

# Drysdale Leopold Pony Club

## Newsletter October 2015



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

See page 8 and beyond.

**\*\* Ella Berry at the PCAV Horse Trials Interzone Challenge\*\***

See pages 6 and 7.

## DC's Report

Welcome to the October Rally

**Our October rally is our annual Pink Rally – all come dressed in pink and pay your gold coin as a fundraiser for breast cancer research. There will be a PRIZE FOR THE BEST PINK HORSE AND RIDER COMBINATION. This will be judged at the start of the rally.**

This rally is the first of our two consecutive games rallies starting this month and continuing into November. One of your jumping lessons will be replaced with a games lesson this rally - so remember to bring your games pony to the rally.

We are looking to get games teams organized to compete in the zone games and hopefully the State finals in 2016.

We are also looking for expressions of interest for flat teams and musical ride teams for 2016. Please see Donna Morrison if you want to find out more information.

Ella Berry was in a team who represented the Barwon Zone at the Grade 3 and 4 Interzone horse trials at the new PCAV State Ground in Gladysdale. Ella came first in her grade for dressage and her Barwon Zone team came second overall. Well done Ella – she had a fabulous time and she has written an account of her weekend – complete with photos - (see pages 6 and 7).

Don't forget Daylight Saving starts this Sunday morning (4<sup>th</sup> October) – please remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night – which means if you don't you will come to pony club one hour late and miss the pink rally judging!

See you on Sunday, Your DC Caroline (who will be in her best pink outfit!)

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Cian Brilliant  
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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.



## 2015/16 Deadlines for newsletter content

November - 26<sup>th</sup> October  
 December - 30<sup>th</sup> November  
 February - 1<sup>st</sup> February  
 March - 29<sup>th</sup> February  
 April - 28<sup>th</sup> March

## 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 Cotter and Palamara families.

Please see Kently and Dev before pony club starts.



## Coming Events

### 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 Pony Club Show

### February

7<sup>th</sup> Rally  
 21<sup>st</sup> Drysdale Leopold Pony Club Horse Trials – Grades 2 - 5

## Results

### Ballan BEDS 19 September 2015

#### Grade 2

*Test 2D*

6<sup>th</sup> Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin

*Test 2F*

4<sup>th</sup> Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin

#### Grade 3

*Test 3D*

4<sup>th</sup> Jenna Krause on Shazaz Sireena

*Test 3E*

5<sup>th</sup> Macey Devlin on Caribbean Red

#### Grade 4 Green

*Test 4E*

5<sup>th</sup> Cameron Shirra on Milton

#### Grade 4 Brown

*Test 4D*

3<sup>rd</sup> Rosie Bourke Tertio Fortunata

4<sup>th</sup> Isabella Morrison on Greylea Sculpture

*Test 4E*

5<sup>th</sup> Sophie Browne on Cream Brulee

#### Grade 5 Blue

*Test 5C*

2<sup>nd</sup> Alexandra Meilak on Bollingbroke Hagen

3<sup>rd</sup> Leonora Turner on VPH Marshall

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

4<sup>th</sup> Ebony Smith on Alie

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

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

*Test 5D*

1<sup>st</sup> Alexandra Meilak on Bollingbroke Hagen

3<sup>rd</sup> Leonora Turner on VPH Marshall

**Reserve Champion** Alexandra Meilak on Bollingbroke Hagen

#### Prix Caprilli

**Test 4**

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



## Barwon Zone BEDS 5 September 2015

### Grade 2

Test 2C

3rd Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin

Test 2E

2nd Ella Berry on Malrena Aladdin

### Grade 3

Test 3C

5th Abbey Page on Springbok

Test 3D

2nd Gemma Dunne on Shory Park Tonto

6th Jenna Krause on Shazaz Sireena

### Grade 4 Green

Test 4D

4th Cameron Shirra on Milton

### Grade 4 Yellow

Test 4C

4th Isabella Morrison on Greylea Sculpture

5th Sophie Browne on Cream Brulee

6th Rosie Bourke Tertio Fortunata

Test 4D

1st Isabella Morrison on Greylea Sculpture

**Reserve Champion** Isabella Morrison on Greylea Sculpture

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6th Liberty Armitage on Star

**Reserve Champion** Alexandra Meilak on Bollingbroke Hagen

## Werribee Pony Club Horse Trials 26-27 September 2015

### Grade 4

4A

6th AJ Bonello on Moondale Kasper

4C

2nd Charlotte Hardy-Smith on Mr Salix

4F

5th Eliza Wassell on MSQ Apollo





## Expressions of Interest for Flat Teams, Musical Ride and Games 2016

Donna Morrison has offered to organize our entries and for the 2016 flat teams, musical ride and games. This will require dedicated practice from all who want to do it.

As an added incentive all riders who make it through the zone competition and ride at the State final will receive a rug for their horse presented at the following Christmas dinner/awards night.

Please see Donna at the rally for more information.

Information is also available on the PCAV website - <http://www.ponyclubvic.org/?Page=2645>

### 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....

### Dressage lessons

Gwen is looking to offer a dressage clinic again to start around October 12 for one night a week – possibly a Wednesday or Thursday night depending on demand. \$25 per week for 5 weeks.

Please see Donna Morrison if you are interested at this rally if you are interested to book a series of lessons (or ring her on 0458 256 901)

## Christmas Dinner and Breakup

Our Christmas breakup dinner and awards night will again be held at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on Friday December 4 from 6.30pm.

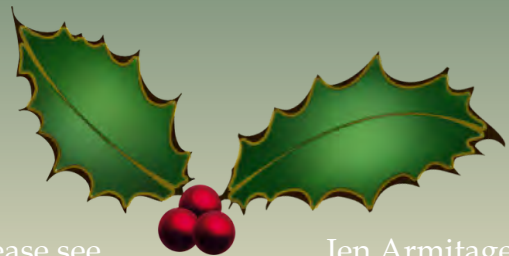
Tickets will be Adults \$30 and Children \$15.

RSVP 15 October.

Must be paid in full by the November Rally if you are attending.

We are also looking for donations for raffle prizes – please see if you have anything suitable – thanks.

Our December rally will again be held at Whinbury Hill – more information next month.



Jen Armitage

**BY ELLA BERRY**

**Friday 11/9/15:** On the Friday morning I rode Josh at home. (I got to miss school!!)

It was a beautiful day so we washed him and put him on the float for the 3-hour drive to the new pony club park at Gladysdale. It was a long drive down the freeway and then through the mountains. We arrived just before 3 pm and Josh ran off the float to eat the green grass.



One of my Barwon zone teammates arrived at the same time and we set up camp up the top of the hill. Then a few minutes later the rest of my team showed up. They were really nice girls and I made friends with them instantly.

In my team was Mimi Lockwood, Sophie Leigh and Ruby Rose Keating. An hour later (once we had set up the camp site and sorted the horses feeds and yard) we went to walk the cross-country course. The cross-country course was right up in the hills and was filled with really great

jumps and had some hard combinations and was also pretty big jumps.

Once I had walked the course I felt the nerves starting to get to me, but also really excited! When it started to get dark all the Barwon zone teams came together and we made a little campfire, where we roasted marshmallows. I met a lot of other people there from the other Barwon zone teams and they were also really great people!



When it started to get late Mum and I decided to go to bed. We were sleeping in the horse float with the mattress on the ground smelling the terrible smells in the horse float.

**Saturday 12/9/15:** Today was completion day! At 6am we woke up by the sound of the horses neighing. I started to get really excited and nervous at the same time! Today I was doing dressage and cross-country.



At around 8am my team saddled up for gear check and to warm up. We all rode our dressage tests all at the same time in different rings so we couldn't watch our teammates' dressage test. My dressage arena was right up at the back on the side of a hill (so not the ideal place to be.) But I was really happy with my test and Josh was such a good boy! All my other teammates did a really nice test too, so we were off to a great start!

About an hour later the scores came up after dressage. The individual scores in our section were: Me in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mimi in 13<sup>th</sup>, Sophie in 7<sup>th</sup> and Ruby Rose in 8<sup>th</sup>. That put our team in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 23 teams and 92 riders! We thrilled with the scores and pumped for cross-country.



Because it was a 4 hour wait until cross country we walked the course again to make sure we were 100% sure where we were going. When it was just about time to go and do cross country we saddled up and went for another gear check and to warm up again. I was getting really nervous but I knew after that first jump is gone I will be fine!

After cross-country Ruby rose, Sophie and I got clear. But unfortunately Mimi got one stop. So we unsaddled and gave our horses a big hug and a few treats for being so good!

Then a few hours later the scores came up after cross country and our team was coming first! We where absolutely thrilled

and couldn't believe it! But second and first was really close so if someone got a rail in showjumping we would come second or third. So the pressure was on!

**Sunday 13/9/15:** Last day of completion! With only showjumping left we where really excited and ready to



give it our best shot! We walked the showjumping course as a team around 8am. After we had walked it we saddled up our horses and warmed up and got gear checked!

Our first rider was Ruby rose but unfortunately she knocked a rail in the 5b jump. Our next rider was Mimi and unfortunately she also knocked a rail. Our third rider was Sophie and she got clear, then it was me and I also got clear.



We all pretty much knew that we wouldn't win but we were still happy with how well we rode and how good our horses were! At around 12pm the scores came up and we ended up coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Victoria! We were absolutely thrilled and to come 2<sup>nd</sup> was awesome! After presentations we all packed up, said goodbye to our teammates and were hoping to see them out again at another comp.

From this experience I have made some amazing friends that I will hopefully see out and about and we all hope to go again next year but in grade 3!













## 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

## Young persons guide to eventing

Publisher: Pony Club

Format: Paperback

Author: Gill Watson

ISBN: 9780954886325

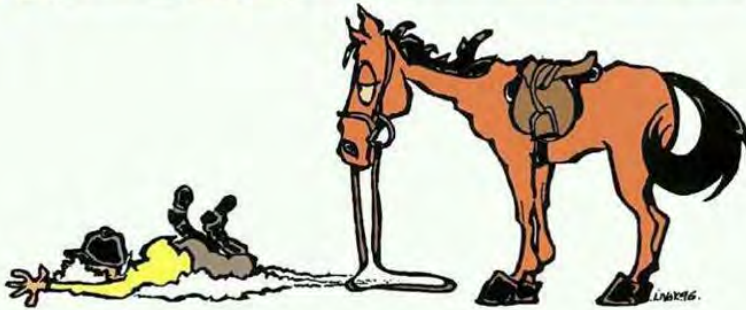
Price: \$29.95 (AUD) including GST

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Under her leadership British Juniors and Young Riders have accumulated over sixty European team and individual medals, including twenty seven gold and twenty one silver. A Fellow of the BHS, past winner of Burghley and instructor to a wide variety of overseas riders, she has distilled the essence of her knowledge and experience into this invaluable book. Clear, simple but authoritative, it is the first instructional book aimed specifically at young eventers, but it will also prove indispensable to anyone starting out in the sport. AUTHOR: Gill Watson is the world's most

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