



D C Report – February 2016

Hi Everyone,

Woo Hoo were nearly there, can you feel the excitement building It's time for SEVILLE PONY CLUB HORSE TRIALS 2016!!! The weekend of February 27th & 28th will see hundreds of riders and their supports descend on Wandin Park to attend OUR event. This is our time to shine and show off what a fantastic well-oiled machine we are. This event is our major fundraiser and a requirement of your membership it does take all hands on deck so roll up your sleeves, put on a smile and demonstrate your best "Can do" attitude. "How can I help" you ask, well there are many ways to help, but the 3 Key ways I've listed below to help you is not a one or the other situation, you need to participate in all 3.

1. IN the lead up week there is many set up tasks

Wednesday 24th. XC Flagging. Meet at Woolshed at 9.30am Coordinator Kirsty 0438 320 568

Wednesday 24th. Dressage set up. Meet at the Flagpole at 5pm Coordinator Juliana 0419 253 778

Friday 26th. Canteen move/set up. Meet at Clubrooms at 9.30am Co-ordinator Georgina 0408354256

Friday 26^h. Show Jump set up. Meet on Little Wandin at 4pm Coordinator Fiona 0427 885 633

2. During the event

Anna Baker is kindly/couragesely co-ordinating the mired of tasks needed during the weekend. Please be sure you have spoken to her and have your name against a task. Please don't make her go down her list of members to track you down and assign you something.

3. The Pack up.

- a) During the Event you will hear announcements "Could all Seville members" This is you, throughout the event we will need members to assist in the pack up of various items and rings. Please listen and act when you hear these announcements
- b) At the conclusion of the event please check in at the office to see where your assistance is needed. This especially applies to the grade 5 riders that were all on the Saturday, we still like to see your smiling faces back on the Sunday

During the lead up to our event be sure to check in regularly to our interactive electronic noticeboard (aka Facebook) there will be some posts with handy hints and tips to those competing about the rules and regs and some little reminders on **ways not to be eliminated! The XC is closed for schooling from the 14th.**

Personal appearance

A little reminder that you are an ambassador for our club. Displaying our uniform is a nice identifier to others that you are here to help and you are the friendly face of “Seville”. If you are competing and are lucky enough to place please be in neat tidy full uniform at presentation.

Horse Float

Putting the call out to anyone who may have a Horse float that can be used at Show jumping or gear check, big big pretty please, we are in need and if you can kindly let us borrow for the weekend we will be very grateful, thank you!!

Games Team.

Have you heard the news! At the end of January we had some very talented riders head out to PCVec Park in Gladysdale to attend a clinic and squad selection for the Victorian Mounted games 2016. After 20 plus years we can once again say Seville are represented at this level.

IN the Development Squad are

Jessica Tyrell

Ruby Commerford

Millie Harvey

Bridie Wescombe

IN the Junior Squad

Tessa Gough

I'm sure like me you'll be thrilled for these riders and the exciting times ahead for them. There will be some training sessions for these riders to keep their skills tip top, these sessions will also be open to the rest of our club. Watch out for details on these or have a chat to myself or Carolyn Goff if you'd like to come along.



Rules they are a changing,

The start of 2016 saw some new rules being introduced by PCAV. Least of which was the new Helmet standards. Attached here is a link to the information produced by the Australian Sports commission,

<http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au/site/ponyclub/vic/downloads/News%20and%20Media/2015/December%202015%20PCA%20News.pdf>

Please make yourself familiar with this not only for rally &/or competition expectations, but when purchasing or updating your safety equipment.

Save the Date: April 17th, 2016

It's our AGM!!! During our April rally we will be electing some wonderful (perhaps you) new people onto our fabulous committee. Ever thought about joining our committee?? We'd love to have you, were all fun friendly and passionate about our sport and our kids. Whether you're a seasoned horse person or only know the head from the tail, we don't care we'd love your input. SO, save the date, come along and pop your hand up, we can't do all the wonderful things we do without our committee. If you're unsure or have a few questions, myself or any of the existing committee are always approachable and happy to chat!

Junior Committee.

Calling all riders, would you like to join our Junior Committee?? This year we have some awesome plans we'd love you to be part of. Joining the Junior committee is a great way to meet other members, have your say on things that happen at the club and your opportunity to help shape our club and have some horsey fun. So jump on board, during the ODE the committee will meet at the office, listen out for an announcement. If you can't make the meeting please be sure to contact Tayla Deacon or Madi Jones or myself, ☺ ☺

- **R U Attending.** Please confirm if you are planning on attending before each and every rally.

Our March rally is on the **13th of March**. All members will be on the grounds for this rally. It helps greatly if you could please confirm your attendance. You can confirm your attendance by responding to our electronic noticeboard on Facebook (this post will be done on the 2nd of March) or via text message 0438 858 353, or via email Karen@beautifulbellies.com.au

We are a large club and much logistical and economic considerations are made for each and every rally, your assistance by confirming your attendance is greatly appreciated.

Kirth Kiln Time Trial.

The time trial is a non-competitive navigational ride hosted by the Gembrook riding club. Starting Sunday March 20th at 7am. If this sounds like a fun day out to you head over to gembrookridingclub.org.au for all the information.

Out n About

We had a number of riders attend **Corner Inlet** for their Horse Trials on the weekend of January 30/31st and on Australia day we also had a nice show of Seville riders for **Macclesfield Combined training and dressage day**. For both of these events I have heard there was some wonderful performances and ribbons won, well done!

Langwarrin Mini Horse Trials.

Once again Langwarrin hosted this grade 5 only team's event. Seville had 2 teams competing, "Thunder & Lightning" consisting of Abbey Walker, Lilly T, Hanna Rush & Sophie Dillon. "Storm Chasers" consisting of Lara McNally, Keira McNally and Grace George. It was an early start for "Thunder & Lightning" they had 8.30am dressage tests, but this all went in the favour of Abbey Walker who received a trophy for Best Dressage test on the day in ring 2.

The day was quite warm and the action certainly heated up on the XC course, all Seville riders being very bold and challenging themselves on the new scary Langwarrin jumps, the large 6 legged Spider and the Green Dragon.

A rewarding day for all, Thunder and Lightning finishing 4th and Storm chasers finished 1st!! Their ponies did look spiffy in the large Blue sashes and new rugs!! Awesome work riders.



If you're thinking of going out and competing but are unsure of where to start please feel free to chat to me or any of the DC team, we are more than happy to suggest suitable pathways.

Congratulations to all our riders who have been out and about. Please forward me any pictures and results as I would love to hear how everyone is going and if possible watch you compete. My mobile is 0438 858 353