



Bullengarook

Issue 5 - January 2008

Where did January go?!

Hi Everyone! I hope the New Year brought good things to you all, and wonder how many new years resolutions still stand? All of a sudden I have found myself in February and have lost January somewhere along the line! Whoops! Too many summer G&T's.

I missed the January rally, but I heard it was a good one, Karen & Cara report further in the newsletter. Who else is jumping for joy because competitions have finally started up again?! I for one am glad to be out competing again, I was getting a little bored practicing! It was nice to see fellow Rookie members and other HRC/V clubs out at Smythesdale ARC for their dressage jackpot. Big thumbs up to their club for biting the bullet and holding the event. Lets hope it will get the ball rolling on some more comps (horse trials..?!) Speaking of comps, we have TTT Combined Training approaching not to mention us hosting TTT Horse Trials and TTT Dressage, details further on in the newsletter.

We have some new babies of the four legged kind that are making their debut electronically this month. I had the privilege of meeting one of the cheeky sods recently - he was too big to snaffle under my coat home though...

As always I'm desperate for newsletter contribution, so email me some stories and gossip please. Surely you all have one exciting or horrible thing that happened that we can be entertained by?

See you at the Feb rally. Cheers for now, Lys



This month's cheeky cover star is Stacey & Peter's new addition to the family 'Divine' the gorgeous leggy colt. Born on Christmas Day 2007.

CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Photos, results, articles, whining letters, comp reports, ideas for the club, cartoons, for sale items, wanted etc, etc, etc!!

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gettoknowme

the hard questions... find out what makes our riders tick.

Name... Elysia (Lys) Baker

Occupation... Marketing Assistant at The Hanging Rock Winery

Hobbies... Other than horses, I Salsa dance

Favourite Food... Greek, or a gourmet BBQ!

Favourite Music... My iPod has everything you could imagine on it... Dave Matthews Band to Michael Jackson, U2 to Millencolin to Gipsy Kings.

Most Embarrassing Situation... Horse wise... My stack at Wandin's HT's trakener. 'Here comes Lys... oh... nope... just Digger...' And.. at my first ever level assessment for HRCav, the assessor asked me to canter. Digger did the tiniest pigroot and I fell on my head in front of her...

I wish I'd never worn... Skivvies & tracksuit pants in combination with black Dr.Martin school shoes complete with hair scrunchies.

Friends say I am... Loyal, easy going, horse mad and funny when I'm drunk...

Ambitions... Currently... to compete at Melbourne Three Day Event on my young horse Murphy.

Current Horse... Anzac Cove (Digger) & TSH Highland Murphy

Horses Details... Digger: Thoroughbred, brown, 15.3h, 12yrs, eventing Level 2 and a little bit mental. Murphy: Irish Sport Horse, Brown, 16h so far, 3yrs, a darling!

What age did you start riding... I was sitting on horses since I was a baby, started riding 'Muffet' my naughty Welshie at about 3-4yrs.

If you were a horse describe yourself (name, colour, breed, etc)... Friendly temperament, amazing 'look at moi' presence, fabulous movement, and talented in all three eventing disciplines.



Pictures: Top: Lys and TSH Highland Murphy working at home
Bottom: Lys & Anzac Cove at Bulla Horse Trials 2007

For the official HRCav website go to:

www.hrcav.com.au



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**Happy New Year To All!
January 2008 - By Karen & Cara**



We can all thank God that we got good weather not toooooo hot and certainly not toooooo cold, good old Bullengarook knows when we are riding! We had three instructors Tori, Chris and Paul. The day started better for some than others dear old Bourbon put himself through a fence at home trying to get to some pretty ladies on the other side - he should really think about his age and the fact he is a gelding. Then Georgia was saddled and all ready to go only to find her young bloke was also lame so out for her as well. I would like to make some smart remark about vet bills but as Cara's horse was also lame, and the vet was called at a later date... ching ching ching... we all know that sound so moving right along..

It was great to see everyone back and having a good time. With only one horse at club I took the chance to ask as many members as possible how their day was and the feedback was great - I don't think I heard a bad word regarding anything from anyone - 'Hmmm a bit boring, could make it up, but may be challenged at a later date' so we'll go with the general opinion that F#*>K do we know how to run a rally!! (That would be Deb and me of course).

Our Princess in PINK, yes, that would be you Bec, rode two flat and a jump and made it all look to easy... but will it be so easy next rally when Jane (her Mum) rides? Will Jane get all that grooming and attention that Bec gets? We will all wait and see! And of course our head PRINCESS, yes that would be you Stacey, was her usual self... 'hey Tori look at me, look at me!!! Look at my horse look at me!!!'

With late change in instructors many of us were taken out of our comfort zone and it was great to see everyone took on board new ideas and different ways of thinking. It must be the New Year hangover or something as it was all too easy!

It has come to my attention that one of our members (who shall remain nameless) YEAH RIGHT! Like that was going too happen! Sorry Fi (as we have a couple that would be you Fi Kelsall) has yet another new horse and pretty damned good by all accounts. So lets hope this is 'the one' as there is a name we have for people like you, maybe not for the newsletter though... ;-)

Lunch as always was a feast, a little over shadowed by the arrival of Kerryn and two of the most gorgeous little four legged creatures... Two new cuties from Project Hope, so cute I don't think there was one of us who wouldn't have popped them under our wing and taken them home. Not that they needed a good feed the opposite in fact but that doesn't alter the cute factor.

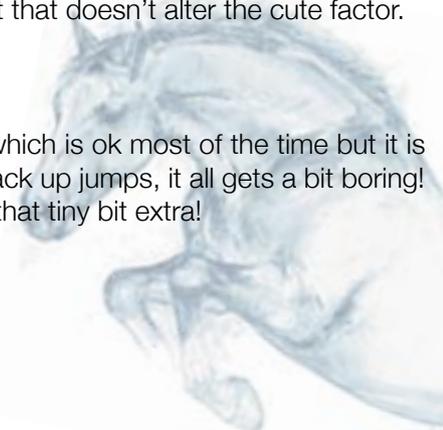
So til next time safe and happy riding! Love Karen & Cara

**Just a ramble from the writer... As with all clubs it is the same people that do the most, which is ok most of the time but it is the same people every rally that bring milk, organise the gas, bring the water, set up and pack up jumps, it all gets a bit boring! So as it is a club that we all belong too, how about we all lift our game a bit and all just do that tiny bit extra!

“ So we'll go with the general opinion that F#*>K do we know how to run a rally!! (That would be Deb and me of course). ”

Don't forget to check out the Unofficial HRCav Members Forum at:

www.vichorse.com/forum



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Rally Bookings & Info

Bookings to our lovely co-ordinators
Karen and Deb.

neddieatcrombie@hotmail.com

thargo@westnet.com.au

Or call Karen on (03) 5426 2071

Or Deb on (03) 5426 4019

Fees:

\$25.00 Flat Lesson

\$15.00 Jumping Lesson

Book for as many lessons as you can handle, but remember if you book - you pay. Any changes to lessons must go through the rally co-ordinators.

Next Rally 9th February 2008

I presume we will have to fill out the necessary forms again due to the EI happenings. The instructors will be:

Paul Rasmussen - Flat & Show Jumping
(he does the lower levels flat)

Terry - Flat only

Tori Weir - Flat only

Remember to bring something yummy for lunch to share (wine of the fizzy sort is encouraged). And don't forget we always need people to help set-up and pack-up!!

Club Uniform

Cool new rugby tops \$50.00

Club coloured ties \$15.00

See Stacey.

If you have a saddle blanket, vest, tshirt, etc that you would like the BARC logo embroidered onto, take it to 'One Stop Embroidery' Shop 7, Evans Street Arcade, Sunbury
Phone: 03 9744 1113

Website

We now have a basic website set-up, but we require some content for it. Can people provide photos THAT THEY OWN for website, casual groups ones would be good..

The Website addy is:

www.freewebs.com/bullengarookarc

Note it is a work in progress and Stacey and Lys will try to get it looking good when one of them finds the time...



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Wanted

We are looking for a quiet pony for a four and a half year old to ride. To buy or lease. Good home promised and lots of love and attention!

Please call Fe Staley (03) 5428 9070

For Sale

Grass hay for sale \$8.00 per bale -
pick up at Bullengarook
Call Janet (03) 5428 9491



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OK Ladies & Gentlemen, pay attention to the following:

New Junior Associate Policy:

- 1 Children of current Active Riding Members will be eligible to ride at competitions under our name & our colours.
- 2 They must be financial members of another club - they will not be financial members of BARC
- 3 They cannot attend BARC rallies
- 4 They will not be considered for TTT events (unless they are filling in as emergency)
- 5 They have no rights at BARC

Next Committee Meeting:

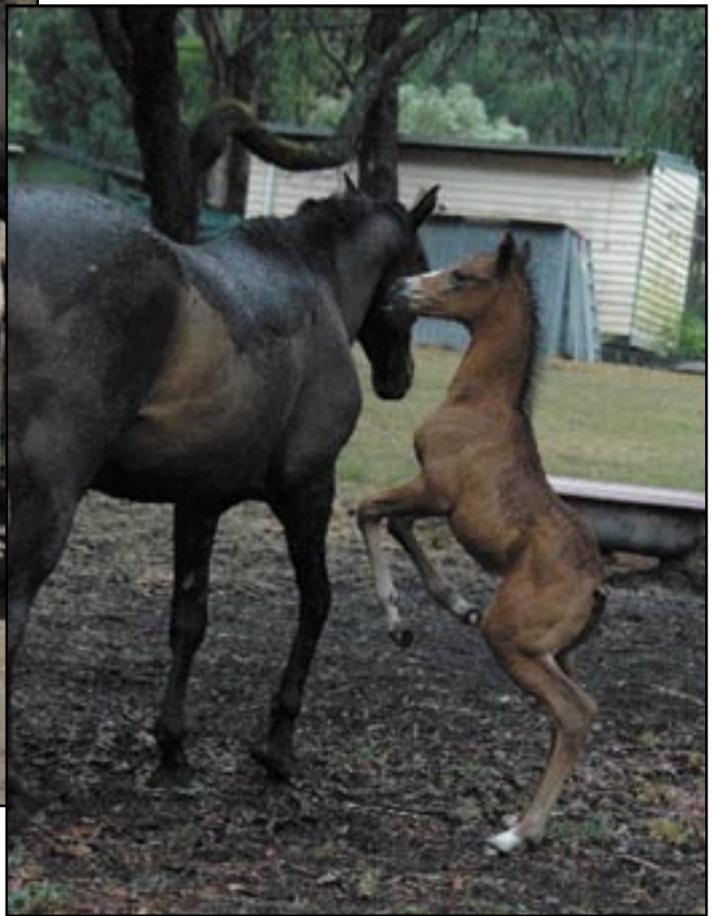
Monday 11th February

40 Coffeys Road, Bullengarook.



horsetails

This month babies of a different kind... presenting future champions...



This is Kristy's new addition... This is a blend of her dressage mare Heide (Cloverfern Heide) and the famous Tossa (Avondale Image).
Presenting... **KJ Just Imagine**



horsetails

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This is Stacey & Peter's new addition... **Divine**
I forget the breeding, but he's a stunner! Legs that go on for ever and eyelashes
that if batted appropriately will get him out of anything!! Pics by Lys



getonyourhighhorse

Anyone have anything to whine about? What gave you the sh*ts this month?

Ten things that drove Lys nuts this month...

1. Drivers that can't merge - f*&k!! It's not that hard!!
2. A telecommunications person hung up on me
3. People who always whine about having something wrong with them - slap!
4. Argh, enough with news on Wayne, Ben and Britney!
5. Stupid people in general
6. Crap email forwards
7. Woodends crap supermarket
8. Grey's Anatomy still hasn't started on TV
9. When I ran out of Gin
10. Digger!



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February

- 3 Show - Ruffy ARC
- 10 Dressage - Peninsula RC
- 10 Show - Colac ARC
- 17 Dressage Jackpot - KGARC
- 17 Combined Training - Freshwater Creek
- 17 Barastoc HOTY Show - Werribee Central
- 16/17 Dressage Jackpot Champs Weekend - SEDC
- 24 Showjumping - Hurstbridge ARC

March

- 2 Show - Doongala ARC
- 9 Dressage Jackpot - Colac & Dist ARC
- 15 Summer Royal Show - Werribee - Whittlesea ARC
- 15 Show - Pakenham Upper
- 30 Showjumping - Alan Mance - Melton
- 30 CT & Dressage Jackpot - Bannockburn Teesdale
- 30 CT & Dressage Jackpt - Sale & Dist ARC



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HRC AV Top Team Trophy Combined Training 2008

Date: Sunday 6th April 2008

Where: Wandin Park, Victoria Road, Wandin North

Cost: \$17.50 per rider

Dressage Test: D

Qualifying: None Required

Yard Bookings: \$5.00

Overnight Camping: \$10.00

If you are wanting to compete in this event could you please let Stacey know asap and arrange payment to me so we can organise teams. We also need to supply one non-competing volunteer per team, so please keep that in mind.

HRC AV Top Team Trophy Horse Trials 2008 (We are the hosts)

Date: 12th & 13th July.

Where: Werribee Park

We desperately need sponsorship - as a bare minimum can each member please obtain sponsorship for one cross country jump. Letter attached all you need to do is make a few phone calls & fill in the blanks - all the work is done for you. We also need some co-ordinators for things, like the helpers, and the judges etc. Can I please get somebody to take these on board, judges are currently being booked.

HRC AV Top Team Trophy Dressage 2008 (We are the hosts of this too...)

Date: 15th & 16th November.

Where: Werribee Park

As with the Horse Trials, we will need sponsorship for this event also. Or if you had previously obtained sponsorship can you follow it up please.

Then we retire from hosting comps!



horsetails

Smythesdale ARC Dressage Jackpot

By Lys

Hurrah! Competition one... tick! It was lovely to be back in the saddle competing again. There were about seven members from Bullengarook ARC that made the small hike over to Smythesdale ARC for their dressage jackpot. I wasn't particularly impressed with the fact they scheduled Sarah at 10am and 10.50am, with my times scheduled for 4.50pm & 5.20pm! (I had The Police concert in Melbourne the night before - argh) But we put up with it!

I didn't get to see Kirby ride as she was on early morning, however she must have blitzed her level 3 tests, winning both, and the overall jackpot for her section! Earlier in the morning I saw Sarah and Yvonne ride their level 5 tests at the same time as googling over Kylie's baby Charli who came for a short visit. Sarah managed to get Khy moving and pulled off a great first test, and no pigroots or halts facing E to mention. Yvonne looked very confident and smart, with her partner in tow for some support. Both riders had obviously been working hard, earning placings in a couple of tests.

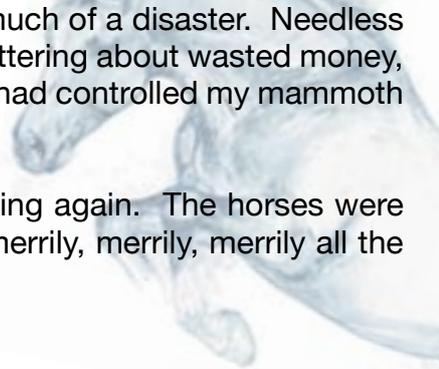
Fi got off to a shaky start on Tonnie when some ignorant people in the next door property decided it might be time to do a punk-style drum solo. Tonnie doesn't like drums much.... Obviously frustrated Fi went on to ace the second test with ease... Except when she mis-heard her caller (me) mistaking P for E, therefore I decided to sound as much like a di**head as possible for the rest of her test and say loudly 'at E for EGG, 20mtr circle diameter.... at C for CAT, halt immobility three seconds...' It probably wasn't necessary, but I decided to put myself out there as King Dic* for you Fi - thank me later.

Stacey and Pepe had a busy day of four tests, riding two at level 3, and two at level 2. She was happy with some of her tests, stating a personal best on one of her level two's, only to be dissatisfied with the judges score. Pepe looked in fine form and well recovered after his minor injury and they finished the day with some ribbons.

Karen & Cara turned up later in the morning, though with just one horse, as Cara's Britt had injured himself. Karen and McGill scrubbed up immaculate, and I started giving her a hard time about diagonals. Afterwards when I asked her how she'd done, the only words were 'I DID IT!' Awesome Karen!

Peter was riding Sammy and did two nice calm level 3 tests, only to cop the brunt of a Stacey scream when he mis-heard one of her calls. I followed shortly after (thank goodness it was about an hour ahead of my scheduled time), only to do one nice test, then the wind must have changed and I suddenly found myself a top a fresh, tense, two year old Thoroughbred named Digger who decided he'd really like to try and canter up the centre line entry. We somehow pulled it off without too much of a disaster. Needless to say I was not happy with test two, and I think everyone knew about it, muttering about wasted money, and good for dog food... I apologised to my horse shortly afterwards when I had controlled my mammoth temper..!

All in all we had a great day out, it was lovely to see everyone out competing again. The horses were primed, ribbons were won, Stacey drank bubbles, and then we all went merrily, merrily, merrily all the way home...



comresults!!

Finally after a long wait I have some competition results to report!!

HRCVA Top Ten Awards 2007

Congratulations to Puchi & Coco who received a top ten award for Combined Training for 2007!

Smythesdale ARC Dressage Jackpot

Kirby & Cavorta - Level 3A, 1st in both C & D tests, 1st overall Jackpot

Yvonne & Horse?! - Level 5, 3rd in test C, 5th overall Jackpot

Karen & McGill - Level 4B, Mid field for both tests - SHE DID IT!!!

Peter & Sammy - Level 3B, 6th in test D.

Stacey & Pepe - Level 3A, 5th in test D, 6th in test C, 5th overall Jackpot

Sarah & Khy - Level 5, 4th in test C

Lys & Digger - Level 3, 4th in test C

Fi Staley & Tonnie - Level 3A, 6th in test D

Sorry if I missed anyone.... please send me your results.



caught on camera

Smythesdale ARC Dressage Jackpot
Pics from Morrie Mathews



Sarah & Khy



Peter & Sammy



Fe Staley & Tonnie



Stacey & Pepe



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Pics from Morrie Mathews



Yvonne & I forget his name!!



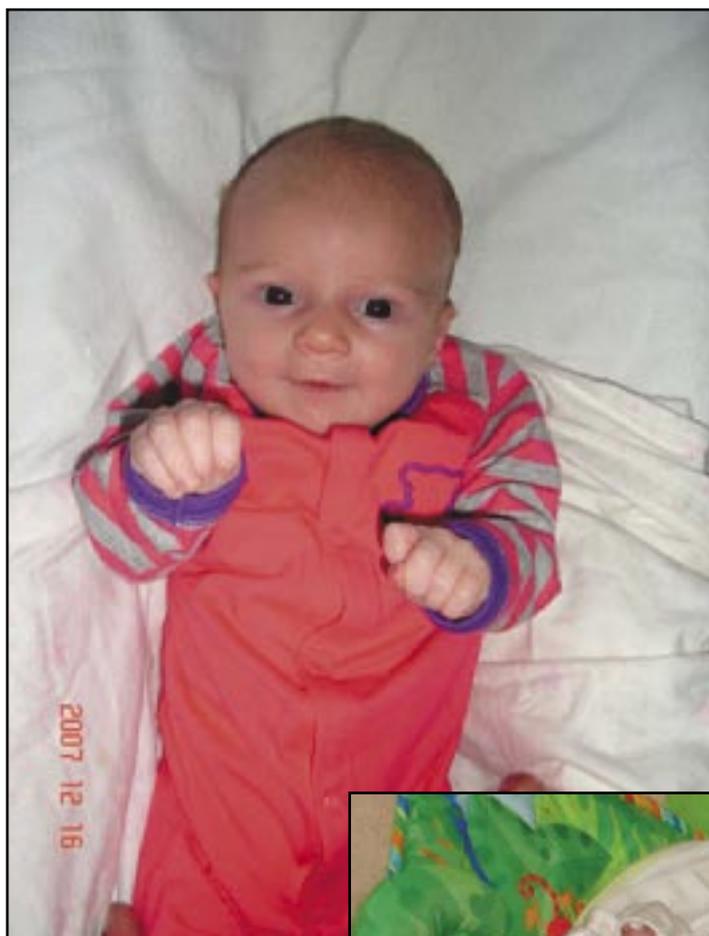
Lys & Digger



Karen & McGill



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**The promised pictures of our member
Kylie's new baby Charli.**

Possible dialogue from Alan to Charli in future
SJ lessons...

*'Alright Charli, kick him up,
NO! Start again...*

*Oh Jeeesuuus....
He looks like a elephant in a China shop!
Look at him...thinks he's Mr Bloody Universe...*

KICK HIM!!!

....alright, better.... but I want it again...'



memberspage



**Any new nominations
for the Fat Ass Award?**



MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS!!!

I can't find my bloody list of birthdays!! So wishing all those members whose birthday it is this month a very Happy Birthday from everyone at BARC!!

NEW MEMBERS

Stacey Willis
Louise Abey
Jen Mainland

REST IN PEACE



I was saddened to hear Margaret Wade's gorgeous Finnegan died on Christmas Day 2007.

We are sorry for your loss Margaret.



happysnaps...!



**January Rally 2008
Pics by Karen & Cara**



horsinaround...!

Thought for the month:

If nothing ever sticks to TEFLON,
how do they make TEFLON stick to
the pan?

Bored at work?

YouTube videos of the month:

Who has a teenage daughter.....?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V_6Bud8kws

John West Salmon....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOpKFPEah3E>

Patience is a virtue...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=998YZM65LQU>



New men's toilets at The Sofitel, Queenstown NZ - Thanks Fi S!



horsinaround...!

**Sick of looking like a wan*ker?
Wish you and your horse weren't so unco?
Trying your hardest but you still manage to look crap?**

Here at Bullengarook ARC we nurture nuffies and try to help our special members make the most of their special abilities. Below is **Example A** of 'crap' to 'not as crap'...



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