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## **December Newsletter.....Ho ho ho!!**

Well here we are at the end of another year. It has had its moments, tragedies and triumphs. As a club we go from strength to strength with around 35 members we must be doing something right.

I'm not sure if I did a post AGM newsletter, not usually required (!) but as an inveterate communicator (a bloody old gasbag!!) I usually have several interim bits and pieces.

Our Christmas meeting was fun, with most of the usual gang present; we missed those that were unable to attend but were glad that the bidding wasn't even fiercer! Those glittering prizes were much sought after and most were well received, with few "smutty" donations. Our chief gifter there was well restrained and lucky Anne (and Bruce) were recipients of the "party cod piece"!!

Welcome to Sandra, who has joined our happy band ☺ !!

Before we got under way with the blind auction, which should have boosted the coffers, we completed some of the more serious business.

Arena report was positive. The arena (ménage) was christened at the recent CIPC Big weekend. The 2 dressage arenas were brought into use with some "managing" of distances due to length of PVC piping. Note here to mention, article in December Chaff Chat, re "wind proofing" such arenas with suggestions given. PVC pipe is not only a refuge for snake type creatures, if left on the ground, but can also become quite dangerous when airborne in strong winds (which we don't get at Bennison!!haha).

We discussed the need to put brackets on the back of the shed to store the new PVC arena pipe and will investigate. The need for a trailer to transport the arena(s) was put on hold, as the grounds should be weatherproof with the new ménage, so our comps should be able to be held at Bennison.

The car park, by the loos has been "stoned" and will, in due course, be graveled so it too can be used as a riding area if necessary.

Discussion for new toilets, a disabled unit and a unisex shower to be part of the package was reported on as a future project.

The whole upgrade of grounds and facilities remains as a major item to both ARC and PC and we are working in tandem to achieve our goals. The possibility of a combined PC/ARC HT to be held mid year was mooted and met with approval to be investigated.



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We deferred the decision regarding prepaying our rallies by buying a book of vouchers to be used over 18 months, so that Michelle can clarify the mechanics at a future meeting. One suggestion was that a smaller book of, say 5 vouchers, be available, but as this was obviously still under discussion, deferral was elected.

**Club Member Award.** This was accepted. (See November newsletter, available on the web site if you have deleted your copy). Members will have to give Chris Josephs a report of what they have done for club/achieved on club's behalf to be scored and stored by Chris for an end of year award to be given to the deserving person. It remains to be the responsibility of each person to report their "deeds" preferably by email to Chris, she will then keep her "secret score sheet".

#### **Deeds Done.**

It was a bit hard to get a full report of all achievements by club members as a few were unavailable and some, just plain shy!!.

Congratulations to Kathryn Grylls for receiving the club member award for 2009, for her persistence and perseverance as well as achievements with all that her year has brought her. Hopefully her 2010 will bring her a less stressful partnership with a lovely mount.

Reporting faithfully that which was written in "the Book" on Wednesday.

Chris J      Bugga all !!

Sue T        Bugga all too (she does have a new horse !!) Had good lesson with Yvonne earlier on Wednesday too!!

Anne and Toby      Yarram show. Toby was a very good boy, several ribbons.  
CIPC He was a little s\*\*t, but still gave a clear round in Jumping.

Wendy and Ben      Meeniyan PC Dressage      First comp 2<sup>nd</sup> L4  
Very good at Yarram show, after he stopped pig-rooting!! Won 5 ribbons.  
CIPC Dressage, 2<sup>nd</sup> L4 and 3<sup>rd</sup> L3.

Rebecca and Spinner      Ribbons at Yarram Show. CIPC 2<sup>nd</sup> L4 CT and 1<sup>st</sup> L4 HT

Kathryn and Bella      CIPC Dressage (CT) 1<sup>st</sup> L4 and 4<sup>th</sup> L3  
Tracey and Layout      CIPC CT 4<sup>th</sup> L3 and 5<sup>th</sup> HT  
Ayr Hill (Dressage?) 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> in Jckpot L3.

Deb and Hamish Macbeth      CIPC CT 5<sup>th</sup> Gr4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dressage Gr 4 , 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 4 HT

Deb and Shanty      Yarram Show 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place L4



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Lisa and Jim Yarram Show 4th SOP, 4th L3 Rider, 4th L3 Mount.

Bec and Lisa have been having fortnightly lessons with Kelly, Bec's horse still anti canter.... A work in progress!!

Laurel and Joey 3rd SOP L3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rider L3,3<sup>rd</sup> Mount L3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pleasure mount. Don't ask about the pairs with Liz and Rem!!  
CIPC 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 2 CT and Dressage, 1<sup>st</sup> Gr3 Dressage

Liz and Rem Yarram Show 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2x 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3x 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> SOP L4 HRCAV and 2 Open events  
Traralgon Show 1x1st PI Mt, 1x2nd SOP, 1x 3<sup>rd</sup> MMS, 1x4th Rider All L4  
CIPC HT Gr 5.....In lead after Dressage, Clear SJ.... THEN... Jumped wrong jump in XC (but still went Clear) was eliminated, but Rem jumped from puddles into puddles, so I was pleased and had a learning experience!! Roll on TTT HT!!!!!!

Michelle and Lexi Had their first Lesson with Glenys and went well. Lexi managed canter too, a pretty good effort for their 8<sup>th</sup> ride!!  
Del still recovering!!

I know that there were others that have done magnificent things BUT they are keeping them to themselves!!

**Rally on Saturday is a bring and share lunch, we will be having flat lesson am, then probably a couple of lessons of jumping, with lower then higher groups (or not). We may well be doing a bit of a working bee on the Water Jump as well, so bring your gloves.**



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## Calendar.

13/1	Barc meeting
17/1	TTT Showing Albury
23/1	BARC Rally
29/30/31	Masters Equestrian Games Werribee EFA
6/2	Berry's Creek PC Gymkhana
7/2	Boolarra PC Gymkhana
10/2	BARC Meeting
20/2	BARC Rally
21/2	Leongatha Dressage Festival
27/2	Foster Show BARC HRCVA ring Official

**Uniform** All the UV shirts have now been sold. No further orders will be made until we have at least 5 required, due to cost.  
Laurel still has the club polo shirts for sale and Liz has badges

Well that's a much as I can remember at the moment as it is now 11.37 pm and I have had a few bebies to keep me going!!

If you aren't there on Saturday, hope you all have a Jolly good Jolly Christmas.  
Cheers, Liz