

## **D.C. Report – October 2011**

This month we have welcomed daylight saving and the warmer weather seems to have finally arrived. How quickly things can change. Time to keep a watchful eye on those good doing ponies, as spring is the time of year for founder. Symptoms include weight gain, hard crests and your ponies hooves will be warm to touch. As this condition progresses the ponies action/paces can become short and scratchy and they will rock back on their heels looking uncomfortable when standing. Reducing the amount of grazing on rich spring grass will help avoid this condition. On a brighter note I am sure your all enjoying more hours of daylight to ride and spend time with your beautiful steeds and not having to feed and rug in the dark! (I know I am).

Over the school holidays I got the chance to get down to Werribee on cross country day and see Naomi and Sheridan do us proud at the nationals. Big congrats to Naomi and Tosca who brought home the 'gold'. Such an awesome achievement, and to Sheridan and Simotty who did a splendid job with a great dressage score and only one stop on a testing and technical CC. Sheridan had very little notice she had a place in the Vic team. (About Two weeks). Can't wait to see you at state next year!!

While on the subject of Werribee, they held their pony club horse trials last month and Seville had a strong contingent of rider's head down for the weekend. I hope you all had a great weekend and special thanks to Eliza Fildes and co. for running the gear check over the two days. Werribee pony club paid us \$400 for a job well done. So to everyone that helped out a big thank you.

Zone qualifiers are coming up on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Wesburn Park. These are for Dressage grades 1,2 and 3 and Showjumping Grades A, B and C. Send me an email if your interested in competing at this event, you must be prepared to go to state as part of the Northern Metro team if you qualify. These will be in Albury at the end of February. I will need all entries before close 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

I am looking forward to seeing you all competing at our dressage day next month so don't forget to get your entries in.

Anyone requiring grading please send me an email. [traceyk13@bigpond.com](mailto:traceyk13@bigpond.com)

Lots of events coming up so good luck if you're out and about competing. Be sure to let us know your results and forward photos if you have them, these can all go on our website. See you all soon. Stay safe, have fun!! Tracey