



WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2008

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Entries close for the development squads
Mon 1 SEPT
- NCAS Intro. Seminar
**Fri 5 SEPT - RRR
730pm**
- Allrounder's Challenge
Sun 14 SEPT - RRR
- NCAS Prelim Instructor Training Day
Sat 27 SEPT
- Wallaby Hop Jumping
Sun 5 OCT - RRR

Berrimah Riding Club Wallaby Hop

The wallaby hop is a Berrimah Riding Club tradition, dating back to when the club was first stated down at the Berrimah Riding School at Knuckey's Lagoons (Kevin's). Back then, everyone made scary jumps made of things lying around the paddock, and bullied their naughty school ponies over them!

Nowadays we make slightly-scary jumps filled in with scary objects from around home or school or work or wherever, so that we end up with a course full of tricky jumps.

The aim of the game is to get your horse around the course clear the *first time*, so that you can win a shiny gold medal. But getting a clear round the second time is almost as good, because you win a silver medal, and if it takes you three goes, you can still win a bronze medal.

It's great fun, and very competitive to see who comes up with the scariest jump — judged by Peter, who hasn't been stopped by anything yet!!

So remember, this year the Wallaby Hop will be in the school holidays (Sunday 5 October), which seems like ages away now, but *get thinking* about your jump!!



NCAS Prelim Level Coaching Clinic

PCANT will be holding an NCAS Prelim Level Coaching clinic and accreditation session on **27th September 2008** where anyone interested in coaching, or even just learning a bit more about Pony Club standards can come and learn & be accredited to teach to D/D* standard.

PCANT is also hosting an information and orientation night for people who are interested in completing their NCAS Prelim level PC Coaching certificate. It will be held on **Friday 5th September 2008** at the **BRC clubhouse from 730pm**. Course materials will be available on the night for \$20.

For further information, contact Anne: colemansmit@aapt.net.au



Berrimah Riding Club Newsletter

Congratulations..!

Congratulations to Justine Burgess, Shalee Bird and Taylor Gebert who have been selected by EFANT to represent the NT at the National Inter-school Show Jumping Championships in Toowoomba in October. The girls will have just 3 days to get used to a borrowed horse which they will ride in several classes at the Champs.

To help raise money, they will be holding a show jumping funday on **21 September** at Freds Pass Reserve, with classes for all levels of experience. So come down, have some fun, and help get them to Toowoomba!

Open Allrounder Challenge

BRC last year held the allrounder's challenge, which was a fantastic day with lots of enthusiastic BRC members attending. This year we will hold the event again on **Sunday 14 September**, and we will hopefully draw in a few riders from other clubs!

All BRC members are encouraged to come to the event to ride, and if anyone can help out with running the day (penciling, gear-checking, BBQing etc.) please let Jenny know by emailing glencross@westnet.com.au.

(See the entry form on the last page of this newsletter)

C and C* Testing

For anyone considering taking C or C* tests, PCANT will be offering them in 2008, so *watch this space* for further information.

If you are interested in nominating for any certificate test, please fill in the appropriate form from the PCANT website: www.ponyclubnt.org.au and forward it to Jenny or Heather.

Show Jump & Dressage Development Squad Nominations

The aim of the PCANT Development squads is to develop riders to a level that they will be able to represent the NT in future National PC Championships. Whilst this year the squad is being set to get riders to the 09 PC Nationals, we are looking to build the squad for future Nationals down the track and are therefore looking for those riders that have a passion for Showjumping and Dressage who may not be of National standard currently but will be willing to work towards it over the next few years.

The squad will be set up and riders will have responsibility for various horse and non-horse happenings. One of the biggest pre-requisites is **commitment**. To be a member of the squad you must be willing to commit to improving through regular lessons, competition, theory lessons, attendance at pony club and fitness. There will also be obligations to help raise money for clinics, travel to future Nationals, etc, and assist in your sport.

The minimum for Dressage is to be riding at Novice level. For showjumping, the minimum requirement will be C grade however if you are confidently working towards C grade your application may be considered. There will be clinics and regular training sessions to improve your riding so if you think you've got what it takes to be the NT's next Equestrian Superstar, please nominate using the nomination forms on the PCANT website: www.ponyclubnt.org.au **Nominations close September 1 2008.**

If you have any questions please contact Jane Palmer on djandkpalmer@bigpond.com



Berrimah Riding Club ALLROUNDERS CHALLENGE

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2008 - 9am

How handy is your horse?? BRC is looking for the most versatile pony in the allrounders challenge. Each competitor completes a dressage test, a show jumping course & a western trail pattern with a cumulative score tallied at the end.

To be involved, all you need is pony club membership. Juniors are assigned classes based on their PC show jump grading, and adults may nominate a class.

CLASSES

Show jumping	Dressage	Western Trail
1. E Grade (45cm)	Preparatory 1	Open
2. D Grade (65 cm)	Preliminary 1.1	Open
3. C Grade (75cm)	Novice 2.1	Open
4. B Grade (90cm)	Novice 2.3	Open

Copies of all dressage tests can be found at the EFA website: www.efanational.com.au

Champion Allrounder will be awarded in each grade
Encouragement awards will also be presented

BBQ and cold drinks will be on sale.

**Entries Close Monday 8th September 2008
(Late Entries will be accepted)**

Berrimah Riding Club Grounds:
Robbie Robbins Reserve, Berrimah



For more information go to:
www.berrimahridingclub.com