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February Newsletter

A very spirited Monthly meeting was shared by about half of the members, now up to **34** with the addition of Steffi Foster and Merrin Schepers.

We welcomed Vicky's new trainee, Suzi Thornton, who is on a working holiday from the UK. She is available for lessons, details later in this newsletter.

After the usual meeting procedure, ably chaired by Chris (Thank you) in the absence of both Pres and Vice Pres. And with Laurel manning the role of Treasurer and taking minutes (aided by Anne) we covered a few items of general business.

Saddle Fitter will be at the February rally. If you wish to be added to the list, email Michelle please.

Rallies

Corrie expressed some difficulties in obtaining instructors for Sunday rallies, which explains the frequency of Saturday rallies. It was explained that some members are unable to attend Saturday rallies due to work commitments, so efforts will be made to spread the days. Instructors have been booked for February and March, so far. There have also been clashes with competitions, which leaves fewer riders to attend a rally. It is necessary for Corrie to know early that a rally will go ahead as it is difficult to obtain instructors too close to rallies and bad manners to cancel late. She is doing a great job trying to satisfy all our needs and whims.

Arena.

Letters written to the arena committee in response to invitations to comment on the management of the facility were read out.

The arena is in use, albeit in an unofficial capacity at present, as there are still matters regarding the edge boarding, pooper scoopers, signage etc to complete. However, it was recommended that the surface requires considerable use to settle the surface.

The use of the arena was discussed with the general consensus being that those members that wished to use the arena for private training should purchase a key costing \$50. This would generate funds to help maintain the facility and services, (water, electricity). This fee will be reviewed after the first year of operation, to see if it is working.

The arena will remain locked except when the arena is in use for Pony Club and Adult riding rallies and competitions. Key holders will be able to book time to use the arena for personal use. All users are to poo pick after using the arena and any smudging/grading will be done by a designated person as directed by the arena committee. Cost and manufacture of a suitable implement is still being decided upon.

Members of BARC and CIPC are covered by their insurance to ride on the arena (which is the same as for any where in the grounds) and there is a public liability policy held by the DNRE being the owners.

The whole grounds upgrade project is, as yet, incomplete as the extension of accessibility and facilities for disabled riders has to be designed, sited and built. This includes a mounting block/ramp in a wheelchair accessible area, close by the car park, and a disabled toilet with the possible re siting of the toilet/shower or an addition. Expert advice will be sought to manage these further works.

There was also a decision made that an annual fund raising activity, dedicated to raising funds for arena maintenance, should be supported and that this could be a joint venture between BARC and CIPC for mutual benefit.



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Rally pre payment booklet.

As suggested in the last newsletter, members will be given the opportunity to pre purchase for rallies with-
 a booklet of 12 lessons \$240 (\$20 each) to be used over 18 months.

6 " \$150 (\$25 ")

Otherwise lessons can be paid for on the day at \$30 each.

Twilight rallies, whilst "official" will not be covered by this booklet as the cost of these is borne by the participants and can vary according to the number attending and the requirements of individual instructors.

Dates for the Calendar

20/2	BARC Rally
20/21/2	Leongatha Dressage Festival
27/2	Foster Show BARC HRCVA ring Official
28/2	Sale Dressage Comp (see last newsletter
8/3	CIPC Gymkhana (Labour Day)
10/3	BARC Meeting
20/21/3	BARC Rally (Suzi Thornton)
21/3	Monbulk/ Clematis Dressage comp (see attached Flyer)
28/3	Sale Official SJ Comp (See attached flyer)
28/3	West Gipsland Dressage Comp Drouin (Flyer attached)
10/4	RALLY, brought forward as TTT CT On rally weekend.
14/4	BARC Meeting.
17/18/4	TTT CT Werribee

Out and About

TTT Showing Albury.

Our well traveled team did the club proud displaying our uniform and their skills on our behalf. Unfortunately results are a little sketchy at time of printing but I will chase them up and report. So far;

Michelle and Del	3 rd L4 led
Laurel and Joey	Was washed and preened within an inch of his life, he looked lovely. Behaved well, but no places.
Merrin and Rain	Quite a few ribbons.
Sharna and Panache	Several ribbons here too, building on a lovely partnership. New Vest and stock looked Fab!! See it on Forum!!

Masters Games Not really ARC but fun and on our bucket list after the disappointment of having to scratch due to the fires last year.

Liz and Rem 55+ age group
 2x Gold and 4x Silver L4 Showing
 1x Silver CT 45cm
 Prelim Dressage 12th= (61.8%) and 13th (55%)(out of 14) not our forte and certainly well above what we've done up to now!!
 1x Gold AM7 60 cm,
 A long weekend, with a frustrated mare in season with two lovely stallions in nearby stables, behaviour deteriorated a little and weather didn't help!! Had a ball penciling for Elementary Tests.



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Lessons available.

Suzi Thornton is Vicky Grylls new trainee, she is qualified to teach both flat and jumping, being an eventer herself. She can be contacted through Vicky 51 826 699;
Her charges will be \$35 for a private lesson, \$25 for a shared lesson.

For Sale

Black Ariat Zip front Riding boots, size 9. Brand new (still in box.) \$150 Vicky 51 826 699

Well I think that is about it for now. Don't forget to fill in expressions of interest and other paperwork for TTT CT if you want to go. Places may be limited by the Organising Committee and ballots may be required... just warning!!

Other things to remember;

*Rally booking and Pre paid tickets system

*Club member Award

Lots of attachments!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Read enjoy!!