

2014 June Presidents Report

Winter is definitely here and it seems that there is plenty of lovely mud to remind us!

Thankyou to all of the families who attended our AGM at the May rally.It was great to see everyone in attendance and some fresh new faces on the committee.

The Committee for the following year was decided as follows:

Di Harvey	President
David Church	Vice President
Andree Johnson-Clarke	Secretary
Georgie Johnson	Treasurer
Melissa Kitto	District Commissioner
Joni Kay	Card Secretary
Sharon Wilson	Card Secretary
Lisa Tyrell	Uniforms/Senior rider co-ord
Elissa Roberts	Volunteer Co-ordinator
Anna Baker	Zone Delegate
Trish Kroeger	DC Team / Certificates
Kasey Massih	DC Team / Rally Planner
Kirsty Wallace	Fund Raising
Kevin Jones	Grounds
Jonathan Ambler	Grants/Sponsorship/Fundraising
Fiona Deacon	General Committee/ Grounds

(Fiona Deacon is caretaking as rally planner until Kasey returns in September)

Canteen (the most important job!)

Jeremy and Jacqui

We are still looking for a website co-ordinator so please feel free to contact Di Harvey if you think you may be able to assist.

I would like to give a big thankyou to Kay Sandfort -outgoing treasurer, Sandy Garland – outgoing DC team/Rally planner , Wendy Deans – outgoing card secretary and Jo Darby – outgoing website and general committee member. The time and effort that you have all given the club over the years on the committee is inspirational and hope you enjoy watching your children ride from the sidelines now.

Thankyou and welcome to our new and ongoing committee members.

Contact details can be found on the Seville Pony Club website.

Membership Fees – reminder that you should have paid your fees already , and if you have not done so, these will need to be paid at the rally this weekend.

Mini Working Bee - Kevin and co have some new projects planned at the grounds for this year , kicking off with a mini working bee this Sunday. Can we please have some Dad's in particular meet Kevin or Fiona this rally to help with fencing along the back and some other odd jobs.

Dressage Day – fast approaching, we will be posting further details on the Facebook Page over the next few week.

Zone Visit last Rally – last month we had an impromptu visit from Zone to see how we are running our club and rallies. Whilst we received lots of praise, concern was raised about the ad hoc and **unsafe** manner that our horses and riders were presented for gear check and lessons. Please note that when in a group, you must line up side by side with all horses presented facing the same direction. For gear check, this means that all horses must be lined up around the outside of the main arena, facing inwards.

New Members and Rider Pathways

Seville Pony Club has been in the lucky position for a number of years of having a waiting list for new riders and families. Last year it seemed that the list was only growing and as new families outside the club took on “old Seville Pony Club” ponies, we have been unable to offer a position for those ponies to continue carrying new riders into pony club. After many months of active debate, research, long meetings, consultation and problem solving, the club has looked at an internal restructure to meet the growing Seville riding community needs.

The challenge has always been fitting all of the riders and ponies safely on the grounds on rally day.

In the restructure, we have highlighted that all of our riders need a clear pathway from red group through pony club to black group. We are endeavouring to see that all of the groups are catered for in an age and level appropriate manner and that rallies and our pony club year are planned accordingly whilst still having fun, trying new experiences and making the pathway clear.

As we roll out the restructure, there are some exciting activities and lessons planned across the club over the next 6 months. This month Black and Yellow will be offsite for their lessons and some of the riders will be back at lunchtime to help with the afternoon sessions. Please feel free to give myself or David Church a call if you have any concerns as these changes take place over the next 6 months.

Rally Dates have been set for the next 12 months and are available on the SPC website. Please note that not all rallies are on the 4th Sunday.

Float Parking and tie up – please park your floats as close as possible to each other and note that **under no circumstances are ponies to be tied up outside the club grounds**. Where possible we encourage local riders to ride to Pony Club to leave parking clear for families who are unable or too young to ride to the grounds.

I would like to thank all of our fantastic families and kids for making SPC such a great club and hope our new families quickly feel part of the “SPC family”

As a reminder I thought I might reflect on what Pony Club is all about:

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

- To provide instruction in riding and horsemastership and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.
- To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

Happy Riding, *Di Harvey* President SPC 2014