



Mt Gravatt District Horse and Pony Club Newsletter

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Welcome

The new year is well and truly under way and what a start it has been, with a huge turnout to our first full muster. A very hot day, combined with large numbers, presented a challenge to instructors, riders, horses and parents alike. Role on the cooler weather!!

Committee Positions:- Your Pony Club Needs You!!!

Do you wonder what to do with your spare time?
Are you ready to learn new skills and apply old skills to new tasks?
Come and offer your services to help run your Pony Club.
Currently we have a collection of people filling the role of secretary but ideally this is a role for one person. Is this the job for you? Don't be shy. Perhaps you are more interested in assisting as Nominations secretary. This is another role that is currently being covered by a number of people to ensure our members can take part in events outside our club. Due to increased responsibilities our groundsman has stepped down. Every one needs to help with this massive job. Please consider how you can help. All these positions being covered by the same few people is not sustainable. Please come and help.
Deb Newman has kindly taken on the role of Uniform officer. Many thanks to you Deb.

Date Claimers

Committee Meeting *every 3rd Wednesday of the month*
Next meeting **16.03.11**
Followed by 20.04.11

Muster *4th Sunday of the month. Next muster 27.03.11*
Mini muster 2nd Saturday of the month.
Next mini muster 9.04.11
Seniors twilight muster TBA

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Muster News

Thanks go to our Instructors Rob Harrison & Debi Taylor (Natural Horsemanship). Debi welcomes any feedback & questions. Email forestry@pacific.net.au if you wish any questions or feedback to be forwarded. And a huge thankyou to Kym Luis for stepping in and running the Mini Muster in Linda's absence; and to Clare and Lara for their assistance with Instruction.

Assistance Required - Grounds

After all the rainfall, the club grounds need much attention. I am looking for 5 families to volunteer to mow and whipper snip a jump each. At the next muster on the Sunday 27th March, Amy and I wish to do time trials for the children on the cross country. One of our members, Andrew Smith has already done 4 jumps himself, but he cannot be expected to do a whole course himself, which needs to be at least 10 jumps. The standard of the jumps at the next muster will be determined how successful your children's training will be. This should only require a commitment of 30 to 45 mins a family.

On the Saturday before the muster I would also like some help setting up 2 dressage arenas and a show jumping course. Please email me if you can help.

Please also realise that the quality of the instruction given to your children will depend on the quality of the facilities we have available to train on.

Cheers Linda
m: 0432265325

Getting started

All riders are to lead their horses through the white gate to the area in front of the clubhouse to present for gear check. You may present from 8.30 onwards. After successful gear check you will be given your hat cover for your assigned group and you may then warm up your horse. (gently – walking and trotting only - except for red, blue and purple who may do some controlled cantering as part of their warm up).

At 9am (or 1pm for Sat musters) you need to line up in a troop line to begin the day. All lessons and groups will commence at this time and if you are late you will miss out! Any late-comers need to report **un-mounted** to the chief instructor or the lead instructor for a gear check before joining in.

In this never ending summer it would be helpful for members to bring their own water bottle to musters.

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Presentation

Time to dig out the saddle oil and nugget your boots! From now on, all riders will be assessed and marked out of 10 for presentation during gear check.

Make sure you :-

- Have a clean, well groomed horse with picked out feet and a brushed main and tail,
- Have cleaned and oiled gear that fits correctly and is safe,
- Pay special attention to bits, girths, stirrups and your boots
- Make sure **you** are wearing the correct uniform and that it is clean and tidy.

Safety

Nothing is more important than the safety of our members and their horses. We can not stress enough the importance of the rules being adhered to:

- Never leave a horses tied to an unhitched float. If you do need to unhitch your float please move your horse to the pens or tie it to someone else's float.
- Dogs are banned from the grounds musters . This includes , competitions, weekends, camp-outs etc. Please keep your furry friends at home.
- Keep horses at a safe distance when riding.
- All riders are strongly recommended to wear helmets at all times when around horses which includes tacking, grooming, leading and bathing.

Uniforms

New Uniform Officer - *Deb Newman mob: 0423 536 477*

Our uniform is compulsory for all members. It consists of the blue Club Polo Shirt and beige Jodhpurs for regular musters and a Club Formal Mitchell blue dress shirt, white tie with beige jodhpurs for competitions days. Our equine friends must be wearing the white saddlecloth with Mt Gravatt embroidered onto it.

There are plenty of polo shirts for sale at the canteen. Orders have been placed for some more Formal Shirts ETA 3-5 weeks. Also Full Size saddle Cloths have been ordered and may be available by this muster. (fingers crossed!)

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Events

Please check the websites for any events you may be interested in Nominating for. All PCAQ Nominations are required to go through the Club Nominations Secretary so to ensure payment & entry are received by the closing dates, you will need to email the Noms Secretary 3-4 working days before listed closing dates. Be sure to include all relevant information such as the class you wish to enter and the official name your horse.

For Events Calender check for updates on:-

- www.mtgravattponyclub.com - go to Calender
- www.pcaq.asn.au - go to Events Calender
- www.nominate.com.au - click on equestrian

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PCAQ News

Please note from Jan 1st 2011 New Gearcheck Rules - It is Compulsory on Cross Country Phase for wearing of a Body Protector & a Medical Arm Band . The Body Protector is highly recommended for Showjumping Phase as well. A template for the Medical Armband can be found on the PCAQ Website.

As part of the introduction of the Bio-Security Guidelines the Nominations Forms are now requesting a PIC number (or Property Identification Code).

These can be easily obtained by contacting DPI - **Ph: 34046900** & provide your Name, Address & LP R # (Lot on Plan Number per your Rates Notice or the Property Owners Rates Notice).

This will ensure a swift response in the Event of any Infectious disease Outbreak ensuring our precious ponies are treated quickly if required.

Event News - State Championships

Congratulations on to our Members Sarah Weiss & Megan Cooper qualifying for the Upcoming State Jumping Equitation & Show Jumping Events to be held at Nambour Show Grounds (Zone 6) in April 19 - 22.

We wish our Competitors all the very best & most of all have fun!!

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Website Update

Will Be happening Soon!!

We have a new Club Member who has very kindly offered to assist with updating our Website to bring it into 2011 & be a good communication tool to keep everyone up to date with Calender Dates , Latest News & General Club happenings.

Our Sincere Thanks to Jessica Weiss for continuing the task previously (especially when we have no one skilled enough to take it on).

We warmly welcome Jillian Bird in taking on the task ahead. Any Website Suggestions will be welcome.

Rob Harrison Clinics

The Clinics have been going for a few weeks now and the Children have been benefiting from the weekly tuition as they build on their Riding & Horsemastership Skills.

We Thank Rob sincerely for his time with the kids each week & hope the Members have enjoyed the sessions; take away lots of skills & ideas with them in their Riding Careers.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for them to improve & build on their skill base.

Club Suggestions ???

If anyone has any suggestions about what you would like to have happen at our Club i.e. Muster Activities, Topics Covered in Newsletter, Items identified that need repairing, etc please don't hesitate to contact the Committee (or even better come along to help us!!). You could email or leave a note in the Clubhouse mailbox located at the Front Door.

This is your Club - Help us to make it fun for you.

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For Sale

Flood Sale ! Rugs still available.

Donation for Goods accepted and will be forwarded to the Local Oxley Supplier that was Flood Affected -

Top Quality Winter Combo Rugs (6'0" 6'3" & 5'9") - Donation \$50.00

Limited Stock Available

For any further Donations or details, please contact:-

Maree Forrest or Sarah Sunckell-Brown

Natural Flyspray

2 Cups Apple Cider Vinegar
1 Cup Water
1 Cup Skin So Soft Avon Bath Oil
2 Tsp Eucalyptus or Citronella Oil
Mix All in a Handy Spray Bottle.

Home Made Old Itch deterrent

Dettol (= Parts with Baby Oil)
Baby Oil
Citronella Oil (10 – 20 drops)
Wipe over the Horse where exposed daily. Careful horses don't get Sunburnt with the Oil

Scarless Cream

Equal Parts
Calendula Cream
Comfrey Cream
Hypericum Cream
(or Hypericum Drops, but reduce the amount to equivalent of cream).
Apply twice daily; Great healer for surface wounds!

Mould Deterrent Oil

Add 10 - 20 Drops Oil of Cloves to Neatsfoot Oil to use on your Leather Gear. Oil of Cloves is a highly effective Mould Inhibitor. Great for our Wet Season Weather.

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