



Bullengarook

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2012

Drought.....we had a drought??? Really????? I am not complaining about the rain, but geez the mud has just about got the better of me. It is almost impossible to navigate my paddocks, and I have had more than one occasion of being bogged on my driveway, with not being able to get the float in and out. I dream of gateways that are drained, and a beautiful turnaround for my shed & float. Not this year!

Have all our mates finished with shedding yet? Losing the winter woollies is always a delight, that hair seems to be endless. My best friend at this time of year is the metal sweat scraper with the teeth on one side. Thanks Brenda for that tip, of all the things I have tried, it seems to be the most effective. Oh and the Dyson Vacuum – there is nothing that sucker can't cope with!

Membership is now open for our new year which is about to commence on 1st November 2012. Committee have kept fees at the same rate as last year, and new membership & insurance disclaimer forms are further down the newsletter. Your fees need to be paid to the treasurer (which is me) for you to be HRCV insured after this date along with both completed & signed forms. You can renew now that's fine, and I will be at our October rally in the morning only, and I will be riding also but will endeavour to help you out with renewals when I can. You need to get your GREEN membership card stamped & signed to go out and compete after 1st November, every year it seems someone forgets. You must have renewed your membership to ride at the November rally, and to minimise dramas, can you perhaps arrange to do this before the rally instead of on the day

RALLYS!!

September rally was a great day, with Chris Sievers & Scarlett Blakely (aka Charlotte – which was confusing for me who has a Scarlett & a Charlotte). Almost too scared to mention the sitting trot lesson, but I will anyway. Suckers..... We also had the awesome Allan Mitchell at short notice. It was a rally we opened



up to outside riders and tried to make a bit of a clinic day of it. Some outside riders I guess didn't really understand how our rallies normally swing, but others did! Highlights the fact that all riders should pitch in and help rather than expecting others to do everything. Fire kicked in nicely and we now have a pump on the big water tank too, along with a proper tap for the drinking water tank, the water that comes out of the main tap from the sink is not considered drinkable – use at your own peril.

We have instructors booked a fair way in advance, who are listed **ALONG WITH RALLY DATES** at the end of the newsletter, so hopefully will stop confusion about the rally dates for the rest of the year. It is a bit distressing to cancel previously booked instructors, which is going to happen at our October rally – which is shaping up to be very very quiet. Revving up for our Christmas rally, where all family members are welcome, and hopefully we will have some sunshine. More news closer to the day

Hosing horses down with water from the shed, is not so much of an issue in winter, but the tanks aren't extensive and get used by a lot more people than just ARC. If you must, use a bucket and sponge for your horse, but drinking water for our horses is the priority.



Another thing worthy of mentioning, we provide free tea & coffee for all our members, which is help yourself. However the urn that is used to provide the hot water constantly gets turned down so it goes lukewarm. If you get the urge to turn the urn down cos you think it's boiling madly, just turn it down around 4.5. It just needs to be off the boil for us all to enjoy a hot cup of coffee rather than a tepid one.

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 brendacotter76@gmail.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. And as we all know – YOU BOOK YOU PAY unless a replacement is found for your spot.

DRESSAGE COMPETITION WEEKEND 20/21ST OCTOBER 2012

Nearly here! Last call for entries, I have included the entry form for those of you who haven't entered yet. Carolyn will be finalising helpers next week and even though it won't be the biggest event we have held, we have some amazing sponsors who are making the event great! Promises to be a great couple of days – here is hoping the weather stays kind for us,

A big thanks to our major sponsors for the weekend, it would be good for our club to return the favour and support them in return, there will be a couple of trade stands at the competition so hopefully attendees can pick up a few necessities and our sponsors can feel the love!

- ***World's Best Hoof Oil***
- ***Gisborne Garden Centre***
- ***Macedon Ranges Equine Vet***
- ***Gisborne Vet Clinic***
- ***Black Horse Clothing***
- ***The City Barn***

More sponsors worthy of our support include

- Cellarbrations Gisborne
- Ascot Saddlery
- Horseland Sunbury
- The Riders Diary
- Melton Saddlery
- Fodder Focus
- Rob Morrison Hay Wheeler Dealer
- Cloverfern Equestrian Centre
- Justine Greer Instructor and Horse Trainer
- Remote Coach
- The Jolly Miller
- Hamilton St Vet Clinic
- Amanda Carter
- Allan Mitchell
- Onsite Computer Clean
- Embroiderme
- Pyes Plants Bullengarook
- Manteca Rugs
- Jeff Jones Plants & Produce Bacchus Marsh
- Braelands Beef & Lamb (yummmm)
- Melizzo Park Horse Training

Wow what a tremendous effort, thanks to everyone and don't forget to follow it all up!

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

Short and sweet this month due very short notice! So yes, you are all off the hook of a long winded, blow by blow description of my trip to Africa in August. Although I do have some pretty amazing video footage of our encounter with the mountain gorillas of Uganda, and a beautiful young leopard playing like a kitten in the Masai Mara. I'll try and do a link in the next one for those that are interested.

But 2 things deserve a mention. The first is the upcoming inaugural Bullengarook Dressage Championship weekend – which is now less than 2 weeks away. I want to extend a big thank you to all of those club members that helped out with sponsorship. It is the first time that we have gone to such lengths for a non-TTT event, but most of you will have noticed that it is increasingly becoming the norm for HRCav events to have sponsorship.

And I look forward to writing a big thank you piece next time around to all the helpers...(hint hint 😊)

The other thing that I wanted to flag was that 1 November marks the start of a new HRCav year. Now apart from the usual re-joining who ha, it also marks elections for the Committee. This past year has been a bit more challenging than normal with only 3 of us, and it would be great to have some new faces with some new ideas on board. It's very easy to be an arm chair critic of what we do, but not many are prepared to step up and get involved. So I encourage those interested to come on board for a year. You can nominate for any position from President to general committee member. So feel free to have a chat to myself, Stacey or Brenda if you would like to know a bit more about what is involved in being on the committee.

And despite rumours to the contrary, it is not a requirement that you live on Bacchus Marsh Road to be a committee member. It is purely coincidental that the last 4 members do.... 😊

Until next time folks, happy riding, happy winter coat stripping, happy competing, happy daylight savings and happy event helping (yes, another hint).

Karen

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 Navigation Ride

Well we came, we nearly got bogged, millions were eliminated due to pathetic nit picking rules, and we left. Annetta, Sharon, Kerryn & Brad unfortunately one of the teams eliminated, Emma & Lucinda both on borrowed BARC horses, with Stacey & Tash appearing for the last time on their gorgeous stock horses, came 5th overall in the teams, but it's a bit hollow when half the competitors were made H/C. And I really thought we would have won this one. Won by the same club, it will probably be in Tallarook again next year.

TTT Show Jumping

Well on a lovely weekend in September, Kurstie Jenkins, Kylie Mclennan, Yvonne Berry, Annetta Newman and myself made the trip to Shepparton for TTT show jumping. Our team name: "Next Stop Rio". Perhaps a bit optimistic in hindsight, but TTT is for aiming big.

Can I start by saying what amazing facilities they have! And an amazing array of "horse eating" jumps to test the mental strength of your horse as well as his jumping ability. Well worth the long(ish) drive. And the host club did a great job of hosting it.



Yvonne pulled poor old Billy out the paddock after a very long hiatus (by both of them!) and put him through his paces for a very very respectable 8th place overall in her section. How did you both pull up the next day Yvonne? Kurstie and Shakira had a fantastic competition, taking out 4th overall in her section. Congrats to you both ladies and your trusty steeds!

The rest of us didn't quite bring home the goods but had a great time nonetheless and played great supporting roles in our teams. It was my first TTT SJ and I can say I thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to doing it all over again next year having become a recent convert to the joys of jumping (sorry Brenda). Biddlesden Park were the overall winners, so we may be heading to the other side of town for 2013.

And thanks to everyone for teaming together to cover all of the helper duties on the Sunday.

And because no one else will own up to having a photo that they are prepared to share, you have to look at me and Kingston! Regardless of how we look, this is my favourite photo simply on the basis of the pretty colours!

TTT Dressage

Being hosted by Bennison ARC at Sale Showgrounds, which is the first time in a decade this landmark event is being held away from Werribee Park. Entries closed on 3rd October and we had nobody from our club who wanted to compete. Our biggest attended TTT usually, it's a shame, but not much we can do about it (except perhaps win it and bring it back for the whole state to enjoy)

TTT Showing

Once again being held at Geelong in mid January – bear it in mind if you want to be in a team and make sure you are level verified, or qualified.

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 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

October 2012

Rally – 13 th	Flat Norman Hubble/Tori Weir =- CANCELLED Jump Drew Cotter - CANCELLED
Committee Meeting 16 th	960 Bacchus Marsh Road 7pm
20 th & 21 st	Dressage Weekend at Bullengarook YAY!

November 2012

Rally – 10 th	Flat Chris Sievers/Norman Hubble Jump Chris Sievers!! She is actually pretty good
9/10/11 th	Top Teams Dressage at Sale ☺
AGM	TBA

December 2012

Rally – 8th	Christmas Rally Flat Scarlett Blakeley/Beth Whelan Jump Freshmans This is a morning rally only followed by an “everyone welcome” roast lunch meat & taters provided by club
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January 2013

Rally – 12th	Happy New Year! Flat: Rob Hammond/Beth Whelan Jumping: TBA
19 & 20 th	Top Teams Showing at Geelong You will only ride one day or the other,

Bullengarook ARC Inc

2 DAY WEEKEND

DRESSAGE JACKPOT CHAMPIONSHIPS



SATURDAY 20th October 2012

SUNDAY 21st October 2012

ENTRIES CLOSE 10TH OCTOBER

Bullengarook Recreation Reserve, 683 Gisborne - Bacchus Marsh Road, Bullengarook 3437

Dressage Tests

	20 th October	21 st October
Advanced	A3& A5	A5 & A6
Level 1	C & E	E & F
Level 2	C & E	E & F
Level 3	C & E	E & F
Level 4	C & E	E & F
Level 5	C & E	E & F

ENTER EITHER DAYS OR BOTH TROPHY RUG TO OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS! RAFFLE & OTHER PRIZES ON THE WEEKEND

Enquiries to : Stacey Dixon ph 0418 994847, Dixon.stacey@internode.on.net
Lucinda Mack ph 0448 880226, cinmack@hotmail.com
Scratchings on Day 0418 994847

Entry Fees: \$50.00 per jackpot, \$90.00 if entering both days
Riders may ride at their own level & one above, if space allows (jackpot only)
Prizes are per Event Rule 23

Entries to: Bullengarook Adult Riding Club Inc
Lucinda Mack, 3 Miller Street, Box Hill, 3128
Please clear email for return of times.

Contact Event Secretary to arrange electronic entries & payment

- Catering available over the weekend, very limited camping & yards, please contact event secretary if you plan to stay, so we can reserve yards, they will only available for campers or BARC riders.
- Champion winner determined on jackpot placing (not jackpot points) at your assessed level, placing can be carried to next level in the event of pointing up over the weekend

Conditions of Entry

All sections will be conducted under the HRCVA rules & regulations Registered club colours ASA approved helmets must be worn Competitors must present to Gear Check 20 minutes prior to scheduled first test Tests may be called Official entry forms are to be used Current & Valid membership & performance cards must be presented prior to first dressage test. Failure to present cards will result in the combination competing Hors Concours Competitors to supply own numbers No refund after closing date unless a vet/medical certificate lodged within 7 days of the event Protests must be lodged within 30 minutes of the posting of the interim results with a fee of \$20. The decision of the Ground Jury is final. The organisers reserve the right to cancel any class, to divide any class, to alter the advertised times, to refuse entry with or without stating a reason The organising committee of the Bullengarook Adult Riding Club Inc does not accept any liability for any accident, injury, loss or illness to horses, owners, riders & spectators throughout this event No dogs are permitted on the grounds

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..



**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 (HRCAV). I have read and agree to abide by the HRCAV Code of Conduct and understand that my failure to abide by the Code may result in disciplinary action under HRCAV rules.

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 following.

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 (all members to sign).

Print Name Here

Sign Here

Dated

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