



Ballan Pony Club Inc.

Fun on Saddles Newsletter

April 2015

Hello Everyone

I hope everyone enjoyed the March rally, I think it was a very productive day. It is exciting to hear that we now have a Musical Ride team to join our Games team at the Zone qualifiers that Ballan will be hosting at the Bacchus Marsh grounds on the 12th of April.

There are several things that I want cover in this month's DC Report.

1. I would like to let everyone know that Melissa Billing has taken on the role of Chief Instructor for our Club. Her new role includes working with myself in the following areas; grading of members, working with instructors to provide members with fun but educational classes and to design and implement rally plans. Therefore, Mel will be organising our April rally so please give her your support while she finds her feet in her new role.
2. I wish to let everyone know it has been decided our April rally will be held on **Easter Saturday 4th April**. We would have preferred to run this later in the month however this was unfeasible with all of the other activities on the PCAV calendar. I know some families are busy over the Easter break and I do apologise to those who cannot be at the April rally. However, for those who are able to make it, this should be a fun day and I have heard a whisper there may even be Easter eggs at the rally!
3. **As advised at the March rally, our AGM will be held at this rally with ALL Committee positions open for nominations. These positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and General Committee members. Unless all of these positions are filled the Club will not continue to run so please consider taking on one of these roles to ensure the future of BPC.**
4. **EVENTS** - I would like to talk to you all about events our Club runs and why we conduct events.

As a Club we were barely able to run our Horse Trials. Those families who were there on the day were literally run off their feet all day. Out of the 24 families at our Club only 14 families were represented. This meant that there were only about 18 parents plus their children (who were riding for a large part of the day) and Maxine from Adult Riders to try and make this day run successfully. When you are running Horse Trials with well over 100 competitors you need as many people as possible to volunteer their time. We were sorely lacking help in all areas on the day and I feel that our little Clubs' reputation suffered because of this. I understand that families have other commitments and other children however without the support of all our families we cannot run events.

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On a brighter note I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to those families that gave up their time to help. This includes all pre event tasks, setting up on the Saturday and being there on the event day. Members/families need to be aware we are running more events very soon in the future. Our next Event is hosting the Musical Ride and Games qualifiers. This is a Zone sponsored event and we are expected to take our turn to host it. We will be under the scrutiny of the Zone so I would like to see a large amount of support from our BPC families.

If we do not fund raise (run events) then we simply will not have the funds to run our Club. On average the club receives \$150 per member in membership fees. The other part of your fees goes to PCAV for insurance and administration costs. So, if we add up all members' fees we only have enough money to pay for 2 or 3 instructors per rally depending on the instructor's fee. This means the Club would have to have large classes with groups of 10 riders or more and see the end of the yard group. They would make up some of the groups of 10 riders or more per class. So, each member would be lucky to get three lessons per rally in over sized groups catering to all different rider levels.

Other things the Club would be no longer able to pay for would include any of the certificates that members are wishing to obtain. Once you get to C Certificate and above the Zone organises these and there are a lot of costs involved.

We also would not be able to pay for entries for Zone or State Level competitions that members are interested in going to. This would include the Musical Ride and Games competition coming up in April. This alone costs \$40 per rider to enter!

We can also forget about ongoing maintenance of our equipment and future expansion for our Club such as additional sand arenas and an improved cross country course.

Our end of year rally would also be in the firing line as the Club would not have the funds to make it the fun day that it is.

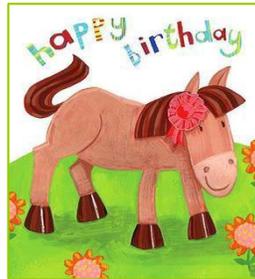
So, I hope you all have a bit more of an understanding as to why we must run events and in the future more assistance will be provided by the families that are Ballan Pony Club. Remember, without your help there is no Ballan Pony Club.

I hope to see you all at the Easter Rally

Katrina



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...



Hayley Josephs, Charlotte Sapsead & Brielle Snape

CANTEEN DUTY

BINKS FAMILY

CRNOJACKI FAMILY

HOWE FAMILY

Please remember it is **YOUR** responsibility to swap canteen duty
with another family if you are unable to attend this rally.

Rally Plan April 2015

| Andalusian | Clydesdale | Connemara | Arab | Shetlands (Yard) |
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| Caitlin Webb Bethany Howe Nicole Pama Charlotte Sapsead Bridget Curwen-King Bree cocks (absent) | Sophie Monaghan Meg Kennedy Charlotte Labas Sarah Crnojacki Rashid Arab Brielle Snape | Jessica Norman Samara McLeod Emily Mc Kinnon Kelsey Josephs Shae Storm | Tristan Curwen-King Maggie-Rose Sapsead Annabel Mather Emily Binks | Hayley Josephs Lizzie Maver George Maver Emily Norman Tom Norman Jessica Wilson Poppy Birkett Caleb Monaghan Rhiannon Logan Isabella Thompson |

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| 9.00am | All parents to assist in set up Hand in pony club cards and sign attendance form | | | | |
| 9am-10am | TRAINING ZONES RIDERS ONLY | | | | |
| | ZONE GAMES TEAMS-Mel | | ZONE MUSICAL RIDE TEAM- MONIQUE | | |
| 10am | Roll call and group placement Followed by gear check by instructors | | | | |
| | Andalusian | Clydesdale | Connemara | Arab | Shetlands (Yard) |
| 10.10-11.20 | Horsemanship (unmounted) Gerard 1 hour 10 min | Showjumping Caitlin 1 hour 10 min | Cross country Donna/Mel 1 hour 10 min | Flat Tammy 1 hour 10 min | 10am start Games Deb 50mins |
| 10.30-10.50 | Committee meeting | | | | Break 10.50-11.00 |
| 11.20-11.30 | Change over between classes | | | | |
| 11.30-12.30 | Showjumping Caitlin 1 hour | Horsemanship (unmounted) Gerard 1 hour | Flat Tammy 1 hour | Cross country Donna/Mel 1 hour | Cross country Trail ride Deb 50mins |
| 12.30 | Unsaddle for lunch | | | | |
| 12.30-1.10 | Lunch | | | | |
| 1.10-1.20 | Club meeting | | | | |
| 1.20-1.30 | Prepare for next session | | | | |
| 1.30-2.30 | Flat Tammy 1 hour | Cross country Donna/Mel 1 hour | Horsemanship (mounted) Deb 1 hour | Showjumping Caitlin 1 hour | Poles Gerard 1 hour |
| 2.30-2.40 | Change over between classes | | | | Break |
| 2.40-3.40 | Cross country Donna/Mel 1 hour | Flat Tammy 1 hour | Showjumping Caitlin 1 hour | Horsemanship (mounted) Deb 1 hour | Horsemanship (unmounted) Gerard 1 hour |
| 3.40-3.50 | Pack up all equipment and pick up cards | | | | |