

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club

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NO PONY CLUB RALLY THIS WEEKEND, THE 2ND OF SEPTEMBER!

Equine flu: There was an emergency meeting held this week, together with HRC AV, EFA and PCAV it was decided and confirmed that there will be no HRC AV, EFA or PCAV organised events this weekend. This means no PC rally held this weekend. However, events are expected to resume as normal next weekend unless an equine flu outbreak occurs. For more information regarding the Equine flu, there is more information available on the PCAV website for recent updates.

BMPC Show: Thank you to all the families that helped out at the show and to Tracy for her great organization. The day was a huge success, and raised a profit of more than \$4000, which will be put back into the club and our facilities. Well done to those that competed and supported our club.

BMPC rider reminders:

As said before, riders **must** have their cards when attending an ODE. This is the rider's own responsibility to ensure their card is up to date with your current gradings, and the mount you are riding must have the name it is entered as matching the name of the mount in your card. This may mean your card has both your horse's names: its eventing name and paddock name.

At competitions **no card means no ride**, cards are the riders own responsibility and if they forget to take them they will not be permitted to ride. Verbal verification of rider's qualification on a horse will not be accepted at events (even by club officials).

Event entries:

This months event entries are to be sent by email to Vanessa and the payment is to be sent to the BMPC at: PO Box 701, Bacchus Marsh, 3340.

Junior Committee:

Unfortunately, due to this rally been cancelled and no time to organised the details, the Junior Committee's Activity Day is postponed and will be held at the December rally. The junior committee would also like to thank everyone for their wonderful help and support in regards to the chocolate drive. This is just one of the clubs fundraises but it always raises plenty of money towards new facilities.

Membership Fees 2008:

There has been a change with next year's membership fees, with the fees now due in May. Riders who fail to pay on time may not get a position and may not automatically be able to join back up. This is a heads up so everyone knows what will be happening next year and it is not a surprise when the time comes around for membership fees.

Flat/musical ride:

If there is anyone interested in forming a flat and/or musical ride team, please see Peter and express your interest. And start thinking of ideas and planning your ride for April next year.

C certificate riders:

If anyone is interested in completing their C certificate next year in March can inform Peter (via email) or next rally with a payment of \$40 per rider, riders will be issued with a 'C' workbook. Riders interested have to be 12 years of age and if thinking of competing at a state level must have achieved at least a C certificate to participate.

Next year's events:

Next year, will be a very busy year for BMPC. But this also means there will be many fundraising opportunities for our club.

BMPC will have its usual, 2 Ode's (one in march and the other in July) and the Pre-Royal Show we are also most likely to hold a BEDS dressage day, the Barwon Zone Games and Flat eliminations and the Showjumping and Dressage eliminations. Hopefully, BMPC riders will take these opportunities to get involved and show your support whether competing or helping out.

Founder:

Reminder to all riders to watch their horses for founder especially those fat little ponies over the next few months, with the fresh spring grass.

Barwon Zone Instructors Clinic:

Senior riders, parents or instructors interested in going, it is on the 8th of September at Colac Pony Club grounds. Please contact Peter by Sunday evening (the 2nd September)

Coming events:

- 9th September, Truganina Pre-Royal Show
- 16th September, Australian Sport Horse Games Day @ BMPC grounds (\$2 per event, enter on the day before 8.45am. PC and open events)
- 16th September, Ballarat Novelty Day
- 16th Mt Duneed ODE Gr 1-5
- 23rd September, Drysdale Leopold ODE Gr 2-5
- 23rd September, Truganina Open Novelty Day
- 29th-30th Werribee 2-Day-Event Gr1-5
- 6th October, Mt Duneed BEDS
- 7th October, Oaklands ODE Gr 1-5
- 13th October, Smythesdale PC Fairgo Fun Day Gymkhana (no plaiting or jackets)
- 14th October, Williamstown PC Gymkhana
- 14th October, Ballarat ODE Gr 2-5
- 28th October, Ballarat BEDS- Final