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## Newsletter

March, 2011

### **Out and About:**

#### **Club News/ Events:**

Congratulations to all riders who have been out representing our club at various events. The Dressage and Showjumping state championships were held on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at Elcho Park, and saw success for 2 Barwon Zone teams represented by Bacchus Marsh riders- these were the C grade show jumping (with Carissa Bailey) and the Grade 2 dressage team (with Jamie Harding). Personal congratulations also go to Lochie and Carissa for both being awarded best performance of a Barwon Zone rider in the B and C grade showjumping events.

Sarah Denning has also been successful with her showjumping- winning the 90cm's at Ballarat championships and also winning grade 1 events at Lochard and Maldon.

**State Games and Musical Ride teams-** BMPC would like some more junior (under 14) riders for the games teams competing at the eliminations day on Easter Tuesday at Drysdale/Leopold. Practices are on Saturdays at 1pm at the BMPC. Please see Trish Megson or Mick at this rally if you are interested in joining this team. Also, if there are any riders interested in forming a musical ride team, please see De at this rally- 4 riders are needed to make a team.

#### **Easter Camp:**

BMPC is looking to hold another Easter Camp- running from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. The venue is being finalised and once this is done, information will be sent out via email or at the next rally. The cost will be \$30 per head which includes all meals, drinks and activities. For expressions of interest, please see Deb Denning.

#### **Club Projects:**

If there are any parents willing to 'take on' the organisation and completion of some projects around the club and grounds, please see Mick for details.

#### **Working Bee's-**

With the first of BMPC's horse trials on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, grounds preparation is starting, which includes slashing; tidying up around jumps- mowing/whipper snipper;

flagging cross country jumps; setting up dressage arena's and show jumping courses. If anyone is available for an hour or two during the week leading up to this, please see De at the March rally. Final set up preparations will be completed during a working bee on the 19<sup>th</sup> March. Your help would be most welcome.

De will be organising a job's list for the horse trials- if anyone is not able to help on the 20<sup>th</sup>, please let De know ASAP.

### **Happy Birthday-**

To our riders born in March (apologies if anyone has been missed)

Brianna Aldred            Adele Wilson

Olivia Cooke            Bianca Karp

Linzy Marsden

### **Canteen Roster-**

#### **March Rally-**

Thompson; Vigor and Aldred families.

#### **April Rally- forward notice-**

Burgess; Callow and Closter families.

You will need to be available to start at 10.30 am and duty finishes after lunch once everything is cleaned up.

If you are unable to help out in the canteen for your rostered month, please advise either De, Paula or Deb in advance or arrange to swap with another family.

**Sales and 2nd Hand Uniform Cupboard-** please see Ros Baker for any of your uniform needs. We have some new saddle blankets in.

**Memberships-** Please see Paula Cooke for any enquiries relating to memberships their applications and payments.

Come and Try Pony Club- is a new PCAV system where potential members may come along and participate in a rally. The cost is \$10 for the rally and a waiver needs to be signed. Any potential members will need to contact the club before the rally they are intending to attend so they can be accommodated for in the planning.

### **Rider Groups and Rally format-**

Just a reminder to check the notice board for next months afternoon rally events and put your name down for the event you would prefer.

### **Upcoming Events-**

Please see Fiona Bailey re payments for any events and the notice board for any posted event details.

March 12<sup>th</sup>- Ballarat PC 2<sup>nd</sup> Triple Chance- S/J and topsy ring (see noticeboard)

March 12<sup>th</sup>- Mt Duneed PC Open Horse Show

March 13<sup>th</sup>- Ballan PC Barwon Zone Games Competition (this is a great practice run for those wishing to compete in the state games)

March 13<sup>th</sup>- Gisborne Dressage and Showjumping (central zone)

March 20<sup>th</sup>- Bacchus Marsh PC Horse trials Gr 1-5.

March 26<sup>th</sup>- Smythesdale Pony Club C/T day. Gr 1-5 and Open.  
March 27<sup>th</sup>- Barwon Valley PC Horse trials Grade 2-5.  
April 4<sup>th</sup>- Lochard PC Horse trials gr 1-5 and open 2-4  
April 9<sup>th</sup>- Ballarat PC 3<sup>rd</sup> triple chance show jumping Topsy Ring  
April 10<sup>th</sup>- Drysdale/Leopold PC BEST round 1 Gr A-F and Open  
April 17<sup>th</sup>- Corio/Moorabool PC Horse trials Gr 1-5  
April 26<sup>th</sup>- Barwon Zone Games and Musical Ride teams qualifier- Drysdale/Leopold.

### **Dates for the Future:**

State Horse Trials- 2011, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> May at Heytesbury.  
Interzone Teams Horse Trials Championships- 2011, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July, Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.  
State Games, Flat and Musical Ride- Bacchus Marsh, 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June 2011.  
PCAV Rider Squads- Dressage, Eventing and Show Jumping- expressions of interest invited for riders graded 1-3 in Dressage and Eventing and A,B or C S/J- go to the Pony Club Web for details.

### **Annual General Meeting:**

Being held on 29/3/11, at 8pm in the club rooms. One of the agenda items will be to adopt the Pony Club constitution. New committee members nominations will also be called for so please consider coming along and helping out with the behind the scenes running of the club. The AGM will be followed by the committee meeting. The constitution and nomination forms have all been sent out via email.

### **General Information-**

The state S/J and Dressage Championships were held at Elcho Park- Corio on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thankyou to all those families who helped out on the day.

The Cross Country Course is closed leading up to the BMPC horse trials. Any competing riders seen on the course face disqualification from the event.

### **Reminders:**

No parking or horse floats on the lawned areas adjacent to the club rooms and tanks- please park either at the day yards (accessed via the campdraft entrance) or at the harness club stalls.

No dogs are allowed on the pony club grounds.

Memberships for 2011 will be due in May due to a PCAV request so that memberships may be processed in a timely matter and not interfere with pony club riders attendances at competitions/events. Memberships remain current from July-June each year.

Group emails- if you haven't been receiving any BMPC emails, please see De at the rally to update your details, so you can keep up with all the club news that occurs between rallies.

