



Newsletter

Christmas 2012

Holy Toledo – where did that year go. A New year brings the promise of new starts, and I am going to make an effort to have a fresh start too. Next year is the year of Divine for me – he turns 5 on Christmas day, and managed to survive some nasty looking wounds in his short career – they would appear to be superficial (as explained by the vet “superficial” means nothing severed – but didn’t look very “superficial” to me!), so it is now time for him to grow up and earn his keep. Scarlett will have a bit of a rest and I will decide on her future “later”.



My best wishes for you, your families & all your four legged companions and look forward to seeing you in whatever capacity you choose in 2013. Note this is being written post 21st December Mayan end of the world, so I feel safe in referring to next year, as it would appear the end of the world was slightly exaggerated. Tard the Grumpy Cat sums it up, and sorry for my Facebook friends as you have seen it.

Happy New Year!!!

Welcome to all our new members who have joined the Bullengarook Family this year

- ☺ Donna Baker
- ☺ Trudy Simpson
- ☺ Carolyn Welsh
- ☺ Cherie Hunter
- ☺ Joan Miles
- ☺ Rochelle Noll
- ☺ Nerida Brand

Hope you have got your suntans topped up for the obligatory nudie run at your next rally. The weather is perfect for it.

Welcome back to all the old blowflies who just can't stay away and have signed up for another year. New Years resolutions are still firmly in place at this stage and I hope that one of them included your ponies and riding.

Also farewell to those of you who are not rejoining, we hope you enjoy your future equestrian pursuits whatever they may be. If you haven't rejoined this will be the last newsletter sent.

Fergus BY JEAN ABERNETHY



Christmas Rally



Christmas was a stunning day, it was forecast to be hot hot, but the temperature was perfect. Drew very kindly set up a freshman's showjumping course for any who wanted a bit of a crack and was enjoyed by a few – however the only person who knew the actual course was Karen Bentley, and she wasn't sharing.

Scarlett Blakeley & Beth Whelan kept everyone entertained in their flat lessons up until lunchtime, then we all headed over to the shed for our Christmas feast. Many thanks to our donated meat, supplied by Lou Mawhinney. Highly recommended to the carnivores out there to order in bulk, from Lou. Not sure what the poor people were doing that day, but

it was one of the nicest days in a long time.

As of our February rally, we will have a new rally co-ordinator, so you will be contacted by Carolyn Welsh going forward instead of Brenda. The format will stay the same, email Carolyn to book in for rallies asap, let her know the following

- **WHAT** you are booking in for (flat, jumping, both)
- **WHAT** level approximately you are riding/training at, and if this is different from flat to jumping please make this obvious
- **WHICH** instructor you want to ride with – if you have a preference
- **WHAT** you are bringing for lunch, this helps to not over or under cater for salads & quiches – a travesty on both levels
- **IF** you have to leave early, or have other time constraints

All of the above helps to run a rally, and most requests try to be accommodated, but also please be mindful that it is not always possible, and be gracious if all your princess requests are not granted, like real princesses always are. Also early notification helps us with our instructors and giving them as much notice as possible.

You can book yourselves in for as many lessons as you think you can cope with - \$25 for each flat lesson & \$20 for a jumping lesson. Don't forget if you are in the first lesson to allow 15 minutes to

assist in setting up the showjumps before you get on regardless of whether you are jumping or not. If you are in multiple lessons, make sure you do multiple jobs too.

Of course we all know – YOU BOOK YOU PAY unless a replacement is found for your spot.

A few words from SWMBO(bni) WINTER REPORT
(She Who Must Be Obeyed (but never is) aka The president Karen Bentley)

HAPPY NEW YEAR ROOKIES AND ROOKIE STEEDS!

Our Christmas rally seems like a distant memory! And the first week of January is almost done and dusted. That means Christmas is only 50 weeks away!

I hope Santa was good to all of you and that you were able to make the most of the beautiful riding weather over the Christmas/New Year break. Poor Jacko didn't think his Christmas day was that great - he got an early morning ride while Kingston relaxed in his paddock with some hay from Santa.

As this is my first Presidential spiel since the new HRC AV year started, I'd like to start by thanking the 2012 committee - Stacey, Brenda and myself - for their hard work during the year. Without a committee, there would be no rallies, no clinics, no competitions (so no money) and you would all have to do your own TTT entries. I am very pleased to announce that we have some new faces on the 2013 committee - Carolyn Welsh and Brigid Donovan. Welcome ladies. So if you have any issues or ideas, please feel free to contact any one of us. You do not have to be a committee member to attend meetings or want to help out!

This brings me to another change for the new year - a new rally co-ordinator. Carolyn Welsh has very kindly offered to take on the role this year. In this regard, please take the time to read her rally notifications carefully and provide her with ALL of the information she requires. Carolyn is a relatively new club member herself, and does not yet know everyone, let alone their horses and what level they ride at. I can attest to her brilliance in many areas, but mental telepathy is not one of them. "I want a lesson with Chris" is not going to cut it folks!

This leads me to thank Brenda Cotter for her efforts over the past 2 years. As Brenda and rally co-ordinators of the past will testify, it is a generally thankless task. People complain when they don't like the lesson they are in, but when was the last time you thanked the rally co-ordinator for accommodating a special request? On behalf of everyone Bren - **THANK YOU!!** And enjoy retirement.

Thanks also to everyone who responded to my email re: holding our annual dressage competition earlier in the year. Everyone that did respond was supportive of shifting it forward to April (April 13 and 14 to be precise). So while that means we are backing up our October comp only 6 months later, we hope that by doing so, people aren't so "comped out" and we'll get some additional entries. It will remain in the 2 day format and the call for helpers

(for organising and on the days) and sponsorship will be going out in the coming months. The Saturday would have been our rally day, so you all have that blacked out in your diaries already. So technically you are only giving up one day this year to help instead of 2! And no, the April rally will not be rescheduled during to conflicts on other weekends in April.

An April competition of course means that the new HRCav dressage tests will be in force. Stay tuned for information about a planned "test ride" day on February 17, where you get to ride the new tests with a judge, and get her feedback. Don't forget, TTT CT is just around the corner, and you will be riding new test 4. So I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity.

So folks, that's all from me for now. Happy riding and keep safe in this hot weather.

Karen

RIDE YOUR TEST DAY

As mentioned above, we have arranged for a training day on Sunday 17th February with Chris Sievers for those who would like to ride the new dressage tests that come into effect from 1st March. The idea of the day is that you ride a test (we are nominating the new "4" test as it will be used at TTT Combined Training. However you can choose any of them. You ride your test, and it is marked as normal. You then immediately go to the judge and discuss it, go off and have a bit of a practice and then come back and ride it again, which is also marked as normal. This is not going to be an exclusive Bullengarook ARC event, however we want as many of our members as possible to get in first before we offer it to outsiders. We anticipate the cost will be \$25 for the two tests to cover the judges costs. You will also need to help with setting up or packing up or doing a stint of pencilling. We also have discussed having midweek training days as well with Amanda Mitchell, but details haven't been finalised as we go to cyber-print.

LEVEL ASSESSING

In order to compete, riders need to be level assessed initially. Even though we have two level assessors as members of our club, it is up to riders to arrange their own level assessing. As both Lucinda & Emma have chosen to make themselves "in the family way" they will probably not be randomly attending our rallies. However they are not totally disabled and can still assess by private arrangement, along with any other of the official Level Assessors on the link below. You can call Emma on 0448 480011 or Lucinda on 0448 880226. Between Emma & Lucinda I am sure they will work something out. Otherwise you are free to get level assessed by any of the official HRCav Level Assessors, they charge around \$50 + travel. For a full listing have a look here <http://hrcav.com.au/site/hrca/vic/downloads/Officials/level%20assessors%20141210.pdf>, Level assessment does not expire, but you do need to be level verified if you want to participate in a TTT event.

TTT Events

For our new members, here is a crash course in Top Team Trophy events. Each year a TTT event is held in one of our six disciplines. Clubs submit teams of four, with the best three scores from each team counting to the overall winning team. To enter you need to either have competed in three events of the discipline in the 12 months prior to closing date OR be level verified in the three months prior to closing. Anyone from the club can nominate to be on a team, and if you want to be on a team with someone in particular you can ask for this, otherwise the rest get put into moderately balanced teams. Bullengarook have had varying success over the years in all of the disciplines, we have won a couple, heaps of seconds & thirds, and many placings, along with PLENTY of placings not worth mentioning. It is not about winning, its about the participating, getting out in the black & jade & just being part of a team and part of the club. Although winning or placing at TTT is also quite prestigious too. The TTT events can be loads of fun, Bullengarook move into the venue & set up camp, usually first to arrive, last to leave, regardless of our team placings. Again this doesn't happen by accident but is dependent on all the participants

Currently the club pays for half of our entry fees & all of the team entry fees, but this may change.

TTT Showing

On the 19th & 20th January at Geelong, Bullengarook is being represented by The Dixie Chicks, with Stacey, Tash, Jan & Josie Dixon, and The Mix of Chicks with Cara Italia, Michelle Bell & Annetta Newman. Hoping it won't be too hot.

TTT Combined Training

Hosted by Biddlesden ARC over at Wandin Park on the weekend of 9th & 10th of March (our rally weekend). Make sure you are qualified or verified and get your stuff in asap so we can get good times. You need an individual entry form. Bear in mind that you also need to have a team helper. You are only riding one day. Currently Level 1, 2 & 4 will be on Saturday & Level 3 & 5 on Sunday.

TTT Horse Trials

Hosted by Bulla ARC down the road at Bulla! On the weekend of 20th & 21st April. Level 4 & 5 will be on Saturday, Level 3 on Sunday and Levels 1 & 2 will be over both days. Team Helper & Individual entry forms required!

TTT Navigation Ride

8th September at Willowmavin – heaps of notice for this one!

Level Verification for TTT Events

Thankfully there has been a change to the level verifying/assessment from the beginning of 2012. You only need to be verified or assessed in the prior 12 months to the event, not three months. The attendance of three events alternative remains the same. Can I suggest that you make arrangements with either Emma or Lucinda or the level assessor of your choice to do all your cards asap and then you won't have to worry about it. You will no longer have to provide a copy of your

card for the entries, but they will be checked when you attend the event. If the cards are not valid, you can't compete officially

As these are team events, it is important to realise that you are in it with three other riders from the club.

General Rally Information

- Please keep your dogs always on a lead, tied up, in the car, or at home. Please do not keep your dogs mooching for food in the kitchen.
- Please do not lunge your horse near where lessons are already in progress, either flat or jumping.
- Please be ready for your lesson, but don't intrude on the lesson prior to yours, sometimes they start late for various reasons, but finishing up is important. It is the instructors responsibility to conduct their lessons, but it is hard if others come into the arenas before the previous lesson has finished
- Please bring along a piece of wood to make the clubrooms nice and cosy.
- Please keep water usage to a minimum. The water is for horses drinking water, not hosing. This obviously is not an issue in winter, but when the warmer weather comes, it does become important. The water that sources to the sink in the clubrooms is not considered drinking water, it also comes from the outside tank and is full of all sorts of lovely wriggly & dead things. There is another black poly pipe and tap in the kitchen that sources to a tank where we buy in water for drinking. This water should be used mindfully too. We fill the urn with this.

Uniforms

We have a small number of club rugbys for \$50 (these have to be ordered in lots of 20, so the sizing is a bit limited) and club ties for \$15. For all your other uniform requirements, you can get most things through One Stop Embroidery in Sunbury, the lovely Tina has all sorts of things like polo shirts & hats in our colours, which she can put our logo on for very reasonable prices, and she also can put the logo on anything you take down there, like your own vests, or woollen jumpers, or saddle blankets. You can wear any colour jodhpurs you like, but most of our riders tend to compete in black ones. Also there is a very spesh looking Roma jade saddlecloth, lined in black that Gill bought up at Lowdens in Kilmore for \$50. They look great.

CALENDAR/RALLY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2013

Rally – 12 th	Happy New Year! Flat: Amanda Mitchell/Beth Whelan Jumping: Amanda Mitchell
19 & 20 th	Top Teams Showing at Geelong Go Dixie Chicks & A Mix Of Chicks

February 2013

Rally – 9 th	Flat: Fiona Dearing/TBA Jumping: Drew Cotter
Sunday 17 th	Dressage Ride Your Test Day with Chris Sievers Opportunity to ride the new tests that come in on 1 st March, get feedback from judge & ride again. Stay tuned for updates

March 2013

Rally – 9 th	Flat: Heidi Talbot/John Francis Jumping: TBA

April 2013

NO RALLY APRIL	We are hosting our competition instead
13 TH & 14 TH April	Bullengarook Dressage Championship Weekend, Sponsorship, help and your entries all required

May 2013

Rally – 11 th	Flat: TBA/John Francis Jumping: John Francis

BULLENGAROOK
ADULT RIDING CLUB
Reg: AA0022054P



2012/2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/Code _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____ DOB _____

New Member/Existing Member No. _____

Emergency Contacts _____

Fees 2012/2013

Senior \$130.00 \$ _____

Non-Riding \$ 40.00 \$ _____

Associate \$ 40.00 \$ _____

Associate membership must be accompanied with proof of HRC AV membership (stamped current Member card) at time of renewal

Chaff Chat \$ 48.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Are you happy for the HRC AV to supply your name and address details to any HRC AV Sponsor YES / NO

By signing & having my membership accepted, I agree to abide by the rules and policies of the Bullengarook Adult Riding Club.

Signature _____ Date _____

Don't forget that green membership cards must be signed by the Secretary or Treasurer for them to be valid, regardless of whether fees have been paid. You cannot compete unless the membership cards are valid.

Please make cheques payable to **Bullengarook Adult Riding Club Inc** and mail to BARC, PO Box 864, Gisborne 3437, and include a stamped envelope if you need your membership card

stamped and returned to you Or Direct deposit funds to Westpac 033-624 210330 and send copy of receipt with the signed forms & insurance disclaimer..

GENERAL RULES

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**HORSE RIDING CLUBS ASSOCIATION
OF VICTORIA INC.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DISCLAIMER STATEMENT**

CLUB: _____

MEMBERS NAME: _____

I acknowledge and agree as a condition of membership of the above named affiliated Club, to abide and be bound by the rules of the parent body, namely the Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria (HRC AV). I have read and agree to abide by the HRC AV Code of Conduct and understand that my failure to abide by the Code may result in disciplinary action under HRC AV rules.

The term EVENT(s) referred to below, means any horse related activity specified in the HRC AV's insurance policy, being undertaken at any time, and at any venue within Australia, from the date stated below to the 31st October following.

I acknowledge and agree as a condition of participating that neither the club participants, HRC AV or any subdivisions thereof, officials, volunteers, medical personnel, any persons, promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S), shall be under any liability for my death or any bodily injury, loss or damage which may be sustained or incurred by me, as a result of participation in or being present at the event(s), except in regard to any rights I may have arising under the Trade Practices Act 1974.

I acknowledge that equestrian activities are dangerous and that accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage, can, and do happen.

I understand that, due to diseases such as equine influenza, government bodies may restrict or prevent the movement of horses, vehicles and personnel for a period of time ('standstill'). I acknowledge and agree that a standstill is a risk of participation in the event/activity and agree that I will pay any costs incurred by the organising committee for or on behalf of my horses as a result of a standstill.

BY SIGNING HEREUNDER I CONFIRM HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CONTENTS OF THIS DISCLAIMER (all members to sign).

Print Name Here

Sign Here

Dated

Members under the age of 18 years – parent or guardian to sign overleaf