



Bullengarook

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Woo! Horse Trials are back!

Hi Everyone! I'm so glad to be back out competing again! After a dressage day and two horse trials I'm feeling much better!

Sounds like quite a few BARC members have been out and about at comps... Barastoc, Summer Royal, Trentham CT & Dressage, Trentham mid-week Dressage, Gisborne Horse Trials, Riddells Creek Horse Trials just to name a few... And many of our riders have been collecting the goods with quite a few results to report this month.

Last rally was probably one of our biggest ever! Four instructors (Anne, Terry, Tori & Paul) simultaneously running lessons over the two arenas. The April rally promises to be just as big with the same four instructors locked in.

Suddenly the cold weather has hit, and I'm already whingeing about it being dark in the mornings and dark earlier in the evenings. I'm currently trying to get my winter rug situation organised to deal with the Arctic temperatures of Woodend. Murphy looked smashing in his Edinburgh winter combo I picked up at Barastoc's Trade Stands... that is until he ripped it a week later... needless to say I'm not speaking to him at the moment! Cara has given me the thumbs up for some cheaper variations on eBay which he'll have to live with I think!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our April rally, or for those of you that are competing at Melton SJ or TTT CT in the next couple of weeks!! Cheers for now, Lys



This month's cover star is Fi Staley riding Tonnie at Trentham ARC's Dressage & CT Day

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

Name... Anastasia Jane Dixon

Occupation... Draftsperson/Bookkeeper/Kept Woman

Hobbies... Reading, Snow Skiing, Horsies of courses, AFL (Hawthorn)

Favourite Food... Oooh, tricky! Indian/Asian, kill for a kalamata olive, hate sweets generally

Favourite Music... I truly don't have a favourite genre, Elvis to Jewel to Green Day to Plain White Ts, Chris Isaak, Dixie Chicks. I would love to do karaoke to 'I believe in a thing called Love' by The Darkness one day... I recommend you all stay away!

Most Embarrassing Situation... I'd have to think about it, though probably the aforementioned karaoke that I haven't done yet!

I wish I'd never worn... Those bloody mango jods at the Summer Royal, fat lot of good it did.

Friends say I am... Reliable, loyal, funny. They know I am shy and non-confrontational and sensitive which is the opposite to how other people see me.

Ambitions... Tricky when you have achieved most things - lose more weight, travel, be debt free, oh and get to Advanced Dressage.

Current Horse... Pepe, Scarlett & Divine!

Horses Details... Pepe - 12yo fancy, schmancy, dressage WB. Scarlett - 5yo stunning ASH/CC that we bred. Divine - 3 mths, huge black WB who is my future superstar as long as he stops at under 16.2hh.

What age did you start riding... Probably at about 12yrs, but I didn't get my first horse until I was about 30yrs and really old being seriously riding for the past 5 years.

If you were a horse describe yourself (name, colour, breed, etc)... A short, fat Thelwell Pony.



Pictures: Top: Stacey & Pepe Middle: Divine Bottom: Stacey on horseback

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www.hrcav.com.au

rallyrave

February 2008 Rally Report by Stacey

A freezing wet morning greeted us – very unseasonable weather for Feb. Personally, although I struggled to get out of bed, I would much rather ride in cooler conditions, and apart from getting a bit wet, I would be sure our instructors prefer it to the hot dusty conditions.

Started the day in a flap as usual with the wonderhorse hitting the electric fence as I was trying to catch him and he went OFF – always makes you feel warm & fuzzy when they are like that. Our three intrepid instructors set off to work with their usual aplomb...Deb & Peter went over to set up the showjumping course. As usual Princess Pink was looking gorgeous even when Tori ran at her with a handful of sand and threw it at her horses ample arse (much to the horror of the lesson in the next ring who caught a smattering of sand too! Tori did apologise profusely) Lordy I reckon Sammy or Pepe would have a foal if she did that to them. Baby Murphy was out for his first lesson and he took the sand throwing in his stride although he probably thought “holy crap if I move she might chase me & throw sand at me”. Pepe was really good and I was really happy with him. Pity that didn't last as we went over to jumping!. The was lots of red faces in the ring next door so everyone was either working really hard, or were really unfit, or a bit of both.

Gil rolled up late – first time I haven't seen her in the first lesson for ages. She also “looked” a bit different, a bit hard to put your finger on, first of all I thought she had her hair cut....hmmm no that wasn't it....then I thought it was a new car.....no not that – then it dawned on me – she had a new accessory/strapper/dog handler in tow, which probably explained why she was late and also would explain why she had that “I been getting a few kisses” glow.

There were horses everywhere, more floats than I have seen in a long time, and there was a lot of “who IS that” with 2 new members & a couple of stunning golden visitors.

The jumping went off without a hitch, everyone stayed united with their steeds, although I just about came off at one point, and I saw Bronwyn clinging on to Goldie in her lesson. Again Paul repeated his mantra of rhythm rhythm rhythm to us “maintain the same canter over the poles & the jumps” pity that Billy & Khy thought it took far too much effort to keep this “rhythm crap” up.

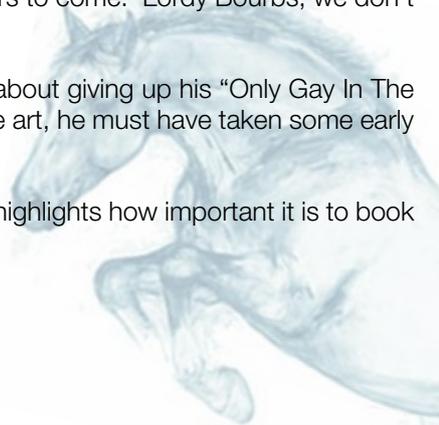
Over at the flatties, there was plenty of lovely riding as lots of our members were out for a Barastoc tune-up, with everyone having been on ice for so long, we are all out of practice, except for Princess Pink of course – I don't know where she gets the energy. After riding in 3 lessons I spotted her riding around in a SIDE SADDLE for goodness sake!!! Bonnie was back for another session of lessons after been turned out for nine months – as long as she had food she was happy. I heard Sarah & Khy getting yelled at, at an educated guess I would say it had something to do with a lack of impulsion, but I could be wrong. Terry had his ducklings bopping around and looking lovely. Karen & Noelle playing swapsies in the middle of their lesson – why I am not too sure. Karen & McGill as always looking impeccable even whilst trying to concentrate on diagonals and other such trivialities. Good to see Veronica & Tash after months away and to meet Louise on her lovely black young horsie. He seemed to handle the company okay. Also lovely to see Kylie & baby Charli too – you can see that not riding for 6 months has really done a lot of harm to Kylie's riding – not, and Dalby looks well & truly recovered from his stringhalt. I got to have a ride on Navajo, funny how everyone, including me, thought I was mad or brave (I hadn't even had a drink at that point). He was a perfect gentleman, only objecting when I cracked him on the bum (as you do). Nav is my backup Summer Royal mount, if Sammy falls through (I feel slightly ill as I typed that line – WHAT AM I THINKING????). Double trouble in the last lesson of the day made even more difficult by Lucinda riding Blackie instead of the usual Emma and Emma on a new horse we haven't seen at club before. A bit of a sad reality check for the “build a bridge” practitioner (Deb Elliott) with Bourbs beginning to show his age and not moving like the spring chicken he once was. A little tear detected as options were discussed, so Bourbs is going to have a go at Old Man's medicines and hopefully we will see him for many years to come. Lordy Bourbs, we don't want that black tart back – sheesh!

Lunch was scrummy – and we may have a new male joining us, Peter is not sure how he feels about giving up his “Only Gay In The Village” status. Aaron was polite, helpful and keen – oh and had the ciggie botting down to a fine art, he must have taken some early lessons with Jen “I don't smoke” Mainland.

If our rallies keep up at this level, we may need to get ANOTHER instructor – outrageous – but it highlights how important it is to book in with the rally organisers so they can assess how the day will pan out sooner rather than later.

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

www.vichorse.com/forum



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March Rally 2008 by Lys

I didn't receive a report from anyone for March.... so now I've got brain strain trying to remember what happened!

Um.... oh, it was a bumper rally with an amazing FOUR instructors!!! We had Terry, Tori & Anne all taking flat lessons, along with Paul doing Showjumping (simultaneously!). There were lots of riders (some newbies!) and floats everywhere. A big high five to Deb and Karen for organising everyone!!

I had my first flat lesson with Anne riding with Cara and Stacey. It was nice to see Anne back instructing again, she's great at mixing her lessons up and we finished with a fun exercise involving walk to canter and the basis of walk pirouettes... entertaining! Digger, Pepe & Britt were all good boys.

Next it was time for my baby Murphy to have a crack at dressage with Tori. After the initial fidgeting he was working like an angel, and attempting leg yielding. Peter was riding Bonnie and managed some nice shoulder-in at the end of the lesson. Emma was riding another grey that I hadn't seen before. There didn't seem to much screaming from Tori this time round, perhaps we were all trying our hardest so we wouldn't have to suffer humiliation by being called a parrot or something worse.

Paul had a small showjumping course set up and I saw Kirby and Fi S flying around it at some stage, Stacey was having a burn on Kendall. Cara, Tash, Karen No.2 and I had a burn around too, always trying to please Paul with the stride staying the same throughout the course. An impossible task for Digger! (But he was doing so well at the start!) Paul is very thorough when it comes to the theory behind a good round of showjumping. I'm sure many of us wish we could go 'gung-ho' and close our eyes and hope for the best, but unfortunately no... Paul is great at explaining things.. be it the canter stride - shortening it, lengthening it, the approach to the fence, etc, etc. He asked our group 'What is the riders job when it comes to a showjumping round?' And really the answer at the end of the day is we should be guiding our horses to a fence, and then letting it be to sort it out itself. So many problems come from a rider trying to interfere with the stride. I found it an interesting discussion.

Lunch was the usual affair, though naughty, naughty to those who started before the last class had finished! It should be a social affair!

And that's all I remember. So can somebody please write a proper one for me next time?!



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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 12th April 2008

The instructors will be same as the March rally:

Paul Rasmussen - Show Jumping

Terry - Dressage/Flat

Tori Weir - Dressage/Flat

Anne Hall - Dressage/Flat

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!!

**** If you are jumping you must help set up or pack up the jumps!! ****

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:

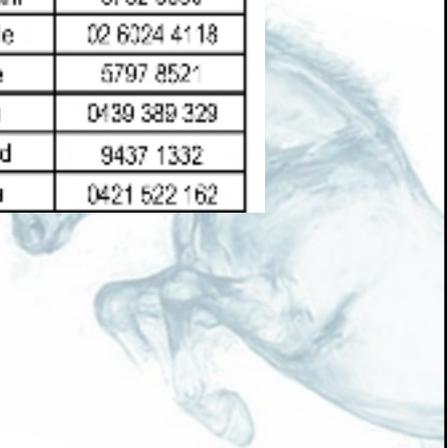
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Note it is a work in progress and Stacey and Lys will try to get it looking good when one of them finds the time...



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APRIL				
5	SHOWJUMPING (Unofficial) - Trafalgar ARC	28-Mar	Joanna	5823 5190
6	TTT COMBINED TRAINING (Official) - Doongala	12-Mar	Nina	0419 513 788
12	SHOWJUMPING (Unofficial) - Trafalgar ARC	4-Apr	Joanna	5823 5190
13	DRESSAGE (Official) - Avoca RC	1-Apr	Bronwyn	5344 0544
13	SHOW (Official) - Beaufort & Dist ARC	7-Apr	Cecilia	0410 563 008
13	SHOW (Unofficial) - Leigh District		Narelle	0438 002 423
13	DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Official) - Cobram/Bercooga	28-Mar	Shelah	5873 4257
16	DRESSAGE (Official) - Trentham ARC Mid Week Series	2-Apr	Susie	5424 1272
18	MIDWEEK DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Pyalong RC	7-Apr	Kate	5785 1431
20	NAVIGATION RIDE (Official) - Grampians RC	11-Apr	Wendy	5352 5092
20	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - SEDC Autumn Series - Day 1	8-Apr	Sue	5977 3677
20	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Inverleigh RC - Golden Spurs Series	6-Apr	Kirsty	0409 432 468
20	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Hurstbridge ARC - DV Series	10-Apr	Lisa	0411 027 656
26	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Horsham & Dist	14-Apr	Angela	0417 393 495
27	HORSE TRIALS (Official) - Westcoast & Rokewood ARC's	16-Apr	Leigh	5282 0350
27	SHOW (Official) - Horsham & Dist	23-Apr	Angela	0417 393 495
27	SHOW (Official) - Marooondah ARC	22-Mar	Gaye	0412 646 363
27	SHOWJUMPING (Official) - Monash ARC	15-Apr	Nicole	0425 843 833
27	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Lakes RC	16-Apr	Joy	5595 4348
MAY				
4	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Whittlesea AR	18-Apr	Sally	9718 2157
4	HORSE TRIALS (Official) - Nepean EC	18-Apr	Jodie	5368 2736
4	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - UBRC	23-Apr	Allison	5942 7316
4	NAVIGATION RIDE (Official) - Beaufort & Dist	28-Apr	Cecilia	0410 563 008
7	DRESSAGE (Official) - Trentham ARC Mid Week Series	23-Apr	Susie	5424 1272
11	HORSE TRIALS (Official) - Bulls ARC	24-Apr	Michelle	9303 8041
18	SHOWJUMPING (Official) - Wangaratta AHRC - NE Series	7-May	Tamryn	0407 662 861
18	CT & DRESSAGE (Official) - Grampians RC		Jodie	0402 267 094
18	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - SEDC Autumn Series - Day 2	6-May	Sue	5977 3677
25	CT & DRESSAGE (Official) - Trafalgar ARC	14-May	Joanna	5823 5190
25	SHOWJUMPING (Official) - WRECAR	16-May	Graham	9752 0590
25	SHOW (Official) - Indigo ARC @ Chiltern Show	16-May	Nicole	02 6024 41 18
25	DRESSAGE (Official) - Yea & Dist	9-May	Sue	5797 8521
25	HORSE TRIALS (Unofficial) - Freshwater Creek RC	16-May	Ella	0439 389 329
25	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - ERARC - DV Series	15-May	Ingrid	9437 1332
31	COMBINED TRAINING (Official) - Donovale ARC	22-May	Lisa	0421 522 162



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HRCAV Top Team Trophy Combined Training 2008

Date: Sunday 6th April 2008

Where: Wandin Park, Victoria Road, Wandin North

Wow 5 teams entered!!! Good luck to all riders. It's sure to be a great weekend away camping with the horsies. (Just a casual reminder to teams... if you look like winning, please do all you can to bump yourself back to at least second, I think the club will have a hernia if it has to host a third TTT event...!)

HRCAV 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.

HRCAV 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!



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Ok guys... TTT HT's 2008. Every member of Bullengarook ARC is required to help, no excuses. I have (stupidly) put my hand up to try and co-ordinate you all! Below is a list of jobs that will need to be done (it's still not complete), but if you have a preference as to what you might like to do then tell me before the next rally, otherwise I will be putting jobs next to peoples names and you'll have to live with it. Now remember the Club is paying for stabling of your horses if you're competing so you won't have to worry about them as much. In order for this event to be a huge success it is integral we have every members assistance over the two days.

Lys – Co-ordinating BARC club members

Deb E – Co-ordinating Team volunteer members

**** Some jobs are small so you could pick two, other jobs are quite big so you may like to pair up with someone. If you don't know anything about any of the jobs listed just ASK Stacey, Lucinda, Emma or I and we'll explain what it involves and what you'll have to do. ****

Website site – setup & maintain

Dressage judges follow up (all have been booked)

Front Desk Setup (Friday)

Front Desk manning – 2 people at all times more preferred

Helper Desk 1 person at all times

Scoring – adding up

Scoring – writing up

Prize co-ordinating

Dressage tests/folders compiling etc, pens, abbreviations, labels

Program compilation

Set up of dressage rings (5) (Friday)

Set up of SJ rings including numbering (2) (Friday)

Pickup/drop off SJ's from BARC grounds

Cross Country Course flagging (Friday)

Dinner/Trivia Night stewards

Cross Country Start Finish stewards

Gear Checking folders etc

PA announcements

Judges lunches set up & clean up

Co-ordinate the whole XC aspect – changing of heights, collecting of tests etc - setting of judges

Co-ordinate equipment (stop watches etc)

Co-ordinate XC stewards (compile folders)

Cards writing up, containers for front desk, highlighters



comresults!!

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

Barastoc Show 2008

Puchi & Coco - Level 2, 6th Smartest on Parade, 1st Mount Most Suitable,
Reserve Champion Mount Most Suitable

Tash & Navi - Level 2, Placed in every class! Not far off highpoint!

Stacey & Sammy - Level 2, Highpoint Champion

Gisborne Pony Club/Open Horse Trials

Sarah & Khy - 4th Open Level 4

Lys & Digger - 2nd Open Level 2

Riddells Creek Pony Club/Open Horse Trials

Lys & Digger - 4th Open Level 2

Rebecca & horse - 3rd PC Level 2

Kirby & horse - 6th Open Level 3

Trentham Mid-Week Dressage

Yvonne & Billy - 1st Level 5

Kylie M & Derby - 1st Level 3

Stacey & Pepe - 2nd Level 3, 2nd Level 2

Trentham Dressage & CT

Stacey & Pepe - Equal 2nd & 3rd Level 2, Reserve Champion Level 2

Kirby & Fi both placed too... not sure where though...

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



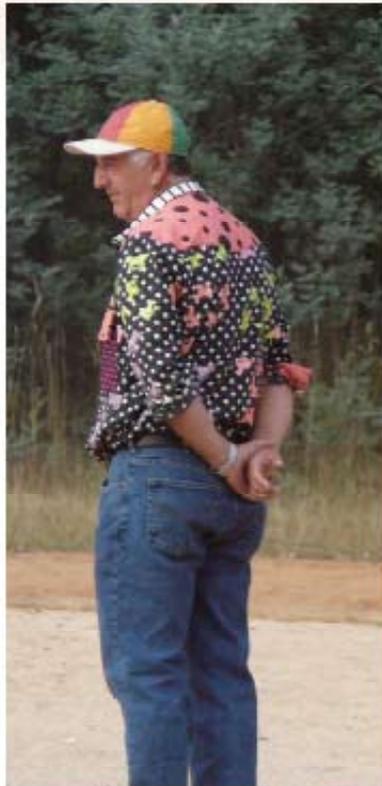
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Riddells Creek Pony Club/Open Horse Trials - Candlebark 2008

By Lys

Sarah and I decided to enter Riddell's Easter Horse Trials as we have the eventing bug big time again. It was also nice and close and a good excuse for me not to have to go and face the Trakener of Death (or broken hand) at Wandin HT's again! (Scheduled for the same weekend.)

We had leisurely 12.50pm dressage times so we still got to have a relaxed Easter morning, and eat as much chocolate as possible before breakfast.

I probably did my best dressage test yet on Digger, but we got marked harshly it seemed and were 7th after the dressage phase much to my disgust – and Digger's. Sarah was in the same boat with her scoring in level 4, so needless to say I haven't stopped whining about the scarily different scoring you receive under different judges from competition to competition. However, crap dressage scores aside we both went on to blitz our jumping rounds.

Digger entertained the crowd with his imaginary three foot fence before every showjump, and even Khy was zinging on something. (Sarah's mum later informed me it was a can of Coke she had fed him prior!) It certainly worked... see pictures below. XC was fun, though high winds made it difficult to stay on board through the dust and remove reins from flapping in face on approach to difficult fences.

Bec was there too riding for Riddell PC, and came in 3rd overall on her Chesnut in PC Level 2. And Kirby was present on a mystery horse and ended up 6th in Open Level 3. Digger and I ended up 4th in Open Level 2, and Sarah made a comeback from 26th to 12th in Open Level 4 which was awesome.

It was probably the best run event I have been too in a very long time, and I would like to think we could get our TTT Horse Trials to run as smoothly. Fabbo event!!

Below: Sarah & Khy... has anyone seen Khy jump this big... ever?!





Bec Level 2
RCPC HT'S

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Sarah Level 4
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Lys Level 2
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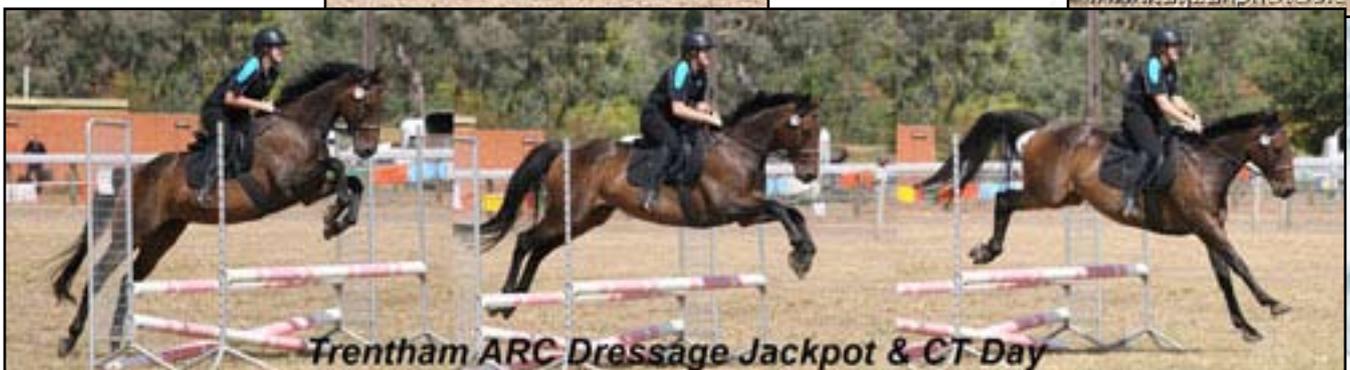
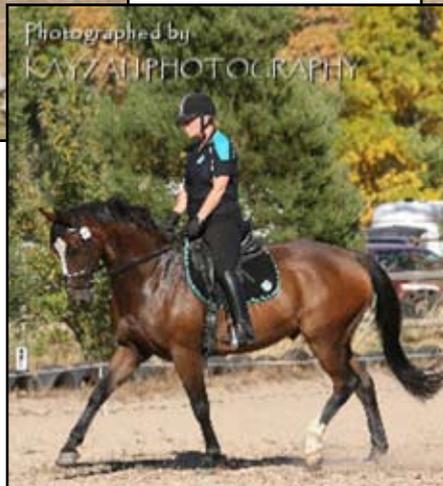
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Trentham Dressage & CT Day March 2008

By Stacey

Another hot hot hot day, a few of us made the trek to Glenlyon Oval to take part in Trenthams Day.

Riding the wonderhorse early-ish Peter & I were first there, not many there so we got a great park next to the water & toilets with a bit of shade for the steeds. Pepe was good and scooped us an =2 & 3 for Reserve Champ L2. The blonde bimlette rolls up (Kirby) without her dressage card.....so Emmy being the nice mummy drove alllll the way back to Gisborne to get it for her. We had Fi Staley, Peter, Kirbinator, Kylie & me (I think that was all). Again not too sure of results oh except for Peter & Bonnie being eliminated in their first test for excessive disobedience (which was a bit of an understatement, but they did get a fair crack at it) Bonnie was soooo naughty – what a surprise. But then she held it together for the next test & did quite a good job. Kirby& Fi both placed in the CT & Fi in the Dressage as well.



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Glenlyon Pony Club Horse Trials 2008

By Sarah

Just a quick note on the above mentioned event that was held a couple of weekends ago. The day started out and an unmentionable time of the day, trying to wake up one very grumpy boyfriend, who up until Sunday morning assured me that he wouldn't mind getting up early to come along and help me for the day. However this attitude quickly changed when the alarm went off and lasted well into the morning. We had a very early start as we had to leave from Bendigo to pick Khy up from Woodend, who also wasn't very happy about the early start, and then drive back to Glenlyon. So off we set, two grumpy boys and a very nervous me.

Although the day started out as absolutely freezing, once the sun rose, it quickly warmed up to be a beautiful day. Shortly after arriving Khy and I were warming up, and although Khy was quite relaxed and laid back, I wasn't, which turned out to be a disaster as we were eliminated in the dressage!!! I couldn't believe it, after all the practicing we had done prior to the event, the day had just started and we were already done (not to mention very embarrassed)! We'd come all this way though and figured we might as well give the rest of the day a go, even if it was just for practice. While waiting for the next event I ran into Yvonne who had also decided to give grade 4 a go. Both of us usually compete in grade 5, however there was no grade 5 open section, so we thought we would give level 4 a go. I didn't see Yvonne's dressage, but she made it through and was sitting mid-field, so she was doing a lot better than us!

We made it through our show jumping without knocking anything over, however we did get one refusal and the rainbow brick wall. Khy stopped (probably because I wasn't really riding forward into it, I was being a bit of a chicken) and I ended up pretty much balancing on the one leg that was still in the stirrup, with my other leg up in the air, looking like I was ready to just step off the horse, not to mention looking a little silly! I was sure I was about to fall off, and was just felt as though I was just waiting for the big thud when I hit the ground, however, at that moment Khy stepped to the side and I fell back into the saddle. I still don't know how I stayed on, but I can thank Khy for that one! Yvonne did a fantastic job and had a clear round, showing Khy and I how it should be done!

I'm glad we stayed for the cross country, because we had lots of fun. I was very grateful for Yvonne's tips while walking the cross country course. Some pony club kids had given her some handy hints on a few of the jumps that she kindly passed on to me, when we walked it together, so thanks! Once again Yvonne did a beautiful job, and while cooling down at the end, we both agreed that it is SUCH a good feeling when you ride through the flags and the end! Thanks again for all your encouragement Yvonne! I am not sure if there were any other Bullengarook riders at the event, so if there were, I am so sorry for not including you.



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Barastoc 2008 (HRCav)

By Tash

Puch and I went to Barastoc after El... It seemed I had my ditzy hat on!!!

Missed my first class, actually watched it and waited for it to finish and then went in to the ring oh joy!....ditz!!!! What was all that prep for???

Rode in Rider and forgot to change diagonal (actually trying to campaign at level 1 oops!!!) Which level is it important to remember your diagonal???? I know most of my pony club kids know, even the lead reiners..Let my horse down apparently (what the judge said)...fair enough, we tried a walk pirhouette.... thinking of Terry here, rode 7th in the class and had the best starting position (as they would say if you were a race car driver) collected trot .magnifique!.. lengthen, even better.... canter to halt and whatthefuckever are you trying to do???? I guess for a walk pirhouette you have to start off walking!!!!!! Not from the halt. Oh great, who cares...!

Placed in every class anyway, Nav is a gorgeous!!! Came first in 2 of them, 2nd in one, 3rd in 2 and 4th in spazzy rider (high-point was close!) but Josie strapped for me which was awaesome and Jackson strapped for Puch too who had the flu on the day and could hardly ride or speak or do anything but still managed a 6th in SOP and a 1st and Reserve champ in MMS and we realised why we had children at all.....

Barastoc 2008

By Stacey

The weather was promising to be a stinker and we weren't disappointed. There were a heap of rookies down there, Deb Moss, Emma & Lucinda, Bec riding TWO! Tash & Puch, oh & me.

As always, you bust a gut getting ready for the first class, Smartest on Parade, and when you go "in, round & out" you are sooooo glad you put in so much effort, and vow next time not to do SOP.

It was hot dry & so blooming dusty, it wasn't funny. Varying results, not really sure of individual performances apart from my own, but beautiful Sammy & I got Highpoint Reserve Champion for the day in our ring, which was a real surprise & I must say I was thrilled. End of an era with Sammy now at his new home, so there signals the end of my short but successful showing career partnership.



horsetails

Barastoc 2008 (HRCV)
It was for grey horses only ;-)



Deb M



Tash



Puch

horsinaround...!

Thought for the month:

I can't think of anything... :-)

Bored at work?

YouTube videos of the month:

Flight of the Conchords...

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

Ridiculous Japanese Show....

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

And another one...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84_QL1kEmH4



Bono, lead singer of the rock band U2, is famous throughout the entertainment industry for being more than just a little self-righteous.

At a recent U2 concert in Glasgow, Scotland, he asked the audience for total quiet.

Then, in the silence, he started to slowly clap his hands, once every few seconds. Holding the audience in total silence, he said into the microphone, 'Every time I clap my hands, a child in Africa dies.'

From the front of the crowd a voice with a broad Scottish accent pierced the quiet ...

'Well, f – ckin stop doin it then, ya evil bastard!'

