



Seville Pony Club Presidents Report



Go Team Seville!

- Ria receiving the Graeme Thorp most successful club trophy on behalf of SPC at the Werribee 2014 Ride with Elegance Horse Trials

*"Stay safe kids,
practice hard &
eat your
veggies!"*

Amanda Ross

September Wrap Up

Hi All! I haven't been writing a regular President's reports as Melissa does such a great job of keeping everyone up to date with her monthly DC report.

There has been so much "good stuff" happening over the past months that I thought I should put pen to paper, well finger to keyboard actually.

If you haven't seen the news, the club is certainly on a "high" winning the Graeme Thorpe Trophy for most successful club over the weekend at Werribee Pony Club Horse Trials.

If you weren't out competing on the weekend, remember the trophy is a testament **to all of our riders and families.**

Without such a fantastic club of people, we wouldn't be in a position to field such a large team of spirited, dedicated and confident riders and supporting families.

It was fantastic to see the Seville cheer squad out in full force with past riders, current riders and those not competing or not yet ready for the competition making the trek to cheer our riders on complete with their club colors.

Special thank you to Kirsty Wallace who organized the gear check roster

and filled in for those who somehow missed their timeslot. As a condition of entry, everyone was required to volunteer at the event and SPC annually volunteers to gear check. It's a great opportunity to learn a new and important skill. Thanks parents and riders for your gear checking and the club is lucky enough to be paid for your help!

As usual, our riders were beautifully presented and mannered over the weekend with some fantastic results across the board.

I watched some of our very brave Grade 5 riders take on the indoor show jumping with vigor and thought to myself that our next generation of riders is certainly looking gutsy!

I will be sending a thankyou letter this week on behalf of SPC to Werribee Pony Club and their sponsors who undertake an amazing job organizing such a huge event with only 25 members. It certainly is fantastic for our riders and club to have the opportunity to attend as a club and compete against such a large number of riders from around the Victoria and Interstate this year.

Well Done Everyone!

Belated thank-you everyone for your help at the dressage day! It was a great success for all!



Two of our "gutsy" up and coming riders!

Some ideas please:

Last year we spent our Werribee gear checking payment on a Liverpool jump ...everyone seemed to manage the jump at this year's Werribee HT so the investment paid off! (Ok the ducks were missing this year)

We need your thoughts on what we should spend this year's payment on

Please email your ideas to dianne.eharvey@bigpond.com

Yes the club has grown and there is new stuff

Whilst other pony clubs are grappling to keep their member numbers strong, at Seville we are continuously under pressure by the local community to take on more members.

I'm not sure if anyone has noticed, but we think we may have the smallest grounds in Victoria, however local families are still keen to join us

For the past few months we have been trialing off – site rallies for different groups in the club and a different format for our senior riders.

There are a few key thoughts behind the trial.

For senior riders, we are having 2 shorter, very targeted lessons with appropriate coaches to their level and age.

Afternoons can then be spent on K Certificates and helping the younger riders. For the older riders with considerable study commitments, they are able to fit in pony club and study/work.

For our younger riders, we can see the offsite rallies run clinic style as being a great experience to spend time with the other riders and families of similar age and level whilst receiving fantastic and again specialized instruction at the appropriate level.

For the club as a whole, we feel that the format trial means we can accommodate our increased membership but maintain an intimate "feel". We are able to provide a clear pathway for our riders by keeping a focus on age and level appropriate sessions and adding fun and some challenges along the way.

As part of the new format the committee has kept in mind that should a rider not be able to attend offsite, we will make sure they can still attend in another group at SPC as long as they let us know at least one week prior.

The format is being reviewed shortly and your feedback is certainly welcome

SPC and the local community

At SPC, we see our role as part of the local community as an important one. Riding is the main sport for many of our riders and we are constantly working to increase our profile role in the community as a local sporting club.

Whilst our grounds are only small, they are certainly located in the heart of a growing township.

Some of our community initiative includes the top arena being open to local riders, the grounds used for dog walking and walking in general by the public.

We have opened the grounds for local activities like Eroni's Circus. The Fire Brigade has used the arenas for training and local equestrian groups are using the rooms for their AGM's.

We really need your Help!

Rally pack up!

We really need families to stay for the final pack up. We understand that there are riders who need to ride home and likewise there are families who still need to get their cars and floats packed. Many hands make light work and there is so much effort by so many people to run the rally that just 15 minutes from each family is all we ask.....

Tie Up

For safety reasons horses are only to be tied in the tie up yard. No horses tied to floats or along the fences. We need all the space we can for riding and pedestrian safety.

If you haven't joined our SPC Facebook page as yet, ask a member friend who has to add you!

Happy Riding, *Di Harvey*