

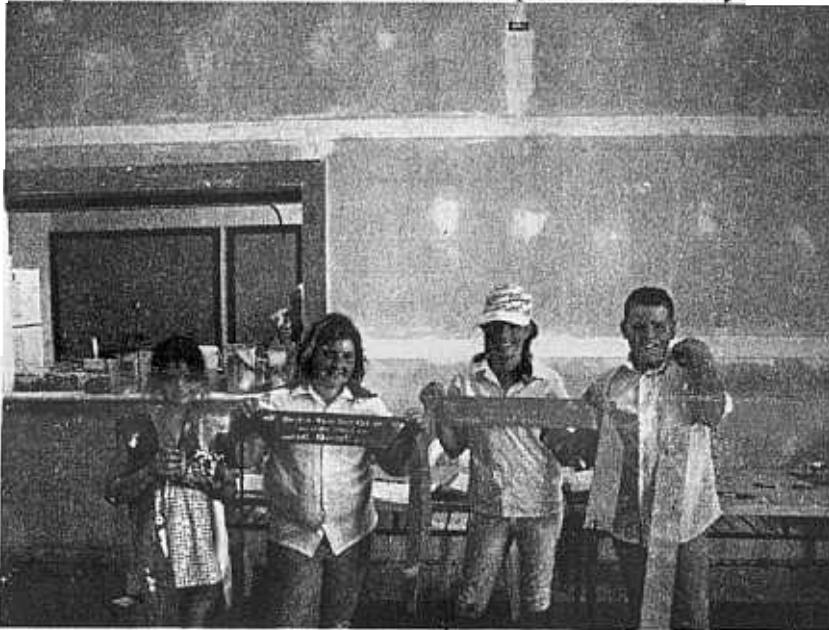
BACCHUS MARSH PONY CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2008

HORSE TRIALS:

A big thank-you to all those who helped at the Horse Trials in March, the extreme heat put everyone under tremendous pressure to get through the day. As we are all aware it was most unusual to have such a long period of hot weather in March. So again, many thanks to all those helpers, remember all funds raised go back into the club to maintain and improve facilities, which all members will benefit and enjoy. Special thank-you to Ian Paterson who spent 8-10 hours out on the cross country course with his bobcat and truck pulling down the remaining old jumps and generally cleaning up the course. Also Bob Closter – mowing the cross country course and harrowing the sand arenas.

Congratulations!! to all the riders who placed on the day.



Grade 5:- Ashleigh 1st Ashlee 4th, Rheann 2nd, Jackson 5th

Emily Aitkenhead has a nasty fall on the day, and finished up very battered and bruised, luckily escaping serious injury. Emily's helmet clearly showed the importance of wearing a properly fitting helmet at all times.

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was held on the 27th March, was not well attended but it was great to see a few new faces.

The Fees for 2008/2009 were set as follows:

1st Rider	\$160.00
2nd Rider	\$150.00
3rd & Subsequent rider	\$120.00
New membership Fee	\$ 50.00
Transfer Fee	\$ 50.00
Fees Feb. – June	\$ 75.00

Paperwork for memberships/fees for 2008/2009 will be handed out today, so make sure you have it before going home. Fees can be paid in May or at the latest on the June rally - The club must have it Strength return to PCAV by the 15th June, to

ensure the Club remains affiliated and all members are insured. New membership cards should be available at the July rally. If you are late paying your fees it will delay the process of getting your 2008/2009 membership card - no card, no ride, especially if you want to go out competing.

The new Office Bearers/Committee are as follows:

President	Tracey Paterson
Vice President	Deirdre Davey
Secretary	Allison Backhouse
Treasurer	Deb Denning
Committee	Toni Davey, Michael Fitzpatrick, Barry Gebbie, Deb Bullock, Theresa Aldred, Sam McLean, Peter Bailey Anne Wilson,

The Committee meetings will be held on the Tuesday night before the rally at 8.00pm at the Pony Club shed, anyone who would like to come along, will be most welcome. **The meeting following the A.G.M. Peter Bailey was elected D.C. for the coming 12 mths.**

WORKING BEE LEVY:

Due to the E.I. and Pony Club being shut down for 6-7 months, the committee has relaxed the Working Bee Levy for this year. The Committee is asking families to make an effort to do what hours they can over the next 2 months. From the 1st July 2008, families will be required to start their 9 hours for the coming year.

KITCHEN/CLUB ROOM WORKS:

Work for the Dole are slowly finishing off the work and hopefully by next rally we will see the project - including the painting of the club room, just about completed. On behalf of the committee/members, we would like to thank Allan Comrie - Committee of Management for the enormous amount of time he has put into helping with the project and in general ongoing works around our ground. Ian Paterson - for organising & delivering materials and organising an electrician when needed. P.J. Electrics - for their services, rewiring etc. the kitchen - at no cost. Peter Thompson for organising and donating the 2 new stoves and Anne Wilson for donating the new Hot Water System.

When the project was started it was simply to paint the club rooms, but with the white ant problem in the wall between the club room and kitchen the job escalated. Again a huge thank-you to all those involved.

STATE HORSE TRIALS:

A reminder to those who have qualified, entries close on the 14th April.

ZONE CHALLENGE:

Today is your last opportunity to put in an expression of interest - see Peter

Phillip Cobbledick has taken on the position of PCAV Vice President and has retired after some 15 years as Zone Rep. De Davey has taken over his job for the remainder of the year. Any paperwork for State Championships etc. can now be signed by Deirdre.

GAMES, FLAT TEAMS AND MUSICAL RIDE ELIMINATIONS:

The above will be held at Bacchus Marsh on the 27th April. At this stage Bacchus Marsh has 2 Games Teams, 2 Musical Ride Teams and 1 Flat Team.

We will be looking for helpers on Saturday (26th April) for a couple of hours to help set-up (10a.m. - 12.00 noon)

The Games Teams are expected to provide a lane steward for each team on the day – this can be a shared job but all those involved must attend the briefing in the morning. At the Zone meeting it was suggested that all Clubs have their lane stewards attend Games Practise to make sure they are familiar with the Games and have an understanding of the rules - see Michael and Andrew. We wish all riders Good-Luck and hope they all have an enjoyable day.

CALENDER OF EVENTS:

- *Ballan Horse Trials 13th April 2008 have been cancelled **

APRIL	20 th	Corio/Moorabool Horse Trials Grades 1-5
APRIL	26 th	Little River Combined Training Day Grades 1-5
APRIL	27 th	Zone Games/Flat & Musical Ride Eliminations – Bacchus Marsh
MAY	3/4 th	State Horse Trials - Yeringburg Grades 1 & 2
MAY	10/11 th	State Interzone Horse Trials - Werribee Grades 3 & 4
MAY	17 th	Barwon Zone, Clinic for Dressage Riders - Ballarat, <i>No Cost</i>
MAY	18 th	Portarlinton Horse Trials Grades 3 – 5
MAY	24 th	Zone Coaching Clinic - Venue yet to be decided.
MAY	25 th	Smythesdale Combined Training, S/J & Dressage Day
JUNE	28 th	Cross Country Clinic, Drysdale/Leopold with Ewan Kellett

A reminder to all riders - check and make sure your cards are correctly graded when entering competitions. If you have any problems or queries regarding your grading see: Peter Bailey (D.C.) or Toni Davey (Chief Instructor)

CANTEEN ROSTER:

APRIL	Carr Family, Cooke Family
MAY	Geary Family, Gebbie Family, Georgeallis Family
JUNE	Kick Family, Marnie Family, McLaren Family

Anne Wilson has offered to help us out, running & organising the canteen. If you are unable to do your rostered day in the canteen could you contact Anne before the rally, so we are able to find a replacement.

