

STATE DRESSAGE AND SHOWJUMPING

The Pony Club of Victoria held their annual State Dressage and Showjumping at Moorooduc on the Mornington Peninsula. Although the weather was far from perfect!! Many parents and children braved the windy conditions for what is a yearly event. Our local Pony clubs had riders in nearly every event, representing the Midland Zone. B Grade Showjumping Team consisted of Sam Palmer from the local Bealiba club, on the lovely big chestnut Scrumpy Jack, Georgie Laidlaw from Ararat, Jessica Mills from Harcourt and Jake Earl from Castlemaine. These riders rode extremely well to place third overall.

C grade showjumpers representing the Midland Zone were local Maryborough rider Katherine Clegg on her lovely new horse Cariboo Creek. Kellie Barnett from Bealiba Pony Club on the evergreen appaloosa Patch, Jacquie Clancy from Mandurang South Pony and Charlton Pony Club rider Kate Hannrigan. This team also placed third against some pretty handy horses.

Two grade one dressage riders competed and although they didn't place, rode well against very strong opposition. Kimberly Corcoran on Ellsmere Epic from the Bendigo Pony Club was 15th overall and Elizabeth Dridan on her young horse Sir Winston was 16th.

The Grade 3 Dressage Team for the Midland consisted of Maryborough riders, Ebony Forster riding Split Enz and Carly Wright riding Zac. Ebony and Carly were joined by Mandurang South rider Bree Lockie and Calista. This was the first time these three girls had competed at State Dressage Championships and all enjoyed the experience.

All riders thoroughly enjoyed their weekend and are looking forward to the 2007 year to come.