

Corio Polocrosse Club



Newsletter
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LAZARUS RISING!



Ricky & Giggles – Naracoorte

Corio Polocrosse Preparation

The tournament date is creeping up on us (1st weekend in March) & there is still much to do! For those of you who did not attend Moorooduc on the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd, we had a bit of a nibbles & dribbles meeting to discuss the carnival.

Running a canteen:

It was questioned whether we should be running our own canteen, as we could make a far bit of money out of it, done properly. However, it came down to volunteers & unfortunately, with most of us playing; we just don't have enough hands. So we are going with the original plan here & inviting either the Lions Club or the Rotary to do this over the course of the weekend. They have been contacted & we are awaiting response.

As a bit of a compromise here, we have decided to run our own breakfast, with the standard fare, eggs & bacon, toast, tea & coffee. It was also discussed tying this in with a guest speaker & charging a cover price for listening & breakfast included. At this stage, we're still trying to work out the best way to do

this. It was also suggested to do this during dinner & maybe make use of the Australian Team being present.

Sponsorship:

Thank you to those who have already put their hands up to sponsor – if you would like to sponsor a grade or a pony, let me know. You can sponsor a product or cash & everything is welcome.

Extra help Friday & Monday:

I reminded everyone to let me know if they can lend a hand getting ready for the carnival the Friday before & the Monday after – thanks to those who have already volunteered.

Carnival Committee:

We have put together a carnival committee to put everything together – it consists of Denis, Brad, Pete, myself, Kristy, Wendy & Kim.

Saturday Night Entertainment:

Rather than book a jukebox, it was suggested we make the most of the large carnival & hire a band. I am looking into the costs of this now.

Stay tuned for a roster of everyone's jobs etc for the weekend – I will hand out at Moorooduc, the weekend after Sale. Remember for this to be really successful, we need all hands on deck.

Club Fees

This was an important issue that was raised during Nibbles & Dribbles at the Portland tournament. Many members wanted to know exactly what they were getting for \$70 (senior) club fees, as Corio charges one of the most expensive out of Victorian clubs. This is a very valid question. In regards to the administration side of things, club fees pays for Club Registration (\$235.00) & also Club Insurance (\$600.00) that must be paid before the state AGM at the start of each season. In effect this means that each paying member forks out approximately \$20 each for this. The rest of the club fees go to days such as the Coaching day held late last year with the Grill's family & club wind-ups, which were free of charge for club members. In the future the club will certainly hold more of these type of days.

It has been long thought that \$70 is getting a bit steep, especially considering the way in which VPA fees are rising each year, so at this stage of the season it has been agreed that those whom paid senior club fees this season would be either reimbursed \$20 into their bank account or via cheque OR they may purchase a new playing shirt for the reduced price of \$10 (or, if you wish, a saddle blanket for \$30).

Please let me know which way you would like to go in this regard & provide me with your bank account details should you wish to have the money put straight back into your account.

This is an issue that will certainly be discussed at the next seasons AGM as many of us have good ideas of how best to approach working out the fairest figure to pay for club fees. At this stage the Senior Club Fees will remain at \$50.

Club Merchandise

New shirts arrived last week & were available at Portland. If you need one, let me know. We are also out of saddle blankets & they are currently on order.

Playing Shirts: \$30.00ea
Saddle Blankets: \$60.00ea

Fly's Coaching Corner!

G'day everyone,

What a great turnout by the club at Portland. Really looking forward to Sale now. Here are a few points of view that I consider important. I hope to expand on them throughout the season in the coaching chat at "Nibbles".

Go Corio!!!!

Team Rules.

- Never argue with umpires or other officials.
- Play to the whistle. Chase to the lines. By that I mean, don't assume you can't get there or that that they are about to pass it. Keep chasing until the whistle blows.
- Play your position. Be a team player. Don't try to do someone else's job. Just do your own, and trust that they will do theirs.
 - Get the ball. Without it you cannot win.
 - Compete at every 50/50. Never assume that you can't have an impact on the game.
 - Don't waste possession. *MAKE IT COUNT*. This is close to the most important thing in Polocrosse.
 - If you make a mistake don't drop your head, just *GET IT BACK !!*
 - Focus on the next play not the last one. *NEXT BALL*.
 - Chase hard and aim to get centre field turnovers.
 - Don't give away frees.
 - Try to always carry the ball towards the target.
 - Man up HARD. One each when we've got the ball, and gang tackle when they have it .
 - Don't over focus on the opposition. Concentrate on our game plan.
 - *TALK, TALK, TALK!*

Stevie Nolan also did a great talk at the Portland Nibbles & Dribbles about the things he consistently does as a number 1. Here is a bit of a wrap up;

- Know your umpire.

- Keep moving forward.
- Try to line up last.
- Turn "into" the line up, so if you do get the snatch, you're already goal side.
- Eyes on the ball.
- Be prepared to adapt.

Welcome

Mitch & Vicki Ladhams - Mitch played his first carnival at Moorooduc & by all reports has certainly caught the bug! Lucky Mitch has been partnered with Pappy the Appy & is already making great progress. Welcome Vicki & Mitch; please make yourselves known if you have not already been introduced.

Also Daniel Juricic, another junior has joined us after partaking in the Come & Try Day at Ballarat. I am not sure when Daniel's first carnival will be, but please make yourselves known to him & his taxi (read: mum!) Jody.

Also, welcome back Wheelbarrow, Honor & Oliver! Wheelbarrow played for Corio a few years ago & is making his comeback this season with wife Honor & baby Oliver in tow.

Facebook

I have set up a Facebook page where I & other members (past & present) can post photos of carnivals for everyone to peruse. It was getting too hard to include all photos in this Newsletter, so this is the solution. It is simply a forum to share photos & general goings on, I will still email & text message important info. Remember, if you have something to say, save it for the bar on Friday night, not the FB page!

www.facebook.com/coriopolocrosse

The Month That Was....January

Well, January was a bit up & down, with 2 cancelled carnivals due to the wet weather. Never mind, there was still a lot going on & it's safe to say all Corio members have been having a great time so far!

Naracoorte Carnival 8th & 9th of Jan

The first weekend of the year took place in Naracoorte over the weekend of the 8th & 9th of Jan, & although I didn't attend, by all reports, it sounded like a great weekend. To quote Michele Evans "*There was LOTS of drinking...and some polocrosse...I think*".

Corio sent two teams, the first one being Ricky Henry, Phil Porter, Shane Rowland, Glen Burns, Kelsey Rowland & Ian Mcleod. Unfortunately, they didn't win a game, but with majority of the team playing young horses this was no surprise.



*Ian Mcleod with his eyes on the ball!
Watch out for that pointy elbow Macca!*

The second team consisted of Mark Evans, Sharlee Rowland, John Faure, Shannon Williamson, Pete Halloran & a pool player. This team fared much better winning two games & losing another two by only one goal each. Mark Evans & Sharlee were the standouts, but kudos to Shan & Pete who both played new horses & John who played his first carnival.



John Faure's first carnival.

The A grade was eventually taken by host club Naracoorte over Sale.

Oakbank Carnival (@ Naracoorte) 15th & 16th of Jan

This was a non-event, due to the HUGE amount of rain received across, well, pretty much all of the eastern side of Australia! However, I do think it is worth mentioning Mark & Michael Richards, who traveled all the way from Barabool to Naracoorte only to arrive and find out it was cancelled & promptly get bogged to the axles!



PUSH!

Nice to see the bloke on the end doing a bit of multitasking...

Rosedale Carnival (@ Ballarat) 22nd & 23rd of Jan

Once again, this was a non-event also; however Moorooduc put their hand up to host a hastily put together carnival at Polocrosse Park. Considering they had 3 days to throw it together, it was quite well done.

Corio sent 3 teams & a junior to this one, with our third team the only one in the money, beating Moorooduc in the final. Well done to Lisa Sheahan, Pierce Sheahan, Sarah Richards, Tristan Cooper, Di Richards & a "blow-in", Daniel, from Goulbourn Valley, who turned out to be a very handy player, riding a very handy pony! And well done to Pierce, playing his 1st carnival. Him & his trusty nag, Ideal, had an excellent debut seeing a lot of the ball.



Di Richards, streaking down the field with the ball.

The 2nd team had a good weekend also, but did not make the final. Kudos to Michael Schaeffer, who doubled up! The team was Pete Halloran, Ricky Henry, Michael Schaeffer, Wheelbarrow & Chris Currington. Also, well done to Pete & Islay, who managed to get Ricky out on the field on Sunday morning after a long battle with his polo boots. Phil, please fix those boots, for everyone's sake!



Michael Schaeffer, heading goal ward.

The 1st team, consisting of Jon Hart, Brad Cooper, Kristy Cooper, Mark Richards, Michael Richards & Phil Porter also didn't quite make the finals. A couple of players were playing young horses though, so hopefully they were given an opportunity to get going.



Kristy Cooper & Matrix

The A grade was eventually won by Trafalgar over NSW club, Quirindi in a hot & hard fought final.

Portland Carnival 29th & 30th of Jan

What a scorcher!

Corio sent 5 teams to Portland for the weekend, with players in the A grade right through to the mini-juniors. I can vouch that it was quite stressful for spectators trying to get about & watch as many Corio teams as possible! I know Karen has made a special request to keep Rowly, Kelshey & Sharlee all in the same team to guarantee she watches them all!



The Peanut Gallery?

Saturday started cool but warmed up quickly with many of our teams winning enough to ensure a berth in either a semi or a final the next day. Unfortunately Boyd Falconer was carted off in an ambulance after suffering a scary episode & poor Di Richards was also carted off to emergency by very caring husband Denis, after suffering a kick to the knee in one of her later games. Both were unable to play Sunday, which meant a fair bit of puffing for those doubling up (Sarah Richards, Shane Rowland & Wendy Falconer)!



Carmel Lowman

Sunday dawned even hotter with the temp reaching 21 degrees by 7am & nearly 35 by the time our A grade team went into battle with Sale just before lunch. At the end of the day our Juniors, D grade & A grade all ended up in the velvet & our B grade runners up against a very tough Ballarat team. Those who took out individual prizes included Kelsey Rowland (Best No.1 & Best Pony on "Hogan" – D grade), Michael Schaeffer (Best No. 2 – B grade), Hugh Armstrong (Best No. 3 – B grade) & Phil Porter (Best Pony on "Jessie" – A grade). Well done to these players & all Corio players, I saw some great polocrosse being played in all our teams throughout the weekend.



Phil Porter, accepting Best A Grade Pony (Jessie)

You can see all the photos of January's Carnivals at www.facebook.com/coriopolocrosse.

Quote of the Month

"There is a hole in my leg the size of my fist!"
Boulty at Portland Carnival. Approximately 120 times. At 3.30am.

I do actually think that the Quote of the Month belongs to Gus Cooper for an absolute cracker comment, however, due to the fact I didn't hear it with my own ears, you will have to try & talk Brad into telling the story again...

Upcoming Carnivals

Sale Carnival 5th & 6th of Feb (don't forget to book your ticket for *Hot Summer Nights*)
Moorooduc Carnival 19th & 20th of Feb
Ballarat Carnival 26th & 27th of Feb

Good luck to those playing at Sale this weekend.

Remember to get your names into Brad via email or text (b_kcoop@bigpond.net.au or 0418 179 538) the Monday before a carnival.

Waivers

Thanks to those who have sent in their Waivers, but I am still waiting on a few. Please get them back to me ASAP.

Foal Watch – Two Brand New Corio Members!

HUGE congratulations to Damian & Kerri Keets, who delivered a beautiful baby girl, Kelly Keets week before last. We all can't wait to meet her & hope that she is being kind to you!

Belated congratulations to Wheelbarrow & Honor – Oliver was born 5 weeks ago & was introduced to the club at Portland.

New World Cup Website

To those interested in the World Cup this year, there is a new website up & running, listing all teams, draws & events happening over the fortnight.

www.polocrosse2011.com

February Happy Birthdays

Wendy Falconer – 13th
Tayla Falconer – 13th
Kelsey Rowland – 11th

That's all folks!

