



Drouin Pony Club

January 09 Newsletter

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Compliments of the season to all Drouin Pony Club Members and their families! The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you safe and happy holidays and a wonderful 2009!



We do have several exciting events and opportunities coming up in early 2009 and would love as many people as possible to be involved!

January Rally: Please note that the January Rally will be held on the **18th January** ~ (this is because many people will still be away on holiday on the 1st Sunday of January). Also a rally on the 18th January allows us to hold a Working Bee in preparation for our Dressage Day on the 25th January.

Due to the expected hot days in January, the rally will be an early one, and will be held from **9am to 12 noon**.

BYO lunch. Two lessons will be run for the various groups ~ it is hoped that those riders who are competing at the Dressage Day will have an opportunity to do their tests under the watchful eyes of instructors!

We would greatly appreciate the help of parents to get the grounds looking great ~ so come armed with lawnmowers, whipper snippers and paint brushes..... You don't have to leave after lunch ~you are welcome to stay and continue with the working bee.



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JANUARY RALLY ROSTER

CANTEEN

CLEANING

BYO lunch for January rally

Camp

Note the unusual dates!

Details of the next Rally and Committee Meeting are:

Rally:

Sunday 18th January 2009: Gear check at 9.00 am sharp.
Two lessons ~ BYO Lunch. Working Bee for Dressage Day

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21st January 2009 at the Club House. Anyone can come ~ we'd love to see some new people at our meetings!

Drouin Dressage Day

Sunday 25th January 2009

Download your entry form from the website!

Forms due by January 14th.

See roster on back page ~ we need all Member families to assist ~even if their rider is not competing.



and then



Drouin Pony Club Horse Trials Sunday 1st March 2009

This is always a very exciting event that is hosted by our club. Entry forms should be on the website shortly, but in the meantime

- Make a note of the date in your diary;
- Get ready for a BIG working bee in February;
- Check your jump ~ will it be looking great in time for our event!?

As the Horse Trials will fall on our usual rally day, we will have a Pony Club Excursion the following weekend (7th and 8th March) to the International Tonimbuk Three Day Event (Horse Trials). Watch this space for further details nearer the time.

New Group ~ the Chilli Red Group

This is new and very flexible riding group that will start at the January Rally. It is geared towards our older riders (usually riders who are in Year 10; 11 or 12) who, due to work and study commitments, are struggling to keep their horses in work, but who still want to come to the Rallies. The group will not undertake formal lessons, but will ride informally (under adult supervision), will mentor younger riders and assist in various ways as needed.

The understanding is that this is a 'chill out' group for 'riders under pressure'. These riders will retain their place in their respective groups and can return to that group when they feel ready.

To be part of this group, riders need to contact Liddy and let her know, so that groups can be arranged appropriately for each rally.



Wasn't the last rally fun!?

Thank you so much to Helen and Mark Wilson for the fantastic Christmas Breakup Rally that they organized for us -it was great fun for all!

As a result of the fun that was had by all members of Drouin Pony Club, the Committee supports the formation of a 'Games team'. If you are interested, please let Helen know ~

we will need riders from all age groups. Some of our riders have already expressed interest in attending a West Gippsland Zone Mounted Games Skills Training Clinic due to be held on the 7th and 8th February 2008. If you are interested, forms can be obtained from Kim—email keckard@chairo.vic.edu.au.



Drouin Pony Club Committee

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<i>Chief Instructor:</i>	Liddy Lambert
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<i>General Committee:</i>	Wilma Rees, Nick Johnson
<i>Zone Delegates:</i>	Helen Wilson and Fran Christian
<i>Communications:</i>	Kim Eckard
<i>Safety Officer:</i>	Milan Velimirovic

Quote of the month!

Riding: the art of keeping a horse between you and the ground!
Author unknown.

Adopt-a-jump

Drouin Pony Club is hosting a Horse Trials event on the 1st March 2009 ~ how does your jump look? Have you adopted a jump yet?

- Please feel talk to any Committee Members about any work or changes you want to do on your jump.
- There is a pile of gravel at the gate and you are welcome to take some of this to put in front and behind your jump.
- Other ways to keep your jump in good condition involves whipper snipping around it, making sure there are no stray wires, or loose bolts/nails.
- If your jump has been painted in the past, please continue to keep the paintwork looking great.
- You are welcome to check with Jenny Brown (Treasuer) if you need money to purchase materials.

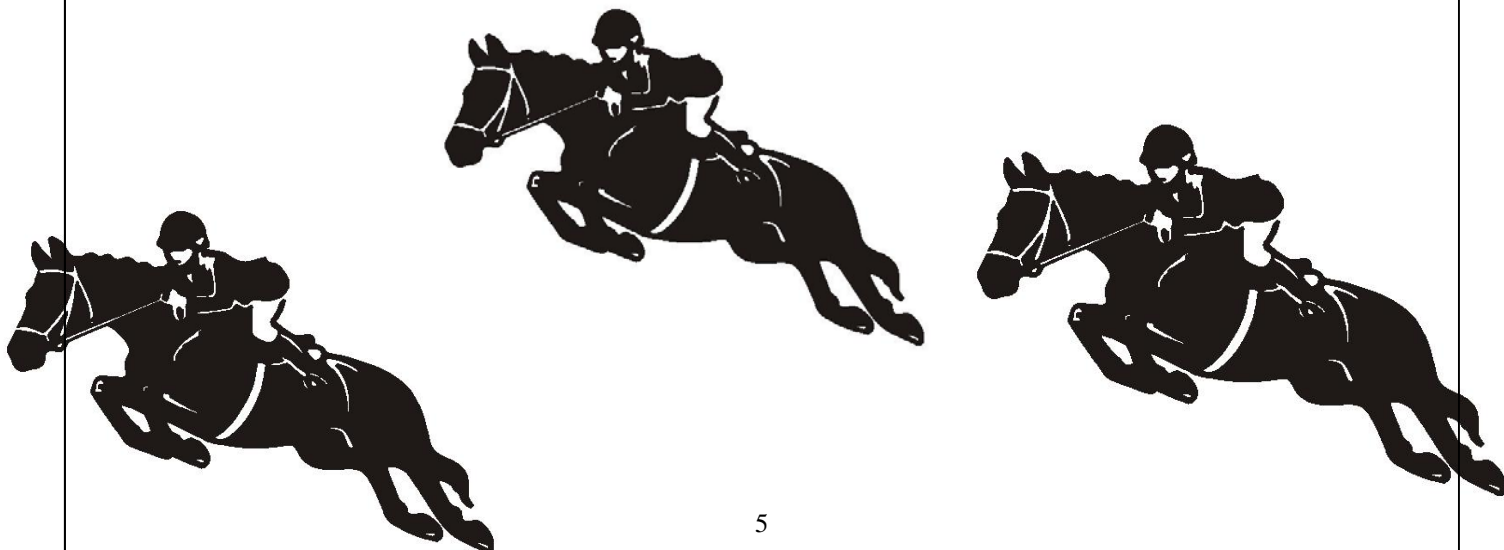
Have you forgotten which is your jump? See the list below!

Armitage:	tyres	Bavaro:	practice jumps
Bennison:	small water jump	Bridgman:	hunting panel
Brown:	pink and yellow jump	Bullen:	barn
Camp:	fallen tree jump	Fox:	keyhole
Freyne:	start gate	Johnson:	extreme ditch
Kemp:	Spiderweb painting	Lambert:	picnic table
Morten:	log stack	Myers:	ski jump
Panazzo:	coffin jump	Wilson:	3 Horizontal logs
Rees:	log and tyres	Ricker:	living tree
Saultry:	dog house	Velimirovic:	stockyards
Eckard:	lane-way	Galvin:	Trecanna

We still need foster families for the jumps listed below! Contact Kim (keckard@chairo.vic.edu.au) if you haven't got one of your own yet!

Clancy's corner	Vertical logs in bush	Bridge
Vertical logs out of bush	Gr 2 Uphill Jump in bush	Sleeper wall
Drums	Concrete pipes	

Please feel free to spend some time at the Club getting your jump in order.



Draft Roster for Dressage Day:

Please note that this is a draft roster ~ once we have the times for the various classes, we shall send out a more specific roster ~ but this at least gives an idea of the job we need you to do. Families are welcome to share their duty although we would prefer adults or teenagers to do the jobs.

Most duties will start at approximately 8.30 am and we should be finished by around 2 pm.

Canteen:	Wilma Rees and Catie Langelaan Bavaro, Hillbrick, Fox, Freyne, Panazzo, Galvin and Myers
Scoring:	Eckard, Bridgman
Office:	Fiona Camp and Kim Eckard
Gear Check:	Fran Christian / Tina Winch
Marshalls:	Morten; Bennison; Ricker; Brown; Saultry
Car parking:	Nick Johnson, Milan Velim
Pencillers:	Eckard, Armitage, Wade, Kemp, Lambert, Sventek, Van Vliet;
Score Runners:	Bullen, Hobson, Guihenneuc, Guzzardi, Daniels,

If for some reason you absolutely cannot make it, please contact Kim by email on keckard@chairo.vic.edu.au. Also contact Kim if you have accidentally been left off the roster list.

**Don't forget our Working Bee
at the Rally on the 18th
January ~ we really need to
get our club looking great for
the day.**

