



GIBBER GABBER

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Can you help run the club?



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Dates for Sept/Oct 2010

RALLY DAY – **SUNDAY 12 September**

GEAR CHECK 9.30AM

RIDING FROM 10.00AM

NO RALLY DAY – SUNDAY 26 September

NO Committee Meeting in September

RALLY DAY – **SUNDAY 10 October**

GEAR CHECK 9.30AM

RIDING FROM 10.00AM

RALLY DAY – **SUNDAY 24 October yet to be confirmed**

WORKING BEES:

Peter Evans would like 2 or 3 people on Sunday 12 September to continue fixing the exterior wall sheets on the clubhouse.

Please call Peter Evans on 6238 3043 if you can help.

NEW EMAIL FOR OUR SECRETARY:

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Louise Baldwin

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tuesday 26 October, 7.30pm

VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

OUT & ABOUT REPORTS

BEEN TO AN EVENT? Why not tell the GG Editor or write a brief article yourself for publication in your club's newsletter? Go on, don't be shy!!!! We love to hear about how everyone is having fun with their equine friends!



Above: Katie, Penny and Lauren Slater

2010 National MG Report

By Katie Slater

On the weekend of the 24th and 25th July Penny, Lauren and I competed in the National Pony Club Mounted Games Championships in Nambour, QLD. Penny and Lauren flew to Queensland with the junior team on the Wednesday and toured with the other state teams, visiting Australia Zoo, Mooloolaba and the movies. I arrived on Friday morning with the other members of the NSW Senior team. On the Friday afternoon we travelled to Nambour Showground to have a look at the equipment and the grounds. Some of the equipment was a bit wonky (the hurdles looked like they would collapse at any minute!) but the grounds were good and the weather was fine, although not as warm as expected.

Saturday morning we arrived at the grounds at 7.00am so that we could 'meet' the horses and get

ready for the start of the senior competition at 8.30am. We competed in 21 games in total. Each lane was allocated 5 horses. We competed in 3 games in each lane, so every 3 races we were on a new set of horses with very little time to get to know them.

The competition was very close, particularly between Victoria and NSW, but by the completion of the 21 races NSW came out victorious over Victoria by 8 points. Our team was presented with a ribbon, medallion and wool rugs.

Then it was on to the junior competition. Penny was pretty nervous as she was the youngest member of the team and this was her first National competition. She was also sent out as the first rider in the first race! Lauren took it in her stride as one of the more experienced members of the team. The juniors were the same as us and had to change horses after every third race. Again the competition was mainly between Victoria and NSW. By the completion of the 21 races NSW had won by a margin of 6 ½ points.

After congratulations all round and thanks to the people who had lent horses it was back to our accommodation to get ready for the Official Dinner. All the teams were decked out in their formal uniforms and were introduced to all the guests. Then the junior NSW team were presented with the Prince Philip Cup and the seniors were presented with their trophy.

We all had a great time and it was great to see some of the people from other states who I have met at previous National Championships. After going to the movies on Sunday it was then time to fly home to Canberra.

TWO WAMBOIN TEAMS ACCEPTED FOR STATE MG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following riders:

The Wamboin Warriors:

Katie, Lauren and Penny Slater
Ally and Jack Durr

The Wamboin Whips:

Amy Evans, Mara Sutcliffe, Laura Worden,
Andrea Thompson and Nicole Smith

UPCOMING ZONE 16 EVENTS

September, 2010						
Saturday	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 RALLY DAY - ALL CLUBS	13	14	15 ZONE 16 GENERAL MEETING	16	17
18	19 Wagga & Bidgee District PC ONE DAY EVENT Sutton PC Hack Show Gymkhana	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Kambah Gymkhana	27	28	29	30	

Go to www.zone16.pcansw.org.au for the full calendar and details of all these events

October, 2010						
Saturday	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
						1 PCA NSW Mounted Games Championships
2 PCA NSW Mounted Games Championships	3 PCA NSW Mounted Games Championships	4	5	6	7	8 PCA NSW One Day Event Championships
9 PCA NSW One Day Event Championships Zone 16 Showriding Championships - POSTPONED	10 PCA NSW One Day Event Championships RALLY DAY - ALL CLUBS	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Burra District Gymkhana Harden PC One Day Event	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Yass Gymkhana	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Canberra Lakes Gymkhana					



WAMBOIN PONY CLUB MATTERS

JOB ROSTER

RALLY DAY	CANTEEN	GEAR SET UP/PACK UP
11 July	QUICK	BALDWIN
25 July	THOMPSON	BROWN
8 August	HARRIS	EVANS
12 September	WENSING/WOODROW	SUTCLIFFE
10 October	QUICK	BALDWIN

IF YOU CAN'T FULFILL YOUR ROSTER ON THE SPECIFIED DAY, PLEASE ARRANGE A SWAP WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN.

Who will help keep Wamboin Pony Club going? *Question from Marion*

Over the last few weeks, I've looked at the "who and what" behind the running and administration of our small pony club. My thoughts were prompted by the attendance at the last scheduled Club Committee meeting, when a total of 2 senior members were able to attend on 24 August. Which really isn't a workable meeting and was certainly a wakeup call to me that something needs to change or our small club will not have a future.

The current Committee is:

Me – President, fifth term

Leanne – Vice President, second term

Louise – Secretary, third term

Toni – Treasurer, possibly eighth term.

Robyn as our Senior Instructor is ex-officio on the Committee and in her third term in this role. Others who regularly attend meetings are Maureen Purdie, life member of WPC and Peter Evans, in

his role as project manager (and most of the muscle) of the clubhouse extension.

Dig a bit deeper and history shows that prior to taking on the Senior Instructor role, Robyn was the club Secretary for three years. Toni (one of our other life members) has been Senior Instructor and Maureen has held just about every position in her long association with the club.

What I would like to raise by writing this short article is to consider some practical ideas and changes that might allow new people to become involved in the running of our club.

Let's start by considering some things that can be done to encourage/allow others to get involved.

So I am asking – how can we change things to allow you to be involved in running our small club?

Who will be the new people to come forward at our AGM in December to take on a role?

I am not saying that the whole Committee is stepping down; I don't think a mass "exodus" would be good for the club either. But say the President (me) and the Treasurer (Toni) want to hand on the baton, or Lou needs to step aside due to work commitments, are you able to consider which of these roles you might have the skills to fulfill?



Yes – you! Please talk to me about how you might be able to help.

Without new people, the club will not be able to form a Committee and will therefore have to wind up – please consider what we can do as no-one wants to see Wamboin PC in limbo.

CANBERRA ROYAL 2011

Once again our esteemed Vice President, Leanne, is seeking Expressions of Interest from those riding members who would like to take part in the Pony Club classes at the 2011 Canberra Royal Show.

Leanne will talk more about what's involved at upcoming rally days, so please do not hesitate to ask Leanne any question and Leanne will also do some instruction on show work outs and presentation.



Regrettably, Catherine Daniel has Gnomi on the market as Anna has decided to stop pursuing equestrian activities. Gnomi is a super PC mount, 11 years old, 13.1 hh, been there done that. Registered Welsh B for the show folk. Please contact Catherine if you are interested or know someone looking for a beaut beginner pony. PRICE: \$4,500 ono

POSTPONED

Zone 16 Show Riding Championships postponed due to adverse weather on September 4 & 5.

The Championships have now been rescheduled to Saturday 9 October, still at the CRC grounds, Lyneham.



Above: Katie and the rest of the PCA NSW Senior MG Team with their rather large trophy.



Above: Spotted recently at the Zone 16 Dressage Championships, three Wamboiners assisting with the scoring.

Below: Who is that wizard?



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Wamboin Pony Club

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for future editions.



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au

Types of show jumping fences:

- Vertical (or upright) - A jump that consists of poles or planks placed one directly above another with no spread, or width, to jump.
- Oxer - Two verticals close together, to make the jump wider. Also called a spread.
- Square oxer - (Sometimes known as Box Oxer): Both top poles are of an equal height.
- Ascending oxer (usually called a Ramped Oxer): The furthest pole is higher than the first.
- Descending oxer (usually called an Offset Oxer): The furthest pole is lower than the closest.
- Swedish oxer: The poles slant in opposite directions, so that they appear to form an "X" shape when seen head on.
- Triple bar - Is a spread fence using three elements of graduating heights.
- Wall - This type of jump is usually made to look like a brick wall, but the "bricks" are constructed of a lightweight material and fall easily when knocked.
- Hogsback - A type of spread fence with three rails where the tallest pole is in the center.
- Filler - This is not a type of fence but is a solid part below the poles, such as flower boxes or a roll top. It can also be a gate.
- Combination - Usually 2 or 3 jumps in a row, with no more than 2 strides between each. 2 jumps in a row are called double combinations, and 3 jumps in a row are triple combinations. If a horse refuses the second or third element in one of these combinations, they must jump the whole combination again, not just the obstacle(s) they missed.
- Open water: A wide ditch of water.
- Liverpool - A ditch or large tray of water under a vertical or oxer
- Joker - A tricky fence comprising only a rustic (or unpainted) rail and two wings. The lack of filler makes it difficult for a horse to judge their proximity to the fence as well as the fence's height, making it a tricky obstacle usually found only rarely in limited types of competitions.