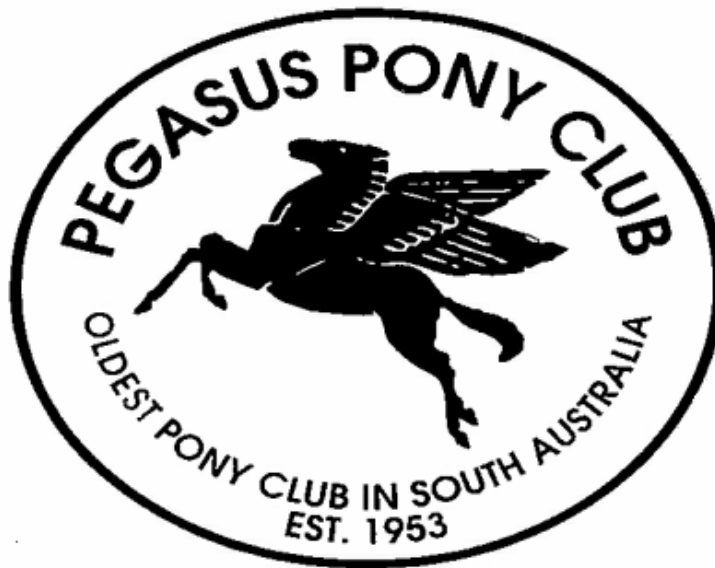


Pegasus Pony Club Inc. Newsletter March/April 2007



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A warm welcome, indeed a real heat scorcher, to all Pegasus members for 2007.

The Pegasus hot weather policy was implemented at the first two rallies in the interest of equine welfare where at temperatures over 35 degrees rallies are unmounted. Several members attended un-mounted, as is the intent of the hot weather policy and to those members many thanks.

During this hot weather Pegasus were fortunate to raise additional funds in hiring the dressage arena panels to several events including the Barastoc 2007 SA Show Horse of the Year at John Vaughan Equestrian Park and Horseland SA Newcomer/Novice Rising Star Show at Mt Pleasant. raising some \$350.

Along with the hiring of the Pegasus grounds to ARAC on Sunday 14th January the clubs funds have benefited by some \$500. This has been boosted by Pegasus Sponsors contributions to date of over \$500.

As indicated on the Pegasus Calender of Events already there is a comprehensive listing for the first three months of 2007.

I look forward to your assistance throughout 2007 and to all members may you have great success and enjoyment both in the competitive arena and in club activities.

Kirrilly Thompson has volunteered to produce an initial Pegasus Newsletter edition for 2007 to keep members informed and to receive information from Pegasus members and riders including in house and Out 'N' About results. Kirrilly can be contacted at kirrilly.thompson@adelaide.edu.au for contributions to the newsletter.

In addition Sharna Coleman has offered her services to relay information to members and riders related to rallies and up coming events and can be contacted at scenic_selection@hotmail.com or on 8265 1906.

To enrol for the Denise Rofe School at Pegasus on Sunday April 1st please contact Sylvia Usher at Sylvia.Usher@csiro.au or Phone 8265 2928. As this is a combined event for the Metropolitan Dressage Training Squad it is advisable to enter ASAP. The school will give Pegasus riders invaluable training in the lead up to the Metropolitan Zone Dressage competition on Sunday April 29th at Equus.

The Metropolitan Zone first inter zone event for 2007 was the Black Hill ODE on Sunday 11th March where Narrie Macartney, the sole representative from Pegasus had a great day's eventing.

Former long serving riding members of Pegasus Julie Kowald and Erin Matthew (now Erin Sharrad) have re joined the club after an absence of up to eight years. Both prominent riders and members of Pegasus for many years their return to the Pegasus stable will bring added talent and equestrian experience to Pegasus. Both have new horses and we look forward to their experience and contribution to the club and that they both have an enjoyable 'ride' in 2007 and beyond. Great to see you both back in the saddle.

Congratulations to Karen Pfeiffer, her husband Chris and her parents David and Jenny Lynch on the birth of their first child. Harrison James Pfeiffer was born on 20 November 2006.

We look forward to seeing a greater number of Pegasus riders at Equus on Sunday 29th April following the Pegasus Anzac Day Show on Wednesday 25th April.

James Thompson

Hello from the interim newsletter editor

As I have just finished studying, I have volunteered to be an interim newsletter editor. As you can tell from this current newsletter format, this job doesn't require amazing computer skills! If you are interested in taking on the role of permanent newsletter editor, please contact a committee member!

Know of an event? Want to brag about how well you've been doing or show us all a picture of your new neddy? Got something horsey for sale? Need to know more about something and want it explained in the newsletter? If you would like anything added to the newsletter, please email it to me at: kirrilly.thompson@adelaide.edu.au

Cheers,
Kirrilly

Thanks Narrie

Special thanks to Narrie Macartney who is the outgoing newsletter editor. Narrie has moved to a larger property and taken on new employment. She no longer has time to prepare newsletters but is still otherwise involved in the club. Thanks very much Narrie! We will miss your skills in publisher. Good luck with your new endeavours.

Narrie did a fantastic job preparing monthly newsletters and instigated their online presence at <http://www.pegasus.filetap.com/>. Archived newsletters are still available from this site (if you get redirected to a different site, click refresh). You will also find copies of the Pegasus Pony Club Handbook available for download here. This book contains a whole lot of information you didn't even know you didn't know about Pegasus, rallies, metro zone, competitions, trophies and more!

Rally Schedules

Gates open by 9am

- 9.30-10.00 arrive & get job from office assigned & done.
- 10.00-10.30 gear check
- 10.30-12.30 Group A ride, Group B do theory for 1/2 the time & then they swap (15 minutes allowed for saddling/unsaddling)
- 12.30-1.00 lunch & updates
- 1.00-2.00 Group A&B ride (most tick off after lunch)
- 2.00-2.30 pack up, cleanup & go home.

Can you lend a hand?

Pegasus' biggest fund-raiser is almost upon us. The annual Anzac Day Show takes place next month and we need volunteers to help make the day a success. Volunteers are needed the day beforehand to set up the grounds and clubrooms, order food and stock the canteen. On the day we need help in the kitchen, on the gates, taking entries, pencilling for judges and general assistance. If lots of people put their hands up to help, we can make rosters so you may only be required for a few hours. Helping at shows such as this are great ways to get involved, meet other members, learn tricks from the judges themselves. Volunteers also help us keep our membership fees amongst the lowest in the state. If you can help in any way, no matter how small, please contact Sylvia Usher

- Ph: 8265 2928 (home) & leave a message
- Email: Sylvia.Usher@csiro.au

Fundraising: bottles and cans

We hope you've all had some great parties over the summer break and the extended summer we seem to be having. Don't forget to save your bottles and cans and bring them to the club so Pegasus can collect the deposit.

Books for sale at Pegasus

The Club recently bought a quantity of books to sell at a low price to members. There are two titles available: 'Dressage Terms Defined' by Sandra Pearson-Adams and 'Showjumping Terms Defined' by Eleanor Russell and Sandra Pearson-Adams. They make great reference books and will be handy for anyone competing or working towards a syllabus certificate. These books are available from the clubrooms for members at \$3 each or a set of two for \$5. Non-members can buy the books for \$4 each or \$7 for a set of two.

Denise Rofe Clinic

On April 1st (no it's not an April fool's joke) Pegasus, in conjunction with the metropolitan zone, is hosting a flatwork clinic with Denise Rofe. Denise is a Level 1 EFA Instructor who is in high demand with pony club and EFA riders.

Open to non-PPC or PCASA members

Cost:

- Current financial Pegasus pony club member riders \$15 per combination for 1 hour lesson.
- Current financial PCASA riders \$20 per combination for 1 hour lesson (card required).
- Non PCASA \$25 per combination for 1 hour lesson including a day registration form.

Session times will be allocated by Thursday 29th.

Arrive at least 1/2hr before designated session time to allow for any last minute updates.

We will endeavour to match horse/rider skills in each group.

Levels of instruction are green, basic, medium or advanced level of flatwork.

Maximum number of riders: 3 per 1 hour lesson.

You are welcome to do more than 1 session on the day with numbers permitting.

To keep life simple pay on the day.

Contact person: Sylvia Usher

- Ph: 8265 2928 (home) & leave a message
- Email: Sylvia.Usher@csiro.au

Hot Weather Policy

We have polished the formal wording of our hot weather policy. Here it is:

'In the interest of equine welfare, no mounted rallies will be held at the Pegasus Pony Club if the weather forecast on the Saturday evening before the rally predicts a temperature over 35°. Unmounted rallies will be held instead. The policy does not apply to advertised PPC shows or PCASA/Zone related events. This policy is authorised by the Pegasus Pony Club Committee and is subject to change without notice'.

This month is a good time to...

Check your winter rugs for repairs or re-water proofing before it gets wet (we can only hope!).

Drought Tip:

Wash horses over a lawned area from a bucket. Use a scraper to remove shampoo before rinsing; you'll use much less water.

Important Dates

Friday 23rd March

'K' Certificate Training West Winds Pony Club 7.30pm

Sunday 25th March

'C' Examiners Meeting West Winds Pony Club 6pm-9pm

Sunday 1st April

Metropolitan Zone Combined Denise Rofe Dressage Training/Clinic & Pegasus Rally

Sunday 1st April & Sunday 8th April

Metropolitan Zone Working Bee Marrabel

Tuesday 10th April

Pegasus Pony Club Committee Meeting

Friday 13th – Sunday 15th April

2007 Gawler Horse Festival Gawler Racecourse

Sunday 15th April

Pegasus Rally

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th April

Metropolitan Zone Cross Country Training Monarto

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd April 2007

PCASA State Championship ODE Mount Gambier

Wednesday 25th April

Pegasus 2007 Anzac Day EFA Affiliated Hack & Pony Show Hosted by Pegasus

Sunday 29th April

Metropolitan Zone Dressage Day Equus Horse & Pony Club Globe Derby

Please note: Dates, venues, events or programs may change at the discretion of the Pegasus Committee

For any changes to the above or any other enquires please contact James Thompson on 0413 053 049

Handy Websites for keeping your finger on the pulse!

Pony Club Association of Australia

<http://www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au/>

Pony Club Association of South Australia

<http://www.ponyclub.asn.au/>

(Calendar of events, PCASA rule-books and Dressage tests available here!)

Equestrian Federation of Australia

(EFA dressage tests here)

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/>

Equestrian Federation of Australia - South Australian Branch

(EFA rule-books and Dressage tests available here!)

<http://www.sa.equestrian.org.au/>

Horse SA

(peak body for equestrian industry in SA, news, events, classifieds, courses, etc)

www.horsesa.asn.au

Gawler Horse Festival

<http://www.gawlerhorsefestival.com.au/>

Eques

(online horse magazine with articles, classifieds and forums)

<http://www.eques.com.au/>

Aushorse

(classifieds, show results, photos, funnies and news)

<http://www.myaushorse.com/index.html>

Happy Birthday

I wish to close this newsletter with the words of PPC past newsletter secretary Junette Fletcher, 'happy birthday to all the birthday people'!

