

KYNETON PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Upcoming Birthdays

March

15th – Ruby Fraser

29th – Mikayla Webster

Upcoming Events

March

3rd – KPC Rally

10th – Ballan Pony Club Horse Trials

16th – C Certificate Assessment @ Whittlesea

17th – Mandurang South PC HT & CT Day

24th – Whittlesea Pony Club Combined Training Day

April

7th – KPC Rally Day

14th – KPC Combined Training Day

21st – Cranbourne PC Combined Training

28th – Mount Duneed PC & Open Horse Trials

There's something very beautiful...
about happy natural horses



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Presidents Message

Freshmans Show Jumping

Thank you, Kiara, for organizing a first fundraiser for the year, we raised a total of \$1806.50. Thank you also to all the families that helped on the day.

February Rally

It was quite a warm day for our first rally, thank you to Bridget for changing times to start earlier so we could all beat the heat and head home early. Please double check times on our rally grid as we might start earlier again for the March Rally.

Great to see everyone having a great first rally.

Working Bees

As discussed at the February Rally we will be having working bees at our rallies going forward. We aim to clean up around the grounds, fix any broken cross country jumps and make more cross country jumps as well. If anyone is interested in making some jumps, please talk to Leah, Bridget or myself for details of jumps to be made.

This rally we will be concentrating on weeding the show jumping arena and sanding down all our old show jumping poles so we can paint them and give them some new colour. **Please bring gardening equipment, sander, extension cords if electric.**

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Thanks
Cassandra

WHEN YOU'RE AT THE TACK STORE AND YOUR HUSBAND SAYS, "DO YOU REALLY NEED THAT?"



"DO I REALLY NEED YOU, JOHN?"

Get to know a Rider

Ruby Fraser

1. *How old are you and when is your birthday?*
I am 14 and my birthday is on the 15th March
2. *How long have you been interested in horse riding and riding horses?*
I have been riding for about 8 years now
3. *How many people in your family ride horses?*
3 - Issy, Bridget and myself
4. *How many horse(s) do you and your family have?*
5 Horses
5. *What are your horse(s) names, breed and ages?*
Rupert 13yo OTT
6. *What treats do your horse(s) like?*
Snake lollies
7. *Do you live on Acreage?*
Live on 10 acres
8. *What is your favourite Competition type and why?*
Super Cross, because you can go fast the whole time
9. *Where do you like to go riding?*
Trentham Rail Trial
10. *What is one thing you would tell someone who is interested in starting to ride horses?*
Don't rush just enjoy it



Out & About



Makayla & Izar @ Gisborne Horse Trials
PC Grade 5



Kiara & Raymond @ Glenlyon Horse Trials
Open Grade 5 - 7th



Kiara & Nic @ Gisborne Horse Trials
PC Grade 2 - 3rd



Marigold & Essie - Glenlyon Horse Trials
Open Grade 5 - 12th

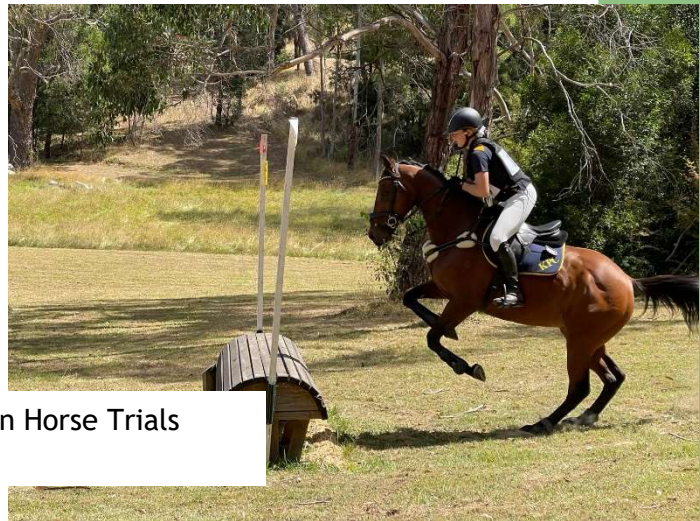
Out & About



Kiara & Nic @ Glenlyon Horse Trials
Open Grade 1 - st



Rose & Mac @ Glenlyon Horse Trials
PC Grade 3 - 4th



Makayla & Carter @ Glenlyon Horse Trials
PC Grade 5 - 9th

Out & About



Ruby & Rupert @ Glenlyon Horse Trails
PC Grade 3 - 1st



Makayla & Izar @ Glenlyon Horse Trials
PC Grade 5 - 5th



Natalia on Rex @ Glenlyon Horse Trials
PC Grade 5 - 4th



Types of boots

Open Front Tendon Boots:

Tendon boots are similar to brushing boots. However, tendon boots typically constructed from a hard-wearing shell for further protection and impact absorption. They are used for all types of riding and disciplines but are more commonly used for jumping. When jumping, there is a higher risk of the hind legs catching and striking the front legs over jumps. Open front boots are also preferred as it gives the horse more leg-to-pole awareness. Designed mainly to protect the horse's leg tendons, they also provide protection to the lower leg ligaments and fetlocks.

Over Reach Boots/Bell Boots:

Over Reach Boots, also know as 'Bell Boots', are designed to help prevent your horse over-striding with his back toes and clipping the back of their front hooves. Over reaching is a relatively common occurrence for horses; and is especially common during any form of jumping, during turnout or in muddy conditions. They help protect the back of the horse's front feet from being caught when over-striding, which can cause painful injuries and wounds. Over reach boots are usually made from rubber, however there are now many other materials, qualities and colours to choose from.

Brushing Boots:

Brushing Boots are highly popular choice when it comes to horse boots. But why? The lower part of a horse's leg is the place most prone to occurring injury or splints. A place where the tendon resides, this is a place that can easily be damaged during riding, exercise or turnout. These can be used on all four of a horse's legs to prevent knocks, scratches and bruises. Horses legs play a huge factor when it comes to purchasing or selling a horse, so it is best to try and keep a horses legs scar and injury-free by using brushing boots during any form or exercise. Brushing boots are popular for competition horses to ensure optimum performance and a clean appearance.

Information sourced from: www.naylors.com



Open Front Tendon Boots



Over Reaching Boots
Or Bell Boots



Brushing Boots

Horse Breeds

Breeds

New Forest Pony

Origin - England

The New Forest Pony is one of the recognized mountain and moorland or native pony breeds of the British Isles. Height varies from around 12 to 14.2 hands ponies of all heights should be strong, workmanlike, and of a good riding type. They are valued for hardiness, strength, and sure-footedness.

Ponies have grazed in the area of the New Forest for many thousands of years, predating the last Ice age. Evidence from the skeletal remains of ponies from the bronze age suggests that they resembled the modern Exmoor pony. The earliest written record of horses in the New Forest dates back to the time, when rights of common of pasture were granted to the area's inhabitants. A popular tradition linking the ancestry of the New Forest pony to Spanish horses said to have swum ashore from wrecked ships at the time of the Spanish Armada. A genetic study in 1998 suggested that the New Forest pony has ancient shared ancestry with two endangered Spanish Celtic-type pony breeds, the Asturcon and Pottok. Today the New Forest pony and choice" for local farmers and commoners, as their sure-footedness, agility, and sound sense will carry them (their rider) safely across the open Forest. New Forest ponies also are used today for gymkhanas, show jumping, cross-country dressage, driving and eventing.



POLE EXERCISES

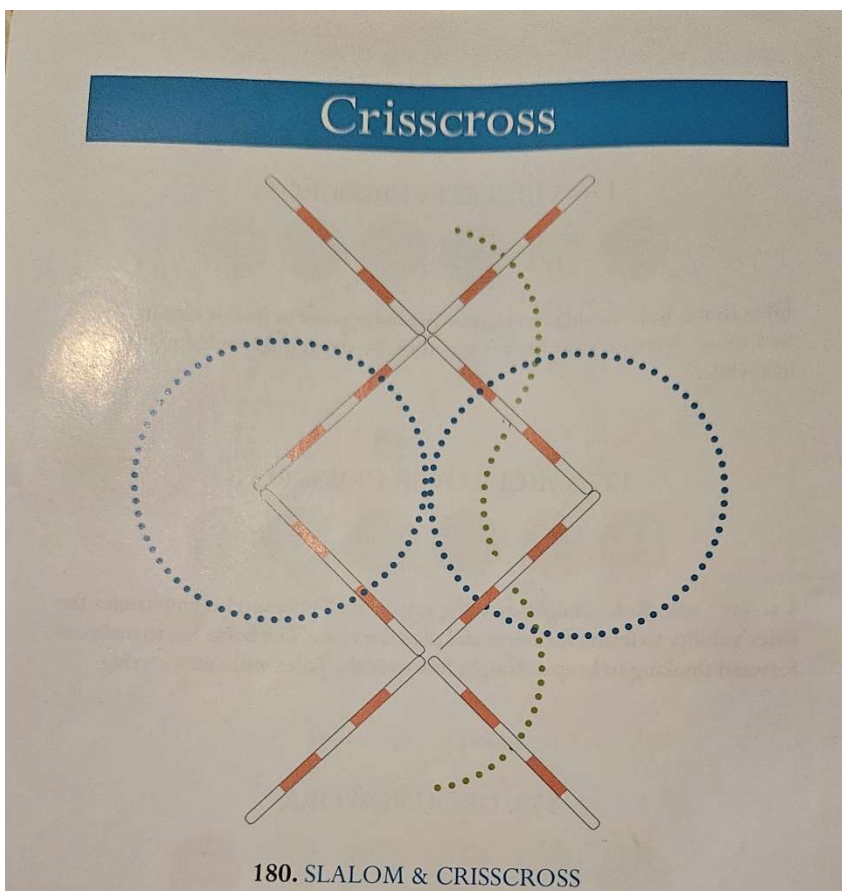
Crisscross Part 3

SLALOM & CRISSCROSS

Green Route: Ride the slalom route over the zig zag poles and round the horses through every turn.

CIRCLES & FIGURE OF EIGHT

Blue route: Ride a circle through the box. Alternate by riding a figure of eight, by riding straight through the box and changing rein for the circle in the opposite direction. Keep alternating a few laps in the same circle with the figure of eight, to maintain your horse's attention.



2024 Polocrosse Victoria calender



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2024 Polocrosse Victoria - Tournament Calendar

DATE:	Club Tournament:	Notes:
27-28 Jan	PORTLAND	<i>Hosted at Ballarat Polocrosse Grounds - Multi Horse</i>
3-4 Feb	<i>Free</i>	<i>free</i>
10-11 Feb	SALE	<i>Multi Horse</i>
17-18 Feb	CORIO	<i>Hosted at Yaloak Polo Grounds</i>
24-25 Feb	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>
2-3 March	BALLARAT	
9-10 March	CASTERTON	
16-17 March	BALLAN	<i>Hosted at Ballarat Polocrosse Grounds</i>
23-24 March	MOOROODUC	<i>Inc. Bass Cup</i>
30-31 March	TRAFALGAR	<i>AUS Club Champs</i>
6-7 April	<i>Free</i>	<i>Free</i>
13-14 April	SALE	<i>STATE Champs</i>
1-2 June	CENTRAL DISTRICT	<i>Hosted at Elmore</i>

Other Dates of Note:

[19-21 April ALBURY](#)

[3-4 May BARASTOC](#)

[24-30 June CHINCHILLA NATIONALS](#)

Polocrosse Australia.

Above is the tournament event calendar for polocrosse if anyone would like to go watch a couple of live matches to see what it is all about.

They also host Indoor Polocrosse weekly/fortnightly at Ballart, Benalla & Cranbourne, if you want to take you horse and have a go at the sport and meet the friendly members.

Please check out their website if you are interested, for more events and newcomer information.

Kyneton Pony Club

Uniform Price List

as at March 2021

Polo's	Short Sleeve	\$	40.00
	Long Sleeve	\$	40.00
Jumpers	Woollen Size 5-7	\$	60.00
	Woollen Size 7-10	\$	65.00
	Woollen Size 12-16	\$	75.00
	Rugby	\$	40.00
	Hoodie Kids	\$	56.00
	Hoodie Adults	\$	60.00
Jackets	Thick Jackets	\$	75.00
	Soft Shell Jackets	\$	75.00
	Tracksuit Kids	\$	60.00
	Tracksuit Adults	\$	65.00
Pants	Tracksuit Kids	\$	35.00
	Tracksuit Adults	\$	36.00
Saddle Pads	Full	\$	89.00
	Pony	\$	75.00
Ties		\$	25.00
Caps		\$	15.00
Scarves		\$	5.00
Badge		\$	10.00
Medical Arm Bands	Small	\$	20.00
	Large	\$	30.00
Grading Card Holder		\$	5.00

Syllabus of Instruction (Certificates) V's Grading

The information below is to provide an understanding of the difference between the Syllabus of Instruction and Grading.

Syllabus of Instruction

The Pony Club Australia Syllabus of Instruction is built on Certificate levels that enable the rider to continuously develop their skills in Riding, Horse Care and Citizenship. Members are encouraged to move through the Certificates at their own pace, but in the following order E, D, D*, C, C* or K, B, A.

Books for each Certificate can be purchased through your JustGo membership portal. These books are a fantastic way to improve your practical and riding ability through the Pony Club guidelines.

I recommend riders work through these books and when you complete a book, let me know so you can be assessed at a rally, passed, and then receive your certificate of completion. You will then be ready to move onto your next book.

Grading

Typically, Gradings are used for riders who compete, even if it's just a couple of times a year. If you are a rider who doesn't compete, gradings are also a terrific way to track how you and your horse are progressing as a combination (horse / rider).

Grading is an assessment of the horse / rider combination.

If you change horses, this is a different combination, and the grading process will start again.

When you are graded, you can be graded on a number of different disciplines and types of competitions. These are:

- Dressage only
- Show Jumping only
- Horse Trials - Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country
- Combined Training Days - Dressage and Show Jumping

When you ask to be graded (ask your DC), the grading process will ensure you are competent in the disciplines you want to be graded in. This means you can successfully jump the height allocated to that grade and competently complete dressage. It's always best to start at the lowest grade and work your way up and remember, there's no hurry for you and your horse to move up the grades.

For most Disciplines / Sports, Grading starts at Grade 6 and works up to Grade 1, and then Advanced.

Show Jumping is the only discipline that starts at Grade 5 and works up to the Advanced level.

If you are unsure if you are ready to be Graded and / or at what level, it's always good to talk to the Instructors at Pony Club, or if you have a private instructor, talk to them too.

KPC Code of Conduct

PCAV Code of Conduct 2010

The Pony Club Association of Victoria's Code of Conduct outlines behaviours that are expected of every person involved in our organisation, as well as identifying the types of behaviours that will not be tolerated. It applies to members, officials, adult supporters, coaches, instructors, spectators, family, friends, administrators and other members of our diverse pony club community. It applies to all PCAV, Zone and Club sanctioned activities.

The Pony Club Association of Victoria's Code of Conduct supports everyone to have fun in a friendly and inclusive environment.

Our Values and Behaviours

Respect and Recognition

- I will treat others as I would like to be treated
- I will treat everyone with dignity, courtesy and respect
- I will appreciate performances by all participants
- I will value and recognise good behaviours and the contribution of all
- I will communicate openly and provide constructive supportive feedback

Caring

- The welfare of the horse is paramount
- I will be considerate of others
- I will encourage others to participate but I won't force the issue
- I will never resort to verbal abuse, harassing behaviour, hostility or aggression

Integrity

- I will be open, honest and trustworthy
- I will do what I say
- I will be a Good Sport and encourage others to do the same
- I will not make any disparaging or belittling remarks about others
- I will abide by the Code of Conduct

Inclusion

- I will support and help others
- I will be flexible and responsive to people's needs
- I will work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes
- I will encourage the participation of all regardless of ability, age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture or religion
- I will contribute towards an enjoyable and safe environment for all

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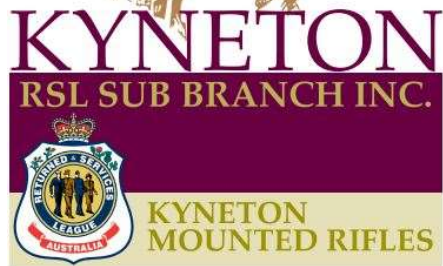
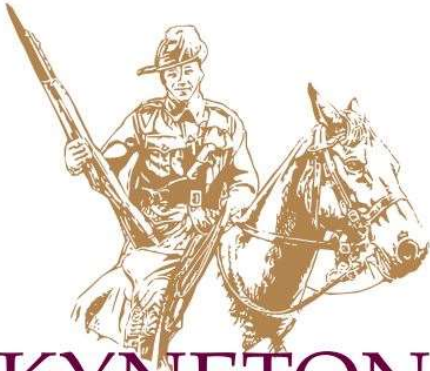
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