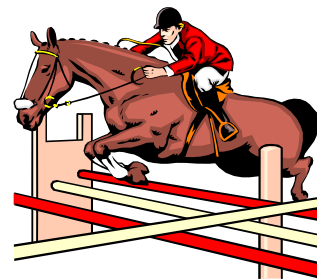


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER, 2009

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NEXT MUSTER: - SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER - 9AM - 1PM - CANCELLED

UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO NO INSTRUCTORS - THE DATE FOR THE FINAL MUSTER IS NOW SATURDAY THE 7TH OF NOVEMBER - 8.30 am - "RIBBON DAY" - with Vicki - date change approved by our President. Sorry for any inconvenience. Start time 8.30 - ribbons and trophies on the day - \$5 per rider. Come along for a fun filled morning !!! PROGRAM ON THE WEB SITE SHORTLY.

SAVVY CHALLENGE:- 14TH NOVEMBER - Program on web site. Northern Suburbs Members please let me know if you are coming - this will be an open event and lots of fun. YOU DO NOT HAVE HAD TO DONE ANY NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES TO BE A PART OF THIS - It is more about FUN!!! I encourage you to all come along and try something different. I'm sure you will love it.

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP AND TROPHY DAY: - SUNDAY 29TH November. Albany Creek Leisure Centre. From 11am - 2pm - NSPC will provide all members with nibbles, lunch, and drinks. Please pay your entry on arrival. (Group discount) Would those members, who have perpetual trophies, please kindly return when possible - we will need these by the end of the month. FLYER ON THE WEB SITE SHORTLY.

ZONE 1 PRESENTATION EVENING - NUDGE GOLD CLUB - 5th of December - flyer on website - if you would like to attend this, please let me know and we will endeavour to get a table together. Children welcome. More on this to come from PCAQ.

A NOTE FROM MITCHELTON PONY CLUB.

Hi from Mitchelton Pony Club. We are having a Western Day, at our next Muster on the 18th October. This will cover riding, and information. Your members are most welcome to come and participate, either as riders, or on-lookers. The Instructor is Robyn Luck. A very experienced person both in competition and Judging. Robyn also showed Arabs, and Appaloosas'. The morning will start at 9.30 a.m. Cost for riders is \$10. On-lookers free. If you could pass this information, to your members, via the next Muster, Newsletter, or Email, we would be most thankful. Phone contact, Mary Archbold (president), 33562387.. Cheers, Val Saunders...

A NOTE FROM MOGGIL PONY CLUB. Reserve October 24th 2.00 pm for Aitken's Showjumping Rugs Night. Rugs for each Class - Sashes 1st - 6th in each class 1 12yrs under Start Height 50cmM 2 60cm, 3 70 cm, 4 80 cm Please let your members know. Enquiries Karen Dixon 3396 0770 Flyers available at Aitken's Saddlery and Saddle Outlet

BURPENGARY HUNTER TRIALS ... 1/11/09 \$20 CLOSERS WITH NSPC 16/10/09 - THIS FRIDAY !!!

GUMDALE UNOFFICIAL DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ... CANCELLED

TOORBUL DRESSAGE DAY - 8/11/09 CLOSERS WITH NSPC 22/10/09

GLASSHOUSE OPEN OLDIES DAY - 24th OCTOBER

CONGRATULATIONS - To Kristen Tapscott and Courtney Herbett who entered their first "Dressage" competition at Redcliffe last Sunday. After a few hic-ups with loading and Vicki and Brett coming to the rescue (thankyou) the girls arrived on time, all plaited up, nervous, but ready to go. Both Kristen and Courtney did exceptionally well and should be very proud of their efforts. Kristen finished 8th in her Class - also gaining a 6th ribbon for one test, and Courtney 10th. Alice and "Rosie" also attended and finished 3^d in their class of 17!! - Well done to these three Dressage Divas.

RESULTS - I would love to let the members know who is out and about and your results, so please email me your results as you go if you would like to be mentioned. You all ride different disciplines, and to your capabilities, so it doesn't matter if you jump the smallest jumps, do the Unofficial Classes, chase cattle or represent the State or Nationals You are all awesome for having a go!!! We would love to hear from you. I have attached an item from Caitlin Lyndon, a member of ours (who we don't often see) as she is busy competing around the countryside. This is something to aspire to !! Thanks Caitlin and all the best.

GOOD LUCK to those competing at the Zone 1 Bobby Bayard this weekend - remember to send your points into Mariella asap as we will be tallying up all the points very soon.

AGISTMENT - Near Beckett Road on Albany Creek Road *\$65 per month. Very close to Pony club. Wants reliable horse owner - 10 acre paddock - 2 horses already - seeking 1 more - plenty of grass - phone David... 38628263

INSTRUCTORS:- 31st October, - Level B, C & NCAS Prelim assessment/exam to be held at Samford golden Valley PC.

WORKING BEE: - 24th of October from 8 - 11. Thankyou to Lucy, Richard and Vic for turning up to the last one. Please help out and come along if you can. There is always plenty to do.

FOR SALE - 15 inch Western saddle, black, nice fit to any horse - \$185 contact Carole 0400021410.

EVENTS - Please refer now to the website for all programs and nominations closing dates.

NOMINATIONS BOX - Shortly there will be a nominations box/communications box inserted in the Club house door. If you would like to nominate for an event, could you please place your nomination form and money in an envelope in this locked secure box. The box will be emptied on the closing date. Obviously, for those members who live far from Pony Club, I will accept your noms via email however; we are trying to phase this out.

Please find below an interesting article from one of members Caitlin Lyndon. We don't see Caitlin around at musters much, as you will see, is busy competing all over the country side. Well done Caitlin and good luck for your upcoming events.

Hi everyone, I am sorry I haven't been an active member of Northern Suburbs Pony Club this year, so I thought I would let you all know what I have been up to, and share some of my high moments and some of my low ones too.

I left school after year 10 to try a career in Showjumping, and the only way I was allowed to do this was if I completed a certificate in something that wasn't related to horse riding. I completed my certificate 3 in makeup artistry in April so that if my chosen career didn't work out I at least have something to fall back on. I started this year with my team of horses; Space Cowboy and Skalato Dream (Bella), and in March I bought AH Bismark. I competed Cowboy and Bismark in Juniors EFA which is 1.10m first round and between 1.15-1.20m jump off, and Bella in height classes 90cm-1.00m and Foxhunter classes 90cm-1.10m. I placed in the Junior Championships on both Cowboy and Bismark at Allora and Pittsworth shows, and Space Cowboy was accepted into the Sydney Royal Show in April which was exciting but also scary because I had never competed interstate before. Bismark and I then travelled to Sydney which was an experience that I hope you all can have. I walked out into the stadium and thought 'what am I doing here?' it was so scary but such an honour to be selected. The Junior class down there had a starting height of 1.20m and we had 4 classes over 6 days. My name was lit up on a huge board and I was led into the arena by mounted stewards, then the horn sounded where I then had 40 seconds to canter around the course before I went through the start flags. There were 24 riders selected from around Australia and I placed overall 11th, not bad for my first time there.

In March/April I also added another 3 members to my team in The Hec Man (Burnsy), CP Annibelle and Elias C. Burnsy was bought as a training challenge for me and at Met Zone 1 showjumping he placed 3rd and 7th in the 60-80cm class and is now jumping D Grade EFA (1.10m) with ease. Annibelle had been lightly broken in and just had her filly (which I also own) weaned, so once again it was my challenge to train her first of all in flat work and then small jumps. She has since won a 70cm class and got two 2nds in 60cm & 70cm classes at Nambour Jump Club, and is now jumping 1.10m with ease. Elias C is my beautiful Belgium Warmblood Stallion and is a darling. He has been consistently jumping D Grade and Foxhunter classes and qualified for the Foxhunter Finals which we didn't end up going to but there is always next year.

I also appeared on Totally Wild which was a fantastic experience, I was again selected for the Junior/Young Rider State Showjumping Squad which is always an honour, and I have travelled to Bundaberg, Gin Gin, Gympie, Caboolture, Toowoomba, Noosa, Gold Coast, Gunnedah, Sydney, Ipswich, the Ekka, not to mention a few more but I can't remember them all. At the Toowoomba World Cup Show Bismark and I won the best presented Junior horse and rider and were presented with a rug and garland which proves that Grey horses can win these things.

In August I changed coaches and am now being trained by Tim Armitrano who is an Olympian. He has completely changed how I train and there are days where I love him and days where I could cry. My horses get one day off a week, and the others I mix up with 30-40mins of flat work for 3 days, I use a free lunge system which is awesome for building up the right muscles and teaches the horse how to collect and canter on the correct inside lead, this I do for 2 days, and I jump the other day. I never jump my horses more than twice a week and I always rest them the day after competing.

Just when I thought the horses were all on track and I had my team of 6 horses going to shows, I was dealt a few horrible blows. I have had to retire Bismark (my grey you all saw at pony club), Space Cowboy was accepted into Royal Melbourne Show but pulled up really sore in his feet from the Ekka so I had to withdraw him, and Elias was kicked in his leg by our groom so is being spelled until next year. I have had some awesome achievements and some really frustrating lows, and I am slowly learning to see the bigger picture and not focus so much on what is happening now. In November I am heading to Sale, Wodonga and Shepparton (all in Vic) to compete at the World Cup Shows and I finish the year in Sydney in mid December. After that the horses and myself are all having a break for a month, and I will just be concentrating on my 1yr old filly Ellibell and my 2yr old gelding Anikal.

If anyone is interested in having a look at my horses and keeping up with my latest news you can go to www.calazapark.com.au this is our website which we are still working on, but gives you an idea of what our property is like and where I train. I occasionally teach a couple of kids from Hendra Pony Club and have recently started teaching Carissa from the club, which is something I love to do. If anyone is interested in jumping then I would highly recommend Nambour Jump Club as a great way to learn the rules and techniques of Showjumping in an unofficial environment. I am going this Sunday and they usually have a jump day once a month, their website is www.sunshinecoastshowjumping.com.au

Well that is my news for the year, I hope you all enjoyed reading all about what I have been up to and if anyone wants to come and have a jump around my arena just give mum (Sally) a call on 0418767206 as she is my organizer. Have fun, keep riding, and enjoy what you do.

Cheers Caitlin