

Drysdale Leopold Pony Club

Newsletter June 2015



**** Photos from riders out and about ****

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**** Dressage Clinic in the school holidays ****

See page 7.

DC's Report

Welcome to the June Rally - Just a quick reminder about what pony club is all about.

We have a lot of riders out and about representing our club. Some have been doing it for years and some went out to BEDS for the first time two weeks ago. It's great to see them have a go and even more rewarding when the hard work pays off and they come home with a ribbon.

A day at pony club isn't about the next event. It's not about seeing how high you can jump or how fast you can go on cross country. A day at pony club is a SOCIAL DAY. It's a day to be with friends and to have fun. I do hope that every child learns at least one thing about their horse or their riding by the end of the rally but for most of the kids it's more about getting a lunch order or climbing a tree at lunchtime or hanging out in the horse float or spurring each other on while accomplishing new things in class. Every rider has their good days and bad days and I watch our members sharing these times and growing and learning together.

If you want your child to go to the Olympics, it won't happen by riding one day a month at pony club. You need to be seeking out private lessons at home. Our instructors do an amazing job handling sometimes up to eight riders at a time in a group lesson and let's face it - some of them can get a bit crazy!

Pony club is about the kids coming together one day a month to have a fun day with their ponies. If it stops becoming fun then I would have to ask myself why I'm still here. As DC, I absolutely LOVE my day at pony club. Making kids smile makes me smile and I know that my job is done. Yes, that even makes me teary from time to time!

Quoted directly from the PCAV site:

"Pony Club Victoria aims to:

- To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all approved types of sport connected with horses and riding
- To provide instruction in horsemanship and riding and to instil in the members the proper care of their animals.
- To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

So please remember all of this when you look at your children and their happy smiley faces. If they have had fun and learnt something then we have succeeded."

PS: Well done one running at amazing BEDS day - WE SMASHED IT!

See you on Sunday
Your DC Caroline

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First Aid - Linda Devlin

June Birthdays:

Macey Devlin
Emily Verrell

Website: <http://www.drysdaleleopold.ponyclubvic.org.au>

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

July - 29th June
 August - 27th July
 September - 31st August
 October - 28th September
 November - 26th October

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 not be in the canteen this rally. Instead we will have Scott in charge of sausages, hamburgers and drinks - very basic menu this rally.

Rostered on this month to help are the Meilak, Patmore and Palamara families

Please see Scott before pony club starts.



Coming Events

June

7th Rally
 8th Barwon Valley BEDS Round 2 – Pony Club Grades 1-5
 Elcho Park
 20th State Flat and Musical Ride
 21st State Games
 27th-28th Rokewood Pony Club Horse Trials – Pony Club
 Grades 1-5 and Open

July

5th Rally
 11th Leighdale BEDS Round 3 – Pony club Grades 1 – 5
 12th Little River Freshmans Showjumping pony club and
 open
 18th-19th Bacchus Marsh Pony Club 2 day horse trials
 Grades 1 – 5 (State Qualifier) and Open grades 1 - 4

August

1st Rokewood Pony Club Annual Gymkhana & S/J Day
 1st Barwon Heads Pony Club Jumping Derby Day Gr. 1 -5
 2nd Rally
 8th Mt. Duneed Pony Club BEDS Rnd. 4 Gr. 1-5 Elcho Park
 9th Bacchus Marsh Pony Club Open Show
 16th Corio Moorabool Pony Club Pre-Royal Show – Open
 31st Little River Pony Club Winter Woollies PC Show &
 Open

September

5th Barwon Zone BEDS Round 5 Gr. 1-5 -Elcho Park
 6th Rally
 13th Portarlington Pony Club Combined Training Day
 PCAV Gr. 1-5
 19th Ballan PC BEDS Round 6 Gr 1-5 – Elcho Park
 26th – 27th Werribee Pony Club 2 day horse trials

October

3rd Barwon Heads Pony Club Jumping Derby Day Gr. 1-5
 4th Rally
 10th – 11th Ballarat PC 2 Day Horse Trials Gr. 1-5 & Open
 24th Smythesdale Pony Club Gymkhana & S/J Day
 25th Corio/Moorabool PC BEDS Round 7 **Final – Elcho**
 31st Rokewood Pony Club Combined Training Day – Open
 31st Barwon Heads Pony Club Jumping Derby Day Gr. 1-5

Results

Drysdale Leopold BEDS 24 May 2015

Grade 3 Green

Test 3A
 1st Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin
 5th Abbey Page on Lucciola
 Test 3B
 =5th Abbey Page on Lucciola
 =5th Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin
 Reserve Champion
 Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin

Grade 3 Yellow

Test 3A
 5th Abbey Page on Springbok
 Test 3B
 6th Abbey Page on Springbok

Grade 4 Green

Test 4B
 =6th Cameron Shirra on Milton
 =6th Sophie Browne on Cream Brulee

Grade 4 Yellow

Test 4B
 =3rd Isabella Morrison on Greylea
 Sculpture

Grade 5 Yellow

Test 5A
 =6th Liberty Armitage on Start
 =6th Kailah Kiddle on Penmain Parlay

Grade 5 Green

Test 5A
 =5th Macey Devlin on Caribbean Red
 Test 5B
 3rd Leonora Turner on Ollie
 =5th Riley Smith on Mattisse
Prix Caprilli
 Test 4
 =5th Cameron Shirra on Milton

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.

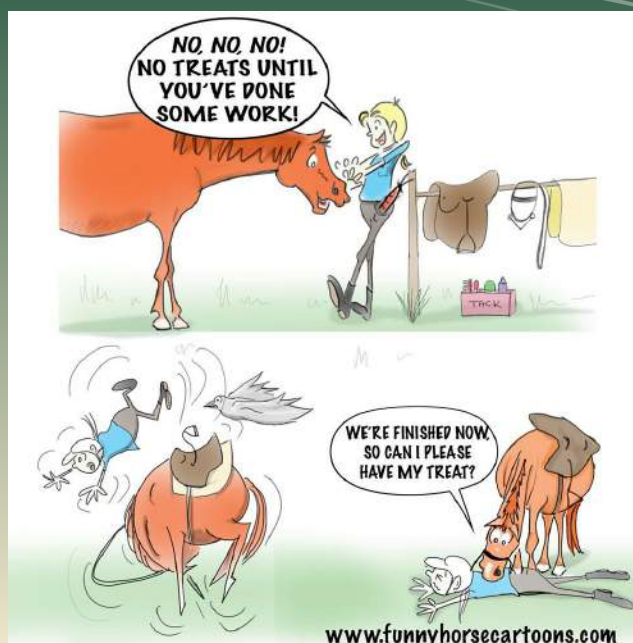
If you feel that you just can't help yourself and hold back that urge, perhaps go up to the clubrooms and have a coffee.

The instructors may "ask" you to take a coffee break otherwise....

2015/16 Fees:

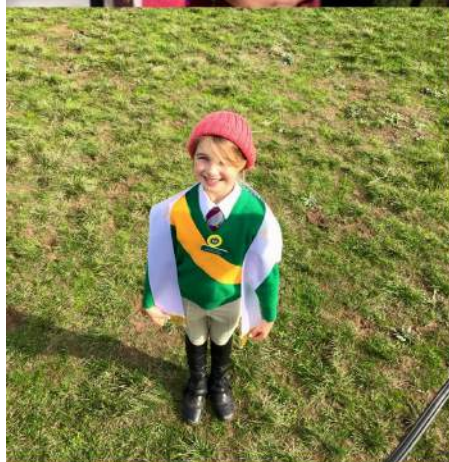
Yes, it's that time of year again. Annual fees are now overdue. If you have not paid for the next financial year, please see Kurt Krause (Treasurer) at THIS RALLY – thank you.

(NB you will also need a current Working with Children Check permit for the July rally.)



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Dressage Clinic in the School Holidays

Our very own Gwen Wills (EA NCAS Level 1 Instructor) is offering a three day clinic in the school holidays at DLPC. It's the second week of the holidays and it's in days prior to BEDS Round 3 so for those that are competing it would be a great chance to get some work done on your tests.

Monday 6 July (day after July Pony Club rally)

Wednesday 8 July

Thursday 9 July.

Private or semi-private. Super cheap. \$25/\$30 per lesson depending on how much interest there is. If you're interested, see Caroline Shirra or Donna Morrison.

Ian Leighton – Ian Leighton Horsemanship

Thought for the day: Mistakes

Although I agree that horses can and do make mistakes (its an integral part of learning for all of us animals) I also think that as they grow and learn they get pretty good at exploring their options to see what will work and what will not.

A mistake is knowing something and getting it wrong or making poor choices but its easy for us to view something as a mistake when it may well have worked ok for the horse in the past.

Sometimes a horse's relief in the past may have come with an amount of discomfort to him but in his mind it still worked. That is why poor prior training is so sinister.

I like to teach people to allow and even encourage the horse to explore its options and make the things we don't want only slightly more difficult than the things we do want. Encourage your horse to invent ways to work with us. Everybody works better when thing they are doing is "their idea" and it removes the need for force.

Consciously exploring your options in a calm manner is not necessarily making a mistake. Shutting off a horse's ability to explore his options is a mistake.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ianleightonhorsemanship/permalink/572358822903543/>

<http://ianleightonhorsemanship.com/>

Seedy Toe, by the barefoot

blacksmith - Seedy toe (also known as white line disease) is the invasion and subsequent destruction and consumption of the inner hoof wall keratin by various species of fungi or bacteria or a symbiosis of both – read more

<http://www.barehoofcare.com/AB%20articles/Seedy%20Toe%202015.pdf>



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.

Parent's Attendance at Pony Club 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.

Make the Half-Halt Happen

By REBECCA DIDIER, Horse Collaborative, May 28, 2015. "Among the many body signals we use to communicate with our horses, the half-halt reigns supreme. Its importance cannot be overstated, and yet a great number of equestrians pursue their riding with only a vague idea of what they are really expected to do when asked to "make a half-halt." FEI/USEF dressage judge and former



Technical Advisor to the US Dressage Team, Anne Gribbons, sheds some light on the subject in this bit of commentary from her

book Collective Remarks.... Read more at

<http://www.horsecollaborative.com/how-to-make-the-half-halt-happen/>

The 10 Different Types of Horse Owners

By MARIA WACHTER, Horse Collaborative, January 19, 2015

1. The Know-It-All
2. The Hoarder
3. The Vet
4. The Backyarder
5. Mr. Natural Horsemanship
6. Safety First Sally
7. Miss Horse-Poor
8. Frugal Fred
9. The Show-Getter
10. The Significant Other

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Book of the Month

Clinton Anderson's Downunder Horsemanship 10th Anniversary Edition

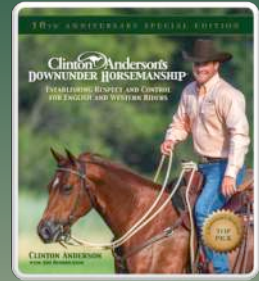
Publisher: Trafalgar Square

Format: Hardcover

Author: Clinton Anderson

Price: \$49.95 (AUD) including GST

<https://www.horsebooks.com.au/product/0/95205/clinton-andersons-downunder-horsemanship-10th-anniversary-edition/>



When Clinton Anderson wrote the book Downunder Horsemanship: Establishing Respect and Control for English and Western Riders and had it published by TSB in 2004, he was an up-and-coming clinician. Clinton's goal was to create a practical training guide for everyday horse people to better communicate with their horses, regardless of their riding style, age, or ability. Ten years later, Clinton is an internationally recognized horseman, and this book has lived up to his original goal, having helped tens of thousands of horse owners learn to be better leaders and enjoy their horses to the fullest.

In celebration of 10 years of Downunder Horsemanship in print, TSB is pleased to release a special 10th Anniversary Edition of Clinton's first book. A new cover and updated photos in the introductory pages of the book provide readers a sense of where Clinton began and just how far he's come. His commonsense, step-by-step instruction remains as originally written, promising the book remains the user-friendly guide to horsemanship success it's always been.

Fergus (Equus hilarious)

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