

Hi all,



Firstly big thanks to all that helped out at the WPC horse trials gear check. You did a great a great job and the money earned (from this and previous years) will be going towards new cross country obstacles for our grounds. Planning is currently underway to build an 'Irish Bank', a 'Sunken road' and to revamp the old water jump. See Andrew's President Report for more details. While on the subject of Werribee congratulations to everyone that competed and help bring home the Graham Thorpe high point club award, a wonderful achievement.

Your committee has recently been discussing ways of improving communication with and between our members and their families and it was decided that we would set up a Facebook group with this in mind. This is now up and running under the group name 'Seville Pony Club Inc.' We will be using this group page to relay information to you on club, zone and state level competitions, as well as clinics and any other club related events and activities. You can also post your results, pictures or any other interesting horsey information that you might like to share. Please note it is a closed group so only SPC members and their family will be added.

Last rally some of our Black group riders got together and decided on a theme for our Christmas break up day. This is on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December and the fancy dress theme is...



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Lots of fun games and activities are being planned for you and your trusty steed so start planning your costume. It is sure to be a great fun day. More info to come.

Northern Metro Zone State qualifiers for Dressage (grades 1,2,and 3) and Showjumping (grades A,B and C) are being held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at Wesburn Park. If you would like to compete at this event please send me an email as I will not be at this rally and need to have your details and money by the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. Entry is \$45 and you will be required to help out with the dressage ring set up on the Saturday afternoon. (this is our clubs allocated duty) you also are expected to make yourself available to compete at the State event to be held at Yarrambat on the 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> February 2013 if you qualify.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November we will be running a freshmans showjumping day (for Seville Pony Club members only) as part of the Seville Festival, more details in Andrew's report.



Great to see lots of our riders out and about competing at various events lately including both our older more experienced riders as well as our younger riders, some very new to competing. I have had a few parents and riders approach me regarding correct warm up area etiquette as there has been some safety concerns. There is no written rule regarding this and is for the most part up to the host club to manage, however the following is a guide that should be followed.

- Always pass another competitor that is working in the opposite direction LEFT SHOULDER TO LEFT SHOULDER.
- Always leave at least one horse length between you and a horse in front of you. If there is no room to pass you can ride a circle or turn off and find a space somewhere else in the arena.
- Listen to and follow the steward's instructions.
- Always jump practice obstacles in the direction they are flagged- Red flag on your right
- Never cut in front of someone that is approaching a practice jump and call out if you think someone doesn't see you when you are approaching a practice jump. E.g. 'eyes up, rider jumping the oxer' etc.
- Keep your eyes up and observe what is happening around you. YOU CAN ask other riders to please give you space if you feel they are riding too close or upsetting your horse or let them know if your mount is green or horse shy. YOU SHOULD also pay other riders the same courtesy.
- Only riders involved in the current competition can use the warm up.
- Replace all rails you knock down

All for now,

Ride safe and have fun

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