



GIBBER GABBER



WPC NEWS

The next rally day will be on Sunday 22 MAY, with gear check at 9.30am and ready to ride at 10.00am.

Don't be late!

**Please note:
No rally day on 8 May.
Spoil your Mum instead!**

HOW DID THEY COPE?

The 2011 camp troop the *Butterflies* (on right) had to put up with not one but THREE Wamboin riders in their troop all week at camp. Fancy having Jess, Laura and Andrea altogether all week!!!! See inside this issue for more camp photos. All photos courtesy of James Wenn, the Troop Leader for the Butterflies. Check out our website too!

Also at camp were Amy, Victoria and Charlie. Leanne, Tracey, Robyn, Maureen and Toni were camp instructors (not to mention Toni is also the Camp Secretary!). Thanks to all our parents who helped out with the club's rostered days & Peter who transported the club jump wings to be used at camp.

NOT AGAIN DAD.....

Well she did it again, conned her Dad into attending another pony club camp. Setting up involves putting up two tents—something to do with Dad not allowed to sleep in the same tent (snoring was mentioned). Camp activities started Monday 18 April and it was full on, with activities programmed around the ability of the troop. So the “flutterbies”, as they became known, had a lot of fun doing classes in show jumping, flatwork, eventing, polocrosse, campdrafting, vaulting, musical troop drill, sporting, mounted games, tent pegging and dressage. Some of these events were new to the riders, but they all did

well and enjoyed them. Several “extra” theory sessions were held at the Wamboin camp site to help riders sitting their C and C* certificates. It was great to hear on presentation day that all Wamboin riders passed and were awarded their certificates and badges.

I wish to thank those members of our club who helped during the week and a special mention to those parents who did not have riders but gave up their time to assist.

Les Worden

ED Note: This is an abridged version of Les' article. Read the full account on the Wamboin PC web site.



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GIBBER GABBER DEADLINES

Edition	Deadline
June	30 May
July	27 June
August	1 Aug
Sept	30 Aug
Oct	3 Oct
Nov	31 Oct
Dec	28 Nov

“The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you”

2011 Zone 16 Camp—it was great fun!



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Club Communication

A note from our Secretary

Most of our club communication and contact is done via email because its quick, cheap and convenient.

MEMBERS it's your responsibility to let me know if you are having problems with your email or computer in order that I can make other temporary arrangements to keep in touch and keep you informed of pony club news and matters, including upcoming events and entry close off dates.

Thank you, *Jeni*



2011 PCA NSW Sporting & Campdrafting

On the weekend 15-17 April, the Slater sisters and Jack Durr took part in the State Sporting and Campdrafting Championships held just next door in Zone 27 at Gunning.

Sporting was held on the Saturday and in the 13 & U15 years division, Jack and his mare May had a blinder of a competition, placing 5th overall in a large field and placing 1st in the state in the Bending Race for his age group. Jack and May also achieved 3rd in Running Tee, 4th in 3 Mug and =10th in Barrel.

Riding in the 15 & U17 years age division were Lauren and Penny and in the Associate division was Katie. Lauren and Jed placed 10th overall in their division, with two 6th's and a 7th (Bonfield Bounce, Diamond Flag and Flag).

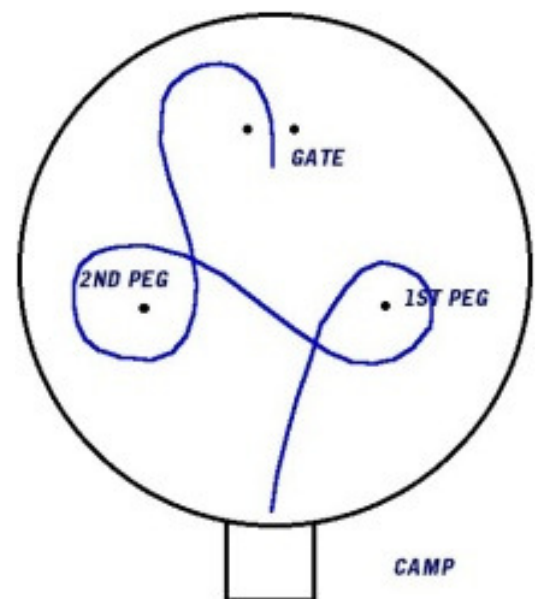


Both Penny (riding the Purdie's Breeze) and Katie on Tia placed 2nd in their respective 3 Mug races.

On the Sunday, the 3 Slater sisters competed in their first PCA NSW Campdrafting Championships. Lauren and Jed achieved one high scoring run (82 points) to place 5th overall in the 15 & U17 years division.

What's campdrafting?

Points are scored by horse and rider for cut out, horse work and course completion, from a possible total of 100 points. The course can look like the one below.



Horseball referred to PCA NSW Sporting Advisory Committee

Horse-ball was introduced to Australia in 2009 off the back of the sport's popularity throughout Europe. Horseball is a game played on horseback where a ball is handled and points are scored by shooting it through a high net.



Riders target the "ball" in a horseball game. The ball has leather handles to aid pick up and control.

The sport is like a combination of polo, rugby, and basketball.

It is one of the ten disciplines officially recognized by the International Federation for Equestrian Sports. PCA NSW will consider whether horseball can become an endorsed pony club discipline.

Two teams of four players attempt to score into the opponent's goal. The team with the most goals wins the game. Because of the goals, the passes in the game, and the quick actions, Horse-Ball can be compared to basketball, but on horseback.

The rules of the game insure a collective and fast safe game. The game is controlled by two referees

one mounted and the second one seated with a view of the entire pitch. The referees have a radio connection for direct communication.

The game is played in a normal riding area of 20x60 meters - ideal dimensions being 25x65 meters. The goals are one metre loops hooked vertically at 4.50 meters off the ground. An important point of the game is that you must make at least three passes between three different team members before you are allowed to score. Therefore all team members must collaborate together for each action and goal.

Want more information, go to <http://www.horseball.com.au/>

Zone 16 to host PCA NSW Polocrosse Championships

For a number of years, Zone 16 has asked the state office and governing council to consider introducing a state titles for the discipline of Polocrosse and this year it is taking place for the first time right on our doorstep at Bungendore. The official entry form is now out and available on the PCA NSW website <http://www.pcansw.org.au/site/ponyclub/nsw/downloads/Championships/2011/Polocrosse%20schedule.pdf>

ENTRY CLOSING DATE to the Zone 16 ZCI is FRIDAY 27 May.

The State Polocrosse Championships will be held at Bungendore Show Grounds on 14 to 17 July 2011

Keep checking the Zone 16 website for further information.

Riders nominate as members of Zone teams, a team may have all its' members from one club, but they will still ride as a zone team.

The competition is going to be conducted in the following divisions:

Under 13 years—Novice

Under 13 years—Advanced

13 & U17 years—Novice

13 & U17 years—Advanced

Associate—Novice

Associate—Advanced

If you are interested in this competition, speak with the Club's Senior Instructor, Robyn Slater, ASAP.

Club and Zone Jackets now allowed at State Events

Recently, your club put forward a motion to the Zone 16 General Committee, which received zone support and therefore it went to the March PCA NSW Council Meeting. The motion sought to change the state rule that club or zone jackets can only be worn by riders up to zone level events. Your club asked for the rule to be changed to include state level events, such as the state mounted games championships, but the motion was in

fact to include all disciplines. The change was sought because quite often riders at state events must compete in all weather conditions, including rain and sleet as state events are very rarely cancelled due to bad weather.

The good news arising from the March state meeting is that your club's motion was carried, and the rule has now been changed!

GO WAMBOIN!



Wamboin riders keep warm in their club jackets.

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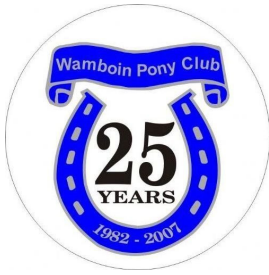
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Next WPC Committee Meeting

Wednesday 25th May
at 7.30pm

Venue: Slater's

WAMBOIN PONY CLUB WELCOMES NEW FAMILIES TO THE WAMBOIN AREA

CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT WAMBOIN PONY CLUB

*FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO JOIN, CONTACT OUR
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Senior Instructor: Robyn Slater, 6238 3472

Upcoming Pony Club Events in May (or entries close in May)

18 May: Zone 16 General Meeting, 6.30pm CRC Clubhouse, Lyneham.

5 June: Bungendore PC and Zone 16 ODE. **Online entries ONLY—closing 27 May**, see www.zone16.pcansw.org.au for full details.

PLEASE NOTE: If you intend entering this event, you need to be aware that the Bungendore ODE course will be closed 4 weeks prior to the event, so from 8 May the ODE course is closed. If you ride on it in the 4 week period and still compete at the event, elimination is the ultimate penalty.

11-12 June: 21st Anniversary Murrumbateman PC Show Jumping Festival. **Online entries ONLY—closing 29 May**, see www.zone16.pcansw.org.au for full details.



Above: Jess & Jazz and Andrea & Monty lead out the Butterflies on the last day of Camp 2011
(Photo thanks to James Wenn)