



## Information Pack 2011 – 2012 Season

Pony Club was established to:

- ❖ Encourage young people to ride and enjoy all kinds of events connected with horses and riding.
- ❖ Teach the proper care and treatment of their animals
- ❖ Offer the opportunity to receive instruction at all levels
- ❖ Promote the ideals of good sportsmanship and team spirit
- ❖ Promote safety in all aspects of riding and horse mastership
- ❖ Encourage these older riders in Pony Club to remain and pass on their knowledge gained.

### *Pony Club Rallies*

A rally is organized by the Pony Club for all members to attend to be instructed in horse management and equitation by qualified coaches. They are also used to prepare members for competitions, particularly team events.

### *Rally Times*

Saturdays as per dates on Calendar attached. Rallies start at 10.15am. Riders must assemble mounted outside clubhouse promptly for notices and arrangement into riding groups. Instruction starts at 10.30am and goes for approximately 2 hours. At the end of the rally there is often an optional trek to the creek. Other family members are welcome to join whether mounted or not. The coach at the end of the rally will sign the record card relevant for each rider's level.

### *Wet Weather*

When the ground is too wet or there is heavy rain rallies will be held at 207 Opaheke Rd (opposite the end of Walker Rd) by kind permission of Bernadette Raymond making use of her house and sand arena. The change will be indicated by a sign on the corner of Walker Rd.

### *Pony Club Uniform*

Pony club uniform must be worn to every rally, riders are expected to attend all rallies clean and tidy wearing uniform. As we often have outside instructors teaching at rallies it represents the club well to have all riders looking respectable.

The uniform consists of :

- ❖ Papakura Shirt.
- ❖ Beige, White, Fawn or other pale coloured Jodhpurs.
- ❖ Jodhpur Boots or long riding boots or two piece boots of all the same leather.
- ❖ Approved safety helmet.
- ❖ Gloves optional but should only be black.
- ❖ No brightly coloured chapettes or chaps, old type velvet dressage hats.
- ❖ No riding in shorts or singlets or unsafe footwear. Anyone doing this will not be permitted to ride at a rally.
- ❖ Saddlery must be clean and safe and horses free of dirt and tidily presented.

If you are unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason please see the Rally Coordinator at the beginning of the rally.

If you arrive late you must either see the Rally Coordinator or the President who will then allocate you a group, otherwise you risk having no rally marked.

To qualify for a full rally you must be there for the duration.

### **Certificates**

Certificates are available for all riders throughout Pony Club to obtain and riders are encouraged to achieve as many of these as possible.

To qualify you must have **obtained 5 rallies** in the 12 months directly preceding the certificate or assessment date 3 of these rallies must be on the mount doing the certificate.

Your record card must be completely filled in.

D & C certificate are sat without doing an assessment.

C + and above an assessment is sat approx 6 weeks before the exam. This allows candidates a chance to find out what they need to work on beforehand and also whether they are ready to sit.

O certificate is an optional certificate done by correspondence through Pony Club. It has many categories for the rider to choose from and can lead on to careers in horses. The age for certificates has been extended to 25 years to encourage older members to come back to Pony Club.

### **Parents**

Parents are a very important part of Pony Club and at Papakura are encouraged to participate in all activities.

***Parents are expected to help set up at all rallies their child/children attends. At the end of the rally all parents and children are expected to help put all equipment away.***

***Parents are also expected to help set up for upcoming event and assist with putting equipment away.***

Setting up for the events can be a very long job but can be made a lot easier with help. These events assist the club in income and if set up and run well by being organized only makes the Pony Club look better and people keep coming back. So please when asked to do a job try to do it even if you child is not riding in the event.

What you can do to help

- ❖ Helping set up at rallies.
- ❖ Setting up for events and clearing away afterwards.
- ❖ Event Days
  - Jump Judging
  - Dressage Writing
  - Entries and Enquiries
  - Jump Building or Course Building
  - Cafeteria

Training is always available for these jobs if you are new to Pony Club.

### *Area Events*

#### Ballydene Day

Branch Teams of 6 Riders	2 Senior	-	80cm
	2 Intermediate	-	65cm
	2 Junior	-	45cm

This is a cross country event that also incorporates games and show jumping. A lot of fun for all levels. Juniors may be assisted by a parent around cross country.

The **5 Rally Rule** counts toward qualification and a trial may be run to set teams.

#### Inca Cup Games

Teams are selected from a trial run by area and 1 area team is then sent forward to compete as a team for the overall cup. The **5 Rally Rule** applies.

Area team of 12 Riders	Senior	-	16 years & over
	Intermediate	-	13 – 15 years
	Junior	-	12 years & under

#### Area Trials

ODE at Open Pony Club level riders need to have completed the required opens to qualify for entry. The **5 Rally Rule** applies. This trial is for selection to either Pony Club Champs or Timberlands.

D – C	-	Under 17 years
A1	-	17 years and over

#### Pony Club Champs

Area Team selected from area trial then go on to compete nationally. Different location every year.

## Dressage Champs

Selected by area at a trial to go to North Island Dressage Champs at Taupo. The **5 Rally Rule** applies.

Area team of 6 Riders	Senior	-	16 years & over	Elementary Test
	Junior	-	15 years & under	Novice Level Test

## Zone Games Champs

Branch teams selected by a Pony Club trial to go forward for area selection. Then the team goes forward to the Zone Champs to be competing against branches from 16 areas. The top placed team from each area goes forward to the National Games Champs. The **5 Rally Rule** applies and riders must be available for all training and trials.

Teams of 4 preferably 5 riders to be rotated.

## *Franklin District Events*

### Closed Franklin Ribbon Day

Ribbon Day flat and jumping classes. Special cups for the rider in each ring with the most points. Special rider cups which are decided at the end of the Ribbon Day classes.

Rider Cups	-	17 – 25 years
	-	14 – 16 years
	-	11 – 13 years

Games classes are held in the afternoon this is a branch teams event. The **5 Rally Rule** applies and teams can be made up by riders and not decided by a trial. Anyone entering must supply a helper.

Branch Teams of 4 Riders	-	14 – 25 years
	-	12 – 13 years
	-	11 years & under

### Franklin Teams ODE

1 rider at each of the following levels. Riders are asked to compete in the levels that they have been competing that season. The **5 Rally Rule** applies but you may ride up a level but should honestly not come down a level.

Branch Teams of 4 Riders	Training
	Pre-Training
	Intro
	Kindy

## Timberlands

District Team selected from Area trial for those riders not competing at Champs Team of 6 riders.

## Coles Day

Riders ride in their certificate levels but may ride up a level at the discretion of the Head Coach, but may not ride down a level. The certificate level is only for the rider that has obtained that level certificate. The more members attending the more chance of winning the cup in each group as points are awarded for each placing. The Pony Club with the most points in each level wins. The **5 Rally Rule** applies.

Levels	Open	-	<1.15m
	A	-	<1.05m
	B	-	<95cm
	C+	-	<80cm
	C	-	<65cm
	D +	-	<55cm
	Pre D - D	-	<50cm

## Cambridge S/J Champs

District teams of 4 riders selected from a trial. The **5 Rally Rule** applies but you may ride up a level but not come down a level.

Levels	13 years & under	-	Minimum Height 85cm
	14 – 16 years	-	Minimum Height 95cm
	17 – 25 years	-	Minimum Height 1.05m

## Franklin Dressage

District event for all level riders to enter there are two main categories.

**Open** – For those who have or are intending to try out for the Franklin Thames Valley Dressage Team to go to Dressage Champs in Taupo, or are competing at Open Novice Horse Trial level.

Riders compete in two levels	Senior	-	12 years & over
	Junior	-	12 years & under

**Non Qualifiers** – For those who have not tried or are not trying out for the Area Dressage Team or have not been competing at Open level.

Riders compete in two levels	Senior	-	13 years & over
	Junior	-	12 years & under

**Quadrille** – Also part of the Dressage Day, 4 riders from a branch perform a dressage test of no more than 4.5 minutes long to music and may also dress in fancy dress. The **5 Rally Rule** applies and teams can be made up by riders and not decided by a trial.