



Bullengarook

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2010

Spring has finally arrived, slowly reminding us that the warmer weather is coming. Not fast enough for my liking but anyway.

Membership Renewals

Attached are membership renewal forms & disclaimers which are due by 1st November 2010. You need to have paid your membership by this time to continue your insurance. Fees & Chaff Chat subscriptions have remained the same for another year. So to ensure your continued membership, can you please send **both** off asap. You can also make payments online and scan & email both forms & receipt directly if you prefer. Associate fees also remain the same, but it is worth pointing out that there is no distinction between a club insured member or an associate, everyone gets access to the same benefits the club offers, and in return expects the same contribution to helping at rallies & events. Most importantly too, it is the members responsibility to get their green membership cards stamped for the new financial year, especially if you are planning on competing. Every year it seems somebody gets caught short.

Can you also please advise if you are not going to renew your membership, so we can update our records.

AGM

Also coming up on 17th November is the clubs AGM, where a new committee is appointed for the coming year. Anyone is welcome to nominate for the position of President, Secretary or Treasurer, or general committee. Please send any nomination to me (the current secretary). In the event of more than one pre-nomination received for each position then it will be voted on at the AGM, alternatively if we don't have any nominations, then we will ask for them on the night. If there is only one pre-nomination, in line with our constitution, they will be elected unopposed. You need to be a financial member to vote at the AGM, and also can enter proxy votes if you can't attend. The AGM will be held at the Pavilion commencing at 7.30pm

The next general committee meeting will be held on the Tuesday 12th October at the pavilion at the Recreation Reserve, 7.30pm.

Dressage & Showjumping Clinic

The club is also holding a dressage & showjumping clinic on the weekend of 30 & 31 October at our club grounds. This will mainly be funded by the club with members being able to have a lesson for \$10 each. We will be offering the additional vacancies out to other clubs at a non-subsidised rate after everyone from Bullengarook has had the opportunity to book in. Clinics are a great way to consolidate lessons, by having lessons over both days with top notch instructors. Brenda will be sending a flyer out with details on instructors & how to book, but hopefully it will be beneficial for all our members, and good practice for those who are doing TTT Dressage a fortnight later.

Bullengarook – Undisputable Champions

As was the subject of a separate email, congratulations again to
Level 2 Champion Rider – Natasha Dixon & Shady
Level 3 Champion Rider – Stacey Dixon & Scarlie
Level 4 Champion Rider – Yvonne Berry & Jerry
Top Ten Show Jumping Champion – Stacey Dixon & Scarlett
Top Ten Showjumping Placing – Natasha Dixon & Shady
Top Ten Combined Training Placing – Helen Russell & Rory
Top Ten Navigation Ride Placing – Stacey Dixon & Scarlie

It truly is the most amazing effort from the one club – hard to beat!

Bit Article

I have also attached separately a very interesting article regarding horse bits & fitting them, submitted by Brenda. As they are quite large, I have sent them separately to the main newsletter, just in case you have limits on file size.

TTT Events

TTT Showjumping is coming up in two weeks. We have three teams entered
Jumping Jalepeno Jackrabbits – Karen Mac, Wendy, Cara, Selina
Lord of the Wings - Wendy, Emma A, Stacey, Lou
Wii Not Fit - Tash, Helen, Emma Mac, Yvonne

TTT Dressage, we have FIVE teams entered (remember you all need to be financial members with your green member card stamped)

Victory We Salute – Bren, Cara, Wendy, Karen B
Rather Be Jumping – Anne, Stacey, Wendy, Lucinda
Stressage – Tash, Gill, Cara, Lys
Fancy A Maiden – Helen, Brad, Emma A, Fi
Enter A Laughing – Puch, Yvonne, Selina, Deb M

So go club, and for those who haven't paid can you please arrange – also for those who haven't paid for CT, HT & Nav. You can direct credit and email me a receipt if that makes it easier or send a cheque. Bank details are Westpac – BSB 033-624, Account 210330

TTT Nav = \$12.50 each, TTT HT = \$40 each (except Helen Russell whose is \$30) and TTT CT = \$30.50. TTT Dressage = \$35, TTT SJ is \$35.

TTT Showing is again at Albury (for the third year in a row) 16th January 2011. Is anybody interested?

Official HRCav Rules & Competing

It is every riders responsibility to be up to date with current HRCav rules. They do change quite often, but the official HRCav website is a good source of full rules & updates. Check it all out here under “manual” & rules” <http://www.hrcav.com.au/>

A common mistake that riders make is not having valid cards (you need to be assessed in all disciplines except Navigation rides) and Membership card that is stamped and signed for the current financial year.

Not having the appropriate gear is also common, and it does vary through the different disciplines. Don't forget you need numbers on either side of your horse for all disciplines (except showing where you can have a neck number holder instead) and a medical arm band is always handy to have in the float.

The latest rule that has caught a few people out is the mandatory wearing of a logo on either your upper body or saddle blanket. Bullengarook have a policy of our members being able to source their own uniforms in black & jade and we have our logo down at One Stop Embroidery who has polo shirts in our colours & our logo which Tina will put on most things. Wear the Black & Jade with pride – it doesn't cost much. As mentioned below, subsidised rubys & ties are only available through club.

There is nothing worse than riding H/C or getting eliminated over small things, and from experience, you tend to only do it once, but they are steep learning curves.

Recent Rallies

September rally was good, with nice weather & a new instructor for us to sample.

Next Rally

Is on Saturday 9th October , instructing flat lessons for the day are Helen McMillan & Terry Campbell. Jumping once again will be taken by Wendy Whiting. 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. Don't forget if you are in the first lesson to allow 15 minutes to assist in setting up the showjumps before the first lesson regardless of whether you are jumping or not. The new roster for help seems to work okay, but for it to be success it needs everyone to do their bit. Currently bookings for the rally are really light and if we don't get more booking in, we will have to cancel an instructor.

There won't be a level assessor at our next rally so if you still need to be verified for TTT Dressage (and I still haven't received all the logs) , or just general level assessing, contact Emma and she may make the effort to fit you in somewhere. For all Level Assessing requirements (you need to be level assessed before you compete) call Emma on 0448 480011. Between Emma & Lucinda I am sure they will work something out.

Please book in **NOW** for the next rally with Brenda at mintadowns@hotmail.com or mobile to 0428 370449 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.

Of course requests will always be accommodated if possible, but if you book in for a rally and then pull out at the last minute, you WILL be expected to pay for your lessons, we still have to pay the instructors.

We also have quite a few instructors already booked for upcoming rallies, see the calendar further down.

General Rally Information

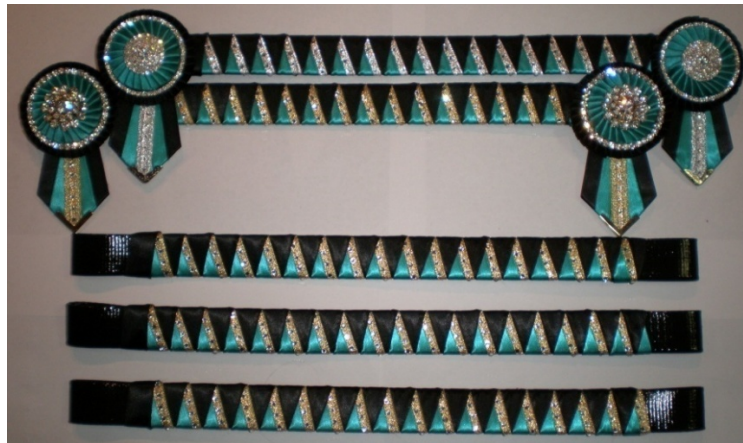
- Members bringing their dogs to rallies need to make sure those dogs are tied up or left in the car during lessons and at lunchtime. As long as your puppies are restrained, everyone will be happy.
- REMINDER RE: LUNGING... Members needing to lunge their horse before riding are reminded that there is 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 it's 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 rugs 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



For Sale "Grace"

15.2hh Standardbred Mare

8 years old, black/brown

Never raced

Sire: Keystone Gondola USA, Dam: Mattancheri

Lovely Temperament, she is a sweet, caring girl

Done HRCVA dressage and horsemanship

Would suit PC and HRCVA

Needs confident rider

\$1500 rugs included

Very regretful sale due to work commitments

To best of homes only

Call Kat

0410 045 514

cusworth_katie@hotmail.com



CALENDAR/RALLY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Warranooke 10 th Anniversary	Sherwood @ Oaklands Junction
Rally – 9 th	Flat Helen McMillan/Terry Campbell Jump Wendy Whiting
Committee Meeting 12 th	Bullengarook Pavilion
TTT Showjumping 16/17	Werribee Park
Bullengarook Dressage & SJ Clinic 30/31	Bullengarook Grounds

November

1 st	New year new memberships
Rally – 14 th	Flat Helen McMillan/TBA Jump John Francis
TTT Dressage 14/15 th	Werribee Park
AGM 17 th	Bullengarook Pavilion
Equitana 18 – 22	Melbourne Showgrounds – prepare credit cards
HRCVA Presentation Night & AGM 26 th	Beau Monde Doncaster

December

Rally – 12 th	Flat Nina Lloyd/TBA Jump Yona Lloyd Club sponsored Christmas Lunch BYO Sweets & Salad
Dressage Festival 12/13 th Dec	Werribee

January

Rally (yes we have a January Rally)– 8 th	Flat Chris Sievers/TBA Jump TBA
TTT Showing 16 th	Yakandandah @ Albury

February

Rally – 12 th	Flat TBC/TBC Jump TBC
Committee Meeting 14 th	TBC

Agm Nomination

I nominate for the position of _____
(Pres/Secretary/Treasurer/General)

Name: _____

Email to dixon.stacey@internode.on.net or post to PO Box 864, Gisborne 3437

BULLENGAROOK ADULT RIDING CLUB

Reg: AA0022054P



2010/2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/Code _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____ DOB _____

New Member/
Existing Member No. _____

Fees 2010/2011

Senior \$125.00 \$ _____

Junior \$105.00 \$ _____

Non-Riding \$ 42.00 \$ _____

Associate \$ 30.00 \$ _____

Chaff Chat \$ 42.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Are you happy for the HRC AV to supply your name and address details to any HRC AV Sponsor

YES / NO _____ 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



Individual Disclaimer Statement
For Rallies and Club activities (not including competitions)
NO FORM, NO RIDE

Members are required to lodge a completed **Individual Disclaimer Statement** with their Club Secretary prior to recommencing mounted Club activities from January 2010. This form is lodged with your Club or Clubs once only. Members who fail to lodge a completed form are ineligible to participate in HRCAV Club equestrian activities until further notice.

Upon arrival at the venue participants are required to register their details on the

'Record of Participants Registration Form'

Note: use of the term 'event' in this statement refers to Club activity.

Member's name: _____ **Membership no:** _____

Contact phone no; _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

I confirm that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Bio Security Guidelines on the reverse of this form.

I declare that I will monitor my horse's health and will not bring to Club activities any horse which has shown signs of ill health, or has been kept on a property where a horse or horses have shown signs of respiratory disease, in the 5 days prior to the date of the Club activity.

I authorise the designated Club official to call for veterinary inspection of a horse or horses in my care at the event should they be showing signs of a respiratory illness at any time during the course of the event. I agree to pay any veterinary fees incurred as a result of this veterinary examination.

I understand that due to diseases such as equine influenza, the Victorian Department of Primary Industries, or other State or Commonwealth government body, 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 participating in Club activities and agree that I am responsible for personal costs incurred due to a shutdown under these circumstances.

In consideration of the HRCAV, venue owner/management committee and Club allowing me to participate in the event, I, to the extent permitted by law:

a) release and will release the HRCAV, venue owner/management committee and Club from all claims that I may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with a Standstill and/or my participation in the event; and

b) indemnify and will keep indemnified the HRCAV, venue owner/management committee and Club in respect of any claim by any person arising as a result of or in connection with a standstill and/or my participation in the event.

In this statement, references to:

'Claim' means and includes any action, suit, proceeding, claim, demand, damage, cost or expense however arising.

'HRCAV' means the Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria Ltd and includes its directors, officers, servant or agents

'Club' means the HRCAV affiliated Club organising the event, and, where the context permits, includes their committee, officers, members, servants or agents.

'Venue owner/management committee' means any person or group owning or responsible for the management of the venue, and, where the context permits, includes its directors, officers, members, servants or agents.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian of members under the age of 18 years _____ Date _____

Individual Disclaimer Statement to be retained by Club responsible for event for a period of 7 years.