



Balmoral Newsletter

OCTOBER 2009

Up coming events

Bill Noble Clinic is coming up in November. Please register your interest with the Office as this time we will be opening lessons up to outside riders!

The Open Day is set for December 20th

Fundraiser Chocolates are here! Please see Rachel to collect a box to sell!

Janie's new mare, Capri, is here and we look forward to seeing her in action!!

Julia and her boys are off to compete at Tonimbuk and Treehaven during October



Open Day 2009

The Open Day will be here before we know it!! The date is set for December 20th and we would greatly appreciate everyone keeping this day free!!

Last year we had over 400 people through the gates, but this year we are aiming high!! The Open Day is such an important date on the calendar as it brings

in new lesson clients for the year, plus it significantly increases our exposure to the greater community!

With much to organize in the coming months we are looking for volunteers to help the event run smoothly. We need to organize guest speakers, demonstrations, trade stands and much

more. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

So if you would like to be a part of our next Open Day please see Louise to add your name to the volunteer list!!

Debbie McDonald Clinic

The Debbie McDonald clinic was held earlier this month, and from all reports I have heard it was a positive experience had by all!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who

helped make this event such a success! Positive feedback wasn't just heard throughout Balmoral, but it also extended onto the Vichorse Forum where many positive posts were left. Thank you to those who offered



their stables to visiting horses, helped with preparation and for always offering a welcoming smile to new faces!

Victorian Dressage Club Championships

Inca and Reilly have competed in almost all weather conditions now!! At Tonimbuk in May we competed in thick mud and rain, at Tatura in August we competed in torrential rain, and now we have ticked strong winds off the list of foul weather conditions!!

Our weekend at the Victorian

Dressage Club champs at Werribee couldn't have been windier!

Despite the conditions the boys did very well, especially Sara and Inca!! In the novice on Saturday Sara and Inca placed 6th with 62.59% and 16th, then on the Sunday they came 7th and 12th.

Reilly and I did well for us, with consistent improvements within the tests we couldn't have been happier!!



Left: Lou and Reilly
Right: Sara and Inca

Balmoral out in Force at Local Events!!



Above: Anita and Porsche
Right: Rachel, Christine, Heather, Sam and Catherine
Below: Sam and Christine

What a busy month it has been for Balmoral riders! It seems now, everyone has competition fever and is out and about at every possible opportunity!

Glenbrae held it's winter Dressage Series Final during September. Jane and Tango who had been quiet successful through out the series placed 3rd in the Prelim! This pair should be congratulated as until recently Jane had never actually competed!!

Courtney also took Jilly and competed in the Novice where they placed 5th!

At the Hallam Valley Show on August 23rd, Balmoral riders took home a swag of ribbons!

Christine and Sam entered the fancy dress (pictured left) and placed 1st in their clown outfits. Notice the knee high socks on the horses hind

legs?!



Christine placed in the following classes:

- 1st in the Ridden Class
- 2nd in the Novice Hack 15-16hh
- 3rd in Show Hunter 15-16hh
- 2nd in the Rider Class 16-18yrs

Sam placed in the following classes:

- 1st Novice Hack 16-16.2hh
- 1st in the Rider Class 16-18yrs
- 4th in the Rider Class 18-21yrs
- Plus she also wins this months Autumn Leaf

award for falling off (and landing on her feet) in her final class!!

Anita and Porsche took out the lead class and where awarded Champion! They also placed 4th in the Show Hunter Class, 16hh and over. Catherine Martin was also awarded Champion Hack in the Junior ring.

Heather came 2nd in the Rider class 18-21yrs!!

Rachel also took Tambo out for the day to get him use to the atmosphere of a competition. Tambo was on his best behavior and we look forward to seeing them out and about soon!

Below and right: Janie and Tosh at the Berwick Pre Royal Show. Tosh was very successful on his first outing



The Berwick Pony Club Pre Royal Show

On September 13th our diehard hackies hit the show rings again, this time at the Berwick Pony Club Pre Royal Show.

Anita and Porsche came home with a handful of ribbons including:

- 3rd place in Led Hack

- 2nd place in Ridden Hack
- Reserve Champion Led Hack
- Champion Led Hack
- And many other placings!!

- 2nd place in Rider over 21yrs.

Janie and Tosh made their showing debut with the following placings:

- Champion Rider over 21yrs

Well done ladies!

