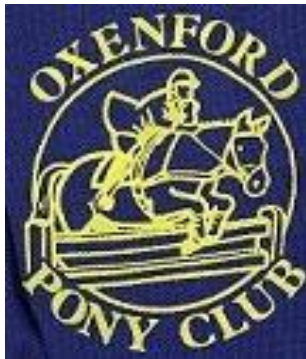


Oxenford Pony Club



Yearbook 2009

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Welcome to Oxenford Pony Club (OPC). Enclosed in this yearbook you will find information regarding rules, policies, guidelines etc. It is impossible to tell you everything you need to know. If you listen, ask questions and help out you will learn a great deal. If you require any additional information, a list of contacts is provided. We welcome all new and existing members and wish to inform you that membership is subject to Committee approval.

If you are new to Pony Club, Oxenford Pony Club is one of the fifteen (15) clubs in Zone 2. Queensland is divided up into localized Zones. Each club in the State is affiliated with a Zone and the State body -PCAQ (Pony Club of Queensland). Clubs usually run one or two Rally days (Musters) a month between March and October. At these days riding members receive coaching and learn horsemanship. A roll is marked at the beginning of each Rally Day and gear and horses are checked by instructors.

It is important for you to be familiar with the aims of PCAQ and all affiliated Clubs.

Objective of Pony Club:

To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.

To provide instruction in riding and horse mastership and to instill in members the proper care of their animals.

To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

(Source: PCAQ Administration Handbook)

As a member of a Pony Club you can nominate to compete in events held at other clubs. Nearly all clubs host an annual Gymkhana which has several events including formals, sporting and often showjumping. You nominate for Gymkhanas on the day. Some clubs host an Official Event – Showjumping, Dressage, Combined Training or Horse Trails. You must prenominate for all official events (even if you are competing in the unofficial classes). Nominations usually close 2 weeks before the event is on. You need to wear your formal uniform to all these events. There are rulebooks available for purchase all of these events. If you are interested in any you should purchase and read these books.

Check out the OPC website for more information, www.myoxenfordponyclub.com

We take great pride in our Pony Club and rely heavily on the involvement of all members and parents of child riders.

Oxenford Pony Club members are responsible for maintenance of grounds and equipment, securing sponsorship, grants etc. This club is totally run by volunteers. As a club member you need to help.

All Instructors have current PCAQ (Pony Club of Queensland) Instructors' Certificates and instruct at OPC Rally days in a Voluntary capacity.

Rally Days can be very busy so at Rally Days please help out where you can – canteen, set ups, instructors' equipment etc.

Throughout the year there will be several working bees. These are usually held close to scheduled events to get the grounds etc up to scratch, set up & put away again.

Aside from Rally Days, Competition Days and Scheduled working bees, you are most welcome to tidy up the grounds anytime, quite a few parents do this while their children are riding – mow, whipper-snip, paint jumps etc.

We are planning a great year for our Club this year along with 16 rally Days, at the end of the year this culminates in our Ribbon Day and Fancy Dress Parade. We are hosting 5 events and 3 2 day mounted games clinics

We are planning to introduce a theme for Sunday Rally days such as Hack Day where riders will be instructed in all aspects of a hack event including preparing your horse, i.e. plaiting and the correct way to apply horse's make-up

There will be a Show jump Day and, a mini gymkhana.

Also we are planning to bring in Polo Crosse and Camp draft teachers.

And for the western fans out there we are looking at holding a Western/Rodeo Rally day.

These days have not been formalized at time of printing so keep in touch via our website or read your newsletters.

If you supply the Secretary with your email address you will be kept up to date via emails as well.

Club Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month. We encourage all members to come. Please remember, this club is for all of you. Without your participation and input the committee can't know what you, the members really want. So come to the meetings, get involved,

(Dates for meetings are subject to change without notice, check out the web site)

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LIFE MEMBERS: Stan Gooding, Darryl Gooding, Mary Todd, June Palmer, Desley Stevens, Diane Ball, Lyn Lynch, Geoff Thomson, Vicki Thomson

PATRONS: David Power - Neil Ranglely - Col Meagher

Fees and Levy information

<u>Family membership</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Maintenance levy</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>Single</u>	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
<u>Maintenance levy</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
<u>PCAQ affiliation per Rider</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<u>Social</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>

For riders who are members of other pcaq club fees are the same less PCAQ affiliation

There is a points system in place and you can earn your money back or roll it over to next year.

Points are allotted for the following

Attendance	1 pt
Working Bees	3 pts
Set up and pack up Rally Days	2 pts
Set up Event Days	3 pts
Pack up Event Days	3 pts
Arrange Sponsors for Trophies etc (Events)	10 pts
Bring cakes/sandwiches or other for canteen	3 pts
Attend meetings	1 pt

RALLY DAYS:

Rally Days are on the first Sunday

Of each month, commencing at 10.00am until 3.00pm, and the third Saturday morning 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. Please check the web site for information. If it rains there will be lectures WITHOUT horses in the club house. Don't forget to attend these lectures, as these are very important for Certificates. Riders can work through a series of certificates as they progress.

Members should be mounted and lined up in front of the clubhouse at the start time to obtain full punctuality marks.

Mounts (Ponies/horses) that kick out at others should have a red ribbon tied to their tails to alert everyone.

Attendance marks are given on lecture days and also to members who are away competing for our club at Official Pony Club events so long as an Instructor is informed PRIOR to the Rally Day concerned.

LIST OF RALLY DAYS FOR 2009*

*** First rally day Sunday 1st February 1.00pm to 4.00pm**

This year our first rally day will also be Orientation Day to prepare all riders and their families for the year ahead. Everyone will be informed on Club Rules and expectations

Due to the hot weather these time can be changed to suit members needs

Sundays 10.00am-3.00pm

Saturdays 9.00-12.00

February as above

14th February

1st March

14th March

5th April

18th April

3rd May

16th May

7th June

20th June

5th July

18th July

2nd August

19th August

6th September

19th September

4th October

17th October

Events and Clinics our Club is planning to host in 2009:

Sunday 8th March,

Zone 2 Show jumping

Sat /Sun 21st & 22nd March,

Mounted Games Clinic

Monday 4th May,

Oxenford Gymkhana

Sat / Sun 30th & 31st May,

Mounted Games Clinic

Saturday 13th June,

Open Hack Day

Sat /Sun 11th & 12th July,

Mounted Games Clinic

Sunday 19th July

Open Hack Day

Sunday 1st November
Sunday 8th November

Ribbon Day and Fancy Dress
Oldies Day

End of Year Awards:

Before being eligible for end of year trophies, riders must actually attend three (3) rally days in that year, and their log books must contain all essential information. An exercise book is sufficient. Riders are most welcome to include additional information.

Sample Log Book showing essential information for each competition

Beaudesert Gymkhana on 13th September

Event	Place	Points	Number of places awarded
Rider Class	1 st	5	5
Barrel Race	3 rd	3	5

Oxenford Official Showjumping 23rd March

Class	Event	Place
(places to 10 th for Official Events only)		
12 & Under Official	AM5	2 nd
	Grand Prix	6 th
	Power & Speed	3 rd

Log books must be given to an Instructor prior to or on 1st Rally day in October.

Ribbon Day is the final Rally Day of the year and is an in-club competition. Riders wear formal uniform nominate at the clubhouse before the scheduled commencement time. Rider's names are drawn out and each rides for the Blue or Gold Team. Team captains are appointed and scores tallied to determine whether the winning team for the day. Events include some formals and sporting and the traditional and very popular Fancy Dress.

RULES:

Members should be familiar with PCAQ rules which also apply generally and to specific disciplines. Some of these are included here

Correct formal uniform must be worn when attending competition and other outside Pony Club activities, other than the cross country phase of an O.D.E. where a club polo shirt may be worn. A regulation A.S.A.3838 approved Helmet (or better) must be worn whenever mounted.

At the end of each year several trophies/medallions are awarded. Many of these are merely 'keepers' as winners have the honor of having their names engraved on the perpetual trophies. The recipients are determined on merit from competition results (submitted log books) and instructor assessments at Rally Days.

The Pony Club grounds are available for use by members of the club, but care must be taken of all the equipment used. For safety reasons, members are asked not to jump without an adult present. Instructors are in charge at Pony Club and bad behavior

of any kind will not be tolerated persons involved will be asked to leave the grounds and dealt with accordingly. Alcohol is not permitted at Pony Club until competition/instruction and presentation have been completed for the day

No rider is to leave his or her instructor or group without permission

and when traveling from one group to another must do so at a WALK!!! not canter.

Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.

A Parent or Guardian is required to stay on Rally/Competition Day. Please feel welcome to help - canteen, set-up, etc. Leave actual instructing to the instructors.

All nominations for Official Events -Dressage, Showjumping and O.D.E.'s etc must be made through the Nominations Secretary and be accompanied by the fee at least 2 weeks prior to the event. This also applies to Unofficial Classes at these events .You may nominate on the day for a Gymkhana.

UNIFORMS:

The Oxenford Pony Club formal uniform consists of:-

Brown Riding Boots - smooth sole, no tread

Fawn Jodhpurs

Mid-blue Shirt/Long sleeves

Gold Tie with Oxenford Tie Pin

Regulation Skull Cap with Blue Hat Cover

Sleeveless Vest - Navy with Gold

Oxenford Pony Club Saddle cloth

Oxenford Polo Shirt is to be worn to Rally Days and may be worn in the Cross Country phase of Horse Trials.

CODE OF ETHICS:

Objects of Our Club:

To encourage young people to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and riding.

To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship and to instil in members the proper care of their animals.

Our Code of Ethics is the set of principals by which behaviour can be judged to be right or wrong. This code sets the minimum standards of behaviour expected of everyone who is a member of our club.

It describes the behaviour we believe in and commit to, both individually and collectively. In the event our standards are compromised by a member's behaviour, disciplinary action, including suspension of membership, may result.

Club relationships and decisions are characterised by integrity and fairness and a desire to work together for the benefit of the club and its' members.

We commit to:

Treating everyone with courtesy, patience and respect and not causing disadvantage, discomfort or embarrassment to fellow members.

Contribute to an atmosphere in which diversity of constructive opinion, perspective and culture is valued and encouraged.

Ensuring there is no direct or indirect discrimination or harassment.

Ensuring to the best of our knowledge that all declarations or statements relating to our club and its' members are true and correct.

Acting in a manner that never intentionally causes damage to our club's interests, member relations or public reputation.

Not engaging in behaviour that intimidates, offends or damages the character or property of other members or visitors to our club.

End of Year Awards for members:

Here is a summary of the awards that riders can work towards...

- ❖ Attendance and Presentation
This is for attending and being in correct uniform
- ❖ Presentation
Horses clean, feet correctly shod or trimmed, tack clean.
- ❖ Personal Achievement
For showing a good attitude
- ❖ Good Hands
Good & gentle hands
- ❖ Sportsmanship
Courtesy and consideration to other riders and instructors
- ❖ Horsemanship
- ❖ Most improved Rider
- ❖ Junior Novelty Rider
Based on points gained at gymkhanas
- ❖ Senior Novelty
Based on points gained at gymkhanas
- ❖ Showjumping
Total scores plus attendance at 3 Rally Days
- ❖ Dressage
Total scores plus attendance at 3 Rally Days
- ❖ Hacking
Based on PCAQ events (minimum of 5, including Open Hack Days) combined Shows and attendance at 3 Rally Days.

Use these next couple of pages to record your results for Log Books.

Always check with Event Organizers on the allocation of points For example, placings are usually 1st place 6 pts, 2nd 5pts, and 3rd 4pts and so on.

A Championship Gymkhana or Sporting/Mounted Games placings run to 10th with the scoring 1st 10 pts, 2nd 9 pts etc.

Gymkhanas

A Gymkhana is the main annual fundraising for most Clubs Each Club is allocated one day during the season to hold the Clubs annual Gymkhana..

The Date is sanctioned by the Zone committee before the commencement of each season and no other “official” competitions may be held in the Zone that day.

Oxenford Pony Club is a member of the South East Queensland Zone 2. There are 26 zones in Queensland.

Gymkhanas are a great way for our young riders to develop their riding skills and develop friendships with children from our own club and members of other clubs.

Gymkhanas also offer opportunities for Mums and Dads to become involved and perhaps form some new friendships with other parents.



General information for gymkhanas

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Gymkhanas are open to ALL members of pony clubs
You may take part in a gymkhana in another zone
Riders of All levels of ability are welcome. Clubs offer classes for “lead classes” i.e. children who do not have the ability &or the confidence to ride their pony without an adult leading the pony.

There is no perquisite to participate in a gymkhana. If you wish to take part, simply turn up!!!!

Clubs issue programs for their gymkhanas approx one month before the event. A copy is displayed on our clubs notice board as soon as available, with details of the event on our website

Formal uniform is mandatory for all Gymkhanas

. Handy Hint

Download a copy of program if available to take with you to record your placing and points.

Pre-nomination for Gymkhanas is not required. Nominations being accepted on the morning of the day...

Nomination Fees are usually between \$15.00--\$20.00 for the day.

Most Clubs offer 8- 10 events during the day. The program is normally made up of 4-5 formal events including show jumping and 4-5 Sporting events.

If, for whatever reason, you do not want your child to take part in a particular event, (i.e. Show jumping) simply advise the judge of that event that your child will not be taking part. This will in no way jeopardize participation in later events during the day.

If you are not sure of some of the details on a program, you may contact the organizing club. Programs normally have a couple of contact numbers for this purpose. If you prefer you can contact any of our club executive or instructors for advice

Handy Hints-----

- Have your gear organized the night before and as much as possible packed in the car... **Saves time next morning...**
- **Know the address of the club and the directions on how get there.**
- Be up early and give yourself plenty of time to get there.
- Let the kids wear their PJs and get changed once you arrive
- **Remember to take a hat, sunscreen, jumper/jacket, something to eat and plenty of water**

And most of all, wear a big smile and have a great Day.



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