

Bacchus Marsh Pony Club Newsletter March 2007

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BMPC ODE: March 18th Only two weeks until our clubs first major event and fundraiser for 2007, already loads of work has been done around the club, in particular the cross country course. But there is still plenty to do. There will be working bee's between now and then, held on:
Mon & Tues both weeks from 10 – 2 (please see De Davey if interested in these times)
Sunday 11th March – clean up grounds and finish x-country course 9am – 12.
Saturday 17th March – to set up for ODE 9am – 12.

To working bee's please bring along shovel's, rake's, hammers, whipper snippers etc.

Also a reminder to all BMPC riders wanting to enter please put your name down today, and pay the events secretary. \$22 per entry. Any riders wanting to compete please make sure your card is graded correctly.

Also please see jobs list attached for your allocated job for the ODE. All families are expected to help out on the day, remember that many hands make light work, so the more people that help out, the more time we will all have to watch our children riding. If you are unable to do your allocated job please see De Davey.

BMPC AGM 2007: Will be held at the BMPC clubrooms on March 29th from 7:30 pm, all members' welcome and new members for the committee are encouraged. Nomination forms for the committee and positions are available this rally and must be in to the secretary or posted to the BMPC PO BOX 710 Bacchus Marsh by the 15th March. All welcome – come along, even if you don't want to commit to the committee, it's an opportunity to have an input into the running of the club.

Cross Country Course Closed: A reminder to all BMPC riders that the cross country course will remained closed until after the ODE, there are still works underway around the course, but also all courses must be closed 3 weeks prior to events to get the course accredited. Any riders found using the jumps will be eliminated from the ODE (new jumps included).

Water to BM Racecourse: A pipe line has been run from the road to the toilets at the BM racecourse, however we are asking BMPC members to continue bringing water to rallies for horses as access will still be limited.

Working Bee Hours: A reminder to all families that each family needs to complete 9 hours per year at working bee's, there are plenty of opportunities coming up in the next few weeks so please come along. When you attend please ensure your hours are signed off by a committee member in the logbook.

C Certificate: The riders getting ready for their C Certificates will sit their exam on Saturday 24th March at the BMPC Grounds. Exact time is still to be set by the examiners; riders please ensure Toni has your phone number or email address to let you know times prior to the day.

Junior Committee Coordinator: We are looking for a parent willing to take on the roll of BMPC Junior Committee Coordinator, they will need to be available from 1245- 1315 on rally days to oversee the junior committee meetings and help them organize activities. Please see Peter or Lotta if you are interested.

Also all riders 12 and over are encouraged to attend meetings in 1st aid room 1245 – 1315 each rally, to help raise money and organize some fun activities.

Events Secretary: The BMPC Committee is looking for any parents interested in taking on the roll of events secretary, this involves taking entries and money at rally days, sending entries off, receiving event times (usually via email), and either forwarding times via email to BMPC riders or receiving phone calls from BMPC riders (usually Thursday's prior to events). Events needing times sent include ODE's, Dressage, or Combined Training Days, and the job is usually made easier if you are attending frequent events as you know what events are on. If you would be interested please see Peter or Tracy.

Anthea Lessons: A reminder to all riders wanting to attend lessons with Anthea, money (\$30) for both lessons must be paid at rally days to secure your place, please see Katrina to put your name down. If you are unable to attend please notify Lotta so your place can be filled, your money will only be refunded if your position is filled. Lesson days remaining for 2007 are: March 24th, April 21st, May 5th, June 2nd, July 30th, August 11th, September 22nd, October 6th, and November 3rd.

Happy 21st Birthday Adele: A huge happy birthday to Adele Wilson who turns 21 this week, hope you have a great day Adele and an even better party.

Games & Flat Teams: Eliminations for Barwon Zone teams to qualify for state will be held at the Smythesdale PC Grounds on Sunday 29th April. Any riders interested in taking part in either the flat or games teams please put your name down with Peter at lunchtime. Practices for both teams will be held Sunday mornings 10am -12 on 11th & 25th March, 15th & 22nd April and March and April rallies after lunch. All riders are encouraged to attend, however please only put your name down if you will be able to attend practices.

State Horse Trials: A reminder to Grade 1 & 2 eventing riders that the State Horse Trials are fast approaching, they will be hosted by the North East Zone and held at the Albury Wodonga Equestrian Centre on May 5th & 6th. Riders in Grade 1 & 2 please remember to get your card signed at events to qualify and completed entry forms to Peter at the April rally to ensure they are completed and in by the closing date. See Peter for entry forms.

Zones Teams Challenge: Any Grade 3 & 4 eventing riders wishing to compete in the Zones Teams Challenge at Werribee Park on 12th & 13th May to represent Barwon Zone, please complete an expression of interest form and return to Peter by the end of the day. Rider selection will depend on how they perform at various Barwon Zone ODE's, Bacchus Marsh being one, also Barwon Valley ODE on 25th March. At least one rider will be chosen to represent BMPC, so any riders interested please fill in a form. See notice board for all the competition details and selection criteria.

Reminder to Riders:

- Please ensure you look after your horses over these hot dry months, ensure they have adequate suitable food, and remember if you are having trouble feeding your horse then work him less.
- Underweight horses will not be tolerated out competing, if you are unable to feed him adequate amounts you cannot expect them to work hard for you.
- Competitions are not training days, riders or horses not capable of completing a dressage test, SJ or X country course independently should not be out competing yet.
- Bad behavior or abuse toward horses, judges or helpers will not be tolerated, any riders involved may be eliminated and risk suspension from competition.

Event Entries: All riders please put entries in with Katrina at rally days, and provide her with an email address to send out times or call her Thursday prior to events. Riders please note that event entries should be put in at rally days to ensure all BMPC entries arrive to other clubs together; this makes it easier for clubs to organize their events.

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.

New Members: All families are reminded that if you know someone who wants to join please let them know to contact the Peter Bailey, 5367 5644 or Tracey Paterson, 5367 5539 prior to the committee meeting/rally.

Website of interest: For advice in animal care www.everythingpets.com.au

Inter Pacific Rally: Just a short note to try to raise a bit of interest with BMPC riders. PCAV riders have the chance to be selected to represent Australia in the Inter Pacific Rally riding against riders from Japan, USA, Canada and New Zealand. To be considered for selection and have the opportunity to ride over sea's riders need to obtain their B Certificate, and keep your eyes open in the PCAV Newsletter.

Congratulations: To all BMPC riders out competing:

- Emily Aitkenhead and Tabitha Whiting who competed in SJ and Hannah Marnie who competed in dressage at the State SJ and Dressage Competition through the month.
- Carissa Bailey, Lockie Bailey and Anthony Mc Laren who rode well at Glenlyon ODE last month, well done.

Coming Events:

18th March – Bacchus Marsh PC ODE

25th March – Barwon Valley Senior PC ODE

1st April – Lochard PC ODE

Mon 9th April – Mt Duneed Hicksted Day

15th April – Ballan PC ODE

15th April – Macedon PC Games Day

22nd April – Maryborough PC ODE & Combined Training Day

22nd April – Corio Moorabool PC ODE

29th April – Barwon Zone Games & Flat Teams Eliminations – at Smythesdale PC

5th & 6th May – State Horse Trials at Thurgoona (Grade 1 & 2 riders)

12th & 13th May – Zones Teams Challenge – Werribee Park (Grade 3 & 4 riders)

BMPC Sponsorship: A huge thank you to all the local businesses that have supported BMPC, please support them in return. See list of sponsors at end of newsletter. Also a huge thank you to Bacchus Marsh Paint Right who are joining our list of sponsors for '2007.' Thankyou.

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