

HURSTBRIDGE DISTRICT ADULT RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2011

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President's Report

Hello everyone

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and trying to get some riding in!! The year started off so well with our first rally and all the preparations for the show well under way and then it rained.... and rained.... and rained... it just didn't stop!! The last time we had rains like this it flooded our grounds quite severely in 2004. I watched with trepidation as I drove past our grounds at 8.00am... all ok, bottom arena looked wet but not too bad. Drove past again at 10.00am, bottom arena had slightly flooded but still ok. Drove past again at 1pm to see water literally rising below our top arena and making a river down to the bottom arena. In the hour that followed many people turned up to witness the whole of the bottom arena disappear, the yards go under, our cross country jumps submerge and our sheds flood. The water was moving very quickly and we knew there would be damage. It receded quite quickly and we were left with a PC rally of cleaning up. The families were terrific and the kids got in on the action! But the bottom arena was unrideable.. with the show a week away poor Peta Brennan, who had put a lot of time and effort into this fundraising event was pulling her hair out!! :)

I was able to get a friend of mine, Cameron Prince to rearrange his very busy schedule to work on trying to get one arena up and going. He was able to source sand through "Tramstop Garden Supplies" for a very reasonable price and got our arena looking fabulous for our show! We still need to get more sand to finish the bottom arena but we do not want to spend too much on this area as it could all be washed away again!!

I would like to thank Peta Brenan on running a very successful show. The grounds were unbelievable and didn't resemble the swimming pool of mud that were there the weekend before. Thank you to all the members who turned up to clean and work on the grounds the day before. Everyone commented on the fabulous prizes and raffle goods that had been sourced by Peta and the ribbons were spectacular. A standing ovation here Pete !! xx

We now have our sights on our approaching show jumping day. Sarina McDermott has taken this on this year with Di Wilson, Sherri Morley and Pip Doggett (who isn't even a member this year!!) We will need lots of helpers and may be having a SJ pole painting day one Wednesday so keep an eye out for that one!

I missed putting out the form to sign in your payments for Wed rallies, I apologies for this but the forms will be there in future :).

Thanks to all the members of our hard working committee. I appreciate that you all turn up to meetings when your favourite shows are on!! Luckily we have a good time xx

Take care to all members and I look forward to seeing you at a rally until next month

Jo

IMPORTANT DATES

26th March SJ day
set up

27th March

2011Hurstbridge

Show Jumping day

30 Apr -1 May— TTT

CTD @NEC

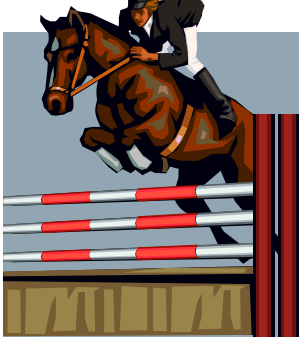
30 - 31 July—TTT

HT @ NEC

**HRCV
SJ DAY**

March 27th

Get your entries in!
Helpers required—
see p6 for more info




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Secretary's Report

Hi all

Since our last newsletter the riding season and our rallies are well and truly underway with our Show being a great success and already into week four of rallies. We have been blessed with mild but fine weather for all of the above so off to a good start for the year

Of course when the heavens opened up on the 4th/5th of Feb and flooded the lower 1/2 of our grounds things weren't looking too flash. Everyone must have seen the photos sent out via Rachel - sadly when the flood waters receded they took a large part of the surface of the lower arena with them and left masses of debris behind, also flooding both equipment sheds and covering EVERYTHING in mud. Jo McIlroy-Smith/ Cath Giles/ Jenni Tuffen/ Andrea Barton and partners and families as well as other Pony Club parents spent all day Saturday doing a massive clean-up- The Hurstbridge CFA got on board and helped hose out the mud from the sheds. A huge Thankyou to all these fabulous people for their hard work that day

Since then Jo and Andrea have arranged more sand to be delivered and spread on the jumps area of the lower arena which required calling on friends to help out and a lot of phone calls and organising. Their speedy action so soon after the floods enabled "The Hurstbridge Show to go on" as planned with the lower arena able to be used still; Thankyou Jo and Andrea - you guys know how to get the job done and we are all lucky to have people of your calibre in the drivers seat

For the time being the middle part of the lower arena has very little surface - Please don't ride on it- it's just too hard on your horses legs and if there is a lot of rain could impact on the integrity of the base

We've recently been advised by the Department of Consumer Affairs that our new constitution; voted on by members prior to last years' AGM; has been passed. Many many hours of research and work went into this project over 2010 and a big thank-you to Lisa Embling, our immediate past president and Marc Harper our treasurer for all their thoughtful input as well as last years' committee. We on the committee believe it to be a document which better reflects our club as it is today especially re allowance for a larger committee; more respect for privacy and clarifying membership criteria and obligations. We did send a copy to all members last year however let me know if you would like me to resend it.

A reminder that **Hurstbridge Hardware** will donate \$ to the value of 5% of your purchases to our club - they also promise free delivery for all orders over \$75 so do keep them in mind when you buy feed

Helpers will be required for our Show-jumping Day and TTT combined training and TTT Horse trials - these are really the last opportunities for members to contribute towards their membership obligations until October of this year. The show jumping day in particular requires a lot of manpower with set-up and pack up of 3 jumps arenas. Please put your hand up when a call for helpers goes out by email in March



Weds Rallies are running pretty smoothly however just a couple of points - if at the last minute you can't make a lesson you are booked in for please phone Melissa and let her know - Three riders missed out on a lesson altogether last week as Mel has a waiting list for various classes at times- It's pretty annoying when you missed out on a place in a class to see a rider not show up so do the right thing by your fellow members
Our Midterm Lunch is next week starting at midday - please bring a plate to share
Also if you can't do your weds duty please arrange a swap yourself and notify Mel of the change

See you all at the club

Happy Riding

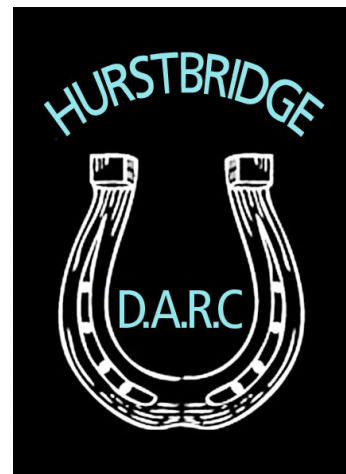
Lisa Ronalds

Uniforms

Thought I would update everyone on uniforms as I am now the person to be contacted for this. We will be having a new order delivered in the next couple of weeks. I am anticipating that the price to you will increase as the supplier has indicated that there has been a general increase in fabric/yarn prices. I will set a new uniform price list as soon as the information is available. The uniforms supplied are more of a service the club provides to its members, so will endeavour to keep price rises to a minimum. To enable me to keep track of stock levels, there will be a stock listing in the uniform cupboard. When an item is taken it would be appreciated if members could write their name and whether they have paid against the appropriate stock item. If I can be of help to anyone please see me at Club on Wednesdays or contact me on smw@techinfo.com.au

HURSTBRIDGE ARC UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Black cap with logo	\$12.00
Black polar fleece Jacket with logo	\$38.00
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Polo t-shirt with logo	\$30.00
Black knitted vest with logo	\$40.00
Black knitted jumper with logo	\$50.00
Black waterproof jacket with logo	\$60.00



Saddle Blanket see Debbie Smith from Yarrambat Horsewear (shop in Hurstbridge 942 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd 97181988)

All uniform queries see Sarah Walsh on Wednesdays or email—smw@techinfo.com.au

**The Veterinary Surgery, North Warrandyte and Yarrambat
Ph: 9844 0781 or 9436 1699**



Saturday's Report

Hi Everyone

Just so everyone knows I will be organizing Sat rallies you can contact me
email denise.elphinstone@hotmail.com
mobile 0141429495
home 94377646.

For the new members Sat rallies are every 1st and 3rd Sat of the month, please try and let me know if you are attending by Wed before. Also because I am new at this, let me know your riding level in dressage and jumping. If you have any questions just let me know and I will endeavour to answer.



Dogs on Club Grounds

In the interests of the safety of all riders, spectators and horses we require that all dogs present on club grounds during rally times or competitions are restrained on a leash and under effective control of an adult at all times whilst there are riders mounted or having lessons.

In addition we ask that you do not bring aggressive or unmanageable dogs to the club. In the instance of any aggressive behaviour shown by the dog the owner will be given a verbal warning and if this behaviour continues a written statement from the committee asking the owner not to bring the dog to club will be issued.

Also due to Health reasons we ask that no dogs be brought into the clubhouse as food is often present.

As a club we do not see the need to ban dogs from attending club but certain rules must be in place **in the interests of all** members.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter and look forward to your continued support.

**The Committee
HDARC**

OUT & ABOUT

Sherri Morley at Barastoc
One 5th, One 4th, two 3rd s and 1st

Eastern region dressage level 2 test 2B Kerry Unwin 5th
Level 4 Louise Barry 4th and 5th



SAVE THE TRAILS UPDATE

Keep an eye out in the local paper this week for some familiar faces amongst the banners at the 'Save the Trails Rally' held at the Nillumbik Shire Offices last Tuesday evening 22nd February. Thanks to those who came and marched, chanted and generally got into the positive spirit of the event. It was a great turn-out of around 200 people and was generally well received in the good spirit that was intended. Apparently it even made the radio with the demonstration down on the Greensborough Bypass. Congratulations and thanks to Ronnie for an outstanding effort in coordinating the rally and leaving nothing to chance. Thanks to Cath Bateman for printing up the T shirts (I think she still has some for \$10.00 if anyone is interested) and thanks to Kay Davies from KGARC for her great assistance too, and everyone else who brought the ponies/horses, manned the tables, directed the troops, made banners etc.

The Pantom Hill Bushland Reserve System Management Plan submissions were all due last Friday into council, and well done to everyone who took the time to put pen to paper or sent emails, especially if you do not even use the trails and just wanted to support those of us who do.

So what happens now? Well, the officers have a lot of reading to do, formulate summaries of the issues raised in people's letters and put recommendations to the councilors around mid April. This is when the lobbying really begins in earnest, before the councillors discuss the item at the Policy and Services Committee on the 10th May. At this meeting, everyone who has made a submission is invited to address the committee for 3 minutes. It would be helpful for me to know who is likely to want to speak to their submission so that we can coordinate who is going to talk about what, to maximize the presentation time and prevent people being too repetitious. Please, can I urge people to take up this opportunity, as it is important for the councillors to hear from a variety of residents, not just us better known ones.

The recommendations will then be voted on at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 24th May, when the various motions will be put.

I am sure that the Nillumbik Horse Action Group will be sending out some updates in the meantime, but should any of you find yourselves talking with any of the councilors, please spread the message in a calm and courteous way and ask them what their thoughts/concerns are, rather than just talking at them. This way we can attempt to address any issues they may raise.

I am always happy to hear from people if there are things you wish to follow up.

A great effort so far everyone, but a way to go yet!

Thanks, Cath Giles cathygiles@bigpond.com 0417 307 843

HRCVA SHOW ROUND UP

Dear members,

I would just like to reiterate the message that I sent to Chaff Chat, that because, of you all that helped and re-organised your lives so that you could be there with mowers, whipper snippers, garden tools—the hedges looked amazing after a trim, our show was a HUGE success! I am so proud to belong to a club that rallies together in drastic times. A big thank you to our president, Jo, for having the contacts to pull our arena back into shape for the Show Day.

Well what can I say...the show day was amazing in that the weather was great for riding, the standard of competitors was very high—having Barastoc the week after helped. Natalie Drack, the judge in the HRCVA ring was very thorough and gave everyone a chance to show their horses off (I'm sorry to say that judge no 2 was not of the same standard, although out of my control when the judge I selected reneged sat arvo and he supplied her at short notice—she won't be asked back)

Congrats to all those that placed and won and to Sherri Morley who won out high point trophy for the day, Well Done!

A huge thank you goes to our sponsors that donated so many lovely and wonderful prizes for trophies and the raffle—please make sure you support these people when buying your horse requirements.

Once again, THANK YOU

Peta Brennan

SHOW JUMPING DAY—27th MARCH

Hi all, as you are all aware we are holding our showjumping day 27th march, this is one of our major fundraisers for the year so it is important that we have as many members involved as possible.

There will be a duty roster that you will be able to put your name down on but we will also need lots of help on the Saturday 26th march to set-up. I know it is hard with family commitments but please try and don't just leave it up to the same members who are always so generous with their time. The showjumping day is a tiering day as there is a lot to be set up and packed up so please help.

We will also be painting polls this week after Wednesday rally so please hang around to give a hand as the saying goes many hands make light work.

If you are interested in entering please get your entries in as places are limited and are filling fast.

One last request if anyone has any connections for raffle prizes please give me a call.

Sarina McDermott mob 0419515700

On behalf of the showjumping committee



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REDBOX WINERY LUNCH & TRAIL RIDE

Wednesday 6th April, 2011

2 Ness Lane, Kangaroo Ground



Come and enjoy a delightful day overlooking the rolling landscape of Kangaroo Ground with a delicious 2-course alfresco, BBQ lunch and wine tasting. Redbox Winery has a generous selection of wines, including Riesling, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Shiraz. Their range also extends to several sparkling wines, a lovely soft red 'Barbera', Mourvedre and dessert and fortified wines. There is certainly something for every taste, to be savoured in a picturesque, garden setting.

For those who wish to trail ride on the day:

10.00am (sharp) Leave the KANGAROO GROUND Pony Club Grounds for a 1 ½ hour ride along the tracks and trails of Kangaroo Ground, returning to the p/club yards.
BYO hay and water bucket for your horse while in the yards.

* Please circle the intention (or not) to ride so I can confirm ride details with you.

12.00pm (approx) Arrive at the winery by car – a 2 minute drive (shuttle service provided).

2.30 – 3.00pm Depart winery by car (shuttle service provided) for return to K/Ground Pony Club

For those members not riding on the day, you may depart the winery at your leisure.

The cost per head is \$20.00 for the lunch plus \$10.00 for wine (other than just tastings). All monies are to be paid in advance* as this is a fully catered event and bookings will not be confirmed until payment is received. **All enquiries and bookings to Cath Giles 0417 307 843 or cathvgiles@bigpond.com**

***** After- school care is an excellent option for Mums with kids at school who are wanting to ride, as it avoids a last-minute dash at the a relaxed day!**

Name/s _____ Contact No.s _____

I wish to book the following:

FOOD ONLY _____ person/people at \$20.00 per person = \$ _____

FOOD & WINE _____ person/people at \$30.00 per person = \$ _____

TOTAL CHEQUE* OR CASH ENCLOSED = \$ _____

I / we WILL / WILL NOT be riding on the day.

*** Cheques to be made payable to Redbox Vineyard & Winery and sent to:
Cath Giles, 265 Flat Rock Road, Hurstbridge 3099**

Flowerdale trail ride weekend 2011



LESSON AND ARENA ETIQUETTE

Safety of horses, riders and spectators is of paramount importance: with this in mind:

- Always approach, enter and leave the arena at a walk
- If arriving late to a lesson, enter the arena without interrupting any other horses/riders that are already working. Apologise to the instructor and ask their permission to join the group (this may not be possible if it is a jumping lesson and your horse is not warmed up).
- Always introduce yourself to a new instructor and advise them of both you and your horse's experience/level.
- While working in a group, try to be aware of where everyone else is on the arena, so that you can avoid cutting them off or running into other horses. Acquaint yourself with the horses that need you to keep your distance (most commonly mares) and do your best to do so. If your horse is not happy about others coming too close, please advise the instructor and the other riders, so that they equally can keep their distance from you. As a guide, you should leave a distance of at least two horse lengths between yourself and the horse in front.
- When passing another horse front-on, wherever possible, pass left shoulder to left shoulder.
- Do not allow your horse to run up the rear of the horse in front of you. Always turn away and either do a small circle or move to another part of the arena where there is more space.
- Should you need to stop for any reason or need to take a brief break, always make your way to the middle of where your group is working on the arena, out of the way of the other riders.
- If you are on a horse that is really playing up and disturbing others in the lesson, it is common courtesy to either move away from the group, or actually leave the arena once you have advised the instructor of your intention to do so. You can possibly rejoin the group and continue with the lesson, once your horse settles down.
- Always excuse yourself from a lesson should you wish/need to leave early.
- If using a full length dressage whip in a lesson, make sure that when passing other horses that you don't inadvertently touch or flick them with your whip.
- Should you find yourself sharing a lesson or warm-up area at a competition with more advanced riders who are doing two-track work, they have right-of-way at all times.
- Feel free to ask questions and clarify instructions with your instructor throughout a lesson if you are unsure about what is being asked of you, or if you haven't heard the instruction.
- Thank your instructor for their time and do not hesitate to query them about what you have worked on in the lesson, and what would be useful to continue with in your own training.
- Please leave the arena at a walk once your lesson is finished, and when returning to the float/yards area or generally moving around the grounds, do so at a walk so as not to spook other horses.
- If there is equipment to be set up for your lesson, please offer assistance before mounting. Equally, if there is equipment to be packed away, please make yourself available to help after the lesson, as this job often falls on the same few people left at the end of the day.
- Please be mindful of the fact that there are often other classes being held in adjacent areas of the arenas including the bottom show-jumping arena; the club will endeavour to separate these designated work spaces by the use of ground-poles or witches hats
- In general regarding fair use of our available work-space; group lessons booked via our rally coordinators always take priority over privately booked lessons and private schooling
- Please ensure that all manure is removed from the arena if your horse has made a deposit during the lesson. And while you are there cleaning up, consider picking up any other droppings left behind too. A small gesture of goodwill goes a long way to creating an atmosphere of care for not only club property, but your fellow riders as well.

HDARC Rostered Duties

Wednesday Rallies

PRIOR TO RALLY:

Harrow top and bottom arenas and around the show jumps.

If possible harrow on the Tuesday pm or before the first lesson. The club gates are unlocked at 9am (4WD is not required) The harrow is on the ground in front of the large equipment shed. Don't harrow if the arenas are waterlogged

Open the Clubhouse:

Enter through the back door which will be unlocked for you

Open all the security shutters

Open the front doors and the servery window

Turn on the lights

Turn on the fridge

Fill and turn on the urn

Get out the tea/coffee and sugar

Put the hose outside

Put the manure wheelbarrow and arena rake near the mounting block for easy access to top arenas and carpark

Put out equipment if required for a lesson; information re equipment which may be required will be on your emailed riding list a copy of which is in "the Book" at the club; Some equipment is locked in the equipment shed; a committee member will need to open this for you

Please Bring

3 Litres of Milk and 2 cakes +/- or packets of biscuits between the 2 rostered people for morning tea

Place a receipt in the rally payment letterbox if you would like a refund

During the Rally

Provide hot drinks for the instructors throughout the morning or water if required

Deb: White Coffee, no sugar: **Susie:**

Francis: White Tea, no sugar **Dale:** coffee, white, 2 sugars

Guest Instructors as required

END OF DAY:

Clear the grounds of any remaining manure although riders are expected to remove their own of manure

Put the hose away

Empty wheelbarrow and put inside back door with rake/pooper scooper

Replace equipment in the shed

Wash and dry dishes and wipe benches;

Sweep clubhouse floor

Ensure toilets are clean and tidy; replace dirty handtowels/teatowels

Empty the kitchen bin into the wheelie bin and replace the bin liner

Ensure the fridge is off and the door is ajar.

Ensure the urn and all lights, heaters and fans are off.

Close the shutters and lock the clubhouse; the front door nearest the servery needs to be held closed from the outside whilst the shutter is being closed

Put the rubbish bins outside the front gate for collection

Ensure the gate to the grounds is locked if you are the last to leave



Thank you for your help.

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