



# Bealiba Brumby



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## State Qualifier @ Grassy-Green St Arnaud

Last weekends Midland Zone Qualifying event saw Serena qualifying for PA level, with some immaculate rounds of jumping. Frank will be riding at Avoca in February in PC and Lauren in Grade 2 Dressage following her 3<sup>rd</sup> placing on Sunday. Kellie is the emergency rider for Grade 2 Dressage. The rest of the Brumbies did quite well too. Toni came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Grade 5 dressage, 5<sup>th</sup> in Gr 5 jumping, Abby & Mitch equal 6<sup>th</sup> in Gr 2 dressage. Mitch, Kylie also placed well in their jumping rounds while Tess & Katrina placed in their dressage.

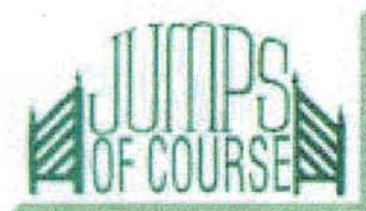
The other two Bealiba riders, Lotty and Sam did not go so well: they were both keen enough to jump but their horses had other ideas for the day.



## Junior Committee - its 3<sup>rd</sup> Event

This year's JC Day went well, despite the hot weather and the fact that many of the Judges had let us down by not turning up on the day. Sam was the only Bealiba rider to win overall at her level but everyone who turned out had a successful day (except for Chloe).

We have learnt a few more hints for our next events - book the most reliable judges you can and book them early, the members of the Junior Committee aren't just out there to ride - they need to all lend a hand at picking up poles, pencilling, canteen and other jobs and, finally, Bealiba really needs another set of jump wings. The day required a second set of wings and it wasn't easy for us to find some-one who'll lend them. With the profit made from that day and the events previously the Junior Committee will purchase six sets of jump wings. The Senior Committee will match and so give us a total of 12 new sets of jumps!!!



*And just to add to the bank the JC did well out of it raffle (winner - Phyllis) and its auction (highest bidder - Melissa)*



## Just to keeping nagging about it .....

Chloe's fall on the Junior Committee Dressage and Showjumping Day could have been very expensive. St John's mixed up the bills and the total for the ride to the hospital was about \$2740. You can't really afford to fall off a horse without ambulance cover.

## Equitana Jumping Winner For our Allan Mitchell Students

The PCAV had its first Show Jumping competition in association with the 4<sup>th</sup> Equitana. The Bealiba Brumbies had 4 riders representing our club. Serena came equal 5<sup>th</sup> in PA Grade, Kirsty 4<sup>th</sup> in PD. Sam and Frank rode in the PC grade and both did well until the final round. The feedback from the audience was that, yet again, the riders who have instruction from Allan look safe and well in control compared to the others who can be quite scary!



*Next year there is an Inter Zone Horse Trial competition at Werribee for Grade 3 & 4*

## Maryborough "School's Event"




- not a PC event - strictly speaking but many of our riders competed - Kellie, Lauren, Chloe, Sam, Frank, Toni & Ross. Toni came 1<sup>st</sup> in an individual event for dressage, grade 5 and Ross got a clear round (yes, he WAS aboard Nugget)!

"**T**he Commitments" was a film about a band that, ironically, disbanded (no pun intended) because none of the members were prepared to commit themselves to all the time, practices and other "commitments" that go with being part of a team. That's a problem that is faced by many members of the Pony Club. If any of the members miss three rallies in succession, they will be required to let the committee of the club know of their intentions for participation at the club in the future. We normally have a waiting list of potential members for the club. If you are not sufficiently interested in continuing to attend you are taking the place of a more enthusiastic rider. If you do not intend to come to a rally please give Faye a phone call, in advance to let her know so she can plan a rally to suit the riders present.

For the good of all of the members please don't put your name down for a team unless you are prepared to put in the time to go to all the practices. If the team cannot put in the practice you are just letting down all the other members, parents and team manager. Seriously consider your commitment before you sign up.

## February

Meeting of the PCAV has been set down as the date when a by-law to include additional items to the uniform. The item carried in the last meeting states that long boots, gaiters/leggings will be official riding uniform for all riding members. Other items of clothing will be introduced soon with a new logo in place- all are extra's that you can choose to wear.

 The c-star certificate is now required, along with the K, for the B certificate.

## Junior Committee - and the Committed

Yes - that word again. The JC were meant to hold their Annual General Meeting at the last rally but, due mainly to the absence of Lauren and Chloe it was cancelled. At the December rally the meeting will have to be held with all the positions open to any of the riding members of the club who have the time, ability and commitment to hold a position for the next twelve months.

The **President** should be one of the more senior riders who is prepared to listen to all the members, their ideas and complaints, deal with any problems and work with the DC to deliver the kinds of activities that would best benefit the horses, riders and club. The position of **vice president** is also up for grabs.

The **secretary** has to take the "minutes" of all of the meetings of the Committee. They have to write letters on behalf of their members and make sure their all aware of what's going on.

The **Treasurer** needs to be able to keep a good account of the money the JC has, ready for the meetings each month. This person needs to be well organised and not loose the bank statements.

It would be ideal if they had good access to a Bank of Bendigo branch for deposits and withdrawals of cash.

***The Senior Committee has its AGM in March. All positions are also open. Are there any positions you would like and are committed to do well?***



## Good bye to Inca

It was sad news to hear that Inca, Tess's Arab mare, died of colic last week. Inca found her way into a barley field and pigged out on the grain. Barley and wheat in particular cannot be digested easily by horses and, if eaten in great quantity with no other food, just sit and ferment in their digestive system. Let this be a reminder to us all, particularly at this time of year, to make sure there's no way the horse's can break into the grains field, shed or storage places. If your horse does get into some grain, try and get it to eat hay or other high fibre feed straight away.

# Coming Events

December	30 <sup>th</sup>	Jumping Instruction	With Allan Mitchell	Bealiba PC
January	17/18 <sup>th</sup>	Pony Club Polocrosse competition		Ballarat Polocrosse grounds
	20/21 <sup>st</sup>	Jumping Instruction	With Allan Mitchell	Bealiba PC
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Jumping Instruction	With Allan Mitchell	Bealiba PC
February	8 <sup>th</sup>	PCAV Showjumping & Dressage		Avoca Racecourse
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Pony Club Rally		Bealiba PC

**Happy Birthday** - Brooke who was 8 on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>  
 - Kirsty who was 12 on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>  
 - Sam who will be 13 on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
 - Peter Smith - 40 something

Welcome to our club - Hilary Jones. Hilary is Gwinny's sister. Hilary is 7 years old and lives just out of Moonambel.

We hope you have fun & many years of riding with us Hilary!

*Hey brumbies - don't forget to wish our Treasurer happy birthday TODAY (Sun)*

There's this guy who had been lost and walking in the desert for about 2 weeks. One hot day, he sees the home of a missionary. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the house and collapses on the doorstep. The missionary finds him and nurses him back to health. Feeling better, the man asks the missionary for directions to the nearest town. On his way out the backdoor, he sees this horse. He goes back into the house and asks the missionary, "Could I borrow your horse and give it back when I reach the town?" The missionary says, "Sure but there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop."

Not paying much attention, the man says, "Sure, ok."

So he gets on the horse and says, "Thank God" and the horse starts walking. Then he says, "Thank God, thank God," and the horse starts trotting. Feeling really brave, the man says, "Thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God" and the horse just takes off. Pretty soon he sees this cliff coming up and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop.

"Whoa, stop, hold on!!!!"

Finally he remembers, "Amen!!!"

The horse stops 4 inches from the cliff. Then the man leans back in the saddle and says, "Thank God."