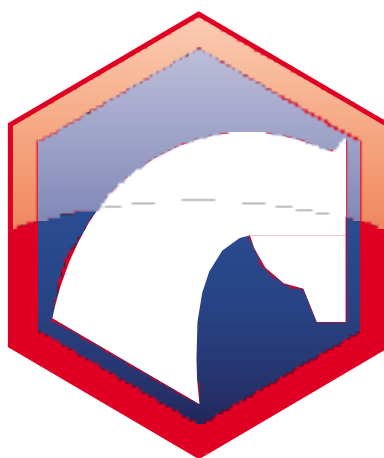


Yarrambat Horse & Pony Club Inc.

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Members Manual 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Yarrambat Horse and Pony Club Incorporated is affiliated with Pony Club Association of Victoria (PCAV). The club is a member of the Northern Metropolitan Zone (NMZ) of the PCAV. The PCAV is affiliated with Equestrian Australia and the British Horse Society. The Pony Club movement is a world-wide organisation, of which you are an important member.

Yarrambat Horse and Pony Club aims to foster good horsemanship and horse mastership. The club encourages all riders to study for and receive PCAV level certificates, and we aim to provide the highest level of instruction, to aid this study and to improve the riders' overall skills and understanding.

MEMBERSHIP

In order to keep the membership to a manageable number of approximately 90 riders, it is sometimes necessary to place applications on a waiting list. It is generally the committee's policy to give priority to the siblings of current members and to local families.

It is expected that a parent, brother, sister or friend of each riding member will be prepared to be rostered onto at least 1 canteen duty per family and 1 setup/packup duty per family (putting out and putting away equipment at rallies etc) each year and two working bees. They are also expected to help at our annual Horse Trials event. If participating in other Club Competitions (e.g. Games, Showjumping, HT etc) or other Zone/State events, assistance will also be required.

ALL RIDERS (except those over 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a parent, sister, brother (over 18 years of age) or guardian/friend at every rally. Unaccompanied riders may only ride if they have been given the explicit approval of the District Commissioner (DC) or the Club President.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are members of a Pony Club aged 17 years or over at the 1 July.

CLUB WEBSITE

The Club is very fortunate to have an excellent website www.yhpc.org.au.

The website and email communication are the main way the DC and Committee members communicate with riders and their families. It is very important that you check the website at least once a month. The website is updated during the week prior to the rally with important information for parents and riders. This will include the Rally Plan, Rally Groups and DC report.

Once registered on the website, a member may submit their results and activities.

RALLIES

Rallies are held on the 1st Sunday of every month, February through November, from 10.30am to 3.00pm and the 1st Saturday of December. Rally groups are basically training groups that can contain various levels of riders. As much as possible the DC tries to

keep the friendship groups together as this is an important aspect of the pony club experience.

Note: Ponies and horses that kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.

GEAR CHECKING

At the beginning of the rally (10.30am to 11.00am) riders and horses are required to attend Gear Check in their rally group. During this time, those who are undertaking the gear check are looking for correctly fitting gear that is in good clean condition and that complies with PCAV and YHPC uniform rules.

For details about the correct gear required for competing, refer to the Gear Rules booklet. This can be found on the PCAV website as a printable document or can be ordered from PCAV.

FIRST AID

We have a First Aid Officer and a number of parents who are qualified with Level 2 first aid. These parents have offered to provide first-aid assistance at rallies. The list of these parents is on the rally notice board near the junior yard.

If there is an accident at the rally, the First Aid Officer needs to be contacted. An Incident Report must be filled out.

If at all concerned ring 000 for an ambulance.

INSTRUCTION & CERTIFICATES

Members are instructed in groups, based largely on the ability of the horse and rider combination, but also take into account the age of the rider and friendship groups. The number of groups we have depends on membership numbers, but we aim to have approximately 7 or 8 riders in each group and no more than 10. Grading and grouping is not an exact science and often riders' abilities can vary across the disciplines. With this in mind, we work very hard to ensure that our riders are placed in groups that allow the group to operate at a similar level where everyone can learn, be challenged and enjoy the rally.

Please understand that the groups are not a reflection purely of rider skill. For example, a rider in the Yellow group may be more skilled than a rider in the Blue group or a rider in Grey group may be better in one discipline than some of the riders in the Black group. Similarly, some of our younger riders may be more skilled than some of our senior riders, but are placed in a group with riders of similar age and similar (not necessarily the same) ability.

As a part of instruction, the Club conducts Certificate work. The E, D and D* certificates are completed over a series of rallies. Riders usually complete these certificates by the time they are 12 years of age.

The C Certificate is undertaken with the help of an instructor and whilst most of the course is conducted at rallies, some theory sessions will take place outside of the rally at night. Riders must be 12 before they can be examined for this certificate. Instead of a theory exam, riders now complete a work booklet, which

is regularly assessed by the Instructor. The course culminates in a practical testing day, assessed by external instructors. All riders 13 years and older who wish to compete at Zone and State events must have their C Certificate.

Further certificates – K, B, H and A are undertaken less frequently and details of these are available on the PCAV website.

SOME RULES FOR RALLIES

CAR AND FLOAT PARKING

- Horses are not to be tied to a float, unless it is attached to a vehicle.
- Do not park cars along or adjacent to the horse yards, as this creates congestion along the road into the car park.
- Do not park within the drip zone of the trees as this compacts the ground and causes damage to the trees.
- Park floats in an orderly fashion, allowing sufficient room between floats to tie up horses between your car and the float in front. Allow a car and a half of space.
- If your car does not have a float attached, please park it outside the double gates.
- For those families who have to double float, try and start your day early so that you do not have to get through cars & floats that are already there.

USE OF YARDS

Families without a float and families who double float have preference to use the yards. Families who are on set up duty or other duties at the club also have preference, since the horse should not be expected to stand at the float for long periods prior to and after the rally. Horses in a yard must wear a halter. Tack

should be removed. Riders must not mount their horse while in a yard. Pre-booking the yard (hanging a bucket on the chain) is not permitted.

WATER AND RUGS

Water is available at a number of points around the carpark and the grounds. All horses should have a bucket of water within reach, particularly on hot days. During cool & wet weather, all horses should have suitable rugs on during times that they are not being ridden.

MEDICAL ARMBANDS

Medical armbands are no longer compulsory at rallies or competitions, however, please always check with Event Organisers as they may still insist that they are worn.

Medical armbands must be worn on the rider's upper arm NOT on the riders leg.

WASHING HORSES

The Club has a wash bay near the gate that leads into the float parking area. If the hose is not attached to the tap, it is usually stored in the clubhouse. The hose needs to be returned after use because it may be stolen if left out. If you use the wash area near the toilets, you must remove any manure and place it in the carpark manure pit. Please restrict your water use to the minimum necessary.

POO PICKUP

It is important that riders pick their horse's poo up from around their yard and float and put it in the allocated manure pit in the carpark, before leaving the grounds. Parents and riders must ensure that all poo is removed from the arenas at the end of each lesson.

Wheelbarrows and shovels are made available by the set up crew for members use at rallies.

Set Up/ Pack Up crews must ensure that all poo is removed from road ways and general areas at the end of the rally and return wheelbarrows to the clubrooms clean and empty.

PARENTS RIDING AT RALLIES & BRINGING EXTRA HORSES

Only riding members are permitted to ride at a rally. Lunging of a horse is only permitted at a rally with DC approval. Lunging at competitions is strictly prohibited.

UNIFORM

RALLY UNIFORM

For rallies you have a choice of either wearing the formal competition uniform (see below) or beige, banana, or white jodhpurs or moleskins, the club polo shirt and the club polar fleece/rugby jumper. Any other coloured jodhpurs are not permitted on rally day.

Boots must be brown or black and made of leather. Boots may be long or short (see PCAV rules). Chapettes or gaiters may be worn at rallies.

Back protectors MUST be worn on our xc course at ALL times, including competitions, clinics and any time you ride at our grounds.

FORMAL COMPETITION UNIFORM

The Club Formal Competition Uniform consists of a teal blue V-neck jumper, white shirt, red tie, beige, banana or white jodhpurs or moleskins and approved boots.

All members may wear long boots or approved gaiters the same colour as their riding boots. For the cross-country phase of Horse Trials (or One Day Event) or Showjumping, the Club polo shirt can be worn. The Club polo must have both the Club and PCAV logos. Polar fleece jumpers cannot be worn while competing. A

rider can wear silks during the cross country phase of a Horse Trials, but they must be in club colours. The water proof jacket with both the PCAV logo and YHPC logo, can be worn while competing.

New members should be wearing full uniform within two months of first attending as a member.

All uniform, including the club saddle blanket, can be obtained from the Uniform Coordinator at the rally (see website for contact).

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (DC)

The District Commissioner (DC) is the person responsible to the Club, Zone and PCAV for the running of the Club rallies and activities. The DC undertakes the job of managing the well being of the Club and helps it to achieve its goals and objectives.

Some of the duties include:

- implementing the rules pertaining to the members of the Pony Club
- ensuring that Club rallies function smoothly and that all members are catered for in rally programs
- setting a pattern of acceptable standards regarding the general behavior of members
- ensuring that horse and riders are graded correctly and in accordance with their ability as a combination, regardless of size or age of horse and rider
- ensuring that details recorded on membership cards are correct and in accord with the current rules of the Association
- ensuring that the attendance records of members at Club Rallies are correct, and that these details are recorded correctly on the Membership Cards and in the Attendance Book.

The recording of attendance records is the responsibility of the Card Secretary.

ATTENDANCE

Membership cards (also known as grading cards) are issued by the PCAV to each rider through their Pony Club, once their fees are paid. New ones are issued annually in July.

Riders must have attended 5 rallies (50%) in the previous 12 months from the date of the competition, to be qualified to compete at any Pony Club competition. The exception is for riders over 17 years of age on the 1 July (known as an associate member); they only require 2 rallies (25%). An attendance at any one rally is gained when a rider completes gear check and at least two of the three sessions. A rider can gain a rally qualification for two horses at a rally.

Riders and/or parents/guardians must sign in the rider and mount(s) at the start of each rally. Sign in sheets are available from 10.00am at the DC desk. Only horses that are recorded on these sheets will be included on the membership card.

Each additional horse and any late arrivals need to be gear checked prior to beginning their session. The rule is no gear check, no record of your attendance.

At each rally, membership cards should be placed in the 'in tray' at the DC desk at the beginning of the rally. The Card Secretary will then update them after the second session. It is the responsibility of the rider to keep their own card up to date.

Another form of attendance is "unmounted attendance". Any rider who attends a rally unmounted for any reason and wishes to gain an attendance must wear the club rally uniform with appropriate footwear (i.e. boots not thongs). Unmounted riders are still required to sign in, indicating that they are unmounted and should report to the DC for instructions regarding their required activities for the rally. For competition purposes, an associate member (rider 17 years and over) cannot use an unmounted rally attendance as a qualifying rally.

COMMITTEE

Committee meetings are held every month on the first Tuesday night after the rally. Interested parents/guardians are enthusiastically encouraged to become involved by coming onto the committee or attending meetings.

MEMBER DUTIES

RALLY DUTIES

Each YHPC family is required to assist at at least two rallies per year on Set up/ Pack up and Canteen.

SET-UP AND PACK-UP TEAM

- At each rally, usually five families are rostered to do this duty.
- The team leader is provided with set up and pack up guidelines outlining required duties. As an example, it may entail setting up one sand arena with cones to designate flat training areas, setting up a grid, setting up two basic showjumping courses, a games area and equipment for the Silver Group (in the junior yard).
- Set up commences at 9.30am.
- At the end of the rally (approximately 3pm), the same team packs up the equipment.
- Those on duty, are required to do both set-up and pack-up.
- Showjumping equipment that is already out on the sand, remains left out.
- Prior to the rally, the team leader (the name in bold) is responsible for contacting all members of the team. They may also contact the DC prior to the rally regarding what equipment will be required for the rally setup.
- At the end of the rally, the Team Leader needs to ensure that all duties on the guidelines are complete and complete details of who was on duty.

CANTEEN

At each rally, usually 4 to 5 families do canteen duty. This duty is from 9.30am through to 2pm. Under the direction of the Canteen Coordinator this includes:

- Cleaning down the benches and tables
- Sweeping the clubroom floor
- Setting up tea & coffee, lollies and other foods
- Stacking the fridge with drinks
- Putting on the hot food
- Making salad rolls
- Setting up tables & chairs
- Serving food
- Cleaning up afterwards
- Putting all the rubbish in the skip All members of the team must stay on duty for the entire time.

If a parent who is rostered cannot attend that rally they MUST find someone else to swap with. They should also let the Roster Coordinator know about the change.

WORKING BEES

Members **must** attend at least two working bees during the year. These are usually before the Horse Trials and at the beginning of the year. Families who cannot attend on this date, need to let the Maintenance Coordinator know and schedule another time to do a task. We are lucky to have excellent facilities; they will only remain in good condition if all families contribute to their upkeep.

HORSE TRIALS

This is the Club's major fundraising event for the year. All families are expected to be involved. All families must volunteer at least 8 hours of their time over the 3 days. All riders aged 13 and over will also be asked to complete an additional duty (that will work in around their riding times).

GAMES DAY, SHOWJUMPING DAY & CLINICS

For each of these events and any clinics held at the grounds those parents who have riders competing (attending) must do at least one duty on the day. Any other families are very welcome to help.

ZONE EVENTS

Whether or not we have riders competing at a Zone event, our Club will still be required to assist in the running of the event. Members riding in the competition will be assigned duties first, any additional duties required may be filled with other members from our club. If you have a rider entering in a State or Zone event, the organisers require that you do a duty that may range from 4 hrs to all day. These events can only be run by parents or friends doing their duties. If you need to stay with your rider, then you need to bring an additional person to do the duty.

MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

As listed above, members (or parents thereof) must fulfil all their obligations including; set up/pack up duties, canteen duties, working bees and assisting at Club events. Our Club can only exist by all members committing to these duties and obligations.

The penalties for not complying with the required duties are now very serious. If a YHPC parent refuses to do their assigned duty or negotiate an acceptable alternative with the Roster Coordinator, then the following penalties will occur:

First offence of a minor nature – A warning letter will be issued.

2nd Offence or 1st major offence - A three month suspension from rallies and access to the grounds.

Further Offence within 2 years – YHPC Membership will be cancelled.

INSURANCE

Club membership fees are set each year at the March Committee meeting. This membership fee includes the insurance we pay for each rider to PCAV. The insurance details are available on the PCAV website.

Riders insurance is renewed with PCAV by the 14 May of each year. The cover is from 1 July to 30 June.

We suggest that all members have their own Ambulance Insurance. It is not covered by PCAV insurance and may not be covered by your own health insurance.

The Club has an appropriate level of public liability insurance. For further information contact the Secretary.

PHOTOS AND PHONE NUMBERS ON OUR CLUB WEBSITE

So that we adhere to privacy laws, the Committee has decided:

1. That if any rider or parent does not wish to have their photo included on the Club website they need to let the Website Editor (info@yhpc.org.au) know.
2. That if any parent does not wish to not have their phone number included in the newsletter that they contact the Secretary or email secretary@yhpc.org.au

It is assumed that if riders or parents have not contacted either the Website Editor or Secretary that it is permissible to put your photos or phone number on the Club website.

USE OF THE YHPC GROUNDS OUTSIDE RALLIES

The grounds can be used by financial members at any time except for:

- The second Saturday of the month from 10am-4pm. This is the Yarrambat Adult Riding Club (YARC) rally day.
- When there is a competition run by either our club or YARC.
- When the grounds have been hired to outside equestrian groups as listed on the YHPC Calendar available on our website.
- Riders (under 18 years) must be accompanied by an adult/guardian when using the grounds at all times.

KEYS FOR THE GROUNDS

Members may apply to the YHPC Committee to obtain a key. Committee approval is first required, and a deposit of \$100 is payable before the key is issued.

Members must attend 3 rallies and be members for 3 months before committee will approve a key request.

The key must be returned when members leave the Club, after which the deposit will be returned. Keys remain the property of the Yarrambat Horse and Pony Club Inc. Upon Cancellation of membership, if a member has not completed duties or has outstanding money owed to the club, the key deposit may not be returned. After returning the key, committee will approve money return at the next official committee meeting.

GATES THAT NEED TO BE LOCKED

On a rally Day: Please close the entrance gates.

On a non rally day: The last person to leave the grounds must lock all gates including checking the toilets please.

NON MEMBERS USE OF THE YHPC GROUNDS

Parents of financial members can ride at the grounds, as long as they have insurance with either PCAV, HRCV or EA.

Riders are welcome to bring one guest to ride with them at the grounds, outside of rally days. Guests must also have insurance with PCAV, EA or HRCV. Prior completion of paperwork, payment of a \$10 fee and receipt of the secretary's approval is required. Please download the relevant form from our website.

ACCESS TO AERO CLUB/YHPC STRIP OF LAND There is a strip of land (with cross-country jumps) near the Greensborough Model Aircraft Club which we only have a lease to use from 7am to 7pm on weekends. There is a sign at the entrance to this area warning riders of our leasing arrangements. Whenever riders are using this area you need to be aware of the model planes.

INTRODUCTION TO PONY CLUB EVENTS

GRADING

Grading for Dressage, Combined Training and Horse Trials are from Grades 1 to Grade 6, with 6 being the lowest.

Showjump gradings range from A grade to F grade, with F being the lowest.

Grades are not necessarily the same across all disciplines, i.e. a rider could be in Grade 3 for Dressage, Grade 3 for Combined Training, but Grade 4 for Horse Trials and D Grade in Showjumping.

There are no grades for Games or Showing.

Grading is decided by the District Commissioner (DC) in conjunction with the Chief Instructor. Only the DC can enter the grading details on a grading card. If a rider would like to be graded, they need to contact the DC prior to the rally and complete the **Request For Grading** form at the commencement of the rally.

For a rider to be graded on their horse, the combination must have attended at least two official YHPC rallies. Riders must be 8 years of age and over to compete in Horse Trials. There is no age restriction in Dressage, Showjumping or Combined Training competitions.

Grading is based on a range of factors, including the ability of the horse and rider as a combination, safety in a competition situation and, to some extent, the age of the rider and the horse and the height of the horse. Riders can be graded on multiple horses provided they have attended at least two rallies on each horse. Note: the grading given on one horse may be different to that given on another horse.

Riders over 13 years of age must have their C Certificate to compete in Zone and State competitions.

GRADING CARDS

In order to compete at a PCAV event, riders must produce their grading card. The grading card verifies the official grade of the horse and rider combination and confirms that rally attendance requirements have been met.

Riders may choose to keep their grading card with them in between rallies or leave them with the Card Secretary. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that they collect the grading card from the Card Secretary prior to competing in a competition.

At all PCAV events, grading cards must be submitted to the Event Secretary at the beginning of the event and collected upon completion of the event. Riders who fail to produce a grading card will not be allowed to participate in an event or may be eliminated, if they forget to produce it before they actually compete.

REMEMBER: GRADING CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED AT ALL EVENTS OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE. NO CARD NO RIDE.

DRESSAGE

Dressage is a series of gymnastic movements performed by horse and rider in an arena. Dressage is the basis for all other areas of English riding and the control and aids of dressage are also used in jumping and even in games.

Booklets with dressage tests and rules for each level are available through the PCAV website. They include explanations of what is expected of horse and rider at each level and things that are not allowed in dressage tests. In a competition, one judge grades the Pony Club dressage test.

Dressage is often held as an event on its own; however, it is also a vital part of Combined Training events and Horse Trials. When Dressage is held as an event on its own, the highest score is the winning score for each section. In Combined Training and Horse Trials the aim is for the lowest number of penalty points, so the lowest score is the winning score.

The current Dressage Rules booklet is dated 2019 (available through the PCAV website). Dressage Tests are dated 2013.

HORSE TRIALS

Horse Trials consist of three phases- dressage, cross-country and showjumping. The aim of the event is to achieve the lowest score possible. The dressage demerit points are placed on the scoreboard and any other penalties obtained in either of the jumping phases are added to that. At the end of the day the rider with the lowest score is the winner. All three phases must be completed to gain a valid score.

The cross country phase is a series of fixed, numbered jumps spread over a large piece of land. The riders must jump each of the jumps in order, and ride through any compulsory flags (sets of flags placed throughout the course which a rider must pass through) in a set amount of time to complete the course successfully. Riders will incur penalties for refusals at jumps and exceeding the time limit.

The cross-country course usually can be walked from 2 pm on the day

prior to the competition. The cross-country course may also be walked the day of the competition. The cross-country course is always subject to changes dependant on the weather conditions and the safety of the jumps. A map showing the number and the position of the jumps can be obtained from the secretary's office on the day of the event. A master plan will also be shown on a board at the secretary's office. Any changes to the course will be marked on this and riders should note carefully any changes. The grades will be colour coded, e.g. grade 3 will be black numbers on yellow and grade 4 will be black numbers on pink.

For further details about Horse Trials, including penalties, please refer to the PCAV Horse Trials Rule booklet, available through the PCAV website.

The showjumping phase in Horse Trials is a series of non-fixed jumps in an arena. Riders should walk the course in competition uniform, but you no longer need to carry your helmet. Penalties and further details are listed in the PCAV Horse Trials Rule booklet.

Horse Trials are hard work for both the horse and rider. Please ensure that your horse is given adequate preparation leading up to an event. Horses should be in full work for at least six weeks prior to the event. This work should include practice in dressage and in jumping but also some road trotting and canter work up and down hills. The fitter your horse is going into a competition, the safer you will be and the more fun you will have.

COMBINED TRAINING

Combined Training is a combination of scores from a dressage test and a showjumping round. Scoring and penalties are the same as for Horse Trials. Occasionally, the dressage score is posted as good points and any penalties from the showjumping are subtracted from the dressage score. In this case the highest score wins. Further details are available in the Horse Trials Rules booklet.

SHOWJUMPING

Showjumping events have different heights, penalties and in some cases slightly different rules to the showjumping phases in a Horse Trials, Combined Training or Hickstead. Please refer to the current PCAV Showjumping Rules booklet available on the PCAV website.

There are many types of Showjumping events, the most common are:

TABLE 'A'

This event has two rounds of jumping. The first round is a complete showjumping course that has to be completed cleanly (i.e. no refusals, dropped rails, falls etc.) and within a set time limit. Riders with no penalties, or if there are no 'clean' rounds, riders on equal penalties then go on to ride in the second round.

This second round is called a 'Jump Off'. The Jump Off has fewer jumps than the previous round and the jumps have usually been raised in height and made slightly wider. A Jump Off is usually against the clock, that is, the fastest clear round is the winner. If your horse will turn smooth, tight corners and jump on slight angles, there is no need to ride 'flat-out' - this is the preferred method as it is the safest for horse and rider.

CHAMPIONSHIP

This is similar to a Table 'A' event, except that there are two 'first rounds' and the scores are added together. The second round may be raised in height and made slightly wider. Those with two clear rounds (or the next lowest and equal score if there are no clear rounds) go on to a Jump Off against the clock. Again the height and width of the jumps may be raised, there are less jumps and the fastest clear round wins.

TOP SCORE

In this event, jumps are given a value number with the easiest jump having the lowest number and the hardest jump the highest number. Jumps do not have to

be jumped in a specific order and not all jumps have to be jumped. Jumps can often be jumped from two directions, however, no jump may be jumped more than twice from either direction. Any Jump knocked down will not score and will not be put up again until the end of the round. Normal penalties for knockdowns and refusals do not count in this event. Riders must pass through the start flags to begin the round. When the finish bell rings you must ride as quickly, through the finish flags, as you can - the time between when the bell rings and you pass through the flags will count if there are riders on equal scores. Start and finish flags are placed together so they can be passed through from either direction. Riders must make up their own course keeping in mind the ability of their horse.

TWO PHASE

This competition comprises two phases run without interruption, each at an identical or different speed, the finishing line for the first phase being identical with the starting line for the second phase. The first phase is a course of seven to nine obstacles with or without combinations. The second phase takes place over four to six obstacles, which may include one combination.

Athletes penalised in the first phase are halted by ringing the bell after they have jumped the last obstacle or when the time allowed for the first phase has been exceeded, after crossing the finishing line of the first phase. They must stop after crossing the first finishing line.

Athletes not penalised in the first phase continue the course, which finishes, after crossing the second finishing line. The quickest round with the least penalties within the 2nd phase will win.

SHOWJUMPING HEIGHTS

The maximum finishing heights for each grade are:

F grade 0.55m

E grade 0.70m

D grade 0.85cm

C grade 1.00m

B grade 1.15m

A grade 1.25m

MOUNTED GAMES

The Club is very active in providing training and the opportunity to compete in Mounted Games.

Each year the Club organises training sessions for any rider to attend which are often held at the end of a rally day. They are advertised through email, the website and our Facebook page.

During the year there are several competitions that involve teams of senior and junior riders. The teams vary in ages and number of riders. The types of games run at the competitions can also vary.

The Club always competes at the Zone event and has been successful in many years to make it through to the State competition. Further details can be obtained by contacting the DC.

COMPETITIONS, EVENTS DETAILS AND RULE BOOKS

Northern Metropolitan Zone

Details of competitions and events can be viewed at:

www.nmz.ponyclubvic.org.au

Pony Club Association Victoria

Details of competitions, events and rule books can be viewed at:

www.ponyclubvic.org.au

CLINICS

Throughout the year YHPC, NMZ, PCAV and other pony clubs throughout the State, will host clinics and training days. These events are optional and in addition to the instruction and training provided on rally days. They are a fantastic training opportunity particularly for the junior riders, even those who have not ever competed. Details about these events can be found at the above websites.

ZONE AND STATE EVENTS

Yarrambat Horse and Pony Club is a member of the Northern Metropolitan Zone of the PCAV. Other Clubs in the Northern Metro Zone include: Donvale, Eltham, Healesville, Hurstbridge, Kangaroo Ground, Kinglake, Laurimar, Lilydale, Lower Plenty, Mooroolbark, Mt. Evelyn, North Eastern, Nunawading, Ringwood, St. Andrews, Seville, Upper Yarra, Wyena, Yarra Glen.

Events organised by the Zone are the responsibility of all the clubs within that Zone. Each club is required to contribute to the running of these events. Some of the fantastic events our Zone and PCAV conduct each year are outlined below:

ZONE TEAMS HORSE TRIALS AT YERINGBERG

This event is usually held in May each year at Yeringberg. Clubs may enter teams consisting of 3 or 4 riders - one Grade 2, and or one Grade 3, and two Grade 4 riders. The best three scores in each team are added together and the team with the lowest aggregate of penalty points over the three phases of dressage, cross-country and showjumping is the winner.

ZONE GAMES, FLAT & MUSICAL RIDE TEAMS COMPETITION

This event is usually held at Upper Yarra around April each year. Games teams consist of 6 or 7 riders and include both senior and junior members. Flat and Musical Ride teams consist of 4 riders who must perform a series of dressage movements as a team. Teams which finish first or second in the games

competition go on to the State Championships which are held in June. The same applies to the Flat and Musical Ride Teams.

ZONE DRESSAGE AND SHOWJUMPING COMPETITION

This is also a qualifying competition for State Championships and is usually held during the second weekend of December each year. Those competing in Dressage grades 1, 2 or 3 and in Showjumping grades A, B, or C, are eligible to enter.

Those finishing in the first 4 aggregate placings in each of the showjumping grades will make up the Zone Showjumping team for the State Showjumping Championships held in February of the following year. Those finishing in the first 3 aggregate placings in the Dressage will make up the Zone Dressage team for each grade, to compete in the State Dressage Championships held in February each year.

STATE HORSE TRIALS GRADE ,2 AND 3 RIDERS.

The State Horse Trials are held in a different Zone each year, generally on the first weekend in May.

Grade 1 eligibility:

- Horse and rider combinations must complete at least 2 HT events in the 12 months preceding the event.
- At least 1 of these events must be an accredited Grade 1 PCAV competition.
- Participation in an equivalent EvA 105 event may also be used to qualify.
- One qualification must have been gained in the calendar year of the event.
- One qualification must include no more than 20 jumping penalties in the cross country phase.
- One qualification must include zero jumping penalties in the cross country phase.

Grade 2 and 3 eligibility:

- Horse and rider combinations must complete at least 3 HT events in the 12 months preceding the event.
- At least 2 of these events must be an accredited Grade 2 PCAV competition.
- Participation in an equivalent EVA 95 (G2) or EvA 80 (G3) event may also be used to qualify.
- Two qualifications must have been gained in the calendar year of the event
- Two qualifications must include no more than 20 jumping penalties in the cross country phase.
- One qualification must include zero jumping penalties in the cross country phase.

INTERZONE HORSE TRIALS – GRADE 4 AND 5 RIDERS

This is a State level team competition for Grades 4 and 5 riders.

Individuals must submit an entry form for this competition via their Zone Representative.

Riders are selected by their Zone.

Participation in either or both of the Yeringberg Horse Trials events conducted by NM Zone each year are regarded very favorably by selectors.

END OF YEAR AWARDS

The Awards are presented in December at the Presentation Night, held on the first Saturday evening in December. Each award is based on a points system that accumulates over a 12 month period.

These points are recorded by using the on-line results form on our website. Go to our front page (www.yhpc.org.au), select results and fill out the form. You need to be a registered member. This can be organised by emailing the website editor.

- Results must be submitted online within 90 days of the date of competition. Results entered after this date will not be included in end of year award calculations.
- Points will only be awarded for placings at any organised Pony Club event run under PCAV rules and EA events run under EA rules (equivalent EA grade must meet the maximum height of PC grade or is considered to be the lower grade)
- Eligible events are Horse Trials, Dressage, Combined Training, Hickstead, Showjumping, Derby, Games and the Riding Class in a Pony Club Ring at a Horse Show.
- You may only be credited with one placing in a competition on any one-day for the Don Currie and the DVHRC Junior Achievement Award. For example, at a Dressage or Showjumping day, you would count your one best result. At a Dressage and Combined Training day, you may only count one result. At a Show or Gymkhana, it must be a riding event, and you may only count one result on the day.
- For each award, only your ten (10) best results will be counted towards the trophy. If two or more members obtain equal points, then the trophy will be awarded to both/all.
- Riders are only eligible for one trophy in any one year. The Don Currie Memorial Trophy and the DVHRC Junior Achievement Award are determined first, when calculating the points for each rider.

POINTS ARE AWARDED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

Rally Attendance 10 points

Pony Club Certificates

D or D Star 10 Points

C or C Star 20 Points

K 30 Points

B 40 Points

A 50 Points

Representing the club as a member of a team or as an individual

Zone - 15

State – 20

National - 25

Points for placings in team events and placings in individual competitions:

1st - 10

2nd - 8

3rd - 6

4th - 4

5th - 2

6th - 1

THE AWARDS

THE DON CURRIE MEMORIAL TROPHY – FOR THE BEST ALL-ROUNDER IN GRADES 1, 2 OR 3

This award is for the best all rounder in Grades 1, 2 or 3 or Grade A, B or C. Points can be earned for placings in competitions (individual and team), attaining certificates, attendance at rallies and extra points for representing YHPC at PCAV Zone, PCAV State, PCAV National or PCAV International competitions. This award will include the 10 best results from competitions.

THE DVHRC JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is for the best all rounder in Grades 4 or 5. Points are calculated on the same basis as the Don Currie award.

THE PETER WORRELL EVENTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – EVENTING.

Awarded to the rider with the highest points competing in Grade 1 or 2 Eventing Competitions

THE PAM ELLIS PERPETUAL AWARD – EVENTING.

Awarded to the rider with the highest points competing in Grade 3 Eventing Competitions

THE JUNIOR EVENTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Awarded to the rider with the highest points competing in Grade 4 or 5 Eventing Competitions

THE MARCHESI DRESSAGE EXCELLENCE TROPHY

Awarded to the rider with the highest points competing in Grade 1 or 2 Dressage Competitions

THE GRADE 3 DRESSAGE AWARD

Awarded to the rider with the highest points competing in Grade 3 Dressage Competitions

THE JUNIOR DRESSAGE AWARD

Awarded to the rider with the highest points competing in Grade 4 or 5 Dressage Competitions

THE DAWN HAYDEN SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE AWARD

Awarded to the best performance in showjumping over the year in Grades A or B.

THE C GRADE SHOWJUMPING AWARD

Awarded to the best showjumping rider in C Grade. This award commenced in 2003. The trophy was donated by the Bamford family.

THE JUNIOR SHOWJUMPING AWARD

Awarded to the best showjumping rider in D or E Grade.

SMITH FAMILY SHOWING AWARD

Awarded to the rider who has the best performance in the riding class of the Pony Club Ring at a Horse Show.

PERPETUAL MOUNTED GAMES AWARD

Awarded to the rider who has the best performance in mounted games throughout the year. The trophy was donated by the Salthouse Family, commencing 2009.

DC'S AWARD

Awarded to two club members who have been an all round participator in club activities, shown good club spirit and sportsmanship, been a willing helper at

rallies and functions, shown improvement during the year and been friendly and helpful to fellow club members.

THE MOST IMPROVED TROPHY – KEN HUBBARD MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the most improved rider in the Club over the year. This award is decided by the DC and Chief Instructor.

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Awarded for recognised improvement through a happy determined attitude. Decided by the DC and Chief Instructor.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Awarded to members who have not missed an official rally for the year.