

BULLENGAROOK ARC

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Club STARS!!!!

Sorry that I have been so slack with getting the newsletter done, we have been so snowed under with work, I just haven't had time (I am supposed to be working now—don't tell the boss)

Anyhoo—still recovering from the club superstars from yesterday who won TTT Horse Trials, Kristy, Peter, Emma & Lucinda produced the goods. Well done. And this only mildly overshadows the amazing result from TTT Showjumping at Sale where we missed out on winning by 0.3 points

I think that everybody in the state knows exactly who Bullengarook are!!

Once again we will have a Level Assessor at our next rally. If you require LAing or logs or whatever, bring your \$10 and your perform-



Secretarys Report

Notice the change in Title!

Anyway—we are having a joint committee/TTT meeting immediately after the rally on Saturday week. It is really important you all attend as you are all members of the club and the club needs your input. As we are now running 2 TTT's we will all feel stretched, but hopefully we will also enjoy the rewards too.

Winners!!!

Sorry best photo I have—and I stole it from Kristy. Emma is saying "the 5.6" rug is mine, I've got first dibs"

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New Members:

- Wendy Whiting
- Rebecca Gerber
- Sue Moses (I think!!!)
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Bits & Pieces



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TTT Showjumping

Another brilliant team weekend away—see report later!



The moment when the girls discovered they had won TTT Horse Trials, 2nd place had just been announced!

TTT Quote
"Well, this is our year!!!"

TTT Horse Trials

What A Weekend!! See report a bit later



Trail Riding Buddies WANTED

Anne Boyle would to go out trail riding, anytime, anywhere (as long as its close by). I am sure there are others, so contact Anne on
amboyle@bigpond.com
or 53670743

ALL RALLY BOOKINGS INFO

As always – bookings to the lovely co-ordinators Karen & Deb on

neddieatcrombie@hotmail.com

or 54262071 (Karen) Rally fees are \$25 for a flat lesson & \$15 for a jumping lesson Bear in mind that if you want to do 2 flat lessons, and there is the space, then you are more than welcome to book in for 2. But if you book – you pay.

And ANY CHANGES or late minute shenanigans, they have to go through the rally co-ordinators, no jumping into a lesson. This puts unfair pressure on the other riders

& instructors and people don't like to say no. Of course most of the time, the odd late person can be fit in, but this has to go through Karen & Deb.

Please let them also know what you are bringing for lunch, and we also require members to either setup or pack up on our rally days. If you are riding first, please help setup the rings or the showjumps.

Showjumping Competition August 07

Just a little update, we have postponed our Showjumping competition until Saturday 18th August 2007 and looks like we will be combining with Melton Plains & Werribee Central to have a Series. This has been christened the BMW series (which we cant use cos its already taken but was

pretty clever!). As we have are running TTT Dressage, this SJ competition and now TTT Horse Trials, we are all going to be really sick of running events, but at least we have a lovely new arena & perhaps some new clubrooms to look forward to.

Put Saturday
18th August in
your diaries—
we are holding
a showjumping
competition

May Rally 2007

Our next rally we have Sue Leslie taking flat & jumping, Terry Campbell with flat only. Sue Leslie is a NCAS Level 2 Instructor, and was a very successful eventer.

All riders up first, it would be good for you to help to also set up the dressage arenas too before you get on. You should all know the drill by now—book in with Karen &

Deb, and a little hint—if you think you have booked in and haven't got your times by late Friday (cos they normally send them out Wednesday & Thursday) give them a call. Sometimes emails go astray, messages get lost, old women get forgetful.

And remember, if you book in, you are expected to pay

for the lesson regardless of whether you have a hang-over, its too hot, its too cold, you forgot, the dog ate your homework, the horse forgot to remind you, you spent the night at your boyfriends and your husband didn't pass your times on.

TTT Horse Trials 2007

Finally—after being the bridesmaids twice before at TTT's we finally won one. I know you all know it, but congratulations again to Emma, Lucinda, Peter & Kristy. Every member of team earned team points, although only the top three scores are used. Melton was the host this year which was nice and handy for us all, a bit better than Sale! We entered 12 riders over the 3 teams and they all did their dressage on Saturday. There was quite a bit of “who IS Kirby & what does she look like!” as Kirby filled in for Kylie's scratching at the last minute, and at the last second Noelle swapped with Rhonda. Interestingly both Kirby & Noelle placed 4th & 6th respectively earning their team 19th out of 78 teams. Well done girls. Saturday was a bit quiet, with the venue very spread out. I had an interesting start, I went down a bit earlier than I was planning as ****someone**** hadn't stamped Lys' card (although she has been in 3 TTT's and countless events this year) who should I see on the side of the road. Kerryn Solomon! With her float disunited from the car and wedged into a tree. There were a few rescuing her, but I stopped, hooked up to a spare float there, and bundled her down to the venue. This is the third time its happened to Kerryn, fortunately nobody was hurt either human or horse. We had 16 for dinner on Saturday night at Bullengarook and a few campers. Sunday morning belted with rain which was nice to hear, but certainly didn't bode well for the jumping disciplines. Lucinda & I roll up to see a stretcher being carried off the showjumping field “Oh dear—hope its no one we know” Well when I saw both Kerryn & Amanda hovering

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

around, I thought that's typical as they are always helping when there is an injury, but not this time. Isabel was on the stretcher! Her horse fell on her in the showjumping. So I jumped in Amanda's car & took her horses home whilst Amanda & Isabel headed off to the RCH to check that everything was fine (it was thank goodness). The day rolled on, Sammy was of course divine, we got ourselves organised for the helping, thanks Jackson, Rhonda, Anne & Kylie for coming down especially to help. Slowly they went through, Lys needing to borrow Drew's GPS for the SJ (you idiot!) decided not to bother with the XC. Emma had a tense moment when she was incorrectly marked as a refusal which would have cost her a placing, Puch nearly running over another casualty on the XC and upsetting her rhythm, Deb & Bourb's are still recovering from the windburn with only 42 time faults (about

1.5 minutes over time!) on the XC. Sarah & Khy did a nice halt in the dressage—X Halt, Where is Digger, Am I supposed to be looking at E, Salute. Tossa was a star, as was Scarlett, with both finishing on their dressage scores, Peter managed to move up from 13th to 5th, so there were not too many clear rounds. Lisa had a sort of stop on the XC and some mystery time faults, very unusual. The long drawn out process of results awaited us, the team pretty sure that they would be in the top 8! Then the rumour came that we had won, Oh My God then the rumour was retracted cos they had incorrectly done the team points. Oh My God, then we went & checked out the board, hey we are really up there!!! Oh My God, then they started announcing and went from 8th to 3rd Oh My God, then they said hang on we have made a mistake Oh My God. Then back again and stripped a few of the others already presented and gave them to other people, then 2nd place announced OH MY GOD!!!! WE WON!!!! The tears the screams the hugs all from Peter. And my camera ran out of memory wasted on all those others—bah! It took about 15 minutes before “the question” Are we going to run it next year—OF COURSE! And I have just come up with a great name for Drew's team ***Bullen A China Shop*** (I am so hilarious I think I should stop now!!!)

TTT Showjumping—March 2007

Karen MacDonald

Well done Bullengarook, what a great weekend, what a fine group of riders all doing their best for our club. Must say Sale is a bloody long trip, but the grounds are to die for our horses haven't seen that much green grass or soft ground for many a long year, what a gun club we have we managed three teams and the team spirit never ceases to amaze me!

We all traveled down Friday and had good yards to keep the steeds even if some of them decided the grass was greener and four or so did a moonlight flit but came to no harm all were captured and returned to their rightful owners.

Deb Elliott was first up for the club doing top score and what a ride, Peter followed her in and rode like the wind yep 1st to Peter 2nd to Deb listening to Peter say to Deb 1 & 2 doesn't matter which way shows how uncompetitively competitive we are! Peter managed another ribbon for the weekend and missed out on top Clydie cross award by only a few points. That was it for Deb's ribbon collection but laugh on Sunday morning her last event did a good round but dropped a rail totally unaware finished the first part of the course calls out to club members did I go clear no comes the answer and she replies thank Christ I'm out of here! Too much wine Saturday night maybe ??????

Cara, Tash, Puchi & Drew all rode level three I am one proud Mum, so I get to brag a bit Cara won AM7 placed 7th in two phase but managed to knock the joker in top score dam! So she was really happy with her weekend. Tash rode some good rounds no ribbons but was happy with how Nav went especially on Sunday. Puchi collected a fifth in top score and a 4th in AM7 well done. Drew took two horses young Scotty doing level 4 handled it well, so watch out next year, Drew and Limo finished 2nd in top score and they hooned the course.

Drew loves to give me something to write about so this is a good one, Drew and Brenda didn't camp they stayed in a local motel bad move, Saturday night they had their car stolen with all the horse gear in it CRAP! Car was found had been rolled six times total write off, maybe it's a bloke thing don't think I could have done it but he rode again on Sunday can't let the team down! Tow truck with sad car on back arrived at the showground's Drew went thru it found what he needed and soldiered on thanks Drew.

Stacey and Sammy competed level 4 no ribbons to take home but she should be so proud getting out and doing what she likes to do least JUMP! Makes some of us feel a tad guilty!

Lucinda rode well of course, but Blackie was not in a cooperative mood actually I think the words "little shit" were tossed around a bit well a lot if truth be known, but she did manage a third in top score before it all went downhill

Lys Lys Lys were to start what a star, her and Khy were the force in her section of grade four to be reckoned with won won and almost won took out overall winner of her section. What a combination so is Sarah really going to be able to ride him ??????

Emma rode two horses both grade four and also managed to take out overall winner in her section on Alli and got a 3rd on Tigger just as well as she said she wasn't just there for a weekend away. Not very competitive HaaaaHaaaa

Bullengarook team of Lys, Drew, Emma and Lucinda took out second place overall yes Bullengarook came second so well done to all our riders and supporters especially our youngest Anabelle who traveled the shown grounds with a well decorated pram yep all the club ribbons tied on the BRAG pram as it was known.

Upcoming Rallies

12th May

Terry Campbell, Sue Leslie NCAS L2 (Flat & SJXC)

9th June

Terry Campbell (Flat & Jump) Gayle Whitehead & Chris Sievers

7th July

Terry Campbell

11th August

8th September

13th October



Lisa & Star TTT HT L3



Lucinda & Sammy TTT HT L3



Hoummous & Babaganous who also had a big TTT weekend, but at least they finally have names!

April Rally

It seems like an eternity ago, Easter Saturday —we had the pleasure of Anne Hall & Chris Sievers instructing. Chris taking jumping as well as flat. The weather was lovely, some of us had an early start at 8.00am, but we did get to ride on our BRAND NEW ARENA!!!! After all these years, it is actually in and functioning and nobody can take it away from us. The major incident of note from the last rally was the loss of one of our instructors. At lunchtime, to the vague haunting sounds of pan pipes, Chris Sievers walked up the track to the toilets, never to be seen again. After about 15 minutes “where’s Chris”, in the car, nope not in the toilets, back again, has she turned up. How strange as Chris wanted to start the afternoon session early as she had to leave early. Back in the car, ask the people having a bbq, nope, back again, no sign. Amanda jumps on her horse and rides around the grounds, and various people double check everthing. Okay, about 45 minutes has gone by at this stage, obviously something has happened, (some of the suggestions were entertaining, ranging from “is she on medication, perhaps she rang & got her husband to get her, maybe she jumped in Anne Hall’s car” And as most of us know Chris is quite normal, well we were getting worried. So we are one step off calling the police, as Veronica is organising a line search, when a car pulls up and out she gets. As it turns out, Chris had been kidnapped up at the toilets by an mother of some kids who ride who lived “just across the road, can you quickly look at this horse” Well when we found out who it was, it is completely typical of this women to have absolutely no regard for anyone else, or Chris, so nobody was surprised. So with a start of a few minutes late (which was actually 30 minutes later than Chris wanted)

TTT HELPING

I KNOW NOBODY LIKES DOING IT

BUT

WE REALLY NEED TO ORGANISE SOME SPONSORSHIP
FOR TTT DRESSAGE

WOULD IT REALLY BE THAT HARD FOR YOU GUYS TO
MAKE A COUPLE OF PHONE CALLS

AND ARRANGE EITHER SOME SERVICES, MONEY OR PRIZES?

WE ALREADY HAVE A DONATION OF \$200 & WOOLEN RUGS FOR
THE WINNERS, BUT WE NEED HEAPS MORE,

WE WILL TALK ABOUT THIS AT THE RALLY, BUT FOR THOSE WHO CAN
ONLY DO A LITTLE BIT, PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE A GOOD CHANCE
FOR YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLUB

Hey we need a club motto—any suggestions?

Newsletter Notice

Now this is important I really need stuff to put in the newsletter
I don't care how crap it is.
Photos, articles, jokes—whatever.
Results, birth notices, anything. Rally reports, Event Reports
Party Reports.
If it's really boring of course I don't have to put it in.
Of course it doesn't have to be horsie.

Check Out hrcav.com.au

Club Uniforms

You can take anything black or jade down to Tina at One Stop Embroidery, Evans Arcade, Sunbury Ph. 97441113.

Gallop In Saddlery in Riddells Creek also stocks saddle blankets in club colours which you can get embroidered up too, and she buys her black & jade ribbons for browbands in bulk for Puchi.

If you buy from McLeods Stockfeeds in New Gisborne & say you are from the club, they will donate a bag of feed for every \$1000 spent.

Grinters in Woodend are sponsors of our club and are fantastic for rugs—20 to 30% cheaper than anywhere else, and also stock other horsie stuff.

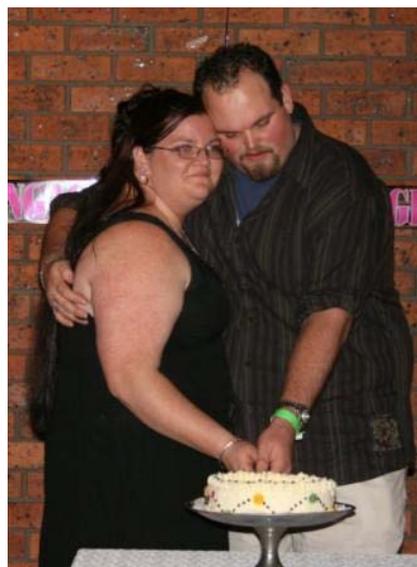
Congratulations Emma & Rob

Emma Goodie has finally got her way & conned Rob into buying her some bling and keeping her off the streets.

The happy occasion has been conveniently slotted in for 24th November as Emma will be riding at and helping at TTT Dressage the weekend before and didn't want to let the club down.

We wish them all the best, and no—Rob has not just

escaped from hospital and forgot to remove his medical armband. It had his name and address and "Property of Emma" on it just in case he got lost.



March Rally

Karen MacDonald

Another Big rally has been and gone, 27 flat riders took their turn on the arena on a hot dusty March day. All did a sterling job under the watchful eye of instructors Terry and Helen. It may have been the heat dust or both but there were a few frayed tempers as spotted by this roving reporter. Deb Moss on her lovely big grey moved gracefully around the arena, Sharon and Lyn shared a lesson we could all hear Helens booming voice I think they could hear in town so no excuses in that lesson. Kristy, Kylie & Stacey took to the arena at 10am. Kristy showing us all how it is done (bitch) Kylie on her new lovely young horse and Stacey looking very trim (I might add) on dear Sammy.

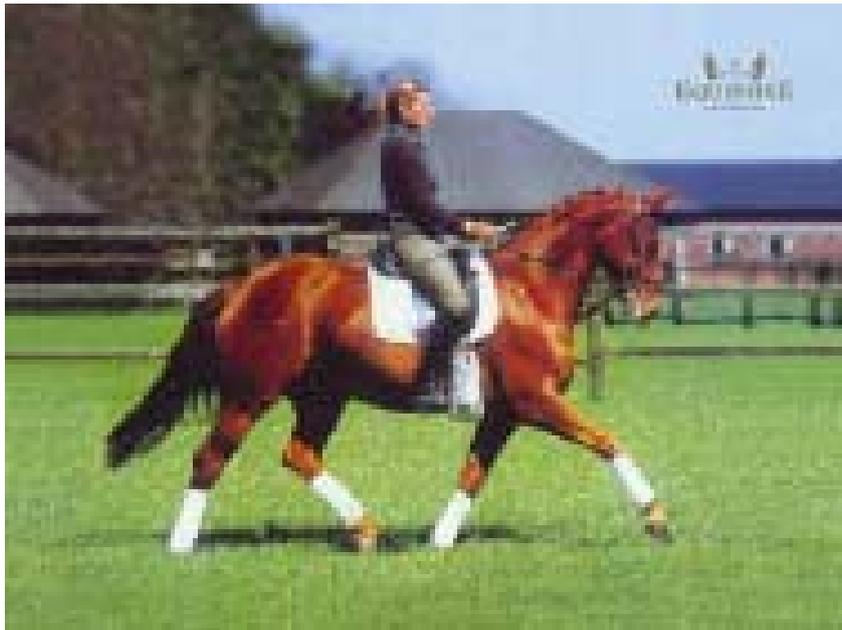
Peter riding Scarlett looking a bit cross at times maybe the rider was thinking of bigger things like a band gig later in the day hmmm! Deb Elliott had that Bourbon motoring we were all a little surprised with the speed she got, Karen Mac (2) rode my lease horse just as well we are related she may forgive me one day? And Donna rode her old boy and as usual smiled and told all how lucky we are to be able to do this.

Lys Cara and Nikki all looking way too young and gorgeous graced us with some fine riding. Well in the other half of the arena it all got real interesting thanks Drew some fine sticking power I held my breath pen poised but damn it he stayed on, Helen and Mandy took the chance to slack off and wonder around on horseback and even had time to fit in a fag before being dragged back to do some real riding.

Marg and Veronica but no Kerryn but she can be excused as she was out rescuing another sad equine, It was great to see Marg back after a long break and boy her horse must have enjoyed his time off he was perfect from Marg " I think I will retire now it cant get any better". Brenda (not showing any great bump as yet) Lisa and Fi all rode beautifully.

Our last two morning lessons Sarah our newest member on Kye had a great time even doing TTT Horse Trials I'm told way to go Sarah, Noelle's horse has been in a good paddock hard to believe we are in drought looking at him and Yvonne on her Appy all looked rather hot by the end of their lesson but it was bloody hot by then. Drew and Amanda rode still under the booming voice of Helen not bad 5 hours and she can still be heard from everywhere.

Another yummy lunch we all should be congratulated, a farewell from Helen and a lovely speech telling us all what a fine bunch we are as if we didn't already know ??? And then it was time to jump a freshman's course set up by a few a real grip setting up and packing up the jumps is always left to a few and it's not fair especially for the last group more hands on deck are needed perhaps we should jump in the morning so everyone can HELP! Lucinda ran a good lesson starting with level 5 and working up and being able to have a go at a whole course looked like good fun. Our first group did well no drama's damn it need more action folks to write about but all was not lost Drew helped me, out Limo put on the brakes big time at the first jump, just as well the baby is conceived is all I will say!



CATHERINE LOUISE BIRMINGHAM

Will be coming to Bullengarook ARC grounds to give lessons on 29/9/07, and possibly 30/9/07 depending upon interest.

- Cost is \$93 for a private lesson (this includes travel fees)
- There are 10 lessons available throughout the day.
- Please send your bookings to Brenda @ mintadowns@hotmail.com or 5428 9095.
- Please remember, once you have booked a lesson you are committed to pay.

For more information about Catherine visit: www.equinoxeequestrian.com.au

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