

## DC Report November/December 2011

Well this will be my last DC report for the year and I can honestly say we have packed a lot into the last 12 months. Still it is not over yet, there is much more in the coming weeks with our Xmas rally and state qualifiers coming up on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. Good luck to our riders competing for a spot on the zone team and a road trip to Albury for state champs next February. It would be a great experience.

I hope there is much discussion, cutting sewing gluing and painting etc. of costumes going on in your homes in preparation for our Shrek themed Christmas rally. It is always such a fun day and a great way to end the year while mixing socially with your peers. If you are new to our club this year and may have some questions as to what goes on, check the rally plan and send us and email if your still not sure. I can't wait to see what you all come up with, just remember your costume must include your helmet, riding boots and medical armband! Don't forget!!

As mentioned by Ria in her presidents report. I group of riders and parents bounced right back ( maybe slight exaggeration!) to pony club a week after dressage day and set up a show jumping display as part of the Seville Festival. The day went pretty much to plan and I think was well received by the general public. A big thankyou to Eliza who was our instructor for the day and to our dedicated and diehard riders their trusty steeds- Marlee and Sunny, Tayla and Toby, Grace and Eddie, Olivia and Buffy(our cute factor), Megan and Jack, Eliza and Surprise, Juliette and Sparkle, Michelle and Scotch Mist, and Maddi Mc on Hummer. You all turned your horses out beautifully, rode well and where great ambassadors for our club. Also big thanks to Ria, Andrew and all the parents who stayed and helped pack up at the end of the day.

A big reminder to all riders wanting to compete over the break and into the new year. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GRADING CARDS ARE UP TO DATE AND YOU ARE GRADED FOR THE DISAPLINE YOU ARE COMPETING IN. Making sure your card is correct is your responsibility. There will be a competition on somewhere every weekend over the summer months and we don't want you to get to a comp only to be told you can't ride because of your grading card. If you are new to competing and are not sure please ask Wendy (card secretary) to have a look at it for you.

Early next year we will be looking at getting some games and flat teams together for the zone qualifiers. ( date to be confirmed) You can be any age and grade and your horse can be any height, colour, breed. It is very rewarding and great fun being part of a team, you just need to dedicate some time (most likely on a Saturday at PC grounds) for practice. No experience necessary. I will put a list up on the notice board at the Xmas rally. If you are interested or even just a bit curious please put your name down.

See you all at the Xmas rally, Tracey