

BULLENGAROOK ARC

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Vale Kerry Baker

As most of you are aware, one of our members, Kerry Baker, passed away a couple of weeks ago. Kerry has been an active member of our club since she joined, attending TTT's, helping at events, strapping for Lys, being on committee, all whilst undergoing some pretty heavy duty medical treatment.

Kerry never let her illness get her down, or stop her from doing just about anything. A fabulous attitude and fortitude that not many people would show. Her funeral was a celebration of her life, with some pretty cool music too.

And as the circle of life continues, I believe that not everyone picked up that BRENDA is having a BABY. So as she gets

fatter & fatter, you are only allowed to make fun of her behind her back. (snigger snigger) .

Works are supposed to start on the sand arena on Tuesday 14th March, so with a bit of luck it will be there for our April rally

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 performance cards with you.



Barastoc Horse Show

Well most of us piked out but Emma & Blackie swept the L2 Field. To quote Emma

“Barastoc is the Horse of the Year show and being champion mount and winning the highpoint we are most definitely the L2 Showhorse of the Year (and I have a medallion that says so!!!!)”

Presidents Report

One more month without any input, & I will remove this section, and put Garfield comics in here

NOBODY heeded my plea & wrote a February rally report & I can hardly remember what hap-

pened—so there isn't one. I don't think anyone fell off or any other major dramas.

You know what would be really really nice?? If somebody just volunteered & DID ONE.

Or even an event review, there were heaps of you guys at

Glenlyon yesterday, would it really take much time to knock something up (am I sounding really whiny?????)

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New Members:

- Karen MacDonald (omg now we have 2)
- Kirby Hoiles
- Noelle Vine
- Rhonda Petschel
- Jodie Barton

Bits & Pieces

**For
Sale**

1994 Landrover Discovery, 7 seats top of the range model (leather seats, 2 sunroofs etc etc), 3500kg tow capacity, easy to catch/shoe/float, need to sell to make way for convertible sportscar, price negotiable, phone Stacey 54289028



Emma & Blackie
Accepting Champion at
Barastoc!! Classy

Rally/Clinic Suggestions

Any member can make suggestions for instructors for our rallies. What we consider in instructors is that they can teach a group, teach beginners through to advanced, and what they charge. So if you can think of anyone let me or someone on the committee know and they may just pop up!

Our next committee meeting is
12th February 8pm at Lisa's

85 Wittig St, Bacchus Marsh

BYO Wine

TTT Showjumping

Okay—the teams are (sort of) in place

Team 1—Drew, Tash Puch, & Peter

Team 2—Stacey, Cara Deb & Emma

Team 3—Drew Emma, Lucinda & Lys

Now on paper these are pretty handy teams, of course much may depend on the severity of the hangover as to how they all perform over the weekend.

We are heading off for the 17th & 18th March and I am sure that no matter what, we will all have a great time..

TTT Quote

“Well, there is always next year”

TTT Horse Trials

Entries are required NOW .
EOI's from, Emma, Lys, Lisa, Tash, Puch, Debwa, Caroline, Peter, Lucinda & Kristy....this is 10, we need 12....so get with the program & let me know. I need logs, team names, money etc by our rally so I can send them off. The event is up (down) the road in Melton easy peasy.....we are happy to send as many as possible so don't be shy, but we do need helpers!



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 May 07

Following on from the piece in the last newsletter about what we will do regarding competitions for this coming year, the committee discussed a few options and came up with running a couple of midweek dressages in March & April, a showjumping competition in May and sub-

mitting to host TTT Dressage in November. Unfortunately Trentham ARC also are holding a few midweek dressage comps at the same time we had planned, so we won't be having these.

Put Saturday
26th May in
your diaries—
we are holding
a showjumping
competition

March Rally 2007

Our next rally we have Helen McMillan for the last time taking flat lessons only, Terry Campbell with flat only. And Lucinda Mack for Showjumping. The plan is to set up a whole showjumping course, so of course we need heaps of help setting up & packing up, regardless

of whether you are jumping or not. 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.

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.

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.

Kerry Baker

As most of you are probably aware my mum, Kerry Baker, passed away early last month. The news of course came as a shock to many, as it was only around three weeks prior to her passing that some of you had seen her happy face around enjoying her horses.

She always talked with much joy about all the good times we had together at rallies and competitions. Triple T's were her favourite, going away for a fun weekend with the horsies, drinking fizz in the evenings and

having a restless night's sleep, waking repeatedly to Khy's frequent escapes.

She has inspired many of us, and though a great loss to our riding community, her spirit will live on in our club and our riding.

Thankyou for all your support

Love Lys x



Horse Trekking in West Virginia

Jenny Wilkins

Judging from the map, it was two and a half miles from Pipestem Lodge to the stables. Arriving at Pipestem National Park in West Virginia late at night without a car, I didn't rate my chances of getting to the stables by 9.00 am the next morning. A phone call solved the problem. Nothing fancy, but a stable hand promised to pick me up the next morning.

It is difficult to manoeuvre the east coast of USA without a car, and Pipestem is one of the few places offering horse-treks during the summer months. All other riding establishments are privately owned and cater for members only.

The slogan for West Virginia is 'wild and wonderful'. Wild it is. Black bears, raccoons and squirrels are hunted in the public hunting areas that adjoin Pipestem. According to locals, squirrel gravy on potatoes is a local delicacy! If not eaten, the animals can be stuffed at any of the many taxidermists which line the road from Pipestem National Park to Hinton, the small town where the Amtrak train dispatched me. My taxi driver was quite proud of the fact that the last time they lynched a man in Hinton was in 1965!

Pipestem in southern West Virginia is part of the Appalachian mountain range. The park is courageously perched on the rim of the Bluestone Canyon. Visitors to the park can choose to stay on the rim of the canyon, at Pipestem Lodge, or on the canyon floor, far more basic. Although the canyon floor is usually approached by an aerial tramway which rattles 1000 feet to the bed of the Bluestone River, it was our horses that made the long meander the following morning.

My quarter-horse, Rex, and I zig-zagged our way down the mountain side. The slopes are heavily treed and the mid-summer's day was hot, still and buzzing. During the descent, we saw evidence of the subsistence farmers (hillbillies) who left the area fifty years ago. The remnants of log cabins are visible with the remaining walls overgrown by creepers. As we followed a narrow track among the tall pine trees, we came across a small clearing which according to our guide would have once supported half a dozen chickens, a cow and maybe a horse. Corn was grown in summer and moonshine was distilled in hidden gullies. An abandoned still was unearthed when they excavated for the foundations for the aerial tramway.

Across the valley is a small hut, once used by Indians, which provides accommodation for overnight rides. Long before Pipestem was declared a national park; it was a popular destination for American Indians. For hundreds of years, the American Indians apparently hunted and fished around Pipestem. The name is derived from a plant whose woody, hollow stem was used by Indians to smoke tobacco, substituted by other plants when tobacco was in short supply! The Indian visitors have long gone, but Pipestem stores a museum of Indian artifacts that dates back 800 to 1000 years. The flower of the pipestem plant is small and fragrant. Unfortunately I was unable to put the plant to the practical use that previous visitors to the area did, so was content just to enjoy its fragrance.

Results

Summer Royal (This is the one I actually missed)

Emma & Blackie Level 2 6th SOP 2nd Rider U 35 years 1st Mnt under 15hh Champ Mt 1st MMS

Barastoc (As noted earlier half of us didn't go)

Emma & Blackie L2 SOP 2nd Led 3rd Mount 1st Champion Mount MMS 2nd Best Ed 2nd Pleasure 4th Show Hunter 2nd Champion L2 Highpoint (Pity she couldn't do this at TTT Showing!)

Caroline Gepp 2nd Rider, 3rd SOP 3rd Mount, 3rd MMS,

Out & About—Ballarat Dressage Day

Stacey & Bonnie, L4 Eliminated!

Stacey & Sam L2 14th & 14th

Sharon & Charger 5th & 2nd L5

Lynne & Classic Edition 2nd & 2nd L5

Lee & Nugget, 9th & 9th

Kylie & New Currency—13th & 2nd (one extreme to the other)

Westcoast Dressage Day

Lisa & Star—10th & 2nd L2

Michele & O'Neill—7th L2, 7th & 5th L3

Susan Shepherd—15th & 14th L3

Deb Moss & Jack 1st!!! & 22nd (Deb obviously got far too laid back after her first test!)

Sharon & Charger—14th & 24th L4

Lynne & Classic Edition—19th & 10th L4

Glenlyon Horse Trials

Lys & Digger—4th L2

Lys & Khy—2nd L4

Emma & Blackie—4th L4

Peter & Scarlett—2nd L5 (except they were eliminated for not getting a gear check!)

Kristy & Tosser 9th L3

Lucinda & Sam—Nothing L3 (stomach muscle failure!!)

Future Rallys

10th March	-	Terry Campbell, Helen McMillan, Lucinda Mack
7th April		Chris Sievers (Flat & SJ), Terry Campbell, Maybe Beth Whelan (TBC)
12th May		Terry Campbell, Sue Leslie (Flat & XC)
9th June		Terry Campbell & TBA
7th July		
11th August		
8th September		
13th October		

Going Solo—Veronica Sive

So the bright idea came about to breed - to have a foal at home and enjoy the mare and foal experience. Who needs kids when you have a mare to do all the work?

Well that was the idea.

On November 7th Melbourne Cup Day, headed off to Sydney for a meeting. Arrived in Sydney to the ring of the mobile “She is dead in the paddock!” Overcome with sheer shock tried to get to the meeting and concentrate. What had happened if no foal could be found – how did dear Luna die? Midday lunch meeting – the mobile rings – JB (my partner) “Guess what – the foal is hiding in the trees – out of the cold wind!” Instantly the meeting ended. I had to find a surrogate mum.

After making a few calls to all the vets I know – Tony of Tony’s Practice said “Can you believe it, just yesterday a mare lost her foal.” So on automatic pilot headed back to Melbourne and back home to meet the dear little girl. So small, wearing a miniature pony rug, which was still too big she sat in the shelter on the straw.

My neighbour and I hiding on the floor of the float with the foal surrounded by bales of hay – JB drove along the winding roads to Woodend in the dark to meet the surrogate mum. There she was a beautiful chestnut mare – who simply could not understand how her chestnut foal had disappeared the day before in a wheelbarrow only to come back as a bay foal standing on all four legs.

With the help of the kind owners, Tony and his team – and lots of plasma and determination managed to get Solo and her new mum, Shortie connected. Now after three months – Solo is a growing and doing so well. We talk of taking her home – weaning her from her mum.

The big issue now is finding her a mate – guess we will have to buy another foal – cause life isn’t the same if you have to go Solo.

