

Alice Springs Pony Club

Newsletter August 2009



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- 20th Sept ASDC comp
- 26th Sept ASSHC gymkhana

CANTEEN ROSTER

Rally 7 Aug 9
Poulton & Avery



Alice Springs Show is over for another year with many of our pony club members successful with their chosen classes. It was also a profitable weekend for our canteen thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Our ODE also attracted many competitors with many commenting how much fun the cross country course is. Thanks to all competitors, stewards and helpers for another successful event. Congratulations to all the winners – a complete list of results will be available on the website soon.

The cross country course is in great nick, thanks to the hard work of the team from the Alice Springs Correctional Centre. The Alice Springs Pony Club spends considerable time and funds on maintaining the cross country course for all equestrians in Alice Springs.

All we ask is that users consider others – put obstacles back if you must move something and please let a committee member know if a pole or other equipment is broken so it can be replaced as soon as possible.

Future plans for the course include renovating and building more jumps.

Our next rally is this Sunday, set up is at 8am for a 9am start.

Angela Copland.

Jumping equipment

At the July ASPC committee meeting new regulations governing the use of ASPC equipment were passed.

The new rules have been introduced to make sure that all ASPC events and activities are safe and meet insurance requirements.

- Jumps and other ASPC equipment will not be loaned to individuals or commercial organisations.
- There will be times when ASPC jumps are set up on the Pony Club oval for ASPC members only.
- There will be a small fee to cover facility hire and all riders must sign a waiver. Parents/legal guardians must sign for juniors.

Participants are not permitted to receive paid coaching/tuition during these sessions. ASPC insurance does not cover commercial and/or non-ASPC instructors giving lessons using ASPC equipment.

There is also an expectation that all participating riders help set up and down at events and activities.

Supervision

Parents and guardians are reminded that all riders 12 and under must have adult supervision at all pony club activities and all junior riders should have adult supervision when riding. ASPC encourages all parents to support their children in their equestrian activities.

Birthday wishes for July/August



Jade Doyle
Tabby Cross
Kate Avery
Rona McDonald
Justin Copland



Our Trip to S.A.

We recently drove all the way down to South Australia to compete in The Port Augusta ODE, Mallala Winter series (show jumping) and the Northern Yorke Peninsula Pony Club Show jumping competition. It was a great experience and we had a lot of fun. Jade won her walk trot test in Port Augusta with a percentage of %75.3 and Lucy won four out of five entered show jumping rounds. It was really different from Alice Springs, people from everywhere came to the comps and most of them were pretty competitive, but were also pretty nice .We enjoyed the jumping and also sleeping in the float at Coober Pedy Racecourse. The Horses Enjoyed the green grass everywhere but weren't that stubborn about not being able to eat while riding. Our friend Sarah and her horse Rosie came for rides along the beach with us. It was a lot of fun, Diego ran through water that was above his knees, but it took a while for them to want to go in the sea.

By Lucy & Jade

(Lucy actually ended up winning the NYP Pony Club u17 Show jumping championship)



Jade and Winnie at NYP Pony Club



Lucy and Diego on the Pt Augusta X coun-



Lucy & Jade with their Ribbons at NYP Pony Club.

Photos courtesy Anita Ward Photography

Alice Springs Show Results

Best Pony Club mount over 14hh-Ayla Stevens

Maiden Pony u/14hh– Nikola Copland (Missy)

Educated Pony u/14hh-Nikola Copland (Missy)

Reserve Champion Pony-Nikola Copland (Missy)

Pair of Ponies-Nikola & Courtney (Missy & Joanne)

Pony Hack u/14hh-Tegan Copland (Hercules)

Champion Pony-Tegan Copland(Hercules)

Reserve Champion Galloway_Tegan Copland (Stormy)

8YO and under Rider-Darcy Turner

Walk/Trot Pony-Darcy Turner

Rider6-8yo-Darcy Turner

Novice Hack 14-15hh-Ayla Stevens9(Einstien)

Best PC mount u14hh –Taine (Flash)

Best Hack topsy ring-Kiera (Kingsley)

ODE RESULTS

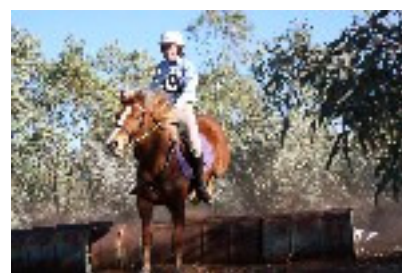
U/12 Champion- Darcy Turner & Rascal

Junior Champion -Mady Muirhead & Penny

Senior Champion- Sonya Clark & Peake



More detailed results will be posted on the website soon.



Classifieds

Wintec 500 for sale, 17" Black New Condition, Barely used (bought with trying on horse) - \$200-00 call Louisa on 0400287938

16hh, 6yr TB Gelding. Exceptional temperament, has done some jumping and dressage. Safe on roads etc. Easy to handle but green. Paddock condition. Sonya 0428748018



NEWS

ASPC will be holding D & D* certificate exams in November. Application forms can be filled in and handed to Lyn McCormick (or other committee member). C certificate exams will be held in May next year.

Meet our members, Sasha Allen and Metro Gold

Horses/ponys name: Metro Gold

Age: 9 **height:** 16hh

Your age: 15

How long have you been riding? I got my first pony when I was six but I was first on a horse when I was 8 weeks old at Cadney Campdraft!

How long have you owned your horse and where did he come from? I've had Metro since February. He was one of my Aunty Kerry's racehorses and she knew I was looking around for a new horse because I'd outgrown Annie. She knew he was a really good kind horse and that we might suit, and she was right. We get on really well.

Favourite discipline: Jumping and cross country – they're Metro's favourites too.

Biggest achievement so far: Probably winning the cross country phase in my class at the Horse Trials and jumping achievements off the track are still in front of us!



Ambition for 2009: To work on our flatwork and compete solidly at Novice level dressage. To continue good jump work – maybe jump 90cm by the end of the year. We are going to Adelaide in December/January to spend a couple of weeks with Megan Jones so I'd like us to do well there.

How often do you ride? Every day usually.

Do you have time for other hobbies? No. I used to play basketball and tennis but no time. I do have lots of animals that take up a lot of time – as well as Metro I've also got horses Candy and Annie, 2 dogs, 2 cats, 2 guinea pigs, 2 turtles, a rabbit, a cockatiel and a budgie.

Biggest bad habit (you) Bad habits? Me? Umm, probably being late for school often. Riding I'm really working on correcting my seat and legs.

Biggest bad habit (horse) Metro can get impatient at feed time.

Any other info , stories etc: Metro has won more than \$100,000 in his race career, including the Kununurra Cup and feature races in the Alice and Darwin carnivals. He ran in the Alice Cup last year and finished mid field. He retired from racing in August last year. He really loves cuddles.