



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2011



Well it is certainly spring, bizarre weather, but definitely warmer and it's great to have more daylight too. My firewood has just lasted for the season and I am hoping we won't have too many more occasions to light it.

We have another new member— big welcome to Jessie Pope.

Not to be outdone by her little sister, Emma Apsey & Gareth decided to keep up the sibling rivalry and are having a baby due mid April. So we won't be seeing the girls riding for a while.

It has also been a dramatic month with the suspected theft and subsequent return of Karen Bentley's two rottie dogs, CJ had 8 puppies four days after her return and all seem to be happy. Not such happy news is the loss of Selina's beautiful Dappy, I think I can speak on behalf of everyone to say what a loss it is and our thoughts are with you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Following on from an incident at the last rally and discussion of risk management at our recent committee meeting, we are insisting that the front gate be closed whilst our rallies are in progress.

If you come into the rally and the gate is not closed, please ensure you close it. The grounds are used by a lot of the general public, especially in cricket season, and they may not keep the gate closed.

Also if you and your horse become *ahem* disunited at a rally , you are required to complete an incident report as well, especially if you have hurt yourself (apart from dignity of course).

Horse Health Diary SPECIAL OFFER!!

As has already been the subject of a separate email, the club has the opportunity to purchase 2012 Horse Health Diary for \$10. I will send orders off early October so if you want one, please let me know.

BULLENGAROOK RECREATION RESERVE TRIVIA NIGHT

In case you didn't know, we are a User Group of the Bullengarook Rec Reserve, that is a self managed ground. The Rec Reserve used to run an Annual Horse Show to raise funds to make repairs etc around the grounds, but they have not done so for the past few years. This may be resurrected next year, but in the meantime Rec Committee are holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 14th November (the night of our November rally). Tickets are going to be \$30 I believe, but it would be great to get a couple of tables together to support our grounds, especially if you have a few smart friends you can drag along. Please feel free to co-ordinate your own tables, I am really swamped with all the TTT co-ordinating. There will be prizes etc & nibbles I believe. If you want more information contact Anne Boyle on amboyle@bigpond.com

RALLYS!!

It has been mentioned on more than one occasion that you need to be assessed to ride at our rallies. This is not the case. The purpose of asking what your assessed level is to try and group riders at similar levels. You can ride any horse you like at our rallies without having been assessed on them.

September rally we had Fiona Dearing & Chris Sievers instructing flat and Wendy Whiting taking jumping. Not as big a rally as we have, but enjoyed by all with the weather pretty much behaving all day.

October rally, which you should have already received a notice for, we have Chris Sievers back again, along with Sue Leslie. Sue is a NCAS Level 2 instructor, who has been a very successful high level eventer in the past, but in recent years is now competing high level dressage. We thought we would try something different this rally and have just two instructors and have a bigger day, Sue is going to be taking both flat and jumping so we can get the most from her expertise, and we will probably run with the format of 3 hours in the morning, lunch at 12, then continue after lunch.

All of our jumping instructors can take both showjumping & cross country lessons. If we have the demand for it then we will schedule the classes. So be sure to nominate what you want/require and if there are the numbers, we will try to accommodate.

Future confirmed instructors along with the **DATES** (so many get confused) are at the end of the newsletter on the calendar.

To ensure a smooth running day & as happy a rally co-ordinator as possible, here are a few pointers

- ✚ Book in for a rally as soon as possible. We have all the dates for the rest of the year at the end of the newsletter for you to do forward planning, as well as confirmed instructors for the rallies.. You can book in any time, but once the rally notice is sent, with the details, you know bookings will be closing soon

- ⊕ Hit the reply button on your emails when Brenda sends the notice out to say you won't be attending if you know you won't be coming.
- ⊕ Please notify exactly what you want at what level on which horse. You can ride whatever horse you like, but again, the more information you give, the less guesswork Brenda has to do. Also if you would prefer one instructor (or not as the case may be). You can book in for more than one lesson if you want. Reasonable requests can sometimes be accommodated, but sometimes not.
- ⊕ As the rallies are getting bigger, we are finding we have to extend into the afternoon, of course in a perfect world we would all ride not early, not late, not with a big gap, and not in the rain, but it's just not possible.
- ⊕ Give an idea what you will bring for lunch. It seems we have been getting an abundance of morning tea items, and not so much for lunch, ie salads. Not that there is anything wrong with a packet of biscuits, if that's what you like, but something for 1pm is preferable. Quiche is good, sausage rolls, pastizzi's. And all important, bring a bottle of wine to share too.
- ⊕ If you think you have booked in for a rally, or have not heard from anyone by the Tuesday before rally, contact us – this email system is not foolproof, nor are mobiles the most reliable things. I am sure Brenda doesn't leave you out on purpose, unless you have really pissed her off in the past
- ⊕ 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 (unless the space is replaced by a late booking). Pulling out at the last minute is deemed to be as soon as the rally times have been sent.
- ⊕ **HELP** – pull your weight, we all want to enjoy our rally days, pitch in and bare minimum do your rostered duty, most riders are supposed to do two stints, we know this is hard, but if you fall short, do something else.



We try to give our instructors as much notice as we can, we have to book them in advance – without knowing how many will be attending a rally. I find it tricky & embarrassing to either ring up an instructor at the last minute to tell them their services aren't required, after booking them months in advance, and the reverse of this is trying to find an instructor at the last minute, as most are already committed somewhere else of course. It is really hard to balance, so the more notice we get from our members, the easier it is.

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. Please book in **NOW** for the next rally with Brenda mintadowns@hotmail.com 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.

Rally Instructors

The club is always on the lookout for good instructors for our rallies. Some instructors we are trying to confirm for upcoming rallies & clinics include Sue Leslie, Brya Law, David Quick, Brett Parbery. If anyone has a suggestion for new blood, we are more than willing to give them a go, just let someone on committee know.

Pretty much our criteria is that an instructor is reasonably priced (I don't think Stuart Tinney or Mary Hanna will fit), happy to teach all levels of rider from beginner to advanced, and happy to teach a group of 2-3, rather than private lessons. As a rule we get an instructor for one rally, and if the feedback is good, we try and get them back for an additional 2 rallies so they can build on what they have already put in place. But we also want to give our riders the opportunity to try someone new. Jumping instructors are slightly different as there are not nearly as many available.

There will always be instructors you don't like, or perhaps really like, nearly all instructors are available for private lessons, so don't be shy in approaching them if you want to take the relationship further.

Test & Ride Day – Saturday 29th October 2011

Another activity we have planned is a ride your test day, also already been the subject of another email. The idea is to ride a dressage test, and then discuss the outcome of it with the judge (Chris Sievers), go and practice and then ride it again. Places are limited, as there is only so many hours in the day, but it is open to all our riders. The cost is \$25 for the 2 tests and we suggest that you do the F test of your current level, however you can do any test you like. You could even have a crack at an Advanced test if you want, but be prepared for a big audience. We will be offering to outside riders at a slightly higher price if we don't fill from our member base.

Membership Renewal 2011-2012

Our new year starts on 1st November 2011. Attached are membership renewal forms, there is a slight increase in fees this year, which is due to HRCAV increases & Chaff Chat. Please be aware that your insurance coverage expires on 31st October unless you have paid your fees for the new year. You also must sign & return the Insurance Disclaimer as well.

In keeping with trying to make things easy, you can sign, scan and email your forms and direct deposit the money into the clubs account. You must have your green membership card stamped and signed though before you can compete after 1st November. For those who send cards in the mail, please ensure you have a stamped, self addressed return envelope included as well, otherwise they can be done at a rally. Just be mindful that I am of course happy to do membership renewals at our rallies but not when I am mounted on my horse in the middle of a lesson.

Our AGM is planned for Tuesday 15th October being held at the Rec Reserve Pavilion at 7.30pm. If you want to nominate for a committee position for the coming year, please forward your interest to the Secretary (Stacey) before the date.

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

Hi everyone!

Well finally spring has sprung, and with that comes the crazy equines! Don't you just love spring grass which appears to be a horsey amphetamine? On the plus side, those that impersonate a woolly mammoth during the colder months begin to resemble the sleek, athletic steed that we all loved and adored 6 months ago.

It's also the end of our financial year, and as detailed in this newsletter, it's time to renew your memberships! It was great to see lots of new faces this year, and hope to see you all back after 1 November 2011.

But on a more formal note, I'd just like to take this opportunity to remind you all that membership is not intended to a free ride where you get all the benefits with no work. There is a LOT of work that goes on in the background to keeping this club running (and I personally had no idea until I joined the committee!). So all that we ask in return is that ALL club members help where they can throughout the year. As well as doing your bit at rallies, that also means helping out if you are available at the couple of fundraising events we hold each year. And this applies to full and associate members. I think most of you have a lot of fun at rallies etc, and enjoy being a member of the club. But in exchange for that, I don't think it is too much to ask for a little bit of help!

OK - soap box for the month done.



We've had 2 rallies since my last words of wisdom. Unfortunately I can't recall much from the August rally and I missed the September rally due to some thieving scum bags taking my beloved Chevy and very heavily pregnant CJ. But all's well that ends well and both girls were dumped on the neighbours doorstep at 5am Monday morning. Just a tad unfortunate that I had to do that interview on ABC TV! I had no idea I looked or sounded like that! LOL. *(Editor addition - for anyone wanting to see the performance - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWkN2P6SH_c and I just noticed "Satan" in the background - did anyone ask him what happened to the dogs!)*

And here is a photo of the gorgeous new mum with her 8 pups - 4 bitches and 4 dogs.

But back to horses and what I do remember from the rallies!

The August rally was another interesting one for Simone "Autumn Leaf" Lambert. And Sue's horse Zac has learnt not to accept a dare from the others to weave his legs through the rails of the yard. Despite his triumph when he successfully completed the dare, the quiet snickering from the horses as the mere 'humans' had to lift him up and rescue him left him quite red faced I am sure.

I hear the September rally was quiet, less eventful but good.

On a sadder note, I would like to express my and the club's deepest sympathy to Selina on the tragic loss of her beautiful horse recently. A number of us had only just been talking about how great the 2 of you looked together. Having never been in that situation, I can only imagine how difficult it must have been, whereas there are other club members who also lost their horses this year and probably understand all too well.

But to finish on a happier note, we are rapidly chasing down some major events - TTT showjumping and TTT dressage, our dressage training day with Chris Sievers, our December rally and Christmas party, and a special training weekend in January! So good luck to everyone for the TTT events and stay tuned for news of the other events.

See you all next weekend - where you will get to meet my new trusty steed (and no, I didn't buy the lovely WB with the beautiful tail!!) who is going to teach me how to jump! Yes, definitely worth coming to the rally to see that spectacle.

Karen - El Presidente

LEVEL ASSESSING

In order to compete, riders need to be level assessed. We have two level assessors as members of our club, and if one of them is attending a rally, they are normally happy to assess you for \$10 or level verify you for free, but you need to pre-arrange this with them, this is not something the club organises. Not sure if there will be a level assessor at the next rally, but for all Level Assessing requirements (you need to be level assessed before you compete) 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. We also need to get Drew to jump camp & set his spit roast up in the Bullengarook camp, not with the "rivals"

The club pays for half of our entry fees & all of the team entry fees,

TTT Horse Trials

As always a good event, I managed a 7th place and got a groovy pink ribbon, whilst Emma Apsey & Blackie dragged their sorry butts from 27th up to 8th to score a cacky brown ribbon!

TTT Navigation Ride

Beautiful day, we all rode in our polo shirts, Emma & Lucinda placed 2nd in their section, Tash & Stacey 13th but with a combined total, gave us team overall of 4th. Look out for us in Chaff Chat!

TTT Showjumping

Teams are in & draw is done. We all can't wait for the weekend. Riding in the famous Black & Jade are Tash; Karen 2; Kerry; Bree; Megan S; Stacey; Flora; Wendy Whiting on 2 & Lou Mawhinney on 2 as well.

TTT Dressage

Entries have been sent and we have 3 and a bit teams. Unfortunately the organisers said they are going to limit/ballot entries, and this may mean that not all our teams will get in, but I have no idea when we may find out more about this. For all those riding, please ensure you have renewed your membership & got your green membership card stamped. And also that you will need to do some team helping or provide someone else to do it.

TTT Showing

Being held on the weekend of 14th & 15th January 2012 at the Geelong Showgrounds. Again you will only be riding on one day or the other, they are holding it over two days as there is not enough room to put up rings to accommodate everyone.

Level Verification for TTT Events

It is a total pain in the arse to chase riders for their cards as it holds up sending off the entries, Thankfully there is 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 in December of this year and then we 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.

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

Official HRCav Rules & Competing

All HRCav tests are available for downloading here, choose your test & level & knock yourselves out, I have lashings of fun downloading & practicing the Advanced tests.

<http://hrcav.com.au/default.asp?Page=1341>

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.

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.

WANTED

Second hand body protector suitable for an 8yo boy who has just started riding . Contact Amanda on amanda.grainger@bigpond.com if you may have something suitable lying around.

CLASSIFIEDS



- Pessoa Professional Jump Saddle, 17.5" used very little (approx 6 rides), well oiled & cared for \$1500.00

Carmar Lodge Rugs-

Dark Blue Cotton show / under rug non zap heavy cotton with shoulder dart, tail cord and cross over surcingles satin lined shoulders to prevent rubbing. Sizes 6', 6'3,6'9 generous sizing. **\$59**

White cotton Paddock combo-Non zap cotton with removable belly wrap to prevent biting insects and pesky flies. Satin shoulders and neck to prevent rubbing. Large tail flap. Sizes available 6',6'3,6'6,6'9 **\$69**

Navy Quilted stable doona combo 200 GSM quilted stable combo with belly wrap to ensure warmth during winter use in stable or under heavy rugs. Available in 6' and 6'6 **\$79**

Winter Combo Black 600 denier 300 GSM

Waterproof and breathable perfect spring rug warm enough for cold nights but breathable for milder days or for the horse that gets to hot under heavier rugs, sizes available 6',6'3,6'6,6'9 **\$105**

Navy Winter Combo 1200 denier 300 GSM

Waterproof and breathable warm winter rug, perfect for winter downpours and freezing nights. Surcingles and large tent tail flap generous length to ensure warmth. Size's available ,6'6,6'9 **\$110**

Visit us on Facebook for pics of all rugs search Carmar Lodge

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. 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

September

Rally – 10 th	Flat Chris Sievers/Fiona Dearing Jump TBC
Committee Meeting 13 th	TBC

October

Rally – 8 th	Flat Chris Sievers/Sue Leslie
Committee Meeting 11 th	TBC
15 th & 16 th	TTT Showjumping @ Werribee
Saturday 29 th	Dressage Test & Ride Day with Chris Sievers A few places still left

November

4 th & 5 th (note date change)	TTT Dressage at Werribee
Rally – 12 th	Flat Terry Campbell/Karen Thornton/ Jump Sue Leslie
12 th	Bullengarook Rec Reserve Trivia Night Fundraiser
Committee Meeting AGM 15 th 7.30	Bullengarook Rec Reserve Pavilion

December

Rally – 10 th	Flat Ailish Hill/Emma Youngman Jump Wendy Whiting– Christmas Lunch - YAY
Committee Meeting 15 th	TBC

January 2012

Rally – 7 th	Flat TBC/TBC Jump TBC –
Committee Meeting 10 th	TBC
14 th & 15 th	TTT Showing at Geelong Showgrounds
21 st & 22nd	Dressage Clinic at our grounds with David Quick

February 2012

Rally – 11 th	Flat TBC/TBC Jump TBC
Committee Meeting 14 th	TBC

BULLENGAROOK ADULT RIDING CLUB

Reg: AA0022054P



2011/2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/Code

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____ DOB _____

New Member/Existing Member No. _____

Emergency Contacts _____

Fees 2011/2012

Senior \$130.00 \$ _____

Non-Riding \$ 40.00 \$ _____

Associate \$ 40.00 \$ _____

Chaff Chat \$ 48.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Are you happy for the HRCav to supply your name and address details to any HRCav 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.



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

CLUB: _____

MEMBERS NAME: _____

The term EVENT(s) referred to below, means any horse related activity specified in the HRCAV's insurance policy, being undertaken at any time, and at any venue within Australia, from the date stated below to the 31st October 2012.

I acknowledge and agree as a condition of participating that neither the club participants, HRCAV 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.

Print Name Here

Sign Here

Dated

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR UNDER 18 YEARS OLD PARTICIPANTS

I, being the parent/guardian of the abovenamed,, confirm that I have read the whole of this document and have taken all necessary actions to ensure I am aware of the activity which the abovenamed, will be asked to participate in and consent to him/her participating. In doing so, I acknowledge that equestrian activities are dangerous and that accidents causing death, bodily injury; disability and property damage can and do happen. I agree that neither the club, participants, HRCAV 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 whatsoever for the death or any bodily injury, loss or damage which may be suffered or incurred by the abovenamed or by me in or being present at the Event except for any rights the abovenamed or I may have arising under the Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth) (or similar State legislation). 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.

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NAME (BLOCK LETTERS)

SIGNED

DATED THIS DAY OF 20.....