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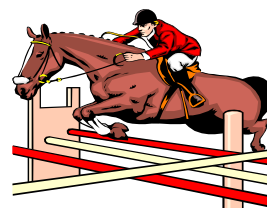
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May 2007 Newsletter

Congratulations to our Games teams that competed at the zone eliminations last weekend. Bacchus Marsh 1 was placed 6th with Bacchus Marsh 2 placed 7th! Well Done to all riders and thank you to Team Manager Mick Fitzpatrick and Deb Denning on a great job! Everyone enjoyed themselves with a good day at Smythesdale

The State Horse Trial Championships (Gr 1 & 2) are being held at Albury this weekend. Christine O'Hanlon is our representative so we wish her well.

The **Zone challenge** for Gr 3 & 4 riders is next weekend with Carissa and Lochie Bailey and Anthony McLaren competing for Barwon Zone. We hope they bring our a ribbon or two!

Today we have Equine Dentist Kevin Grogan – Many thanks to Kevin for his services today. If you missed out today, Kevin can be contacted 0427 55 22 45. We also have a demonstration of Equine Myofunctional Therapy presented by Jenni Hogan. Thanks to you both!

Katrina & Jaymee Cayzer have transferred to Riddells Creek PC due to work commitment so we would like to say thank you to Katrina for her hard work with the yard group and also as event secretary. She has been a great contributor to the club so **THANK YOU KATRINA!** We wish you all the very best at Riddells Creek and your work.

Vanessa Lombardi is now the event secretary so please see her on rally days to book for events. She will give her contact details then to get times/ queries etc.

C Certificates – Aug 07

For riders who are either 12 or over in August – who are ready for their C Certificate – please register TODAY with Peter Bailey. Nominations close soon and registration and payment is required before names can be submitted to the zone.

While on certificates – there is an ABK weekend on May 26/27 which will work on the requirements of these certificates being held at Leighdale PC. Cost is \$95 for the two days. Riders must have their C to attend. Register with Peter TODAY.

The **Junior Committee** has a great buzz of enthusiasm which is terrific to see. If any member over 12 would like to be involved, meetings are held in the First Aid during the lunch break – 12.45pm. Huge Thanks to Sam McLean who is helping to guide them.

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club – One Day Event – July 15 2007

Our second major fundraiser for the year is coming around fast on July 15! It is our junior One Day Event catering for pony club grades 2 – 5 and training 2 – 4. If you can help in any section – Dressage, Show jumping or Cross country we would love to hear from you. Speak to Allison today.

Working bees are being held to prepare the course once again, so please look out for those dates. The first is **June 27th** and will be held from 9am – 3pm for those that still need to

complete their hours for this year. BYO lunch, tea/coffee/cordial provided. Tools such as paint brushes, shovels, rakes, hammers, drills etc will help you to complete tasks.

Memberships are now due. Forms are available today and need to be completed FULLY. Both membership and medical form will also be available on our website – www.bacchusmarshponyclub.com.au. Full payment is required at the June rally.

Working Bee Hours

A reminder that your working bee hours need to be completed by the June rally or members will be required to pay \$200 working bee levy. You need to have done 9 hours to avoid paying the levy. Working bees are organised for each rally and also on **May 27 9 am – 3 pm**. Please bring tools such as paint brushes, shovels, rakes, hammers etc to assist with the tasks.

BMPC has been successful in the summer round of grants from the Moorabool Shire. Many thanks to Allison for the much needed \$5000 grant to help re-build our cross country course. We will purchase more portable jumps sets and have Ewan Kellet work on the course for a week in July. These will be listed as working bees so stay tuned for when dates are finalised.

SHOW

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club Pre Royal show is on again on August 12. Tracey Paterson is currently organising sponsorship for the event. If you think you can assist or know someone who can, please speak to Tracey to find out more. Anyone who can assist in the organization is most welcome! Please speak to Tracey.

Tetanus / Strangles

We have spoken to Bacchus Marsh Veterinary Clinic are willing to come to a rally day to vaccinate horses for tetanus / strangles. Costs are Tetanus only - \$18. Combined Tetanus / Strangles - \$28 (vaccination included). If your horse is not currently up to date with these vaccinations, a course is required – a course of 3 injections. We need more than 10 horses for this to occur, and there will be no consulting on the day. Payment will be required before the day. Date to be set once final numbers are known.

A reminder that **Westside stock feeds are offering 5% discount to BMPC members**. Please make it known to them that you are BMPC members when you next visit them for your feed requirements. They are a big sponsor of our club so it would be great to see you supporting them!

New members are welcome at BMPC, but due to the current demand on our membership, we require them to obtain membership forms and submit to committee for acceptance to ensure we can cater for them. We are trying to have two intakes per year to ease the workload, which is February and July. If you have friends/family wanting to join BMPC, please speak to DC Peter Bailey for all the information.

Card gradings

The committee has been highlighted to the confusion surrounding card gradings recently. This is the riders responsibility to speak to the instructor that takes that session (either Dressage or Jumping) who can then advise the rider on the next step. Only the DC can grade your card . If your instructor thinks you are capable and sees you jumping well at the next level, they can recommend you for re-grading to Peter, upon the rider approaching Peter during the lunch break.

Use of Grounds between rallies:

A notice to our members who may be wanting to use our grounds in between rallies. The front gate is regularly being kept locked due to water theft. If you are wanting access, please contact a committee member to arrange a gate key. A reminder that no private lessons are allowed on the PC grounds for insurance reasons.

A call out to welders in the club! – Suitable for working bee levy hours – we require more Dressage posts for our arenas on competition days. Please see Peter if you can help.

We have been asked by the Alpine Adult riders to assist them in their fundraising efforts following the bushfires over the summer which destroyed their grounds. Tickets are \$2.00 with great prizes not only for the winners, but also for the selling club and person who sold the winning ticket! Books are at the Canteen.

Coming Events:

May

20th May Portarlington PC ODE – Gr 3 – 5

27th May Smythesdale PC Combined Training Day – Gr 1 – 5
Ararat PC Gymkhana

June

3rd June Colac ODE – Gr 2 – 5

10th June – BEDS series begins at Little River

23th June – BEDS at Leighdale

24th June – Barwon Valley PC ODE – Gr 2 – 5

July

8th July – Little River ODE – Gr 2 – 5

15th July – BMPC ODE – Gr 2 – 5

22nd July – BEDS at Drysdale / Leopold

12th August – BMPC Pre Royal Show

26th August – BEDS at Barwon Heads

15th Sept – BEDS at Corio Moorabool

6th October – BEDS at Mt Duneed

28th October – BEDS Final at Ballarat