

Drysdale Leopold Pony Club

Newsletter September 2016



**** Photos from our riders out competing in pony club events ****

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**** Up and coming Events ****

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DC's Report

Welcome to the September Rally.

Its Father's Day – we are giving all Dads a "Free Breakfast" – come and see Kently and Ange to get your breaky when you get to pony club!

Working with Children Check – those who have not provided their current WWCC can you please see our Secretary Claire - can all parents please have their cards on them or the number – thanks!

Our Annual Awards Night/Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 2nd December at the Leopold Sportsman Club. Please save the date - more information will be coming soon.

The Club will need helpers for the Barwon Zone BEDS, which is Saturday 10 September at Elcho Park. Please be aware that you will be called upon to help out at that event.

A reminder that all riders competing at Werribee Pony Club Ride With Elegance Horse Trials on September 24 and 25 will be required to help man a XC jump on either the Saturday or the Sunday. We will advise as soon as we have more information.

If anyone is doing the Geelong Show for the first time Claire is happy to have a chat at pony club on Sunday about the ins and outs.

See you at the rally,

Your DC, Caroline.

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<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 January 2016) - supersedes all previous editions
- [Guidelines for Dressage Pencillors](#) - created by the Northern Metropolitan Zone of PCAV
- [Showjumping Rules](#) - Effective 1 January 2016 - supersedes all previous editions
- [Gear Rules](#) (With Comfort and Safety Requirements) - Effective 1 January 2016 - supersedes all previous editions
- [Gear Rules Competition: Quick Reference Guide](#) - Effective 1 January 2016
- [Horse Trials Rules](#) (Including Combined Text Competition Rules) - Effective 1 January 2016 - supersedes all previous editions.
- [Guide for Cross Country Jump Judges](#) - March 2014
- [Handbook of By-laws](#) - Effective 1 January 2016 - supersedes all previous editions
- [Games for Pony Club](#) - 2006
- [Showing Guidelines](#) - 2006

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.



2016 Deadlines for newsletter content

October - 26th September
November - 31st October
December - 28 November

Issues or Concerns?

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

Canteen



Kently and Ange are managing the canteen this rally, however, they need your help. Check the notice board to find out which

group, will be required to front for canteen duty - Please report into the canteen as soon as you arrive in the morning. Thank you ☺



Coming Events

September

3rd Barwon Valley Pony Club BEDS Round 2.3
 4th Rally
 10th Barwon Zone BEDS Round 5 Grades 1-5 Elcho Park
 11th Portarlington Pony Club Freshman's Showjumping
 18th Hurstbridge PC Combined Training Day
 24th - 25th Werribee Pony Club Horse Trials - Grades 1 - 5

October

2nd Rally - Pink Rally
 8th-9th Ballarat Pony Club Horse Trials (2 day)
 15th-16th Yarrambat Pony Club Horse Trials
 16th Oaklands Pony Club Horse Trials
 23rd Corio Moorabool Pony Club BEDS Round 6

November

5th Ballan Pony Club BEDS Round 7
 6th Rally - Whinbury Hill
 12th-13th Colac Pony Club Horse Trials
 13th Kyneton Pony Club Horse Trials

December

4th Rally
 11th DLPC Open Show

Ian Leighton Horsemanship

Thought for the day:

Good training is about strict discipline.

Be strict and disciplined with yourself.

Don't be inconsistent about what your horse can expect from you.

Go to great lengths not to ask for things in a way that confuses your horse.

Don't make things ok that will not be ok later.

Don't try to make up for the things you have not taught your horse by forcing them.

Prepare your horse for what you want to do don't just throw them in the deep end.

Be disciplined enough to be strict on yourself about these things and forgive your horse for not knowing what you haven't taught it.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ianleightonhorsemanship/permalink/771382286334528/>

Senior Horse Dental Health

By Heather Smith Thomas, the Horse, December 18, 2015

When your older horse's pearly whites are past their prime, keep an eye out for signs of specific problems and schedule frequent dental exams.

Decades ago horses didn't live past their teeth, and we thought of equids in their teens and early 20s as old. "Now, with improvements in health care and diet, we can feed these older horses beyond when their teeth wear out," says Melinda Freckleton, DVM, of Haymarket Veterinary Service, in Virginia. "But we have to be more proactive in taking care of their dental needs." ...

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/36883/senior-horse-dental-health>

Is it a hoof abscess?

Before you assume your lame horse has an abscess, run through a few simple tests.

By Christine Barakat with Melinda Freckleton, DVM - Equus, January 2016

When you find your horse suddenly refusing to bear weight on one limb, it's not unreasonable to consider an abscess to be the cause. A pocket of pus trapped in the capsule of the hoof will make a horse go dramatically lame quickly. Thankfully, most abscesses resolve in a few days or a week with simple treatment.

It's important, however, to not automatically assume an abscess is to blame for a sudden and dramatic lameness. A serious injury could be the cause, and any delay in getting treatment could have disastrous effects.

Before you assume your lame horse has an abscess, run through a few tests...

<http://equusmagazine.com/article/abscess-uncertainty-30815>

Useful Links

Hygain Horse Weight Calculator

The horse's weight serves as a basic guide to determine feeding requirements and to observe your horse's health and condition. Weighing your horse on a scale is the most accurate way to determine your horse's weight. The HYGAIN Horse Weight Calculator offers another method to estimate your horse's weight.

<http://www.hygain.com.au/nutrition-centre/weight-calculator/>

The Fundamentals of Farriery Manners

It's never too late to teach your horse to be more at ease with having his hooves handled.

By Heather Smith Thomas - Equus, May 2016

Teaching a horse to allow his hooves to be handled is often an afterthought, falling well below leading, standing tied and other basic ground manners on the list of training priorities. But it's not something to overlook. Besides the obvious benefit of making routine hoof care easier, a horse's cooperation can have a significant impact on treatment and recovery after an injury or ailment occurs.

Good farriery manners are fairly straightforward. A horse needs to stand quietly and allow each of his hooves to be lifted off the ground to be picked out, trimmed or shod or to undergo treatment. It's in the details that trouble can develop.

<http://equusmagazine.com/article/fundamentals-farriery-32163>

NATURAL FEEDING EXPLAINED

Tips on how to manage your horse's diet to avoid ulcer development.

Horses have evolved to eat a natural diet, not only is it cost effective but also far healthier for your horse? The most important part of feeding your horse is to maintain health and wellbeing and also be in complete control. Therefore feeding a pre-mix feed or pellet is not recommended, as these types of feeds do not take into consideration the biochemical individuality of each horse. It also does not take into consideration the type of horse, temperament, workload, environmental effects etc. Fast Food for horses is not the ideal, you are unable to alter the bag of feed, you cannot increase or decrease the contents, and there is no guarantee that every dipper of feed will be the same.

Feeding a prepared feed is up to 3 times more expensive than feeding a simple natural diet which may contain hays, chaffs, oats and one of our daily formulas. Take the Hi Form challenge and find out how easy and simple it really is to feed your horse. You will not look back or change your way of feeding once you have changed to a natural diet. Take back the reins of feeding and be in complete control, your horse's health depends on you. Horses have unique digestive systems that are designed to process good-quality forages. In order to feed our horses properly to meet their maintenance, work, growth and reproduction requirements, we must have an understanding of the equine digestive tract and horse feeds...

<http://www.hiform.com.au/natural-feeding-explained/>

D CERTIFICATE for Horse Trials

As of 1 July 2016, all riders competing in Horse Trials must have their D Certificate. Please check your card (certificates are listed on the front). If you don't have your D Certificate, please contact Sam Krause (Certificate Coordinator).

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....

Sand Arena

All groups using the sand arena will be required to clean up their own poo – Group leaders can you please organize the contributors to the poo to clean up after themselves – either during the lesson or immediately after it.

Poo shovels will be placed at either end of the arena.

Taking a horse's temperature

(NSW Dept of Primary Industries)

Types of thermometers

Two types of thermometers are available:

Mercury bulb thermometer – cheap but easily broken

Electronic thermometer – more expensive but longer lasting and easy to read

You can purchase a thermometer from your veterinarian or chemist.

Technique

Stand to the near side (left hand side of the horse), close to the horse to avoid being kicked. Make sure the horse knows you are there.

Lubricate the end of the thermometer with soapy water.

If using a mercury thermometer gently shake the mercury down to the bottom of the tube.

Lift the tail and gently insert the thermometer into the horse's rectum. Make sure the tip of the thermometer rests against the rectal wall (i.e. make sure it is not inserted into dung).

Hold the end of the thermometer to stop it disappearing up the rectum.

If you are using a mercury thermometer wait at least 60 seconds before removing the thermometer and reading it.

Electronic thermometers will 'beep' when an accurate reading is obtained.

Clinical signs of equine influenza are usually a sudden increase in temperature (38.5°C or higher).

Recording temperatures

A temperature chart (PDF) for recording the temperature of a horse or donkey twice daily is available.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/content/agriculture/livestock/horses/health/general/influenza/what-is-equine-influenza/taking-horses-temperature>



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

Subzero: More than a Melbourne Cup Horse

Publisher: Ebury Australia

Format: Paperback

Author: Adam Crettenden

ISBN: 9780143782094

Price: \$34.95 (AUD) including GST

No. of pages: 304

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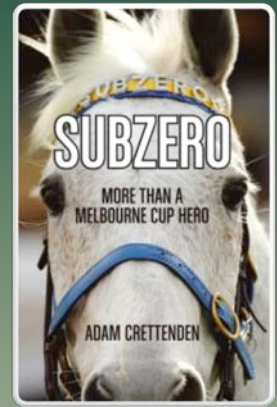
<https://www.horsebooks.com.au/product/0/101278/subzero-more-than-a-melbourne-cup-horse-9780143782094/>

This is more than a racing story. Sure, there is the breeder who took a punt on an untried stallion, the owners who thought they were buying a fast two-year-old, the trainer who was breaking records and the jockey whose career was resurrected by the promise of a young grey stayer.

However, his Melbourne Cup victory became secondary after forming an endearing partnership with veteran clerk of the course Graham Salisbury. Subzero was reinvented under Graham's care, leading the horse to become a versatile community ambassador, and ultimately to his induction into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame. He has attended primary schools, visited children in hospital beds, socialised in aged-care facilities and even shared drinks with publicans in licensed establishments. He has become a celebrity in his own right; mixing with world leaders, pop stars and actors.

This is also a story of the love that a man has for his best friend, who happens to have four legs and a tail, and answers to the name Subbie.

Subzero's name was etched into history as a sporting champion, but his achievements off the racecourse are what make him legendary. Subzero is truly more than a Melbourne Cup hero.



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