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Congratulations to Megan Wood and Banjo for coming 1st overall at the first event of the year Redcliffe Showjumping last weekend.

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Date	Noms close	Event	Location
Sun 19 th Feb	N/A	Zone 3 Gymkhana	
Sat 25 th Feb	14 th Feb	Zone 1 Showjumping Judge & course design accreditation clinic	Runcorn
Sat 25 th	13 th Feb	Combined Training	Redcliffe
Sun 26 th	13 th Feb	Dressage	Redcliffe
Sat 25 th	16 th Feb	Jumping Equitation	Nambour
Sun 26 th	16 th Feb	Show Jumping	Nambour
Sun 26 th	8am	Muster	
Sat 3 rd March	19 th Feb	Official and Unofficial SJ	Burpengary
Sun 4 th	23 rd Feb	Official and Unofficial SJ	Runcorn
Mon 5 th	7pm	Management Committee Meet	Club House
Sat 10 th	TBA	Official Dressage	Tallebudgera
Sat 10 th	26 th Feb	Zone 1 Jumping Equitation	Darra Oxley
Sun 11 th	26 th Feb	Zone 1 Show Jumping	Darra Oxley
Sun 11 th	TBA	Official Combined Training	Tallebudgera
Sun 11 th	26 th Feb	Dressage	Maleny
Sun 11 th	N/A	Muster	

AITKEN'S SADDLERY

Samford Dressage and Combined Training

The club is holding its first competition for the year this weekend.

We are hoping for fine weather and lots of helpers on Friday for set up working bee and for help on Saturday and Sunday. Please see email from Michelle Warman regarding job allocation and let her know what jobs you will do. It takes enormous effort to organize and runs events like this so please make sure you attend the working bee on Friday and you are there for the job you are allocated over the weekend to ensure things run smoothly.

Those competing must help out or ride HC. Those not competing are welcome to help out and have it count towards their working bee hours for the year.

Looking for Sponsors

As we start the new year, we would like Pony Club families and friends to consider being a Sponsor. It is a great way to promote your business, and help the club raise much needed funds. Small or large financial donations, or goods / materials will be gratefully accepted in exchange for signage around the grounds, promotion in our newsletter or on our website. We are hosting a number of events this year and competitors and their families will be coming from near and far. If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity please contact Trish Bowden ph 0403 980 138 or email

tbowden@aapt.net.au



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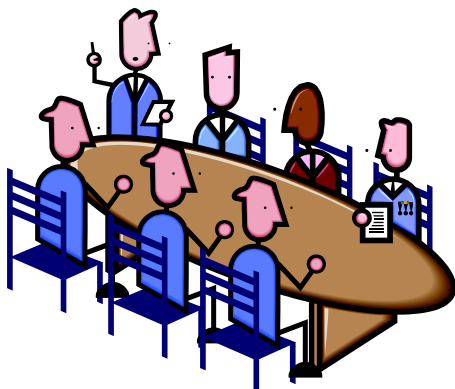
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From the Chief Instructor ...

What a wonderful turnout we had for our first muster on Sunday! Well done to all the parents and riders for such lovely shiny horses and ponies and such well presented riders! It was very hot and you all made such a great effort to persevere with your flatwork and jumping. I hope those of you that stayed for the 3rd session enjoyed the horse soccer and trail rides.

We have our first competition for the year this coming weekend. I hope you all managed to attend the dressage and showjump training sessions and have practiced your dressage tests at home.

Our next muster is on the 26th February. The muster format will be:

Time	Activity
7:30	Set up – come to the clubhouse or see instructors
7:45	See me if you have any questions about the day or need to purchase workbooks and manuals
8:00	All riders mounted and lined up in front of the clubhouse for announcements
8:05	Move into your muster groups for gear check, attendance and presentation points
8:15	Warm up in your muster groups
8:30-9:30	First session
9:30-9:40	Short break for drink or toilet
9:45-10:45	Second session
10:45-11.15	Put ponies away and have lunch
11:15-11:45	Lecture
11:45-12:00	Saddle up
12:00-1:00	Third session
1:00	Pack up – see instructors

Thank you to all the parents and riders who helped with set up at the first muster, but do please remember to also stay behind after the third session for pack up. The grounds cannot be maintained if equipment is left behind, and **it is everybody's responsibility** to get it put away, which will not take long if everyone pitches in.

Some of you will be in different groups at the next muster. This is to make sure that you feel confident with your horse/pony and can progress at your own pace, safely. We also need to keep groups at a manageable size, again for safety reasons, of no more than 10 riders. Sometimes you may feel the rest of the group are not as experienced as you, and sometimes you may feel everybody else is better than you, but the instructors will do their best to make sure your needs are met within the group. We will sometimes split or combine groups (for example for jumping and dressage) to make sure you are given the opportunity to work more intensely at your level.

All members aged 7 years (or turning 7 this year) and over should have certificate workbooks and have access to a Pony Club manual. Certificate work during musters will commence in March, and you should bring your workbooks with you to be signed off during musters. Tests will be held at the end of the year.

This is my last request for members to let me know if they want to sit for their certificates in the first part of this year (for example to allow you to enter State competitions this year). The C and C* assessment takes place at Brookfield on Saturday 14th April and we will have a D and D* testing day at Samford around the end of March (date TBC). We will be holding some additional sessions to prepare you prior to these dates, but you should have almost completed your workbooks if you are to be ready in time.

Any other questions please email me, otherwise I look forward to seeing you all at the next muster!

Jane

New Members

A big welcome to all our new members, and especially our new junior members: Isabella McCormick, Natalie Thomson, Hamish and Zavier Barratt, Emily Hill, Clare Crisp, Oliver Lyall.

If you see them at the club, please make them feel welcome.



Happy Birthday

January - Skye Baldock, Lilly Chapman, Alice and Holly Ferrier, Paige and Hamish Barratt, Natalie Thomson

February - Alicija Dalmau, Libby Wilson, Zavier Barratt, Morgan Lyall

March - Meagan Wood

Formal Gymkhana Training Day – all welcome to attend – Riders Needed

On 24th March at Samford there will be a clinic from 8am to 2pm, focusing on Formal Gymkhana training in preparation for the **new Zone Formal Gymkhana incorporating the JF McGill** (to be held on Sunday 15th April at Moggill). The day



is a refresher clinic for 'C' level instructors, but all trainee instructors, **parents and riders are welcome to attend.**

Topics covered will be: Formal Gymkhana, Mounted Games, Practical Riding, Coaching flat and jump riding, Horsemastership. It will include specific training in Target Challenge as well as sporting events likely to be included at the competition.

We will require 8 riders for two sessions – the first from approximately 9 - 11am and the second from approximately 12pm – 2pm. Riders should be able to canter with control, be able to do some low level jumping, and some games, and we are looking for a variety of standards.

Please email jane.baldock@bigpond.com if you would like to ride, and specify which session would suit you best (or both).

C and C* certificate testing will be held at Brookfield Pony Club on the 14/4/12.

If you are 13 yrs and over and going to state events this year you must have your

C certificate. Please check the website for more details regarding this. Or phone Jane Baldock

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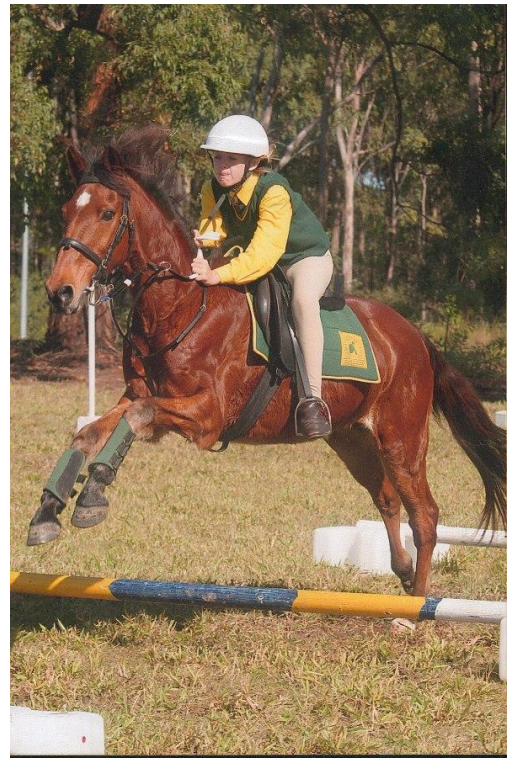
Rider Profile: Claudia Cramond

For as long as I can remember I just really liked horses. The thought of lessons, let alone a pony of my own was pretty much out of the picture as Mum had horses when she was a girl and she said she wasn't going there again. I remember when I was tiny going to the Samford show and hoping one day I may be able to ride there and whenever we passed a horse paddock in the car I would sit up on my knees and beg Mum to stop and let me talk to the horses. Eventually after years of begging and pleading when I was nearly 6 one Saturday morning we set out to find a place where I could have the odd riding lesson. We came across Welcome Horse Riding at Mt Samson. I still remember my first ride- it was on a grey pony named Bill. After that Mum booked another lesson and after that another, and before we knew it I was having a lesson a week. Competing in the Welcome gymkhanas was the best and their camps were great as well. After 3 years of falling in love with every single horse there and more begging and pleading Mum agreed to look for a pony to either buy cheaply or free lease if we could find somewhere to keep it as we lived

in Enoggera. When I was 9 we found Copperfield Stables and we also went along to pony club and watched before we found a pony, I couldn't believe that I might be going to ride here. After looking



at a few ponies we found the one! His name is Sunny and he is a 14hh bay and to this day we still have him- he is living a great life at age 24. I finally started going to pony club which I absolutely LOVED. This is what I had always wanted. After a few months I started competing in small competitions and gymkhanas which were Sunny's specialty. He didn't have the best conformation in the world but that didn't matter because he was perfect to me. He had the kindest nature on the ground and he was good to ride. He did teach me a lot of lessons that I still carry forth to this day. I learnt that horses feel your nerves, they deserve the utmost respect and the most important lesson was that equestrian is a team sport you and your horse are partners and need to be there for one another. After competing in A LOT of gymkhanas and the odd dressage and jumping competitions and a few Samford



shows we decided as a family it was time to move to Samford so when I was 11 we moved to Davison Rd right on the trail that leads to the pony club. My dream was really starting to come together. After another year on Sunny and even more Gymkhanas we decided he was getting too old as he was starting to not want to go across the sporting start line. We decided it was time to start looking for a new horse when I was 12. After looking for months and months we found the dream horse. His name is Gambol and he is a beautiful 15.1hh grey TB/Arab/QH. I had always seen him in his paddock and out at competitions (as he was from Samford) and admired him. There was just something I loved about him..... And I still see it to this day. After finally having Gambol home we started competing and he was just great as he loved all disciplines. I had decided I wanted to move on from gymkhanas so we started competing Dressage, Combined training, Show jumping, Equitation and Eventing. He loved it and so did I. He has taught me a lot and given me a lot of confidence and taught me so much about the formal disciplines. I'm now 15, living my dream to the full extent. I've had Gam for nearly 3 years now and we have just given everything our best shot. Some



of the highlights of my riding career would be competing at state level for Dressage, Combined training and Equitation for the last few years, being offered a spot on the Queensland Interschool Equestrian team, being awarded Zone 1 Horse and Rider of the year 2011 and being runner up highest points at the JF McGill formal day for the last two years. I couldn't have done any of it without my fantastic horse. My favourite disciplines are Eventing, Combined training and Dressage but I still love going for a trail ride. Someone once told me right back when I was starting out that to be a good rider you have to fall off 21 times and after 10 years of riding I'm still getting there. I think the most important thing about riding is to have a rock solid partnership with your horse. Gambol is one of my best friends- sure he can be naughty and we have ups and downs but he still means the world to me. The people who have influenced me most are my mother and all the pony club instructors throughout my time at Samford PC and also Leasa Steven and Julianne Reardon. I get tremendous support from them all. My goals for the future are to keep riding and to compete in everything I can, but most importantly I want to continue to love what I do.

Claudia Cramond

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Dressage and Show Jump Training Weekend

Thanks to our very dedicated instructors, Jane, Vanessa and Enya, we had a training weekend before the start of our pony club year.

And what a turn out, ponies were dragged from their waterlogged paddocks and had to concentrate on the task at hand which was dressage and show jumping. After months of chilling out, our four legged friends and their riders were once again doing what they love. They learnt a few new techniques as well, like how to improve your dressage score, walk a show jump course and the importance of riding straight centre lines for extra marks. Thanks to all involved for a great day and thanks to Simone for photos!



Instructor's Profile : Maja Stocker

I fell in love with horses the first time I saw the little pony that used to pull all the children's skis to the ski slope in the Swiss Mountains. I still remember what it was like to love horses unconditionally, without knowing that they have to be fed, trained and that they can become ill.

My dressage and jumping lessons began the "old German" way, with lots of yelling and abuse, on massive Warmblood horses and always in big, dark riding halls.

Since I was unsuccessful in talking my parents into buying a horse, I had to ride everyone else's horses, which was a lot of fun, especially riding double/bareback on my friend's Andalusian mare. We didn't mind falling off all the time, but the annoying part was finding someone to help us back up again. When I was 17 I started earning money by driving a two-horse tourist carriage through the old town of Bern. This was quite a challenge, as it was like a taxi service the tourists got a lot of sightseeing for their money, as I frequently got lost.

Mieszko was the first horse I owned. I bought him, a three year old polish Tarpan, when I was 20. I wanted to compete in endurance, but unfortunately I chose a horse with short and straight legs, a long back and not much forward movement. The only thing we competed in successfully was "patrouillen ritte" a combination of sporting and 20 to 30 km rides.

I started attending TTEAM and CENTERED RIDING clinics and worked my way towards my instructor certificates. Sadly, I had to sell Mieszko as we moved to Melbourne in 2001. It didn't take me long to work out how incredibly cheap it is to have horses in Australia compared to Switzerland. Soon I had a collection of five horses and ponies between 1 and 5 years old that I started under saddle.

When my youngest daughter Nique became a pony club member in Hurstbridge I did my level 0 instructor and began developing an interest in barefoot trimming, learning from Andrew Bowe. (www.barehoofcare.com/rehab.html) Just before the EI lockdown started, I completed in a 40 km endurance ride on my Arab (barefoot) and I hope to get back into it again sometime.



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We moved to Brisbane in 2005...and the best thing that has happened to us was the Samford Golden Valley Pony Club!!! What a great place to develop skills, share knowledge, meet same minded friends and have fun.



At the start of last year, when Nique stopped riding at the club I decided to follow my passion by enrolling at the Australian College for Equine podiotherapy in Melbourne, a two year diploma. I think it's important not to forget why most of us came to horses: it's because we love them and it makes us feel good to be around them, and sometimes that gets forgotten while we are out there competing.

Horses are incredibly beautiful, fascinating and forgiving animals, We should respect every one of them as an individual with different abilities, personalities and needs.

T.T.E.A.M. INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 1 (Linda Tellington Jones)
CENTRED RIDING LEVEL 1 (Sally Swift)
EQUINE CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY LEVEL 1 (Maureen Rogers)
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Zone 1 is holding an open, formal gymkhana this year on the 15/4/12 at Moggill Pony Club. This will be a combination of formal disciplines and sporting and may include events like: presentation, rider class, barrels, bounce pony etc.

We would love to have a big turn out from Samford Pony Club, and our instructors will be doing some training in the lead up musters so everyone is well prepared.

If you think this might interest you, keep an eye out on the calendar on our website for the program coming soon.

SGVPC'S WELCOME BARBEQUE

The weather gods should know it takes more than an afternoon downpour to stop a creation from our famous social coordinators. With Gen backing up last year's success of the breakup-to-top-all-breakups and Maja throwing in her own innovation and expertise, both old and new pony club families had a night of fun, laughter and fine dining.

Lemonade and bubbly were handed around while new friends were made, old friends caught up, and a successful start to the Pony Club year was celebrated.

A game show between riders and parents preceded dinner, keeping the crowd on their toes; did the Not So's – old and tired with decades of feeding their kids' horses, stand a chance against the

Nose – fit and youthful with years of riding experience to their advantage? Both teams were tested on their stressful event experiences (had they often forgotten their boots, girth and helmet all at once?), their presentation class skills (did they always trim the right parts of the horse?) and whether or not a 'pillar' is a popular part of a jump (the contestants weren't the only ones stumped on this one!) In the end the Not So's overcame incredible odds to take home the trophies, hoping to start their own award collection to rival that of their offspring.

As usual, Francis did a great job on the barbeque. Dinner was eaten at candlelit tables beautifully decorated by Maja. It would be a good idea to say No Camping Chairs on the invite next time, so the



naïve don't look like begging dogs while they stretch their chins up to their plates...



All in all a perfect way to start up the pony club season. Most finished the night knowing a few more names, getting a bit more gossip and excited for another horsey year.

*Enya
Crockford*



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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Photo of the month is taking a new direction this year. Send in your photos to deenaetaylor@gmail.com , two will be published each month as usual but at the end of the year, the Junior Committee will choose the winning picture for the year and a prize will be presented to the winner on the trophy night.

So get your photos in!

This photo was taken by Gen Frunz in Switzerland. (And we worry about a little bit of rain!)



Cabarita Beach Camping Trip

Easter Sundays muster has been cancelled due to many being away, and there are a few friends going to Cabarita Beach for an All Welcome “Non Pony Club Event”.

For those annual families- time to get the camping gear out, Take away Thai and Snakes.

New families – look forward to beach riding, arena riding and trips to the surf beach.

Cabarita Beach Pony Club has stables and yards and only 350 meters to the beach for klms of riding and only 2 Minutes to town for dinners , ice and supplies.

Dates reserved for Samford are 6th April till 13th April contact Julie at Cabarita Beach Pony Cub on 02 667 62867 and mention you are with SGVPC.

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