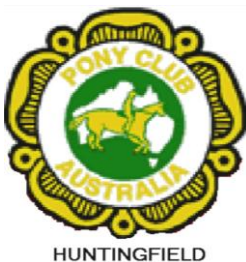


HUNTINGFIELD HOOFBEATS



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- **Canteen** Janette Hazell
- **Website** Adrian Porter

JUNIOR COMMITTEE:

Presidents	Ellen McIntosh & Meg Williams
Secretary	Winona Davis
Treasurer	Marlene Grimes-Feddern
Committee:	Nicole Elliott, Izzy Scanlon, Tori Percival, Steph Todd, Isoblla Grover, Olivia Brennan, Jess Price, George Grover, Rebecca Rogers, Kate Raffety, Olivia Hazell

Calendar



21st April – HPRC Rally

Don't forget to book in with Ulli:
6239 6544 / ulli.porter@gmail.com

23-25 April – Sonja Johnson Clinic
Contact Steph McIntosh if you are interested!

5th May – Southern Zone Games

11th May – Southern Schools Event

26th May – PCAT State Games Championship

Cover Photo: Tug of war at the 2012 Christmas rally ... a bit like that getting this newsletter out in time! In the words of Chairman Mao or someone famous ... It can only get better from here!

HOTLINE PHONE NUMBER

Last minute information on event / rally cancellations

Ph: 9539 4772

It's a recorded message

Important Things to Remember

Rally

Book in for the rally with Ulli:

6239 6544 ulli.porter@gmail.com

If we know who is coming, we can have the right number and the right mix of instructors ... it all helps to make your club better.

Dogs

We love your dogs almost as much as you do but leave them at home during rally or events ... squashed dog is not high on our wish list!

Membership

This is a big one. We need new members. Our numbers are down and while we all know that we have the best club in the known world we need to share it with other people. Anyone with any ideas about increasing our membership? We can't abduct and steal people from other clubs, although we did think about it, so we need to attract them willingly. Ask yourself:

- 1) Who do you know that would love to join Huntingfield?
- 2) How can we make it even more attractive at our club?
- 3) What can you do to increase membership?

Being a great club means having great members, fantastic grounds and skilled instructors. We are lucky enough to have all those things already. As older members leave and move on to other things in life, finding and keeping new people means being friendly and approachable. When someone is new, or even if they aren't new but they seem to be on their own a lot, take the time to

make them feel welcome and wanted. Let's make sure Huntingfield PC remains the best club around ... and put your thinking caps on!

Remember ... new members can come to three rallies before officially joining, so now's the perfect time!

What other club will teach you to do things like this ...



DC Report

The question I would like to ask everyone is 'what do you want to get out of Pony Club?' I could answer in a few ways, both as a mum and personally. I want friendship, to increase my horse knowledge, to instill sportsmanship etc. If anyone has an answer

that you feel could improve the way we hold rallies/events/meetings etc. I would love to hear about them, maybe you would like to learn more about saddle/gear fitting, or groundwork exercises? Let myself or any of the committee members know and we might be able to do something about it! This goes for kids and parents alike. I would love to get more people involved, both on the ground and on the committee. We are all friendly and welcome new faces.

I was exceptionally proud to hear reports of our members at both Trials and Dressage and show jump champs of people who were polite, considerate and helpful, this is a great thing to hear. One thing I was especially proud of was to hear of the way our kids supported one another as a team. Thank you all for that. At show jump champs there was a mix up with the team score and our team actually won, that team consisted of Jess Price, Olivia Brennan and Kate Raffety, well done girls, the ribbons are on their way.

The next exciting event on the Pony Club horizon is games, being held this year at Pontville on the 5th (southern zone) and 26th of May (state champs.) Games is an exciting way to ride your horses in a team and is great fun. Nicole Elliot has been putting in a stellar effort getting the teams organized and they are looking great, thanks Nicole. As the competitions are being held at Pontville it would be awesome to get as many spectators there to cheer the kids on, Huntingfield has a strong history in games and hope we can show the other teams what Huntingfield is made of again!!!

On a slightly more negative note, I have also heard of and witnessed a few incidents of disrespect and rudeness directed at some of our instructors. This saddens me. These people give their valuable time to instruct at Pony Club and they should be given attention and respect at all times, even when you are under pressure. Also important to note that during a lesson is not the time

to catch up on the gossip, it is time to learn. Even if your instructor is focusing on another student, you should still listen and you may learn something that will help your own riding.
See you all at Rally,

Annalise



From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

As I sit to write this report the Commonwealth Government has just announced its policy and funding response to the Gonski Review of School Education in Australia. That response, irrespective of its significant scale and vision for the future of our schools, reminds me just how important the nurturing and promotion of the interests of young people in Australian society is. While Government Policy will impact on the school education of

our children to a greater or lesser extent, it is a powerful reminder of our own custodianship of the members of our club.

Reflecting over a summer of achievement for our club members, including the summer camp, Trials, Dressage and Show jumping Championships and the upcoming Games, it is very satisfying to see what progress many of our members have made. Further, we have all been fortunate to enjoy the everyday riding and lessons, which a long warm summer has allowed.

I hope you will join me in thanking those on the Committee and the families and friends of the club, who have assisted our riders over the summer and remember just as we, as a nation, make significant investments in the formal education of our youth, so too do we as a club affect great and positive change amongst the youth within our charge.

I look forward to seeing you at Rally.

Adam Grover

Dressage•Eventing•Games•Showjumping

By Ellen McIntosh

It has been a full on competition season, and we would just like to recap on some of the brilliant times and results to be had away at the state championships this year.

Huntingfield had a strong team of riders at three of the major championships this year. Although our teams may not have been as big as previous years, all the riders rode hard and did the club

proud at these events, and proved we didn't need a huge team to have a great time and achieve fantastic results.

A huge thanks to our wonderful coaches; Liz Elliott, who came with us to the dressage and show jumping championships, and Andrew Gibson who came to trials. They were a huge help to all the riders, giving us last minute advice and walking courses, running through dressage tests, and keeping everyone calm and relaxed. Also thanks to Jodi Rybarczyk who gave up her time and knowledge, along with Liz and Gibbo, at the trials preparation night. The team really appreciated this and we are so lucky to have you! Another huge thank you to our parents and brothers/sisters/friends who came away with us to help get us organised and to support us. Without you, we would not have been able to have this wonderful experience.

Dressage Champs:

Nicole Elliott - 1st Group A (2 novice tests)

Olivia Brennan - 5th Group B (1 Preliminary test, 1 novice test)

Nicole also came 10th in the elementary 3A, and Ellen came 12th

Huntingfield came 4th in the quadrille. The quadrille team consisted of Abi McIntosh, Marlene Grimes-Feddern, Kate Raffety and Isobella Grover.

Showjumping Champs:

Jess Price - 6th Grade 1

Olivia Brennan - 4th Grade 2

Kate Raffety - 3rd Grade 3

Isobella Grover - 4th Grade 3

Trials:

Ellen McIntosh - 4th Grade 1 Associates

Tori Percival - 1st Grade 2 Associates

Jess Price - 3rd Grade 2 members

Teams -

Huntingfield came 4th in the grade 1 team with riders Ellen McIntosh, Bree House and Bec McIndoe

Southern Zone scramble team came 3rd in grade 3 with Kate Raffety from Huntingfield, Tegan Lovell from Brighton Pony Club, and Georgia McGrath from Huon Pony Club.

The best thing about these events is that, even though some may not go as well as they had anticipated, everyone supports one another, and I think the whole team will agree, that we have come away with so many supportive friends from this experience. We strongly recommend everyone giving it a go next year, especially as trials will be down south! It is well worth the experience and fun times to be had. Finally, good luck to all those who will be competing in the mounted games competition this year, the last of the pony club state competitions for the season! We hope you have as much fun as we have had at all the other championships this year!

R.O.S.T.E.R.S

Lots of people work really hard to help you have a good time and to make sure we all get well fed. Many of our wonderful members have helped tirelessly with our rostered jobs. You are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the kind people who help set up in the morning and pack away at the end of the day. “Many hands make light work” ... or, very big horse of course!

We would encourage the rider or riders of the family to undertake these tasks because Mum and Dad have worked hard enough already and in some cases (speaking personally) been terrified half the day. They may need to collapse from all the emotion and if anything happens, how are you going to



get the float home? As long as a family member completes the task, everybody will be happy and you won't have to do it again for months and months....

Canteen

April: O'May and Osborne

May: Percival and Price

June: Raffety (Billie) and Rodgers

July: Triffett and Williams



Sweeping of Clubrooms and Deck

April: De Mange

May: Drake

June: Garwood

July: House

Bins to Road and Toilet cleaning

April: Dambacher/Raffety

May: Lovell

June: McMann

July: Cochrane

If can't be there, please organize a swap with somebody from the next month. Or call Annalise, Joanna or Sam for phone numbers.

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Uniforms

We don't have the pricelist ready for you this month as we are updating it.

Canteen News

The news from our canteen is that it is amazing! If there were a world championship for canteens we would take out the gold medal. Delicious, diet-defying cakes, scrummy biscuits, filled rolls, hot burgers and more, all served with a smile before you can say 'has Liz even had a cup of tea'.

Heartfelt thanks to the Kluver-Jones' for keeping us all so well fed. Janette Hazel is always there too and we thank her for her time and friendly face. Also a huge thanks to Anne White for all the delicious things cooked with such care. We are very lucky to have your help.

For the rest of the members, let's see if we can put in some time at the end of each rally or event to help to clean up. There is always something to do and I know it would be mightily appreciated.

New Dressage Arenas

Under new competition rules, from 2014, we will no longer be able to use poles on the ground for the dressage arenas. As such, the Junior Committee is purchasing 2 brand new PVC dressage arenas for our club! Do you realize how much two arenas cost? HEAPS! Thanks to all who have contributed to their fundraising efforts so far - see what amazing things we can do with your support! Thanks to the Junior Committee - well done!

Arena maintenance

In order to keep your club and grounds ship-shape, HPRC and SJTK have combined forces to fund the resurfacing and maintenance of the arena. This was necessary to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the arena. Thanks to the Hazells (Spectran) for their ongoing support of our grounds maintenance projects. Where would we be without you?

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Remember to order your Entertainment Books now! HPRC gets 20% of all sales.

But what do YOU get?

You get huge discounts on almost anything you can think of. I'm throwing down the challenge. Go on ... see if you can think of a single thing you might want to spend your hard earned dollars on that isn't discounted by up to 30%. Please support your club and buy a book! Full of great offers, including restaurants, informal dining and takeaway, car hire, accommodation, sports and attractions! Books available from April - contact us to order or order via the link sent out in the email on 03/04/2013. Email us at: Huntingfield@netspace.net.au

We NEED you!



I mean YOU ... don't look over your shoulder.

Read on

Office Bearers and Committee Members' 2013/2014:

Now is **your** time to shine! Start thinking about becoming more active in your club! We will have positions vacant moving in to the new financial year - please contact Adam or Annalise if you are interested in becoming a member of our committee - it's a great way to learn and become involved in the sport your kids love so much and who knows what it could lead to. Hollywood? CEO of BHP ... who knows? Get involved now!

A huge thanks to Robyn McQueeney

Thanks for donating your time and your sanity to bring us the newsletter, Robyn. We've missed it the past few months! I am willing to take over (Lesley Rogers) and my time will be given just as willingly. My sanity, however, went years ago, last seen moving at speed along the Southern Outlet toward the airport!

Also thanks for running our raffle every month.

Thanks again for such a great job Robyn!



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This page is for your letters, comments, ideas, pictures, stories, in fact, anything you would like to share.

If you think your pony is extra special and you want to tell us about it ... you can do it here.

If you are having a great time at school or a hard time and want to say something about that ... it can go here too.

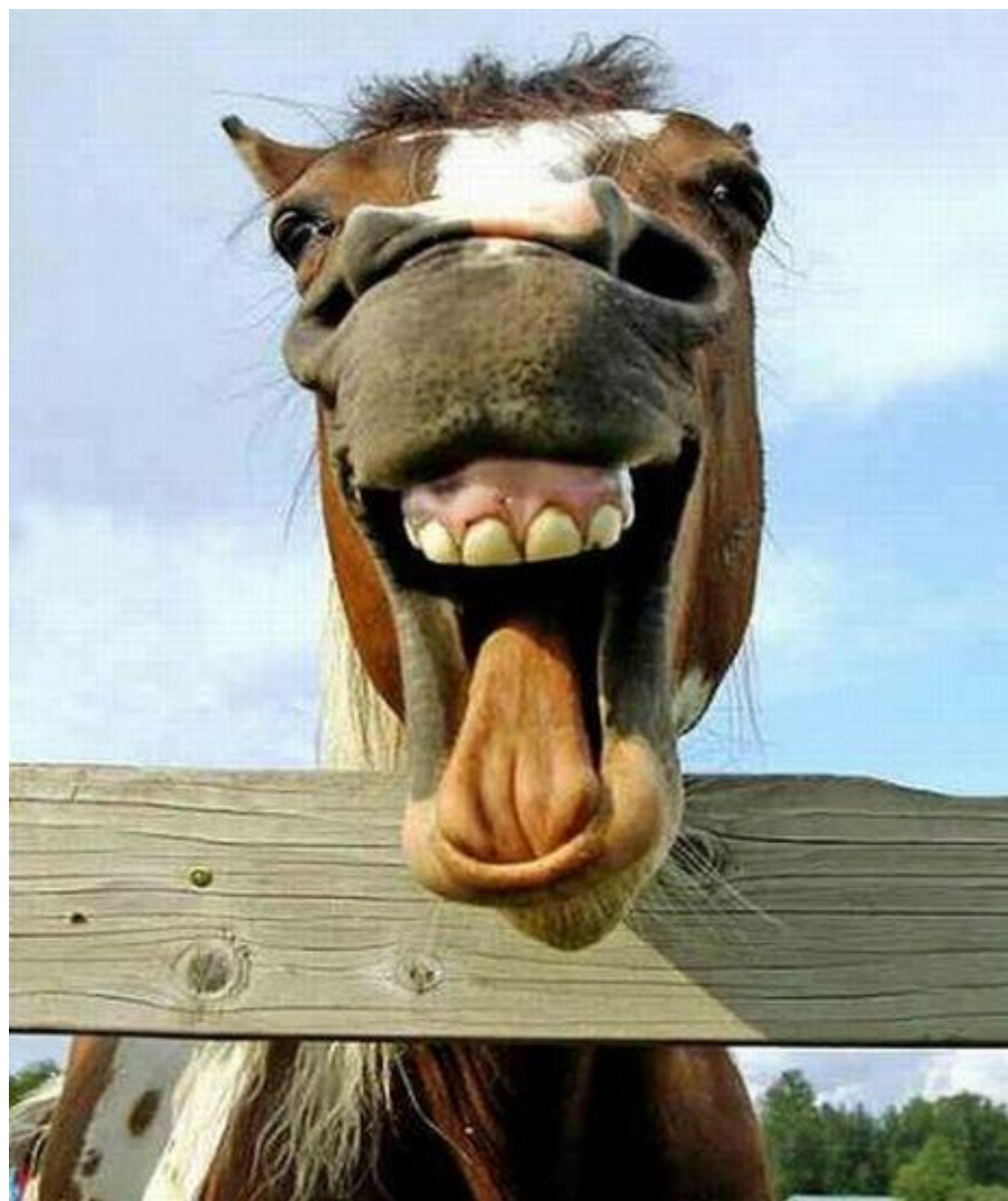
Jokes, pics you've taken, a recipe ... anything.

How about something you have bought for your horse and love. Or if you feed them something different and it is great. Or a training tool you use. It doesn't have to be horsey though; it's whatever you'd like to share.

Any suggestions to improve the newsletter or any other aspect of the club would be great too.

This month it's just me rattling on but I encourage you to send letters, pictures or whatever to lesley@fullgallop.com.au and it will go in the newsletter .. . in YOUR newsletter.

If you don't send anything I will have to fill it up myself ... you really want to avoid that at all costs!



Caught in the act:



And finally here are some pictures of your committee members and instructors hard at work.







Sorry Ulli .. you work sooo hard though!



and who would have known to put the saddle there?

See you at Rally kids!



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