

President's Report – June 2012

As first report for me in this position I had better start with a brief intro. With such a large club it is sometimes hard to put a face to a name, hence the mug shot.



Some of you might know me better by my daughters (or their horses) – Lucy on Toby, Grace on Eddie & Olivia on Buffy or the good lady wife, Sandra on General. My riding experience is limited to about a year in Adult Riders (until I decided I didn't have the legs for Jodhpurs) and casual mucking around with horses for the last 20 odd years. Somehow I also seem to get the gig as Crash Test Dummy when we get a new horse ... nice to feel expendable. My exposure to pony club started about 4 years ago and boy, has it been a steep learning curve, in more ways than one. I encourage all parents to not just leave it to the riding members, throw your selves into our activities and the rewards are aplenty.

Coming into this position I sincerely thank our outgoing President Ria who has dedicated herself to our club for the past year. She has certainly left a great foundation for us all to work with together, as we continually strive to improve all facets of Seville Pony Club.

Now, down to business;

Our annual dressage day will be run over 2 days on 25 & 26 August, 2012. I am not sure when or if this has been done before but it allows us to avoid the grass on the Cross Country area in this very wet season. On each day we will only require 3 arenas built on all weather surfaces with advantages for competitors and the club. The days will be shorter and with a much more relaxed program. As I write this the entry form is only days away from going up on the web site. Keep your eyes peeled.

With the Dressage Day, comes a working bee. We will be running this during the July Rally to limit encroaching on normally free days for all. This will

involve general housekeeping and a roster will be up on the notice board at the June rally. Please get in quick to reserve your favourite job; otherwise we can select one for you. The added bonus is that once you have registered on the day and completed your task(s), the applicable working bee levy refund will be coming your way.

Our club spirit has come through again and we ran a very successful fund raiser with a cake stall at Horseland Lilydale. This raised almost \$300 profit for the club with many compliments from customers, other clubs and Horseland. Thank you to Kirsty Wallace and the Fund Raising Group along with several volunteer members for a stellar effort. Thank you also for donations from 7 Eleven and the great bake offs they took place in your home and mine.

During the AGM last month and shortly afterwards we were able to fill almost all committee positions. You will find all positions on our web site once ratified by PCAV. The only position yet to be filled is Volunteer Coordinator. Yell out if you are able to assist.

When you arrive at the next rally you will notice a few significant improvements around the grounds. We have brand new fencing and additional gates around Arenas 1 & 2. The club was a hive of activity over three weekends. We also have a new base in the shed to help flood proof this area and any spare gravel will be spread on pathways for safety and convenience. Thank you very much to those who attended 1, 2 or all 3 of the working bees to get this done. Thank you also to The Bendigo Bank for part funding of the fencing materials, Toby at Timberfence for contributing many hours of labour at community rates, John & Will Anker from Wandin Riding Academy for post driving and Kevin Jones for organising the gravel.

Another significant investment has been the breakaway cup system on the show jumping wings. More on this can be found in Tracey's report.

Also in Tracey's report is some exciting news about a State Event held in Bacchus Marsh this month.

You will be pleased to hear that replacement stock is on the way for the Uniform Shop along with some new fashion statements in the planning for

horse, rider and family members. Please contact Lisa Tyrell with any enquiries or to learn more about this season's new release.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next rally.

Andrew