

Galloping Gossip.

June 2007

Hi everyone and welcome to this month's Galloping Gossip! We hope everyone has had a fantastic month and isn't faring too badly with the sudden change in weather! As everyone knows there has been a slight change of plans for this weekend's rally as there will be no Dusty Pony Club competition due to the Riding for the Disabled riders being committed to another competition. We wish them well though, and hope that we can reschedule the fun day!

From the Committee

Thank you to all members and parents who fronted up to help out at the working bee during the month! It was great to see so many members there and it allowed us to repair the bank jump as well as the takeoffs and landings to the trachaner and ditch jumps. We also made fantastic progress with the sunken road (yes, that area that's been fenced off with orange mesh for some time is coming together!!) and built tyre jumps that will cater for riders grades 5 through 1!

Coming up from the 8th to the 11th of June is the Melbourne International Three Day Event. We are lucky to have such a massive and well respected qualifying event for the Olympic Games so close to home. All the top riders are vying for positions on the Australian team for Beijing 2008 and this will no doubt make for an exciting event. Go to www.efavic.gov.au for more information on ticketing and event details.

Welcoming New Members

Welcome to the members who have joined us over the last few months - everyone is looking forward to getting to know you and your horses - please feel free to send in photos and relevant stories to the editor to be included in the Galloping Gossip.

This month we welcome Kelly Taylor and her gelding Freckles!

June Rally Helper Roster

No formal roster has been made up for this month, but in the spirit of Dingley PC - All hands on deck! Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

A very big happy 18th birthday to Foxy Gartner for the 11th of June! Good luck for your driving test Foxy! ☺

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Photo of the Month!



This is Kelly's horse Freckles!

Please submit fun photos of your horse each month, and you might see him here!

Crushed Cans!

Please bring along all your crushed recyclable cans to the Dingley rally - they are a valuable source of money for the club!

Good luck to our Musical team: Jess Wright, Emily, Moraya and Catherine! They are off to the State Championships at Werribee on the 16th and 17th of this month!

Cross Country Clinic at Werribee

For anyone interested in attending a Cross Country clinic at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre it will be held on Saturday the 16th of June with qualified Pony Club instructor, Bronwyn Silver. Lesson groups will be determined according to ability of both horse and rider and will be conducted in groups of no more than eight riders. Lessons are \$50 for two hours, plus \$15 payable to Werribee Park for use of facilities. Please come and chat to Nicole at this weekend's rally if you're interested.

Buckskin Jodhpurs

This month we are excited to welcome Jodie Williams from Buckskin Jodhpurs to the club! Buckskin Jodhpurs are a company that make "Perfect Fitting Jodhpurs, Made to Measure at no Extra Cost," Jodie is going to join us over the lunch break to take orders for made to measure joddies or to show you the large range of jodhpurs which are always in stock! Following is a breakdown of the Buckskin prices:

- \$68 Plain Jodhpurs - all sizes with zips
- \$68 Coloured Jodhpurs - have different coloured waistbands and kneepads
- \$109 Suede Bottom Jodhpurs - any combination of jodhpur material and suede.
- \$68 Plain Jodhpur pull on (adults sizes)
- Childrens sizes pull on Jodhpurs range from \$28 - \$50 (all children's pull on jodhs include suede knees)

Jodie makes jodhpurs in a range of fun colours including houndstooth, royal blue, hot pink and mango, as well as traditional competition approved colours.

Riders Out and About

Jess and James Thomas both competed at the Tintern Interschool Horse Trials at Wandin Park on May 12th - 13th. Jess and Tina, in the Grade 3 were on a score of 43 after dressage. With a clear show jumping and only a few penalties after cross country came 20th overall.



James and Fudge, competing in the grade 4 also finished Dressage on a score of 43 and ran double clear through show jumping and cross country to finish in 9th place overall. Congratulations on the great placing. And well done to both Jess and James!!!





Nicole and Poppy had another successful weekend together at Heytesbury EFA Horse Trials on the 26th and 27th of May competing at Preliminary level for the fourth time. They produced a lovely dressage test and a smooth, clear show jumping round. Poppy also tackled some very tricky fences on the cross country course with ease, including a large ditch and hedge and a tight three stride double through thick trees over

maximum height arrow heads. At this event they came up against some tough competition and held

their own without a problem, Nicole felt that Poppy bowled around the cross country and really enjoyed herself. They are both getting really good at the going away for the weekend thing too!

On Sunday the 27th of May Mini Tooradin was held for riders grades three and four. The event is always brilliant fun, but like most Pony Club events doesn't organize itself. This year Dingley PC drew the dressage arenas as our area to help out in, and we provided a massive effort to set up the ten arenas required for the event. On top of this we had people gear checking, stewarding, penciling and scoring. Thank you to all parents and members who helped out at Tooradin, it is a big event in the Southern Metropolitan Zone and it's always important to make a good impression!

In the Grade 3 Belinda and Jess Thomas combined with some Dandenong Ranges members to compete. Belinda had a lovely clear show jumping round but unfortunately scored one refusal (which was protested) in the Cross Country. Jess went clear around her Cross Country but unfortunately a mistake in the show jumping left her with a broken nail (fortunately nothing more serious!!!) and in the end their team was reported to have had a great day and come 6th overall! In the Grade 4 Jess Wright, Moraya, Emily and James combined with a Langwarrin pony club member to make up a team. All riders had nice dressage tests and Moraya, Emily and James all had double clear rounds through the Cross Country and show jumping!!! Unfortunately their Langwarrin team member was eliminated in the show jumping. Jess Wright, competing at her second horse trials on Smarty had a great weekend as well - with only one refusal in the show jumping, Jess was absolutely thrilled with Smarty and went half way around the cross country as well before she chose to retire. Although the grade 4 team was not in the placings, they all had a great weekend!

Up and Coming Events

Sunday June 24th - Monash Pony Club Combined Training and Dressage Day

Sunday July 22nd - Ringwood Pony Club Combined Training Day

Sunday July 29th - Langwarrin Pony Club One Day Event

Sunday August 19th - Chelsea Pony Club Combined Training and Dressage Day

Sunday August 26th - Monash Pony Club Show Jumping Day

Sunday August 26th - Seville Pony Club Dressage Day

Entry forms and further information for these events are all available from the Pony Club Victoria website. Of course, for those riders willing to travel a bit further the list doesn't end here, and is also easily accessed via the PCAV site at: www.ponyclubvic.org.au

Just a note for those riders who plan to ride at the Werribee Pony Club Horse Trials in September, those of you who have competed in the past will have received an e mail from Werribee PC so you can join the mailing list for the 2007 event. For those of you who do not know, Werribee is a massive event for Pony Club riders, one of the biggest on our calendar. Due to its size Werribee chooses to correspond with entrants via an e mailed mailing list. The 2007 mailing list has been started, and you can join by going to www.werribeeponyclub.com. Note that this is NOT your entry into Werribee Horse Trials, and you need to make sure you follow the e mailed reminders from Werribee carefully as they hold details on entry opening dates etc. Werribee Pony Club event organizers also ask that only one e mail address per house hold is joined to the mailing list for administration reasons.

From the Editor

Hope that everyone has enjoyed this months newsletter - there's heaps going on in the horsey world at the moment, some of it hard to keep up with! Please keep telling me when yourself or a Dingley friend has been out competing, it's good to see plenty of photos in the newsletter. Send through some fun photos of your horses and ponies as well, and we can include them in the new Photo of the Month section!

If there is any horse related topic you and your family would like to learn more about please get in contact with me during the month and I'll be sure to include it in the following newsletter!

See you all on Sunday

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