

## President's Report – April 2013

Hi Everyone,

With an earlier than usual report in March it seems like ages since I have been able to share the latest information from the committee of your Pony Club.

That doesn't mean that we have been sitting under a shady tree having a snooze. I also see that our members have been doing anything but laze around. It has been a very busy season of competitions and our members have been out there doing exceptionally well with their performances. First places and personal bests popping up regularly. Congratulations!

Some of the new things that you might notice around the grounds are;

- Progress on refurbishment of our cross country area. We are moving forward with plans step by step. You will see some repair work, fresh paint and general tidy up. We must thank Fiona Deacon and her family for offering to make this a pet project and inject their time, energy and vision for a revitalised training ground for all our members. The work is ongoing and I am sure that Fiona would be rapt to hear from anyone who might like to help out in any way.
- A sparkling new sign at the entry to the tie up area (from the shed side) to ensure safety for pedestrians and riders alike. Thanks to, Ms Viv 'Safety First' Jones.
- New Showjump numbers and Start Finish Cones with thanks to Specialist Showjumping Consultant, Ms Rebecca Clark. In this regard as well as other signage we also acknowledge financial assistance (free stuff) from Glenbrae Signs.
- A highly modified and specialised tool chest to hold our new Showjump numbers. Thanks to no other than Mr. Steve Cox.

Here is another new initiative. In the March report we mentioned that some members and their families were not so involved in the ODE and the

committee did apologise if we have not provided you with the tools to participate to the extent desired by both the club and members themselves. Plans are now in place for the first 3 training sessions to give our members the skills and confidence to have a go at something new. These will be in the form of 1 topic per rally beginning at the May rally. Initial sessions will be Gear Checking, Cross Country Jump Judging and Dressage Pencilling. The sessions will be detailed in the rally plans from May onwards. Thanks for the encouragement shown by members during recent conversations. We hope you all get something out of this as we try to add even more aspects to Pony Club life.

### **Seville Pony Club AGM**

For those who didn't read the March report, here is a repeat. Another important date for your calendar - Seville Pony Club's AGM will be at the April rally on Sunday 28 April, 2013. Please give some consideration to a committee position and have a chat with any of the current committee if you would like to learn more about the positions.

All positions are up for nomination. In particular, Tracey is stepping down after 2 years of service to the club in the role of DC. We wish her the best with the redirection of her energy.

The position of DC is critical to the running of all pony clubs. It is a very rewarding position with much to be learnt and experienced along the way. At Seville PC the role enjoys the support of a dedicated team. We are also promoting a shared role to ease the burden of time that most of us encounter. The role may appear daunting to the uninitiated but again, with our support team in place this need not be the case. Please give this role serious consideration as it not possible to run the club without a DC.

Personally I can advise that if anyone is interested in nominating for President I would be very pleased. Although I have really enjoyed the position, I am faced with a demanding year in my own business and would like to focus a lot more attention in this direction. I will not be nominating for re-election at the AGM. Feel free to give me a call if you would like to know more about what the role entails.

Please also keep your eyes peeled for upcoming social activities outside of the normal rally structure. These will be on the agenda for the committee in the coming year. At the AGM we will be looking for a Social Coordinator to work with the committee on this program so don't be shy at the AGM if you enjoy creating fun.

The AGM will occur at 12:45 pm and will be preceded by our normal rally briefing.

I thank you all for your support and comradery over the past 12 months. It has been a great and rewarding experience. Damn work gets in the way of all the fun!

Andrew