

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club

Newsletter June 2007

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2007 –2008 MEMBERSHIPS: Due this rally please see Deb Bullock to make payments.

BMPC ODE – July 15th: A reminder to all families that they expected to help out at events (this is not included in working bee hours), there will be a jobs list with Vanessa when you put your entries in and also one on the notice board, please fill out the jobs you would be interested in doing, or jobs will be allocated and families notified next rally of their allocated jobs.

All riders are encouraged to ride, if you haven't competed before please make sure you get your card graded at the rally and put entries in with Vanessa at lunch time.

BMPC X/C COURSE CLOSED: The BMPC Cross country course will be closed from the 24th June until the ODE, no riders are to use the course during this time, and if are found to have used it, riders competing will be eliminated.

WORKING BEE HOURS: A huge thankyou to all BMPC members for making a huge effort with their working bee hours over the last few months, the committee would like to thank everyone as many hands have made some much lighter work. The working bee levy will continue for 2007 – 2008 and remain at \$200 or 9 hours work/ family for the year. The committee realise we need to be organised and are trying very hard, this year we would like to focus working bee hours toward the setting up and packing up of events. Therefore hours can also be worked off on the afternoon of events once riding is complete, for example packing up dressage arena's and collecting cross country flags.

2007 –2008 Working Bee's:

July 9th – 13th – helping Ewan Kellet building X/C fences

July 14th – setting up for ODE

July 15th – packing up after ODE

August 11th – setting up for Show

August 12th – packing up after Show

Working Bee hours are listed in a logbook found in the BMPC Shed, please ensure to keep our records accurate that your hours are listed and signed off by a committee member.

Also when attending working bee's please bring along useful tools for the jobs to be done, such as hammers, shovels, rakes, gloves etc. BMPC has some equipment but not enough to provide something for everyone.

We are also looking for some dads that are handy carpenters to build us some new jumps for grade 4 & 5 to match some of our new bigger jumps, if interested please see De Davey (will count for this coming years working bee hours).

NEW X/C JUMPS: More new portable cross country jumps have been order and will arrive at the start of July, we will be looking for help from the members to put these together prior to the ODE (part of working bee hours), more details will be available next rally as we are not sure the exact date they will arrive.

REMINDERS:

- To riders to ensure their cards are correctly graded before going out to compete. Cards are rider's own responsibility to check and make sure they are correct and up to date.
- Also riders please ensure your cards have your horses name down correctly, and if you horse has a stable name different to it's competition name ensure that both are clearly written on the card in the mount section as the same horse, and that this is the same name or names you use when entering a competition. If the names are not clearly the same horse you may not be allowed to compete.
- 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.
- **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. Also you are able to get access to grounds by contacting a committee member, but this is a service for BMPC members only.

'C' CERTIFICATE: Rider 12 and over that wish to do their C Certificate in August please see Peter to put your name down and pay \$25/ rider. Date of examination will not be finalised until the start of August and riders will be notified as soon as the committee receives information. Please see Toni if you don't have a set of C Notes.

DRESSAGE JUDGING DAY: For any parents, senior riders or current PC Dressage judges that want an update Barwon Zone is running an information/ teaching day at Mt Duneed PC Grounds on Saturday 28th July, see Peter if your interested in going.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE: Meeting in 1st Aid Room at 12:45 (during lunch), all riders over 12 welcome to attend, the riders have some great ideas and are looking forward to organising some events and fundraisers. Also a huge thankyou to Sam McLean for helping the junior committee out. All riders please make an effort to unsaddle and get to meeting, to ensure they start on time.

PCAV WARNING: PCAV have issued a warning in their latest newsletter to riders to watch their horses, as there has been an outbreak of strangles around the VIC/ NSW border. Keep and eye on your horses for signs of strangles (swelling around glands of the head, around the throat and jaw and cold like symptoms such as fever and thick nasal discharge). Strangles is highly contagious so be careful introducing new horses to your place and contact between unknown horses.

Also a warning to monitor you horses for signs of String Halt, if your horse is walking with high action in hind legs or staggering contact your vet, but note String Halt is not contagious but likely due to horses eating weeds.

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.

BM RACECOURSE TREE PLANTING: The BM racecourse committee of management is looking for volunteers to help plant tree's around the reserve (mostly on the hill), there are 8,000 to plant, volunteer's welcome Mon – Fri 10 am – 3pm for the next month, please see Anne Wilson if your interested, all help would be appreciated.

SPORTING HORSE AUSTRALIA: Are setting up their home grounds at the BM Racecourse, they are currently preparing a games field near the entrance to the reserve and will be holding around 6 events per year. It will be a great opportunity for our games riders to join in and better their skills, we'll keep you posted as to coming events and how to join them. They have also offered to run a ring at our August Show, so any games riders can have a go or come to watch and see what it's all about.

SJ SQUAD: Any riders in SJ Grade A, B or C interested in participating in training days run by the Barwon Zone please see Peter Bailey, dates and venue's yet to be finalised, cost around \$90 for the day.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Christine O'Hanlon who competed in Grade 1 & 2 on her horses at the State Horse Trials last month, well done Christine.

Also to Lockie and Carrisa Bailey and Anthony McLaren who were chosen and competed in the Grade 3 & 4 Zones Teams Challenge representing Barwon Zone at Werribee last month, well done.

ANTHEA LESSONS: Dates for the rest of the year are July 30th, August 11th, September 22nd, October 6th, and November 3rd, 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 one-hour dressage and a one-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.

COMING EVENTS:

10th June – Little River BEDS
23rd June (Saturday) – Leighdale BEDS
24th June – Toolern Vale ODE
24th June – Barwon Valley ODE
8th July – Little River ODE
9th – 13th July – BMPC Working Bee with Ewan
14th July – BMPC Working Bee to set up for ODE
15th July – BMPC ODE Grade 2-5
22nd July – Drysdale/ Leopold BEDS
11th August – BMPC Working Bee to set up for Show
12th August – BMPC Pre Royal Show
29th / 30th September – Werribee PC 2DE (must be entered and paid for today)

BMPC SPONSORSHIP: A huge thankyou to all the local business's that have sponsored the BMPC in the past year, your help and support has been greatly appreciated.

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