



# GIBBER GABBER

April 2010

## Two WPC Members attend the Zone 16 Jumping Equitation Championships

Report by Nicole Smith

The Zone 16 Championships for Jumping Equitation were held on Saturday March 27 at the Canberra Riding Club grounds at Lyneham. It was a beautiful day weather wise and Sammi riding Jodie and me with Kriket were entered for the day.

Both Sammi and I were riding early in the draw for each of our grades, so we had to get saddled up and gear checked pretty much as soon as we could. The day involved three rounds of jumping, the first round was just a straight jumping round and the second and third rounds involved jumping and a set number of tasks that the horse and rider combinations were judged on. As can be the way with horses, I realised once I was riding Kriket that something was not right with him and he was not a very happy horse when I asked him to turn in one particular direction, so I ended up scratching from the event. *(continued page 2)*

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## Dates for April and May 2010

RALLY DAY – **SUNDAY 11 APRIL**

RALLY DAY – **SUNDAY 9 MAY**

**GEAR CHECK 9.30AM**

**RIDING FROM 10.00AM**

**NO RALLY DAY ON 25 APRIL – ANZAC DAY**

### GUEST INSTRUCTOR

**THE RALLY ON 9 MAY WILL INCLUDE GUEST INSTRUCTOR, MR DAVID HARRIS, NSW AND AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR MOUNTED GAMES TEAM COACH. MR HARRIS WILL TAKE A GROUP OF 10 RIDERS IN TWO SESSIONS THROUGH TRAINING AND RIDER SKILLS FOR MOUNTED GAMES.**

### **WORKING BEES:**

**11 APRIL AND 9 MAY –**

**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 27 APRIL, 7.30pm**

**Purdie Residence, 12 Amungula Place**

**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!

### Zone 16 Jumping Equitation Championships continued

Sammi and Jodie, competing in the D grade classes had no such issue and they did a good clear first round. In round 2, Sammi had four tasks to remember, including a particular number of strides between two jumps and a long crest release over another plus a change of lead over another jump and jumping that same jump on an angle. We walked the course together to sort out how to ride the second round. In the third round, Sammi's tasks included a certain number of strides around a curve, another angle jump and a smooth halt after the last jump on the course. By the third round, Sammi and Jodie were working really well together and this showed in their final result with a fifth place out of a field of 14 riders.

You will often hear people describe a jumping equitation competition being like "the dressage of show jumping". It involves not only clear jumping (i.e. no poles on the ground) but also being judged on rider/horse ability to jointly ride a round that is well balanced, and makes every aid or change seem effortless, which comes from the training and ground work we do at home. You also get points for presentation, which was the only score I got all day! Thanks to Sammi and Leanne for their support on the day and perhaps a few more Wamboiners will consider the event next year.



*Above: Elena and Perry during their 40km Endurance ride*

### ACT Endurance Riders' Association

The ACT Endurance Riders' Association held their autumn training ride on Saturday 13th March. Elena Sutcliffe and Perry took part in the 40 km training ride, and rode around with Maxine, a friend of Kaaren's, Elena's mum. Their aim was to complete the distance in 4 hours, which would mean an average pace of 10 km per hour. Thanks to a very strong-willed first 10km from Perry and Indy (Maxine's horse), they achieved this target time easily, finishing in 4 hours and 3 minutes. The course was a scenic rolling loop around the hills of Kambah. Elena and Maxine finished 19th and 20th out of 36 starters. Both horses vetted through well with a minimal rise in their heart-rates of 2-5 beats per minute and scoring straight As from the vet on condition and soundness. Not bad for a green horse and rider! Apparently both Elena and Perry are keen to go again.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ZONE 16 EVENTS

### ZONE 16 SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN: SUNDAY 2 MAY

PLACE: EQUESTRIAN PARK, COTTER ROAD, CURTIN  
**PRE-ENTRY IS ESSENTIAL – ENTRIES CLOSE**

**14 April 2010 WITH LOUISE.** See  
[www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au) for full details.

### KAMBAH SHOW JUMPING DAY

WHEN: 16 MAY 2010

PLACE: TBA

Watch [www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au) for full  
details when made available.

### GEARY'S GAP VERSATILITY COMP

WHEN: 23 MAY 2010

PLACE: LES REARDON RESERVE

Watch [www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au) for full  
details when made available.

### BUNGENDORE PONY CLUB ONE DAY EVENT

WHEN: 30 MAY 2010

PLACE: BUNGENDORE SHOW GROUNDS

Watch [www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au) for full  
details when made available.

DETAILS ARE ALSO ON THE ZONE 16 WEB SITE

[HTTP://WWW.ZONE16.PCANSW.ORG.AU/](http://WWW.ZONE16.PCANSW.ORG.AU/)

**ALL MEMBERS SHOULD CHECK THESE WEBSITES  
REGULARLY FOR IMPORTANT NOTICES TO ALL  
MEMBERS.**

# WANTED

## RIDER VOLUNTEERS WAMBOIN MARKETS 17 APRIL 2010

Our Vice President, Leanne, has offered to coordinate a stall at the Wamboin Markets to promote our club and the many achievements of our riders.

What is needed is a few of our riders to man the stall from 8.30am to Noon – hopefully at the next markets on Saturday 17 April.

### DOES THIS SOUND LIKE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO?

If YES, please contact Leanne on 6238 3435 to register your ability to help.

**WE ARE ALSO SEEKING A FUND  
RAISING COORDINATOR TO  
COME UP WITH IDEAS FOR  
FUNDRAISING \$\$\$\$ FOR THE  
CLUB SO WE CAN COMPLETE THE  
CLUBHOUSE EXTENSION AND  
PURCHASE NEW SAFETY JUMP  
WINGS AND CUPS NOW  
STIPULATED BY PCA NSW.**

**DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE  
PRESIDENT, MARION, ON 6238 3115**

# WAMBOIN PONY CLUB MATTERS

## JOBS TO BE DONE ON A RALLY DAY

Every rally day there are a number of jobs to be undertaken in order to support our riders to ride and the instructors to instruct. As a small club, the jobs to be done will mean that pretty much each rally day all mums, dads or other support people will be involved in performing at least one job. Our Vice President, Leanne, will be drawing up job rosters and EVERY FAMILY will be on these rosters. The jobs to be done on a rally day can be broken down into three key groups:

1. SET UP OF EQUIPMENT
2. CANTEEN DUTY
3. PACK UP OF EQUIPMENT

**For EQUIPMENT SET UP:** the rostered families will need to be at the pony club grounds at around 9.15am. The Instructors will either be on the grounds to provide guidance on what equipment is needed where or they will have contacted you before hand with their equipment needs. Your job is to set up the necessary equipment by 10.00am on the rally day, ready for the riders to commence the riding activities.

**FOR CANTEEN DUTY:** Alison Evans is our Canteen Coordinator and she will ensure a suitable meal plan is fully supplied. Your job on canteen duty is to set up the clubhouse (unstack chairs, tables etc, unlock the toilets etc); do food preparation, including BBQ when required; serve food; clean up and pack up the canteen.

**FOR EQUIPMENT PACK UP:** at the conclusion of riding activities for the day, all equipment used must be packed away again and secured. NO ONE should leave the grounds until all the equipment has been packed away. Pack up often provides a great opportunity for the riders themselves to assist and demonstrate other attributes (other than riding ability) that are considered each year in the annual awards.

## WPC Uniform Stock

### Saddle Cloths - \$45 each

Pony – 4

Cob – 0

Full – 0

### Caps - \$10 each

Caps – 11

### Shirts – New Style - \$25 each

Adult Size 12 – 2

Adult Size 14 – 3

Adult Size 16 – 2

Child Size 10 – 2

Child Size 12 – 1

Child Size 18 – 1

### Jackets - \$65 each

Large – 3

Medium – 3

Small – 0

### Ties - \$6 each

One size – 4

There are also miscellaneous second hand items for private sale and/or to give away.

If anyone is interested in purchasing any of the above items they can contact me at home on 6236 9546 or on my mobile 0414580842.

If anyone wants to purchase anything currently out of stock they can let me know and I will place an order.

Teri Brown – WPC Uniform Coordinator



# WAMBOIN PONY CLUB MATTERS

## GENERAL CONDUCT

Pony Club is a youth organisation therefore there are policies in place to protect young people and promote acceptable standards of behaviour amongst all members. There are policies regarding:

- No Alcohol
- No Smoking
- No Drugs
- No Swearing
- No Harassment
- Being Sun Smart
- Child Protection
- Sportsmanship

These policies apply equally to adults and children. All the policies are available on the PCA NSW website under “Resources” or by asking a WPC Committee Member for a copy.

## HORSES

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.

### OWNERSHIP

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.

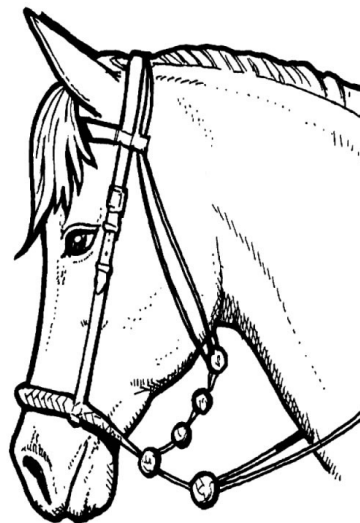
Should you get a new horse or pony, ensure that a Horse Identification form is completed and given to the Club Secretary (you can get blank forms from the Secretary).

### RIDING MORE THAN ONE HORSE

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.

### HORSE WELFARE

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.





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## Wamboin Pony Club

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for future editions.



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See us at:

[www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au](http://www.wamboin.pcansw.org.au)



## MY HORSE IS CALLED.....

RIDERS: JOIN THE DOTS AND COLOUR IN THE RESULT AND BRING IT ALONG TO THE MAY RALLY DAY SO WE CAN DECORATE OUR CLUBHOUSE!  
YOU MIGHT JUST BE SURPRISED BY A SMALL REWARD FOR YOUR EFFORTS!