

President's Report – July 2013

Wow , where do the months go!. Again we have an amazing amount of activity happening around the club. We have members out and about competing and representing Seville well, along with families working tirelessly behind the scenes to make Seville Pony Club an even better place.

The next month is an exciting and busy one for the club with members representing NMZ at the Interzone Teams Challenge this weekend and the dressage day on the 25th August. Good luck to our riders for both events and if you haven't done so , remember to get your entries in for the dressage day.

You will see some new faces this month , so please introduce yourself and make them welcome. I still remember our first rally in red group and thinking OMG , where do I go for gear check amongst all of these big horses.

We sadly say goodbye to some members this month as well.

After a number of years , Madi McLeod has finished her pony club era to continue at EA level. Madi and her mum have been great Seville Pony Club ambassadors with Kerri involved on the committee and as DC during those years. Good luck Madi and Kerri.

Dressage Day 2013

It's only one rally until the annual Seville Pony Club Dressage Day.

Again Seville Saddlery will be sponsoring the event so please drop in and say Hi to Kim next time you go past the store.

This year we are running the competition on Sunday 25th August so lets all hope the weather is kind to us for the preceding weeks.

Thankyou to the families who have already volunteered for the dressage day.

For those who are still to put their hand up , there will be a roster at the pony club rooms this Sunday .Please put your name on the roster to volunteer on the day or for set-up on the Saturday. If you will not be attending pony club this Sunday please contact Elissa Roberts on 0407054722. Thanking you in anticipation.

2013 Dressage Day Working Bee

At this month's rally the working bee is on and we know that our club rooms and grounds are going to look as shiny as a new pin on the Dressage Day.

There will be a list on the board of jobs to be done, so please pick a job and go for it! I won't be at the rally this weekend as we will be at the Interzones but the jobs are all pretty easy and I'm sure everyone can help with something they are familiar with for an hour or two.

Thanks in advance for your help.

The Grounds

You may notice each time you attend the grounds that continuous works have been happening. The grounds and cross country projects have been moving along well with the Deacon, Tyrrel and Jones families putting in many hours plugging away at getting things done and meeting with various authorities along the way. Seville PC have been awarded a grant by the Shire of Yarra Ranges which has assisted with some of the earthworks that have been completed. We have also received funding for fencing materials so will be looking for "manpower" in the near future to help with the actual fencing.

One of the benefits of membership is access to our grounds outside of normal rally days. The inclusive philosophy of our club also allows access by non-members. At the moment we are locking the Cross Country paddock. This serves 2 purposes, one to preserve the grounds for the dressage day and the other is for safety reasons while the jumps are being re-built. We will keep you all updated on how this is progressing.

Set up and Pack up

To make life easier for everyone we are slightly changing our set-up and pack-up routines. As per usual there will be 2 groups allocated to set-up and we are asking that everyone helps to pack-up. We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate setup and packup at each rally. This entails bringing out the trailer and co-ordinating the setup and pack up, putting the trailer away and locking

the shed . For the last few years Andrew Garland did this and we would really welcome a replacement to come forward . By having one constant person each rally it means that the pack up and set-up task can be done far quicker which is great for everyone. If you wish to volunteer for the job, please let me know on 0407 545 188 or Dianne.eharvey@bigpond.com .

On that note, can we please ask the Wandin Riding Academy families and riders that they wait until pack-up is completed and all riders are ready to ride home together before they leave. Thanks for your help.

Thankyou

It feels like all I am doing this month is asking for help, help, and more help around the club. May I take this opportunity to thank the many fantastic families who are so actively involved in the club. In particular may I thank Jacqui and Jeremy for their amazing commitment of running the canteen every month and for our 2 events per year. Great Job!

Good Luck to all of our riders out and about this month and I hope everyone is managing to dodge the winter weather and have fun with their ponies.

Dianne