



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2009

Hi everyone, BARC has yet another newsletter wench...now that the lovely Cara has jetted off overseas to work for Andrew Hoy, I'm the lucky member who has taken over the job of slaving over a hot computer once a month. If you would like anything mentioned in the newsletter, results, photos, anything of interest about yourself and your horse, please email me or let me know at the next rally. If you haven't met me, I will be the short brunette riding a chestnut Clydesdale cross named Tango, and looking very scared of the showjumps.

We have had quite a few new members join in the last few months. Welcome to Brad, Brooke, Emma, Kerrie, Suzie, Bree, Helen and Karen...hope you enjoy the rallies and especially the lunches! I have also been informed that there may be another new member sometime in the future...perhaps? Emma Apsey and her partner Gareth are expecting to hear the pitter patter of little feet sometime in December. Congratulations Emma!

Happy riding everyone! Send all your newsletter information to miranda.ingram@bigpond.com

Upcoming Events

2009 TTT Navigation Ride:

Hosted by Gisborne Adult Riders at the Bullengarook Rec Reserve on Sunday August 9th. If you are keen to represent the club please email your details to Anne Boyle on amboyle@bigpond.com Anne will be coordinating BARC's entries for the event.

2009 TTT Dressage:

Hosted by Rich River Equestrian Club at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre on November 14th & 15th. Further details coming soon...

Upcoming Rallies

June: 13th
July: 11th
August: 8th
September: 12th
October: 10th
November: 7th
December: 12th

Bullengarook Expat Tales

This section of the newsletter is destined to get bigger and bigger. Currently we have Cara Italia over in Germany working for Andrew Hoy, and our Secretary, Stacey Dixon is also gearing up to make the trip across the seas in July for a spot of Dressage training in Germany. This month Cara has given us an insider's report of life on the International Eventing Circuit...

Hi,

As promised I have taken a squillion pics for you all! Going well so far, working very hard but have been riding which is really good! Weather is nice and town is beautiful and as for the DOKR it makes Werribee look like a tin shed! Facilities I could have never imagined, horse solarium, treadmill to name a couple. The last week has been crazy with the massive feat of organising the entire center for the National Young Rider Championships! I can't even explain how incredible these horses were! Big, black warmblood stallions were the must have accessory for the Barbie blonde 18 year old girl! Accompanied by the headphones worn in the warm up with their coaches dishing out last minute advice!

Along with the Young Rider Champs was the Pony Champs. OMG some of these ponies could do an extended trot that many big horses could never do! And they jumped xcountry in times as fast as the horses! It was amazing in the pics the yellow and green numbered jumps were for the ponies only! Will take more photos as time progresses as for now I think people think I'm Japanese because of the amount of pics I'm taking

Lots of love, Cara

Arena Etiquette:

One of the main reasons we all come to rally – apart from the long lunches! – is to get the most out of our lessons so we can go home and train hard with our trusty steeds for the next 4 weeks. Well, perhaps some do that...but those of us who might be a bit rusty on the arena etiquette guidelines, listed below are a few pearls of wisdom that might just prevent head-on horse collisions and 'riding rage' on rally days.

Hazard lights: if you're moseying along at a walk, or enjoying the cadence of your horse's beautiful collected trot (hey, we can dream!) and you hear the familiar thunder of cantering hooves approaching behind – pull over onto the inside track and continue to walk/trot until the faster rider has passed you.

Likewise, if you are circling on the inside track and a rider passes you on the outside track, make sure you are far enough off the outside track to prevent your horses making contact with one another. Also, spectators need to stay at least a metre or so back from the edge of the arena. If the passing horse could flick sand into your coffee cup as he whizzes by, you're too close!

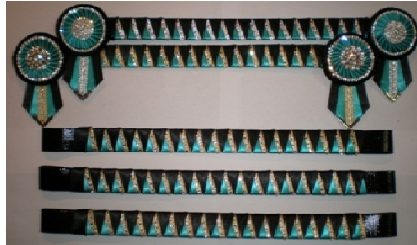
Directional dyslexia: we all know, 'pass left hand to left hand' if you meet a steed travelling in the opposite direction. But let's call a spade a spade, we sometimes get it muddled up; so that's 'true left', not 'the other left'! Just to confirm, ladies (and gents)...

And it goes without saying, but...

If you're running late for the start of your lesson (and it happens to all of us occasionally), apologise to the instructor and ask if they mind you joining the lesson late. Our instructors make the effort to be punctual and will always appreciate our consideration in return.

Browbands

One of our major club sponsors is *Bels Bling Browbands* and a number of BARC members proudly display her lovely browbands when out and about. Bel has hunted high & low to get just the right colour jade, which is NOT easy to find, and the results are brilliant. Bel has also just begun to make dressage 'V' shaped blingbands (see picture) which do look rather flash. Contact Bel on 0405011668



Recent Results:

2009 TTT Horse Trials @ Wandin, May 30th & 31st

2 Bullengarook teams lined up to vie for the TTT HT 2009 Champions title. Team members were: Wendy Whiting (L1 & 2), Rebecca Gerber (L2), Drew Cotter (L4), Yvonne Berry (L4), Natasha Dixon (L4) and Karen McDonald (L4). The 'Back in Black' team placed 16th, and the 'Bullengarook Bandits' unfortunately were eliminated. Special mentions go to Wendy Whiting and RL Gator who placed 2nd overall in the Level 2 section.

Other Results:

Stacey Dixon & Scarlett:

4th Overall in Level 4 of the Golden Spurs Dressage Series (5 events)

Brenda Cotter & MD Hot Chocolate (Scotty):

2/5/09 EV at Elcho Park: Test 1.2, 4th (67%), Test 1.4, 8th (62%)
16/5/09 EV at Tonimbuk: Test 1.4, 7th (66%) and Test 1.2, 7th (60% & 2 errors of course)

17/5/09 HRCV at Ayr Hill: Test 3C, 3rd and Test 3D, 4th

Scotty & Brenda have now qualified for EV state champs at Prelim level, AND have now pointed into Level 2 HRCV.

Anne Boyle & Archie and Yvonne Berry & Billy:

1st Place in the 18km HRCV section of the Kilmore Pony Club Navigation Ride on May 10.

Congratulations everyone !