



Mt Gravatt District Horse and Pony Club Newsletter

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Treasurer Position Still Vacant

Cherie can now longer undertake the role of Club Treasurer so we require someone to take on this important role.

If you are interested in taking on the role of Club Treasurer please contact Clare Fowler – email clarefowler@optusnet.com.au

Mt Gravatt Dressage Ribbon Day - 7 March

Nominations for the Mt Gravatt Ribbon Day close on Wednesday 3rd March.

To nominate please contact Jenny Pugh on jenny.pugh@optusnet.com.au or phone on 3341 3871.

There is a working bee on Saturday 6 March commencing at 7am to set up arenas etc for the day and do any tidy up work required.

Please bring mowers/whipper snippers etc as they may be needed for some jobs.

Club competition uniform must be worn. If you don't have a uniform contact Linda Udell on 0432 265 235 as she will try and work something out.

Upcoming Mt Gravatt EFA ODE

Our EFA one day event is fast approaching. We have only 8 weeks to go and much to do. If you would like to offer your help in assisting in preparing for and running one of our biggest events of the year. All the big jobs have been allocated; we just need some helpers for the small staff, and some moral support. Contact Clare if you can offer your help clarefowler@optusnet.com.au

Upcoming Events

7/3/10 Members Dressage Ribbon Day – Nominations close 3/3/10

12-14/3/10 Zone 1 Jumping Equitation & Show Jumping Championships - Nominations close 3/3/10

21/3/10 Gumdale Pony Club Official Gymkhana - Nominate on the morning.

21/3/10 Redlands Pony Club Official Showjumping - Nominations close 13/3/10.

7-10/4/10 PCAQ State Jumping Equitation & Showjumping Championships

Go to <http://mtgravattponyclub.com/Programs&Draws.html> for nomination forms and details.

State Competitions - Entry Qualifications

To compete at State events, horse and rider must qualify at two separate events within the twelve calendar months preceding the close of nominations by: placing in the top ten overall in their Group - an Official Day, a Zone championship run to the same format as the State Championship or the State championship of the previous year: qualifying time to end at the close of nominations. Be sure to complete all details of qualification criteria on the nomination form. If your horse upgrades prior to Championships, after close of nominations, you must advise organising secretary so that you compete in the correct grade.

Each entrant must also hold a "C" Proficiency Certificate at the date of entry, and must attach a photocopy.

Reports

Chief instructor

Welcome all new members! I was delighted to see how positive and inclusive all our members were towards our new members at the first muster. We had Fantastic turnout for our First Muster Day (over 40 riders) with some old faces returning (good to see) as well as some new faces.

A huge Thank you to Kym Luis, Clare Fowler, Lara Fowler, Amy Godsall, Jessica Weiss, Sarah Weiss, Chantel Filen, Donna-lee Hardcastle and Sally Gates who helped me on the on the day , which allowed me to relax a bit and focus on the lesson. Also thank you to everyone else that helped and made setting up and the running of the day run smoothly. Also, a huge thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who helped out in the Canteen and kept our riders and instructors supplied with cold water, as it was a very, very hot day. Thank you as well to all committee members who were there doing their jobs.

Congratulations to all who moved up colour groups and don't forget that we will be watching closely and will be ready to move riders up when they are exceeding the requirements of their current level.

Our committee and Instructors are going to be attempting to organize new/different instructors for each of the Sunday musters so that our riders get lots of different input into their horsemanship skills in a variety of areas such as; natural horsemanship, dressage, eventing, showjumping, novelties and more!

Let me know if there are specific things you would like to do at musters so that

I can build them into the plans.

I can't wait to see you all at the Members Dressage Ribbon Day. Don't forget to nominate to Jenny Pugh on 33413871.

We have two members that have signed up to obtain their Level C Instructors certificate in the middle of the year and we will support them all in their efforts. (I will advise you a little later when I will require your help). Remember to bring you Certificates Books to the next muster we will be going through them at lunch time. I spoke with the kids about doing their Level D, D* and C, C* Certificates, which generally cover Riding and Horsemanship. Those of you who were not at Muster and would like to know more can simply contact me.

In the meantime remember to set yourself little goals in your riding and work step by step to achieving those goals. Give your horse clear messages about what you want them to do and be prepared to repeat your commands until they understand. When they do what you want, give them plenty of praise and don't be tempted to repeat and repeat or else your horse will think they have done the wrong thing. Instead, give them a break and do something light and easy then come back to the original lesson later to see if they remembered what you were asking for. This will prevent your horse from getting stressed and from being confused about whether they did the right thing or not. Never lose your temper towards your horse. Be kind and encouraging and stay calm. If you feel yourself getting frustrated, give yourself a break. This will create a positive and respectful relationship between you and your horse.

SENIOR MUSTER IS RETURNING! Kym is going to take this on and I know you are all thrilled to bits that the "Adults" (oldies, not me of course) will get together again starting on 20th March at 10am and finishing at 12pm. This will then be followed by morning tea. The one rule for the Senior Muster is of course - no children are to ride on the grounds until 12pm. So, sorry kids but you have to let Mum/Dad have a go too!

See you next muster.

Linda Udell

President

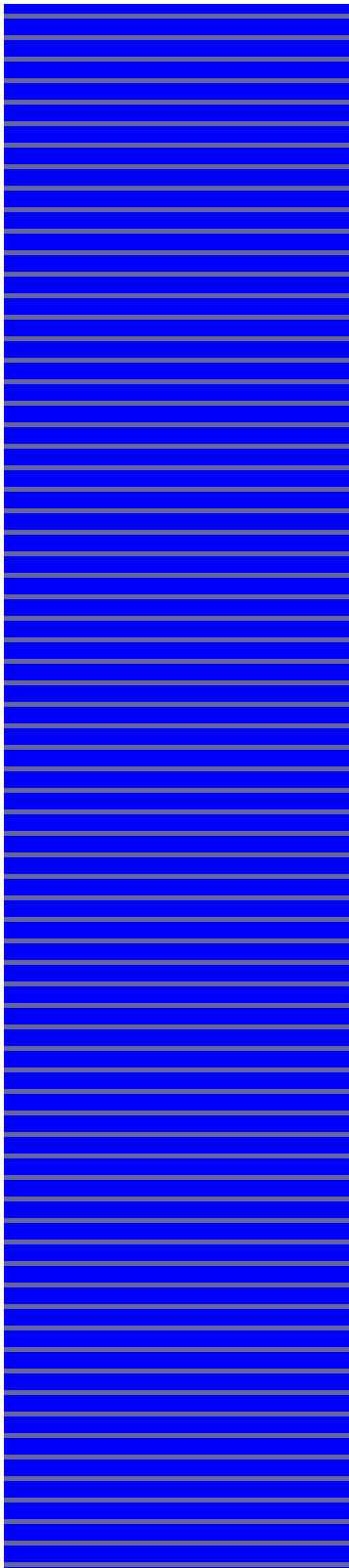
Welcome to all our new members who have recently joined, we look forward to seeing you participating and sharing the enjoyment of being a member of Mt Gravatt Pony Club. The grounds are currently looking fantastic, thank you very much to Jeff Palmer for your dedicated hours cutting the grass. We have our ribbon day dressage fast approaching, along with our EFA ODE, so all hands on deck for upcoming working bees. Our cross county course will be closed after the next muster (28th March) for 4 weeks prior to our ODE, so ensure you utilise it before it closes. Welcome to our Junior committee members Anneli and Sarah, I look forward to working with you this

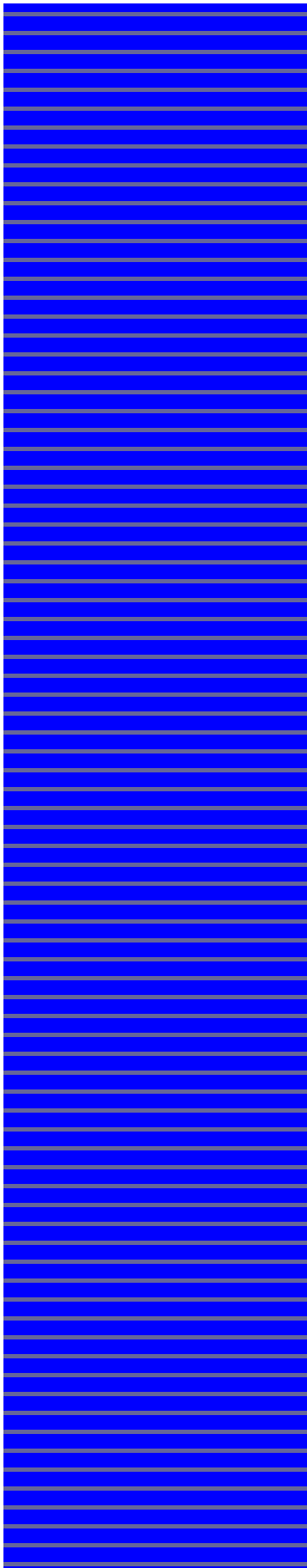
year. Big thanks to Linda for the first muster of the year, with 40 riders in attendance it was a great showing and everyone appeared to be having fun.

Clare Fowler

1st Muster Photos







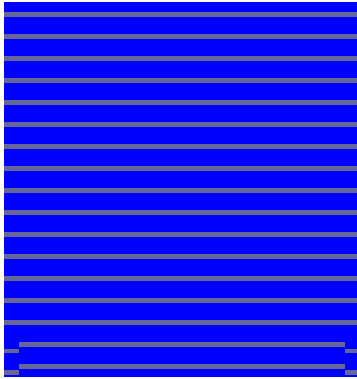
For Sale



Otto Tuza 2 horse extended front, straight load, has kitchenette, fridge, microwave, sink, water tank. Enclosed tack box. Brand new roll out awning. New aluminum boxes on guards. 240/12 power. 800 kg tare 2000kg gross. Excellent condition. Hardly used.

Always stored in fully enclosed shed. Currently advertised in Feb. Horse deals, Page 575, ref 1684. Silly mother purchased it and the huge Warmblood will not fit. Same silly mother transported it from Proserpine to Brisbane for a lady who changed her mind. \$15900. Firm. Please call 0412 763 675.

Stored at Burbank, Brisbane SE. For easy viewing/collection



Club calendar

Club events for March, April and May are attached. The proposed calendar of events for 2010 is posted on the notice board at the club. Please note this is subject to change so please refer to monthly newsletters and emails for updates.