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JUNIOR COMMITTEE

Presidents Ellen McIntosh & Meg Williams, Secretary Isabella Grover, Treasurer Loren Dobie

Committee: Abi McIntosh, Brook Dambacher, George Grover, Jonathon Ayton, Kate Rafferty, Marlene Grimes-Feddern, Nicole Elliott, Olivia Hazell, Tori Percival, Winona Davis.

COVER PHOTO Bronte and Atlanta enjoying the September rally.

Photos by Robyn & Rob. Please load your photos on Robyn's laptop during events so we can share your wonderful pictures.

BIRTHDAYS

No Huntingfield Pony and Riding Club members were born in October!

CALENDAR

October

- 15 Longford Show
- 16 **Huntingfield Rally**
- 20 **Royal Hobart Show (Pony Club Day)**
- 21-22 Royal Hobart Show
- 22 **Huntingfield Adult Riders Rally**
- 23 After the Show SJ Rounds
- 30 H&D ODE
- 30 RDA Gymkana - Huntingfield

November

- 5 **Huntingfield Junior Committee Event – Doggie Olympics**
- 5 Westbury Show
- 6 Brighton Show
- 12 Huon Show
- 19 Deloraine Show
- 19 Horse First Aid Course Tas Trail Riders at Huntingfield Grounds
- 26 SJ Tas South Kingborough Branch – Jump Club Day, Huntingfield

December

- 4 **Huntingfield ODE**

For last minute information on event cancellations, phone **9539 4772** for a recorded message.

WEBSITES

For up to date information on events and pony club in Tasmania go to...
www.pcat.org.au and for Huntingfield www.huntingfield.pcat.org.au/
Check the National Championship site www.ponyclubnationals.org.au/



Huntingfield Pony and Riding Club Junior Committee

DOGGY OLYMPICS

When? Saturday 5th November, Classes starting at 10am.

Where? Huntingfield Pony Club Grounds, 152 Howden Rd, Howden.

How much? \$1 per class or \$5 day pass per dog. Maximum payable \$20 per owner

Come along, have some fun, and help raise funds for the Huntingfield PC's junior committee.

DC REPORT by Steve Percival

Well it has been a busy month! Congratulations to all our riders who competed at the **Brighton ODE** on Sep 25th with the following riders placing in their grade: **Grade 2** – Jess Price (1st), Ellen McIntosh (2nd) **Grade 3** – Loren Dobie (2nd).

At our **October Rally** we will be welcoming back our riders who competed at Werribee in the **Pony Club Nationals** – Caleb Dales, Esther Dales, Jacinda Dales, Josh Dales, Meg Bishop and Victoria White. It sounds like they had a great time and performed very well despite the weather being a little unkind. I look forward to hearing all the news. Reports from the Nationals can be found on www.pcat.org.au and www.ponyclubnationals.org.au.

We are also hopeful that **Ulli and Marlene** will be able to attend our October Rally. It will be a relief to see them back. Marlene is one brave young lady!

And we also look forward to seeing **Meg Kluver Jones** again at rally after months travelling around Peru.

Preparations are well underway for our October Rally which is especially exciting. Some riders will attend lessons as normal; however, many riders will be competing in the **Grade 4/5 transition ODE** organised by the Junior Committee. A lot of work has gone into organising this ODE, and I'm sure it will be a great event for riders, as well as a good learning experience for the juniors who have been involved. Thanks to Steph, Jo and Liz along with others who have assisted our juniors in this endeavour.

On top of all of this, there will be a training session after rally for **Team of Three** and **Showjumping Teams** in preparation for the Royal Hobart Show.

We will also be welcoming **seven new riders** at Oct Rally, on top of the five riders who have recently joined. Mike Smith and Alison Fyfe will once again be doing an excellent job in introducing these riders to our Club. Please take the time to welcome our new riders and their parents.

I had a recent report from one of our first time rally parents that their daughter made the comment on the way home that she had had the best day ever. I won't embarrass anyone by saying who it was, but it made me feel really good about our Club and the great team of people working to make it successful. It is comments like this that make it all worthwhile! I know that not everything is perfect, and it can be a lot of work, but it blows me away the positive effect that a 13 year old can have on a senior committee with a small unsolicited affirmation. We are always looking to improve things and encourage people to provide constructive suggestions, but please also acknowledge the positives in the Club. A lot of people are doing the very best they can (amongst their already busy lives) to make it a rewarding and enjoyable experience. I'm sure everyone likes to get a small positive affirmation from time to time.

I'm a little bit deaf and blind! In my role as DC I like to mix with people. Always feel free to approach me about anything. Having said that, I need to let you know that I am a little deaf (too much AC/DC and power tools) and without my

glasses a little blind at distance (just old age I'm afraid). If you call out to me or wave and I don't respond, be assured that I am not ignoring you on purpose.

Try again! For those of you who don't know, my daughter is Tori. I have been known to call out to complete strangers at State Trials "Well done Tori!". If I do this to any of you, please save me embarrassment and just call back "Thanks Dad!".



One Day Event Facts - a little bird told me that these facts will be important to know for a little quiz at the Junior Committee ODE, Oct Rally:

- Boots are not allowed to be used for your horse in a dressage test.
- Riders have 45 sec to enter the arena after the judge signals for you to enter.
- The maximum length of a whip (including lash) in grades 4 and 5 is 120 cm.
- If anyone outside the arena who is not a caller talks to the rider during the test, this can be considered outside assistance – this will result in Elimination.
- In cross country – riders will incur 20 penalties for one stop.
- T.D. stand for Technical Delegate.
- Grade 4 jump numbers are Blue.
- In order from fastest to slowest - Extended Canter, Medium Canter, Working Canter, Collected Canter.
- In showjumping, riders incur 4 penalties if the rider crosses their tracks (circles).
- If you have a stop at the second fence in a combination during showjumping the rider must jump the first fence again before presenting to the second fence.
- Boots are allowed to be used for your horse in showjumping.

Rally lesson etiquette. We are very grateful for the time and expertise that our instructors bring to the Club. The rally organisers and instructors endeavour to provide an informative and enjoyable experience. Please show courtesy and respect for the rally organisers, instructor and your fellow riders during lessons.

Things to remember!

- The instructor is responsible for the activities undertaken during lessons.
- Riders and onlookers may not always agree with teaching methods, but they should never show disrespect for the instructor or interfere with the lesson.
- Sometimes a rider's pony will not be very cooperative during a lesson. We all have bad days. In these cases, the instructor will balance the interests of the affected rider with those of the other participants in the lesson.
- Riders are always welcome to withdraw from the lesson if they feel unsafe.
- Bad language is not acceptable.
- Please show up to lessons on time and don't forget to say 'thank you!'
- Let the rally organisers know if you need to leave early.
- Help out with setting up and packing away jumps and equipment.
- Feel free to discuss any issues with your DC (Steve Percival), Chief Instructor (Liz Elliott) and Assistant DC (Mike Smith).

RIDER PROFILE - Stephanie Todd

Your horse: Cassie, a 13 year old brown-speckled Appaloosa x Arab

Cassie's strengths: Cross Country - she loves to run! :)

Any funny habits: Her love for her boyfriend Zeus - she misses him (and misbehaves!) when they are apart

Best Pony Club memory: The Monmouth ODE when I thought I was coming last, but ended up coming 4th

What you hope to achieve this year through PC: To do as many competitions as I can - and have fun

Any long term horsey goals: To work with horses would be cool.



RIDER PROFILE - Linda Cornelius

Your horse: Tina, a five year old bay thoroughbred

Tina's strengths: Eventing (she's a bit young to tell at the moment, but I'm hoping so!)

Any funny habits: she loves meeting kids... so poking out her nose at them to nuzzle their hair is just so cute.

Best pony club memory: the fun we had at the games camps over the years.

What you hope to achieve this year through PC: I would love to establish a great start to the eventing season with Tina and build on from there.



Any long term horsey goals: Achieving my personal set goals for both of us and just to improve and learn more every day.

Best advice you've ever received: "What you put in is what you get out" and "Shoulders BACK!"

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Adam Grover

In 1990, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey was widely adopted as a key management tool. In part, its influence was assured because it distilled so much management-speak into simple, intelligible and easily transferable ideas. Three key elements of these habits are:

1. Be proactive: Self-determination, choice, and the power to decide on your response to differing circumstances

2. Begin with the end in mind – self-evident: Concentrate your efforts on your long term aims and goals and plan backwards from your goal in order to achieve it.

3. Put first things first: Organisation is the key. Once you have defined your goal ask yourself “what are the steps I need to take in order to reach the goal?” “What are the most immediate things I need to get done and what follows from there?”

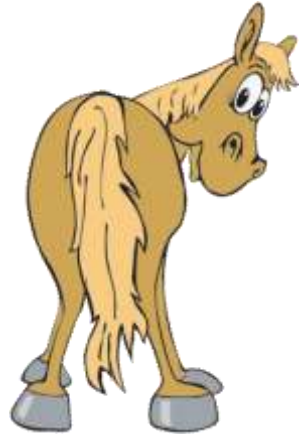
While I will leave it to you to read of the other habits, these first three habits are as applicable to you as a rider as they are to a CEO.

As you prepare for your next rally attendance or ODE or other competition think for a moment how powerful these ideas can be if broadly applied to your riding. Just as the most successful business people are self-motivated and have clarity of purpose so too do successful riders.

When thinking about your next competition, how carefully do you work backwards from the event to plan all the steps and actions you need to take in order to for you and your mount to be as ready as possible? Finally, do you do all that you can, while supporting your family, friends and club, in order to be more successful?

The spring and summer are full of wonderful opportunities for you to ride and compete. Your success is largely dependent upon the habits you develop and the cooperative approach you display with the people who support you. Next time you are thinking about those ribbons I invite you to apply some of the ideas which Stephen Covey has so powerfully demonstrated as contributing to both individual wellbeing and success.

I look forward to seeing you at our October Rally.



Habit 2: Begin with the end in sight



JR COMMITTEE PRESIDENTS REPORT by Ellen & Meg

Hi everyone! So far our Junior Committee has been going well. It is great to see some new faces on the committee this year with their fresh ideas, as well our old faithfuls who help out behind the scenes with all the complicated stuff. Recently, we helped out an incredible member of our club, **Liz Elliott**, by holding a working bee at her house. It was great to see so many people there and we achieved a lot. Liz was rapt with all our work and it was a huge success.

At the next pony club rally, we hope to run a **grade 5/4 transition event**. This event is an important step for all our riders hoping to try their hand at eventing as it is a relaxed and fun day out. It will be open to other clubs too so it is a great way to experience an event for the first time, or to bring a new pony to. It will also be a great opportunity to meet new people from other clubs and make some new friends. We hope to see lots of riders participating in this fun event, and just giving it a go. Good luck to everyone who will be competing!!

Over the next few months we hope to run a **Doggy Olympics** and a **quiz night**. This will be a fun way to raise money as we are hoping to fix up the cross country course and build some new and creative fences for everyone to experience. The Doggy Olympics will be on the 5th of November with all sorts of classes for all sizes of dogs. We hope it will be a great day so come along with your doggies for a big day of fun!

We are then hoping to have a quiz night. We have not finalised a date yet but it will hopefully be in the next few months. Come along and test your knowledge with a team of friends. We promise we won't have ONLY horsey questions and there will be loads of prizes! So come along and help us raise money at this fantastic event.

Last, we would like to let everyone know that **Marlene's** condition is finally improving. She is still in Melbourne, but will hopefully be home soon. We all miss her very much and can't wait to see her back in the saddle!

The committee still has **many more ideas** to come, but we would be more than happy to hear anyone else's who might want to suggest anything! If you are interested in joining the committee, or just have any general questions, you can see Meg or Ellen or any of the other committee members who will happily take the time to listen to you. We are always **open to suggestions** and if you don't think you can attend the meetings, you can catch up with us at rally and we will let you know what we need help with if you are happy to volunteer your time.

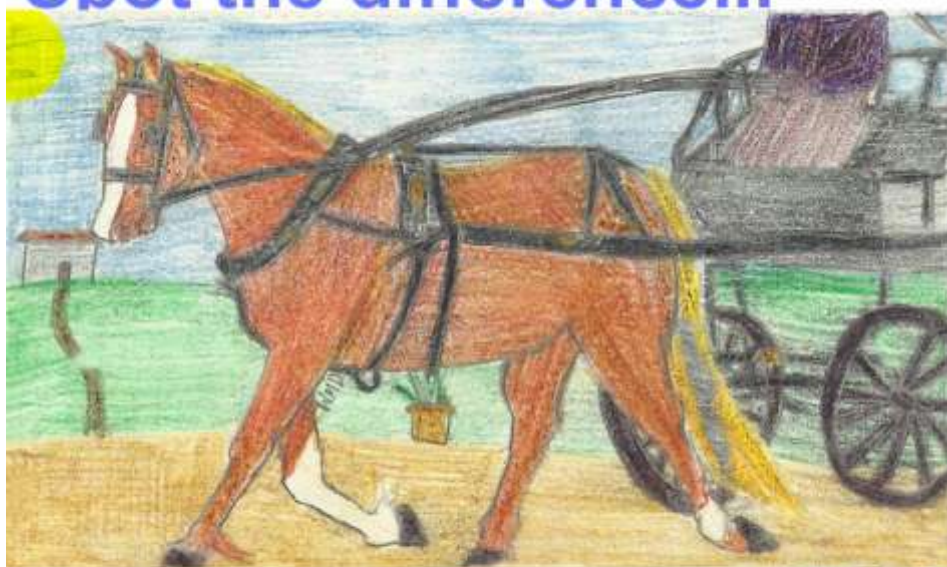
That's all for now. Happy horsing!



Marlene, finally out and about!

JR COMMITTEE by Winona

Spot the difference...



Answers: 1. pot plant is bigger 2. extra rail on carriage seat 3. extra feather 4. path is continuous 5. extra spoke on carriage wheel 6. there is no sun 7. back left foot is white. 8. Black smear on tail 9. sky is visible under the carriage.

GEAR CHECK by Annalise Travalia

For many, gear check can seem like a bit of a nuisance to have to do at every rally or event. However, there are some very important reasons we do it. Primarily, it is about safety for both our riders and their horses. We are obliged to keep what is a reasonably dangerous sport as safe as we can by preventing avoidable accidents due to poorly fitted or maintained gear.



At a very basic level we, as gear checkers, are there to ensure that the fit and condition of the horse's and rider's gear complies with pony club standards. The standards include the:

- saddle being clear of the spine for its entire length
- saddle blanket sitting smoothly under the saddle and being pulled into the gullet of the saddle to prevent rubbing on the horse's delicate wither region
- bridle and bit fitting correctly, so that the bit only just wrinkles the corner of the mouth and being the correct size
- noseband fitting appropriately
- rider wearing an approved safety helmet and appropriate boots.

There is a full, comprehensive list of gear check rules on the PCAT website, which is well worth looking at (www.pcat.org.au).

There are probably two main problems found at gear check.

1. The fit of saddle: Riders and grooms (aka parents!) need to be very aware that over time horses' backs do change shape considerably, mainly from dropping weight over winter or changing workloads. This obviously affects the way a saddle will fit and does need to be monitored to prevent the horse becoming sore.
2. Stitching on gear, or the leather itself, often perishes or becomes worn. This can happen quite rapidly if gear is not maintained and does need to be checked because the last thing anyone wants is to have a stirrup leather or girth give way whilst riding.

I also really like the chance to get to know our riders and their mounts during gear check and I appreciate the effort that people put into getting there on time and being patient while we get to you.

If anyone wants to help with gear check, we will always welcome new faces and I would be happy to give you a crash course in gear check. It's not that hard!!

MEMBERS REPORT by Alison Fyfe

Wow, this rally is very exciting not only do we have an ODE organised by our Junior Committee but we also need to extend a very warm welcome to all the new members that are coming for their first or even their second visit.

These include Chloe Kemp's little sister Kylie and also Breanna Triffitt's little sister, Mahalia. Emily McMann will be returning for her second visit and will be competing in the ODE along with Dannielle Cochrane and Sophie Bester.

Last but not least, Olivia Wescombe, Mieke Drake, Ellen Garwood and Hannah Fleck will also be attending for their first time. So with that make sure you say "Hi", introduce yourself and help them out if they need it. Thanks!



**Handy hint: where to
sew your badges**

**Coming
soon to a
pony club
near you:**

**Adam's
Christmas
Karaoke
Capers**



CANTEEN ROSTER

Oct Lovell & Osborne families
Nov Kluver-Jones & Price families
Dec Reid & Rodgers families

Please bring a cake or slice for instructors' morning teas and arrive by 9am to start preparing food. If you are unable to attend rally, please contact a family listed for the next month to arrange a swap.

SPECIAL MENTION!

Thank you to **Dave Harvey** and **Ian Kemp** who assisted above and beyond the call of duty at last rally when the toilet blocked up. It was a great relief once it was reopened for business and a few trees nearby in the bush seem to be doing a little better than the others.

RAFFLE

Our **next prize** is some special horse first aid gear, courtesy of the Percivals, valued at over \$50. Thanks to Horseland for our last prize – a \$50 voucher, won by Tori White's dad, Allan. We raised over \$100.



MARKETPLACE

Hay for Sale: Nicholls Rivulet, \$5 per sq bale Tightly packed – excellent animal fodder. Approx 800 bales available (discount for large quantities) Ph 6295 0806

Accommodation wanted: Granny flat, room or board for 1-5 months. Contact Ashley Dales phone 6229 2476 or mob 0409 129 975.

PCAT Raffle Books

Adam Grover still has some PCAT Raffle Books for HPRC to sell. Please assist Adam by asking for a book or two. All books need to be sold and returned by 1/11.

HUNTINGFIELD GROUND BOOKINGS

Books are essential - contact **Steve Percival** (6267 4091 or 0429 146 048 or spercival@huonaqua.com.au), or **Adam Grover** (6229 2837 or 0418 127 001 or abgrover@bigpond.net.au).

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