

# Bacchus Marsh Pony Club

## Newsletter April 2007

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**BMPC ODE:** A huge thank you to all BMPC families who put in a huge effort leading up to and on the day of the ODE. We had a hugely successful day, over 220 riders competing and all ran smoothly. The ODE's and Show are our major fundraisers for the year and help pay for guest instructors, update equipment and help to keep our yearly fee's lower. So again thank you to all families for their generous help, if you are interested in taking a more active role in our next ODE in July, please see De Davey to offer your help.

Also thank you to all our BMPC riders who competed and also helped do little jobs on the day. And to De Davey and Allison Backhouse for their long hours leading up to the ODE, time spent working at the racecourse on the cross-country course and organizing rider's times, judges and helpers for the day.

**Thank you:** To Westside Stock Feeds and Foodworks who sponsored our ODE. These two local businesses have been a great support to our club and in return we hope you all support them. Westside Stock Feeds have recently opened and have made a huge effort to support us; all BMPC members who buy horse feed from them and show their membership card will receive a 5% discount.

**BMPC AGM:** Last Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March was the BMPC 2007 AGM, a huge thank you to all that attended, and also a massive thank you to Anne Wilson who has recently stood down from treasurer. Anne has put in years of hard work for the club and we will be sure to see her heavily involved still. Thank you Anne for all your hard work over the years.

The committee is as follows:

President: Tracey Paterson

Vice President: Lotta Thompson

Secretary: Allison Backhouse

Treasurer: Deb Bullock

D/C: Peter Bailey

Committee: Anne Wilson, De Davey, Andrew Wardell, Michael Fitzpatrick, Deb Blight, Barry Gebbie, Toni Davey.

Thank you to the committee for taking on these roles, if any members of the club have any issues they want to discuss please chat to committee members, or contact them to get access to the PC grounds between rallies.

**Congratulations:** To Rebecca Gebbie, Sam Georgeallis, Shannon Burke, Aaron Megson, Lockie Bailey, Ella Blight, Josephine Thompson, Lauren Wright, Alice Fitzpatrick and Sarah Denning who all did a great job and achieved their C Certificates on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Water to BM Racecourse:** A pipe line has been run from the road to the toilets at the BM racecourse, however sites of taps are limited therefore it may be easier to still bring some water along with you.

**BMPC Show:** Fast approaching in August, and there is loads of work to do, if you are interested in helping organize, or getting sponsorship please see Tracey Paterson, all help would be appreciated.

**Working Bee Hours:** A huge thank you to those families that have already made a big effort to start and in some cases complete their 9 working bee hours. The preparation for the ODE was made much easier by all the families that made an effort to help. To the rest of the families who still need to complete their hours, there will be plenty of opportunities before the end of the financial year, at rally days and organized working bee's (in May and June, dates to be finalized).

Also:

Welding: any dad's handy with a welder we are looking for someone to make some new jump cups – please see Peter Bailey if this is something that interests you, or,

Sewing: anyone handy with a sewing machine we are looking for someone to help make more jumping flags – please see De Davey if you would be able to help with this.

When you attend working bees or complete work hours please ensure your hours are signed off by a committee member in the logbook.

Remember we really would prefer your help, not your money so please give us a hand. Also the committee understands that we need to ensure we are well organized with a jobs list, and will try to be as organized as possible to avoid wasting peoples time.

**Junior Committee Coordinator:** Thank you to Sam McLean who has agreed to take on the role of junior committee coordinator. We hope all the riders over the age of 12 who are on the junior committee will make her feel welcome, and we look forward to the activities organized by the junior committee. Thanks Sam.

**Also all riders 12 and over are encouraged to join the junior committee and attend meetings; in 1<sup>st</sup> aid room 1245 – 1315 each rally.**

**Events Secretary:** Thank you to Vanessa Lombardi who has offered to take on the role of events secretary, please see Vanessa at lunchtime to enter PC events, and make sure you get her phone number or email address to get times Thursday prior to events. Thanks Vanessa.

- Also a reminder to BMPC riders that Barwon Zone has a policy that riders must enter all events through the club, this makes it much easier for the clubs running the event to collect entries and send out times.

**Games & Flat Teams:** Eliminations for Barwon Zone teams to qualify for state will be held at the Smythesdale PC Grounds on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Practices left are Sunday mornings 10am - 12 on 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Good luck to all the riders that are competing.

**State Horse Trials:** Good luck to Christine O'Hanlon and Brad Gebbie, who will be competing at the State Horse Trials which will be hosted by the North East Zone and held at the Albury-Wodonga Equestrian Centre on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Zones Team Challenge:** Expressions of interest have been put in for a few of our riders to compete in the Grade 3 & 4 zones teams challenge. We will let you know next month which of our riders have been chosen to compete at Werribee next month, good luck.

**K Certificate:** Any riders interested in completing their K Certificates please see Lotta or Peter for information, as the applications for 2007 close soon.

**Barwon Zone Polocross Team:** PCAV is looking into starting a Polocross State Championship, therefore Barwon Zone are looking for expressions of interest in PC members wanting to compete. Please see Peter to put your name down if you are interested, riders will be expected to attend training sessions with other barwon zone riders before teams will be chosen (this may include traveling to other clubs for training sessions).

**X- Country Course:** Our new jumps look great and ride well, riders are encouraged to practice for next ODE, however when out on cross country course please be careful of rabbit holes, keep your eyes open.

**Anthea Lessons:** Dates for the rest of the year are April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, all riders wishing to take part in dressage and jumping lessons will need to put down their names and pay Vanessa at each rally prior to lessons. \$30 per rider for a 1 hour dressage and a 1 hour SJ lesson. Any rider who decides to pull out will not receive money back unless they let Lotta or Peter know with enough time to fill the position. Please also give Vanessa a contact number or email address to get times of lessons prior to the day.

-this month riders will need to pay for two months lessons as May's lessons are the day before the May rally.

**ODE Photo's:** Please see the notice board for photos from the ODE.

**Horses Teeth:** Just a quick note to all riders to watch there horses teeth. Is your horse dropping his feed? Is he unhappy with his bit, throwing his head? He may need to have his teeth done. Usually horses only need them done about once a year, but if they are eating an increased amount of hard feed (due to drought) they may need them done more regularly. We will be organizing the dentist to come to a rally later in the year (date to be finalized), so if you are interested please put your name down and the number of horses, on the board.

**Horse Vaccinations:** We are approaching the local vets to see if we can organize a day for them to come out and vaccinate some of the PC horses, hopefully at a reduced cost for PC members. Anyone interested in having their horses vaccinated against strangles and tetanus please put your name on the board so we have an idea of numbers, dates and cost to be posted as soon as it is known.

**1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course:** Cindy who does a great job of our 1<sup>st</sup> Aid at our ODE's has offered to run a level 2 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course for club members, if you are interested please see Anne Wilson to put your name down. The date is to be finalized and cost will be around \$40. Any riders looking to do their K Certificate please consider it for one of your electives.

**Reminder to Riders:**

- Please ensure you look after your horses over the coming months, ensure they have adequate suitable food and shelter, and remember if you are having trouble feeding your horse then work him less. Please make sure as the weather gets cooler you rug your horses and try to keep as much condition on them as possible. If you're finding it hard to source good quality food please talk to someone at PC, they may have contacts.
- Underweight horses will not be tolerated out competing, if you are unable to feed him adequate amounts you cannot expect them to be working hard for you.

- Competitions are not training days, riders or horses not capable of completing a dressage test, SJ or X country course independently should not be out competing.
- Bad behavior or abuse toward horses, judges or helpers will not be tolerated, any riders involved may be eliminated and risk of suspension from competition.
- **BMPC Grounds:** A little reminder to riders to please ensure that our grounds are used responsibly, and anyone wanting to have private or paid lessons with an instructor using BMPC grounds needs to get these approved by the BMPC committee for insurance reasons.

**New Members:** All families are reminded that if you know someone who wants to join BMPC, please let them know to contact the Peter Bailey, 5367 5644 or Tracey Paterson, 5367 5539 prior to the committee meeting or rally.

**Coming Events:**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April – Mt Duneed Hicksted Day

15<sup>th</sup> April – Ballan PC ODE

15<sup>th</sup> April – Macedon PC Games Day

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Maryborough PC ODE & Combined Training Day

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Corio Moorabool PC ODE

29<sup>th</sup> April – Barwon Zone Games & Flat Teams Eliminations – at Smythesdale PC

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> May – State Horse Trials at Thurgoona (Grade 1 & 2 riders)

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May – Zones Teams Challenge – Werribee Park (Grade 3 & 4 riders)

20<sup>th</sup> May – Portarlington ODE

**BMPC Sponsorship:** A huge thank you to all the local businesses that have supported BMPC, please support them in return. And a huge thank you to our newest sponsors Westside Stock Feeds, who donated gift vouchers for the winners of each section of the ODE. See list of sponsors at end of newsletter.

## BMPC 2006 Sponsor List

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## Horse dentist

Anyone interested in getting their horses teeth done. Please write your name and the horses name below in the spaces provided. (The date is yet to be finalized)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Horses</u>



