



## WPC Members turn out for 1<sup>st</sup> Rally of 2009

It was great to see so many members turn out for our first rally day of 2009, despite the rather daunting weather forecast. However, with great support from all our parents and plenty of “shade & water” stops, it was a great day and by the volume of squeals during the water fight – a lot of fun too!

Check out the great photos taken by Peter and Louise Baldwin soon on our website, under the News feature.

Thanks to the Instructors: Robyn, Tracey & Marion.

Thanks to the Cooks/Caterers: Alison, Mary, Peter & Matthew W.

Thanks to Liam Harris for bringing up his water truck after our tank was emptied by a person or persons unknown who left the hose siphon running from the tank sometime during the break.

## Dates for March 2009



*Above: Wamboin Pony Club members at the Feb 09 rally day.*

**WPC COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 24 February 2009, commencing at 7.30pm. VENUE –Slater Residence**

**MARCH RALLY – Sunday 8 March 2009, 10.00am Start**

**(Gear Check at 9.45am)**

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#### CLUB PHOTO

Check out the club photo taken by Peter Baldwin at the 8 Feb Rally Day (it's on our website). Would you like to order a copy??? Let Marion know at the March Rally Day.

## OUT & ABOUT REPORTS



Lauren Slater receives her Highpoint Award.

### Michelago Sporting Spectacular

Two Wamboin families - the Slaters & the Durr/Moores - took part in the 2009 Michelago Sporting Spectacular, held at the Bredbo Showgrounds on Jan 31 & Feb 1. Robyn said that the weekend was simply "brilliant", despite the hot weather, Michelago PC did a fabulous job of conducting a fun filled weekend of sporting games.

The seven riders, Kate, Lauren, Penny, Bec, Ally, Jack & Charlie did a great job defending the Michelago Clear Range Trophy (won by Wamboin in 2006, 2007 & 2008), but were pipped into second place by a very strong Michelago team. The competition was great, very friendly and there were over 105 riders competing over the 2 days.

Jack Durr came away with the Highpoint Award for his age group, as did Lauren Slater for her age division. Both Penny & Lauren made the 25 riders for the Flag Spectacular and Lauren went all the way to the final, where she finished 2nd.

### AMGA Forest Hills 7 & 8 Feb

Long time members of Wamboin PC, Maureen & Rebecca Purdie, competed on the northern shores of Sydney on 7 & 8 February at the first Australian Mounted Games Assoc competition for 2009.

On Saturday, Maureen had a great day in the Veterans division, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the individual competition.

On Sunday, Maureen & Rebecca teamed up in a pairs competition in the intermediate division and finished the day also in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



Jack Durr receives his Highpoint Award

**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!**

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ZONE 16 EVENTS

## ZONE 16 JUMPING EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN: SATURDAY 14 MARCH

PLACE: CRC CLUB GROUNDS, LYNEHAM

TIME: 8.00AM GEAR CHECK, 8.30AM START

**PRE-ENTRY IS ESSENTIAL – ENTRIES CLOSE 25  
FEBRUARY 2009 WITH LOUISE.** See

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## ZONE 16 SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN: SUNDAY 15 MARCH

PLACE: CRC CLUB GROUNDS, LYNEHAM

TIME: 8.30AM GEAR CHECK, 9.00AM START

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FEBRUARY 2009 WITH LOUISE.** See

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## ZONE 16 GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009

PLACE: CRC CLUBHOUSE, LYNEHAM

TIME: 6.30 PM

*The second general meeting of Zone 16 for  
2009.*

## CANBERRA LAKES PC GYMKHANA

WHEN: SUNDAY 22 MARCH

PLACE: EQUESTRIAN PARK, CURTIN ACT

TIME: 8.30AM START

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## HORSES & PONIES AT PONY CLUB

Other than rigs, colts and stallions, there are no restrictions on what type or size of horse/pony that may be used in pony club provided the horse and rider combination is deemed to be safe and/or appropriate by the Senior Instructor.

There are rules set by PCA NSW regarding how long you must have owned or leased a horse/pony prior to a competition. Check with the Senior Instructor or Club Secretary if you are unclear on these requirements. Also, for State level competitions, the horse or pony must have turned five (5) years of age.

Should you get a new horse or pony, ensure that a Horse Identification form is completed and given to the Club Secretary (you can get blank forms from the Secretary).

Riders may bring more than one horse to a rally day, but should not change mounts during the rally without the permission of the Instructor during a session.

Riders may ride a horse belonging to or leased by any financial member of WPC but must have the permission of their parent/guardian and the owner of the horse. In addition, the Senior Instructor must deem it to be a safe and/or appropriate combination.

WPC has an appointed Horse Welfare Officer who will be available to advise on any equine health issues or concerns. If a horse or pony is under or over weight, unsound or injured, it may not be fit enough for a full day of activities. In these cases, the Senior Instructor or Horse Welfare Officer may ask that you rest the horse/pony for part or all of the day.



# WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED GEAR CHECK?

## CHECKING THE RIDER

### Headgear

- Correctly adjusted approved safety helmet AS/NZS 3838. (When purchasing a helmet, let the store know that it must be approved for pony club use - many of them aren't)
- A hairnet or plaited pigtails for members with long hair is advisable.

### Footwear

- Clean, safe riding boots with full smooth soles - no half soles. Good heel depth and high enough at the ankle so the boot cannot go through or catch at the top of the stirrup.

### Uniform

- Full uniform is only required at pony club gymkhanas or when representing Wamboin PC. Full uniform comprises fawn jodhpurs, white long sleeve shirt & club tie. A v-neck navy knitted jumper is optional. At a rally day, riders may wear our club polo shirt (navy) and fawn jodhpurs. Club jackets are also available and can be worn on those colder days. Any clothing worn by a rider should not be able to work loose or flap as this becomes a safety issue for both horse and rider as well as others.

### Jewellery

- No jewellery is allowed except for a watch. Any exposed jewellery which cannot be removed, including Medic-alert bracelets and chains, should be taped.
- Glasses should not be worn unless they are prescription spectacles.

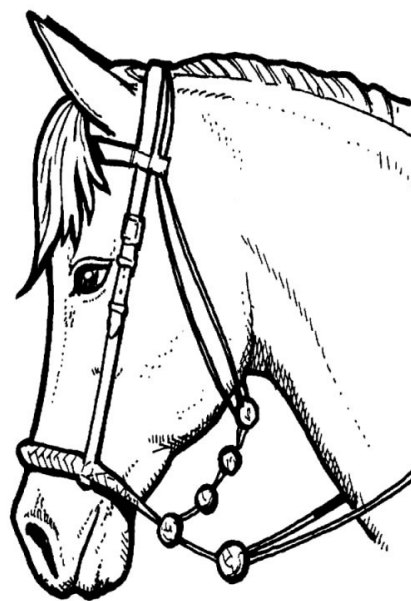
### Whips

- Whips may not be weighted and the length is not to exceed 75cm for jumping or 1.2m for flatwork.

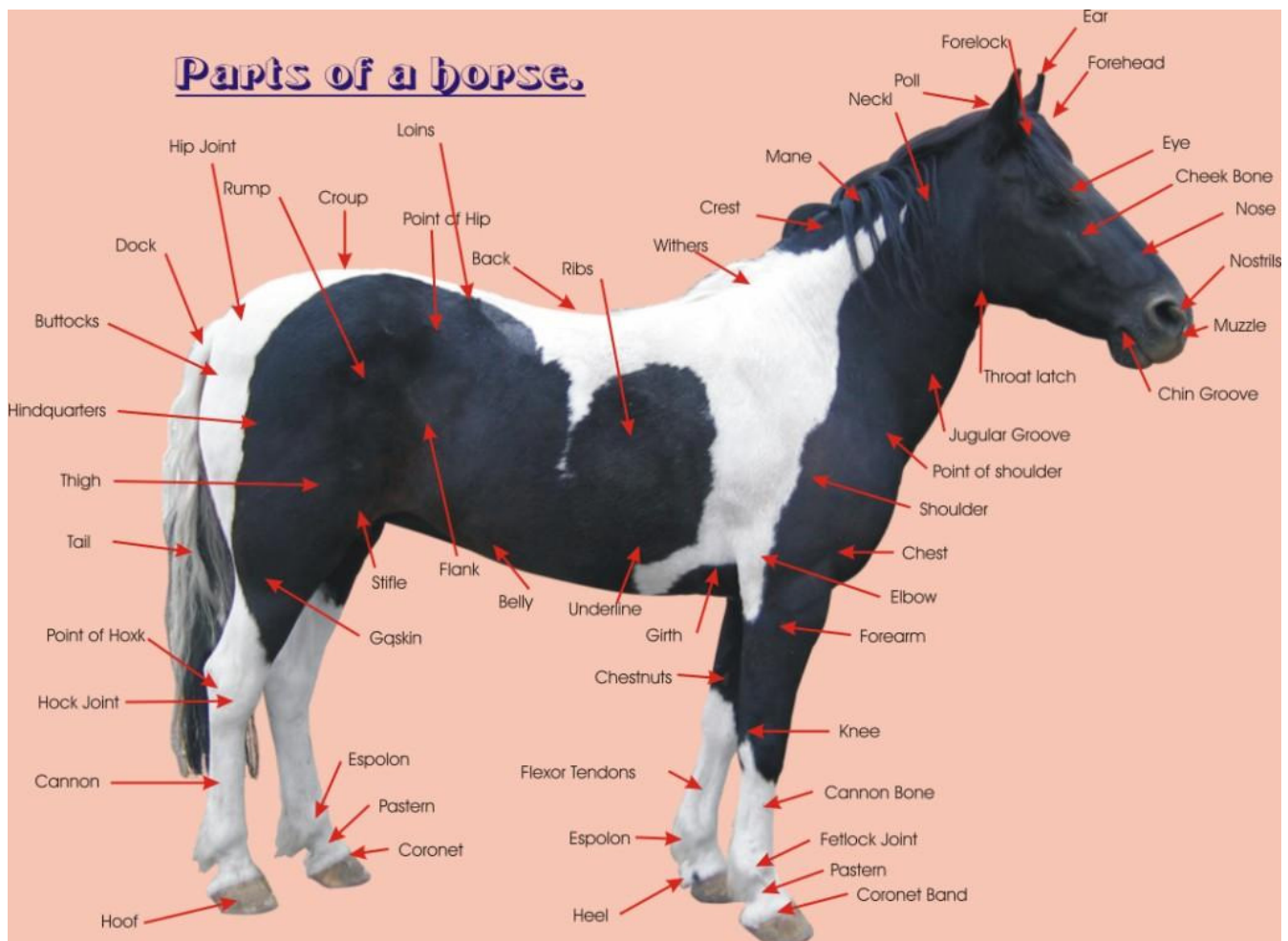
### Spurs

- Junior members are discouraged from wearing any type of spur, unless they have established a steady leg. Spurs, if worn, must be blunt and must slope downward.

All pony club members are encouraged to ride in ordinary snaffle bridles. If they use other than an ordinary snaffle, they should know what it is called, how it works, and why it is necessary to use it. Nickel bits and stirrup irons are not recommended.



## Certificate Homework



- **Aids to the Canter**

- Before asking for canter, check that the preceding pace (trot) is of good quality.
- The horse must be accepting the bit and going forward in balance and with impulsion.
- You should indicate with your inside hand the direction of the canter (with a quick 'take and give') sit for a few strides bring the outside leg back behind the girth and give a definite nudge to the horse's side, while at the same time maintaining the impulsion with the inside leg.
- As the horse strikes off into canter you will feel the alteration of pace and you must be particularly careful to remain supple, relaxed and in balance.
- Your hands must follow the considerable movement of the horse's head.
- You should not look down to see which leg is leading.
- You will soon learn to feel which shoulder of the horse is slightly in advance of the other, and which hind leg comes to the ground first.

# THE Back Page

## Wamboin Pony Club

### Gibber Gabber

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## Signs you are an Equestrian School Student

You wonder why people complain about having to get up so early for a 9am class. You feel like saying, "Try getting up at 4am on weekends for horse shows!"

You see a girl wearing a pair of high-heeled, pointy-toed fashionable boots and when she tells you how much they cost you say, "Wow, you could have bought a nice pair of REAL boots for that!"

Your arms and face are tanned, but your legs aren't.

You love the smell of horses, leather, and hay, but you've learned not to say that because people look at you weird...

You've spent calculus class explaining the barrel pattern to a friend and making them draw it.

You've skipped class for a horse event.

Your research papers are about horses.

You wonder why people buy energy drinks to get through their classes, when you've spent early-mornings loading up horse trailers, pulled all-nighters watching colicky horses, and afternoons grooming horses for hours... on an empty stomach. And all they need to do is sit still and stay awake...

You ask your history teacher what the most important animal in history is and then argue with him that it was the horse.

*"The wind of heaven is that which blows  
between a horse's ears".*

*Arabian Proverb*