



GIBBER GABBER

March 2010

WPC Members turn out for Royal Canberra Show

Report by Leanne Quick

This year four Wamboin riders drove through pelting rain to attend the Canberra Royal Show on Sunday 28 February. Luckily, by the time we reached EPIC the rain had passed through and the Harris family had secured a good position to park not too far from the main arena.

Sammi and Tyla were the first to ride in their pony club rider class, with both riders looking their best and riding well. Congratulations to Tyla for placing 8th out of a large field of riders. The next class for Sammi and Tyla was PC Pairs, they made a great pair and placed an admiral 4th working out just as it pelted rain and thundered.

Next our riders all joined the Grand Parade, which was quite exciting for Perri and Kriket. Wamboin Pony Club even led the Grand Parade out of the main arena!
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Dates for March 2010

1ST RALLY DAY FOR 2010 – SUNDAY 14 MARCH

GEAR CHECK 9.30AM

RIDING FROM 10.00AM

REMINDER: DO NOT GET ON YOUR HORSE UNTIL YOU ARE A FINANCIAL MEMBER FOR 2010

NO RALLY DAY ON 28 MARCH DUE TO NO AVAILABLE INSTRUCTORS.

It is YASS SHOW on 28 March – Pony Club and Sporting events – why not take the short trip to Yass and represent your club at the annual YASS Show?

WORKING BEES:

14 MARCH –

CLUBHOUSE EXTENSION ROOF ASSEMBLY

(Please bring ladders and tools for fixing the new roof. Questions – call Peter Evans on 6238 3043)

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Tuesday 30 March, 7.30pm

Slater Residence, 65 Merino Vale Drive

All Associate and Senior Members welcome!

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: Tyla and Sammi at the Royal Canberra Show
Canberra Show Report continued...*

It was then time for Elena and Nicole to do their rider class. It was a huge field of Associates from as far as Tasmania, country NSW and Victoria. Kriket worked well but did not seem to appeal to the judge and Elena did a terrific job with Perri, who was quite tense by now. The final class for Nicole and Elena was their pairs, and they did a good job to come 3rd. I hope all riders enjoyed their day and everyone of our Wamboin riders looked terrific and competed with good humour and grace – well done Sammi, Tyla, Nicole and Elena!

Thanks must go to Tori for being our gopher and guide (ha!!!) to our parking area and to Nicole and Marion for creating the beautiful brow bands worn by the horses (and admired by all). I hope we can field some more riders for next year.

Royal Canberra Show Wednesday 24 February

Dressage Competition (report by the Editor)

Our very own Vice President, Leanne Quick, along with Nicole Smith, entered the Royal Canberra Show Dressage competition, which was on day 1 of the Show. Leanne rode her young chestnut Warmblood McGough's Fortune (CoCo) and Nicole rode her chestnut Thoroughbred The Saltire (Kriket) in the Associate divisions of the competition.

Nicole rode two tests, the new 1A and 2A dressage tests in the young rider division and Leanne rode the 2A in the open division.

Nicole was very pleased with how Kriket went and they achieved a 3rd in the 1A (and prize money of \$30) and a 6th in the 2A.

Leanne also rode a very accurate test, though CoCo did seem to find things going on outside the arena very interesting at times, their accuracy paid off and they placed 4th in the open Associate division.

As strapper, I got to watch all three tests! If you have not yet had a look at these new tests, you can go to the Equestrian Federation of Australia web site – use this link

http://www.equestrian.org.au/?MenuID=Sports/11757/0/,Dressage/11732/0/0,Dressage_Tests/11712/220/0

to download the new tests that will be used by pony club from 2010 onwards until changed.

The new tests are quite different from the ones we have been riding for many years now at pony club, and they contain some new moves in nearly all the paces (walk, trot and canter). This will give all riders something to work on at home and at rally days over the coming months.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ZONE 16 EVENTS

ZONE 16 EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN: SATURDAY 27 MARCH

PLACE: CANBERRA RIDING CLUB, LYNEHAM

PRE-ENTRY IS ESSENTIAL – ENTRIES CLOSE

12 March 2010 WITH LOUISE. See
www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au for full details.

ZONE 16 GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2010

PLACE: CRC CLUBHOUSE, LYNEHAM

TIME: 6.30 PM

The 2nd general meeting of Zone 16 for 2010.

ZONE 16 CAMP

WHEN: 11 – 17 APRIL 2010

PLACE: BUNGENDORE SHOWGROUNDS

PRE-ENTRY HAS CLOSED. Watch

www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au for full details
of our club's rostered duty day.

LOCAL AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

YASS SHOW – 27 AND 28 MARCH

JERRAWA SHOW – 5 APRIL

DETAILS ARE ON THE ZONE 16 WEB SITE.

Zone 16 Sporting Championships

Report by Robyn Slater

On Sunday 21st February the Evans and Slater families travelled to Bredbo for the Zone 16 Sporting Championships. All the girls had a great day, showing great sportsmanship and camaraderie with the other riders in their age groups. Each rider competed in 10 sporting events, 7 of which are State events. Each rider had two chances at completing each event with the fastest time counting.

All the events were finished by mid afternoon and then it was time for the finals in 3 Mug, Flagging and Bending. Victoria, Penny and Lauren made it into all three final events and Katie made it into the finals for 3 Mug and Flagging. All finals were hotly contested with some really close finishes.

Amy had brought Milly out for her first competition since having her foal and was happy with how she went. Penny was also riding her new horse Billy, and was happy with his performance too.

Lauren and Jed won age champion in the 15 and 17 years age group. The team of Katie, Lauren, Amy and Penny came third in the team competition. All riders were a credit to their club. Well done girls!



Above: Victoria and Nevada

STORM DAMAGE TO OUR CREEK CROSSING



Whilst we all enjoyed the wet weekend that was 13 and 14 February, unfortunately we sustained some significant damage to our creek crossing (no, this is not it, the pic is just for effect!). It is substantially blocked by debris flushed down by the swollen creek waters and about half of the crossing has actually been washed away.

There will need to be some effort put in to clearing the crossing and making it safe again for our riders to use.

We mostly likely will not get this done at the 14 March Rally and Working Bee as efforts will be concentrated on getting the sheeting on the new clubhouse extension roof.

If we have any family willing to take this task on as a project, to co-ordinate cleanup efforts, please contact the President.



2010 COMMITTEE

Here are the folk who comprise the 2010 Wamboin Pony Club Committee:

PRESIDENT: Marion Whalan, 6238 3115

VICE PRESIDENT: Leanne Quick, 6238 3435

SECRETARY: Louise Baldwin, 6238 1509

TREASURER: Toni Cuthbertson, 6238 3548
(Understudy – Linda Thompson)

The Club Senior Instructor for 2010 is Robyn Slater, 6238 3472.

2010 MOUNTED GAMES

If you don't know about mounted games and are a current member of Wamboin Pony Club, you must have been hiding under a rock in recent years!!!!

2006 – Wamboin Warriors – State Club Team Champions

2007 – EI (boo hoo!)

2008 – Wamboin Warriors – 3rd State Club Team

2009 – Wamboin Warriors – 2nd State Club Team

AND IN 2010

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE IN BUNGENDORE!!!!

Robyn wants every rider who is keen to be in a mounted games team for 2010 to start considering team membership. The Zone Mounted Games will be held on July 3 & 4 and the State Championships on October 1st to 3rd – both at Bungendore.

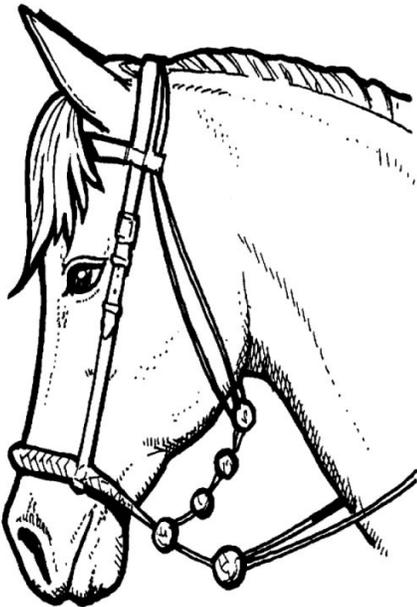
Can Wamboin muster a second or third state team in 2010?????

Second Hand Horse Gear to Sell?

Do you have any horse gear lying around that you would like to sell? What about WPC uniform items or saddlecloths that you no longer use? Well, Catherine Daniel has offered to coordinate a stall so you can bring along these items to sell!

All WPC uniform items can be delivered to Catherine, who will tag each item with your name and the price you want to sell it for. For each item sold, the Club asks that you consider a 10% donation to the Club.

Catherine will look into the option of a stall at the Wamboin Markets to broaden the customer base. So clean out those tack rooms and if you have some gear in reasonable condition that you no longer need or use, please consider pooling it to put some dollars in your pocket and a little back to your club.



WANTED

The inevitable has occurred - we need to move our middle daughter (10yo) onto a new pony. Her current mare isn't going to last her much longer due to arthritis issues and our daughter's increasing desire to ride faster and jump higher. Please let me know if you have or know of anything suitable:

Rider: Full of confidence - this is because her current pony is so safe and smooth to ride. I wouldn't class her as a beginner, but she wouldn't be classed as experienced either and I would expect she may be challenged or intimidated by a pony that is too forward or spooky. Not discounting a forward pony, as long as it is safe and has brakes.

Horse: Prefer 14hh - 15hh, aged under 14 (will consider older if no signs of arthritis or injury). Must be sound - a vet check will be requested. Needs to be safe and prefer one that has been to pony club and on trail rides. I will put temperament above any other qualities of the horse - it doesn't need to be a show quality hack! It will be paddocked, not stabled and will run with other ponies and won't be shod.

It will be loved and pampered as much as a little girl can and will be living on our property not on agistment. The ability to look good in pink is also on the wish list!

Price: Don't have a lot to spend, but as I mentioned, I'm not looking for a show horse. Contact Catherine 0409 477 915 or catherine.daniel@bigpond.com

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au



Above: Sisters Lauren and Katie at the Zone 16 Sporting Championships

Below: Nicole and Kriket, Elena and Perri, Royal Canberra Show

