

## President's Report – September 2012

Hello there,

Thank you everyone for a fantastic contribution to our annual Dressage Day. You made it a wonderful success and all feedback to date has been positive. The 2 day format seemed to work for all and we did well in the canteen, with the raffle, and our marvelous volunteers. At this stage we are looking to run the same format next year. Please do seek out your committee members and let them know if you have any feedback or suggestions for next year's event. If you prefer, we also have the suggestion box in the club rooms.

Speaking of the suggestion box ..... we often have requests for an organised trail ride. We have run rides down the Warburton Trail on rally days but the message is that some members want something more. Seville Pony Club has been presented with an opportunity to participate in a more *adventurous* trail ride that includes;

- Experiencing the Bicentennial Trail
- Riding with a London 2012 Olympian
- Reliving a historical horse ride and
- Supporting a good cause

There may be an opportunity to camp out (but not a pre-requisite) and it is not too far for floating horses. The date is Sunday November 4 (Melbourne Cup Weekend). Have we tempted you?? If so, please seek out Melissa Kitto at the September Rally for more details. The committee will pursue this opportunity on your behalf if we have enough interest.

Lisa Tyrrell in the Uniform Shop has been doing a ripper job and many of you may have spotted the new soft shell vests. They are flying out the door so please get in quick if you would like to grab one for Spring. They are approved

by NMZ for use at PCAV events. We still have a couple of new items on the way and there will be a new supply of sashes in time for the Werribee Horse Trials. Have a chat with Lisa and get the inside running on what is coming for the new season.

Here is a quick heads up that the Seville Festival will be held on Sunday 11 November, 2012 and SPC will participate once again with some activities included for our members.

You will have noticed the many improvements around the grounds in recent times. All members should be proud to know that we have been complimented more than once when having visits by past members. But don't think we are going to rest on our laurels and bask in the glow. Your committee has drafted a short to medium term plan of priorities with potential timing and cost estimates. Please let us have your thoughts on anything you would like to see happening around the grounds or in the club rooms. Again, seek out your committee or bang 'em in the suggestion box.

If you are looking for a bit of fun over the school holidays we are running a pyjama party. The invitations have been sent via email but if you have any questions please contact Fiona Deakin or Joni Kay.

My family and I are in another hemisphere as you read this so I look forward to catching up with everyone in October when we return, and trust you enjoy your September Rally.

Andrew