

Presidents Report May 2013

Di Harvey

Wow, what a lot is happening at SPC at the moment and what a fantastic club we have!

Let me introduce myself. I'm Di Harvey, this year's President of Seville Pony Club.

Before I talk about myself and family, may I personally thank Andrew Garland outgoing President and Tracey Kerford, outgoing DC for their fantastic work and commitment to the club over the past years.

It is only now that I truly have an understanding of how much time, effort and commitment they have both given to the club to which I must say we have been truly lucky and should all be incredibly grateful.

To all of our parents, continuing committee members and new faces to the committee or the club a huge welcome and thankyou as well.

It is truly amazing, how much effort is required to keep the club running smoothly.

For those of you who don't know my family, we have 2 riding members at the club. Amelia and her ponies Lucy or DJ (depending which one needs more exercise) are in Red Group and have been for a couple of years. Eliza rides Surprise, joining the club when she was 4 and if my maths is correct is heading into her 9th year at Seville Pony Club. Eliza also started on DJ so he is well seasoned in Red Group!

My lovely husband Newton and son Harry you may not have seen as much around the club. Scouts, Cars, soccer and cricket are more their scene!

For me, as a child I grew up riding farm horses, then moved onto pony club and was fortunate enough to have a good friend who led me to the showing arena. As an adult I joined adult riding and had some fun low level eventing and showing. Today, I have a gorgeous horse called Sam who I try to ride sometimes and I am a member of Glenbrae Adult Riding Club.

May I say congratulations to all of the Seville team who competed over the weekend at Yeringberg . What a fantastic effort by everyone and 2 shields! We may need a bigger mantel piece at the club rooms. Thanks to all of the parents, team managers and as usual all of the additional Seville helpers to make the weekend a success.

Melissa has mentioned a number of up and coming items with the dressage day looming on us. Working bees will be upon us soon, but please if you have some spare time on any rally day, don't be afraid to pick up a broom and sweep some leaves, clean a window or two or pull out some weeds.

The club belongs to everyone and any odd jobs done around the rooms or grounds are helpful.

I must say how truly lucky I am to have walked into such a motivated and active group of committee members and helpers with quite a number of projects going on at the moment to make the club an ever better place for our riders.

Our Cross Country subcommittee, the Deacon and Tyrell families, are working hard alongside Kevin Jones (Grounds), Jonathan Ambler (Grants), Shire of Yarra Ranges and Melbourne Water to see that we can make some well needed improvements to the grounds. Hopefully everything can go to plan and we can see improved drainage, better grounds and a greatly improved cross country course. This is not a small project and thank you to all involved.

On that note, given the condition of the cross country course and work in progress and safety of the jumps, we are considering locking the gate to the cross country course on non-rally days and putting in place some type of member access. I am asking for input of the whole club as this topic has been debated for many years by various committees and at the moment we feel that these particular facilities need to be preserved for club members particularly whilst they are being re-developed.

May I please ask that you let me or any of the committee members know your thoughts. You can also email me on Dianne.eharvey@bigpond.com .

As part of our efforts to ensure that we have a Level 2 first aid person at each rally , Trish Kroeger is in the process of organising a Level 2 First Aid course to be hosted and held at the Club open to all members, families and friends. Further details will be out soon. We are looking for at least 10 attendees so we can run the course, so please let Trish know if you are interested. If we have enough attendees, some of the proceeds of the course will go back to the club.

Our rooms were used recently to host a Hendra Virus information evening. For those who didn't attend I have also attached some Hendra information and it is well worth discussing with your vet.

Our rooms have also been hired on June 15th by Jamie Carson who will be running a seminar with Jeremy Roberts, presenting your horse (particularly for the show ring). The seminar (unmounted) will run from 9am to 1pm and the cost is \$60 pp. Jamie can be contacted on 0410 589 044 or Jamie.carson@gmail.com .

There are a few more projects in the pipeline but I better save some news for next month!

On a sad note, our thoughts go out to the Bakken family who lost George this month.

Just a reminder that fees are now due if you haven't paid them already.

Seville has always been known as a friendly club, so please introduce yourself if you see new members at the club or faces that you don't know.

Happy Riding!

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