

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club

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BMPC ODE: A huge thankyou to all the families who helped in the weeks leading up to and over the weekend of the BMPC ODE last month. We couldn't run such successful days without the ongoing help and support from the members, thankyou. We have again received lots of praise for our new cross country course and the efficient running of the day to have 200 entries and everyone heading home in the daylight.

Well Done: To all BMPC riders that competed at the ODE, from those who do it every weekend to the younger riders having their first go, well done.

BMPC SHOW: Next weekend, Sunday 12th August will be the second BMPC Pre Royal Show. All members are encouraged to ride in either the show rings, SJ or games events, please come along and have a go. Also families are reminded they will be expected to help out for a period throughout the day, please see jobs list or Tracy Paterson to clarify your job for the day. With lots of help we hope to make it an even bigger day than last year. Good luck to all those riding.

BMPC Rider Reminders:

- All BMPC riders are reminded that their attendance cards are their own responsibility, you are responsible for ensuring it is signed off each rally and graded correctly for competitions. New cards were issued last rally, please ensure you have your new card and all details are correct.
- Ensure if your horse is known as two different names that both are on you card, for example if they have a show and a different 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 riders qualification on a horse will not be excepted at events (even by club officials).
- If your card gets lost you must contact Peter to make sure you can be issued with a new one, ASAP.
- If you wish to be assessed and graded for the first time, or regraded for Dressage, ODE, SJ, or CTD please see Peter. (We will be putting a new grading panel in place to assess riders, consisting of a few instructors, but to be assessed please continue to see Peter.)
- Riders are reminded that if they want to go out and compete in pure SJ competitions please keep in mind the heights between grades are very different to eventing heights:
 - PE is 53 – 75cm
 - PD is 70 –90cm

- PC is 83 – 105cm
- PB is 100 – 123 cm
- PA is 115 cm up

Also a reminder:

The Aims of PCAV are simple but often forgotten by riders, they are

- to ensure safety around horses
- to ensure comfort of the pony
- to promote enjoyment while riding &
- to aim for progress of the rider.

Just a little reminder to all BMPC riders to keep this in mind while you're out riding at home, at rally days or while out competing.

Riders are also reminded that while riding and wearing their PC uniform they are representing Bacchus Marsh Pony Club and also PCAV.

With this in mind we ask riders to please watch their language and behaviour, and have respect for judges, officials and helpers both at our PC and any other PC you may be competing at.

Also riders need to be aware that officials will be cracking down on the rules at events, riders may be eliminated on the spot for:

- bad language or abuse of judges, officials and helpers at competitions
- dangerous riding (at any stage of a competition, but mostly on the cross country course, please ensure your own, your horses and every other competitors or spectators safety)
- riding a lame horse – deemed as animal cruelty– our horses look after us so please look after them in return. If you think your horse is sore please check, don't just keep riding
- cruelty to horses – pulling horses around, jabbing in the mouth, whipping excessively, and yelling will not be tolerated.

Event Placings: Please let Peter know of your placing's if your out and about competing, you can email him or leave a little note in with your card.

Event Entries: Please see Vanessa at lunchtime to put in event entries or try out our new mailbox process. Riders can collect an envelope and write event name, riders name, horse and grading, put in money and leave in mail box, no later than 1330hrs. These will be collected and entries put in, and at the end of the rally, riders need to collect receipts for entries back out of mailbox. The receipt will be confirmation of the entries you have put in. Also please ensure Vanessa has your email address to send times to you Thursday prior to events.

Our Condolences: To the Wilson Family on the sudden and very sad passing of Graeme during the month, our thoughts and love are with you at this difficult time.

ODE Photo's: please collect photo's off the board if you rode at the ODE, a riders name will be chosen out of the hat at lunch for a free photo voucher.

Buckskin Jodz: Thankyou to all riders who purchased jodhpurs at last rally, we received 3 vouchers back from the company to put toward fundraising. One of these will be used as a prize and a name drawn out of the hat at lunch.

Chocolate Money: A reminder to all riders that chocolate money \$48/ box or unsold chocolates are due back today; please see Kara to return money.

Junior Committee Fun Day: The Junior Committee want to organise a fun day for the October Rally, full details will be provided next rally, stay tuned.

PCAV State Polocrosse Championships: 7th October, PCAV will host it's first ever Polocrosse Championships, any riders wanting to compete as a BMPC team please see Peter and put your name down (need 6 riders per team).

Polocrosse Training: Ballarat Polocrosse club will be hosting a training weekend in an effort to encourage people into the sport, to learn the rules and skills required for a game of polocrosse. Any interested riders please also see Peter.

Show Sponsorship: A huge thankyou to all the local businesses that have supported the BMPC Pre Royal Show by sponsoring the different rings, please support them in return.

COMING EVENTS:

11th August- Rokewood Gymkhana
12th August- BMPC Pre Royal Show
19th August- Bullengarook Show Jumping Day
26th August- Barwon Heads BEDS
15th September- Corio BEDS
16th September- Ballarat PC Junior Novelty Day
22nd-23rd September- Ballarat Polocrosse Training
23rd September- Drysdale Leopold ODE
7th October- Oaklands ODE

