

President's Report – August 2012

Well, this month it is all about next weekend's Dressage Day.

The entries are in and we have had great interest from both within and outside of our club with numbers up on last year. It appears that the 2 day structure, entirely on all weather arenas is a bonus.

To capitalise on all the effort expended so far we look forward to seeing every member family contributing to the duty roster. The team spirit shown to date is wonderful. Look out for the roster on your email. Thanks to Melissa and Ria for taking on the unenviable task of filling all positions while trying to accommodate all members individual situations.

Good luck to all those riding and may your ponies have their best smiles on for the judges.

We had some more good news this month. Seville Pony Club were the recipients of a \$400 grant from the Seville Township Group. This money was provided for us to use on weatherproofing and making safe our paths, particularly from the creek crossing into our grounds. In other words, we can buy more gravel. Another benefit is the recognition we are gaining as being a valued member of the local community. Thank you very much Dianne Harvey for finding, preparing and submitting the grant application. Below is a photo of Melissa and myself with the other grant recipients. You may have seen the same in the local MAIL newspaper.



The fund raising team have also been at it again. The recent Adam Wooten dressage clinic was a great success with the profits coming straight back to the club. Look out for future clinics in different disciplines as well as some other fun activities in the planning.

Don't forget about the suggestion box in the club rooms. All suggestions are being read with plans afoot to take further, several suggestions already received.

We may be in for a pleasant surprise this weekend with some hot new uniform items. Keep an eye out and ask Lisa about any uniform matters.

Rejuvenation of the arenas is progressing well with constant attention from Kevin paying off. Restricting usage outside rallies of arenas 1, 2 & 3 has helped our efforts. The other addition is partial covering of the drain at the edge of the cross country course allowing us to use the new double gates.

You may have already seen the following on our website;

Need to buy a new car. If so, consider Yarra Valley Nissan Lilydale. They will donate \$200 to the Seville Pony Club when you purchase a new car with them. All you need do is present a letter (linked on the web site) at the time of purchase. A little more of a financial commitment than the loyalty card at your local IGA but who knows?

Speaking of the web site, don't forget to let us know if you have anything interesting from in or around the club and our members and we can upload them for you.

Spring is just around the corner so here's to some sunshine and a little less mud.

Andrew