



Bealiba Brumby



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Positive Results All Over

In the last few months of the show season our riders have had a lot of fun and success at various events.

Frank was one of the photographed winners of the novelties events at the Bendigo show, while both he and Kellie came away with trophies from events at Macedon. More recently Tess came first for Grade 4, Sam 5th in Grade 3, in the recent Maldon Horse Trials as one of the many Bealiba riders at the event last Sunday. I have no results for the other events - such as the Dunolly Gymkhana. Please let me know them so that we can keep the club informed about the progress of our riders.

State Qualifying Event December

Early next month - Dec 14th, the Midland Zone is holding its qualifying event for Dressage and Show Jumping. Riders in Grade PA, PB or PC grade can compete for a space in the Midland Zone's representative team. Like wise Dressage Riders in Grades 1, 2 or 3 are able to try out for the February event. Riders who don't wish to try out for these classes can compete in Grade's 4 & 5 Show Jumping &/or Dressage. They won't be competing in February. Last year the Bealiba Pony Club had two riders in the Midland Zone Team - Tahnee in PC Grade Jumping and Lauren in Grade 3 Dressage. This year the State-wide event is to be held close to home so let's try for a few more members in the team.

Next Rally is our Christmas breakup - December 21st. The rostered families for the day are Wardlaw (tiolet), Drink Bottles (Towers/Weir) & Fry (laundry)

You Can Lead a Horse to Water but

It was very amusing listening to some of the "experts" who rang up the radio stations about "Holy Orders", that horse who refused to do his track-work before the Cup. They all were concerned that the horse was in pain, not being handled correctly, not being ridden correctly. They just need to come to Pony Club and watch Maddy's horse, Lady Di, face the tiniest of jumps. Horses can spit the dummy as well as we can!

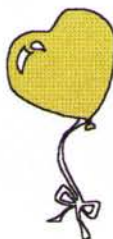


Equitana - Serena Jumping On Sat 22nd, Chloe & Sam on Sunday 23rd Nov

Don't Be Complacent . . .



All the riders who entered this weekends competition need to smarten their act. This year the entries for the events were **very late**. Just because this is a Bealiba event doesn't mean you will automatically be entered! Treat this like any other event and don't rely on Faye to chase the entries up. The time and phone calls aren't free



Happy Birthday

James Stuart who was 9 on Nov 11th

Kirsty Woess who will be 12 on Dec 9th

Brooke Stuart who will be 7 on Dec 14th

Coming Events

November	26 th	Jumping Instruction	With Allan Mitchell	Bealiba PC
	30 th	Open Gymkhana	Mandurang South PC	Mandurang
December	10 th	Jumping Instruction	With Allan Mitchell	Bealiba PC
	14 th	Zone Qualifying Event	Midland Zone	St Arnaud PC Grounds
	21 st	Rally	Christmas Breakup	Bealiba
January	10 th	Jumping Instruction	With Allan Mitchell	Bealiba PC
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A TRIBUTE TO A LITTLE CHAMPION

Last week a little pony with a big heart passed away in his paddock. Smokey was a grey pony gelding, 12.2 hh and a young 25 years. This pony had given many years of pleasure to his owners Lyn Elle & Melissa Tricky of Maryborough, although over the past three years he was the pride and joy of Kellie Barnett from Maryborough.

At competitions Smokey was always beautifully presented, he could be recognised by his pink bridle, boots and Barbie saddle blanket. His favourite race was the Bending Race, sometimes he lost ground on the straight; although he always caught up with his brilliant turn around the end pole and very rarely did he ever knock a pole.

Smokey regularly attended Pony Club, competing in Dressage, Games, Horse Trials, Fancy Dress, Show Jumping, Pairs and Teams. He loved the company of other horses and when let loose in the paddock didn't like to be patted or fussed with, things were different on competition days, once he was saddled he was ready to give his best and although he was an old man he often beat younger and bigger horses and loved the attention that spectators gave him.

For a small pony he had a big jump, he would tuck his little legs up under him and clear jumps as tall as himself and wide enough that he could walk between the rails. He often won showjumping competitions with his speed and ability to turn in limited spaces. Another talent that he had was that he was broken to harness and at Christmas was given the very important job of delivering Santa Claus.

Smokey was a little legend and he will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him. Twelve months ago he won the Championship Bending Race at Bendigo Show, the Pony Jump and was the Pony Club Show Jumping Champion in "D" Grade at the Bealiba Pony Club Show Jumping Day.

Smokey proved that good things do come in small packages.

