

President's Report

Welcome to our Waterford members for 2010. To our returning members, thank you for joining us for another year. To our new members, we hope we can exceed your expectations of your pony club experience. We have a very full calendar for the year ahead. We hope that we have struck the right balance of musters, events and competitions.

We will be kicking off 2010 with a sleepover camp during the weekend 20 & 21st February. Full details will be advised shortly but we will have some guests coming to give information on horse health, hoof care, saddle fitting and presentation. We will be conducting ridden assessments on the Saturday so that we can assign riders to their appropriate groups based on their age and abilities. On Sunday, we will be having our first Internal Ribbon Day. This day will be run similarly to a gymkhana and the events will cater to riders of all ages and abilities. You will have the opportunity to compete for ribbons and prizes.

Our Publications Officer, Anne Mabardi, has revamped our website - (www.waterfordponyclub.org.au) and this resource will allow you to see what is going on at your club. We will also have details of competitions that are happening and other clubs and zones. We encourage you to check the website to keep yourself updated of any information and happenings. This is particularly important to members who do not have email.

I would like to thank the members of our committee and Instructors' Panel for signing on for another year. Without your assistance, we wouldn't have the fantastic club that we do. I know sometimes it feels like a thankless task, but be assured we value and appreciate your enormous contributions to the club.

Rider's Handbooks will be issued to all riding members at the first muster of the year (20th February). It is your responsibility to keep your book updated, particularly if you want to be eligible for end of year awards and trophies.

Housekeeping Rules

As you will have seen, the grounds of Waterford Pony Club are extensive and they are not easy to maintain. We call on our members and their families to assist in maintaining the grounds and equipment. This year, we are trialling the Participation Points Scheme (PPS) in an effort to try and share the workload fairly amongst members. The details of the PPS are attached. Our members will be asked to contribute to the club and earn points. Points will be required so that riders can participate in competitions and outside instructor schools. There are certain dates that your points will need to be earned, so that you participate. If you have questions or concerns with the scheme, I encourage you to talk to me.


Another initiative we are trialling this year is a muster fee of \$5 per muster. We have adopted this scheme to keep the membership fees at the beginning of the year as low as possible. The money earned from muster fees will be put directly back into the club by ways of new equipment, work on the grounds and subsidising the cost of outside instructor schools. At the beginning of each muster, riders must report to the canteen and sign in for the day and pay their muster fee. Again, if you have any concerns, please feel free to contact a member of the committee.

As a result of the recent spate of break-ins at the club, we have tightened our security to try and minimise the opportunities for thieves to steal and vandalise our club. The only gate that will be accessible to members outside of musters and events will be the large gate located next to the Waterford Pony Club sign. Members are reminded to keep the gate secured and if you are the last member leaving, please ensure you lock the gate upon your departure. Keys will be issued to those members who requested one at the first muster. Members are reminded that the key is for their own personal use and must not be given, loaned or copied for anybody else. If this happens, your membership could be cancelled.

Members are reminded that they may NOT use the Cross Country Course without the supervision of a **qualified PCAO or EA instructor**. A copy of your Instructor's qualification must be given to the Management Committee prior to any use of the course.

We hope that you have a fantastic year. Remember that our Management Committee and Instructors are here to help you so please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy Riding!
Lisa Davis
President



While we love hearing from all our club members, please be mindful when ringing instructors or committee members that we have families and jobs – please do not call after 8pm.

2010 Committee

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*And we all thought these were
only for poo pickups!!*



PCAQ 2010 – New Rules

PCAQ will be enforcing in 2010 that every pony club rider **MUST** attend two rally days before being permitted to compete at **ANY** PCAQ event. So that means gymkhanas, dressage, showjumping etc. Also, before any rider can compete at a **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** event they must have obtained at least a C Certificate. These are PCAQ rulings which WPC must follow.

Did you know you can download for free the following PCAQ rule books directly from their web site – www.pcaq.asn.au

PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

Rule Books

**Please note that some symbols and diagrams in the Jumping Equitation Rules and some diagrams in the Scoring Handbook are yet to be added.

[Rules for Dressage & Combined Training - 0109](#)

[Rules for Showjumping - 0109](#)

[Rules for Jumping Equitation - 0309](#)

[Sporting & Campdraft Rule Book - 0809](#)

[Rules for Horse Trials - 0109](#)

[Dressage Test Book - 0105](#)

[Uniform & Saddlery Rules for Gear Check - 0809](#)

[Scoring Handbook - 0306](#)

Treasurer's Report

Howdy All

As our new treasurer you will have to be a little bit patient as I learn my new roll. Just a few things I would like you all to do for me:-

If you pay anything direct debit to WPC bank please write as your description surname and reason for payment eg (Rae/uniforms) (Rae/noms). Also please send me an email tanya.rae@dodo.com.au letting me know how much you have paid and for what. It is very important that your email subject line read "Waterford pony club"; I ask this because I receive so much junk email and will not open any emails I do not recognise.

Please ensure any monies owed are paid promptly.

I am going to try and make sure all monies received are receipted, so as to make our bookkeeping easier.

Thank you in advance for doing the above, it will make my job so much easier. I look forward to seeing all our old members and meeting our new members.

Giddy up
Tanya Rae

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the horse
downunder
magazine

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

Chief Instructor's Report – Aim for 2010

Firstly I would like to welcome all new and old members to our great club for another exciting and full on year. For those new members you will find that our club is a very active club which offers all equestrian disciplines in accordance with PCAQ guidelines.

Our club is known for its family friendly atmosphere which is what makes this club fun and rewarding. You will find it has a good balance of instructors who are experienced in a range of disciplines. I welcome you to draw on their knowledge, experience and expertise where and when possible. I would also like to remind you that these instructors offer their assistance and guidance free of charge and volunteer their valuable time to you or your child.

PRE NOMINATIONS

You are required to pre nominate to all our activities including rally days, internal competitions or open competitions that is run by this club. **You will be required to pre-nominate to me at least a week before the designated day.** The reason for this is to ensure that I have enough instructors to cover the number of riders per rally day and more importantly that each rider/instructor gets maximum benefit from our rally days.

This year is well under way and it looks like another strong membership going by the numbers indicated on last week's sign on.

You will receive monthly updates, newsletters etc on what is coming up within the club and keep your eye on our web site as our new web master, Anne, is constantly updating the site.

Email is our main form of communication and this has already proven to be very successful and effective.

Our club has been known to run many very successful events including gymkhanas, Derbies, Hunter Trials, Dressage Days, Cross Country Training and Showjumping days. As you will be aware these events do not run themselves and the club is only as strong as the support provided by its members. We are very lucky to have such good grounds and our cross country course is always very popular. Unfortunately our big grounds do create a lot of maintenance management and time. This does put a financial strain on the clubs finance situation. Most of the profits from our events go back into maintaining our grounds, equipment, outside instructors and end of year presentation night.

Activities which will be covered throughout the year include the following:

- Camp over weekend at grounds – First muster
- Cross country school / Trail Ride- Kooralbyn - Date to be confirmed
- Noosa Resort weekend with horses in Nov- Date to be confirmed
- Monthly Showjumping clinics with Anthony Murray- see flyers
- Internal Dressage, Showjumping and ODE competitions
- Level D, C and K certificates
- Level O and C instructor training for our upcoming instructors
- Regular demonstrations from various equestrian specialists
- Specific coaching for riders going to state championships

Riders wishing to ride at official events are required to have a performance card which can be purchased through our club secretary Beth Brown.

The club and committee will still continue to search for available grants to assist in the further development of our club and members. Our big goal is to have lighting to at least two of our arenas in the not to distant future. And of course we are still praying for our big red tractor to counteract some of our slashing bills.

Our first rally day/muster - camp over weekend 20 & 21st.

Start time will be 1pm. More details will be forwarded on this once the visiting lectures are finalised. The aim of this weekend is to meet your committee, instructors and members in a relaxed atmosphere. The instructors and committee members will explain and demonstrate the various requirements of pony club rally days and competitions. They will also ensure all riders and parents have a good understanding of the rules, regulations and code of conduct associated with all aspects of pony club.

Sunday will be an internal competition ribbon day which is just designed to introduce horse and rider to various different activities, develop a greater connection with their equine friend and more importantly have some fun.

If you have any queries please contact me on my mobile and hope to see you all there at our first camp over.

Cheers

Tracey Evans, Chief Instructor
Ph 0408 379 040

All nominations for musters and/or internal events need to be advised to Tracey tracey.evans4@defence.gov.au or texted to 0408 379 040.



INSTRUCTOR'S MEETING AT TRACEY'S PLACE 7PM TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY.

Out and About

Send in your stories from your adventures with your steeds!

Kooralbyn Summer School (Dec 09)

HOT HOT HOT! That was the weekend. We actually camped in a borrowed camper for two nights – Glyn was so brave. Luckily we had called in to Crazy Clarks and bought a \$14 pedestal fan on the way. The girls had a fantastic time with their horses. Miss Cee & Remi behaved for the entire time. The instructors really pushed the girls to their limits. Poor Emily said “Dad my bottom’s sore”. The days were incredibly hot but they just kept going. Jayne and Emily did things that they weren’t really prepared for but did them anyway. Kevin McNabb had Emily jumping prelim stuff. I was in the distance and I could see Glyn’s heart stop. At the end of the day the instructors were extremely pleased with what the girls did and so were they. Nicholas did extremely well on his new horse and Jess Hartwell got Tex to go over the Apex which made her

day. Jess, Jayne and Emily had fun on Saturday night taming a wild possum in the tack room. They could cuddle it in the end.....it was that full of bread it couldn’t move.

Me on the other hand got incredibly sunburned and had blisters on my feet from wearing thongs over the course. I had to get some elastoplast from the shop just to walk. But by the end of it all we can honestly say it was absolutely fantastic. Glyn even said she will do more away events provided we have a fully booked air conditioned unitno matter how far she has to travel.

Regards Bernie

Noosa North Shore (Dec 09)

All I can say is – wow! 40 kilometres of pristine Qld beach, good stables, swimming pools and good friends and a whole bunch of really brave ponies. After 4 rides down to the beach, I think everyone managed to at least get hock deep into the water – some managed to get in much further but as the motto for the weekend was “what happens in Noosa, stays in Noosa” I won’t elaborate. All I can say is look carefully at some of the photos. Some of us are wetter than others!

For the trip up, six of us set off in tandem on Friday and I think having taken over 40 minutes to get from the club grounds to the M1 we were all starting to wonder just how long the 2+ hour trip was actually going to take. Once over the gateway bridge and past every single truck in Qld the trip settled and we were motoring along. To get to Noosa North Shore you have to cross the Noosa River on the Ferry – all the horses were settled in their floats, though Del decided she had had enough and started stamping (her usual signal for “let me out now”). Trick for the ferry for next time – there are two queues, and just because you arrive in the line up first, it doesn’t mean you will get to the other side first – as proved when 4 of us

went sailing past Tracey who had arrived about 10 minutes ahead of us – we all received some interesting text messages while gliding across the Noosa river.

Like Kooralbyn, it was hot, and the horses all had to work fairly hard to get down the 2.5km track to the beach. The clydies set the pace on the first day until the very last hill when Leo realised there were surf trolls just over the hill and hit the brakes, put his gears into reverse and headed backwards. To the rescue was Del with Beth in the saddle (blonds have no fear!) and even though they had to slip and slide over the sand dunes, it was to the beach we went! Apparently the beach is where horses learn bend and flexion – it was physically impossible for all but Morgan on Kitten and Jaydn on Grace to canter straight. Must be something to do with the sloping sand and the surf. Each ride at the beach became more relaxed and our time spent actually in the water line became more fun.

Was a great weekend, (see pics on the next page) worth the drive – and I know there is talk about trying to organise a weekend at the end of 2010!





Upcoming Events and Flyers Attached

As we receive flyers, we will post information to the web site.

Please also email Anne any flyers you come across so they can be posted.

For upcoming events for both PCAQ and other clubs in the area:

- Official/Unofficial PCAQ events: Waterford club members contact our nomination's sec, Lisa Thygesen, as nominations need to go through our club nomination's secretary.
- Open Events: Either just turn up on the day, or nominate using the form provided (see flyers for details)

Zone 2 Equitation and Show Jumping Championships – How to Nominate

Our entries will be posted in on last mail Monday 15th February. Late entries they can do themselves. Entries will not be accepted without the nomination money pre paid - so riders should have monies to me early or at the very latest on the Friday or Saturday.

As usual, we have to supply 1 helper per 3 riders. I would like every nomination to be accompanied by the name of a worker. I will rotate the workers, that I put down as fairly as I can.

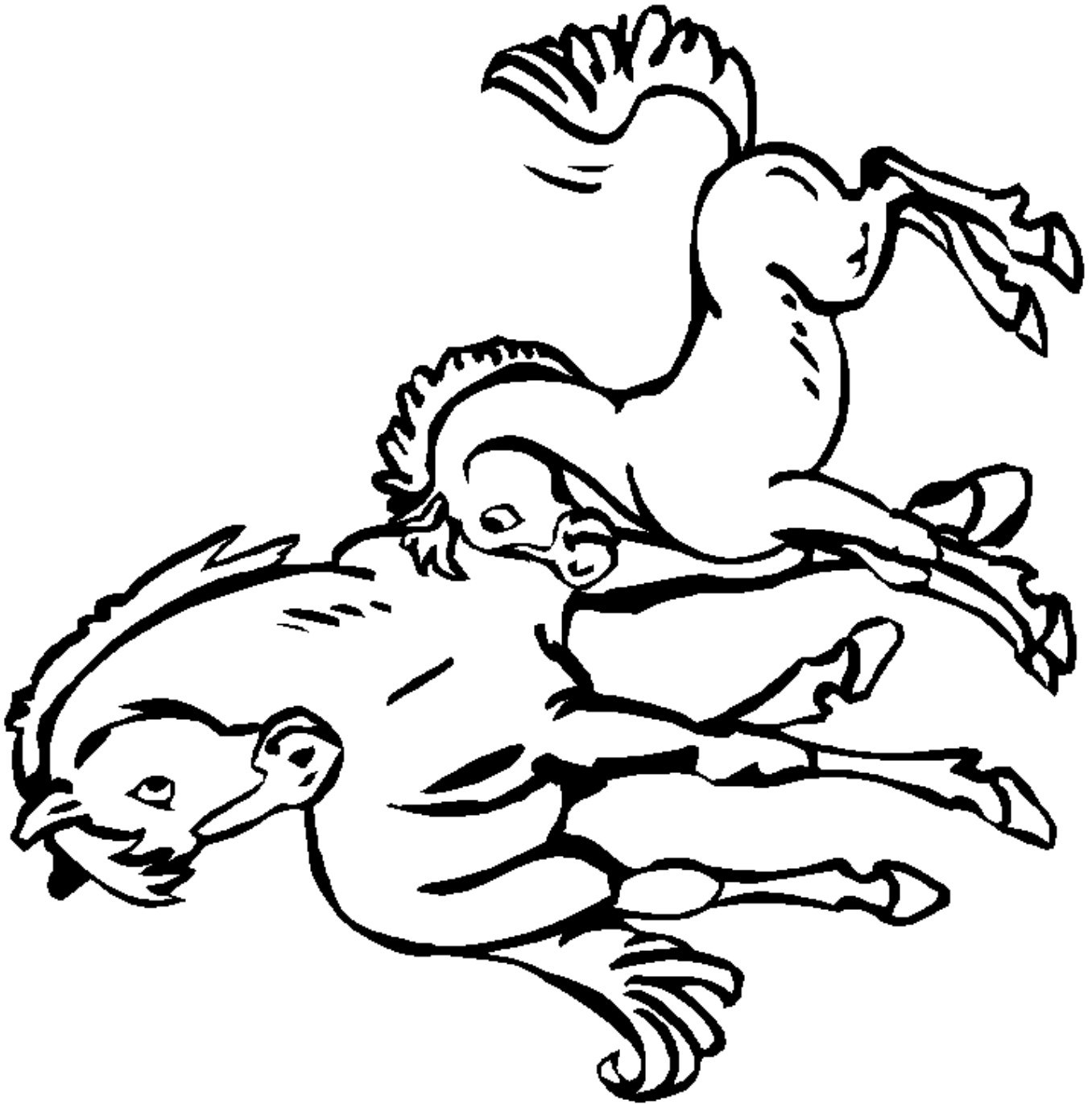
Draws never usually get back to Nominations Secretaries till the Wednesday or Thursday before the event, and will be emailed to members and put to web site.

All money receive from members will be receipted. All competing members will have a journal set up under their name and details and a statement of their account will be sent to them monthly. This means if you want to prepay for events the club can hold money in a separate "account" for your use.

Lisa T
0414 764 812

Colouring In

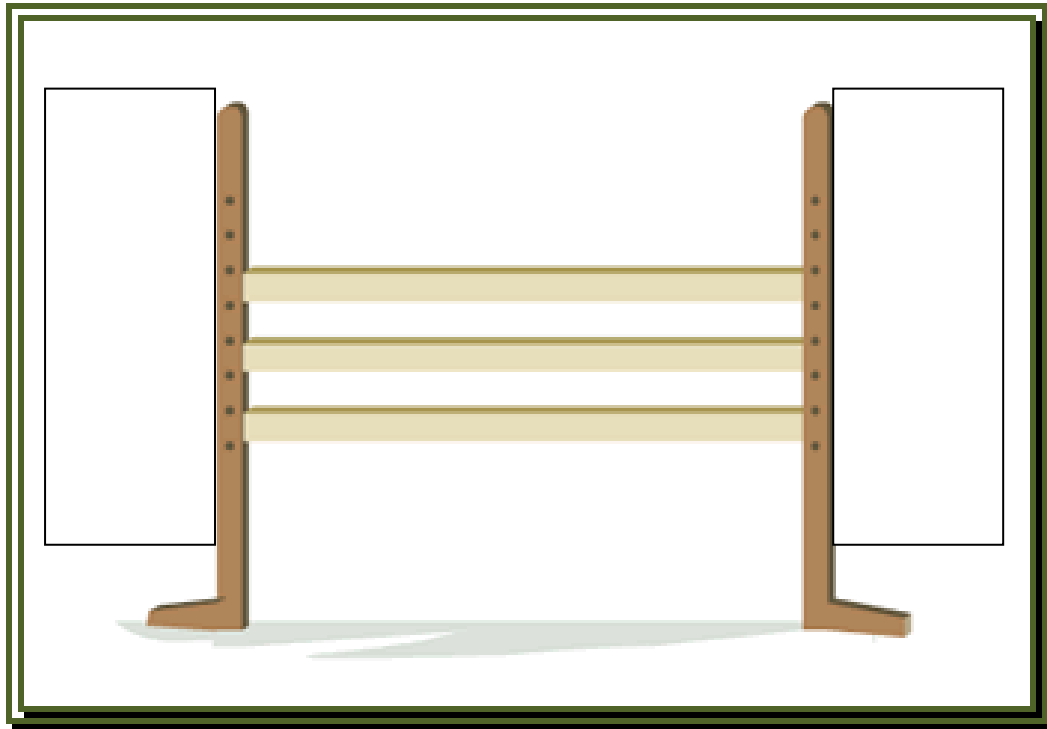
Bring your very best colouring in with you to the camp/ribbon day – prizes for the best most interestingly coloured mum and foal!



Club Competitions – Design a Jump

To be held again in 2010 - come on everybody- what would you do with a \$50 voucher from Shire Saddlery.

You must supply a drawing of the colour scheme and any wing decorations (if included) and fill. Entries to Tracy or Beth via email or can be passed in at next muster.



Cross Country Day



Waterford Pony Club

Weaber Road, Buccan

Saturday, 6th March 2010

Nominations close on 1st March (no late nominations)

Email nomination to: tracey.evans4@defence.gov.au

Or ph 0408 379 040

Start: 12 noon

Nominations: \$25 per horse (pay on day)

Contact: Tracey mob 0408 379 040

***Practice/train over cross county jumps (1.5 hrs) and then**

***Ride the whole course**

Open to all levels- beginners welcome

Beginner- up to 60cm

Intermediate- 60-80 cm

Experienced- 80 cm & over

DISCLAIMER:

- Run under PCAQ rules
- Neither the organising committee of this event nor PCAQ accepts any liability for the damage, accident, injury or illness to horses, riders, spectators, or any other persons or property whatsoever. The organising committee reserves the right to combine or split classes according to the numbers nominated.
- Participation disclaimers to be signed on the day by non PCAQ members
- All riders must wear an approved safety helmet and boots
- No Jeans
- St Johns in attendance

ANTHONY MURRAY SHOWJUMPING SCHOOL

Where: WPC

When: 13th & 14th March 2010

Cost: \$80 per WPC \$100 OUTSIDERS

(COST INCLUDES 2X ONE HOUR LESSON MORNING & AFTERNOON
EACH DAY TOTAL OF 4 LESSONS)

Names to Tracey Evans and pay on the day prior to lesson, however if you nominate and then do not show you will be charged for the full amount of the lesson.

**Heights 30-50cm, 50-60cm, 70- 80cm and 90- 1mtr
Limited numbers**

Tracey ph 0408379040

**Email: goodevans@live.com.au/ or
tracey.evans4@defence.gov.au**

Pleas Note: Nominations are taken on first in best dressed max 24 riders will be accepted



Annual Gymkhana & X-Country Short Course

Sunday 28th March 2010 – Start 8:30am Sharp

Venue Waterford Equestrian & Pony Club
Newstead Park, Weaber Road, Buccan
Website. www.waterfordponyclub.org.au

Entry Fee Pre-Nomination \$20 (nominate via email but still pay on the day) Nominate on the Day \$25
(Includes St Johns Levy)

Email nominations to Lisa Thygesen - lisa.molly@hotmail.com Ph 0414 764 812
Include rider's name, date of birth, club and contact no.

Enquires Tracey Evans 0408 370 040 or Lisa Thygesen 0414 764 812

In case of inclement weather, please call Tracey on 0408 370 040

Prizes Trophies to 4th for overall winners
Ribbons to 5th place

Age Groups

• 7 Years & under aided	• 10 years	• 14 years	• Associates 17 – 25 years
• 7 years & under unaided	• 11 years	• 15 years	• Seniors
• 8 years	• 12 years	• 16 years	26+ years
• 9 years	• 13 years		

Events

Formal

Natural presentation
Hack
Rider
7 yrs & under & 8 yrs –
Inline Showjumping (ideal time)
9 yrs & over –
X/Country Short Course – Pick your own height –
ideal time

Sporting

Barrels
Sporting Figure 8
Bounce Pony
Key Hole
Bending

Disclaimer

- **You must show proof of 2010 PCAQ membership either a receipt or 2010 membership card when collecting your rider number (this will be enforced)**
- Run under PCAQ rules –St Johns in attendance
- No stallions allowed
- One horse, one rider will apply
- All riders must wear PCAQ approved helmet and riding boots
- No Jeans
- No riders to ride on grounds unless competing
- Full canteen available
- Protests must be made within 30 minutes of the event and accompanied by \$50 fee
- **No dogs allowed on the grounds**

Cross Country Day



Waterford Pony Club

Weaber Road, Buccan

Saturday, 3rd April 2010

Nominations close on 31st March (no late nominations)

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Or ph 0408 379 040

Start: 12 noon

Nominations: \$25 per horse (pay on day)

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ANTHONY MURRAY SHOWJUMPING SCHOOL

Where: WPC

When: Easter Mon 5th April 2010

Cost: \$40 per WPC \$50 OUTSIDERS

(COST INCLUDES 2X ONE HOUR LESSON MORNING & AFTERNOON)

Names to Tracey Evans and pay on the day prior to lesson, however if you nominate and then do not show you will be charged for the full amount of the lesson.

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