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October Newsletter (last one for this financial year!)

Yo everyone. Just a (not so subtle) reminder that the AGM is at the end of the month and subs are due. There may be a slight change, due to insurance with HRCav, but not much change.

There may be changes in Executive if they are nominated etc. and we are considering a different method of rally bookings, particularly in winter when there are fewer takers in wintry weather and a change of venue, when Bennison goes all subterranean!!

Other considerations will be how we decide the make up of TTT teams, with expressions of interest, followed with fees, entry forms etc all completed before closing date. I was unaware that potential participants had to be level assessed before the closing date for each TTT event and those substitutions were done at the request of the Organizing Committee and not necessarily granted. These arrangements are done so that the OC can get prepared, have some idea of numbers and get the draw done. Some clubs have riders that compete on more than one horse, so you can see it is a can of worms!!!

Grounds and Facilities.

Things are moving along with the ménage getting closer to completion. Top sand layer has to be acquired and spread once the previous layer has been graded and settled. The weather has been somewhat of a hindrance to this effect, but we mustn't knock the rain!! Once the surface is finished, fencing has to be purchased and erected and some form of closure to prevent "illegal" usage will need to be installed (CC TV....high voltage fencing!!) A user fee will probably need to be made to cover the maintenance of the ménage, once complete. Not all members will be able to use the arena outside normal rally and competition days, so a user pays fee is the fairest. How we go about this is yet to be decided.

Discussion of Arenas (the plastic barriers used at comps) was discussed and Michelle has been investigating best sources.

On that note, use of the grounds is not a given.

The grounds are governed by a committee which sees to the general care and maintenance on behalf of the Shire (who are giving us financial backing to complete the Arena and works)

This committee executive consists of; President - Irene Kelly, Treasurer – Laurel Truscott and Secretary- Wendy Whelan.

Any use of the grounds, including Pony Club and ARC activities have to be passed by the committee for Public Liability purposes, even though we, as riders have our HRCVA cover. Any other use also has to be passed in the same way to avoid any infringement of local rules.

(I'm not an expert here, but have seen the fall out from cases fought by clever solicitors over seemingly simple accidents.....enough said). Please make sure the correct protocols are followed to avoid hiccups.

AND yay !! The WATER JUMP is finally under construction (and almost full with all the rain!!) possible baptism CIPC HT.

CIPC had a working bee last weekend to which a few members were able to go. There will be further works to get the grounds and XC up to scratch for their BIG WEEKEND at the end of November. The PC and BARC are purchasing some XC Jumps (of different levels) to add to the existing course.

If any one has some time to help tidy the XC before the end of November, it will be greatly appreciated. Activities such as whipper snipping the tracks, tidying jumps etc. Ask Deb c for directions. ALSO Volunteers needed on the days to help officiate; gear check, jump judge etc.

If you intend to compete in HT the course will be closed from 8th November. Practice must occur before then to avoid disqualification.

Overview of Year.

Well it seems to have passed VERY quickly, but that happens more often the older you get!!

We have had some fantastic events and our fund raising has been excellent. A very healthy bank balance was reported (despite several bills for various events and “the ménage”)

We have maintained a regular attendance at rallies, although this year has seen a couple cancelled due to the weather.

Our executive has been particularly busy with the several TTT events and our own competitions that we have run. There are so many little worker bees that can be relied on to do their bit, without whom we would surely run aground!!

We must all be doing the right thing as we seem to be attracting more members to our club. We also have had very positive feedback from visitors to our comps that want to make ours a regular feature of their calendar.

14 th Oct	BARC Meeting	
17 th /18 th	TTT SJ Werribee	
25 th	Rally Won Wron	Gwyn Jordan and saddle fitter
30 th	AGM	
1 st Nov	BARC Rally	
7 th	Sale Show	
14 th /15 th	TTT Dressage	
	Meeniyam PC CT and Dressage day (entries close 6/11)	
	Yarram PC Gymkhana	
21/11	Yarram Show	HRC AV Ring
27 th	Traralgon Show	HRC AV Ring
28/29 th	CIPC CT/HT (entries close 18/11)	
9 th /12	BARC Meeting	Christmas Crack up
12/13 th	BARC Rally (to be confirmed)	

Out and About

Elinor and King Felix won L2 Dressage Jackpot at Won Wron.

Elinor and Chica won AM7 at Merricks SJ. Also check out Chaff Chat for top ten awards!!!! Look at who features in CT.

Anne and Toby excelled at Dressage Jackpot, pointed up to L4 and won the L5 Jackpot award for Sale and Bennison.

Sue and Dianne rode with Willow Grove Trail Riders. Dianne and Lawrence as Sue's friends. (They thought she must be desperate!!) Lawrence was kind of good except for lots of sideways cantering. He has also shown that he has a like and a talent for SJ and won't be long in L5 at the rate he's going.

Barb and Misty did her first Official competition at Won Wron, tried very hard and looked the part. See the web site for pix of our President and her girl!

Laurel and Joey BARC Dressage 1st L3 F and 2nd L 2D

Barnsdall had a good day (but starved!!)

Tracey and Layout came 2nd at sale Gymkhana and is ready to do L3 at TT this weekend as both Jack and Legend are out injured. Check out the Ybarra Standard this week for a story on Tracey and her horses.

Wendy and Max 2nd and 3rd in L2 Dressage at Won Worn, 2nd in Jackpot.
Ben is away at the trainers.

Michelle and Del 1st in L3 Dressage series BARC/Sale
6th in L 3C at Bairnsdale (also starved!!)

Liz and Rem braved the weather (as did all the other competitors at Won Wron, except those that scratched) in her first L4 tests. Supported all the other riders (came last!!) BUT, had a big brake through and got Rem through WATER, up to her knees in places, so are planning on doing more HT (in a while).

For Sale.

Club Badges \$8 each	see Liz
1 x Medium Long Sleeved UV Resistant Club Shirt (new) \$ 65	“ “
1xLarge “ “ “ “ “ “ “ \$ 65	
1x size 12/14 Club Vest (new) \$45	
1 x Small Long Sleeved UV Resistant Shirt (second hand)	See Michelle
1 x size 10/12 Club Vest (second hand)	“ “

Saddle fitter will be at next rally at Won Wron 25th October.

Bookings must be made with Michelle \$70

Well unless I've forgotten anything (which is quite likely) I will close for this edition.

Many Thanks to all the members and families that have helped the club in all its achievements throughout the year.

Youse 'ave all done grouse!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PS. GOOD LUCK to the members at TTT SJ this weekend... enjoy.