



BENNISON ADULT RIDING CLUB
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August Newsletter.

Hello to all after a pretty busy and entertaining meeting last night. I'm not sure how long it will take poor Laurel to get over it though, as she was inundated with cash and cheques for various activities and items purchased on members' behalf by the club. Thankyou for being so patient and coping so well (thanks also to Claire for helping her).

By now all shirts have been distributed, there are two spares available at \$65 per garment, 1 medium, 1 small.

Several badges were purchased; they will be available from Liz (\$8) who will bring them to each activity.

HELP Foster Agricultural Show Society.

We have had a request, via Corrie, to help support the Show Society who has their next meeting at 8.30 next Tuesday evening (not sure of venue, suggest Showgrounds). With respect, existing members and supporters have done so for a long while and are keen to have new blood to keep the Show going. Since we, as a club, benefit from the Show Society, who enable us to run our HRCVA ring and thus raise funds, perhaps there is someone who is prepared to give up a little time to assist.

Website

Our wonderful Website is up and running. Lisa is adding to it daily and I would appreciate a few other members to put some of their (and their horses) mug shots there by sending them through to Lisa. She can also add articles and ads if you have sales/wanted etc.

Ménage

A work in progress. Wendy reported the current status and requested ideas for suitable fencing that will still allow a dressage judge's car to park by/on arena for competition. Several ideas for recyclable edging and arena borders are being investigated, as nothing can be driven into the surface and penetrate the arena.

It is hoped that it will be ready for the CIPC CT to be held in November.

Show Jumping Weekend with Rosedale.

This was well supported with a good crew of Bennison members (and spouses) there on Friday for the set up. Many thanks to those who traveled from Fish Creek, Foster and Toora to help out. Most things went very well over the weekend -except for the lack of Valium in the Office where Elinor and Chris were quietly going bonkers, but still managing to get scores out. One problem arose when pencilers didn't differentiate between HRCAV and Open riders. Any way, the weather stayed fine (almost warm) except for the freezing mornings. We are yet to get final financial break up of the event, but we should have done reasonably OK according to the entries!!

Clinic with Mat Archibald.

Those members that attended this weekend, at Yarram, all came away feeling enervated and inspired. A very sensible and clear approach to flat work was a joy to be involved in. The addition of pole work to improve concentration and balance etc in the second session gave an extra zip to the lesson. Several analogies used to straighten the horse on the long side such as using the outside leg and rein, rather than the inside which is rather like kicking an already dented can... doesn't straighten it out. The exercise where we were riding around like demented drummers alternately lifting our hands, seemed quite bizarre, at first, but as riders and horses relaxed and became more rhythmical, the effect was amazing.

TTT Navigation Ride.

Our team of Anne, Michelle, Fleur and Sharna traveled to Gisborne last weekend to represent the club in this event. Anne and Michelle did the 10km ride and Fleur and Sharna the 20km ride. A great time was had by all despite some glitches. For more details see "Out and About"

TTT Show Jumping.

We will have two teams (so far) entered for this event in October. Money to Laurel ASAP.

Official Dressage Sale 30th August and Won Wron 27th September

Sale entries close tomorrow and ours are already coming in. For Jackpot, both events are to be entered. (Good practice for TTT Dressage in November)

Calendar of Events.

15/16	BARC Rally/
30 th	Sale Dressage Jackpot (1)
9 th September	BARC Meeting
19/20	BARC Rally <i>Michelle hopes to have saddle fitter this rally</i>
27 th	Dressage Jackpot (2) Won Wron
14 th Oct	BARC Meeting
17 th /18 th	TTT SJ Werribee
30 th	AGM
1 st Nov	BARC Rally
7 th	Sale Show
14 th /15 th	TTT Dressage Yarram PC Gymkhana
21/11	Yarram Show HRC AV Ring
28/29 th	CIPC CT
9 th /12	BARC Meeting <i>Christmas Crack up</i>
12/13 th	BARC Rally

Out and About.

TTT Nav Ride.

Fleur and Dylan, Anne and Toby, Sharna and Panache and Michelle and Del. Traveled to Gisborne. Horses were quite good although Dylan could have done a marathon in sprint time!! Anne and Michelle came 11th in section 1 10km ride. Fleur and Sharna were 10th in section 2 20 km ride. The team finished 18th overall from 56 teams. Well done. (Anne says she has to learn to spell...DRAY !)

Rosedale/ Bennison SJ weekend.

Laurel and Joey are Showjumpers! Sat 16th 6th Level 5 Fault and Out -Open;
Sunday 19th, 1st L5AM7 Open, 3rd L5 AM5 Open, 2nd L5 Top score Open.

Marnie and Candice.. Saturday Bad day, was giving up riding !! Level 3
Sunday, got back on, great day, 2 x 3rd and 1 x 5th L4 Open

Bianca and AKA what a *. Had two great days and placed. Well done.

Elinor and King Felix @ Ayre Hill Dressage 1x 1st, 1x 2nd and 1st in Jackpot L2.
Tooradin HT 1st L3 and pointed up!! Well done.

Mat Archibald Clinic.

Beck P and Shar. Had a great day and got a lot out of it. Shar felt good, had a rear and threw in a few bucks just to keep things interesting!!

Michelle and Del had a great lesson.

Liz and Rem, after coming down to earth with a bump at Rosedale, norty horse, bucked and refused so was scratched (perhaps should have tried the next day at Open L5 to regain control and confidence). Never mind, back to the drawing board and basics... bore her into submission!! However had a great day with Mat Archibald on the Saturday, then an even better one the next day Ruby Anniversary spent with husband, old Gt Dane(Molly) and new addition baby Gt Dane Ruby Tuesday.

Julie Barlow has a new man in her life.....a very handsome Joe ASH Gelding.

Vicky Grylls has a new horse also. The lovely Snip, is easing back into riding scene, YAY.

Well That's all Folks.. Still looking for Club Banner last seen SJ @ Sale '08