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Facilities

Wendy gave a report regarding the state of the arena up to this point. There is still considerable work to be completed with securing the area and a small working bee will be organized to complete fencing.

It is quite confronting to realize that over \$50,000 has been used up to now and that work is still to be completed.

We are fortunate that we were able to secure funding from the council and government to assist in this project and the other works that make the whole facility more user friendly. (It is mandatory for there to be facilities for disabled toileting (planning under way), a mounting block, for aged and/or disabled riders (also under way).

There are plans for a new/improved kitchen/clubhouse being drawn to make our club and grounds the envy of all. We must all make sure that we are proactive in making these improvements for the future.

The Arena. (I do not think that I have done justice to all the thoughts and ideas that were put forward at our meeting on Wednesday and if I have omitted anything vital, please let me know so that I can add a post script to this newsletter.)

We are still in the process of completing the arena and making a set of user rules for the safe and equitable running of the ménage. Since there has been such a huge cost in getting this facility built, there have to be rules regarding the usage and maintenance.

There was prolonged discussion regarding this and the arrangement of a grounds subcommittee to be the Arena Committee being accredited. The two members from BARC will be Wendy Whelan and Anne Chapman, there are, likewise, two PC members to represent all of our interests.

Prolonged discussion was had regarding the fee to be charged for a copy of a security key for access, a booking system (and it was here that Lisa, our web mistress suggested an online booking system).

We realized that there would be a need for an ongoing maintenance fund for purchasing suitable tools and equipment to maintain the ménage and future resurfacing needs.

As this was such a HUGE agenda item, which needed due consideration, recommendations and suggestions should be emailed to Wendy or to Chris Josephs, so that the club feeling can be assessed and managed and that a consensus can be taken to the Arena Committee. SO if you feel that you have any valuable recommendations, from design of the booking white board to how the arena will be policed, please commit you thoughts to keyboard and forward to Wendy/Chris. **You have 2 weeks to get this done.**



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As I stated earlier, this is part of the revamp of the clubhouse and facilities. We are blessed to have such an active and progressive group of people in BARC and CIPC that are looking to the future for the members and future members of our clubs.

Our thanks go to those that have, on our behalf, spent many hours in discussion, hard manual yakka or fund raising/ grant submission writing and all the other major and minor steps that go to building a future.

Well that was all pretty serious and necessary, so now to the more entertaining bits!!

DATES FOR CALENDAR.

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	
20/21/2	Leongatha Dressage Festival	
27/2	Foster Show BARC HRCVA ring Official	
28/2	Sale Dressage Comp (see attached flyer)	
10/3	BARC Meeting	
20/21/3	BARC Rally	

Twilight Rallies

Deb C has been researching the possibilities of Twilight Lessons as we did last year. At the moment she has been able to pin Yvonne Morrison down to a Tuesday or Thursday during daylight savings. When there is a definite date I will post an email to inform, so you can book. These rallies are "official" but will be paid for on the day by participants according to numbers. Yvonne charges per hour and wishes to have a 3 hour booking for these sessions (if I have listened properly). Any queries ask Deb;

debra.j.collins@live.com

Club Logo and uniform

From January 1st, at competitions, members will need to have either club logo on upper body or saddle cloth. Both Club polo shirts and the UV tops are in accordance with this rule. Any member wearing a vest will need to have BARC embroidered on it.



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If you need club badges or machine embroidery, see Liz P as she has badges (\$8 each) and a neighbour who has a super duper embroidery machine that will do our initials for \$5.

I am running out of steam as it is now 11.29 pm and I am sleep deprived!!!

Out and About

It appears that was a lot of sloth and gluttony over the past month. I can attest to that when I went to ride the “Ranga BoomBah” today. The new saddle was almost impossible to do up (had to punch more holes on points) but after a few hundred yards we had major saddle slippage!! Both rider and mount are in self controlled “boot camp” with gentle hill climbs and steeper ones in “led mode” until both are slimmer and not so out of breath. Only 2 weeks to Masters, thank heavens for the excuse of OLD AGE (for rider at least!!)

Best wishes to Laurel, Michelle, Sharna and Merrin (Assoc member) who are representing BARC at TTT showing at Albury this weekend. Looks like the girls may well do us proud.

Dianne and Lawrence attended SJ and XC training day at Tarwin Lower, 2 rounds
2 rounds of each, lots of fun and clear on second rounds!

Julie and Joe back in full swing following 3 months off sick with a visit
to equine hospital for a week. Very excited to be back in
work and looking forward to competing in 2010.

Sue and Sue’s Cruise (new horse) did the hills of Turton’s Creek, few tense moments,
But emerged unscathed, Awesome Canter!!!

No one else said anything in my book !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Couple of attachments for other club’s competitions etc.

Good night, just made the finish before midnight and I would turn into a pumpkin!!