

Gawler River Pony Tales

March 2009

Well three rallies into the year already and what a year it is going to be!! Thanks to lots of hard work during the recess from pony club, we now have a dynamic rally plan to ensure that your time at pony club is a fun and learning experience. For ease of instruction, riders have been placed into groups in accordance of their certificate level. These groups have been named after horses, ie, warmblood, thoroughbred, Shetland etc. These names replace the previous colour groups. If you are unsure of which group you should be in, please check with Mark Jakeway or Kim Jameson. It is important to note that these groups are not your jumping groups. Most of you will have had your jumping assessed but if this is not the case, please speak to Kim or Mark at the next rally so this can occur.

Another new procedure in place this year has come about due to the large number of riders turning up to Sunday rallies. It is very difficult for the rally coordinator to organise the smooth running of the day, with the appropriate number of instructors, if they have no idea how many riders are going to turn up. It has now become necessary for you to **REGISTER YOUR INTENTION OF ATTENDING THE RALLY** by the Friday prior to the rally. This can be done by emailing Kim Jameson on bokani@bigpond.com or sending her a text message to 0418 895969. If you wish to have a yard for your pony at the rally, you can book this with Kim also. If you do not contact Kim to let her know you wish to attend, you may not be able to join in the rally, so get in early and let her know.

Attendance at the first few rallies has been fantastic, and you may notice a few new (and some familiar) faces around the club. The committee accepted all of those riders on the waiting list, some whom are rejoining Gawler River after time at other clubs. It is great to have them back, and to them and our new members, I would like to offer a huge welcome.

We welcome the input of all of our members and I would encourage you all to be on our email database for prompt, up to date information. All you need to do is send your email address to me at tinton@optusnet.com.au and I will add you to my list. Also, don't forget to check the website regularly as coming events and relevant news is posted here for your information.

If you wish to become more involved in YOUR pony club, please consider joining the committee. Nominations from interested people are being sought and it would be great to have some new faces and fresh new ideas on the committee. For more information, speak to a current committee person, or email me with your questions.



Tina Peters

Secretary GRPC

Uniforms

It has come to the attention of the committee that some riders are not adhering to the club's uniform guidelines and choosing to wear alternative colours to rallies.

For the record, the uniform policy is listed below

Formal Uniform (for representing club and acceptable at rallies but not essential)

Beige jodhpurs

Sky blue button up shirt (\$16) brown tie (\$11 for zipper tie), brown v neck woollen jumper (approx \$65) with beige trim on cuffs and at V with club badge on right breast.

Brown or black leather boots with a smooth sole and if gaiters are worn they must match the boot colour and material (ie no suede chapettes allowed)

Informal Uniform choices

Beige, brown, navy or black jodhpurs

Club jumper, shirt and tie or sky blue and brown polo shirt (\$25) beige and brown polo shirt (No longer avail to purchase) both with club logos.

Brown windcheater with blue insert around zip up collar and side splits with club logo (\$35)

Brown beige and white xc jumper (no longer available to order) or new xc jumper (brown, blue and beige) when available (approx \$65)

Saddle blankets are brown kersey wool with brown binding and have club badges stitched on. These are available in two sizes. (approx \$60)



Brown or black leather boots with a smooth sole are to be worn. Chapettes allowed at rallies, though preferably in brown or black.

Approved helmets must be worn at all times whilst mounted and all whips must have the loop by the handle cut off for safety reasons. Helmet covers in club colours are also available for \$25. These can be worn at rallies and in the xc component of ode.

All of these items (except jods, boots, chaps, gaiters and helmet) can be ordered and purchased through the club by contacting Maryellen Shrubsole at rallies. We are currently waiting on delivery of our latest order, so speak to Maryellen now so you

don't miss out. We appreciate that uniforms aren't cheap but believe we offer a range of choices that most people will find affordable and the items are hard wearing and well made.

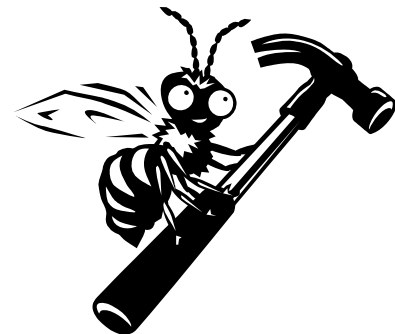
Whilst you are waiting for your new uniform, it would be appreciated if you could adhere to club colours if possible or ensure that you are tidily presented for rallies. The club does award a turn out trophy at the end of the end and how you present yourself is a large part of this.

There are limited second hand items available – speak to Vicki Jakeway if you are interested in purchasing any of these, or you wish to sell some of your existing uniforms.

Also available for purchase are smaller versions of the club badges, suitable for jackets etc.

A limited number of shirts commemorating **Gawler River Pony Club's 50th Anniversary** are also available. These shirts are navy with a white stripe on the sleeve and list all of the club members at the time of the club's anniversary (September 2008). Maryellen has the details!

Help required

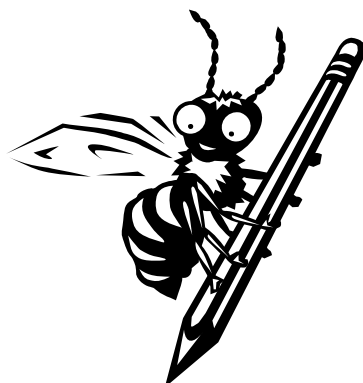


Our grade 3, 4 and 5 ode is just around the corner (April 4th and 5th) and help is urgently required for a variety of jobs. This is a major fundraiser for **YOUR** club and the money raised will go back into the club to update facilities and/or purchase new equipment.

When you signed your membership form you agreed to attend working bees and help out at club events or pay a \$50 levy to avoid doing this. We have a book people sign when a working bee is on, and this is sadly devoid of many names. It seems to be the same people turning up every time and in a club with well over 100 members, this is very disappointing. It is not just up to the committee to do the work, the members (who benefit from the work) need to help out as well.

If you can help out, please contact Mark Jakeway on mjakeway@bigpond.net.au or on mobile 0419922427. If you cannot attend at the time of the working bees but are happy to come down outside of this time to assist, please let Mark know this also, as there is a lot of trimming around jumps and small jobs, that need to be done!! Many hands make light work and we would love to have your company as some of us are getting very weary!!

- **Friday April 3rd from 9am** – Setup for ODE (contact Mark Jakeway)
Jobs are erect dressage arenas, erect show jumping course & bunting, flag cross country course & bunting, prepare canteen, prepare toilets, prepare club rooms, outline car parking area, prepare competitors bags, rake jump approaches and landing areas etc
- **Saturday April 4th** - Running of ODE (contact Mark Jakeway)
We need Marshals, Gear Checkers, Runners, Parking Assistants, Canteen Staff, BBQ Cooks, etc
- **Sunday April 5th** – Running of ODE (contact Mark Jakeway)
We need Marshals, Gear Checkers, Runners, Parking Assistants, Canteen Staff, BBQ Cooks, CROSS COUNTRY JUMP JUDGES
- **April 15th & 16th** (Wednesday & Thursday) – Eventing Clinic
We need to run the canteen
- **May 30th** – Setup for Dressage Day
- **May 31st** – Running of Dressage Day





Congratulations

Lisa Girdham and Ben Barnes on the birth of Luke Benjamin Barnes born on 31/12/08. Lisa is now happy to be back in the saddle after recovering from Benjamin's delivery and we wish she and her family all the best.



Congratulations also must go to Aimee, Emily, Bonnie, Lisa H, Lauren, Bree and Nikki for successfully passing their C certificates just prior to Christmas. The behaviour and endeavour shown by these riders was second to none and their behaviour was a credit to them. Well done girls and onward to K !!!



January

Christine D, Nadia, Bonnie, Bob R, Sandy F, Tina G, Sam J, Kim J, Vicki J,

February

Jakob, Alicia and Abbie , Matthew M, Jack P, Zenna, Jemma, Debbie G, Mia, Lauren M, Chelsea M, Jacqueline, Mickey R, Jane Z,

March

Helen B, Toni, Judy D, Margaret G, Lisa H, Brianna S, Julie J, Sinead, Granny Liz, Rhianna S, Ben W,

April

Di B, Polly, Amber, Caitlan K, Petra, Mieke, Bree P, Michele W, Sandy B,

Condolences

On behalf of the Gawler River Pony Club, I would like to offer our condolences to the Jameson family on the loss of their lovely little foal. So much promise unfulfilled.

Also, the Degreef family lost Big Mac after a tragic accident. Larger than life and cheeky as they come, failing eyesight and medical problems couldn't stop him. He lived to the ripe age of 26 and died in the arms of those who loved him.

Our thoughts are with you at this sad time

