

MARGARET RIVER & DISTRICTS
HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION & PONY CLUB INC.
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Club News

CHAMPIONSHIP GYMKHANA

Well the Championship Gymkhana has been and gone and all those that attended had a wonderful day. The weather was fantastic and the turnout our best in quite some time.

Many thanks to all of those people who helped me out on the day with the jobs that needed to be done, it is greatly appreciated.

Deb at the Margaret river Mail did a wonderful write up for the club with a fantastic two page spread of photos. I have quite a number of photos of the day which I will be putting up onto the web site but if you would like a copy of your photos please let me know - the files are too large to email but if you supply me with a CD/DVD or you can reimburse me for one of mine.

Corien Ridley

SHOW JUMPING DAY

We have our next big event coming up on 10th May which is our first Show Jumping Day. With this newsletter is the program.

The canteen will be operating on the day, all club members will be asked to bring along a donation of either a cake/biscuits/slice/cupcakes etc.



Helpers will be required for the day and the organising committee will be putting out a list of jobs that need to be done.

APRIL RALLY - SUNDAY

Reminder that we have a rally this weekend. Check out the board on arrival for what you will be doing, and remember to sign in.

Parents will be required to set up at 9.30am.

Riders can go to the presentation area as from 9.45am.

Canteen roster reminder on the Roster page.



April 2009

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Mr. Tom & Mrs. Glenys Marsden

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Next Committee Meeting
Thursday 14th May @
7.30pm,
Settlers Holdings
Conference Room.

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Around The Traps

Henty Riding Club – Autumn Dressage Day

A strong contingent of Margaret River riders attended the Henty Autumn Dressage Day in Dardanup on 15th March, achieving exceptionally high scores especially in the Associate classes.

Hilary Nind was the highest scoring rider of the day with 75.88% on her lovely part Andalusian mare Curioso Jazmin winning the Associate Preparatory class. She was very closely followed by Anne Broad on her new horse Flynntock who took second in two classes with scores of 74.70% and 75.60% and also by Pam Brophy on Heartfelt Rosie who took a third on 73.20%.

In the Official classes Ian Lee won the Open Novice class and also the freestyle class, riding to some very entertaining honky tonk music. Asha Morris chose a more classical theme and came second in the same class. Lynsey Mas on her imposing warmblood gelding Joshua Brook Take That made a great impression in the Elementary classes taking second in both the open and freestyle.

At Medium level Rebecca Wiltshire stood out to win the class with Cheryl Pateman in second place and in the Advanced class Rebecca once again took the honours with Cheryl this time in third. Anna Johnson rode her first Prix St Georges class at this event where she came second, matching her result in the Advanced.

Murray I ODE - 14/15 March.

D Grade PCAWA :

Jessie Kilgallon on Wendamar Tattle Tale 4th.

Jessie O'Meagher on Colonial Salute 14th.

E Grade PCAWA:

Regan Weightman on Bonnie Amesia 1st

Jessie Kilgallon on Drumclyer Icon 4th

Regan Weightman on Eastlynne Pirouette 10th

Well done to all the club's riders who have been ridding out and about.

If you head off to an event please email Corien with your results or a write up of the event.

CLUB RULES

- ◆ Australian Safety Standard helmets must be worn when riding on club grounds. Pony Club riders must wear their helmet whilst with their mount, grooming and saddling etc.
- ◆ Approved boots must be worn while riding.
- ◆ Strictly NO DOGS on club grounds.
- ◆ No children in the kitchen during pony club.
- ◆ Please leave yards and stables clean at all times.
- ◆ Hose horses at wash down bay only.
- ◆ Please do not leave poles on the ground, put them away.
- ◆ No horses to be left in the round yard, no feed in the round yard, no horses to be tied to round yard.
- ◆ The front gate must be kept closed at all times.

SOUTH WEST ZONE RULE CHANGE

At the April meeting of the South West Zone a motion to remove the zone rule requiring riders to have ridden at three rallies within the last 12 months and one on the horse that they wish to enter an event on, was voted on and the motion was passes by a vote of 4 to 2.

There fore you do not need to have ridden on a new horse at a rally before taking it off to a competition.

Please do not confuse this rule with the State Championship three rally requirement. To enter any State Championship event you must have completed three rally's at your club on your horse within the last 12 months.

Pony Club Canteen Roster

Helpers are an adult family member of the rider nominated.

The number of times you appear on the roster depends on the number of riders that we have at the club, there is a good chance that you will do two turns on the Canteen Roster.

Your help is required for the FULL duration of the rally.

Helpers are asked to bring along cake or a slice as a donation towards the lunch.

If you are unsure of what is required please contact Sarah on 9758 0987.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE YOUR TURN ON THE ROSTER IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

- April: MacArthur, Creaney, Shreeve
- May: Carruthers, Doyle, Wells
- June: Creaney, Eadon, Wagner
- July: L Morris, Shreeve, Wilmott
- August: A Morris, Sheridan-Hulme, Galea
- September: Dawson, Res, Kilgallon
- October: Res, M Morris, Shreeve
- November: Carruthers, Doyle, Eadon



PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF WA OBJECTIVES

To encourage young people to ride and learn to enjoy all approved kinds of sport connected with horses.

To Provide instructions in riding and horsemanship.

To instil in members the proper care of their animals and

To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty thereby cultivating strength of character and self discipline.

This club acknowledges with thanks the ongoing support of the Dressage Development Fund (Equestrian WA)

ADULT RIDERS

TUESDAY CLUB
 Organiser: Ruth Dowsett
 Phone: 9757 6176
 Cost is \$10 per person
 Every Tuesday

SATURDAY CLUB
 Organiser: Rachel House
 Phone: 0438 993 816
 Cost is \$10 per person
 Next Date: 25th April

Because My Daughter Grew Up With Horses ...

My daughter turned sixteen years old today; which is a milestone for most people. Besides looking at baby photos and childhood trinkets with her, I took time to reflect on the young woman my daughter had become and the choices she would face in the future. As I looked at her I could see the athlete she was, and determined woman she would soon be.

I started thinking about some of the girls we knew in our town who were already pregnant, pierced in several places, hair every colour under the sun, drop outs, drug addicts and on the fast track to no where, seeking surface identities because they had no inner self esteem. The parents of these same girls have asked me why I 'waste' the money on horses so my daughter can ride. I'm told she will grow out of it, lose interest, discover boys and all kinds of things that try to pin the current generation's 'slacker' label on my child. I don't think it will happen, I think she will love and have horses all her life.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has compassion. She knows that we must take special care of the very young and the very old. We must make sure those without voices to speak of their pain are still cared for.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned responsibility for others than herself. She learned that regardless of the weather you must still care for those you have the stewardship of. There are no 'days off' just because you don't feel like being a horse owner that day. She learned that for every hour of fun you have there are many days of hard slogging work you must do first.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned not to be afraid of getting dirty and that appearances don't matter to most of the breathing things in the world we live in. Horses do not care about designer clothes, jewellery, pretty hairdos or anything else we put on our bodies to try to impress others. What a horse cares about are your abilities to work within his natural world, he doesn't care if you're wearing \$80.00 jeans while you do it.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she learned about sex and how it can both enrich and complicate lives. She learned that it only takes one time to produce a baby, and the only way to ensure babies aren't produced is not to breed. She learned how babies are planned, made, born and, sadly, sometimes die before reaching their potential. She learned how sleepless nights and trying to outsmart a crafty old brood mare could result in getting to see, as non-horse owning people rarely do, the birth of a true miracle.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she understands the value of money.

Every dollar can be translated into bales of hay, bags of feed or farrier visits. Purchasing nonnecessities during lean times can mean the difference between feed and good care, or neglect and starvation. She has learned to judge the level of her care against the care she sees provided by others and to make sure her standards never lower, and only increase as her knowledge grows.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to learn on her own. She has had teachers that cannot speak, nor write, nor communicate beyond body language and reactions. She has had to learn to 'read' her surroundings for both safe and unsafe objects, to look for hazards where others might only see a pretty meadow. She has learned to judge people as she judges horses. She looks beyond appearances and trappings to see what is within.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned sportsmanship to a high degree. Everyone that competes fairly is a winner. Trophies and ribbons may prove someone a winner, but they do not prove someone is a horseman. She has also learned that some people will do anything to win, regardless of who it hurts.

She knows that those who will cheat in the show ring will also cheat in every other aspect of their life and are not to be trusted.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has self-esteem and an engaging personality. She can talk to anyone she meets with confidence, because she has to express herself to her horse with more than words. She knows the satisfaction of

controlling and teaching a 1000 pound animal that will yield willingly to her gentle touch and ignore the more forceful and inept handling of those stronger than she is. She holds herself with poise and professionalism in the company of those far older than herself.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to plan ahead. She knows that choices made today can effect what happens five years down the road. She knows that you cannot care for and protect you investments without savings to fall back on. She knows the value of land and buildings. And that caring for you vehicle can mean the difference between easy travel and being stranded on the side of the road with a four horse trailer on a hot day.

When I look at what she has learned and what it will help her become, I can honestly say that I haven't 'wasted' a penny on providing her with horses. I only wish that all children had the same opportunities to learn these lessons from horses before setting out on the road to adulthood.

Anonymous



BUSSELTON DRESSAGE DAY - DATE CHANGE NEW DATE SATURDAY 4TH JULY.

Busselton's Dressage Day has been changed from Sunday 3rd May to Saturday 4th July.

They will be holding their official dressage day on Saturday 4th July and also an Official Show Horse event on Sunday 5th July 2009. Entries close Tuesday 30th June 2009.

HORSES & BUSHFIRES - PLANNING

Well as we all know the Victorian bushfires have affected so many people and for us it's also a huge reminder that we are not impervious to fire.

I have attached with this newsletter an excellent article about Horses and Bushfires.

CLUB FOOTY TIPPING

Smiths Beach Resort has kindly donated the major prize for the winner of this years footy tipping competition.

The winner will receive two nights accommodation in a two bedroom unit staying at the magnificent Smiths Beach Resort, near Yallingup. This is a great prize and is valued at over \$440.00. We will also have smaller prizes throughout the competition. To view the resort, view their website at www.smithsbeachresort.com.au.

For those of you who have not joined our competition but are interested in joining, this will be possible half way through the season. The only setback is that you will have to start of the lowest tippers points! Still easy to catch up though with a few good tipping rounds. Cost to join is \$25.00, money raised goes to the club.

Anita Moore-Kilgallon

TALKING HORSES

John Kohnke has published a new book "Talking Horses Common Problems", this is highly informative and is packed with up-to-date information and almost 200 handy hints.

Available from Margaret River Produce and Rural.

The first person to take in this snippet into the Produce will receive a 10% discount on the book.



TRAINING DAY - PROJECT HOPE

Watching the horror of Victoria’s bush fires, and knowing how the affected areas were full of horsey communities, the Training Day at Margaret River last Sunday afternoon was quickly put together as a fund raising event, specifically to donate to horse welfare in affected areas.

Luckily thunderstorms cleared for the afternoon – and the rain did not restart until after the last show jump had been cleared! An informal afternoon of dressage tests, prelim through to elementary, and show jump rounds ranging from 55 to 75 cm, were completed over the afternoon. All riders received great feedback on their efforts and were able to get valuable experience without the stress of an actual competition, and the work of preparing for a big day out at an official comp!

Rory and Emily built an inviting show jump course, and spent the afternoon assisting riders to successfully get around. Penny judged the prelim tests and Sandy judged the novice – with Rachel giving feedback on a couple of elementary tests. Riders seemed to have a great time in the relaxed atmosphere and joined in the spirit of the day with great generosity and willingness to help.

Paul and Jackie kept the sausage sizzle going all afternoon and people helped with set up of arenas and show jumping, pencilling, marshalling and more.....

There was also a raffle held with Rory taking home a lovely polofleece rug donated by Sheryle Rowe’s Horseline Rugs, and Cheryl Pateman won a bag of ‘beauty goodies’ donated by Charmaine Fuller and ‘Tranquil Moments’ in Bunbury.

Thanks to peoples generosity in supporting the event, donations and assistance on the day we managed to raise just over \$850 that will be donated to Project Hope, the Horse Welfare group that has been endorsed for Bush fire Relief Assistance by the EFA in Victoria.

Hopefully our afternoon of fun can assist in some small way make life easier for people having a bad time. I really thank all those involved for their support .

Gerlinde

COMING EVENTS

Date	Club Events	Other Events
April 25	Saturday Club	
April 26	Rally	Harvey Ag Show
May 10	Show Jumping Day	SW Show Horse
May 15 - 17	Dot & Zoe Lessons	Capel ODE/Bunbury H & PC Show Horse & Dressage
May 23	Saturday Club	PCAWA State SJ Champs
May 24	Rally	PCAWA State SJ Champs
May 30		Busselton SJ Weekend
May 31		Busselton SJ Weekend / Baldivis ODE
June 6 -8	Dot & Zoe Lessons	SW Show Horse / Gosnells Show Horse
June 13-14		Log Fence ODE

CLUB CLEANING ROSTER

The key is in it's normal place, if you are unsure of where this is please contact any of the committee members.

Cleaning supplies are in the large cupboard in the kitchen for usage. If you use the last of any items or they are running low, please contact Corien or Rachel and let them know so they can be replaced. There is a list of what needs to be done in the club rooms. Basically the toilets need to be cleaned, club room swept and tidied up, tables wiped over, kitchen and toilets swept out.

Bold text means we have an event at the club during your week - usually the Sunday, and it is imperative the cleaning is done.

The number of times you have to do a cleaning job depends upon the number of members we have at the club . If you are unable to do the clean please swap with someone else.

Thank you.

<i>Members Name</i>	<i>Week Beginning Monday</i>	<i>Members Name</i>	<i>Week Beginning Monday</i>
Amala Sheridan-Hulme	27 April	Louise Korovesi	31 August
Olivia Eadon	4 May	Julie McDonald	7 September
Natash Allison	11 May	Jayde Jackson	14 September
Courtney Willmott	18 May	Jessie Carruthers	21 September
Regan Weightman	25 May	Peta White	28 September
Asha Morris	1 June	Kayt Parsons	5 October
Lisa Foster	8 June	Emily Doyle	12 October
Georgie Beere	15 June	Alexandra Galea	19 October
Chantell Wells	22 June	Lucy Morris	26 October
Alice Dawson	29 June	Sandy Hohnen	2 November
Jessie O'Meagher	6 July	Rachel Brennen	9 November
Donna Dornan	13 July	Emily Res	16 November
Sheila Greenwell	20 July	Mia Wagner	23 November
Fran Jackson	27 July	Alicia Driver	30 November
Jessie Kilgallon	3 August	Brodie MacArthur	7 December
Careth Shreeve	10 August	Bettina Broekman	14 December
Caitlin Rowe	17 August		
Alison Creaney	24 August		