



YARRAMBAT HORSE AND PONY CLUB

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER





DC REPORT

Hi Members,

Glimpses of some lovely riding weather and the start of daylight savings are a perfect combination for our riders to get in some serious training in before our big event on the 26th and 27th October. Please remember that our xc course will close at midnight on Friday the 11th of October, so make the most of your time on the xc course at rally this weekend. Our Horse Trials is a great event, offering something for all our riders from Pre 5 to Grade 1 and a whole lot of fun as well! If this is your first Horse Trials event and you would like some assistance or further information, please chat to me on Sunday.

A few riders will be missing from our October rally as they are currently on their way to the PCA National Championships, which kicks off on Monday. We are very proud to have no less than 5 riders representing us at this event and we wish them the very best of luck as they take on some of the best pony club riders in the country! Read more about our riders in the President's report.

Hopefully most of you have now used our new online RSVP system for rallies. This is a trial system which we are hoping will assist us greatly in rally planning, so if you have not yet trialled it, please jump on our website and click on the rallies tab.

Busy times ahead with our HT event, a variation to our traditional rally plan in November via the introduction of our first Freshman's jumping event (Saturday 16th November) and of course the finale to our year, the annual Christmas Team Challenge! For newer members to our club, our Christmas rally is a fun, team event and takes place on the 1st Saturday in December (the 7th), followed by a Christmas party that evening. Loads of fun and lots of opportunities for new and old members to mingle and our junior and senior riders to get together!

Don't forget to wind the clock forward on Saturday night!

Happy riding,

Sinéad Hanlon

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members ,

Firstly, we wish all our National riders success .It is a great achievement to ride at this level . YHPC have the following riders competing .

Lily King	Games
Georgia Bissicks	Games
Rose Stephens	A Grade Show Jumping
Maddy Kitto	Grade 1 HT
Eloise Barton	Grade 1 Dressage

As a Committee, we are excited to have initiated the Freshman's day on 16th November as our November Rally .

November is always a tricky month as our rally falls on the Melbourne Cup long weekend. Traditionally numbers at the rally are low and instructors difficult to get.

Over the years the club has tried different ideas, even running the rally at the Whittlesea Show.

The Freshman's day is an opportunity for riders to challenge themselves without the pressure of a competition. Our event organisers , Fiona Heseltine, Donna Humphrey & Heath Stubbs will be in contact soon with more details soon.

As a Committee, we would like to restart the Junior Committee and Cheryle Baird has kindly offered to help our riders navigate this initiative. We encourage all our members to become involved, as it is a great way to make long term friendships and become involved in your club. We are seeking expressions of interest and you may have noticed there is a question and tickbox included in the RSVP rally attendance form. If you have not already completed this, please take the time to do so.

Horse Trials are fast approaching ...if you have not entered please do. We are currently in the midst of course preparation and it promises to be an interesting and enticing course. (maybe no sheep this year??)

In order to prepare our grounds, we have our 2nd Working Bee on the 19th & 20th October. We do expect every family to contribute to this, but appreciate that this weekend may not work for everyone. If you cannot make the weekend you can:

Contact me to do something at an alternative time, or choose to do an extra duty at the HT .

The link to sign up for the Working Bee is attached below (please note this is different to the HT Sign Up link):

<https://signup.com/go/AsThvJS>

The Committee is excited to announce the purchase of an Aerator to soften the grounds over the summer months and for our Horse Trials. We will try to make "paths" on XC which will assist in protecting your horse's legs .

Daylight savings commences this weekend, making it a little easier for you all to ride. I hope you all take advantage of this to get a bit more riding in before our big event. Remember you are welcome to bring a guest, as long as they are insured (PCAV or EA etc). Just email the form (available on the YHPC website) and pay the \$10 fee to our Secretary, prior to riding.

Our new committee welcomes ideas and feedback from members. You can email the committee or chat to me or any one of our committee members. Contact details are:

President: abrocksopp@bigpond.com or call on 0412 355 235

Committee: yhpccommittee@gmail.com

Happy Riding

Tony Brocksopp

YHPC President

Yarrambat Horse Trials 2019

With less than 1 months to go, planning for the 2019 YHPC Horse Trials is now well underway. Further information is outlined below:

ENTRIES NOW OPEN ON EVENT SECRETARY

Entries for the YHPC Annual HT are now open via event secretary! If you haven't already cleared the weekend of 26th and 27th of October, please do so now and please be sure to enter early and guarantee your place at this awesome event!

SPONSORS

We welcome sponsorship enquiries from any members or friends of members who would like to support our HT event. There are many ways which your business may like to support our event. This may be via donation of a product or service for our silent auction, or you may wish to make a donation to the event in return for promotional initiatives that may increase your profile in both our local area and the wider community. Support provided by our sponsors is instrumental in the continued success and growth of our club and we value any contribution enormously.

·Please do not hesitate to contact Sinéad or Gen should you require any additional information or have any new marketing or promotion ideas. We welcome your input and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to explore sponsorship opportunities or share new ideas.

SILENT AUCTION

A handful of members contributed to the silent auction at our showjumping event, with outstanding results (almost \$1000)! We ask our members to support our Horse Trials event by donating a prize that can be used in the silent auction and hope that everyone gets on board with this initiative. If everyone makes a small contribution, collectively we have an opportunity to raise significant funds for our club. Donations need to be brand new, but do not necessarily need to be horse related.

Please bring your donation to either our October rally and leave it at the DC desk.

VOLUNTEERS -WE NEED YOUR HELP

Once again we will use the online SignUp system to manage our volunteers for the HT event. All members will be sent an email with a link to the SignUp website in the next week. For planning purposes, we will ask each family to contribute a total of 8 hours over the weekend and our riders to each contribute a few hours in addition to their family commitment.

INTRODUCING RSVPs FOR RALLY ATTENDANCE

We are using a new system where we ask our riders to RSVP to all rallies. Whilst many riders let us know when they are not attending, not everyone remembers to do so. We understand that riders may not be able to attend all sessions for a variety of reasons, but in an attempt to correct the imbalance in groups sizes which may then occur, we are trialling an online RSVP system.

We ask that ALL riders use this system, it is very simple and will only take a minute of your time. Please click on the link below or go to our website and click on the "rallies" tab and select "rally attendance form" from the drop down box selections.

<https://www.yhpc.org.au/rallies/rally-attendance/>

DON'T FORGET

In addition to our rally sessions, we also have a Farrier coming to discuss horse hoof care at lunchtime. Jordan Hammond will chat to us during our lunch break and he will also be available to carry out any urgent loose shoe repairs between 11am and 12 noon on Sunday.



OUT AND ABOUT



Amazing Alice 4th place at Werribee PC Horse Trials!!!



Maddy looking great on XC at Werribee PC Horse Trials.



Great Job Alysha 5th place overall Werribee PC Horse Trials and 2nd in dressage!!!



Super job to Ebony and Tommy completing your first horse trials together!

UPCOMING EVENTS

12-13th October

Ballarat PC Horse Trials

13th October

Main Ridge PC Combined Training

20th October

Hastings PC Showjumping

20th October

Central Zone PC Horse Trials

26-27th October

Yarrambat PC Horse Trials

3rd November

Mt Evelyn PC Dressage Day

10th November

Yarraglen PC Horse Trials

10th November

Kyneton PC Horse Trials



DUTIES

Please remember we are all volunteers, so we rely on everyone pitching in to ensure the rally runs smoothly. Both Duties commence at 9:30am .

Set Up/Pack Up

Tony Brocksopp (Team Leader)

Sharon Lorman

Cassie Zaccagnini

Phoebe Moore

Micheal Rowe

Canteen

Teha Smart

Linda Western

Karen MacKenzie

Jaqui Coates