

GRPC Pony Tales

November/December 2008

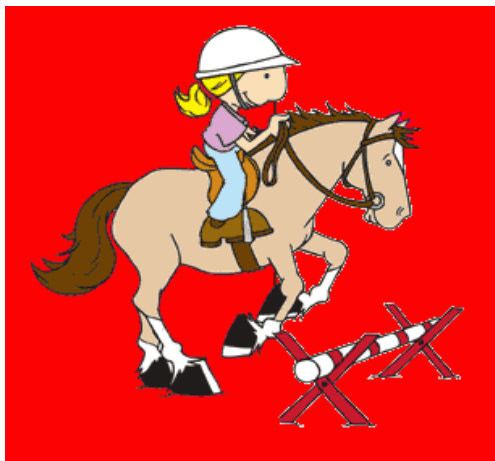
Hi all and sorry for the delay, once again. It seems that the weeks have just run into each other the last half of this year and now, it is almost Christmas. Last Sunday saw the last of the rallies for 2008 and the focus was on fun!!! In the morning, the C certificate group were instructed by Di Birmingham who revised many of the things they need to know for their assessment on December 21st. Rocki fell asleep as everyone had a turn at bandaging his tail, (he also fell asleep after he demonstrated his gallop – don't want to get too excited I guess). It was great to see the riders ask their horses to gallop and watch the recognition on their face as they felt the gait change! Emily had to adopt "tent pegging" position before Harry would comply but, when he thought he was tent pegging he didn't want to stop. The small but noisy cheer squad in front of the canteen enjoyed this display. Michelle S and Di then took the riders over some cross country terrain and later they had fun with some novelties. Good luck to Jess, Bonnie, Emily, Lauren, Bree, Nikki, Laura (Kady), Aimee and Lisa for your assessment. We wish you all the best. Thanks to Kim Jameson and Di Birmingham for all the work they have put in to get these riders to this level.

Today I am recovering from a huge day at the Mini Zones. Results and photos are included in the newsletter and you will see that Gawler River did sensationally well. Our pony team won in Team on the Flat (Morgan, Mikaela, Shiana and Sinead), as did our led team (Matty, Teagan, Jess and Mickey). The led team also showed fantastic sportsmanship and team spirit when one of their young riders was a bit teary and overwhelmed after having been woken from a sleep to do the novelties. He went and sat down by himself feeling miserable and all of his team mates walked over and just sat with him til he felt better. That is what it is all about!!!

We placed first and second in the showjumping and Alix came second in Horse of the Year and Jade came third. Brooke was unlucky to be just outside the placings and all our other riders did well. It was great to see some of our younger riders step up and face the challenge of competing, they will be much better for the experience.

A huge thank you must go out to Mark, Vicki, Lauren, Emily, Bree, Di, Helen, Michelle D, Leon and Graham and all of the Team Managers, coaches and parents who made this day such a huge success. Gawler River will be hosting this event in 2009, and we want to make it the "best ever", so watch this space!!

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Coming Events



SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2008

Break up/presentation/BBQ at Roseworthy College pool. We have use of the pool and the tennis courts (BYO equipment) plus there is a playground and oval to use.

Please bring a salad or sweet to share

Santa will be making a visit too! 2pm til dusk!!

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16TH, 2008

Lobethal lights tour with Doug!! Once again, Doug has offered to take his bus on a tour of the Lobethal lights with interested people from GRPC aboard. Bus leaves Gawler Belt 6.30pm and returns at approx 11pm. Cost \$6 per seat or \$20 a family. Enquires Michelle Semmler on 0439836860 or mt.semmler@internode.on.net

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST, 2008

C certificate testing at GRPC grounds from 9am

megan jones eventing clinics

1 Day Clinics - January & February 2009

print this form

Qualified NCAS Level 2 Eventing Specialist coach and BHS Level III rider. Olympic Silver Medalist, 2008. World Equestrian Games Bronze Medallist, 2006. Winner of CCI*** Melbourne International Horse Trials 2005 & 2008. Winner of CCI**** Adelaide International Horse Trials 2005.

Why don't you take this opportunity to get you and your horse ready for the coming eventing season. Get ahead of the field and give yourself the confidence to go out there and WIN!

- 2 x 1 hour sessions per one day clinic
- Small groups
- Non EFA members can purchase a 1 Day Membership (\$10) on the day for Public Liability Insurance purposes (to be done on the day)

Clinic Details: \$110 per Clinic (2 x 1 Hour Sessions), cheques payable to Kirby Park Stud. 10% discount for 2 or more days. Payment required with registration prior to day.



Hot News from GRPC

A group of riders will be attending Kirby Park, Megan Jones' property, for one of her Eventing Clinics on **SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH, 2009**

Cost for these clinics is \$120 per day or \$110 if you are an EFA member. This includes flatwork, showjumping and x country coaching. I have been in touch with Megan and we have been given the opportunity to take a group of observers along for the cost of \$20 per head.

If you are interested in attending, you can find more details at www.kirbypark.com or on our website www.gawlerriverponyclub.com. If you are unable to do this, contact me and I will forward details on to you. All rider registrations need to be paid directly to Kirby Park not GRPC and you are responsible for booking yourself in. I would appreciate it if people could just let me know whether or not they will be attending on this day.

If you wish to attend as an observer, please contact me (details above) to register. You will be expected to pay this money to GRPC and we will then give Kirby Park a cheque. As numbers will be limited, please don't book in as a "maybe" as you could be taking someone else's place who really wants to go. The opportunity to "car pool" a group of observers will assist in keeping the cost down, so please let me know of your intentions ASAP

RESULTS FROM MINI ZONES

Placing's and Trophy Winners;

Alix Bell – Second in Horse of the Year
Jade Hutson - Winner of Turnout Trophy, third in Horse of the Year
Troy Woollard - Winner of Sportsmanship Trophy
Ben Woollard - First in Led HOY
Teegan Appleby - Third in Led HOY
Team One - First in Team on the Flat
Team One - Second in the Mounted Games
Team Three - First in the Team Showjumping 45cm
Team Two - Second in the Team Showjumping 45cm



Congratulations to Sarah Jane Jameson for being selected in the State womens cricket team who travelled to Perth last week and also for taking out the champion class on Remy at the recent Arabian championships

Congratulations also to Sam Jackson who got married a couple of weeks ago and to Amanda Russell who had a baby boy recently

**Congratulations to Kylie Watson on celebrating the big 40!!
And daughter Chelsea for her 5th birthday.**



October birthdays

Lee A, Christopher B, Lainie, Chloe, Aimee, Sonja, Teresa, Judy R, Maryellen,

November Birthdays

Mikaela, Sherrie, Jade, Lauren, Michelle S, Amanda, Angie

December birthdays

Laura Kate, Nichole S, Karen L, Greg M, Lynette N, Brooke, Tony P, Alix B, Emily K, Natalie, Brooke P

HORSE HAPPENINGS

Our commiserations go out to Sandy, Chloe and Wal (and Tara) on the loss of their beloved "Buddy". He lived a great life and in the last few years he was pampered and loved more than any pony could be. He had "a good innings" as he was over 35 when he trotted off to pony heaven.



Our sympathies also go out to the vaulting community on the tragic death of their star vaulting horse, Montage.

After a hectic season, Monty was no doubt looking forward to a rest in the paddock but, unfortunately was the victim of a snake bite on his first day of R&R. Monty has been a champion horse for many years and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him

Nikki's horse, Charlie Brown is currently recovering from a nasty wound to his leg. He has been confined and in a plaster cast. Here's to a speedy recovery for him.

Bonnie's horse AB has managed to fracture his hoof, so he will be out of action for awhile too.

Michele Woollard's mare gave birth to an enormous foal dubbed Ammo. His show name will be Lethal Weapon. Keep an eye out for him

Graham Ferris's mare also had a foal after previous failed attempts, and the Getson's mares are also doing their bit to help ensure the continued population of the equine world

Shiana's pony Abbey has been spending some time with that handsome stallion of Kim's, Sport, so Michelle S has her fingers crossed that there may be an Abbey Junior around the place soon

Check out the website for all of our great items for sale.

Below is just a snapshot of items listed

I have a 17" Kieffer Aachen fully mounted with a vinyl saddle bag \$1000 firm. The saddle is brown in colour and in good order, the only thing it is missing is a plastic cover over one of the stirrup bars, I have been using a piece of plastic tube to fix this small problem. Apart from that it has no marks and has only ever had light use and has always been owned by myself.

I also have a 15" pony saddle which is also in good order it is Australian made, is light brown in colour has been recently repacked and also comes fully mounted with a vinyl saddle bag. The gullet on this saddle is reasonably narrow hence it will not suit a very fat pony. The price I have put on this saddle is \$200 ono. Saddles located at Freeling but can be bought down to pony club if you are interested in trying on your horse/pony.

Contact Helen Barnes on hjbarnes@internode.on.net or phone 85252511. Leave a message and I will get back to you.



MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW MEMBERS

As you are probably aware, our books are currently closed as we have over 100 members. The committee will be reviewing this situation in January as we currently have more than 10 people on the waiting list.

If you have anyone who would like to join the club, please download an "Application for membership" form from the website, get them to fill it in, and pass onto a committee member. All memberships are dealt with in this way NO EXCEPTIONS!!



GRPC dates for 2009

Sunday February 8 th	– First rally for GRPC
Sunday February 15 th	- GRPC - XC training day (CHANGE OF DATE)
Sunday February 22 nd	- Rally
Sunday March 8 th	- Rally (Adelaide Cup weekend)
Sunday March 15 th	Encourage/Mini ODE
Sunday March 22 nd	Rally
Saturday April 4 th	ODE Grades 3, 4 and 5
Sunday April 5 th	
Sunday April 12 th	NO rally – EASTER
Sunday April 26 th	Rally
Sunday May 24 th	Rally
Sunday May 31 st	Dressage Day
Sunday June 14 th	Rally
Sunday June 28 th	Rally
Sunday July 19 th	Showjumping Day
Sunday July 26 th	Rally/AGM
Sunday Aug 9 th	Rally
Sat August 15 th	Zone Finals at Two Wells PC
Sun August 16 th	
Sunday August 23 rd	Closed Gymkhana
Sunday Sept 13 th	Rally
Sunday Sept 20 th	x country training day
Sunday Sept 27 th	Mini/Encourage ODE
Sat October 2 nd	State Championships at Talunga Park Mt Pleasant
Sun October 3 rd	State Championships/Gymkhana
Mon October 4 th	This event is hosted by Lower North Zone (our zone)
October (tbc)	School holiday camp
Sat October 25 th	ODE Grade 4 and 5
Sun October 26 th	
Sun Nov 8 th	Rally
Sun Nov 22 nd	Rally
Sunday Nov 29 th	Mini Zone Championships hosted by Gawler River Pony club
Sat Dec 12 th	Break up/Presentation

Zone and other events of Interest

Sunday February 8 th	Barossa Valley PC XC training day (Grade 5)
Sunday February 22 nd	TWEPC Show jumping day
Sunday March 1 st	Mountain PC xc training day (Grades 2,3,4 and 5)
Sunday March 8 th (Adelaide Cup wend)	Mt Gambier PC ODE
Sunday March 15 th	Barossa Valley PC Unofficial Dressage Day
Sunday March 22 nd	Onkaparinga pc Encourage Grade 5 ODE Pt Augusta pc gymkhana
Sunday March 29 th	TWEPC Gymkhana SA Pinto Ass gymkhana and fun day (Gawler racecourse) Onkaparinga " <i>Roskhill</i> " xc training day (Gr 3,4 and 5) State ODE hosted by Central Zone at Kadina
Sat April 18 th Sun April 20 th	
Sat April 25 th Sun April 26 th	Mt Pleasant PC ODE
Sat May 9 th Sun May 10 th	Onkaparinga pc " <i>Roskhill</i> " Horse Trials Grades 3, 4 & 5
Sunday May 24 th	Barossa Valley PC Grade 5 ODE
Sat June 20 th Sun June 21 st Sat June 27 th	Southern Zone " <i>Francis Figwer</i> " ODE Pt Augusta pc ODE – Grades 3, 4 & 5
July 12 th to 18 th	PCA National Champs – Sydney
Sat 22 nd and Sun 23 rd August	Mt Gambier Horse Trials
Sept 4 th to 12 th	ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW
Sat Sept 12 th Sun Sept 13 th Sun Sept 20 th	Mountain PC ODE- PC and Adult 2, 3, 4, 5 Mylor Valley pc Grade 5 ODE Training Day
Sun Oct 11 th	Mountain pc combined xc and show jumping comp – pc and adult grades 2, 3, 4 and 5
Sun October 24 th	Barossa Valley PC Showjumping Day
Sun Nov 15 th	Mylor Valley pc ODE Grade 5
Sun Nov 22 nd	Southern Zone " <i>Mitton Memorial</i> " gymkhana

