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December 2010 Newsletter

We are racing towards the end of a VERY busy year, with much attained and still more to aim for!

We had teams representing our club in all aspects of TTT events; Showing, Show Jumping, Navigation, Combined Training, Dressage and Horse Trials. Several of our members have pointed up to higher levels and well done to them, either in individual events or as a member of a team, but it has been done representing Bennison ARC.

Other members have gone through the trials of searching for a new mount, so, some have semi retired their old mounts and others have been forced, through illness and injury to seek one off the bench. Being one of the latter, I am going through the very necessary research that goes towards this deed. It is not easy and we can all become very dependent upon "the one", until they are not there. There is no replacement, whether it is beauty or breeding, for a real partnership and this takes time to build and cement.

There may be a few mistakes in this newsletter (how unusual) as I wasn't quite "with it" at the Christmas break up, with the large number of members present I was unable to get all details of past events into the records. If I have missed you out, please let me know so that I can amend errata.

Kris cringle was lots of fun, as usual, with over \$200 raised towards club coffers. There was also a few "baby" and new horse snaps to share as well as the usual business carried out under the new Committee. You will notice a couple of gaps where 'phone numbers should be. Slack Lizzi is not quite on to it!!

There was some discussion over the preparation for the Opening Day which was last Saturday 11th. The day was combined with our rally day with "normal" lessons in flat (Sue Spurway) and Paul Rasmussen (Show Jumping) sandwiching the "Opening" with ribbon cutting and speeches on behalf of both BARC and CIPC. The grounds looked magnificent, as did the representatives of both CIPC in their lovely new uniform and BARC (who says that blue and green don't go. You did us all proud.

Without the help of the terrific Pony Club parents and members and members of BARC, this event would have been less spectacular. The grounds with the new Arena, X-Country Jumps, Toilet and shower facility as well as the beautification and neatening of the grounds and surrounds are a tribute to the team work between our clubs, we are extraordinarily lucky to belong to such a great group of like minded people, who want the best for our equestrians both young and old (and ancient, well I feel like it after last weekend). I have been fortunate that, despite my unavoidable absence from the Opening, I have been kept informed of how things went. Thank you to all helpers, caterers, publicists and supporters.

We now have CIPC's Anniversary to look forward to, but I get ahead of myself as the postponed Horse Trials part of the Big Weekend has been rescheduled for this Sunday. Entries remain good, so an early start is planned. If you were on the helpers list, set the alarm clock !!

The planned Instructional Camp for 5th/6th February is still taking shape, with firm bookings for two instructors made and another couple to book. More planning will occur over the next few weeks, so keep your eyes peeled for details and booking dates/costs. Please give your ideas and suggestions to committee.

Calendar of events.

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| 19th December | CIPC Big Weekend Day 2 Horse Trials * PARKING IN CAR PARK BY OLD TOILETS/HORSES IN YARDS (Early birds will get yards, some will need their own) |
| 9th January | Bass Valley Show HRCav Ring (Wonthaggi) |
| 12th | BARC Meeting Toora Pub |
| Jan 15th/16th | TTT Showing Albury |
| 16th | HRCav Ring Lang Lang |
| 2nd Feb | BARC Meeting Toora Pub |
| 5th/6th Feb '11 | Proposed BARC Instructional camp. |
| 19th/20th | Leongatha Dressage Festival |
| 19th | HRCav Ring at Barastoc Show Werribee |
| 26th Feb | Foster Show HRCav Ring |
| 27th | Sale Dressage |
| 7th March | CIPC Gymkhana |
| 9th | BARC Meeting |
| 19th (Sat) | BARC Rally |
| 20th | SEDC Autumn Series Dressage Comp No1 |
| 17th April | SEDC " " " " " 2 |
| 22nd May | SEDC " " " " " 3 |



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Out and About

Darcy thanked the club for the beautiful flowers on the loss of her dear horsy friend

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| Kara and Miss Molly Vicki's yearling QH "Roy" | CIPC CT 5th Dressage 5th CT went to State QH Championships at Tatura. Very well behaved and looked magnificent 1x3rd Led Yearling Gelding , 1x3rd Yearling Lunge line 1x2nd Yearling Futurity |
| Deb and Hamish Marnie, Candice and Frank Bianca, Aka and Sasha | 5th and 6th Gr 4 Open CIPC Dressage and CT moved their paddocks! are resting, poor Sasha has seedy toe, big time. AK sore back. |
| Barb and Mystique | Yarram Show 2x 3rds, 2x 4ths, coped well with the "Octopus" ride at her first show ever. Did first CIPC CT and got around SJ course Open L4. |
| Kathryn and Cruise | CIPC Dressage L3 5th, L4 5th. Meeniyah PC 2nd L3 Dressage |
| Tracey and Layout Fiona at Trafalgar Show | CIPC (unsure of final place) but marks ranged from 3-9 in Dressage, behavior was a bit ? 1st: level 4 rider 1st: level 4 ridden Res Champ Ridden 3rd: level 4 mount 1st: Pleasure Mount Not bad for the old cheese. (Disrespectful daughter/Coach!) |
| Wendy and Ben | TTT Dressage 10th and 21st L4 Highpoint Maffra Show 8 Ribbons at Sale Show Highpoint (with many ribbons) at Yarram Show Pointed up to L3. Well done! |
| Beck and Shar | TTT Dressage 16th and 19th (long WET Day) Yarram Show 2nd L5 Mount, 1st L5 Rider, 3rd Pairs with Laurel and Joey |
| Laurel and Joey | TTT Dressage Joey went very well considering conditions, 12th and 17th Yarram Show 1st SOP L3, 1st MMS L3, 1st Best educated L3, 3rd Pairs. CIPC 4th Open L3, 1st Open L2 |
| Michelle and Del Sue Dianne Liz and Rem | TTT Dressage didn't drown in the mud, managed to have fun despite weather Two new additions to family, Gem (new mount) and Jed, colt foal. Has ceased her searching and found a lovely new young mare Satine, with whom she is getting acquainted. Nearly finished our lock up and 2x 10 minute hand walks per day. Have shifted tonnes of poo. Patient very well behaved but over it. May go and get married soon!! Deciding whether to drag the old girl out and do some boot camp and float training until I find a new other that I can do some comps on before I get too old. Can't wait to ride again to fix up back and hips, blooming old age! |

Well Folks, that's about it from me for this year. Maybe I will learn to compose a more professional newsletter with all the programmes that are installed on this dinosaur of a poota, but need another neddy first. Hopefully my family IT man will help me out there so NL can be all pretty!!

Cheers to all, Merry Crimbles to all that I don't see before 2011, I hope it will be a better one (mine was annus horribilis)