

PONY EXPRESS

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November Newsletter 2008

Up Coming Events

November

- 2nd - Allan Mitchell Clinic @ Bendigo PC
- 3rd - Bendigo PC combined rally at Mandurang PC
- 9th - Maryborough PC SJ & Dressage Day
- 16th - Bealiba PC Junior Committee SJ & Dressage with a difference
- 30th - Mandurang South Gymkhana



December

- 5th - Maryborough PC - Schools CTD Gr 2-5
- 7th - Bendigo PC Christmas Rally



Happy Birthday to
You

Elke Holmberg - 4th

Hannah Trahair - 7th

Charley Woodhead - 11th

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Congratulations to Britt & Bart on
winning this years Kristy Grinten award
at the Bendigo Agriculture Show.



24.10.2008

Rob Bogumil presenting Morgan Marshall after winning the annual Alison Bogumil Perpetual Trophy. Congratulations to Morgan and Dennis.



guest that arrives after lunch with presents and to wish all the children a Merry Christmas.

Bendigo Western Performance & Horsemanship Club

The recently established BWP & HC is a family orientated club offering a variety of training for everyone from children to grandparents.

The committee consists of people with a lifetime of experience from all styles of Western riding to Pony Club to Grand Prix Dressage. The main focus of the club is fun, safety and learning, without the pressure to perform or compete.

The club's headquarters are at: Peppercorn Park" Longlea Lane, Longlea. The rally days will be held at the centre on the second week end of every month.

If you are interest in becoming part of a friendly, welcoming club, to learn and have fun with your horse, then please don't hesitate to contact the following:-


President: Christine Downing AH 54322448

Secretary: Barb Hamilton 5449 3848

Our end of year rally is fast approaching and it's time to organize our delicious lunch once again. We need every family to bring either a salad or dessert to share on the day. We also need an indication as to how many family members will be coming so that PC can order the meat platters. Sue will email every family to ask for numbers and which dish they will be bringing. Also remember that every year we have a special



CHECK THIS OUT

- Why does the last piece of ice always stick to the bottom of the glass?
- Why do they call the small bars the "fun size"? Wouldn't it be more fun to eat a big one!!
- What do vegetarians feed their dogs?
- If you were born exactly on 12.00 midnight on December 31st-January 1st, which year would you say you were born?
- Why are women and men's shoe sizes different?
- Why does breaking a mirror mean seven years bad luck when seven is a lucky number??
- Why do the numbers on the phone go one way, but the numbers on the calculator go the other way?
- Why do we tie shoes to the back of a car for newly weds?
- What does the T in T-shirt really mean? 
- Why when we get in the front seat of the car we call it "shotgun the front seat"?



Pony Club Efficiency Certificates

Progress in Pony Club is recognised by gaining certificates on ability and sportsmanship.



There are eight certificates a rider can achieve D, D*, C, C*, K, B, H and A are all general proficiency certificates. They are gained in order starting from D through to A

D certificate is awarded for keenness and encouragement. The rider must have reached the age of 7 years before examination. The rider should have attended at least three rally days and have learned about elementary grooming, feeding and general care of a horse as well as basic riding. There is not written paper for this certificate.

D Gold Star certificate is not a compulsory certificate, but the rider wishing to attain this certificate must

have reached the age of 9 years and have further knowledge in grooming, feeding, and care of the horse. Riders must have control of their ponies and show a more secure and correct position for flat work and jumping. This certificate is an extra activity for any Club wishing to include it in their curriculum and fill in the years from 9 to 12. The D Gold Star is not a prerequisite for any subsequent certificate. There is no written paper required.

C Certificate is awarded for an independent seat with correct aids and a degree of competence in other aspects of riding, general knowledge and care of the horse. The rider wishing to attain this certificate must have reached the age of 12 years. Riders are encouraged to ride in snaffle bits wherever possible. If another bit is used, the rider should know the name and understand its action. The rider should be able to maintain consistent contact through the reins. There is a written paper, presentation, riding, jumping, horsemastership and general knowledge

C Star Certificate is an alternative to the K certificate that bridges the gap between C and B certificates. The rider should be able to demonstrate active riding skills at a fast pace, with a correct and stronger seat and be well established in the forward jumping position. The rider wishing to attain this certificate must have reached the age of 14 years. There is a written paper,

presentation, riding on the flat, jumping, lunging, horsemastership and general knowledge.

K Certificate is an alternative certificate to the C Star, between C & B. It is designed for the active rider and covers many equestrian aspects not included in other certificates. The K comprises a compulsory section and a wide variety of optional subjects. The rider wishing to attain this certificate must have reached the age of 14 years. Pre-requisites are D and C certificate. A “K Coordinator” will be appointed by the Club or Zone and act as advisor to the rider in helping them cover the work, and arrange lectures and demonstrations by experts in the various subjects.

Please visit the Pony Club Victoria web site to view the specific details regarding all the Certificates listed.



Hello All,

I attended the Zone meeting in Maryborough last week and came away feeling a bit daunted by our club and our section's commitment for the first half of next year! Our section (section C) is

hosting the Zone Horse Trials at Maldon on March 29th; April 18th & 19th is the weekend of our major fund raiser, the Bendigo Pony Club Inter-schools; May 2nd & 3rd our Zone hosts the State Horse Trials at Vanessa Hawkins property at Barnadown. PHEW!!! We are going to be busy.

The Zone meeting concentrated on the organization of the horse trials and it is all coming together. All clubs in our Zone are to hold an unmounted rally at the event on Sunday May 3rd. Riders not competing who are old enough to help, will be delegated jobs; younger riders are encouraged to come along and support their club. This will be a fantastic weekend and a great opportunity to see Grade 1 & 2 riders from all over the State competing. The cross country course has been designed by Ewan Kellet who also designed the course at Werribee Park. National Equestrian Centre. Midland Zone hosts this event only once a decade so it is quite a spectacular weekend.

A copy of our clubs 2009 calendar is in this month's newsletter. Please mark all the above important dates in your diaries.

Bendigo show was held last weekend and I was bursting with pride on Friday to see THREE Bendigo Pony Club riders competing for Champion Senior Pony Club rider (this meant each senior pony club rider class was won by a Bendigo Pony Club member!) Morgan Marshall, Ashleigh

Glascott and Britt Holmberg all rode beautifully. The judge awarded Britt champion and Ashleigh, Reserve Champion. Britt went on to win the Kristy Grinton award, "Supreme Champion Pony Club Rider". Morgan did a fantastic job winning the Alison Bogumil Memorial Trophy for the most successful rider in the Pony Club event. All riders who competed in events at the show please remember to forward your results to the committee for the end of year awards.

Bronte & Remy Monaghan, Maddison Poyner, Penny Loader, Ella Knight, Ashlea Howard, Morgan & Montana Maud, Emma Lea, Samuel Nielsen, Jacinta Morrissey, Georgia Welch and Melissa Harvey all represented our club and did a fantastic job. These are faces I see out and about regularly in the Bendigo Pony Club Green and Gold and it proves that persistence is everything with horses and riding. Your club is very proud of you all.

Til next month, Happy Horsing

Sue



Bendigo Pony Club Calendar 2009

January 31st	Allan Mitchell Clinic BPC grounds
February 1st	Rally
February 21st	Allan Mitchell Clinic BPC Grounds
February 22nd	Horse trials Clinic with Allan Mitchell Venue TBA
March 1st	Rally
April 5th	Donaldson Day Rally BPC Grounds
April 13th & 14th	Allan Mitchell Clinics Venue TBA
April 17th	Working Bee Bendigo Show grounds 2pm start
April 18th & 19th	BPC Interschools Equestrian Team Challenge
	Bendigo Show grounds
April 26th	Allan Mitchell Clinic at BPC grounds
May 2nd & 3rd	State Horse Trials Gr1 & Gr 2 hosted by Midland Zone
May 3rd	Rally at State Horse Trials Venue
June 6th	Allan Mitchell Clinic BPC grounds
June 7th	Rally
July 5th	Rally
July 6th	Allan Mitchell Clinic BPC grounds
July 11th	Working Bee Bendigo Show grounds 2pm start
July 12th	BPC Show jumping and Dressage Championship
	Bendigo Show grounds
August 2nd	Rally
September 6th	Rally
September 13th	BPC dressage & Show jumping Spring Series
September 19th	Allan Mitchell Clinic BPC grounds
October 4th	Rally
November 1st	Rally Nav ride Malone Park Combined rally with Mandurang South Pony club
December 6th	Christmas Break up Rally