it started.



DLPC Horse Trials Cross Country February 2015









Barwon Equine Hospital added 4 new photos.

February 16 at 5:35pm · 🌐

Congratulations to all those who organised, helped and competed at the Drysdale Leopold Horse Trials on the weekend. Kylie was at the end of the cross country course vetting the horses. It was pleasing to see so many horses fit and coping well despite the quite hot conditions. The vet checking went very well with all riders and horses being very relaxed and co operative.



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

Body Condition Score Chart - <http://www.barastochorse.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Barastoc-body-condition-score-chart.pdf>

Condition Scoring and Weight Estimation of Horses

<http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/agriculture-and-food/livestock/horses/management-for-horse-owners/condition-scoring-and-weight-estimation>

Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses (Revision 1)

<http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/agriculture-and-food/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-legislation/victorian-codes-of-practice-for-animal-welfare/code-of-practice-for-the-welfare-of-horses-revision-1>

We have a few new younger riders who may be able to attempt their D certificate. We will be doing D certificate testing at the April rally. Possibly also D star if we have any riders interested. You must have the D certificate before your D star. If you feel you are ready, please see me at the March rally so I can organize us for testing at the April rally.

Also if there are older rider who definitely want to try for their C certificate in August, please see me.

Did you know you can gain Certificates whilst you have fun and learn at Pony Club? Our friendly instructors take the D and D star certificates here at pony club in March and August.

The objectives of the Pony Club Efficiency certificates are to help young riders learn and gain confidence in handling and riding their pony. You are awarded with a certificate and a coloured disc to go behind your PCAV badge. Each certificate has a different coloured disc.

We have certificate work books available to buy which we recommend all riders have which will help them learn about caring for their pony and what they need to know to gain their certificate.

The Certificates available are: D, D star, C, C star, K, B and A.

To gain your D certificate you need to be 7 years old and over, and be able to walk, trot and canter your pony by yourself, get on and off safely, and know a little bit about parts of the horse and your bridle and saddle. Most young riders who have been to 2-3 rallies and can ride alone will be able to have a go. The yellow D/D star book is available to buy at the clubrooms, about \$15.00

To gain your D Star certificate you need to be 9 years old and over, and have already gained your D certificate. Riders should be able to change direction at trot and canter, trot and canter at different speeds, ride with reins in one hand, be able to jump some small jumps, know some riding road riding rules, and know about feeding your horse. Riders will have been to pony club for 6 – 12 months and will be confident on their pony. The yellow D/D star book is available to buy at the clubrooms, about \$15.00

C certificate is available for riders 12 years old and over. The C certificate is tested by Zone examiners from outside the pony club. It requires a fairly in depth knowledge of riding and caring for your horse. Riders will have been to pony club for a few years, will already have their D certificate, and will need to prepare for this at least 6 months ahead using the green C book (essential). The test day is set by the Zone outside of the normal pony club rallies. The green C book is available to buy at the clubrooms, about \$15.00.

If you want to do any of these certificates, or buy a certificate work book, please see Sam Krause at the rally.

More information about the certificates can be found on the website: www.ponyclubvic.org.au under coaching-education, certificates and procedures. This will tell you everything you need to know to successfully gain your certificates.

Sam Krause

Willow Lodge Nursery



Drysdale Horse trials

Book of the Month

Kids Riding with Confidence

Publisher: Trafalgar Square

Format: Hardcover

Author: Andrea and Markus Eschbach

Price: \$24.95 (AUD) including GST

<https://www.horsebooks.com.au/product/0/91674/kids-riding-with-confidence-9781570767067/>

More easy-to-learn lessons in natural horsemanship for kids! Andrea and Markus Eschbach, authors of the bestselling book *How to Speak Horse*, are back with another fabulously illustrated introduction to safe and fun horse handling and riding skills. Beginning with the basics of how horses use body language to communicate, Andrea and Markus teach children how to "listen" to what their horse is saying and "talk back" in a way he understands while leading, grooming, tacking up, and eventually riding. With a focus on building the horse's trust in his human partner, young riders gain confidence through exercises on horseback. Best of all, Andrea and Markus nurture a habit of care and respect for the horse that helps prepare children for a lifetime of rewarding time spent in the company of



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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.