



**SEPTEMBER 2020**

**NEWS UPDATE**

# Brookfield Horse & Pony Club Newsletter

The restrictions and concerns about COVID-19 continue, and we must remain vigilant about hygiene and social distancing.

Where has the year gone? Last 3 musters!!

## **Muster Dates for 2020**

**27 SEPTEMBER**

**25 OCTOBER**

**15 NOVEMBER**

## **Other BHPC Dates for 2020**

**Derby Day**

**11 OCTOBER**

**Awards & AGM**

**22 NOVEMBER**

The Brookfield Showground PIC number is QJBB0368 for your Horse and Participant Health Declaration.

## **Pony Club Queensland compliant gear**

To be covered by PCQ insurance when riding, the gear you use on your horse, as well as your own riding gear (including your helmet and boots) must comply with PCQ requirements.

Look up the requirements in the 2020 Saddlery and Gear Check Book on the Rulebooks page of the PCQ website

<https://ponyclubqld.com.au/resources/rulebooks/>.

Remember to check your helmet for compliance with PCQ regulations. *This is each rider's responsibility.*

Helmets need to comply with the following standards:

AS/NZS 3838 (AU) and ARB HS 2012

PAS 015 (UK)

ASTM F 1163 (USA)

VGI (Europe)

EN1384 – Only for helmets with manufacture date up to and including 2015.

NOTE: Helmet compliance expires 5 years from date of manufacture.



## **Chief Instructor's Report**

### **Muster Report – Sunday 30 August**

Many thanks to the instructors who helped on the day, and to Rose and Steph for judging the rider classes, great to have them along.

Unfortunately I was unwell on Sunday morning and had to miss one of my favourite days of the year at BHPC. It sounds like a fun day for the kids, riding and having fun playing games after the events.

Congratulations to everyone who took part and to our **Group winners and placegetters.**

Group 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Louis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Audrey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Maggie, 4<sup>th</sup> Frankie, 5<sup>th</sup> Clancy, 6<sup>th</sup> Lucy

Group 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Alice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sophie, 4<sup>th</sup> Olivia, 5<sup>th</sup> Zara, 6<sup>th</sup> Penny

Group 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Lara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adelaide, 3<sup>rd</sup> Molly, 4<sup>th</sup> Maddi, 5<sup>th</sup> Scarlet, 6<sup>th</sup> Edwina

Group 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Ella, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gracie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryder, 4<sup>th</sup> Harriet, 5<sup>th</sup> Amber

Group 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Sienna, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chloe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Indianna, 4<sup>th</sup> Emma

Group 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah W, 2<sup>nd</sup> Skye, 3<sup>rd</sup> Amity, 4<sup>th</sup> Imogen, 5<sup>th</sup> Emily, 6<sup>th</sup> Sarah M

### **Goodwill Gymkhana – Sunday 23 August**

Seven BHPC riders took up the challenge to represent the club at the Goodwill Challenge at Moggill Pony Club. Riders from Moggill, Brookfield, Yarawa and Karana Downs Pony Clubs competed in rider class, games and show jumping in a sporting gymkhana. Lots of fun and friendship on a very relaxed and enjoyable day. Well done to our riders, lots of ribbons on display at the end of the day. Brookfield was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Club challenge.

### **Show jumping practice – Sunday 13 September**

The club held a show jumping practice on Sunday afternoon with 15 riders attending. Our newest member completed her first 20 cm course, while our adult rider completed the first show jumping course of her life!! Great to see these achievements. Many thanks to Liz and Erika for giving up their afternoon to coach the riders.

### **Next muster Sunday 27 September: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm – Informal polo shirt uniform.**

The September muster is again a teaching muster, preparing riders for our One Day Event (ODE) muster in October. An ODE consists of 3 separate phases: dressage, cross country and show jumping. Even the youngest riders do a dressage test (parents are most welcome in the dressage arena) and ride over small logs on the cross country course (led if required).

We will again have just one break for lunch from 11-11.45 am, with no canteen operating. Please pack a picnic lunch and foldup chairs, and have your lunch near your float or under the trees. Lets keep up the social distancing and stay safe.

### **Please note that uniform for the September, October and November musters is the informal summer uniform (polo shirt).**

To comply with COVID-19 contact tracing requirements, please let me know the following:

The name of rider/s attending in your family

The name of the parent/s and any other family members attending

Email [sandypollitt@hotmail.com](mailto:sandypollitt@hotmail.com) or text 0400 952 002 by 5 pm Wednesday 23 September to let me know if you are coming to the muster or not.

## **BHPC Management Committee Report**

### **Working Bee requirements**

We are holding a working bee on **Saturday 26 September from 3-6 pm** in the cemetery paddock. The working bee will involve spreading mulch on the cross country course tracks, removing weeds, whipper snipping weeds, clearing fallen branches, and general maintenance around the stables and yards. Members who have not done their working bee requirements for the year should attend if available. If you cannot attend at that time, you can do your working bee hours at a time to suit you. Please contact Sandy to be allocated a task.

### **Saturday morning parking**

With market parking now banned by Brisbane City Council in the cemetery car park, the problems drivers were having getting horse floats in and out on market days have been solved. Please make use of

this facility on Saturdays so the community can see that it really is needed by the equestrian community.

### **COVID-19 Contact Tracing Requirements**

We have to be very careful to comply with all Government requirements regarding keeping an accurate attendance record for contact tracing purposes. A contact list must be able to be produced within an hour for the Health Department if required. It is therefore essential that you advise Sandy if you are attending and fill in and bring your Horse and Participant Health Declaration.

There will be a box for these forms at the main gate onto the oval, you must hand in your form before entering the oval at the muster.

The health and safety of members, coaches, visitors, families and the broader community is the number one priority of the Club. The club's COVID-19 Safety Plan is based on the Outdoor Sports Industry COVID Safe Plan v5.

The Management Committee endorses the government COVIDSafe app and encourages all members to download and use the app.

The Club will promote good personal hygiene practices in and around musters and training sessions and in Club facilities.

### **Reminders**

#### *Hendra Virus vaccination certificates*

When your horse receives its Hendra virus vaccination, please forward your Zoetis certificate to Sophie Weitemeyer, our Horse Health Officer ([sophie.weitemeyer@bigpond.com](mailto:sophie.weitemeyer@bigpond.com)) so that our club records are kept up to date.

No horse is to be brought to a muster or clinic unless it is registered with the club, and its Hendra vaccination certificate has been provided.

### **Moggill Pony Club Open Hack Day**

Our local Councillor Greg Aderman attended the Moggill Pony Club Open Hack Day on Sunday 13 September and presented ribbons to place getters. His continued support of the local equestrian community, including Brookfield Pony Club riders, concerning the market parking issue is very much appreciated.

Photographed here with Sarah Willsford and ex-member Jess Terry. Another great, low-key local event for riders to attend to start their competition lives.



**Brookie riders very smartly turned out at the Goodwill Gymkhana – 23 August**



**BHPC Sporting Gymkhana – 30 August – Wheel barrow races - Great fun way to end the day while the ponies have a break**



## Horse Welfare in the hot weather

With the weather warming up, ensure your horse or pony always has plenty of clean water available. Check troughs and water tubs twice daily to ensure they are not contaminated with dead birds or toads. It has been very dry so far this Spring, and there is not much grass in the paddocks, so make sure your horse gets plenty of roughage in its diet in the form of hay or chaff, as well as any hard feed that it needs if it is in work.

Check your horse's condition every day, looking for injuries, skin conditions or ticks, attending to hooves as required, and grooming to keep your horse's coat, mane and tail in good condition. It has been very dry, but one day it will rain again. Then skin conditions like rain scald and greasy heel can occur in the hot and humid weather after rain, and Queensland Itch gets worse with the insects that will suddenly appear. These conditions will need attention and regular application of medication.



Rain scald



Queensland Itch

Be aware that some horses can develop anhydrosis in hot, humid weather. Anhydrosis means that the horse has lost its ability to sweat, and it will overheat when exercised, which is very dangerous. This condition can result from horses sweating profusely for long periods of time – usually from exercising too intensely in the heat, or from being rugged and out in the summer sun without adequate shade. Be on the lookout with your horse. If you have been out on a ride and he does not sweat as normal, and seems to “puff” very hard after the ride, your horse may be affected. To avoid anhydrosis, use caution when riding on very hot, humid days, use only light rugs overnight which can “breathe”, and keep him either stabled or in a yard or paddock with plenty of shade during the heat of the day.

Regular shoeing or trimming means that your horse's feet will stay in good condition. This varies from horse to horse, but usually it is between 4 to 6 weeks, especially for shod horses. Do not wait until the horse's feet look in poor condition before calling the farrier. Remember to pick out and examine your horse's feet daily, checking the condition of hoof and shoes, and looking for thrush, seedy toe, abscesses, cracks and punctures.

Worming is also very important, so make sure you keep up its regular worming programme (every 6-8 weeks) or assessed by faecal egg count, and keep paddocks clean of manure to stop horses being reinfected by worms from the manure. Remember to remove any bot eggs (tiny yellowish white eggs laid by bot flies especially on horse's legs) daily. If your horse has not had its annual tetanus/strangles injection, arrange to have it vaccinated. If its teeth have not been checked in the last year, this can be done by your vet or horse dentist.

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