

President's Report – May 2012

Dear members,

What a wonderful month it's been for our riders out representing our Club! Congratulations to those in the teams that placed at both the NMZ Team Event and at State Horse Trials. (See Tracey's DC report and our website for photos) Regardless though of how you finish, I am always proud of our riders in the way they present and simply have a go!

Replacement Fencing – Red & Show Jumping Arenas

Thank you to those members who responded to the call for fencing assistance at the club grounds. However unfortunately due to lack of numbers on mother's day (perfectly understandable!) I've had to postpone working bees until after the rally. Our new dates now will be Sunday 3rd June (12 guys needed for fencing demolition) and Sunday 10th June (6 guys for construction). This will be confirmed shortly by separate email, so please note these dates and let me know if you can assist on either day rialityworks@bigpond.com or 0410 401 241. Also, if someone has access to a post rammer at reasonable cost for during the week of Monday 4th June, please advise.

Fees

Many thanks to those who have promptly paid their fees and a reminder that they are due 15 May. (If you are having difficulties meeting this date, please contact the Treasurer Kay Sandfort on 0429 167 658).

Insurance

Firstly, good news for families with more than 2 members of our Club. PCA has advised insurance will now be discounted for more than one child, therefore some of our paid up members will be due a refund. (Look out for a letter from Kay shortly.)

Secondly, pony club members who are also members of Equestrian Australia are now entitled to a \$50 rebate for dual insurance membership. However this currently only applies to members between the ages of 12 and 16. (EA and PCA are currently working together to find a solution to suit all dual members with regards to double payment of insurance.)

The rebate application is attached to selecting the Dual Junior Member category in the membership form. The information fact sheets can be found on the Equestrian Australia website for print though – http://www.equestrian.org.au/default.asp?Page=27772&MenuID=EA_Services/11755/0 . If you have any queries, please contact PCAV for assistance.

AGM - Positions Vacant

Thank you to the people who have kindly offered to assist the Committee in various capacities. I would still like to hear from people who could take on Volunteer Co-ordinator, Grounds team and General Committee assistance.

All committee positions are up for grabs and election/re-elections will take place at the AGM which will follow the Special General Meeting at this rally on Sunday 27th May, 12.45 pm (lunch time). The Notice of Meetings, Agendas and proposed new Constitution are on the Seville Pony Club website for viewing.

Current Committee:

Office Holders/Committee of Management

President	Ria Brenchley (stepping down)
Vice President	Andrew Garland
Secretary	Andree Johnson-Clarke
Treasurer	Kay Sandfort
DC	Tracey Kerford

General Committee

Card Secretary	Wendy Deans
Rally Planner	Sandy Garland
Duty Rosters	Jenni Eggleston (stepping down)
Uniforms	Lisa Tyrrell
Website	Jo Darby
OH&S Officer	Viv Jones
First Aid Officer	Kylie Jones
Grounds	Kerri McLeod

Social Media

I was disappointed to hear recently of some very negative remarks being said on facebook regarding our Club. Negative comments are undermining, damaging, hurtful and will not be tolerated. In this instance, I will overlook them. In future, if anyone has a problem or comments they wish to make, please do so directly to me and I will address their concerns privately.

Repainting of Show Jumping Poles

Thanks to Tayla Jane Deacon, Eliza Harvey and Marlee Carter for repainting almost 20 show jumping poles (the white bits) on Anzac Day. The girls were seeking some community work in an initiative through their school, so my thanks also to Tracey Kerford for facilitating this. If ever anyone else has something similar, we would appreciate you keeping the pony club in mind – there is always of plenty of little jobs that need doing.

My final comments are addressed generally to you all. Thank you sincerely for your friendship and support over the past 3+ years whilst I've been on Committee. As I've said previously, it's time for me to step down and smell the roses. Don't hesitate to join in, have your say about your Club and enjoy what it has to offer.

To our older riders: I'm so proud of your positive attitude, the support you show each other and your enthusiasm. Make the most of the club and ensure you get wholly involved, there is a great opportunity to develop yourselves through leadership, mentoring and instruction.

To our youngest riders: enjoy your pony club, learn from the big kids, have FUN with your ponies, love them and look after them! (And remember to share a bit of that love with your parents for giving you so much.)

See you at the next rally, Sunday 27th May, 9.45 am gear check.

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