



## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

Here is wishing everyone the very best of Christmas's and hoping you all had a fabulous New Year. I am still not complaining about the water, but I am sure we all had a bit of a wet start this year. Nature's light show was fantastic though.

A new year brings with it new intentions, throw out the bad habits, adopt a happier & healthier lifestyle, well for me anyway. I guess the trick is not make the self promises too hard (much more chance of maintaining). I also have my own 2010 riding goals, and I hope to achieve them!

Congratulations to Emma & Gareth on the safe arrival of Lachlan Jonty on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. How rude that they didn't come to the rally on the 5<sup>th</sup>.....pffft. Too busy poncing around at the Park Hyatt, which apparently doubles as a maternity ward. Don't think they have the same facilities at Bacchus Marsh did they Bren?

Our committee meetings are normally held on the Monday night after our rallies, with the next one being held at the pavilion at the Recreation Reserve, 7.30pm, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

At the last meeting we decided to hold a MID WEEK Dressage, Show Jumping & Combined Training day at the club grounds on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. It doesn't really take much to run these, but a few people helping to set up on Tuesday night and then a few to help with the day on Wednesday would be good. Programs will be in (hopefully) February & March's Chaff Chat. We will need some pencilers, a gear checker & check in desk. Do we want to have a canteen???? Perhaps we should just get an outside coffee van or something like that. Anyone have any feedback on this, contact me.

Welcome to new (old) member, Simone Lambert, can't wait to see you and your fatty at a rally.

Happy Birthday to:

Deb, George, Sue Francis, Carolyn,  
Helen & Bronwyn

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership fees were due by 31<sup>st</sup> October. For non-financial members this will be the last newsletter from me as I presume you no longer wish to be a member. Also if you have renewed, but have not stamped your membership card, please be aware that you cannot compete until this is done. I had a bit of trouble with the club stamp going AWOL, but have arranged to get a new one.

## **TTT Events**

TTT Showing is being held in Albury on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010. There is one team heading up the highway, a total family affair – so go Mac girls and don't forget the "barbie boobs". Stay tuned for reports back.

A few more TTT dates have been announced, so you can put them in your diary. TTT Combined Training at Werribee Park, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009. And TTT Horse Trials again at Wandin Park on 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> May. I propose this year we get our entries in early so that we can ensure yards for our competitors. I know I am not interested in travelling all that way unless I am guaranteed a yard for the steed.

## **December Rally**

An impromptu cross country class, due to a technical (can't move the trailer) hitch. Deb Ross took the troops out where you couldn't hear the screaming. Flat lessons were with Justine Greer and Emma Youngman. Emma regaled the cheap seats with her talent getting on just about everyone's horses, and making them work beautifully. Once the business stuff was over, we all partook in a yummy lunch that the club put on, along with lashings of champagne etc. Thanks to Karen & Seb for organising the food & alcohol for us. It was great to see so many of the club up for lunch, along with family members too.

## **Next Rally**

Is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January, instructing for the day is Felicity Yuncken & Kylie Burton. Both have been at club instructing before, and don't forget to congratulate Kylie on winning the Aachen Challenge at the Dressage Festival in mid-December, an amazing achievement, have fun in Germany! Jumping will be under the most capable hands of Wendy Whiting, we have had a late change of instructor as Paul can't make it this rally. You can book yourselves in for as many lessons as you think you can cope with - \$25 for a flat lesson & \$20 for a jumping lesson. If the day is really hot, we will try and make it an early start.

There is a rumour that we may have a level assessor or two at the next rally, but Emma is worried she won't have anyone experienced enough to look after Lachlan for an hour or so.....do you think she doesn't have the same faith in us as Lucinda or Bren had, who would merrily ditch their squawkers off to the nearest passerby? For all Level Assessing requirements (you need to be level assessed before you compete) call Lucinda on 0448880226 or Emma on 98201738. They are normally quite obliging.

Please book in **NOW** for the rallies with Karen 2426 2071 [neddieatcrombie@hotmail.com](mailto:neddieatcrombie@hotmail.com) or Deb on 2426 4019 [thargo@westnet.com.au](mailto:thargo@westnet.com.au) as soon as you know what your plans are either way (you can do it today!), makes it a lot easier for cancelling/adding instructors. Be prepared to setup / packup showjumps if you are jumping. The girls will endeavour to get the times out early so we can plan our days/weekend around it.

## General Rally Information

- Members bringing their dogs to rallies need to make sure those dogs are tied up or left in the car during lessons and at lunchtime. As long as your puppies are restrained, everyone will be happy.
- REMINDER RE: LUNGING... Members needing to lunge their horse before riding are reminded that there is NO lunging in the arenas while lessons are in progress.
- Please be ready for your lesson to prevent delays in the day, sometimes it's hard when you have to go from one lesson to the other, but courtesy for our instructors and other riders is always nice. I try to offer my instructor a hot or cold drink after riding as its hard to talk and stand for hours out in the weather. Also sometimes the lesson before runs a little over time too, it is good to check to see whether you can go on the arena if the previous class hasn't finished.
- In the colder weather, for those who have wood fires at home, could you please bring along a piece of wood to make the clubrooms nice and cosy.
- The water on the outside of the shed is used by both Adult Riders & Pony Club to water their horses, if it is absolutely necessary for you to hose your horses, can you please keep it to a minimum. 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 things. There is another poly pipe and tap in the kitchen that sources to a tank where we buy in water for drinking.

## Uniforms

We have a small number of club rubgys 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.

## Browbands

One of our major club sponsors is Bels Bling Browbands & I have been lucky enough to get a showing & a dressage browband off her. Bel hunted high & low to get just the right colour jade, which is NOT easy to find, and the results are brilliant. Contact Bel on 0405011668



## Results

*Well I know that Tash & I had a blinder of a day at the Westcoast Show & Showjumping Day recently. The black and jade was showing its blingy best, far too many placings to list, but the upshot was that Tash & Shady won overall highpoint Level 3 for both disciplines (they were doing Level 2 showjumping) and the beautiful Scarlett & me won highpoint for Level 4 (Level 5 showjumping puleez) and we also won the best performing combination for the day out of everyone and scored ourselves a lovely woollen trophy rug, very proud mother.*

*Haven't been given any other reports (other than the autumn leaf – Yvonne – who is mastering the dismount in as many creative ways she possibly can). Rally reports, event reports, photos, results – just email to [Dixon.stacey@internode.on.net](mailto:Dixon.stacey@internode.on.net), and I will try & include.*

## Australia Day

The previously advertised Family Fun Day for 26<sup>th</sup> January at the Recreation Reserve has been unfortunately cancelled, in case anyone was planning on attending.

## CALENDAR/RALLY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### January

Rally – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Flat Felicity Yuncken/Kylie Burton Jump Wendy Whiting
Committee Meeting 11 <sup>th</sup>	
17 <sup>th</sup> January	TTT Showing
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Summer Royal

### February

Rally – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Flat Amber Smeenk/TBC Jump John Francis
Committee Meeting 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBC
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Barastoc Horse Show

### March

Rally – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Flat TBC/TBC Jump Sue Tufnell
Committee Meeting 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBC

### April

Rally – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Flat TBC/TBC Jump Sue Tufnell
Committee Meeting 12 <sup>th</sup>	TBC
17/18 <sup>th</sup> April	TTT Combined Training Werribee
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Bullengarook MID WEEK Competition

### May

Rally – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flat TBC/TBC Jump TBC
Committee Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup>	TBC
29/30 <sup>th</sup>	TTT Horse Trials Wandin Park

### June

Rally – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Flat TBC/TBC Jump TBC
Committee Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBC