



# YHPC MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER





Hi Members,

How exciting it is to finally be able to report on equestrian events and activities taking place! We are about to hold our 4th rally for the year without yet being Covid interrupted, which is an achievement in itself and we have had so many positive experiences to report on, that I am pleased to say that this newsletter is a bumper issue!

Speaking of achievements, I am very pleased to bring news of wonderful accomplishments by our club members recently. Just last weekend, some of us enjoyed a fabulous weekend at Wandin, where we had 2 teams representing our club at the annual NMZ Team Horse Trials! "The Bats" team comprised Katelin Jernejcic, Charlotte Armstrong, Yianni Fouskarinis and Ashley Davies (who so kindly filled a vacant team spot at the last minute) and "The Stingers" team comprised Alice Davies, Eleanor Shephard and Deborah Jernejcic. Charlotte, Alice and Yianni all took out impressive 2nd places in their respective grades and Deborah earned a 4th place in the grade 4 event - well done riders!

A huge congratulations to these riders and their families, for their superb efforts both on and off the course. Their camaraderie was commendable, such a pleasure to hear them all cheering each other on, so much so that the event MC made mention of the level of support. Similarly, their teamwork in running the gear check ring all day, with help from family members and under the guidance of Katie Calvert (who generously donated the entire weekend to this event) was just awesome! Fantastic pics from the weekend are included later in our "Out and About" section of the newsletter.

The PCV State Dressage and Showjumping Championships were conducted in February and again, some of our members did super jobs representing our club and Zone at this event. Eleanor Shephard, Alice Davies and Katelin Jernejcic made the long journey to Sale to compete in this event and brought home some incredible results! Eleanor took out double 1st places in the D Grade showjumping event, Katelin scored an impressive 4th place in one test and 7th overall in the Grade 3 Dressage and Alice showed her impressive versatility by qualifying for both the Showjumping and Dressage teams, earning a 4th place in showjumping. Amazing achievements at State level, well done Eleanor, Katelin and Alice!

Bring on the amazing results....in news just to hand from the amazing Bissicks family, we have the very exciting news that Jack has been selected to represent Australia in the U18 team at the World Games in France and if that isn't enough, both Georgia and Jack are following this up by competing in the World pairs competition in Ireland a week later! Not to be outshone by his siblings, Ryan Bissicks and his fabulous horse Tucker are the reigning U15 pairs Australian champions, whilst big sis Georgia, the reserve champion in the Open teams section. I simply cannot fit in any more accolades about this family here, so please read on for a comprehensive games report from Jodie and we look forward to hearing more about their games escapades at the rally this weekend!

Speaking of Games, it was with huge open arms, that we welcomed Dennis Kerr back to our club at the April rally!! Dennis has very kindly offered once again to share his games expertise with our riders. For those of you that may not know Dennis, he has been a long-time member and supporter of our club and a proud life member, who has not only guided his four daughters through the pony club journey, but has helped many other members through their journey also. From President to Secretary to running fabulous canteens at our events, Dennis has taken on many roles at our club and we are privileged to have him back!

Please read on for more news and pics, including the fabulous YHPC SJ event which achieved a record breaking profit of more than \$9,000 and important information about the upcoming State Horse Trials Festival.

Looking forward to a fabulous rally!



## Showjumping Day

Our first event for 2022 is complete and we now look forward to hosting our horse trials event in October! Thank you to all the YHPC families who so happily contributed to the success of the day, and congratulations to our riders who excelled, both on and off the arena.



**A huge thank you to Hurstbridge saddlery for being the major sponsor of our Showjumping day!**



## PCV State Horse Trials

### **A message from Northern Metropolitan Zone.**

ATTENTION RIDERS & PARENTS - STATE HT FESTIVAL MANSFIELD 14-15TH

If you are looking to enter Interzones (Gr 4 & 5) - you need to notify your club so they can collect all rider info to pass along to me. I require a copy of your card - all sides - if your card is not signed for qualifiers then please also supply copies of results. IZ riders need only 2 qualifiers this year at their graded level (for HT) and 2 rally attendances in the last 12 months (from May) Once I have put teams together I can notify Clubs/families to enter via Event Secretary. I need this info no later than NEXT MONDAY.

If you are looking to enter State Champs (PC110 & Gr 1-3) you need to email me a copy of your card - all sides - if you forgot to get your card signed for Qualifiers then send copies of results also. Championship riders this year need only 2 qualifiers (one of which can be an equivalent EV event). Riders also need their C Cert (unless under 14) and 2 rally attendance in the last 12 months (from May). You can enter via Event Secretary but please note your entry must be approved by me (that you're eligible to attend). If I have not received the necessary information than your entry can't be approved. Entries close May 9th

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## **Ever wondered what it's like to be a Games rider? Jodie Bissicks has kindly prepared a report on the recent AMGA Australian Pairs and Teams Championships....**

Wow what a week we had at AMGA Australian Pairs & Teams Championships in Albury.

The kids had the most amazing Nationals and we are so proud of all of them out there chasing their dreams, they rode so well and achieved great things with their ponies.

Ryan and his pair Seren McKeever were so composed, with some smart riding came home with the Australian title for Under 15's pairs.

Jack's pair Sophie Daly flew in from New Zealand to ride with Jack. Sophie riding a borrowed pony that she had never ridden before and Jack at his first nationals on Brooke they did an amazing job finishing 3rd in the Under 18's pairs.

Georgia and Elise Highmore paired up for their first nationals competition together in Opens, qualifying into the 'A' Final in a strong field and finishing 7th.

Results:

### Pairs

Ryan on Tucker - Under 15's Australian Pairs Champions

Jack on Brooke - Under 18's Australian Pairs 3rd

Georgia on Darcy - 'A' Final Open Pairs 7th

Then 1 rest day and into the teams competition.

All three rode so well in teams all qualifying into the 'A' Final. It was so hard trying to watch them all out on the field at once, so nerve racking.

Georgia and Darcy rode their socks off, so consistent all week and found themselves finishing Reserve Champions. Came right down to the last race to decide the 2022 Australian Teams Champions. So close. Superb riding.

Jack and Ryan's teams coming in at 6th and 7th. Fantastic achievement for Jack on a new pony and Ryan's young team, all juniors.

### Teams

Georgia on Darcy in team Guns and Roses - Open Australian Teams Reserve Champion 'A' Final

Jack on Brooke in team Southerners - Open Australian Teams 'A' Final 6th Place

Ryan on Tucker in team Incredibles - Open Australian Teams 'A' Final 7th Place

To add to the excitement, Jack has since been selected to represent Australia in the Under 18's World Teams Championships in France in July. What a great achievement for Jack.





# OUT AND ABOUT





# UPCOMING EVENTS



8th	May	Pakenham Dressage & CT
8th	May	Mt Duneed Horse Trials
14th	May	PCV State Horse Trials 2 day
15th	May	Yarra Glen Super cross
21st	May	Leighdale Dressage & SJ
22nd	May	Macedon Showjumping
28th	May	NMZ Ride to Time
29th	May	Kyneton Combined Training
29th	May	Upper Yarra Dressage Day
4th	June	NMZ Ride to time
4th	June	Balnarring Horse Trials



So great to see Molly Brocksopp back competing at Wandin last weekend and a real bonus for our riders as Molly so kindly found the time to guide our riders through a xc walk.