

# Drysdale Leopold Pony Club

## Newsletter August 2015



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

See page 6 and beyond.

**\*\* Speed to Safety photos \*\***

See page 5.

## DC's Report

Welcome to the August Rally -

You should have all sold your chocolates at work or at school. Don't forget to bring your money in – notes only please – we don't want all your loose change – too heavy to lift!

Four of our members are sitting their C Certificates this month – Jenna, Ella, Abbey and Gemma. Good luck girls!

Werribee Horse Trials will be open for registration on Monday 3rd August – This is a great two-day event September 26 – 27 – lots of fun and great to camp at Werribee Equestrian Centre. Make sure you get in quickly or you will miss out. You will be able to register at: <http://www.horsecomps.com.au/werribee-pc-ht.html>.

Speed to Safety is on again. This year we have Charly Hardy-Smith on Juanita and Abbey Page on Springbok having a go. Their second trial is this Saturday 1 August at Geelong Racecourse – they have to ride 1000 meters as close as possible to 120 seconds - Good luck Charly and Abbey. Last time Charly won the Grade 1/2 time – this time you need to go slower Charly for Grade 3/4.

Barwon Zone BEDS Round 5 is on September 5 at Elcho Park – This is a zone run event, which means all clubs pitch in to help. We are running the canteen, which means we make money for our club. As usual we need volunteers – please can you offer your time for a few hours on this day.

We are putting a video together to pitch for a grant from Holden to build our "big shed" to house all our trailers and equipment. The video will be taken at the grounds on Sunday afternoon. All riders must be in full uniform. We also need two Holden four wheel drives to use in the video. Please have a think about who might have something suitable, which is a Holden, and that we can use on Sunday. If you don't wish to be in the video, please let me know Sunday morning.

See you on Sunday, Your DC Caroline

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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](#)



## 2015 Deadlines for newsletter content

September - 31<sup>st</sup> August  
 October - 28<sup>th</sup> September  
 November - 26<sup>th</sup> October  
 December - 30<sup>th</sup> November

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.

## 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 Bourke-Finn and Harris families.

Please see Dev or Kently before pony club starts.



## Coming Events

### August

1<sup>st</sup> Barwon Heads Pony Club Jumping Derby Day Gr. 1-5  
 1<sup>st</sup> Speed to safety – Geelong Racecourse  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Rally  
 8<sup>th</sup> Mt. Duneed Pony Club BEDS Rnd. 4 Gr. 1-5 Elcho Park  
 9<sup>th</sup> Bacchus Marsh Pony Club Open Show  
 16<sup>th</sup> Corio Moorabool Pony Club Pre-Royal Show – Open  
 31<sup>st</sup> Little River Pony Club Winter Woollies PC Show & Open

### September

5<sup>th</sup> Barwon Zone BEDS Round 5 Gr. 1-5 – Elcho Park  
 6<sup>th</sup> Rally  
 13<sup>th</sup> Portarlington Pony Club Combined Training Day  
 PCAV Gr. 1-5  
 19<sup>th</sup> Ballan PC BEDS Round 6 Gr 1-5 – Elcho Park  
 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Werribee Pony Club 2 day horse trials (entries open 4 August)

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> Barwon Heads Pony Club Jumping Derby Day Gr. 1-5  
 4<sup>th</sup> Rally  
 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Ballarat PC 2-Day Horse Trials Gr. 1-5 & Open  
 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Yarrambat Pony Club 2 day horse trials – Gr 1-5 and Open  
 24<sup>th</sup> Smythesdale Pony Club Gymkhana & S/J Day  
 25<sup>th</sup> Corio/Moorabool PC BEDS Round 7 **Final – Elcho**  
 31<sup>st</sup> Rokewood Pony Club Combined Training Day – Open  
 31<sup>st</sup> Barwon Heads Pony Club Jumping Derby Day Gr. 1-5

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Rally  
 7<sup>th</sup> Leighdale Pony Club Showjumping Day  
 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Colac Pony Club 2 Day Horse Trials - E.A  
 Introductory to 1\*  
 15<sup>th</sup> Ballan Pony Club Combined training - Gr. 1-5 & 1-4 Open  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Barwon Zone Dressage & Showjumping Qualifying Championships – Bacchus Marsh Pony Club

### December

4<sup>th</sup> Pony club Christmas breakup & Awards (Friday Night)  
 6<sup>th</sup> Rally  
 13<sup>th</sup> Drysdale Leopold Show

## Results

### Leighdale BEDS 11 July 2015

#### Grade 3

*Test 3B*

4<sup>th</sup> Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin  
 5<sup>th</sup> Abbey Page on Springbok  
 6<sup>th</sup> Jenna Krause on Shazaz Sireena

*Test 3C*

3<sup>rd</sup> Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin  
 4<sup>th</sup> Abbey Page on Springbok  
 4<sup>th</sup> Matilda Hardy-Smith on Snowy River Revolution

#### Grade 4 Blue

*Test 4B*

3<sup>rd</sup> Macey Devlin on Caribbean Red

*Test 4C*

1<sup>st</sup> Macey Devlin on Caribbean Red  
**Reserve Champion** Macey Devlin on Caribbean Red

#### Grade 4 White

*Test 4B*

1<sup>st</sup> Isabella Morrison on Greylea Sculpture

3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Shirra on Milton

*Test 4C*

2<sup>nd</sup> Isabella Morrison on Greylea Sculpture

3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Shirra on Milton

**Champion** Isabella Morrison on Greylea Sculpture

#### Grade 5 Blue

*Test 5B*

5<sup>th</sup> Alexandra Meilak on Bollingbroke Hagen

6<sup>th</sup> Riley Smith on Mattisse

*Test 5C*

4<sup>th</sup> Alexandra Meilak on Bollingbroke Hagen

6<sup>th</sup> Jordi Kitchen on Smokey

#### Grade 5 Blue

*Test 5B*

3<sup>rd</sup> Liberty Armitage on Star

*Test 5C*

4<sup>th</sup> Liberty Armitage on Star

6<sup>th</sup> Darcie Bourke-Finn on La De Da

**Reserve Champion** Liberty Armitage on Star

## Certificates news

Our next lot of certificates will be at the September rally. If you have not gained your D or D star certificate, and you are not on the list below, please let me know! You must have the D certificate before your D star, though D Star is not compulsory to go for your C. If you feel you are ready, please see me at the August rally so I can have us organised for testing at the September rally. It is important you tell me through email or see me at a rally, as I do not know every rider, especially with so many new young members!

We have a large amount of new and old riders who could do their D certificate in September, but we cannot get everyone through at once in September so will need at least two groups to be split over rallies. The names with \*\* have already seen me and are on the list. If I have missed you or made a mistake please email me or see me:

- \*\*Abby Robilliard
- \*\*Rhianna Gallagher
- \*\*Ashleigh Rogers
- \*\*Maddison Rogers
- Rosie Duggan
- Lola Madden
- Daene McDonald
- Emily Verrell
- Mikayla Warby
- Eliza Wassell
- Eliza Duggan
- Sarah Harris
- Jordi Kitchen
- Mia Palamara
- Eliza Reed
- Myfanwy Santwyk

We have a group of four riders who will be attempting their C certificate on 23rd August. They are:

- Ella Berry
- Gemma Dunne
- Jenna Krause
- Abbey Page

I have these riders on my list to do their C Certificate in 2016, and I will start working with them after we get this August lot through! Anyone else who needs to be here, please let me know:

- Sophie Browne
- Cian Brilliant
- Eliza Wassell

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 colored 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 \$25.00

**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 months - 1 year and will be confident on their pony. The yellow D/D star book is available to buy at the clubrooms, about \$25.00

**C certificate** is available for riders 12 years old and over. Zone examiners from outside the pony club test the C certificate. 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 Barwon Zone sets the test day outside of pony club rallies. The green C book is available to buy at the clubrooms, about \$28.00.

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

More information about the certificates can be found on the website: [www.ponyclubvic.org.au](http://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.



# Speed to Safety at Geelong Racecourse



## Kentucky 2 Horse Float For Sale

**From Kylie Berry:**

Kentucky 2 horse straight load, fully enclosed float (canvas storm cover), with hydraulic brakes. A great little float in good condition – would make an ideal first float. \$5,500 firm - please call Kylie Berry 0403622115 - float can be viewed at her place. She is selling for a friend who no longer has ponies.



## 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 your fees for the 2015/16 financial year, please see Kurt Krause (Treasurer) BEFORE THE START OF THIS RALLY OR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RIDE - thank you.

(NB - All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. who attend more than 2 rallies a year you will also need a current Working with Children Check permit starting with this July rally.)



As a rider, the best compliment you can get is not from your trainer: it's from your horse. When he does what you want, he is saying 'I understand'.

That is the best reward.





# Bacchus Marsh Horse Trials 18-19 July 2015





## Results

### Bacchus Marsh Horse Trials 18-19 July 2015

#### Grade 4A

##### Dressage

1st Abbey Page on Springbok

3rd AJ Bonello on Moondale Kasper

##### Overall

1st Abbey Page Springbok

6th Cameron Shirra on Milton

#### Grade 5

##### Dressage

1st Macey Devlin on Caribbean Red

##### Overall

1st Macey Devlin on Caribbean Red

## This is a warning!!

**POTENTIAL DANGER OF HORSE HAIR** - In a press release today, the National Institute Of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of horses. This substance, called "amo-bacter equuii" has been linked with the following symptoms in female humans: \*reluctance to cook\* reluctance to perform housework\* reluctance to wear anything but boots\* reluctance to work except in support of a horse\* physical craving for contact with horses (may be an addiction) beware! \*It's thought to believe the this substance may affect male humans as well\*

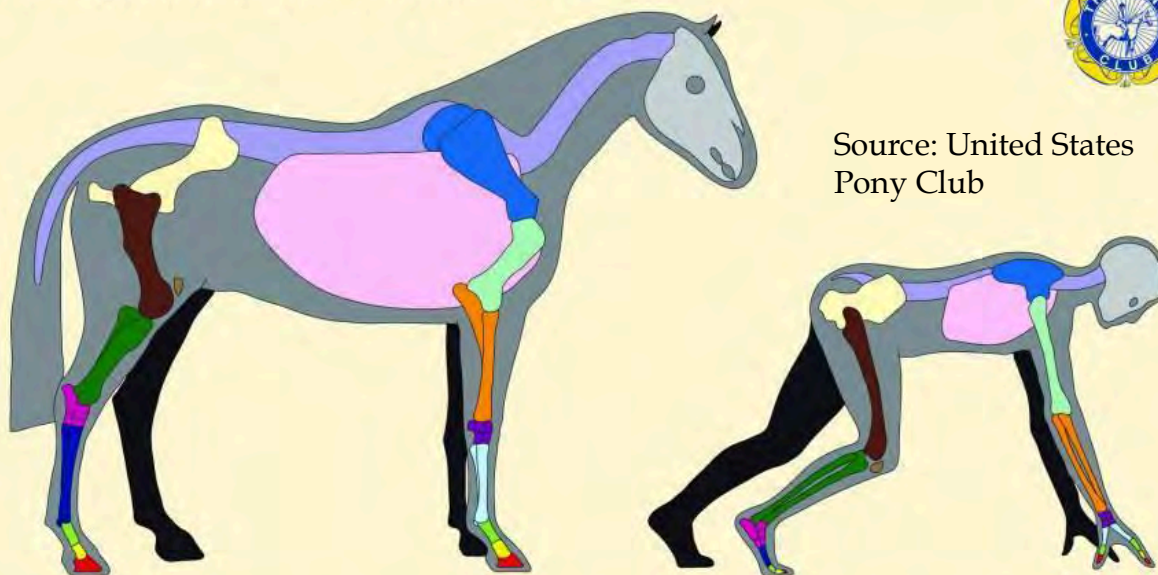
If you come in contact with a female human affected by this substance be prepared to talk about horses for hours on end. This was a public service announcement...Surgeon General's **Warning:** Horses are expensive, addictive, and may impair one's ability to use common sense.

## Horse and Human Common Parts

### A Comparison of Bone Structures



Source: United States Pony Club



	Ankle	Femur	Tibia and Fibula	Fingers / Toes	Fingers / Toes	Fingers / Toes	Humerus	Metacarpal bones	Metatarsal bones	Patella	Pelvis	Radius and Ulna	Ribcage	Scapula	Skull	Spine	Wrist
HUMAN																	
HORSE	Hock	Femur	Tibia and Fibula	Long pastern bone	Short pastern bone	Pedal bone	Humerus	Cannon bone	Hind cannon bone	Patella	Pelvis	Radius and Ulna	Ribcage	Scapula	Skull	Spine	Knee

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## 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.

All parents and guardians must now have a valid Working with Children Check Permit.







# Book of the Month

## Look... No Hands! Straightforward Cross-Country

Publisher: Kenilworth Press

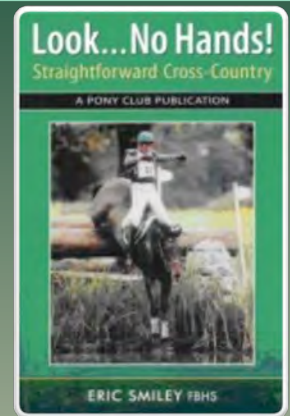
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Author: Eric Smiley FBHS

Price: \$37.95 (AUD) including GST

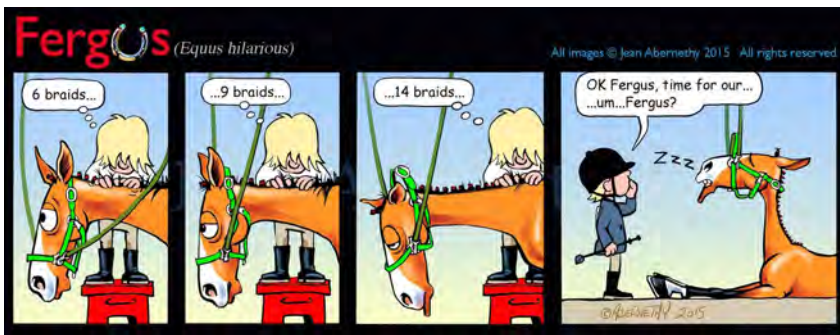
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Author Notes: Born and educated in Ireland, the son of a Thoracic surgeon and a General Practitioner. With two brothers doctors and uncles and aunts in the medical profession, Eric decided that he would take a different route. Having spent nearly ten years in a Cavalry Regiment he decided, at the age of 28, to take up a professional career with horses. Whilst in the Army he trained with Ben Jones, who was Equitation Officer at Melton Mowbray. Ben Jones represented G.B. in the Tokyo Olympics and won team gold medal at the Mexico Olympics. Of Eric, Ben was to comment, "He has a great natural flair for equitation. When jumping he has that gift of rhythm and timing, on any type of horse." He trained at the world famous Talland School of Equitation achieving his Society Instructor qualification before being asked to return to Ireland to start up an equestrian centre specialising in event horses. Shortly afterwards he and Sue decided to 'go it alone' and they set up their present establishment at Fir Tree Farm, some 30 years ago.



British Horse

This is a colourful fully-illustrated book that can be used at all levels of rider. Starts from the beginning with the correct aids position and balance through to groundwork with poles then moving onto jumping fences. The author also guides you on a cross country walk and explains all the correct tack and their uses. As with all Pony Club publications this book also focusses on safety throughout.



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