



Pony Express

Bendigo Pony Club Inc.

P.O. Box 2557
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AGM Meeting

Our annual AGM was held on
Monday 27th April.

Your committee is:

DC: Sue Foley

President: Mary Donaldson

Vice President: John Faull

Treasurer: Kerry Long

Secretary: Deb Degenhardt

Canteen: Leonie Trahair

General committee:

Sue Harvey, Sharon Mika,
Leanne Nelson, Lauren
Knight, Penny Loader, Roz
Fyffe, Lisa Maud.

April

4-5th "C"
Certificate riding
examination
8th-9th - Maldon
PC 2 Day clinic
17th - Working Bee
@ Bendigo
=Showground's -
2pm start
18th-19th - Bendigo
PC Interschool
Equestrian Team
Challenge
26th - Allan
Mitchell clinic @
Bendigo PC
26th -
Maryborough PC
- Horse Trials
Grade 1-5

May

2nd-3rd -
State Horse
Trials Grade 1 &
2
@ Goornong
**31st - Bendigo
PC Rally**

Happy birthday to you

Holly Fitzpatrick - 18th
April

Shaleah Bray - 22nd May

Ashleigh Glascott - 31st
May

Penny Loader - 18th May

Tara McKenzie - 24th May

Arlene Collins - 30th May

Caïtlin Forbes - 28th May

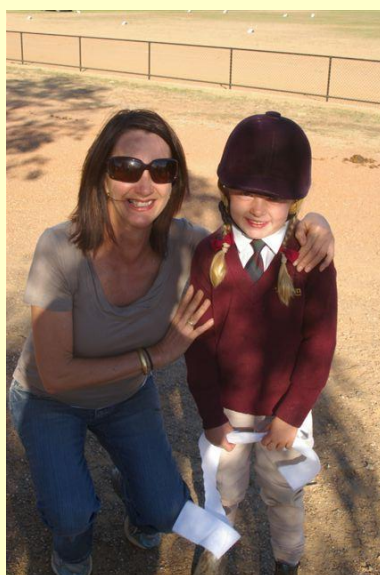




D.C.'s April & AGM Report 2009



Montana & Angelica strutting their stuff at the Interschool's



Hi Everyone,

We knew it was going to happen but, WOW, what a huge month April was for Bendigo Pony Club. It started with our April rally the Donaldson day Interclub gymkhana. This is my favorite rally of the year as all our riders turn out looking their best and get to put into practice the skills they learn at pony club. Congratulations to the D Day Highpoint winners, Georgia Welch, Maddison Maud, Emma Lea and Morgan Rose Maud. It was a very big weekend for Maddison and Emma as along with Penny Loader, Tori Faull, Ashleigh Howard, Samantha McIntyre and Hannah Trahair, the girls gained their C certificate. Well done to you all.

Then came the Interschool's and what a weekend that was! I can't express enough my gratitude to all the wonderful Bendigo Pony club families who went above and beyond the call of duty to make the Interschool competition the success it turned out to be.

We received so much positive feedback and seeing all those kids on ponies and horses having such a great time made it all worthwhile.

As a club we should all be so proud of ourselves and the culture our club has developed where most of our members get in and help out until the job is done, thereby fulfilling their obligation to the Interschool's

as per our by laws. This attitude is also a great example to the riders in our club who are fully aware of how much effort goes into organizing the events they compete at.

There are also those special people who put in countless hours to make the Interschool's happen and without them the club would not be in the financial position we are in. Special thanks must go to Kerrie Long first and foremost, who handles all the entries and then aided by Lisa Welch has the daunting job of scoring the competition over the weekend. Thank you both!

I have had quite a few emails telling me that people are looking forward to the 2010 Interschool's and we have plans to make it better than ever! Negotiations are continuing with the city of Greater Bendigo to secure new grounds at Strathfieldsaye. It all looks very positive at this stage so everyone, keep your fingers crossed!

New grounds will mean that Bendigo Pony Club will continue to improve and flourish, all for the benefit of our kids who are the reason we do it all for in the first place.

Happy horsing,

Sue



Annual Pony Club Fees



Our annual fees are due and will need to be paid at the next rally on May 31st.

If you won't be attending the rally you can post them to me at 12 Taylor St. California Gully 3556.

I will need to receive them by the 5th of June so I can post back the strength return on that day. If we are late we pay a penalty and we

would all like to avoid that wouldn't we?

The fees are the same as last year: **\$160 for the oldest rider in each family and \$150 for siblings.**

Please fill in the attached re-application for membership form and return with your fees.

Thanks

Deb Degenhardt



The committee, and I'm sure everyone else in BPC, would like to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful canteen workers Lauren and Roz who have both hung up their aprons. (Luckily they are still on the committee.) Roz and Lauren have been in the canteen ever since I joined pony club and I have seen them produce great food under all sorts of trying conditions at EVERY RALLY AND EVENT! The canteen makes a mighty contribution to our fund rising. With

everyone supporting the canteen we have been able to purchase a new show jump for our great club. So please don't forget to say thank you if you see them around. Leonie Trahair has agreed to take on the role as canteen manager and we will be asking adult supporters to work in the canteen with her. You will be contacted and advised of your duties, Leonie will devise the menus and do the shopping and we will all get a turn in the kitchen. Fantastic! See you all on the 31st.
Deb





Werribee 3 Day Event

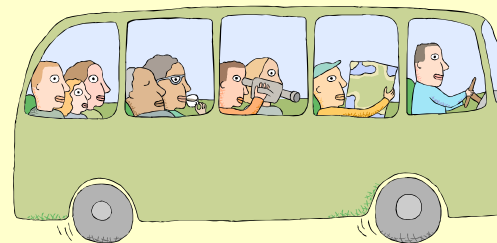


The June long weekend is the date for the Melbourne 3 day at the Werribee National Equestrian Centre and Deb Browell will be riding in the 1* section. It would be wonderful to have as many Bendigo Pony Club riders at the event on Sunday June 7th to support her when she rides the cross country section. If you would like me to organize a bus to transport us all there please let me know by

return email how many seats you require. If you haven't yet been to the Melbourne 3 day for the cross country you don't know what you are missing!

My email is:

skfoley40@hotmail.com



Change to PC Rally Date



It was voted on at the AGM to move our next rally to the 31st of May, which will be a week early than normal. It was changed because the Werribee 3 Day Event is on, which would give as many members the opportunity to go and

have a look at this wonderful event and to also see Deb Browell compete. This will be the first time she has been back to Werribee since the birth of Ned and since she broke her leg there.



Werribee Interzone Horse Trials

Good luck to Tegan Tresize & Rocky and Morgan Marshall & Dennis who will be representing our club and the Midland Zone in the Interzone horse Trials at Werribee in Grade 3 this weekend. Hope you both have a successful weekend.



To The Stable



Getting ready for winter

Winter is just around the corner and is expected to be colder and wetter than usual with more rain in southern states (we can only hope!) Early planning and preparation will mean your horse copes better with the challenging weather conditions.

- Use a broad spectrum wormer in mid April to rid your horse of bots and tape worm which sap energy and nutrients over winter
- Good quality roughage digests by fermenting in the hindgut to help maintain warmth and core temperature during cold overnight conditions. Arrange a supply of hay before winter so you don't run low. Store it in a dry well ventilated area off the floor on a pallet
- Have the horse dentist check your horse's teeth to help make chewing hay and harvesting short winter pasture more efficient so that optimum nutrition is obtained from feed.
- Purchase new rugs if needed or repair winter rugs, remember to re waterproof repaired & old rugs. At least 2 rugs are needed in case one gets waterlogged or ripped.
- Plan regular hoof care. Horses should be trimmed/shod every 5 to 6 weeks. It is a good idea to apply a hoof seal weekly to help maintain natural water content in hooves without water logging the hooves which makes them too soft and unable to carry horse's weight during wet weather.
- Ensure your horse has access to a balanced diet- add supplements of zinc, copper and vitamin A to help maintain hoof health and skin condition. A daily supplement of Omega3/ Omega6 oil will provide for optimum coat condition during prolonged cold, wet weather. Your feed merchant will be able to advise you on this.
- Check & repair fences and check drainage of yards and paddocks.



Photos



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