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# Bealiba Brumby



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## WE'RE STILL GETTING BIGGER

The Bealiba Pony Club Gymkhana is attracting more competitors each year. This year we had about 1/3 more floats coming through the gate, which translates to over double the final profit for the club at the end of the day. The club made over \$1000 just in the ticket and raffle ticket sales. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success and all the good sports who entered in the events.

### **Congratulations To Lauren & Kylie As winners of the Phyllis Smith Trophy for 2003**

Lauren was the winner of the Rider, over 13 years and Kylie as the Under 13 year age group. Well done to those two riders. We hope to see you representing our club a lot this year!!!

## 4th April Clinic

Last week the Pony Club held its 4th Clinic in the School Easter Holidays. The clinic held in April 2000 was the first 2 day, multidisciplinary clinic ever held by the club and any of the other clubs around. Many of the riders at that first clinic were riding again this year. Its no wonder - who would want to miss a minute of the magical moments of our clinics (mainly created by our own White Witch, Faye).

This year was no exception (in fact they always seem to be better than the ones before ...). The riders who thought they were clever to go over cross poles a few years ago have had spells cast on that give them the powers to propel over metre heights, fly over tree trunks and piaff over toadstools. It's a great credit to the riders and horses who are willing to have magic spells cast on them but it cant be done without the witches (Rosemary and Debbie) and Warlocks (Alan) to make it all work. Please riders - don't let them down. Our Instructors have spent a lot of their magic ingredients on you and its now up to you to PRACTICE after you've listened to what they've told you and shown you how to go about improving your horsemanship.



Once again a special thank you to the Lady in charge of the cauldron. Those lizard gizzards and toad hair burgers were what kept us all going. Thank you, Veronica for plenty of good food this clinic.

Most of all we'd ALL like to wish Wonderful Witch of the West, Faye, a very big thank you for putting together such a great two days. The work that she has to do to place us all in the right group for us and our horse, not to forget the ringing around to make sure everyone and everything is on track, is just amazing. Please don't let her down - let Faye know if there is anything you are unhappy about and don't take a place at the clinic unless you are sure you will be coming - cancellations, especially late ones are a major headache that she really doesn't need.

**R** Charlton HT: No places but the competitors were Amy, Tess, Frank, Lotty, Lauren. Chloe, Kellie, Sam, Melissa and Faye

Bacchus Marsh HT: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 1 Serena, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 4 Sam Other riders were Kellie & Frank who both rode good rounds

Castlemaine HT: 1<sup>st</sup> Serena in Grade 1 (I hope I continue to write this score a lot..), Amy Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grade 5, Chloe 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grade 3, Bealiba A Team 3<sup>rd</sup> in Horse Trials team

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## The Aged Debut @ Charlton

The Horse Trials at Charlton this year was a first for many of our

riders who competed in higher grades at that course than they ever had before, on different horses or simply riding their first horse trials ever. Two of the first time riders were Faye and Melissa who rode in the Open section. Unfortunately neither made it to a place with Faye being eliminated on the water jump in the cross country section & Melissa coming 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Watch out for the two who now join Lincoln and Margaret in the Brumbies "Open Force" .....to be continued

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Time Not So Lucky

Last weekend our club attempted to retain the Midland Zone Horse Trials Team Shield for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row but we were not the winning team this year. One of our teams came 3<sup>rd</sup> and the second team did not place. The day began well with all our riders doing well at the dressage - Serena 1<sup>st</sup> in Grade 1, Chloe 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grade 3 and Amy 3<sup>rd</sup> in Grade 5. The cross country section began well with most riders getting a clear but, as the rain began to pour down things started to go wrong for our riders - one lost their way in the cross country course and several found the show jumping course difficult. It was great to feel the rain but tricky for the Grade 4 riders who had to deal with the very slippery course. It was even harder for us all to hover beneath the small shelter for ages while the rain bucketed down before we got our disappointing results. At the end of the count Charlton won the shield and Maryborough was in second place.

Some More Good Holiday Reads  
"How To Be a Show Judge" by C.A. Flaw  
"A Guide to Old Saddlery" Ann Teak

## Kellie and Chloe in Midland Team For Werribee in May

The Horse Trials at Castlemaine were used as the main selection day for the Team to go to Werribee on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> for the Interpacific Rally. Each Zone will be sending three teams of four riders from Grade 3 to represent them in a Horse Trials competition. This year Victoria will host riders from many of the Commonwealth countries who will also compete in Horse Trials competition at Grade 1 and 2 level. PCAV are looking for horses that these riders could use for the event.

The members of the Midland Zone are required to wear their Pony Club uniform and the Midland Zone saddle blanket. This presents a problem to many riders - such as Lauren who refused to wear it at the Coldstream competition in February. Little wonder she wouldn't use it - the orange-brown blanket looks awful with our bright red jumpers. The other colour of the Midland Zone is black. Surely that would go better with most of the Pony Club uniforms. Luckily this isn't a problem for Kellie - all of the blankets were issued before they got to her and she's, sadly, missed out and will be free to choose her own saddle blanket!

## One Day Clinic - This Wednesday

For those of us who can't get enough of Alan and Debbie - guess what? They can't get enough of us either! Rosemary would love to be back too but doesn't want to see us until we've finished our homework. Alan and Debbie will be back for the day on Wednesday. This date has come as a bit of a surprise but last week's two day's instruction was a positive that it's too good an opportunity to miss. We hope to see you then.



### Coming Events

April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Show Jumping & X-Country Instruction	Bealiba	
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Zone Flat & Games Qualifier	Horsham	
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	State Horse Trials		
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dressage, Show Jumping, CTD CTD	Spring Gully PC Horsham PC	
May 17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pony Club Camp	Melville Caves area	See Faye
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Horse Trials	Maldon PC	Gd 2 ► Open
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Inter Pacific Rally – Grade 3 Horse Trials	Werribee	
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Horse Trials	Maryborough	Pre Gd ► Open
June 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	International 3DE	Werribee	
June 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	State Games & Flat Team Champs	Geelong	
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pony Club Rally	Bealiba	

### Bealiba Going for the Quarella

Next week the Brumbies will make their 3<sup>rd</sup> try for a place at the State Games & Flat Team Championships that will be held in Geelong in June. It just goes to show that its not just the little blue "State Level Competitor" badge that's



the lure, after all it will be Chloe and Kirsty's (?) third event if their teams are successful. This year we are entering four teams – two Games Teams, a Flat Team and a Musical Ride Team.

The Flat and Musical Ride teams will both be made up of the same 4 members. Should any of the teams be victorious it will be another haul to Geelong this year and hopefully to the caravans which were a great hit last time. Many thanks must go to the parents of the riders who are prepared to cart their kids, ponies and junk all the way to Horsham for the Trials and, maybe, all the way to Geelong if they make it. Best of luck to all four teams.

~~~~~ Happy Birthday to ~~~~~

Amy, 14 on April 8<sup>th</sup>

Ross, 9 on April 30<sup>th</sup>

### Melbourne International 3 Day Event

Unfortunately this event is held on the same weekend as the State Championships. If you would like to watch any of the three days I have a brochure from Horseland offering good seats, undercover for Showjumping, Masterclass and Dressage as well as entry to see the x-country. If you are interested please see Melissa

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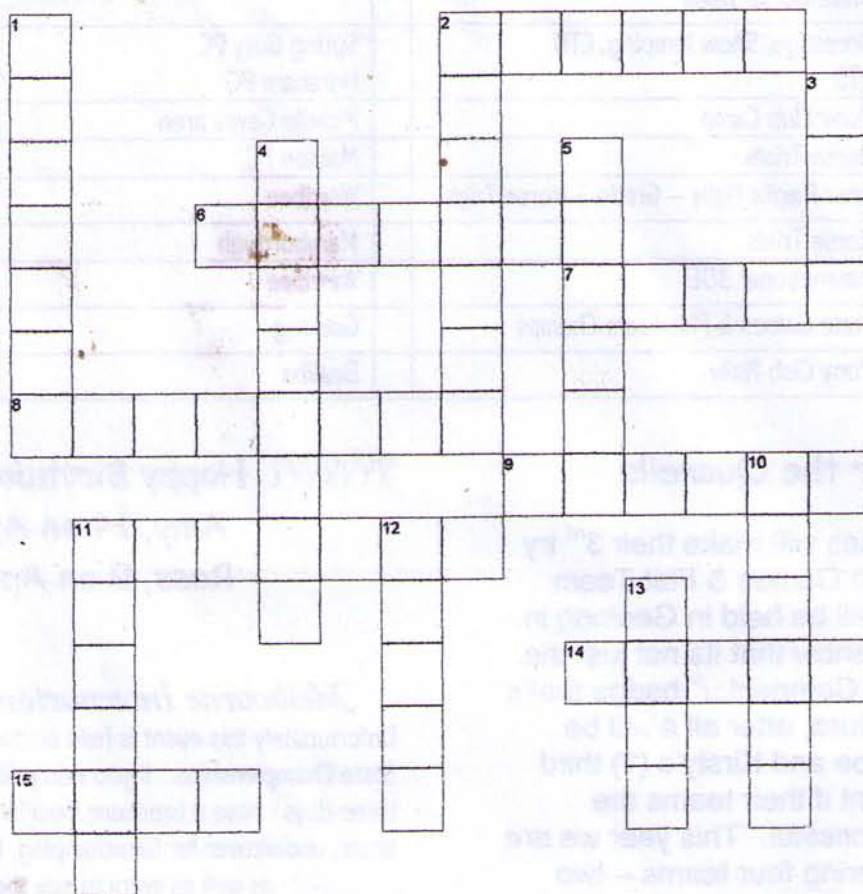
### otty's Snippet For itchy tails

Mix equal parts of Cisterne and Baby Oil. Spray the mixture into the top of the tail and then comb through. It seems to help get rid of scurf too.





# Brumbies X-WORD



## ACROSS

2. Close to the Finish
6. Aladin's monkey
7. Rock 'n Roll
8. Comes out in spots
9. Cradles her Baby
11. Lift-a-load
14. A Frightful Filly????
15. Natty little rider

## DOWN

1. A Fine Filly
2. Itchy-Scratchy Secretary
3. Frantic-Phone-a-lot
4. a whizz in the kitchen
5. A Jangle of Copper Coins
10. Leaps tall Towers
11. Turned out Timor
12. Lanky Lass
13. Slip into my Sarong