

Gawler River Pony Tales

WELCOME

Hi all and welcome to a new financial year!!!! There has been lots of stuff happening around the place, hence the delay in the newsletter. The most obvious one was the AGM, which was held on July 13th and well attended by the members. Due to the fact that most of the positions appointed last year, were two year terms, the committee has only changed minimally.

For those of you who are unsure the, committee is as follows:

- President - Michelle Semmler
- Vice President - Jacqueline Raphael (Safety Officer)
- Secretary - Tina Peters
- Treasurer – Maryellen Shrubsole
- Minutes Secretary – Christine Drodge
- Rally Coordinator – Kim Jameson (First Aid Officer)
- Event Coordinator – Mark Jakeway
- Canteen – Judy Darlington/Vicki/Christine
- Uniforms – Maryellen Shrubsole/Vicki Jakeway
- Junior Committee Coordinator – Sarah Jane Jameson
- Junior Reps – Emily Petty, Lauren Jakeway and Mia Langtry
- General committee members – Di Birmingham, Michelle DeGreef, Alicia Bernardo
Tina Grech, Sandy Fletcher, Kylie Watson

I would like to convey a warm welcome to the new committee members and also take the opportunity to farewell and thank Brendon Pool for his fantastic effort as Ground's coordinator. Unfortunately Brendon is unable to continue in the role due to work commitments and we are looking for someone to take this role on. If you are interested, please contact any of the committee listed above.

Committee meetings are held at the clubrooms on the first Wednesday of each month commencing at 7pm. You do not have to be on the committee to attend club meetings and any queries relating to zone or pcsa need to go through GRPC committee first. If you have something to discuss, it would be appreciated if you could notify me so I can put it on the agenda and ensure I have any relevant information handy at the meeting to assist you.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE 2008/2009 SEASON ARE NOW DUE.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OUR WEBSITE www.gawlerriverpony.club.com

OR YOU CAN COMPLETE YOURS AT THE NEXT RALLY. REMEMBER, AFTER JULY 31ST, YOU WILL NO LONGER BE COVERED BY PONY CLUB INSURANCE AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RIDE ON THE GROUNDS UNTIL THIS PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE!!



Congratulations to Mia and Hannah Langtry and Zenna Zilm who all passed their D certificate recently. They join Mieke Page as the latest recipients from GRPC. A group of riders have been busy revising the theory portion of the C certificate with the help of Kim Jameson at the club on Friday nights. These riders will undertake their C certificate testing within the next few months at a neutral location with an independent instructor. Best of luck to you all!!



Congratulations to Michelle, Tim and Shiana on the safe arrival of Callan Victor.

Great to see Michelle back around the club Although it is early days yet, young Callan appears to be the picture of contentment, sleeping his way through the AGM and the zone meeting last week.

Granny Liz can't wipe the smile off of her face and Marley has become the Callan's personal assistant and guard dog, fetching Michelle as soon as he so much as makes an attempt to cry!!!!



If using the ground outside of rally times, please remember to lock "our" padlock into the "council" padlock so both parties have access to the grounds at

all times

Gear Checkers

Congratulations to the following people who are now qualified gear checkers after completing a school at GRPC recently. The list includes some renewals as the format from PCASA had changed. Many thanks to Di Birmingham for conducting this course and well done to the participants.

Michelle Semmler, Vicki Jakeway, Andrea Petty, Margaret DeGreef, Michelle DeGreef, Marianne Daniel, Kim Jameson, Tina Peters, Maryellen Shrubsole, Mark Jakeway, Margaret Gunn, Jacqueline Raphael.



Level 0 Coaches Course

The club recently held an Orientation to Pony Club and Coaching Course conducted by Greg Bailey, President of PCASA. This was attended by 6 members from Gawler River Pony Club and we were joined by some folk from the Williamstown Horse and Pony Club. The course was very entertaining and informative, and will likely be the last one of its type held for quite awhile, as a new

coaching scheme will be rolled out this month. Stay tuned for more information on this. The club have also purchased some manuals and books which should provide some useful information for all. These are available in the clubrooms for you to view.

Adopt a Jump



There has been some concern expressed about the concept of Adopt a Jump so if you are interested, please read on!!

The opportunity for adopting a x country jump, was to instil a sense of pride in members whilst they MAINTAINED their selected jump by weeding, ensuring ties are intact etc. It was never intended that the course be dramatically altered or jumps changed, although, if you have a good idea for a x country jump, by all means discuss this with Michelle Semmler and Kim Jameson as all submissions will be CONSIDERED if they meet the criteria for safety and suitability. No jumps are to be altered by painting or any other way without prior permission from Michelle S and Kim who will discuss the plans with Di Birmingham to ensure the changes are suitable!! **If you are still unclear on this, please speak with Michelle S or Kim Jameson at the next rally!!**

Well done to Jemma Dodd and Bree Peters who did Gawler River Pony Club proud at a recent school,



organised by the Show Horse Council. Participating in different age groups with different instructors, both girls managed to

award for the a beautiful prizes and were very over 20 the school so they did very well



win the encouragement weekend which was hacking cane. They showing off their you can see they happy. There were riders who attended

UNIFORMS

The next batch of informal uniforms are finally here.

If you placed an order with me, your jumper/shirt is at the club. Please speak with Maryellen Shrubsole who would be very pleased to take your money and hand over your goods. If you are waiting for an exchange item due to a sizing issue from the first order, please contact me first so I can confirm details and pass on to Maryellen to avoid any confusion. **(Cost for these items \$25 polo shirt, \$35 windcheater)**

We also have some additional sizes in the light blue shirts for the formal uniform if you are in need of one of these. Contact either Maryellen or Vicki Jakeway for these. **(Cost \$17)**

Remember the helmet hidars are still available at the club, so give your helmet a splash of colour for only **\$25**



IF YOU HAVE ANY SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS LYING AROUND AT HOME, WHY DON'T YOU BRING THEM INTO CLUB TO SELL?? WE ARE HOPING TO PROVIDE A 2ND HAND UNIFORM SERVICE BUT TO DO THIS WE NEED YOUR SECOND HAND GOODS.

THEY CAN BE KEPT AT THE CLUB AND WHEN SOLD, THE MONEY WILL BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO YOU OR YOU CAN USE IT TO PURCHASE ITEMS

FOR YOURSELF!!!!

SPEAK WITH VICKI JAKEWAY FOR FURTHER DETAILS.....

Helpers required

Saturday August 16th 10am onwards. Helpers are urgently needed to assist Barossa Valley Pony Club in setting up their grounds for the zone finals. It is the responsibility of all clubs within the zone to send along helpers for this. If you have any spare time on the Saturday and are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact myself or Margaret DeGreef for further information. We are also requiring lane stewards for the mounted games competition in the afternoon. Get involved and be right in the middle of the action.

Wednesday August 20th Lower North Zone are seeking a **Secretary** and a **Treasurer** for their committee. AGM is on this night. You do not need to be on the committee of Gawler River pc to take on one of these roles, you could just be a social member. Meetings are bi monthly. Contact Margaret DeGreef on for further information.

September 28th - GRPC 50th celebrations

Get into the Zone

anniversary

If you would like to be

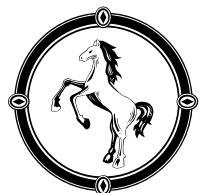
involved in a working party to promote/organise this event, please contact Sarah Jane Jameson on bokani@bigpond.com or at the next rally. This day will run in conjunction with the Encourage ODE.

October 19th – Festival All Breeds Show at Strathalbyn – Seeking people who are able to assist with the running of a canteen on this day. All profits will come to the GRPC. If you can help out, please contact Kim Jameson on bokani@bigpond.com



SORRY!

The Lower North Zone are seeking interested persons to join their committee who are willing to take on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer. You do not need to be a member of your club committee but you do need to be a financial member of a LNZ club (Social Membership is fine). If interested, please contact Tina Peters or Margaret DeGreef for more information. The meetings are held every second month at the club selected by the secretary – currently GRPC. They are usually brief and it gives you a chance to socialise with members from other clubs within the zone.



Whilst cleaning out my car last week, I found some addressed envelopes containing information about the AGM which was obviously intended for some members of the pony club. The envelopes had got caught under the passenger seat of my car and hence, weren't mailed when the rest of the letters were posted. If you missed out on this important piece of information, I am very sorry, but by the time I found them it was too late to mail them out. I have covered all the information in this newsletter and the website is updated regularly. If you haven't already seen it, log on to www.gawleriverponyclub.com and check it out!!



To prevent accidents, please adhere to the following when awaiting gear checks at rallies.

- Please notify Kim Jameson if you are unable to attend any rallies
- Remember that any cars without floats attached need to either park behind the canteen or on the road verge outside of the first gates. This is a directive from the insurance company.
- If you have not been allocated a yard for your horse, can you please avoid parking in this area.
- Please don't park in front of the yards, ie, in front of the tree line
- Listen to the announcements from the PA system
- From 9.30am line up at your coloured drum – leaving adequate space between your horse and others, especially if you are not confident in crowded areas.
- Present yourself to the gear checkers in an orderly fashion
- When you have been gear checked, remain in the line and don't move off to ride around. This is confusing for the gear checkers and other people on the ground assisting.
- Pay attention to the other horses around you to avoid potentially dangerous situations
- When your instructor collects your group, ensure that you all move away to your work area in an orderly manner
- Remember to treat your instructors and fellow riders with courtesy and respect



- Enjoy!!!!!!

JULY - Jessica B, Hannah L, Andrea P, Morgan P, Troy W

AUGUST - Liz J, Sarah Jane (21), Nerida M, Ann S

SEPTEMBER – Catherine A, Teegan A, Marianne D, Michelle D, Lauren F, Emily P, Melanie R, Brianna S, Shiana S, Colin W

Sorry if I have missed your birthday, but I am now working off the current membership list, so if you are yet to pay your fees, you are missing off my list!!! Hope you all have great birthdays!!!!



Tina Peters - Secretary GRPC